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By Mari Eder September 10, 2020
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By Michael Loftus September 24, 2020
We teach DIME & call war “the continuation of politics by other means” so why don't our war plans include all aspects of government? @loftusmt looks at history to inform our current efforts planning for conflict.

WOMEN IN PEACE AND SECURITY
By Jean Manes and Ron Granieri September 29, 2020
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By Antony Palocaren October 1, 2020
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IMAGINING OVERMATCH: CRITICAL DOMAINS IN THE NEXT WAR - A WHITEBOARD
By War Room October 2, 2020
This month's Whiteboard asks "In the next large-scale, peer-competition conflict, what will be the critical (or decisive) domain of warfighting, and why?" @Bob_Caslen @ArmyWarCollege @NavalAcademy @NavalWarCollege.