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Transforming military leadership through innovative development approaches

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Abstract

Military leadership has undergone significant evolution in recent centuries, reflecting changes in society, technology, operations, and doctrine. In today's uncertain global environment, innovation in military leadership is crucial for addressing emerging challenges. Numerous examples from various periods are used to understand how military leadership has adapted to meet these evolving challenges.

This research paper provides a clear definition of innovative military leadership and links it to existing leadership theories, highlighting the factors that differentiate it from traditional models. It examines the differences between traditional and innovative leadership, as well as the essential skills and characteristics required for an innovative leader, such as creative thinking, flexibility, and a focus on change. The paper emphasizes the importance of strategic thinking and adaptability to new technologies, analyzing the impact of innovative leadership in both warfare and peacekeeping operations. Innovative military leadership plays a crucial role in addressing international threats, such as hybrid warfare, terrorism, and cybersecurity challenges. It explores leadership models, including decentralized leadership, and the integration of artificial intelligence in strategic decision-making, while underscoring the significance of communication and coordination in uncertain environments.

Technology plays a vital role in innovative military leadership, including the use of drones, artificial intelligence, and advanced information systems, which significantly impact the style and effectiveness of military command. These modern tools are transforming how commanders make decisions and lead operations in the field.

Another key aspect of this paper is the importance of education and training in developing innovative military leadership. The study highlights the need to research and adapt academic programs and training curricula to prepare future officers and commanders to lead in complex and constantly evolving environments. This remains a constant challenge for educational and training institutions within the Armed Forces, particularly the Armed Forces Academy. The central question that arises is: What skills and knowledge are needed to develop military

leaders capable of leading in an era of rapid change?

In conclusion, this research paper on “Transforming military leadership through innovative development approaches” aims to contribute to a deeper understanding of how individuals can adapt to lead in a world transformed by technology and global dynamics. It also emphasizes the development of strategies that can lead to the success of military leadership in the face of emerging global security challenges.

Keywords: Military leadership, innovation, development, transformation, technology, strategic leadership, adaptability, decision-making, education, training, complex environment.

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