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Daniel Serwer's years in the Foreign Service and his role in bringing peace to the Balkans make him the perfect source for two important questions: how can mere civilians help to save the world; and how should our foreign policy move forward in a way that will ensure America's place in the world along with the health and security of every other nation. Serwer brings a smart, fresh viewpoint to these issues, and he does it in an accessible and stylish way."

—Tom Daschle, former U.S. Senator from South Dakota and former U.S. Senate Majority Leader

The national investment over decades that has given our country the world's greatest military has largely neglected the needs of the civilian sector. Policy pundits and the general public alike would be wise to ponder Serwer's thought-provoking suggestions for developing and institutionalizing the civilian elements that U.S. foreign policy will need in the age ahead."—Stephen Hadley, former National Security Advisor to George W. Bush

hen Daniel Serwer is asked what he does, he often replies, "I make peace. I put it in cans and ship it abroad." That pursuit of peace took him to Iraq, Afghanistan, Libya, Egypt, and many places in between during Serwer's forty years in public service.

His experiences at the sharp end of foreign policy have shaped his view of the United States' ability to protect itself from today's threats. In *Righting the Balance*, Serwer focuses on what should be done to protect the United States by offering alternatives that move away from an exclusive reliance on the military. Most fundamentally, Serwer stresses that civilians—diplomats, aid workers, UN officials, humanitarians, police trainers, lawyers, judges, entrepreneurs—can and should be involved in helping bring about peace.

Righting the Balance offers a proposal to reform our civilian institutions for the twenty-first century so that they can help deliver real results in the search for peace even when confronting difficult conditions in faraway places.



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