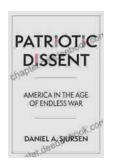
# America in the Age of Endless War: The Costs and Consequences



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trillions of dollars, and have left a lasting legacy of violence and instability in the Middle East.



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The United States is not alone in its experience of endless war. In recent years, there have been major wars in Syria, Yemen, Libya, and the Democratic Republic of Congo. These wars have also caused widespread death and destruction, and have left millions of people displaced.

The age of endless war is a dangerous and destabilizing time. The wars are eroding the global order, and are making the world a more dangerous place.

#### The Costs of Endless War

The costs of endless war are enormous. The wars in Afghanistan and Iraq have cost the United States over \$6 trillion. This money could have been used to fund education, healthcare, or other vital programs.

The wars have also cost the lives of thousands of American soldiers and civilians. Over 7,000 American soldiers have been killed in Afghanistan and Iraq, and over 30,000 have been wounded. Thousands of Iraqi and Afghan civilians have also been killed in the wars.

The wars have also displaced millions of people. Over 2.5 million Iraqis have been displaced from their homes, and over 1 million Afghans have been displaced. These people are often living in refugee camps or in other precarious conditions.

#### The Consequences of Endless War

The consequences of endless war are also severe. The wars have eroded the global order, and have made the world a more dangerous place.

The wars have also created a breeding ground for terrorism. The Islamic State group, which is responsible for the terrorist attacks in Paris and Brussels, was able to thrive in the chaos of the Syrian civil war.

The wars have also damaged the reputation of the United States. The United States is now seen as a country that is willing to use military force to achieve its goals, even when those goals are not clear.

#### The Need for a New Approach

The age of endless war is a dangerous and destabilizing time. The United States and other countries need to find a new approach to resolving conflict.

One way to do this is to focus on diplomacy and negotiation. The United States should work with other countries to find peaceful solutions to

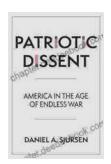
conflicts.

Another way to reduce the risk of endless war is to reduce the number of weapons in the world. The United States should lead the way in reducing its nuclear arsenal, and should work with other countries to reduce the number of conventional weapons in the world.

The United States should also work to strengthen international institutions. The United Nations should be given more power to prevent and resolve conflicts.

Finally, the United States should work to promote human rights and democracy. These are the best ways to prevent conflicts from breaking out in the first place.

The age of endless war is a dangerous and destabilizing time. The United States and other countries need to find a new approach to resolving conflict. This approach should focus on diplomacy, negotiation, and reducing the number of weapons in the world.



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