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9.11 and Japan's Consistent Security Policies

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How can we explain Japan's security policies after the end of the Cold War, especially in the wake of 9.11? Japan has been conducting consistent security policies since the Allied Occupation. The consistent essence of its security policies has been to tread a line minimizing its defense contributions without jeopardizing the US-Japan alliance.

This presentation examines Japan's security policies in the wake of 9.11 in the context of US-Japan relations. Many researchers regard Japan's security policies after World War II as anomalous, but, Japan has been turning into a "normal" state in the 21st century. In contrast, this presentation claims that Japan has been conducting consistent security policies, using all its assets, including Article Nine of the Japanese constitution and its economic vulnerability to maximize its security. Japan's security policy seemed to change dramatically, but the change was well thought out, careful, and flexible enough to avoid making Japan a permanent warmongering country and to maintain the alliance with the United States.



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