

Paramilitaries Abroad: China's Use of Nontraditional Security Forces

Description

Episode 107 of the Irregular Warfare Podcast examines how China uses its paramilitary and internal security forces to project power abroad and build global influence.

Our guests begin by dissecting the Chinese security apparatus: contrasting the People's Liberation Army with the CCP's internal police forces and paramilitaries. They then explore how China uses these nontraditional security forces—which often aid foreign governments in maintaining regime stability—as an alternative to U.S. security assistance packages. Finally, our guests conclude by examining how the U.S. and its allies can compete with China more effectively in the realm of security cooperation.

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