

## The Arctic Heats Up: Global Competition In The High North

### Description

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Episode 69 of the *Irregular Warfare Podcast* examines the evolving relationship between climate change, Arctic security, and geopolitical competition.

Our guests begin by describing America's interests in the Arctic and the traditional institutions that have governed interstate relations in the High North. They then explore the different ways that climate change is affecting the security calculus of [states like the United States, Russia, and China](#). Finally, the show concludes with a discussion on the ways tactical-level innovation is improving US access to austere environments, and the steps that Washington can take to better manage increased competition in the Arctic.

The [Honorable Sherri Goodman](#) currently serves as a senior fellow at the Wilson Center's Environmental Change and Security Program and Polar Institute, and from 1993 to 2001, she served as the first deputy under secretary of defense for environmental security. In January of 2021, she coauthored a report entitled [Climate Change and Security in the Arctic](#), which serves as the anchor for this episode.

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