

# Brazil and Portugal: the Path to Military Influence in Politics Via Coup or Election

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## Abstract

Utilizing a conceptual framework that requires analysis of democratic civilian control and military effectiveness, the article compares and contrasts Brazil and Portugal. In Portugal the institutions have been established to achieve democratic civilian control and military effectiveness, mainly international peacekeeping and humanitarian assistance. In contrast, in Brazil neither institutions ensuring democratic civilian control nor military effectiveness have been established. The article argues that the differences in strategic culture are key to understanding the contrasting experience of these two countries.

**Key Words:** Civil-Military Relations; Democratic Civilian Control; Military Effectiveness; Brazil; Portugal; Strategic Culture.

## Resumo

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*Utilizando uma estrutura conceitual que requer análise do controle civil democrático e a eficácia militar, o artigo compara e contrasta Brasil e Portugal. Em Portugal, as instituições foram criadas para alcançar o controle civil democrático e a eficácia militar, principalmente na manutenção da paz internacional e assistência humanitária. Em contraste, no Brasil não foram estabelecidas instituições que garantam o controle civil democrático nem a eficácia militar. O artigo argumenta que as diferenças na cultura estratégica são fundamentais para entender a experiência contrastante destes dois países.*

**Palavras-chave:** Relações Cívico-Militares; Controle civil democrático; Eficácia Militar; Brasil; Portugal; Cultura Estratégica.