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George Friedman, Ph.D., is an internationally recognized expert in security and intelligence issues relating to national security, information warfare and computer security. He is founder, chairman and Chief Intelligence Officer of STRATFOR, (Strategic Forecasting Inc.) a private intelligence company that provides customized intelligence services for its clients and provides an internationally acclaimed Web site, www.stratfor.com, that analyzes and forecasts trends in world affairs. Friedman's column, Intelligence Brief, is syndicated by Tribune Media Services.



Friedman is the author of many publications in international affairs and business intelligence including the books, "The Intelligence Edge: How to Profit in the Information Age" (The Crown Publishing Group, 1997) and "The Future of War: Power, Technology and American World Dominance in the 21st Century" (The Crown Publishing Group, 1997), an examination of the impact of new military technologies on the international system. He is presently at work on new book, "America's Secret War", to be published by Doubleday in the Fall of 2004.

Friedman has appeared as a national security and intelligence expert on all major television networks, including CNN's "Moneyline" and ABC's "This Week with Sam Donaldson and Coki Roberts." He is frequently a guest on National Public Radio and has been featured in numerous publications, including Time, The Wall Street Journal and The New York Times Magazine. In October 2001, Friedman was featured in a cover story interview in Barron's. He also has been the keynote speaker at many security and industry-specific conferences for private organizations and government agencies.

Friedman graduated with a B.A. from the City College of the City University of New York and holds a Ph.D. in Government from Cornell University. Prior to entering the private sector in 1996, Friedman was a professor of political science for almost 20 years and was an early designer of computerized war games. During his years in academics, Friedman briefed wide on security and national defense matters, including senior commanders in all armed services, the Office of Net Assessments, SHAPE Technical Center, the U.S. Army War College, National Defense University and the RAND Corporation. In 1994 Friedman founded the Center for Geopolitical Studies at Louisiana State University, which engages in integrated economic, political and military modeling and forecasting and was the only non-DOD/non-governmental organization granted access to Joint Theater Level Simulation (JTLS) by the Joint Warfighting Center.

Friedman is married with four children (two in the military) and currently lives in Austin, Texas.

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