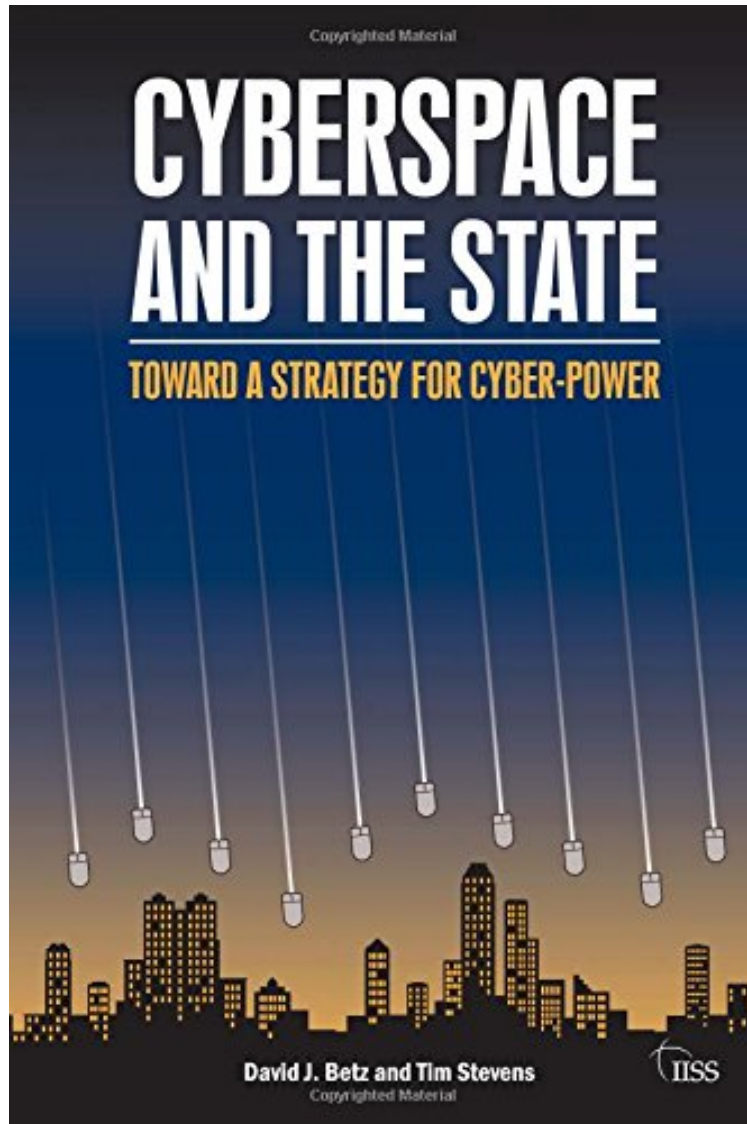


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strategic objectives dealing with; global networks (cyberspace) and the nation-state political entities. The short book provides a succinct, introductory-level survey of global information technologies, certain risks, threats and opportunities inherent in these technologies are described. The book presents a singular, conceptual framework which is useful for initial thinking but lacks, in my opinion, any substantive rigor or empirical basis. It is quasi-theoretical in analytical substance. As an introductory primer on the issues of cybersecurity, intruders, “bad actors” in political conflicts, and the role of nation-states and national sovereignty is succinctly presented. There are some useful insights into the notions of state-power, competition conflict and regional politics in cyberspace. The work could be made more strength by positing more conceptual analysis, for example; by presenting the roles of global networks, their use and intrinsic value by non-state actors (i.e. Hezbollah, Iraqi ISIS). The authors’ presented their notion of cyber-world as without borders is old news to most interested readers, however the book’s discussion of the emerging cyber-world’s impact on some of the basic functions of the state – is interesting and thought-provoking. In my opinion, for the work to be of more intrinsic value to policy-making, more rigor and alternative conceptual frameworks need to be explicitly presented. In my opinion, the book needs more work in utilization of both rigorous conceptualizations and analytical frameworks. Thank you for reading my summary review.

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