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Résumé ou extrait : Why do powerful militaries so often fail to achieve their political objectives ? The answer, according to a tradition of French strategic thought stretching from Ferdinand Foch to the present, is that real strategy is not about firepower or technology. It is about a duel of wills – and the side that preserves its own liberty of action while constraining its adversary's holds the decisive advantage. The French Way of War distills a century of French strategic thought into a concise, highly usable guide for modern war and statecraft. Drawing on Ferdinand Foch, Raoul Castex, André Beaufre, and their successors, it argues that strategy is not about firepower or technology, but about a duel of wills in which each side struggles to preserve its own freedom of action while constraining the other's. The book uses historical and contemporary cases to show how states win or lose long, often in the realms of politics, psychology, and international opinion.

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