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Private military corporations threaten democracy solely because they are not accountable to anyone and can do as they please. By not having any accountability, private companies undermine democratic institutions. One of the many roles of government is to maintain security, which includes democratic control over the use of force. 1: Rolf Uessler, *Servants of War: Private Military Corporations and the Profit of Conflict*, trans. Jefferson Chase (Brooklyn, New York: Soft Skull Press, 2008) 146. 2: *Ibid*, pg 24. Private military firms are making a killing. They operate on all continents throughout the world—commissioned by governments. Even in tragic times, someone always profits; in this exposé from author, scientist and anti-organized crime activist Uessler, he looks at the private military firms that benefit quite directly from war—the messier, the better. But students of conflict, terrorism, political-science and security strategy would benefit from reading this -- keeping in mind its somewhat biased, Euro-centric socialist viewpoint. Read more. 3 people found this helpful. NOTE: ARTICLE IS INCOMPLETE. The year is 2020, and the world is in an unstable situation. There has been a military coup in China, and the president has been put under house arrest. The new government vows to reclaim "historic Chinese territories", including Taiwan, Mongolia, northern Vietnam, and northeastern India. China and North Korea signed a treaty in which the latter became an autonomous region of the former.