
A Distinguished Economist's Memoirs On The Financial War On Terror

The story of post-9/11 international finance, told from an unmatched vantage point. Sworn in as head of the U.S. Treasury Departments international finance division just three months prior to 9/11, John B. Taylor soon found himself at the center of the war on terror. Global Financial Warriors takes you inside the White House situation room, to meetings of the G7 finance ministers, and to cities around the world as Taylor assembles a coalition to freeze terrorist assets worldwide, plans the financial reconstruction of Afghanistan, oversees the development of a new currency in Iraq, and deals with the spread of financial crises. From reforming the IMF and the World Bank to negotiating international agreements to reduce Iraqs debt by 80 percent and cancel the debt of very poor countries, Taylors unparalleled access offers the reader not only an insiders account of a pivotal time in international finance but also an invaluable primer on the policy development and operational strategies that helped Taylor and his team succeed. 16 pages of illustrations.

My Personal Review:
In Global Financial Warriors, John B. Taylor recounts the stories of his tenure as Under Secretary of the Treasury for International Affairs during the first term of the George W. Bush presidency (2001-2005). He shows how foreign policy consists of not just two but three pillars: political, military, and financial.

Professor Taylor occupied his post at the Treasury Department during an eventful time in history. In the book, he details the role of Treasury in the war on terrorism (including the global freezing of funding from al Qaeda and related terrorist groups, attempts to secure Turkey's cooperation in allowing coalition forces to enter Iraq from the north, the rebuilding of financial systems in Afghanistan and Iraq after the change in regime in those two countries), as well as the financial crisis in Argentina in 2001,
attempts at reform at the IMF and at the World Bank, and exchange-rate policy negotiations with Japan and China.

Throughout, Mr. Taylor, already well known in academic and public-policy circles as a highly distinguished monetary economist, also emerges as a capable manager (examples: establish clear missions and form specialized teams to achieve those missions; subordinates are most effective when you tell them what to do but not how to do it). Incidentally, reading between the lines, so does President Bush.

What the book is not is yet another sensational score-settling political memoir. Instead, it is a highly informative insider’s account of a diverse range of global financial events. The book persuasively illustrates how in the implementation of foreign policy, diplomatic, military, and financial aspects are all interrelated.

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