

# Chp 9 summarization

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On the same note, civilian leaders in politics must acknowledge and respect the military fraternity and its structure of operation. Some potential political candidates politicize the military when they seek their support into office. Most of the time, this does not work in the interest of the nation because even some known well to do military governments limit political development. They tend to impose their bureaucratic nature on the whole society and inhibit civilian led political procedures. This also leads them away from their fundamental roles in a country (Handelman, 2010).

Civilian governments should improve the relationships between the military and the civilian community, especially if it is a state that has been through military rule before. This should start with the training the military officers receive in the academies. Both the military and civilian community must recognize the direct power of a civilian president over the state and military, including a civilian, elected defense minister (Handelman, 2010).

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