

CLAUSEWITZ VS CLAUSEWITZ
A DISCUSSION OF HOW HISTORY APPLIES TO
OPERATIONS TODAY

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***Abstract:** This paper addresses the center of gravity doctrine; this doctrine is applicable to some wars, at some moments, but not to all of them. Clausewitz predicted this and stated that “in war the result is never final”. We argue that attacking one party’s center of gravity results in its defeat only when both adversaries apply the same strategy, namely the classic war. Today, finding the center of gravity is an integral part of the planning process.*

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