

Congressional Authorities Comparison : A POL-MIL (Political-Military) Analysis



Project Title	Congressional Authorities Comparison : A POL-MIL (Political-Military) Analysis
Project Summary	This project involves a comparison and analysis of DOS and DOD authorities the security/foreign assistance arena.
Country	United States
Agency	Department of State
DoS Office	PM/POLAD/Dept of State Office
Post	N/A
Section	N/A
Number of Interns	2

Project Description

U.S. government agencies rely on Congressional authorities to fund their work, including in the realm of security assistance (<https://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/natsec/R444444.pdf>). How do these authorities differ? What debates are under review now between the Department of State and the Department of Defense, as both have separate authorities that allow them to fund foreign assistance projects. This project involves examining DOD and DOS authorities, especially as they relate to the Western Hemisphere (WHA) countries (Latin America and the Caribbean), and outlining how they differ, where the two types of assistance intersect, and what they are used for. The outcome should be a short paper, website, Prezi, or other. An inclusion at the end of this project of a current bibliography is requested, but optional.

Desired Skills Interests

Skill

Data analysis

writing

Analytical Writing

foreign aid

familiarity with DOD and DOS authorities

familiarity with Latin America and the Caribbean

Additional Information

The supervisor of this project is available to discuss the issue by telephone and mentor the eIntern before and during the project.

Language Requirements

<u>Language</u>	<u>Speaking Proficiency</u>	<u>Reading Proficiency</u>	<u>Importance</u>
Spanish	Minimum professional proficiency	Full professional proficiency	Required