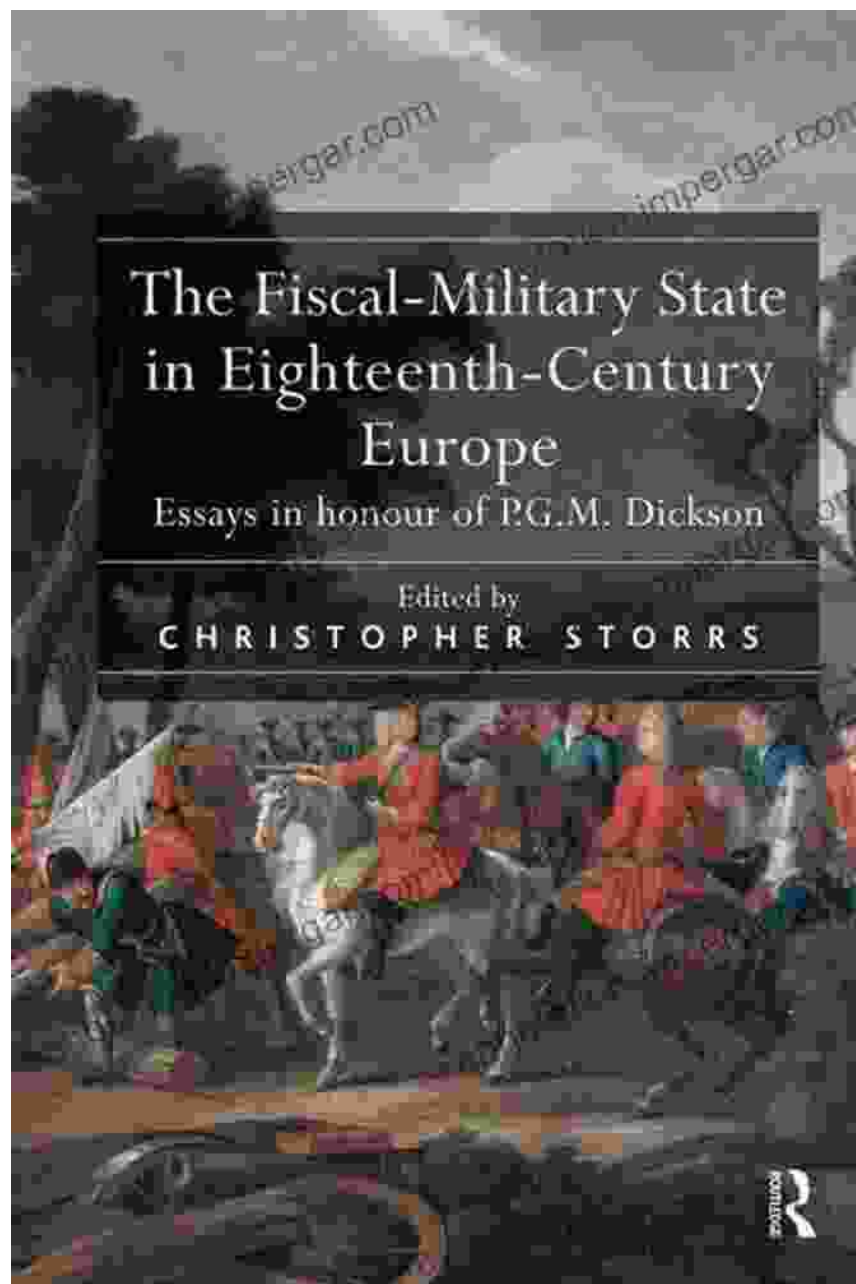


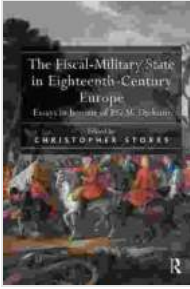
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Standing Armies: The Backbone of Power

The rise of standing armies in the 18th century marked a profound shift in European warfare. These professional and permanent forces replaced the traditional practice of relying on temporary armies raised for specific conflicts. Standing armies brought unprecedented levels of military preparedness, enabling states to project power and defend their interests more effectively.

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Maintaining these standing armies required substantial financial resources. In the 18th century, states turned to fiscal centralization to raise the necessary funds. This meant consolidating tax collection and financial

administration at the central level, enabling governments to exploit new sources of revenue and streamline their spending.

A Symbiotic Relationship

The rise of standing armies and fiscal centralization formed a symbiotic relationship. Standing armies provided states with the military muscle to compete for power and secure their borders. In turn, fiscal centralization ensured a steady flow of revenue to support these armies and pursue ambitious military campaigns.

Consequences for European Society



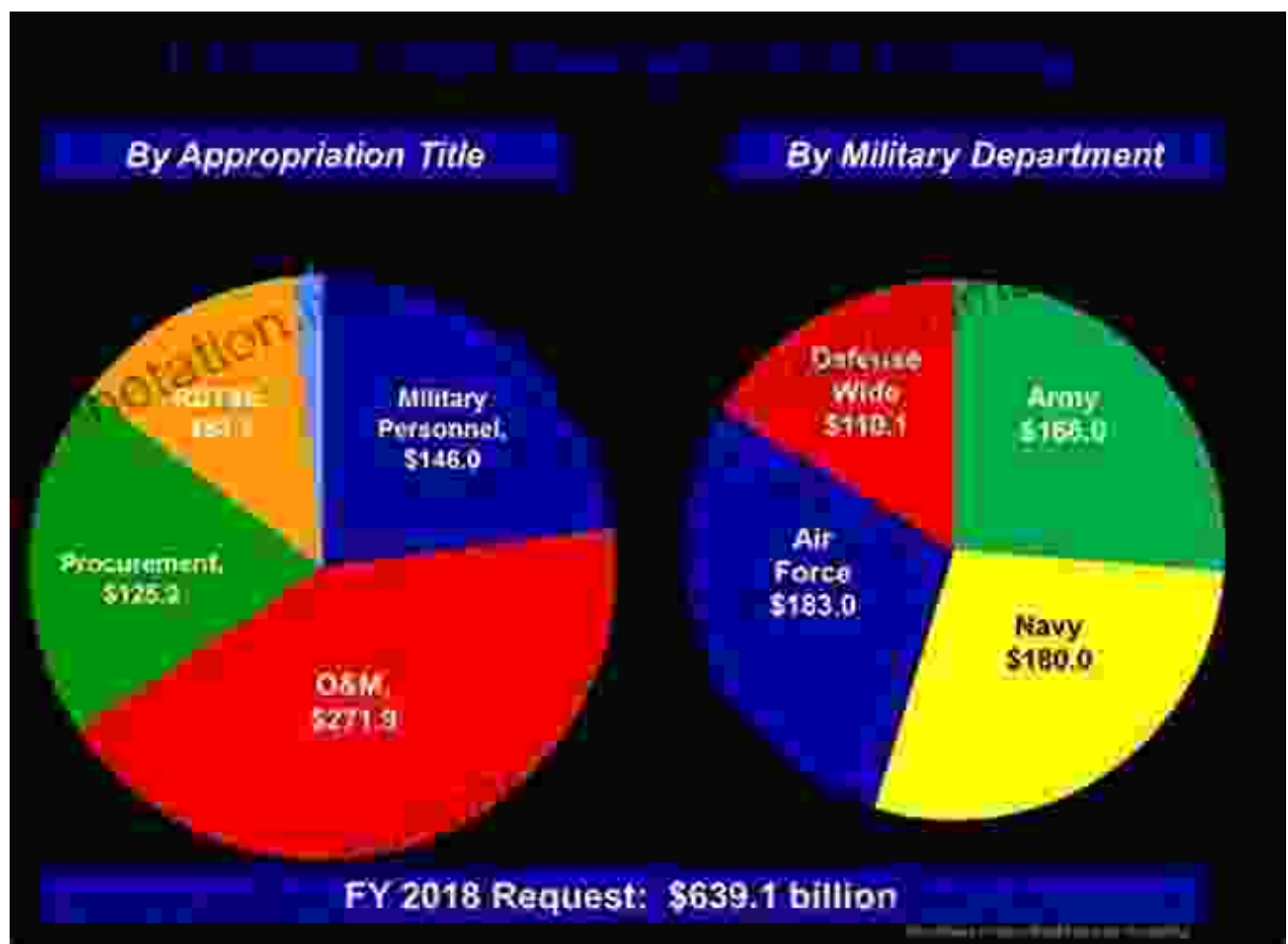
The Fiscal-Military State shaped the geopolitical landscape of Europe.

The Fiscal-Military State had far-reaching consequences for European society. It led to an expansion of state power as governments sought to control the resources and manpower needed to maintain standing armies. It also fueled economic growth as states invested in infrastructure and industry to support their military ambitions.

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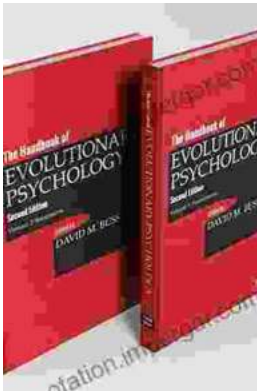
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