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The video discusses the challenges militaries face in balancing liberal norms, such as human rights and civilian authority, particularly using the example of the Liberian military during the 1979 rice riots. Soldiers were ordered to shoot at protestors, which led to widespread resentment and contributed to a coup. The research indicates that in conflict situations, militaries often prioritize cohesion over adherence to liberal norms, contradicting the expectations of the United States, which aims to spread these norms through military training. The findings suggest that soldiers exposed to norm conflicts were less supportive of human rights and that U.S.-trained soldiers had different responses to such conflicts. Ultimately, the study reveals that alternative norms like cohesion may overshadow liberal principles in military decision-making.