

“Security” or “Constitution” — Don’t Fall Between Two Stools

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TOPIC

About: Japan's changing security policy

- **For:** Japan should have more of bilateral relationship with US military
- **Against:** Unconstitutional, thus doesn't need to be discussed

Idea: "A and B" vs. "A not B"

- "A and B" is overreaching
- "A or B" focuses on one and gets it done

You can't have your cake and eat it too.

SITUATION

Past: Knee-jerk reactions to events around the world

Present: “Repeated cycle of shallow debates”

- Negative public opinion
- Lack of urgency
- Avoid term “Chinese threat”

THE DIVIDE

Mixing “SECURITY” and
“CONSTITUTION”

RIGHT

Wants to talk about
the **policy**
(security)

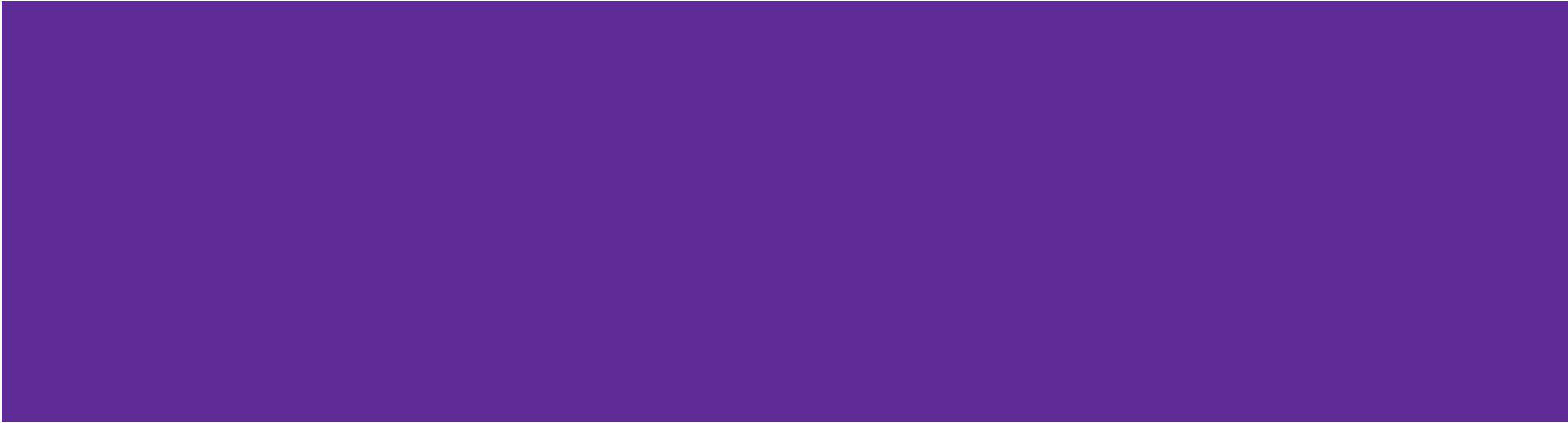
*For many, changing Japan’s security policy
is equivalent to amending the Constitution.*

LEFT

Gets caught up in the
“**unconstitutional**”
(legislation)

BRIDGE

Solution: Squeeze into existing Article 9

- People are averse to changing status quo
 - Relieve ideological confrontation
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MY OPINION

That's what you get in a democratic government.

Idea of “debate” is negated if both sides are focusing on different issue.

Need compromise.
