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Innovating in a Secret World: The Future of National Security And Global Leadership

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"Our national security depends on advancements in science and technology," writes Tina Srivastava, a former Raytheon engineer, and now an author, entrepreneur and technology expert. However, "it is no longer enough to support R&D and expect technology innovation, technological superiority and national security to follow. For the United States to maintain its position requires being the foremost at effectively transitioning R&D investment into technological innovation."

The problem is what she calls "secure U.S. government R&D." It is cloaked in secrecy, and that is at odds with modern means to achieve progress, or what the commercial sector calls, "open innovation strategies."

Secret government R&D programs were once highly successful: the Apollo program 50 years ago was one shining example, she writes, but not much has changed in how the government carries out its top secret research.

"While the commercial sector leverages new innovation strategies to great success, the restrictions endemic to secure U.S. government R&D persist, putting U.S. national security at risk," she writes.

Srivastava ends the book with recommendations on how the government can foster innovation and increase the number of players participating in national security- related research and development. **ND**

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