

# Carl von Clausewitz

## Abstract

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The Prussian Major General Carl von Clausewitz (1780–1831) was a military reformer and strategist, and one of the leading military thinkers of the nineteenth century. In many respects, Clausewitz's theory of war, put forth in his major work *On War* (1832), represented a paradigmatic shift in military thinking, because it considered the fundamental relationship between war and politics. Nineteenth-century lithograph by Franz Michaelis after a missing painting by Karl Wilhelm Wach.

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