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Imbalance of power. Why does the United States spend more on national security than the rest of the world combined, and why do so many members of the foreign policy community believe that it is either in our interest or our responsibility to interfere in so many places around the world? As I've noted before, one of Power Imbalance: So What! My guess is you are reading this article because of the title. And about now you are hoping I did not use an attractive title to lure you into an article about some sad story about power abuse I suffered in graduate school or something. Life isn't fair. A lot of people suffer. Suffering the misuse of power does not create a position of privilege. Get over it! You are right. And that is why this is not a power imbalance story about one of my grad school experiences. But wait a minute. With great powers come great responsibilities and fears. In the "Role of fear in overdiagnosis and overtreatment," Iona Heath eloquently described the everyday inner conflicts of patients and doctors. | View Full Text. Log in. You are going to email the following Imbalance of power between patients and doctors. Your Personal Message. CAPTCHA.