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Loyal dissent is not a personal attack on a leader’s authority, but a way for subordinates to contribute to the success of the team. When executed properly, leaders use loyal dissent to create the conditions for innovation by utilizing subordinates to their fullest potential. This article won 3rd place in the 2013-1 MacArthur Military Leadership Writing Competition.

Two Faces of Critical Thinking for the Reflective Military Practitioner
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Left: A wave of fire crashes against the riot shields of soldiers from 2nd Squadron, 38th Cavalry Regiment, 504th Battlefield Surveillance Brigade, during a fire phobia training exercise 22 January 2012 at the Joint Multinational Readiness Center.
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