

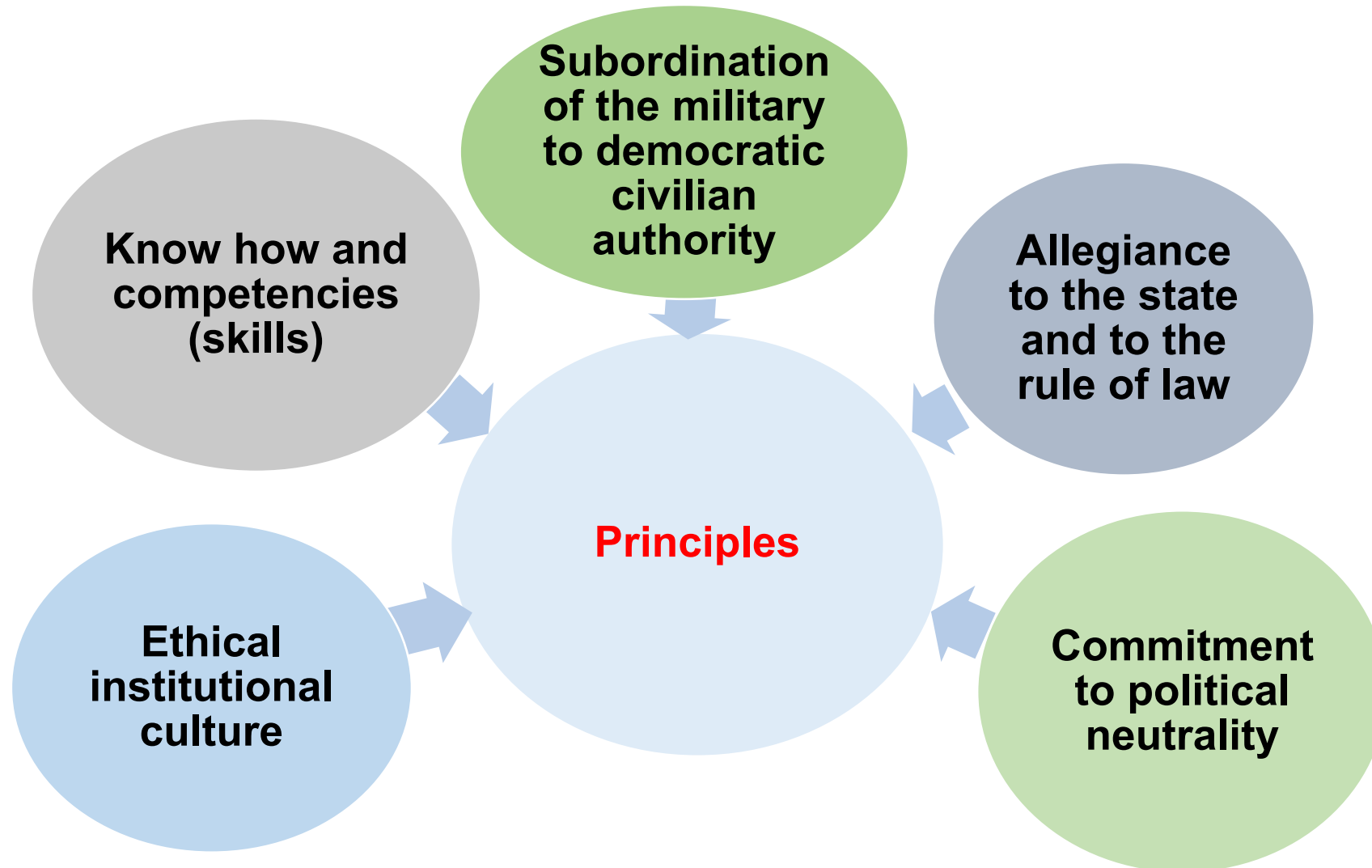


AFRICA CENTER
FOR STRATEGIC STUDIES

Critical Thinking to Enhance Professionalism in Africa's Security Sector

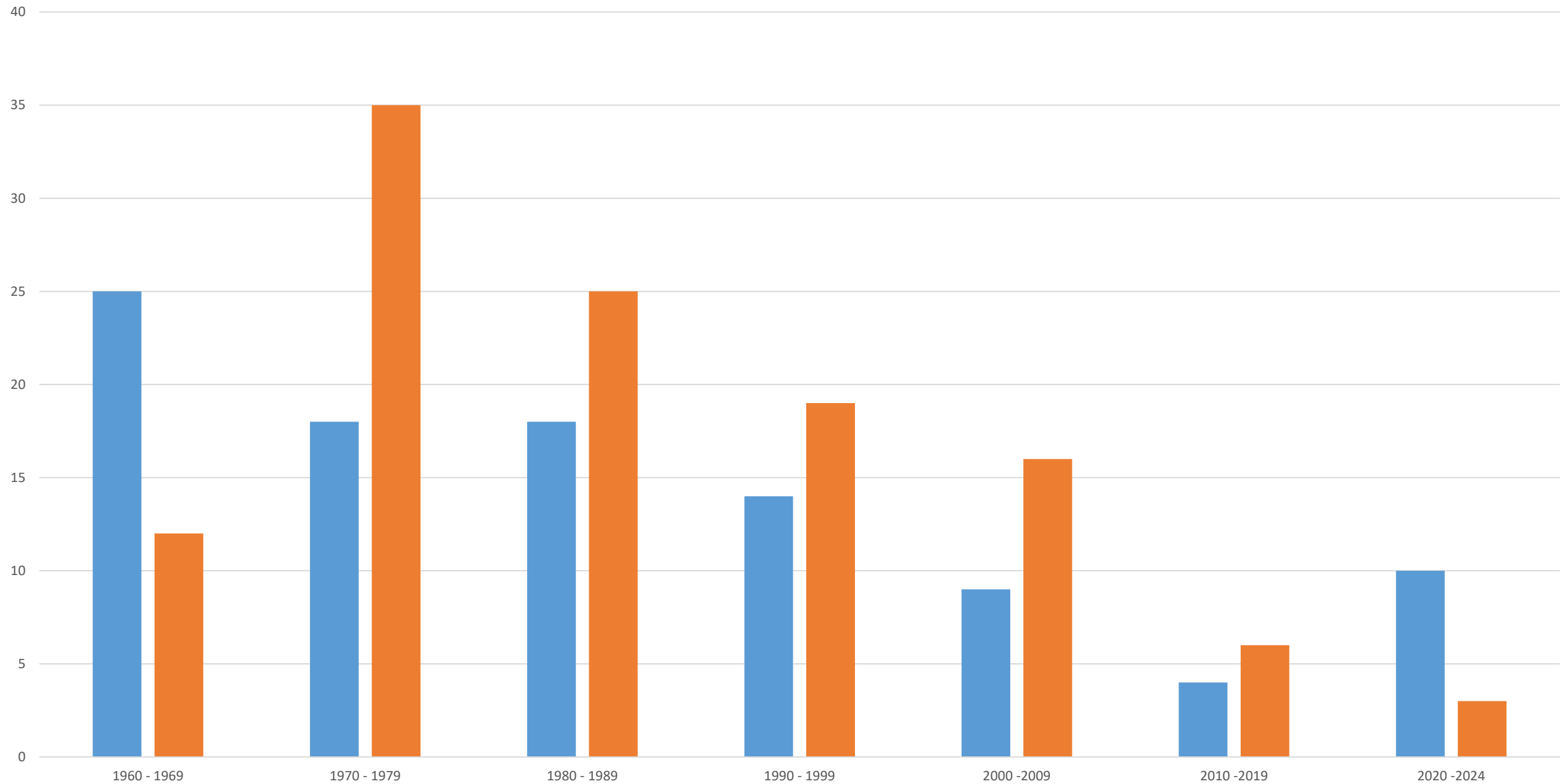
Dr. Émile Ouédraogo
June 2024

PRINCIPLES OF MILITARY PROFESSIONALISM

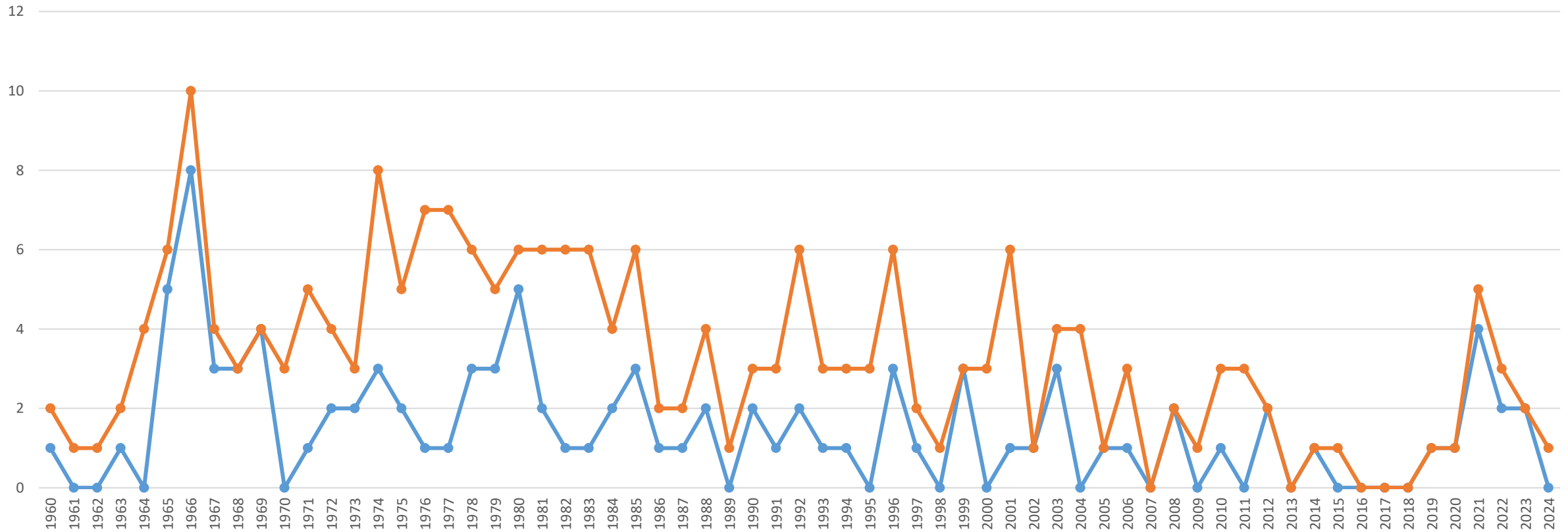


NUMBER OF SUCCESSFUL OR FAILED COUPS FROM 1960 TO 2024

■ SUCCESSFUL ■ FAILED



● SUCCESSFUL ● FAILED



Resurgence of Military Coup in Africa (2019-2024)				
Coup Date	Type of Coup	Leader	Country	Targeted Government
April 11, 2019	Successful	Gal Abdel-Fattah AL BUHRAN	SOUDAN	Elected Pres, Omar AL BÉCHIR
August 19, 2020	Successful	Assimi GOITA	MALI	Elected Pres, Ibrahim KEITA
March 31, 2021	Failed	Unclear	NIGER	Elected Pres, Mohamed BAZOUM
April 20, 2021	Successful	Mahamat Idriss DEBY	TCHAD	Elected Pres, Idriss DEBY
March 24, 2021	Successful	Assimi GOITA	MALI	Transition Pres, Bah NDAW
September 5, 2021	Successful	Col. Mamady DOUMBOUYA	GUINEA	Elected Pres, Alpha CONDE
October 25, 2021	Successful	Gal Abdel-Fattah AL BURHAN	SOUDAN	Transition PM, Abdallah HAMDOC
January 24, 2022	Successful	Lt-Col Paul-Henri DAMIBA	BURKINA FASO	Elected Pres, Roch KABORE
February 1, 2022	Failed	Unclear	GUINEA-BISSAU	Elected Pres, Umaro EMBALO
October 30, 2022	Successful	Capt Ibrahim TRAORÉ	BURKINA FASO	Transition Pres , Lt-Col DAMIBA
July 27, 2023	Successful	Abdourahamane TCHIANI	NIGER	Elected Pres, Mohamed BAZOUM
August 30, 2023	Successful	Brice Oligui NGUEMA	GABON	Elected Pres, Ali BONGO
May 19, 2024	Failed	Christian MALANGA	RDC	Elected Pres, Félix TSHISEKEDI

ADVANCING MILITARY PROFESSIONALISM

1

**Depoliticizing the
military
environment**

2

**Institutionalizing
ethics and
accountability**

3

**Independent
oversight
mechanisms**

4

**Parliamentary
oversight and
external audits**

5

**Strengthening
discipline and the
sens of duty**

6

**Strengthening
training and military
education**





AFRICA CENTER
FOR STRATEGIC STUDIES

www.africacenter.org