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# Defining Self-Sufficiency in the United States Marine Corps

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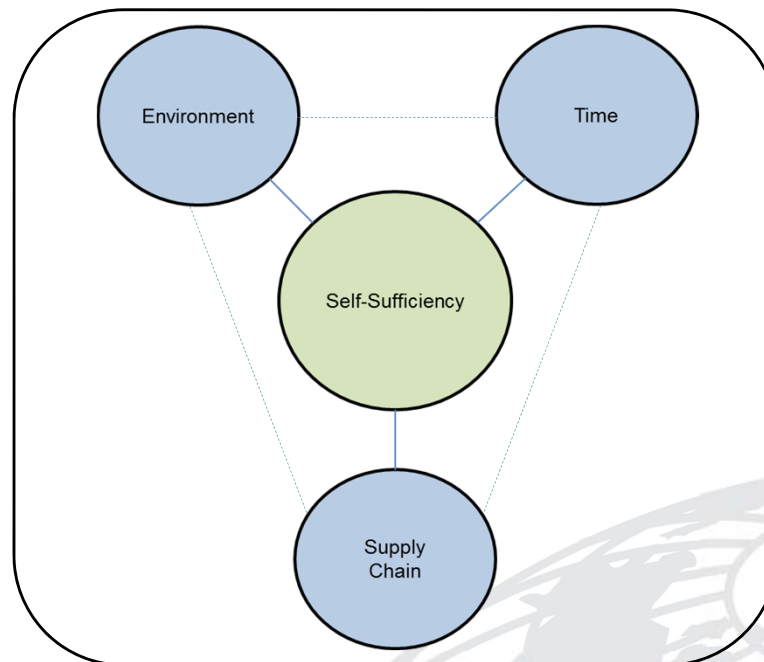
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## Self-Sufficiency

The purpose of this project is to define self-sufficiency, as it relates to the Marine Corps, identify the primary elements of self-sufficiency, and describe the interrelationships among these elements. We present a framework of self-sufficiency which (1) Marine Corps units can apply to internally increase their self-sufficiency, and (2) others can use to conduct further in-depth research on how to increase or optimize Marine Corps units' self-sufficiency.



## Findings

- **Three main elements influence self-sufficiency: environment, time, and supply chain**
- **Each element interacts with another to either increase or decrease the self-sufficient capability of a unit**
- **Increased unit self-sufficiency relies less on the supporting supply chain and allows more focus on mission accomplishment, rather than logistical sustainment**
- **Self-sufficiency, as it relates to the Marine Corps, is defined as a capability that is dependent on the three primary elements of environment, time, and supply chain**