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COUNTERINSURGENCY OVERVIEW

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Agenda

- The importance of COIN Doctrine
- COIN Mindset
- Approach to COIN Overview



The Canadian Forces

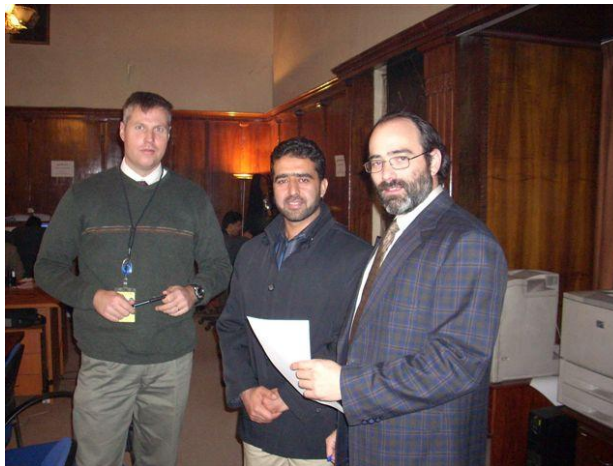
Strategic Advisory Team - Afghanistan (SAT-A)

***“Better Governance Through
Progressive Capacity Building”***

Assist the Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan (GIRA) in the development of the human capacity and processes needed to design the strategic plans necessary to attain the objectives of the *Afghanistan National Development Strategy (ANDS)*



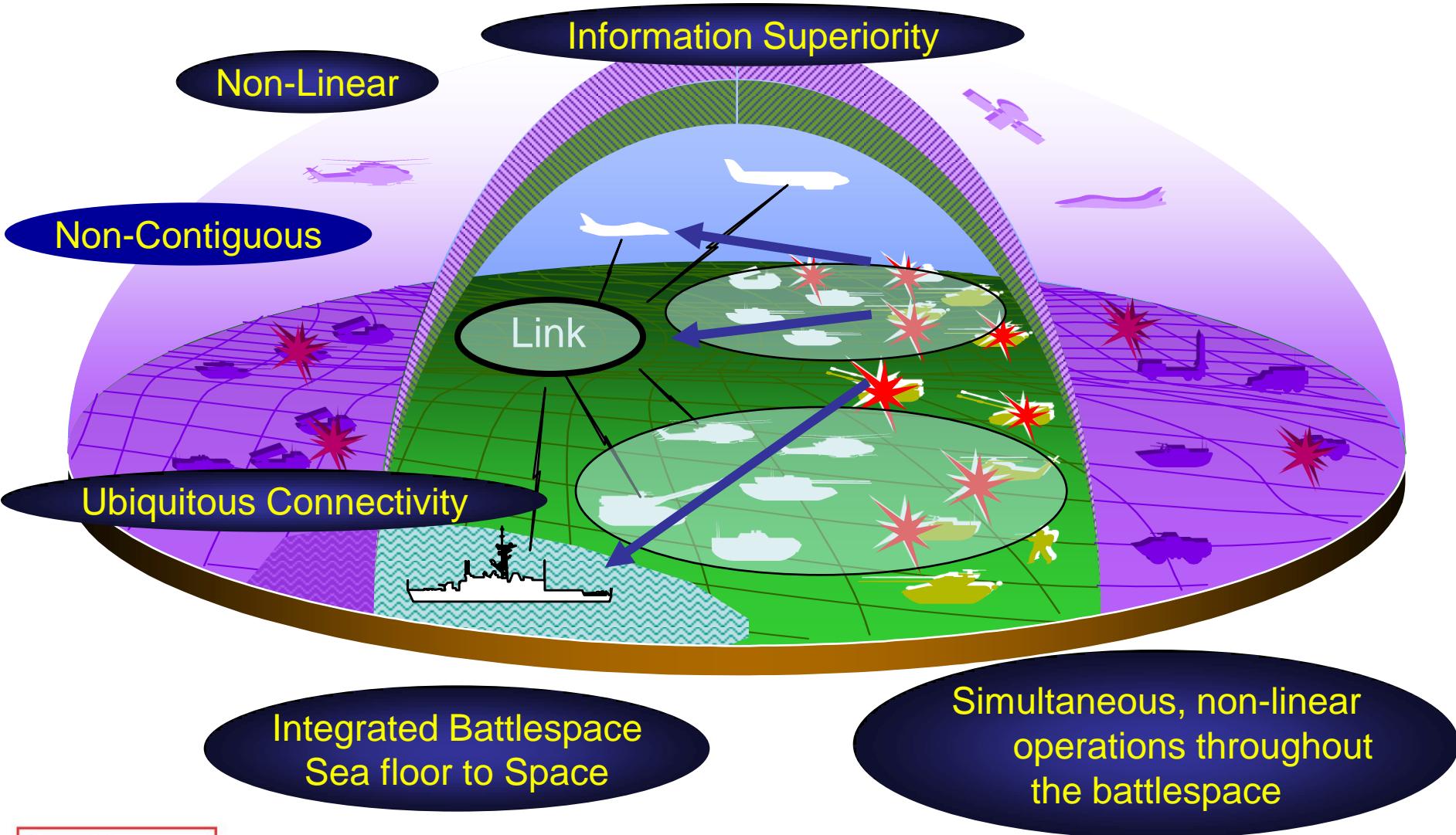
Not Your Ordinary Posting



Thinking About War



Merged Battlespace



They did not get the memo. Not on the Net?

Post Cold War



Post Napoleonic



A World History of Insurgency

- **1820 - 1960**

- French in Mexico
- American Indian Wars
- Philippine Insurrection
- Anglo-Boer War
- WWI
- Arab Insurrection
- Banana Wars
- WWII
- Greek Civil War
- Malayan Emergency

- **1960 - Present**

- Vietnam
- N. Ireland
- Ethiopia
- Nicaragua
- El Salvador
- Colombia
- Somalia
- Afghanistan
- Iraq



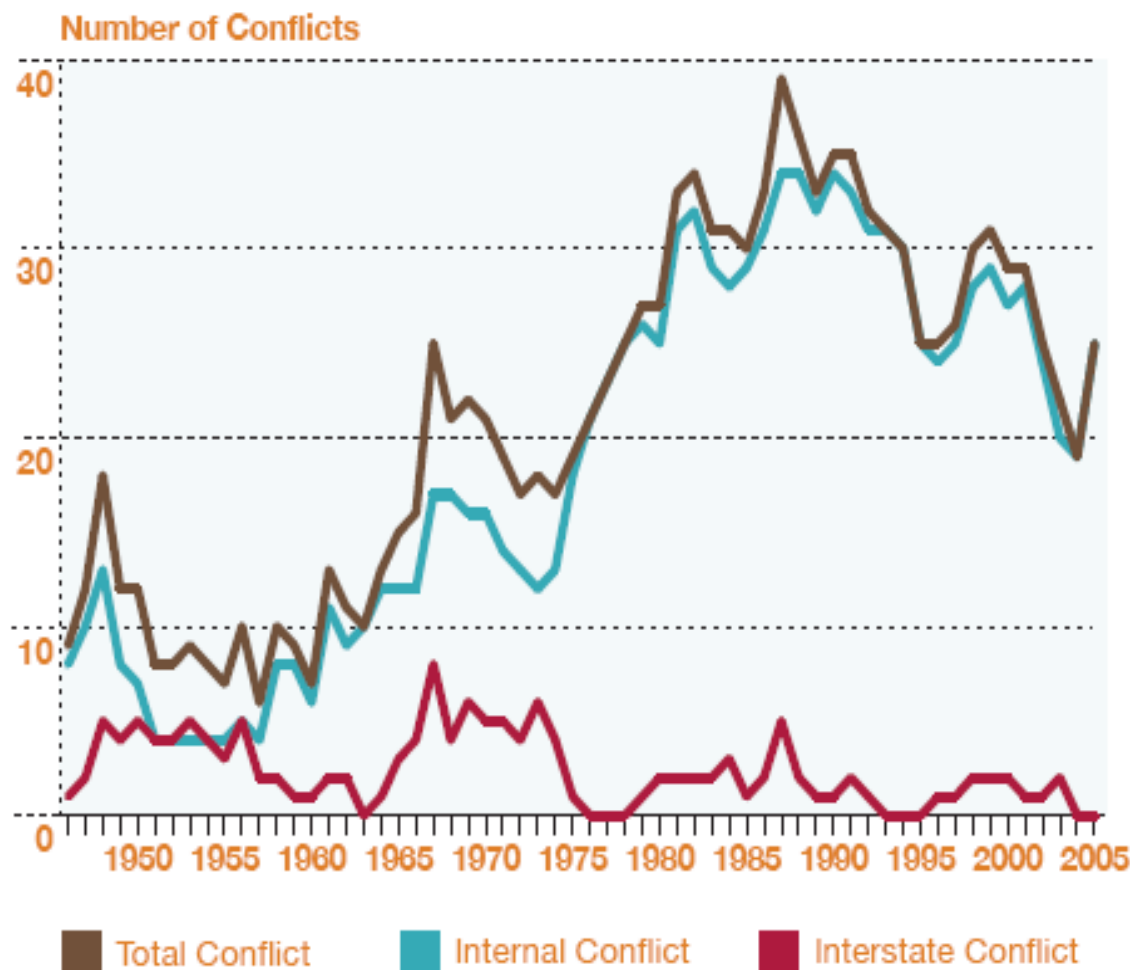
History

- In almost every year since WWII, at least one insurgency has been underway in less developed areas.

- Greece
- Burma
- Malaya
- The Philippines
- Vietnam
- Kenya
- Laos
- Congo
- Algeria
- Cuba
- Dominican Rep.
- Yemen
- Thailand
- El Salvador
- Ethiopia
- Nicaragua
- Afghanistan
- Iraq



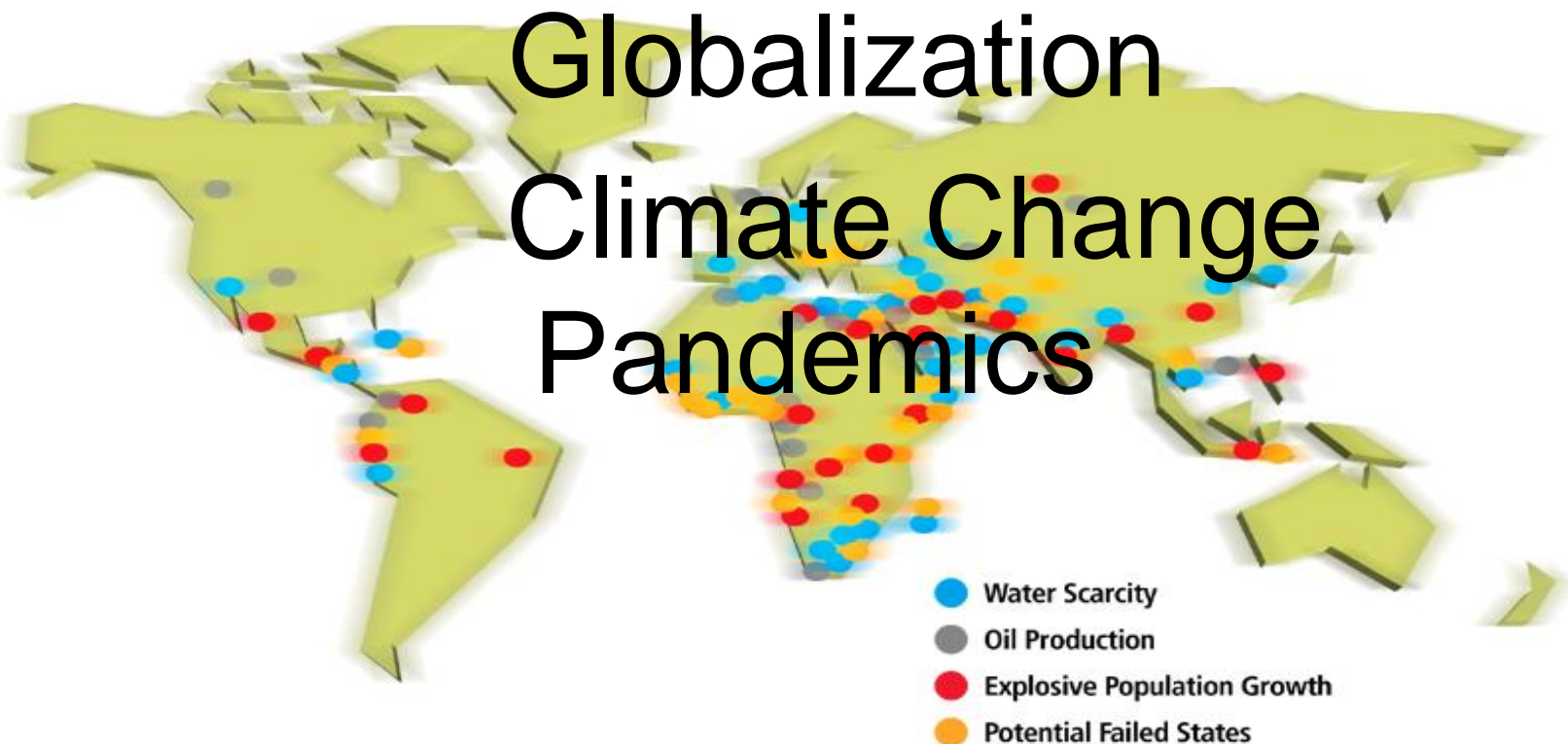
Global Trends in Violent Conflict 1946–2005



Peace and Conflict 2008 Executive summary, J. Joseph Hewitt, Jonathan Wilkenfeld, Ted Robert Gurr, Center for International Development and Conflict Management, University of Maryland



Global Stress Points and Strategic Focal Points



What is COIN?

Insurgency (JP 3-24): The organized use of subversion and violence by a group or movement that seeks to overthrow or force change of a governing authority. Insurgency can also refer to the group itself.

Counterinsurgency (JP 3-24): **comprehensive** civilian and military efforts taken to defeat insurgency and address its **core grievances**.



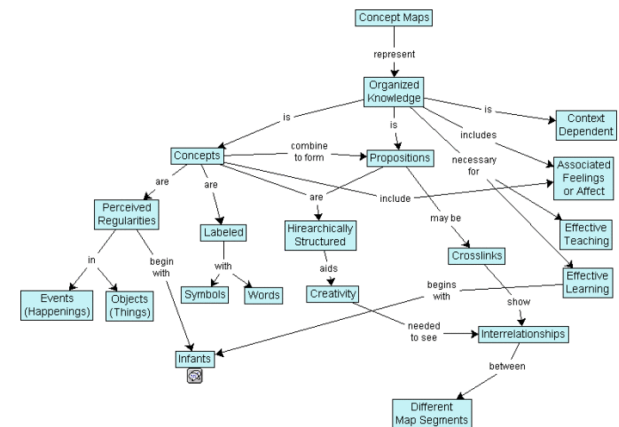
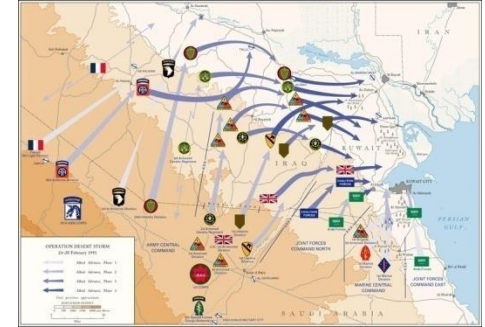
Counterinsurgency: A Mindset

Conventional war waged on *physical* terrain...

Counterinsurgency waged on *cognitive* terrain...

Reading a cognitive map:

- ✓ Identify root causes
- ✓ View situations thru multiple cultural lenses
 - ✓ Locals & Insurgents



Use operations to shape environment & *use environment to shape operations.*

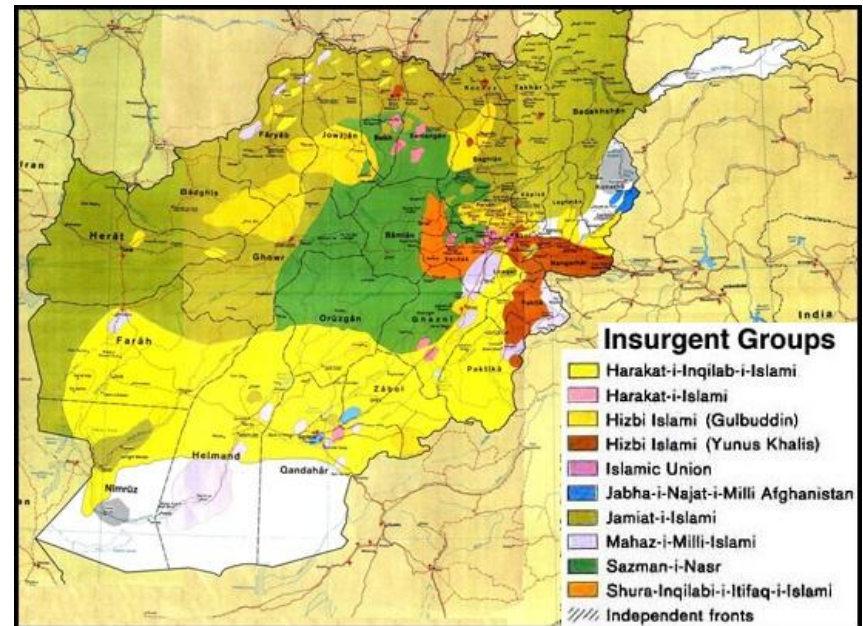


COIN Terrain

“I underestimated one factor... culture. I was looking at the wrong map – I needed to look at the tribal map not the geographic map.”

BGen David Fraser.
ISAF Multinational Brigade
Commander, Kandahar

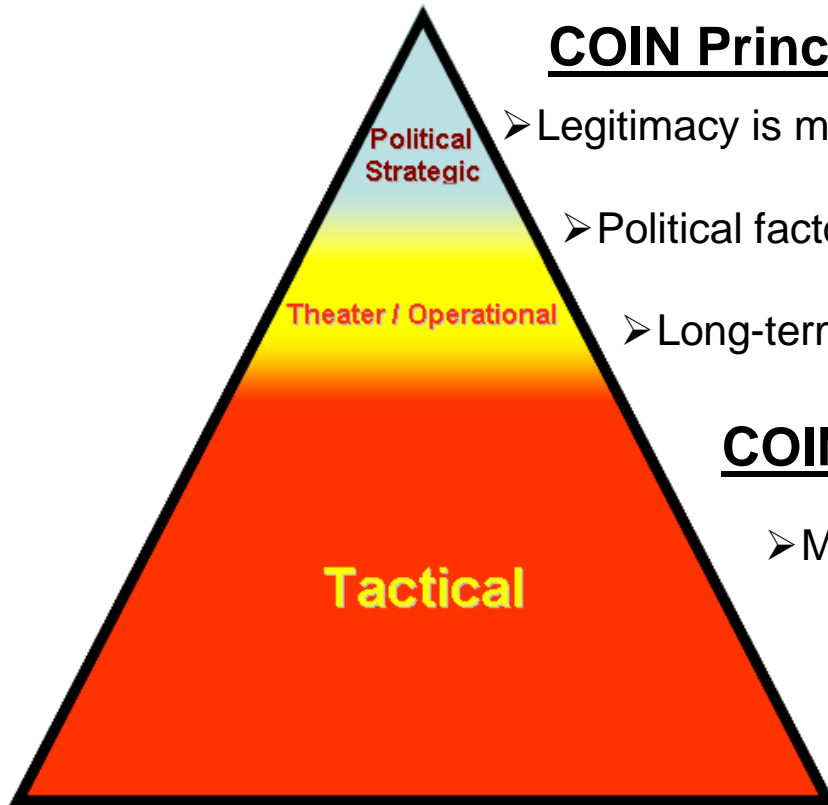
- Establishing Relationships
- Using Interpreter
- Negotiating
- Mediating
- Arbitrating



Cultural understanding is key to success

The Challenge to the Way We Think Asymmetric Warfare

How we tend to view things



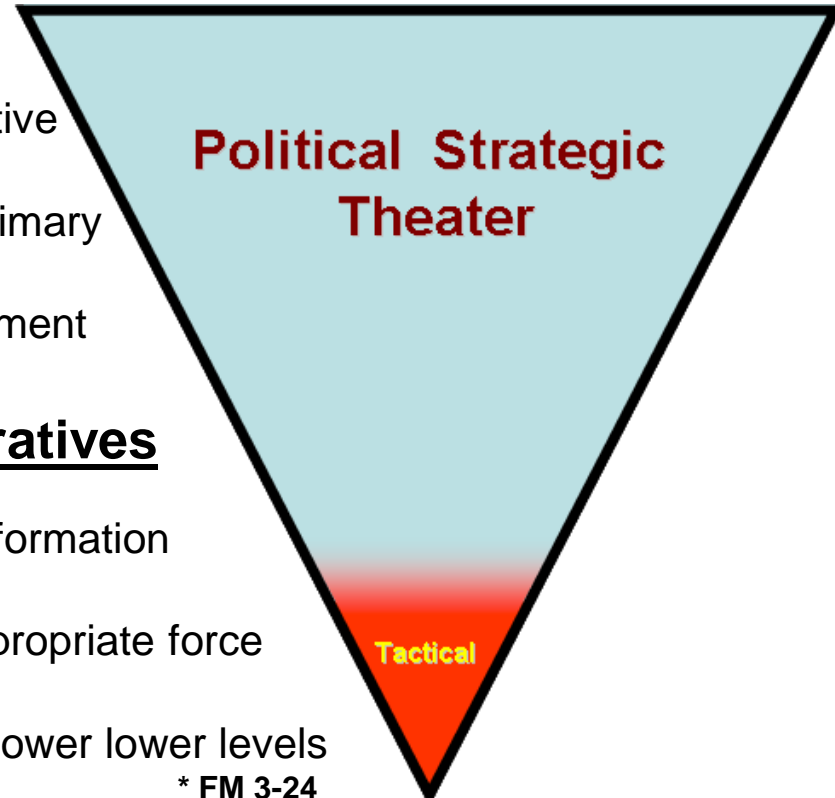
COIN Principles

- Legitimacy is main objective
- Political factors are primary
- Long-term commitment

COIN Imperatives

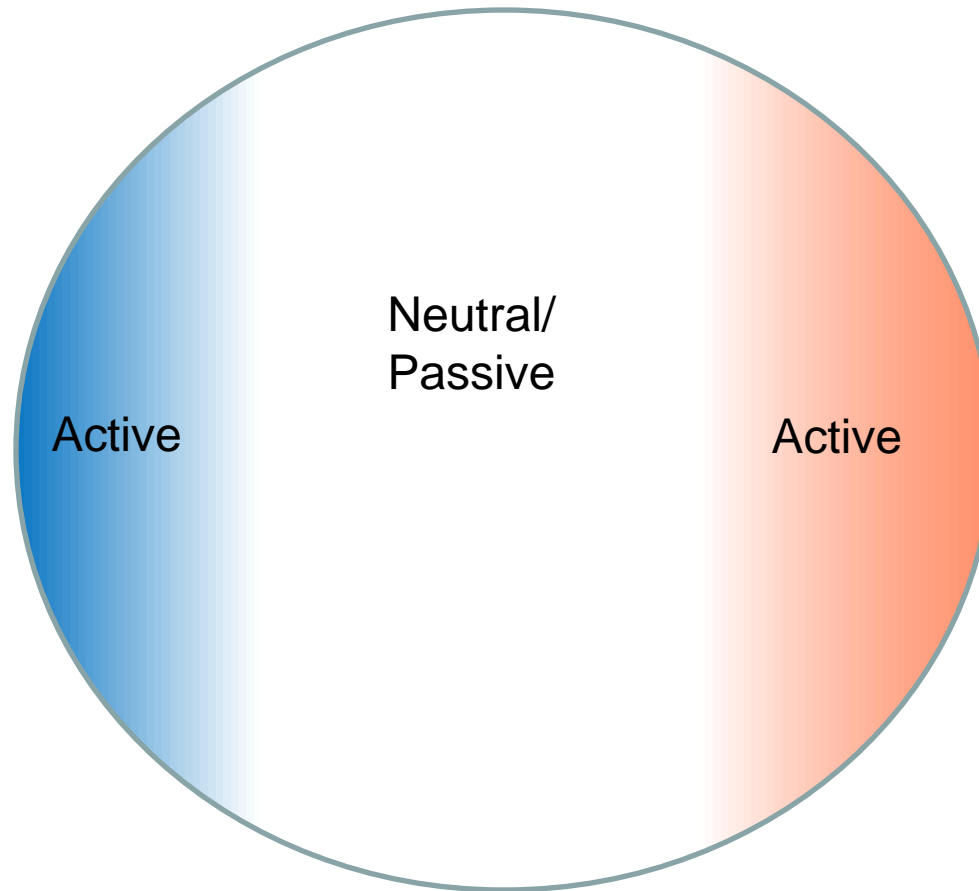
- Manage information
 - Use appropriate force
 - Empower lower levels
- * FM 3-24

How the insurgent views things



Compression of Strategic, Operational, & Tactical levels

The People



- Cover
- Weapons
- Supplies
- New Recruits
- Couriers
- Intelligence
- Early warning
- Funding
- Documentation

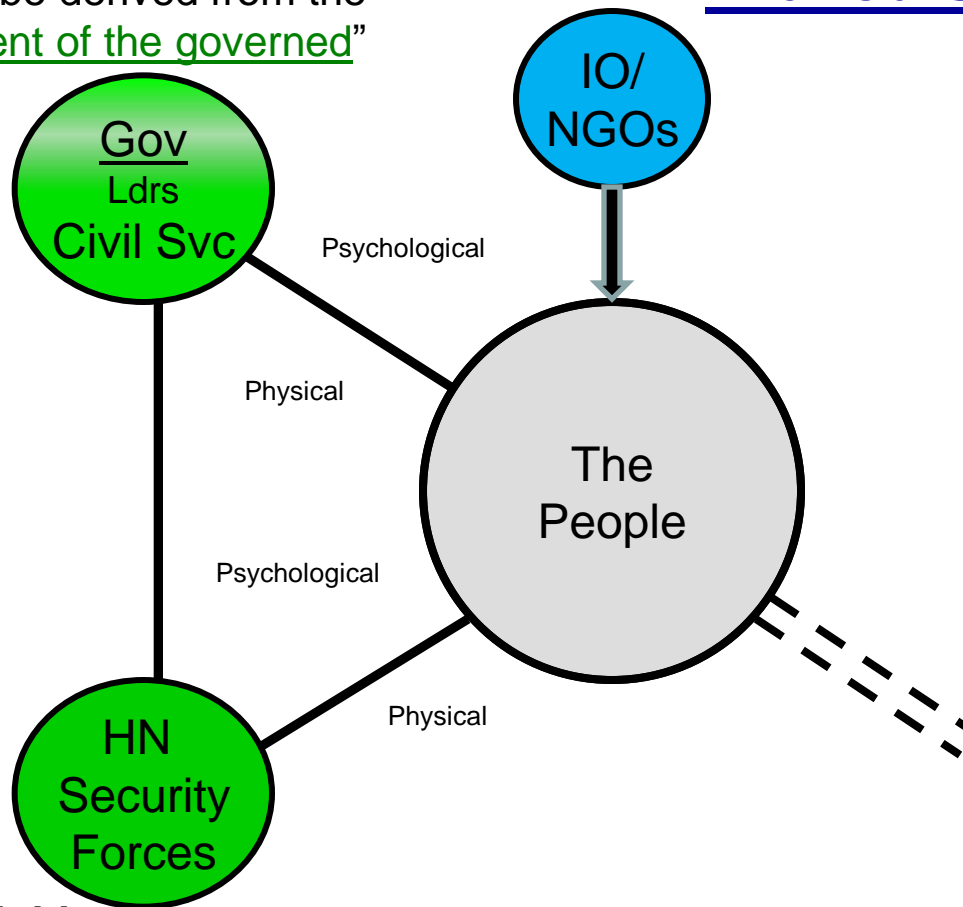
“The game of history is usually played by the best and the worst over the heads of the majority in the middle”



Rousseau

“Legitimate state authority must be derived from the consent of the governed”

Framework for Counterinsurgency: “Failed State Model”



Basics

- Security
- Sewage
- Water
- Electricity
- Trash
- Medicare



Max Weber

“State monopoly on violence
Ensures Taxes ”

Hobbes

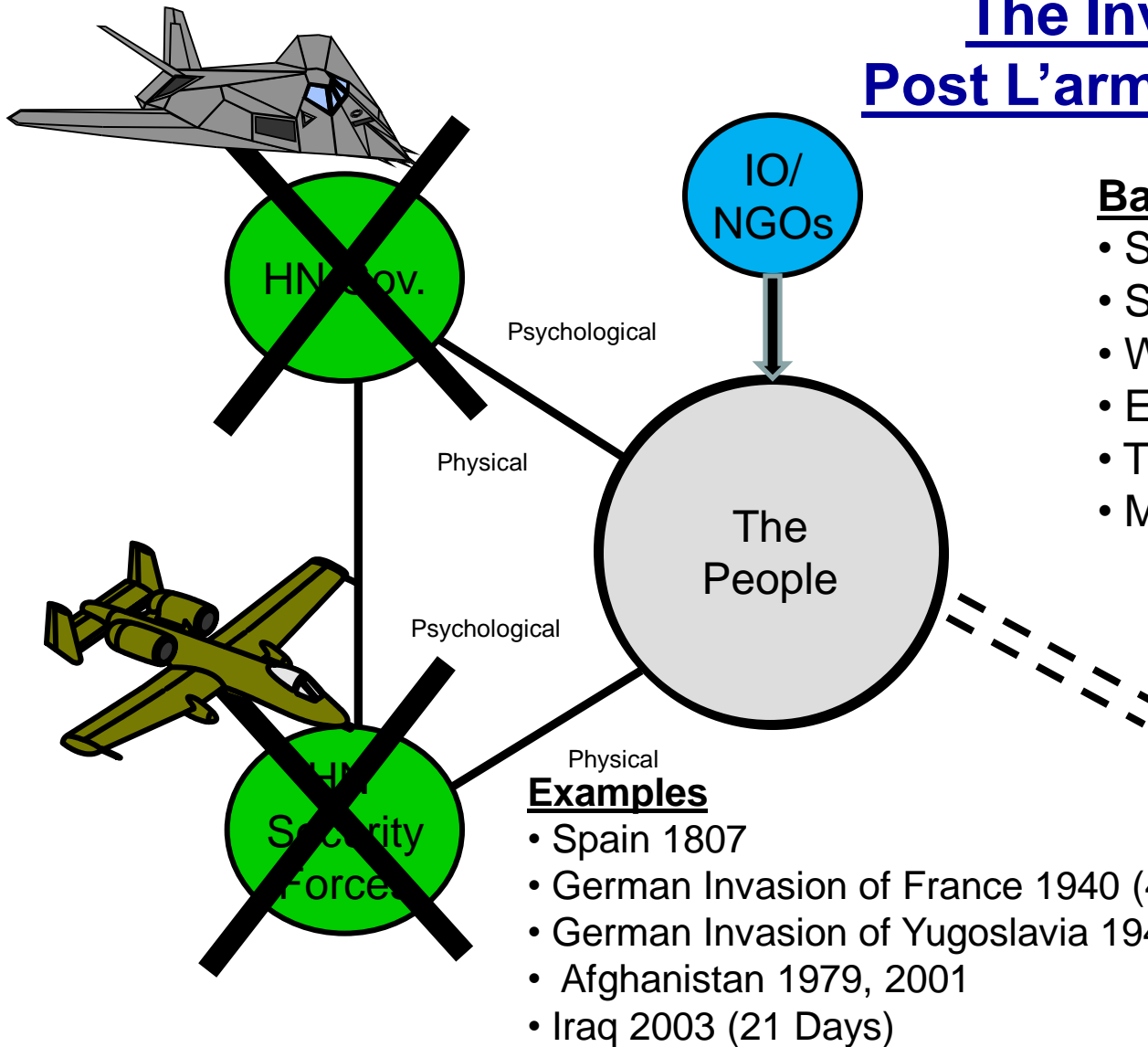
The Nature of man is brutish and chaotic. Life without security is
"solitary, poor, nasty, brutish,
and short."



The Invasion Model: Post L'armée Révolutionnaire

Basics (now ,your job)

- Security
- Sewage
- Water
- Electricity
- Trash
- Medicare

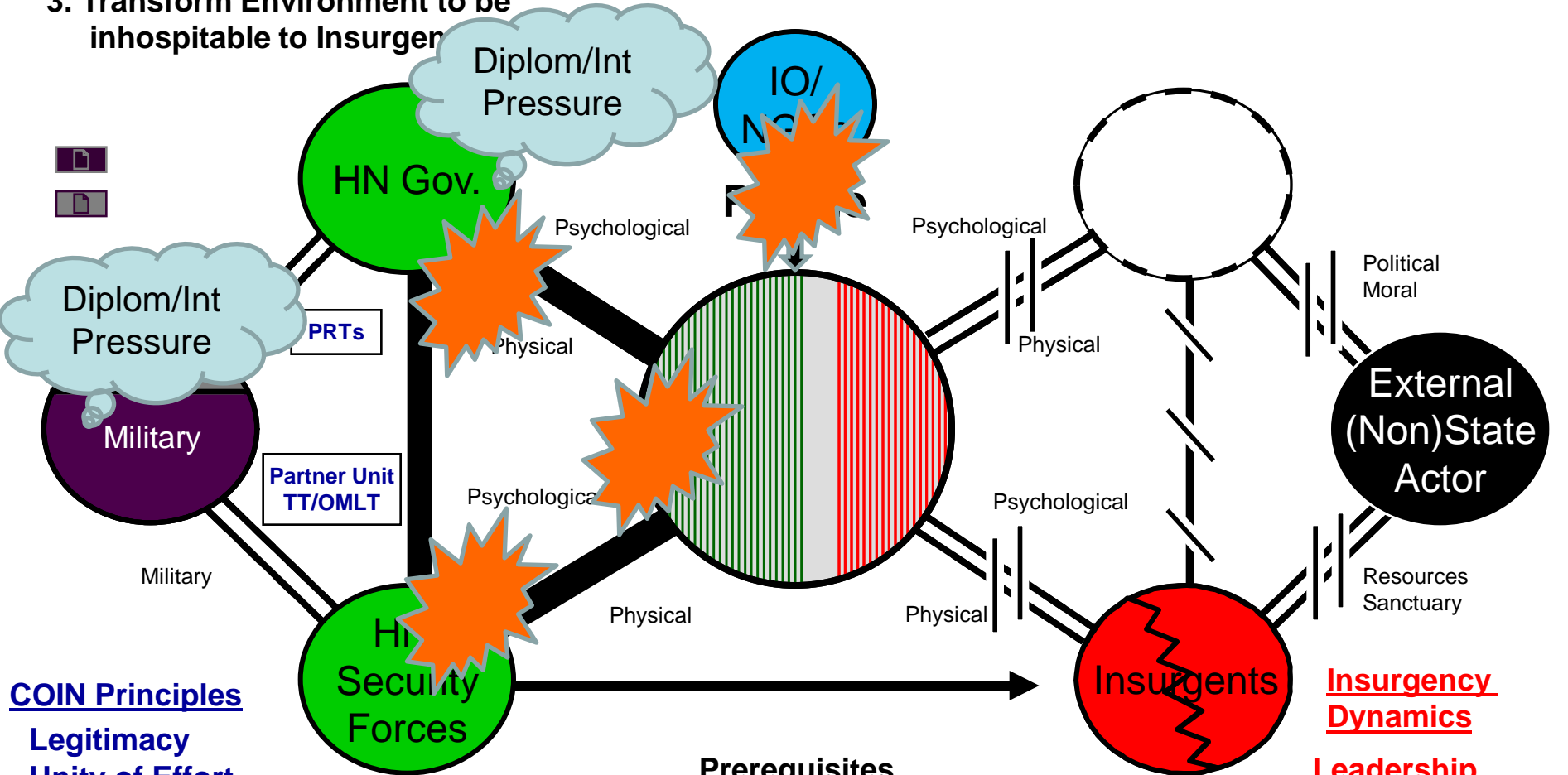


The People Have the Final Say

Approach to Counterinsurgency

1. Separate insurgents from Population
2. Connect Population to Government
3. Transform Environment to be inhospitable to Insurgents

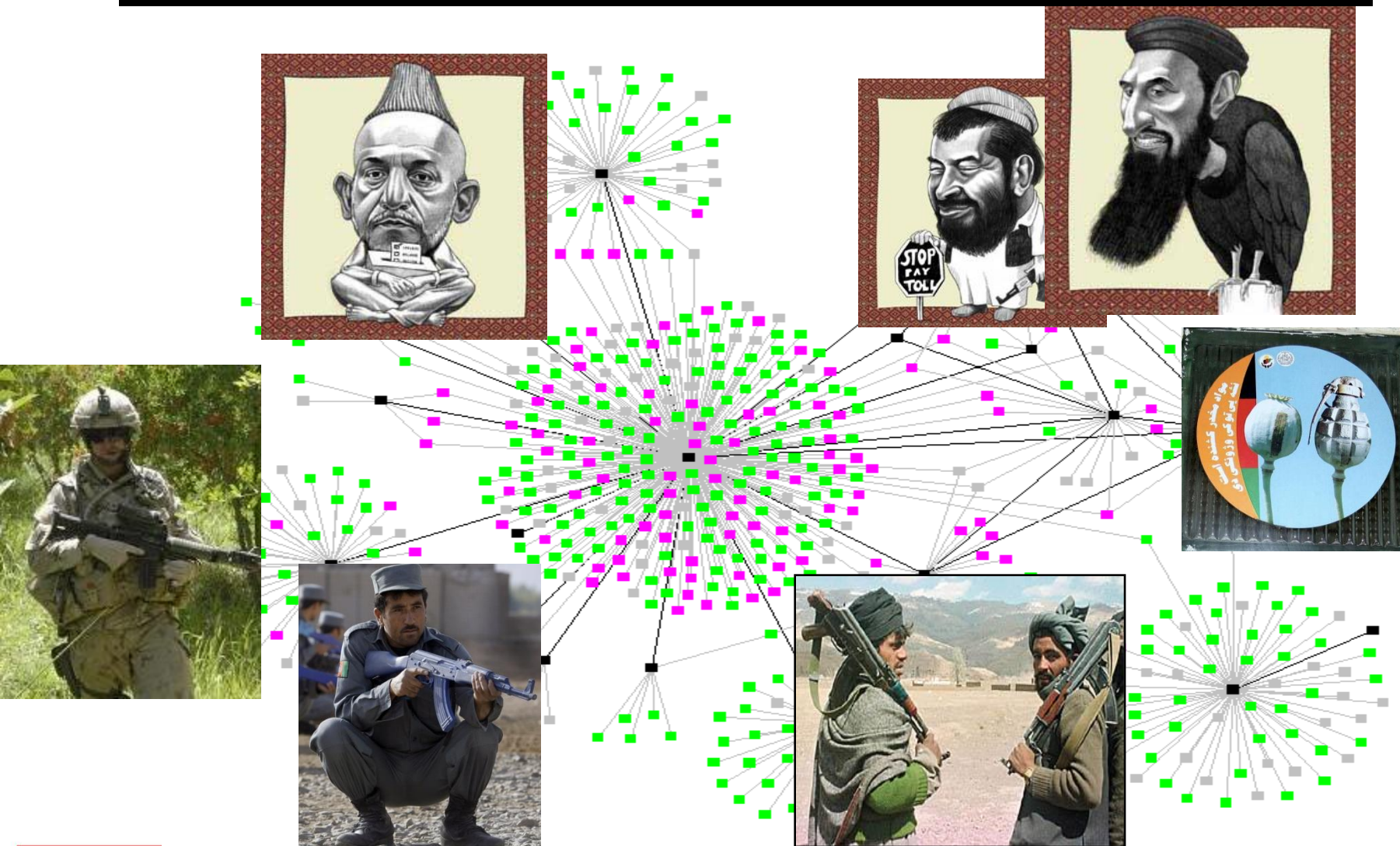
Framework for Counterinsurgency: “War Amongst the People”



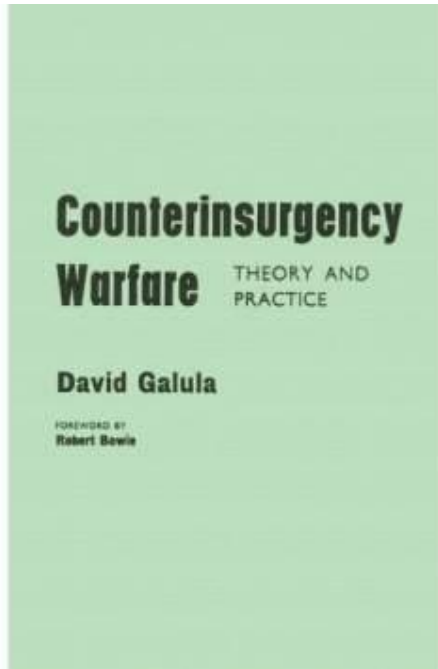
COIN Principles

- Legitimacy
- Unity of Effort
- Political is Primary
- Understand the Environment
- Intelligence
- Isolate Insurgents
- Security under Rule of Law
- Long term Commitment

Warlordism and Poor Governance



What is Victory ?



“A victory is not [just] the **destruction in a given area of the insurgent’s forces and his political organization.** It is that, plus the **permanent isolation of the insurgent from the population,** isolation not enforced upon the population but **maintained by and with the population.**”

David Galula, *Counterinsurgency Warfare*, 1964

“Three Arrested Over N. Irish soldier Killings”

CNN 14 Mar 09



Questions?





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