

Land Fighting Power in the Future

Major General Nick Carter CBE DSO
Director General Land Warfare

Force Development and Training

- An authoritative, evidence-base process as a basis to define our Future Force.
- A systematic approach that utilizes:
 - The exploitation of experience through hunting for lessons learned from operations and training.
 - An annual cycle of research and experimentation called Exercise AGILE WARRIOR.

Some insights from this year

Four areas:

- Manoeuvre.
- The levels of command.
- Indigenous capacity building.
- Training and education.

Some features of manoeuvre

- It will be multi-dimensional – given that it will be seeking to achieve advantage in the information and cyber space – not just ‘fire and movement.’

Some features of manoeuvre


- It will be multi-dimensional – given that it will be seeking to achieve advantage in the information space – not just ‘fire and movement.’
- It will be about people; it will take place where they live and amongst the infrastructure that sustains them.

Some features of manoeuvre

- It will be multi-dimensional – given that it will be seeking to achieve advantage in the information space – not just ‘fire and movement.’
- It will be about people; it will take place where they live and amongst the infrastructure that sustains them.
- Influence will be the central factor in achieving success.

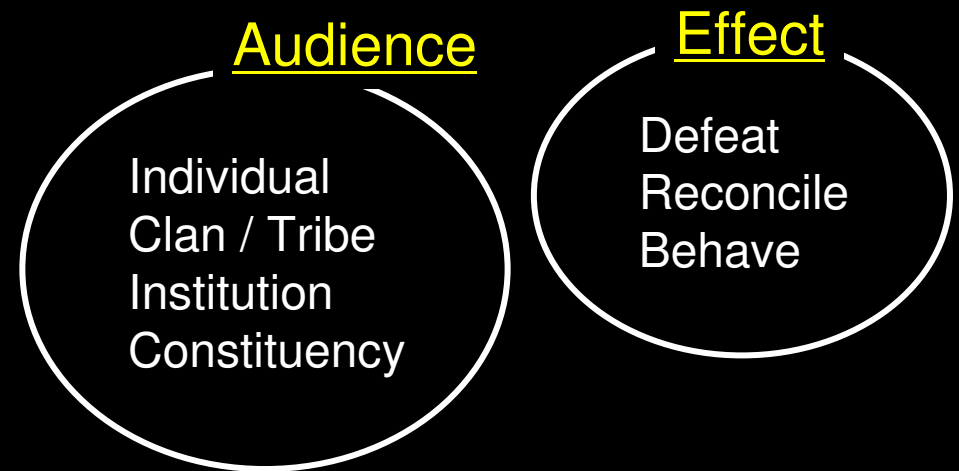
The centrality of influence

Audience

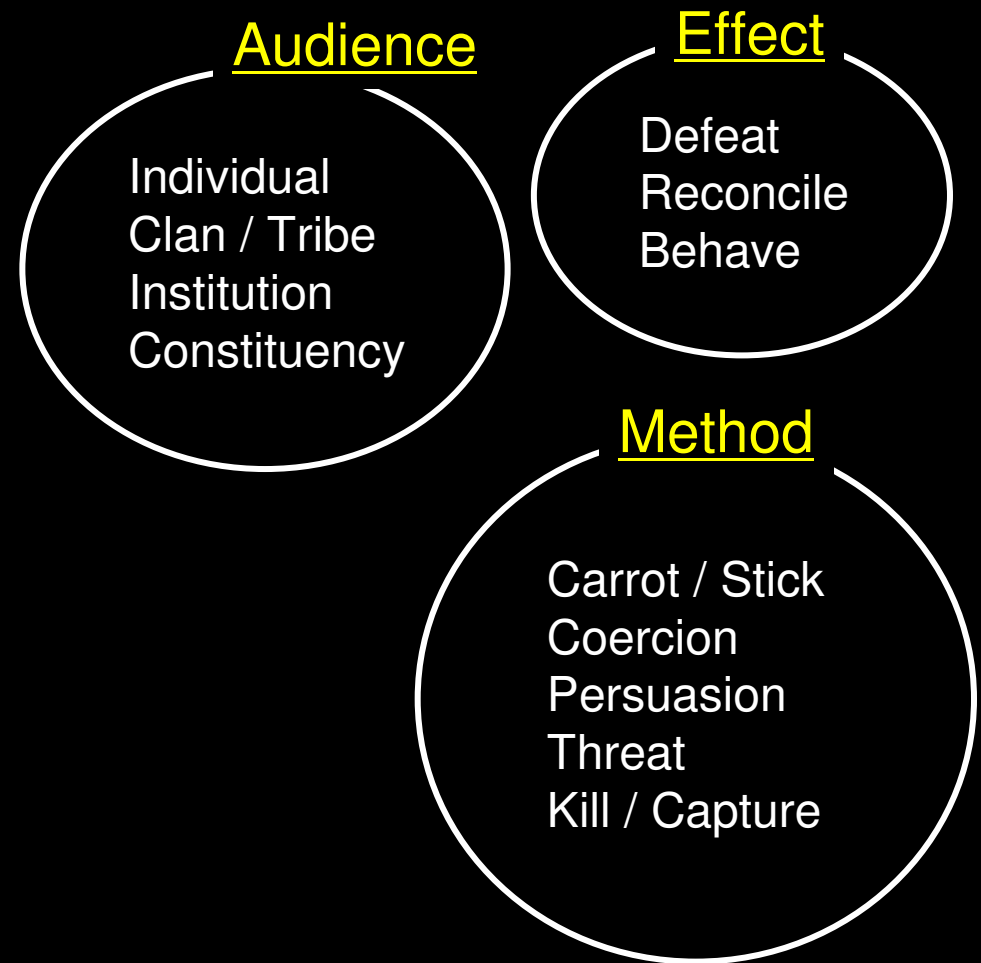


Individual
Clan / Tribe
Institution
Constituency

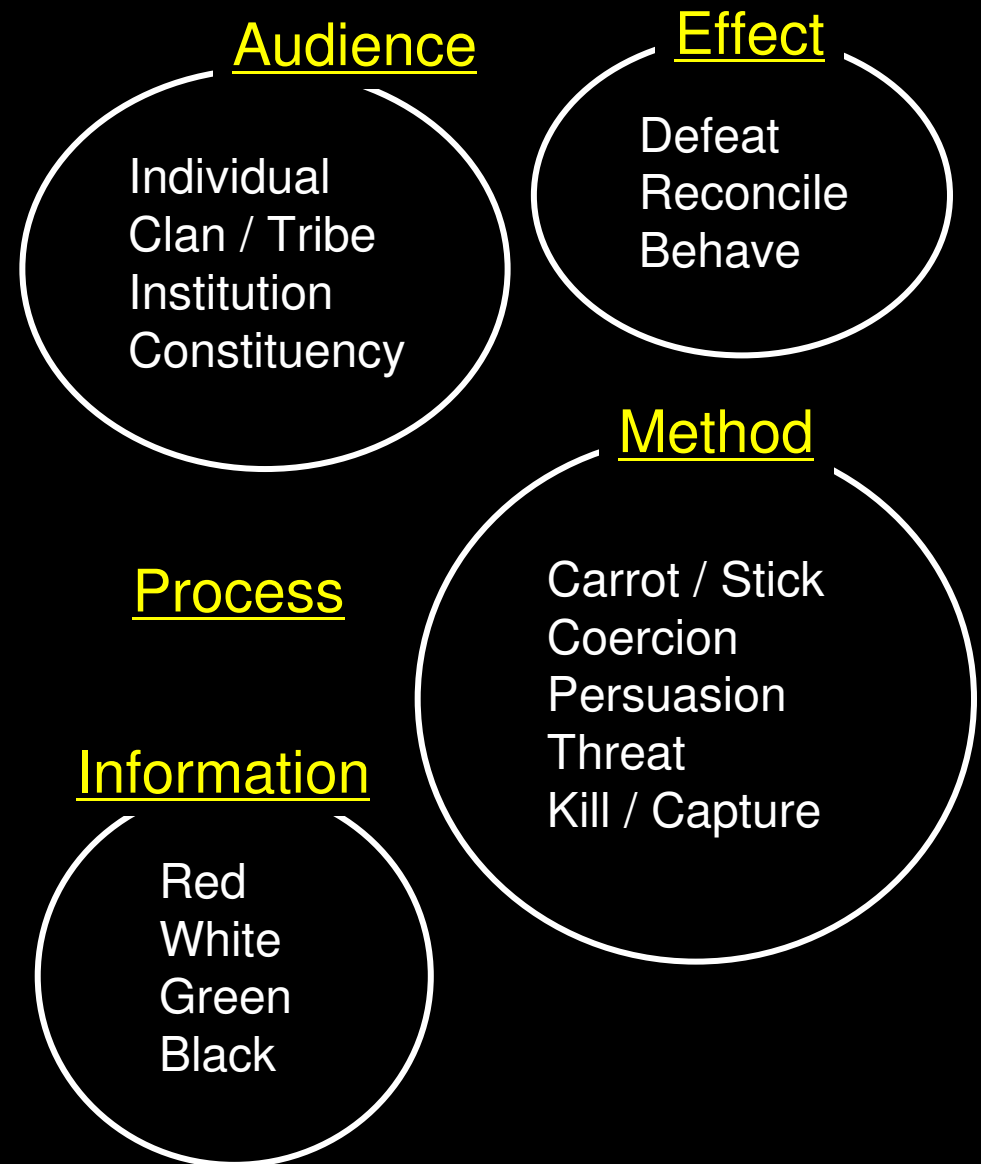
The centrality of influence



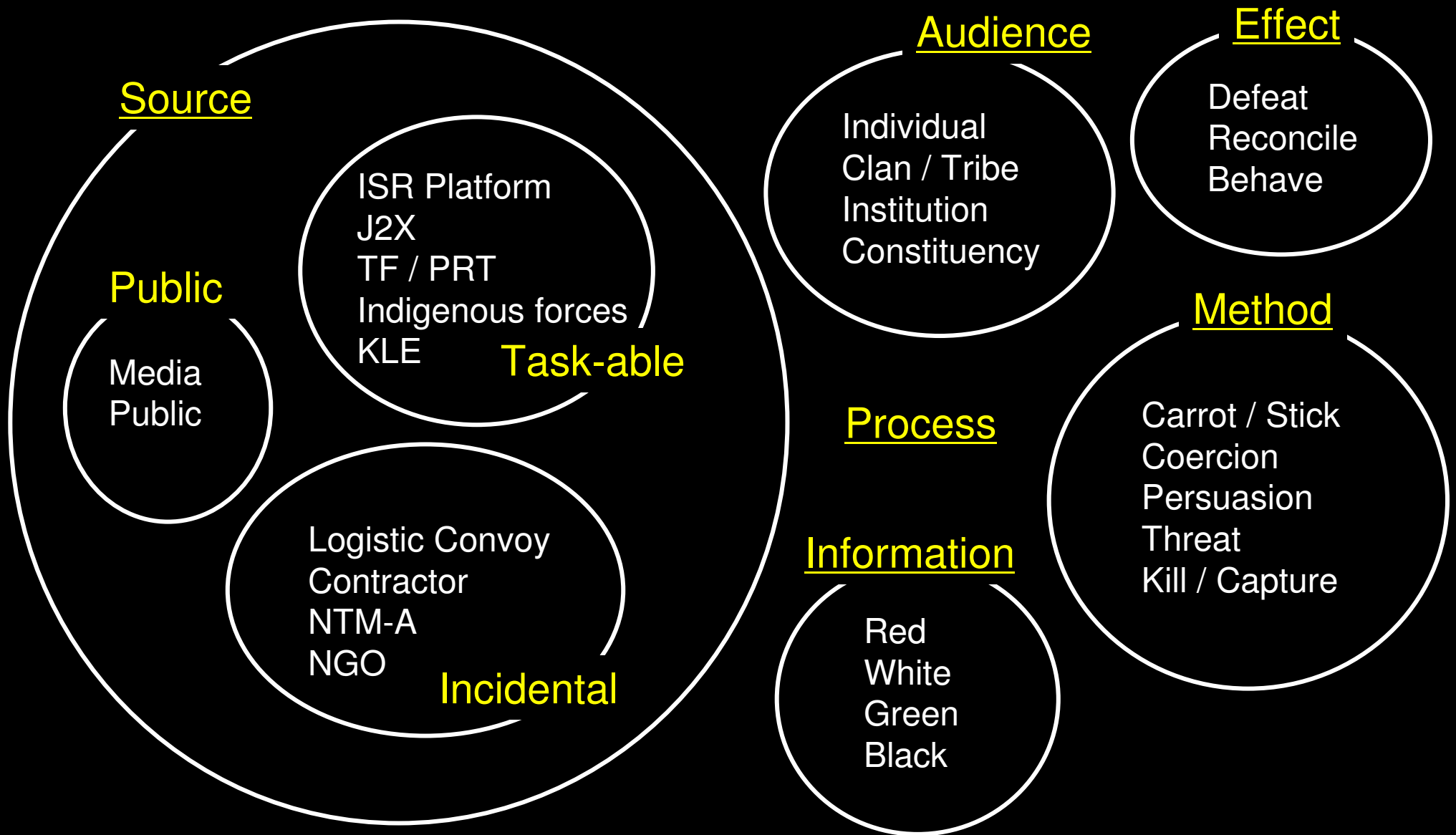
The centrality of influence



The centrality of influence



The centrality of influence



Some features of manoeuvre

- It will be multi-dimensional – given that it will be seeking to achieve advantage in the information space – not just ‘fire and movement.’
- It will be about people; it will take place where they live and amongst the infrastructure that sustains them.
- Influence will be the central factor in achieving success.
- Fire and movement will still be relevant – but the participating capabilities are evolving rapidly and traditional capabilities will be employed differently.

Some features of manoeuvre

- It will be multi-dimensional – given that it will be seeking to achieve advantage in the information space – not just ‘fire and movement.’
- It will be about people; it will take place where they live and amongst the infrastructure that sustains them.
- Influence will be the central factor in achieving success.
- Fire and movement will still be relevant – but the participating capabilities are evolving rapidly and traditional capabilities will be employed differently.
- There are no secrets any more – the key is to have multiple options up your sleeve, shroud them in deception and play your hand as late as you can.

Levels of Command

The scale, multi-dimensional nature of manoeuvre, and the complexity of the environment, require an essential level of command above brigade / task force where:

Levels of Command

The scale, multi-dimensional nature of manoeuvre, and the complexity of the environment, require an essential level of command above brigade / task force where:

- Judgments are made about where to concentrate force and apply economy of effort;

Levels of Command

The scale, multi-dimensional nature of manoeuvre, and the complexity of the environment, require an essential level of command above brigade / task force where:

- Judgments are made about where to concentrate force and apply economy of effort;
- The tactical actions of brigades / task forces are enabled and sequenced in time and space;

Levels of Command

The scale, multi-dimensional nature of manoeuvre, and the complexity of the environment, require an essential level of command above brigade / task force where:

- Judgments are made about where to concentrate force and apply economy of effort;
- The tactical actions of brigades / task forces are enabled and sequenced in time and space;
- Joint and inter-agency capabilities are integrated.

Levels of Command

The scale, multi-dimensional nature of manoeuvre, and the complexity of the environment, require an essential level of command above brigade / task force where:

- Judgments are made about where to concentrate force and apply economy of effort;
- The tactical actions of brigades / task forces are enabled and sequenced in time and space;
- Joint and inter-agency capabilities are integrated.
- Command is exercised:
 - Close enough to acquire enough understanding and situational awareness to allow influence to be wielded;
 - Through a span of command that allows leadership and appropriate control over subordinates.

Security Assistance

- Investing in indigenous capacity building:
 - A strategic approach to military capacity building.
 - A career stream that encourages foreign service.
 - Developing the notion of Foreign Area Officers.
 - Adapting the force structure specifically to conduct military assistance and capacity building.
 - Training teams deployed strategically.
- Overseas training areas that contribute to regional stability?

Training and education

Developing leaders who can:

- Innovate – ‘how to think thinkers, not what to think thinkers’.
- Integrate a range of capabilities and manage complexity.
- Understand the essentially political nature of the context.
- Get the significance of strategic to tactical level compression.

