

A Systems Model of Insurgency

McCormick's Mystic Diamond

Population

Force Advantage
Resources: People,
Guns, and Money
-Need information

Information Advantage
Resources: People,
Guns, and Money
-Need forces

State Elites

Political Polarity

Counter-State

State Strategies

- 1: Control population
- 2: Disrupt insurgent support
- 3: Directly attack insurgents
- 4: Disrupt external support
- 5: Gain external support

Counter-State Strategies

- 1: Grow popular support
- 2: Disrupt State control
- 3: Directly attack the state
- 4: Disrupt external support
- 5: Gain external support

External Sponsors

