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Agenda for Course

1. What is the Middle East?
Who are the Arabs?
What is the source and role of ideology?
2. Competing Promises and Inter-War Problems
3. World War II and the State of Israel
4. Islamism
- 5. America in the Middle East and Resolutions**
6. The Management of Savagery and Conclusion

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Competing Promises

Hussein-McMahon Correspondence
Sykes-Picot Agreement
Balfour Declaration

Inter-war Problems

Dissolution of the Caliphate
Increased Jewish Immigration
Establishment of the Muslim Brotherhood
Arab Uprisings and the 1939 White Paper

“Solutions”

The Final Solution
The State Solution

The State of Israel and State Responses

1948 War and al-Nakba
Twin Pillars Policy
1967 War
1973 War and the Camp David Accords

Islamism

1979 Iranian Revolution
Birth of Hezbollah
Globalized Jihad and the birth of al-Qaeda
Birth of Hamas
Intifadas

America in the Middle East

Operation Desert Storm
Al-Qaeda’s Declaration of War and GWOT

Resolutions

2006 Lebanon War
Mowing the Grass
Arab Spring
The Abraham Accords
ISIS and the Islamic Revolution

An Appropriate Theory for War

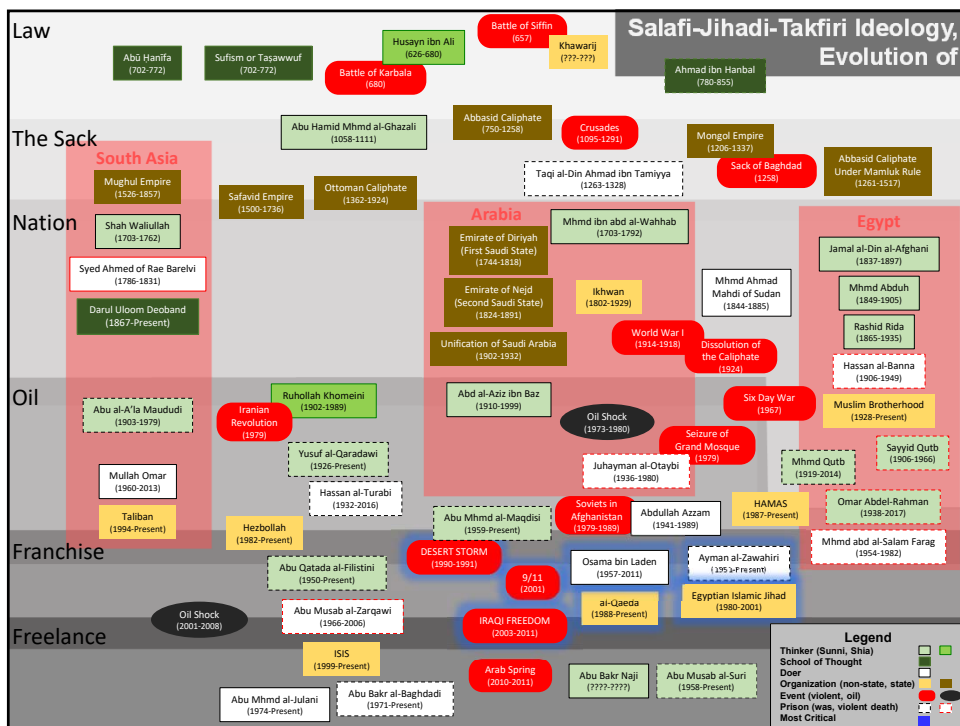
The Management of Savagery

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Agenda for Today

- U.S. Policy in the Middle East
- Operation Desert Storm
- al-Qaeda’s Declaration of War
- al-Qaeda’s War against America
- 9/11
- Operation Enduring Freedom – Afghanistan
- Operation Iraqi Freedom

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US in the Middle East



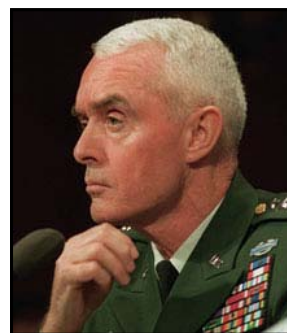
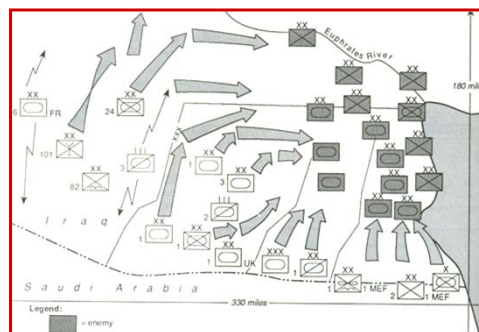
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Operation Desert Storm

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“This war didn’t take 100 hours to win, it took 15 years”

Maj. Gen. Barry McCaffrey on the 1991 Gulf War

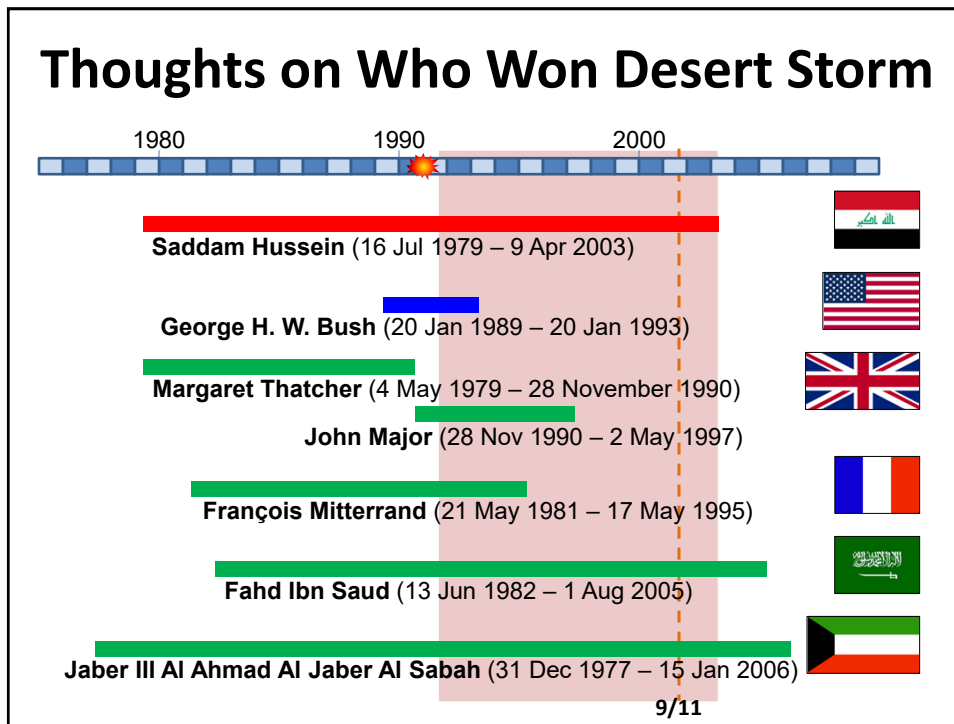


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Weinberger/Powell Doctrine

- The Powell Doctrine states that a list of questions all have to be answered affirmatively before military action is taken by the United States:
 - Is a vital national security interest threatened?
 - Do we have a clear attainable objective?
 - Have the risks and costs been fully and frankly analyzed?
 - Have all other non-violent policy means been fully exhausted?
 - Is there a plausible exit strategy to avoid endless entanglement?
 - Have the consequences of our action been fully considered?
 - Is the action supported by the American people?
 - Do we have genuine broad international support?

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al-Qaeda's Declaration of War

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1996: Declaration of War against the Americans Occupying the Land of the Two Holy Places

1998: Jihad Against Jews and Crusaders

The ruling to kill the Americans and their allies -- civilians and military - is an individual duty for every Muslim who can do it in any country in which it is possible to do it, in order to liberate the al-Aqsa Mosque and the holy mosque [Mecca] from their grip, and in order for their armies to move out of all the lands of Islam, defeated and unable to threaten any Muslim. This is in accordance with the words of Almighty Allah, "and fight the pagans all together as they fight you all together," and "fight them until there is no more tumult or oppression, and there prevail justice and faith in Allah." ...

We -- with Allah's help -- call on every Muslim who believes in Allah and wishes to be rewarded to comply with Allah's order to kill the Americans and plunder their money wherever and whenever they find it. We also call on Muslim ulema, leaders, youths, and soldiers to launch the raid on Satan's U.S. troops and the devil's supporters allying with them, and to displace those who are behind them so that they may learn a lesson.

<https://rip.isis.org/world/para/docs/980223-fatwa.htm>

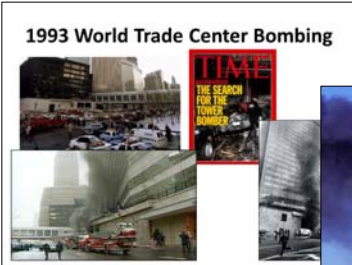
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al-Qaeda's War Against America

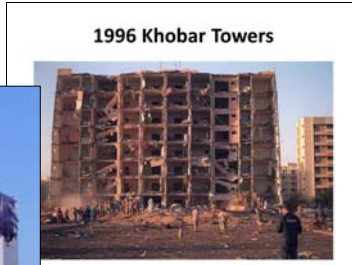
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Rise of al-Qaeda

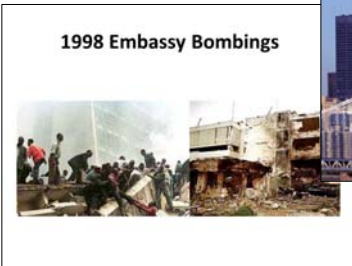
1993 World Trade Center Bombing




1996 Khobar Towers




1998 Embassy Bombings



2000 USS Cole Bombing








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World Trade Center Bombing

26 February 1993










Khobar, Saudi Arabia
6 killed
1,042 wounded

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Khobar Towers

25 June 1996




Khobar, Saudi Arabia
19 killed
498 wounded

- 1996 to 2004 – Generally believed to be the responsibility of al-Qaeda
- On 22 December 2006, judge Royce C. Lamberth ruled that Iran and Hezbollah were directly and personally responsible for the attack

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1998 Embassy Bombings



Nairobi, Kenya
213 killed (12 Americans)
4,000 wounded



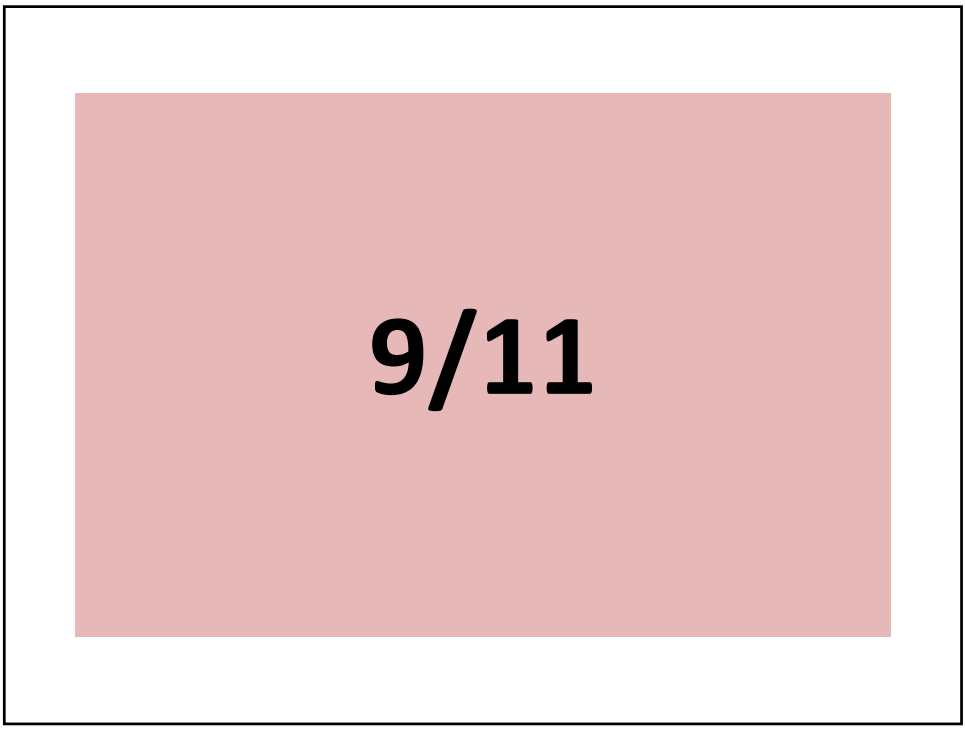
Dar es Salaam, Tanzania
11 killed
85 wounded

7 August 1998

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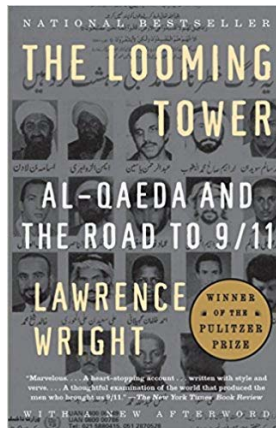
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How could this happen?



https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/September_11_attacks#/media/File:North_face_south_tower_after_plane_strike_9-11.jpg

Read This



This is the best single volume explanation for the actions on 9/11 and the development of salafi-jihadi-takfiri ideology.

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Operation Enduring Freedom – Afghanistan

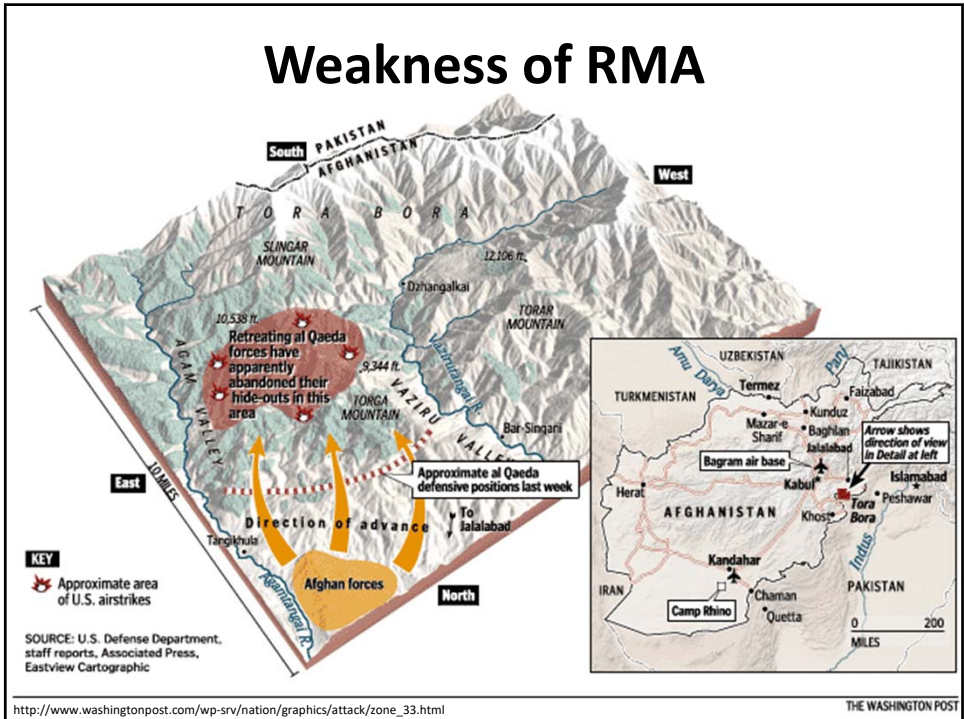
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RMA Proof of Concept



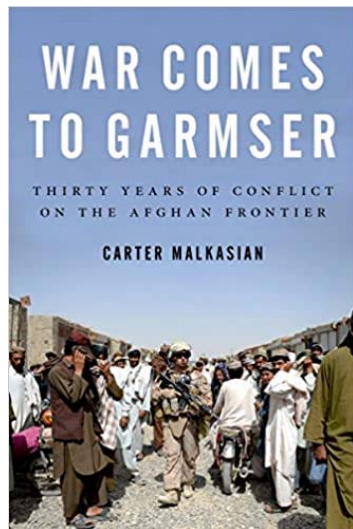
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Weakness of RMA



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Why the Surge in Afghanistan?



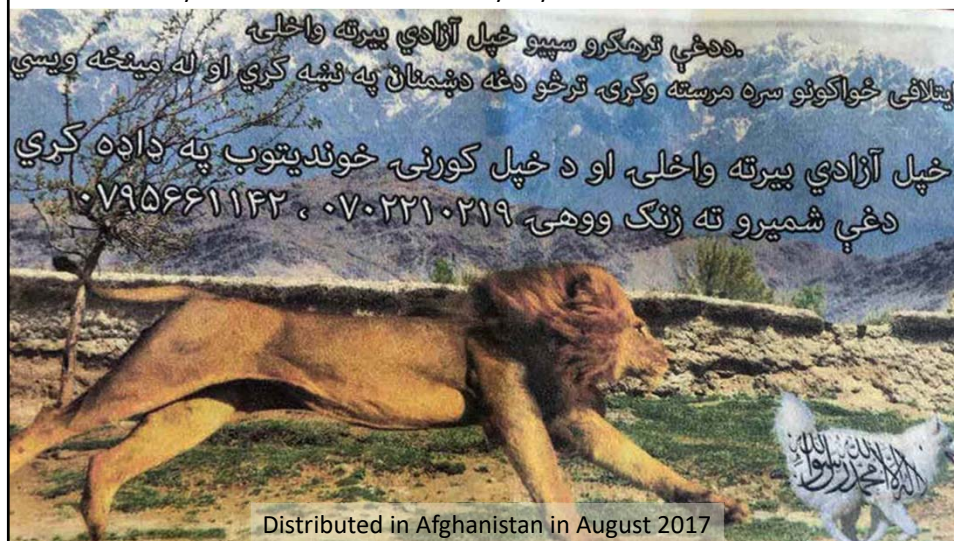
- Failure to initially support the Karzai government with security resources
- Failure to build Afghan security forces fast enough
- Putting in charge those who disintegrated the country under the warlords

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What is wrong with this picture?

Take back your own freedom from the terrorist dogs. Help coalition forces until the enemies are killed or wiped out.

Take back your own freedom. Live freely in your own home. Call this number.



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Operation Iraqi Freedom

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What was Operation Iraqi Freedom?

An extension of US policy from the 1990s.

Proof of RMA against state actor.

Defense of international system.

A response to events of 9/11.

WMD – There or Not

Cause of rise of extremist Islamism.

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Why Iraq?

Could these guys really pull this off?

Without the help of a state

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Iraq 2003

Understand
Visualize
Describe
Direct
Lead
Assess

Commander's role in the operations process. See FM 3-0, paragraphs 2-121-2-126.

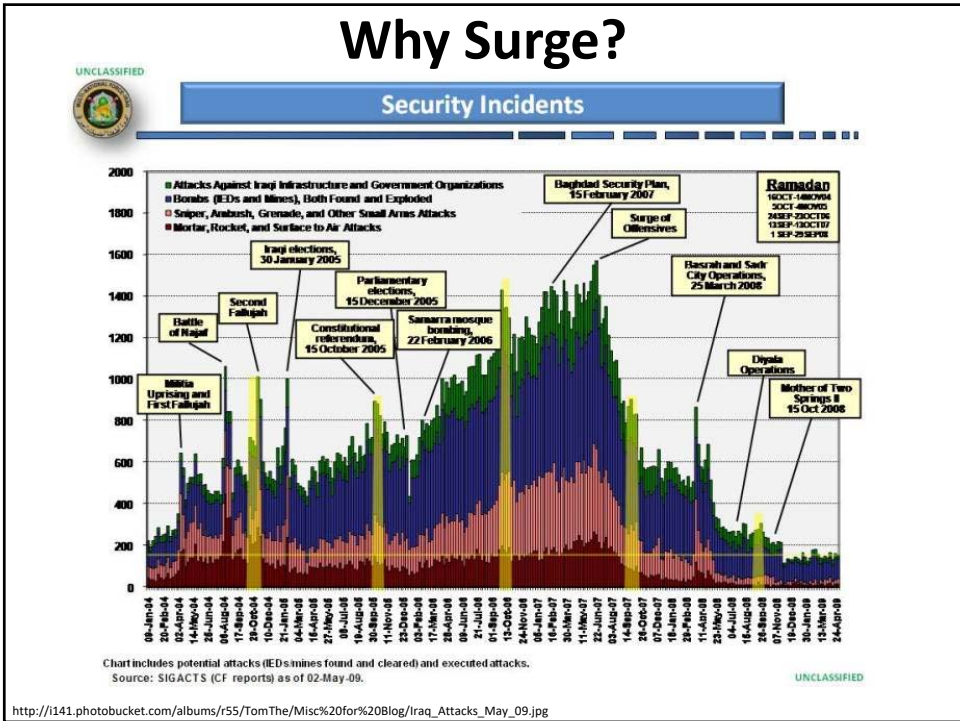
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What was the Surge?

- Sunni tribal awakening – Sahwa
 - Moral exhaustion of opposition to Gol
 - Anger with foreign fighter extremism
 - Sons of Iraq
- Shia-led Government of Iraq (Gol)
 - Increase prosecution of Shia militias/death squads
 - Relax prosecution of Sunnis
 - Pay Sunni fighters to be part of system
- American military mythology
 - 5 Brigades, New Doctrine, Savior General
 - Surge of ideas and surge of forces

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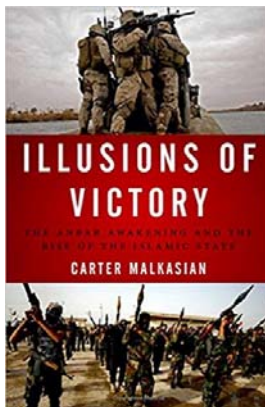
Understanding *The Surge*

Illusions of Victory: The Anbar Awakening and the Rise of the Islamic State (2017)

Necessary Conditions for Success

- Presence of US military
- Struggle for power between tribes and ISIS
- Esprit de corps and cohesion of tribes opposing ISIS

(note: need to understand what binds people together in opposition to our opponents)



Necessary Conditions for Failure

- Maliki's government turned against the Sunnis
- The Awakening was not self-sustaining
- ISIS received a critical mass of Sunni support

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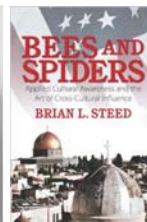
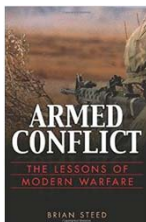
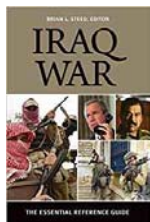
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