

War Gaming and the Intelligence Community:

What is the US Department of Commerce Really Up To?

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Overview

 This will be a whirlwind tour of the world of intelligence and who is war gaming.



What is Your View of the World Intelligence Community?



















It is Much Broader Than You May Realize



























Who is War Gaming?

Nearly Everyone Collecting Intelligence

Researching this topic.....



What Types of War Games?

- Computer games
- Seminar games
- Board games
- Alternative reality games





National Intelligence

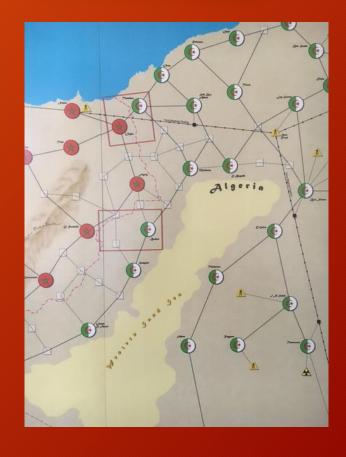
National Intelligence agencies

- Design their own games
- Purchase commercial games
- Commission games
- Carefully monitor other people's games



Secondary levels of national intelligence and war gaming

- Secondary Agencies (USDC "NIST" Cyber Security)
- Nationally Funded Think Tanks
 DSTL (UK)
 IRIS (France)
 IDSA (India)
 RAND Defense of the Baltic
 CNA Sand Wars



Commercial Intelligence and War Gaming Providers

- Stratfor
- Accenture
- KPMG
- A. Schell
- Burke-Macgregor
- Wikistrat





Academic Institutions

- Major Universities: Georgetown, McGill, Johns Hopkins APL
- US National Defense University
- US Naval Post Graduate School



Associative Organizations

- NATO
- EU
- Vatican
- OPEC



Commercial Intelligence Consumers?

Every major corporation in the world

- Major oil companies
- Tech giants
- Manufacturing
- Financial corporations
- Nationalized businesses in China



Non Traditional CI Consumers

These consumers are collecting (and sharing) intelligence through a variety of sources and war gaming possible scenarios.

- Market Analysis
- Labor Relations
- Continuity of Operations Planning

Research and Gaming By the Intel Community

- SIBILLA
- Art of The Future Project
- IARPA Sirius





War Gaming and Research

- MITRE National Security Experimentation Laboratory
- Johns Hopkins APL Collaborative

 Analysis Center (CAC)
- Leipzig Graduate School *Center* for Scenario Planning



Current Topics of Interest

- Brexit
- Refugee Crisis in Europe
- South China Sea
- Terrorism
- ISIS





Current Topics of Interest

- NATO Vs Russia in the Baltics
- Latvia and Lithuania (Russian invasion scenarios)
- Ukraine (Russian invasion threat)





OPFOR Gaming and Scenario Planning?

Iran: University of Tehran scenario planning
 Vahid Motlagh Iranian futurist and author

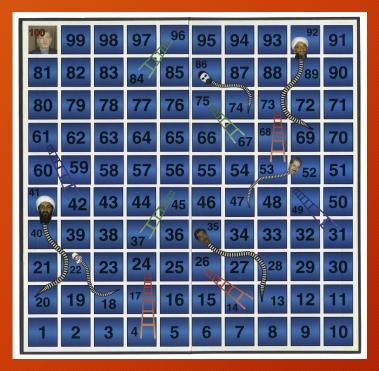
• ISIS: Strong indications they are mining open source planning and operational doctrine





Summary

• The intelligence community is deeply involved in war gaming and scenario planning.



Questions?

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