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IW and ISIS: Why Aren't We Winning?

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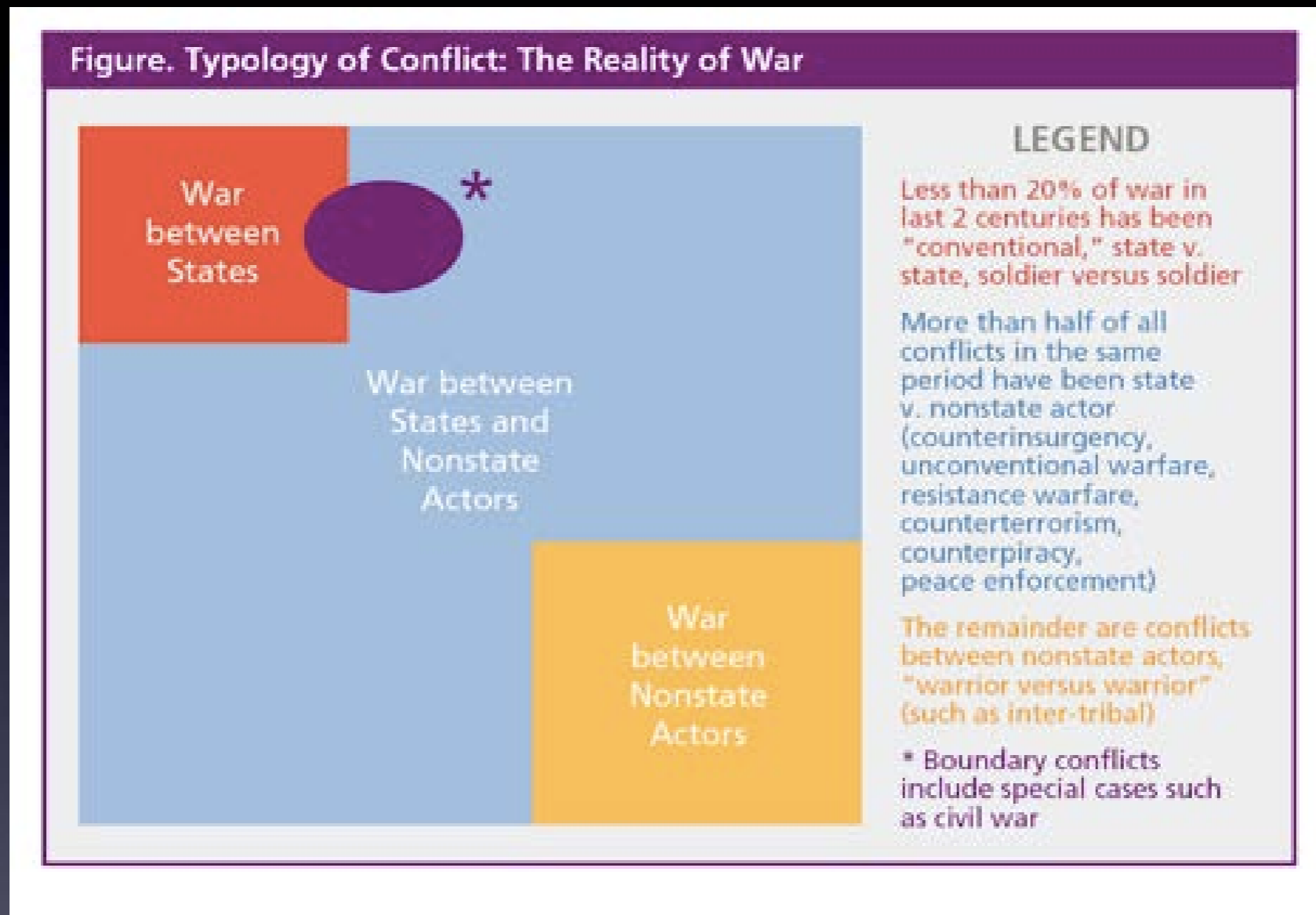


Future War?





Irregular War is War



Gorka and Kilcullen: "An Actor-Centric Theory of War," *Joint Forces Quarterly*, No. 60, 2011



The Islamic State and Information Warfare: Defeating ISIS and the Broader Global Jihadist Movement

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Why ISIS is much worse than Al Qaeda ever was

- It is a fully-fledged TRANSCONTINENTAL insurgency not just a terrorist group like AQ
- It is the richest non-state threat group in modern history
- It has recruited 25,000+ foreign fighters in just months
- It has declared Caliphate after 90 years absence

Al Shaam: The Power of a Name



IW the Right Way: Al Qaeda versus the Islamic State



Focoist Insurgency
(Che Guevara, Top-down)



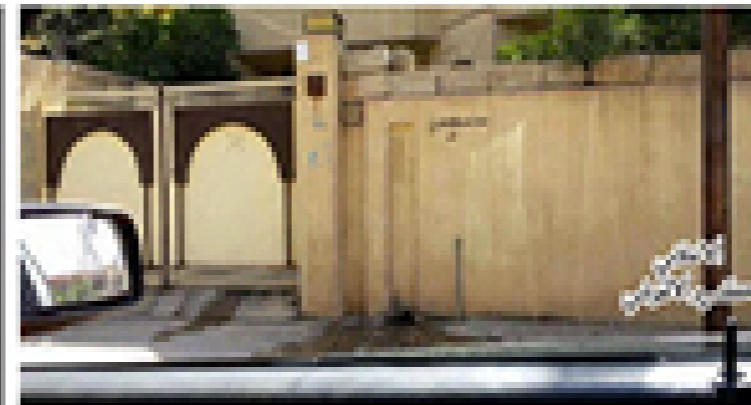
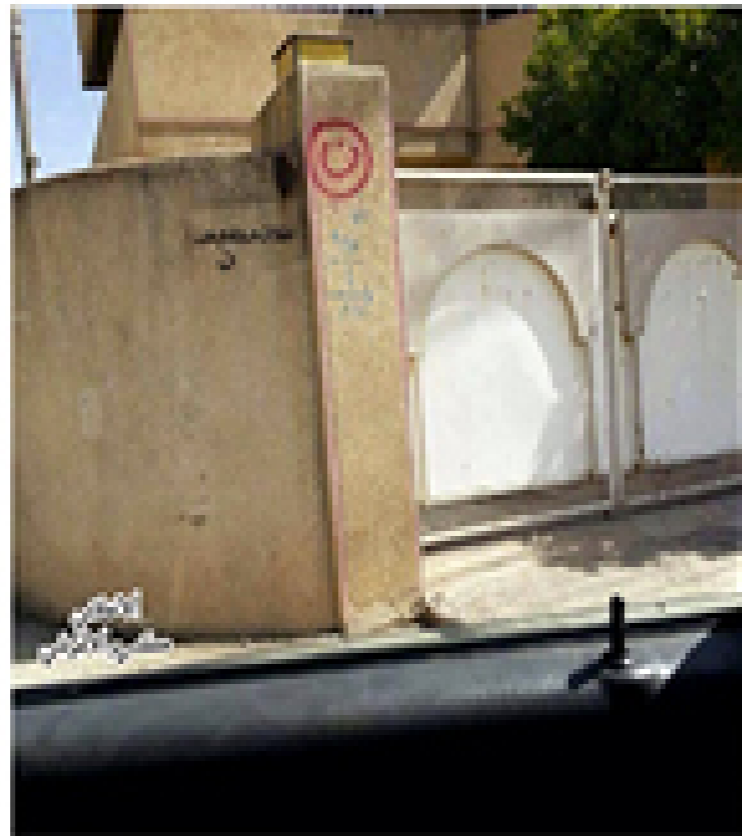
versus



Maoist Insurgency
(Ground up, "People's War")



IS & Religious Genocide

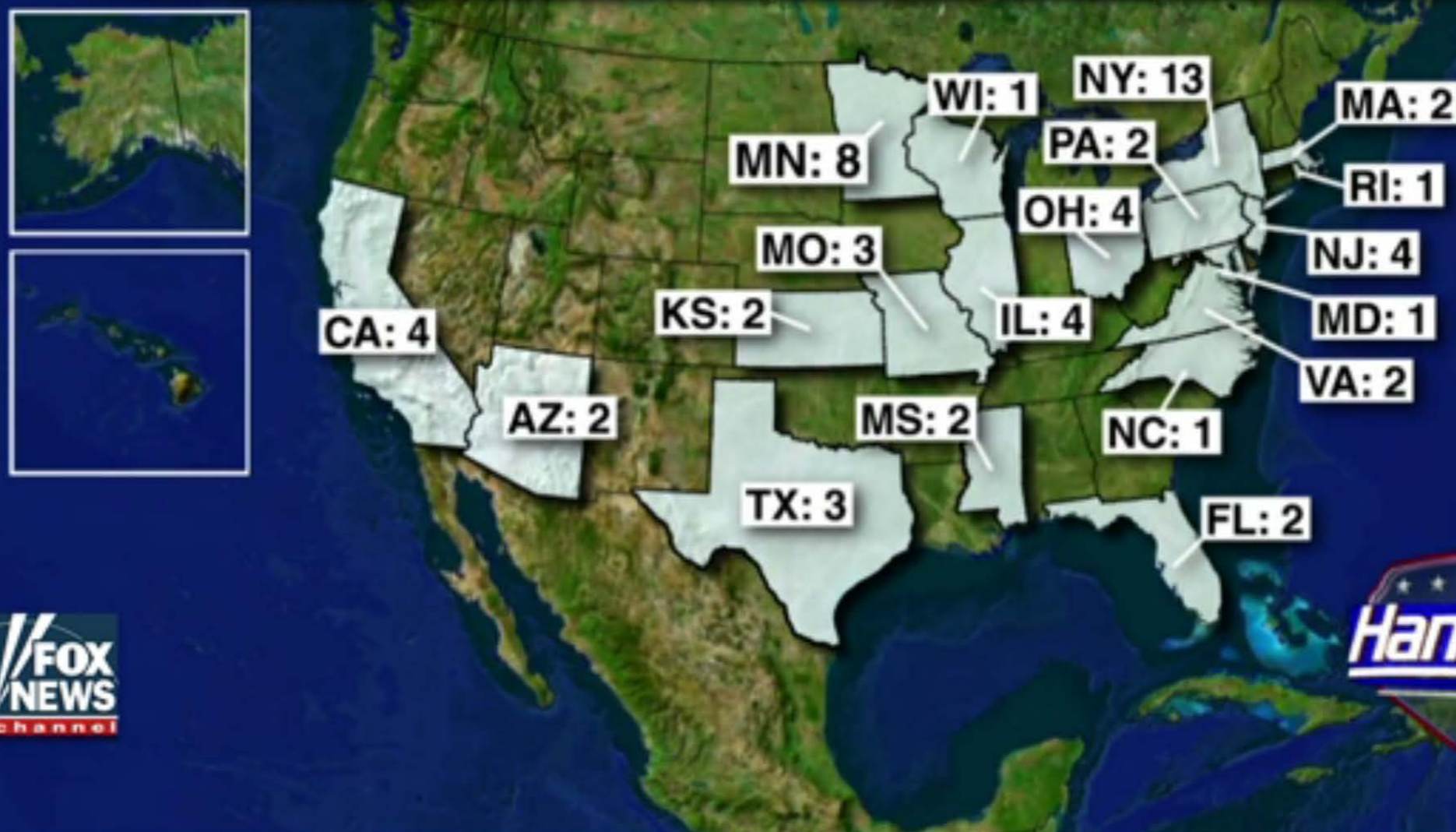


The Domestic ISIS Threat

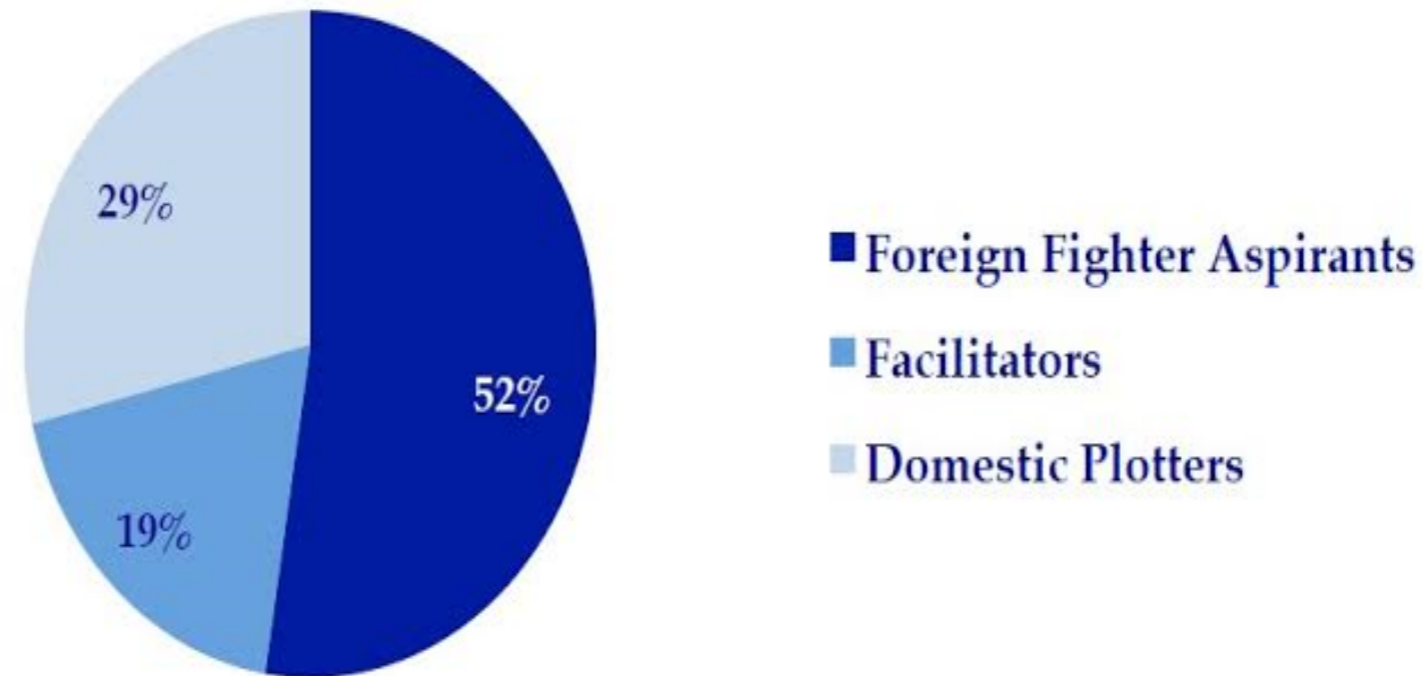


This isn't just about Far Away AORs

U.S. CITIZENS & LEGAL NON-CITIZENS CHARGED WITH CRIMES IN CONNECTION WITH THE ISLAMIC STATE IN 2015



ISIS Arrests in US as of June 2015

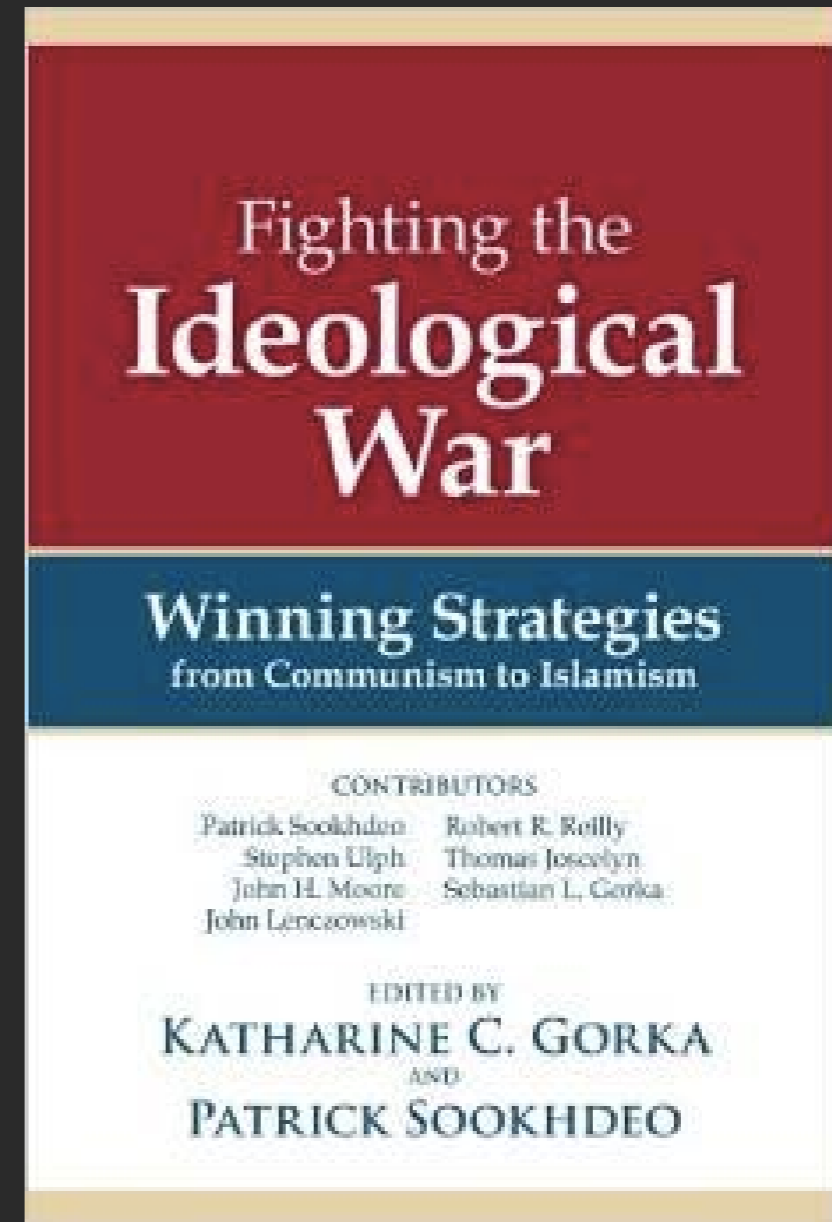


FOREIGN FIGHTER ASPIRANTS: EFFORTS TO JOIN ISIS

Credit: The Center of National Security at Fordham Law, "By the Numbers: ISIS Cases in the United States"

30% of arrests so far have been ISIS supporters who believed they could best serve the cause by carrying out attacks within the United States

GOING DEEPER



<http://www.scribd.com/doc/226130324/Understanding-the-Enemy-by-Dr-Sebastian-L-Gorka>



So What?



1. ISIS has been far more successful than AQSL for identifiable reasons:
 - its correct understanding of Irregular Warfare
 - the effective exploitation of its highly resonant ideology (ETD)
2. The Enemy is motivated by a religious narrative
3. Self-Censoring the above truths endangers our warfighters and will prolong the war.
4. Your dilemma:
 - i) SOF is the world's best at DA.
 - ii) DA will not win this war
 - iii) Washington DOES NOT understand

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