



## Superpowers and Hybrid Warfare

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### Abstract

The hybrid warfare is a new form of warfare, it uses military methods in conjunction with peacetime civilian methods to accomplish traditional military objectives such as to control or occupation of territories, and to change some facts on the ground without having to show face-to-face conflicts. The aim of the hybrid warfare was to achieve the final success of the mission with some degree of force and violence, or to define areas for some decisive military operations, to offensive and defensive capabilities in the event of an actual conflict. Hybrid warfare in America, Russia, and China took measures without a direct military confrontation between state and state, which would constitute a breach of the treaty. Warfare practiced in peacetime can pose a long-term threat to regional security. It was a threat to the peace and stability of the state that has been committed. The pillars for overthrowing foreign governments when the mighty nation began hybrid warfare, consist of three parts: 1) People fall victim or fool (The Fools), 2) A person who agrees to treacherously and works for a foreigner (The Tools), and 3) Foreign government representatives who came to direct the protests (The Foreign Agents), they had funding to support the media office, which works as a voice for claiming to support democracy, coordination with all groups along with funding NGOs to join the protest. Thailand is on the defensive against the war of thousands., and some organizations have received foreign money to mess around in Thailand many times, but haven't seen the Thai NSC move as they should. Maybe because the secretary, the latter NSC is usually a soldier who specializes in fighting enemies in the form of an army but not related to war which opponents use social science and humanities discourse as a weapon in the war.

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### Introduction

America, China, Russia are all superpowers that have focused on resource struggles, including power over the state in weaker countries. The constant currents of change have led to the emergence of many new forms, methods, and processes (National Defense Curriculum Handbook (National Defense Course) and National Defense Course of the Joint State-Private Sector, Por.Ror., 2012), which these changes have affected the livelihoods of all humankind enormously and one of them is what is called war. In the past, we often know that society will be divided into different eras, such as the 4th War (4th War), the war in the information age, the war in the post-cold war or the war in the post-modern war, that depending who's conception is being used. (according to archaeologists, anthropologist, sociologists, or military officer) and In these different eras war has changed its form, nature, method, and who gets involved (Stakeholders), causing more complexity. The military's old-fashioned way of thinking may not be very effective, as follows, The Hybrid War on the world stage was a pattern of warfare among military personnel in many countries. Especially the summary of lessons learned from the operations that took place on the current battlefield. Some military and strategists saw the coming of a new war-style. that features a combination of using a variety of tools in battle to achieve victory. The nature of the war in this mixed form is called among the world's military theorists the "Hybrid Warfare" (Araphapiram. A. (2019).



The Hybrid Warfare is a term that has been discussed more and more in the last 10 years and is likely to have the importance of a superpower like the United States, as can be seen from a number of military academic articles, there have been some mentions of hybrid warfare, such as Frank G. Hoffman's Hybrid Warfare and Challenges published in the Joint Force Quarterly journal, issue 52 in 2009 of the US National Defense University, Col. John J. Mccuen's Hybrid Wars (non-official) published in the Military Review Journal of the College of Staff and Leaders. (Chief of Staff of the United States Army), March-April 2008 issue, Army College research papers titled Hybrid War: A New Paradigm For Stability Operations In Failing States written by Col. Margaret S. Bond, and Conflict in the 21 Century: The Rise of Hybrid, by Frank G. Hoffman, Potomac Institute.

The article by Frank G. Hoffman (2009) mentioned different forms of war in particular, there were two main aspects of war 1) Compound War - a war that has the characteristics of strategic link but there was a separate practice between the forces according to the design. Conventional forces and irregular forces were used mainly in military operations. An example was the US revolutionary war. It used both the main military and the home or resident force (Militia) in the fight for independence from Britain. Or in the Vietnam War where the North Vietnamese have used Combine military operations between the North Vietnamese Army and the Viet Cong. Which if you will observe and then will find that military operations were clearly divided into areas of responsibility or operational areas (Operation Area). 2) Hybrid War - it was a war that combines traditional and outer forces. The military operations were inseparable. For examples: War between Israel-Lebanon in 2006 (The Second Lebanon War) with military operations such as the predominant group of Hizballah, an armed force that was a non-state actor in direct conflict with the state, was Israel.

### **The meaning of Hybrid Warfare**

Frank G. Hoffman(2009) said that “Hybrid Wars incorporate a range of different modes of warfare including conventional capabilities, irregular tactics and formations, terrorist acts including indiscriminate violence and coercion, and criminal disorder.”

John J. Mccuen(2008) said that “Hybrid wars are fought not on conventional battlegrounds, but on asymmetric battlegrounds within the conflict zone population, the home front population, and the international community population. Irregular, asymmetric battles fought within these populations ultimately determine success or failure.” and also said “Hybrid wars are a combination of symmetric and asymmetric war in which intervening forces conduct traditional military operations against enemy military forces and targets while they must simultaneously—and more decisively—attempt to achieve control of the combat zone’s indigenous populations by securing and stabilizing them (stability operations).”

Bamrungsuk S. (2020) said that in the context of the war Using a variety of tools in war is not new. As can be seen that has been used "The combat power" is mixed with "external combat power" throughout the history of war These issues are not new to the military at all. Therefore, if considered in theory the thousand Way War is a mix of "regular forces + irregular forces" but the introduction of such a form of war has been the subject of discussion among military theorists. It was because American military officers began to note that troops today are not solely responsible for fighting in conflict areas. But there are other missions to do parallel and the additional there are also more complex complications. From the perspective and meaning from the above mentioned, it will be found that the Hybrid Warfare is not a thing. Emerging but a form of war that has been around for a long time the war of the



thousands will be associated with the implementation of conventional wars and non-traditional wars. It combines both symmetrical warfare using militarized forces and asymmetric warfare that uses both incendiary and terrorist techniques to treat people. Total War that we know well, by conducting war, the synergies will combine the resources and powers of all existing nations to fight regardless of whether, it is a military force or a people. The only thing that is new is that the military operations more complex, more difficult to divide, and the goal is not only the military forces but also the people who at the back too. In addition, the belligerent or conflict does not have to be state to state, but state to non-state.

Therefore, if it has already been mentioned, the new form of war or conflict in a war style. It is a new concept that the west may have just discovered, but in reality, these things are with people. East for a long time. As the saying of the Thai people that "Not with a trick, then with a trick not with a spell, then with a spell." Although the Asians may have evolved in prosperity against the West, but Do not forget that the Eastern people also have Long civilized as well, only focusing on the mind rather than material. Which these things are all forged to have the mind is a fighter that the west is hard to understand. And that has caused many nations to be defeated in the final war. Finally, to the eastern people.

### **Hybrid Warfare tactics**

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1) The soldier serves as a peacekeeper on a peacekeeping mission. (peacekeeping operations or PKO) such as divorce between conflict in area.

2) Soldiers act as humanitarian aid. (humanitarian assistance) such as providing assistance to immigrants and the protection of the United Nations food convoys.

3) Military service, fight with the armed forces in the area, there may be some degree of violence where peacekeeping operations may also be armed (not conventional PKO). Missions like these may be performed within the same day. Or it could be said in modern management that troops /units may have to accomplish different missions at a specific time. Which makes commanders of various military units Must have an understanding of the form of "Mixed missions" because soldiers will not be doing a single mission that is only a matter of combat. In today's world three missions as mentioned above Also supplemented by another mission, namely.

4) Missions in psychology operations or in the current situation. This operation may involve the use of information as another tool to support military operations, such as information operations (IO).

Such a mission is a matter of the state. But considering the angle of non-state actors, there may be no difference in the use of integrated tools, such as the Hezbollah armed forces. Both from the traditional combat force and the forces of guerrilla warriors are mixed. For example, this group has anti-tank warfare teams (anti-tank warfare teams), has a tactical



release weapon control unit. There are unmanned aerial vehicle control units (UAVs) and even a set of anti-ship missile teams that have high destructive power. There is also a series of intelligence operations such as signal intelligence (SIGINT) as well as psychological action series (PSYOP) and information operations, etc.

This change suggests that War schemes do not exist in the same way. But there is a nature of integration by bringing in new tools as a result of the development of technology as a supplement to traditional combat power, for example, today's war has brought information dimensions as an essential tool in the fight against the use of armed forces. The Ukrainian crisis of 2014 is the epitome of today's Hybrid Warfare.

However, it must be understood that expanding descriptions of war stereotypes in the nature of "Hybrid Warfare" is for the military to see the entry of new technology in various forms. In the end, these new technologies became a contributing factor to both the state and government wars. And with the non-state actors are no different and also need to understand that explanation is a matter of the theory of war that requires an understanding of the dynamics and how it changes. At the same time, militarists must not use this descriptive word for short-term political gain. Because such actions not only reflect the incomprehensibility of war theory but it could also impair the theory and turn it into an undeserved "idea waste" to get attention. Despite the discussion of new war patterns. They are extremely important in the military.

### **The 21<sup>st</sup> century crisis: A Hybrid Warfare**

Hybrid Warfare has been discussed a lot lately (This term was created in 2007) with special attention to US military-security in dealing with this new war. It is a war in the midst of the development of the Information Age. that the US sees that Russia and China are working effectively through Thai military-security agencies. Also mentioned this hybrid war using the term "Hybrid Warfare ".Examples:

Second Israel-Lebanese War (2006) Some US academics see the Hizbollah waging war against Israel in Lebanon. It was a model for the war of Hybrid Warfare and warns that the success of this kind of war will make it expand and be taken seriously.

Myanmar it has been the target of a war that will separate Rakhinestate as a separate country. But the Myanmar government, knowingly, has joined hands with China, Iran and Russia to successfully fight the occupation of Rakhine. Otherwise, Myanmar will be divided into 3 countries. Philippines was the target of a Hybrid Warfare would split Mindanao into separate nations. But the Philippine government knows Turning back to shake hands with Russia China and North Korea Successfully defeated the invasion of Mindanao.

Indonesia has been the target of separating the country into many other countries. and has already succeeded in splitting east timor into a new country and while seizing the state of Aceh and other islands Indonesia, knowingly, turned to shake hands with Russia, China and Iran to fight until they were able to defend their territories. Syria and Iraq have been targets of separatism and occupation for the looting of oil. There was a nationwide rally and a civil war.Until the condition of the house is broken. Then there was the ISIS movement and the superpowers and their followers came together claiming to help defeat ISIS but were actually part of ISIS. Brazil and Ukraine were occupied targets. But stubborn, stubborn, dealing with superpowers but isolated, eventually being transformed into a puppet government.

Hybrid Warfare have evolved. which in the view of US military scholars Seen as a serious threat to American interests, namely the junction war used by Russia in the Crimean conflict (2014), the definition of junction war was revised to more closely match the situation and threat: is "A deep campaign that combines traditional low-level military operations with special operations. Cyber-attacks and space operations together with the practice of psychology





using both traditional media and social media to influence people's perceptions and international consensus.” The war is a hybrid of many forms of war, namely low-level conventional wars; special operations Cyber warfare, space warfare, and psychological warfare. In other words, this kind of war is unique to the deadly 21st century. Importantly, it's not only the United States that can wage war like this. But Russia and China also have the potential to wage war in tandem.

### **Superpowers and Hybrid Warfare**

It is surprising that there are so many Thai people who have established themselves as America guru have been on TV and YouTube that there will be war there, because America is taking an army, as it is now, America has sent an army to fight in the South China Sea, the Black Sea and the Arctic Ocean. The Russian border close to Poland Send a fleet of warships to tumultuously on the Persian Gulf from time to time to show off their prestige. But the war still did not happen because of the American economic problems. The supplies were insufficient and the American people refused. Plus, if waging war with China Russia war with a combination of different characteristics. Of war operations that use both the traditional war capabilities Out-of-style tactics and violent terrorism coercion and various types of crimes and Hybrid Warfare is a combination of symmetric and asymmetric warfare. with the use of military force in general in the fight against the enemy. At the same time, it will try to control the fighting area of the indigenous people. By maintaining stability and building stability helped China if it wages war with Iran Russia helped Iran where America will dare analysts are therefore taking all analyzes into the forest. (Nunthawang, T. (2009). America sent its army to the South China Sea because it wanted to fight for Taiwan. Japan and Korea have had more orders for weapons since sending their troops into chaos with China. Taiwan and China in the end, I had to purchase weapons from several reports. going through the Zionist or pro-Jewish capitalist Zionists with shares with the arms-making corporation, it is becoming extremely rich. And then share some of the politicians who put pressure on the government to send the military to invade China accordingly. And the brain department of another organization is the center for the national interest has suggested that the government sell F-35 to Taiwan. Each device is not less than 80 million US dollars. The cost of maintenance equipment is a great deal, including orders from many countries and the expenses you have to pay when sending an aircraft carrier to the South China Sea worth it. America sent warships to threaten other nations. Claims to allow freedom more democracy and human rights have been one of the most effective weapons marketing methods from the past to the present. Nunthawang, T. (2008).

On August 10, 2020, the BBC News reported that the 71-year-old Hong Kong media business mogul Jimmy Lai, the owner of the Apple Daily tabloid newspaper, is one of the supporters of the democracy movement. Famous HongKong Arrested for an offense under a new Chinese national security law that came into force on June 30, 2020 after suspected conspiracy to foreign nations. It is considered Hong Kong's most famous person to be rested under the law is Jim shoulder, a media owner called Apple Daily, made a clear stance against the Chinese government. At the same time, they post articles or make news similar to incite people to protest the government. Endowed, Mr. Lai also visited the United States several times to meet with representatives of the US government, in other words, treason was a spy for the American government. And invites America to take over Hong Kong itself It is noteworthy that Thai media, which is pro-American, brought together news that Mr. Lai is \* Democratic businessman \* despite the behavior of treason beckoning foreigners to seize Hong



Kong in accordance with Phiprasanan P. (2019) said that The pillars to overthrow foreign governments when the United States wage war has three parts :

1. People fall prey or fools (The Fools).
2. People who sell their own treason and work for foreigners (The Tools).
3. Representatives of foreign governments to direct protests (The Foreign Agents) to fund the bureau. Media which works as a voice for claiming to support democracy, to coordinate with all groups along with funding NGOs in order to join the protest.

### **Don't underestimate the Hybrid warfare.**

Syria's presidency is a case study of the Thai government. Because the word democracy and dictatorship are all used together. Not doing anything illegal at will, it is democracy. Like a great power want to gobble up Syria, but the government does not agree. Therefore, came to spin the tide of war through the media attacking Assad that dictators have made false news that Assad used poisonous gas to harm his people. Many Thai soldiers have been brainwashed.

Assad underestimated the hybrid warfare from the West. Therefore, being hit by a Hybrid warfare and foreigners propose to negotiate but negotiations have been negotiated. More than 7% of Syria has been taken over by foreign terror groups established by established militants. People hate Assad as a dictatorship according to the Western media. Until Assad had to rush to ask Russia for help, Enough Russia to help Russian media try to delve into the truth and bring it to the majority of the public. In addition, the government was able to wipe out terrorist groups because Russia helped. And most of the people saw the goodness of Assad. Where now Assad went, there were only crowds running around. Most of the people in the country have already turned their side, and most recently in Syria, hundreds of acres of forests have been smuggled. Assad went down and asked about the welfare of his people when he saw Assad coming. The people went in to find themselves surrounded by faith and love.

### **Thailand is losing a Hybrid Warfare.**

If the Thai government seriously helps people understand, reach and develop as the King Rama 9 has bestowed a strategy for not working together on the ivory tower of the Government House. Most people of the country will love and believe him more. The use of ten virtues as the basis for the international administrators Buddha or Buddhism have never forced anyone to have the ten virtues. But which government has strong tenets dedicated to the public to see the government will be in office for a long time because \* Dharma \* means \* the nature of the Lord. In accordance with the natural law. General Apirat Kongsompong, commander of the Thailand, said before his retirement in 2020 that he had spoken out about the Hybrid War, but he said it and did nothing. Just showing knowledge, The Army is not affiliated with NSC and the ITC ministries to deal with websites and social media networks which are \* tools \* of the war of hybrid warfare in undermining any Thai society because

1. America uses NED money to control the media at all times to promote anti-institutional protesters.
2. America uses NED money to support its NGOs.
3. When someone spurs the monarchy on FB and YouTube, the ICT ministry requests censorship, he doesn't.

That the FB agency, one of the tools in America's Hybrid Warfare. Never cooperate in closing any illegal websites from the Thai government. However, Prasanan P.(2020) has made a proposal to the Thai government because now the Thai government has lost the news war as part of the war of thousands will weaken the war that foreign nations can weaken. If



you don't do anything the government will lose in the long term. Proposals to prevent invasion from intercompany wars gathered from many Thai academicians are:

1. Social-media such as Twitter, Instagram, Facebook and YouTube have been operating news as part of the ongoing war of war and cannot be blocked by the government. The government should pay the same attention to the war of information. with a war fought with conventional weapons because it is a battle without force find a way to sue Censor or block these social media. If these media still want to do business in Thailand Must create conditions that are clear and can be blamed.

2. The government should enact a law requiring media that receive money from NEDs or other foreign organizations to register as foreign media or foreign agents, just as America does with some national media.

3. Foreign-funded NGOs Governments should enact laws to move only for humanitarian causes. There is a channel or forum to present their opinions, if any. Do not get involved in political gatherings.

4. Social media case what ICT Minister and the National Security Council should be established to prosecute or file charges against the computer crime act against people who regularly use vulgar language on social media such as Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube, which are numerous on a regular basis. Not to eradicate dissenters but eliminating local dissidents beyond the flag to infringe on the rights of others by writing or speaking advertisements. If necessary, Thai people should be encouraged to create social media in order to enable it under Thai law instead. Because foreign social media is controlled by the colonial government. And always use it as a tool for news warfare.

5. The education minister should issue a steel rule prohibiting NGOs from organizing events in government-owned primary and secondary schools. and eliminating special English teachers from Western countries who disguise themselves without a work permit because they may teach English under the cover of political incitement to hate institutions, which will cause security problems.

6. Thai media under the government's mandate, such as Channel 5, etc., should do better news to clarify the facts in detail.

## Conclusion

Hybrid Warfare was a method used by colonial powers to occupy other nations without the use of military power but by turning the government into a puppet government that is in control and gives all the benefits of the nation to the superpowers. The War of the thousands is not a new occurrence but a form of war that has been around for a long time. The war of the junction involves a combination of conventional and external warfare using both symmetrical warfare using armed forces. Combat and asymmetric warfare that uses both incendiary and terrorist techniques to treat peoples. Therefore, the war is a total war (Total War) that we know well. By conducting war, the synergies will combine the resources and powers of all existing nations to fight regardless of whether it is a military force or a people. What's new is that military operations are more complex, more divisive, and targets are not limited to the military force but also the people at the rear. In addition, the belligerent or conflict does not have to be state to state, but state to non-state. Therefore, if it is to be said that the newness of the form of war or conflict in the form of intertwined warfare is a new concept that Westerners may have just discovered, but in fact, these things have been with the people of the East for a long time. As the saying of the Thai people "Not by trickery, but by trickery. not with magic, but with spells." Although Asian people may not have evolved in terms of civilization with

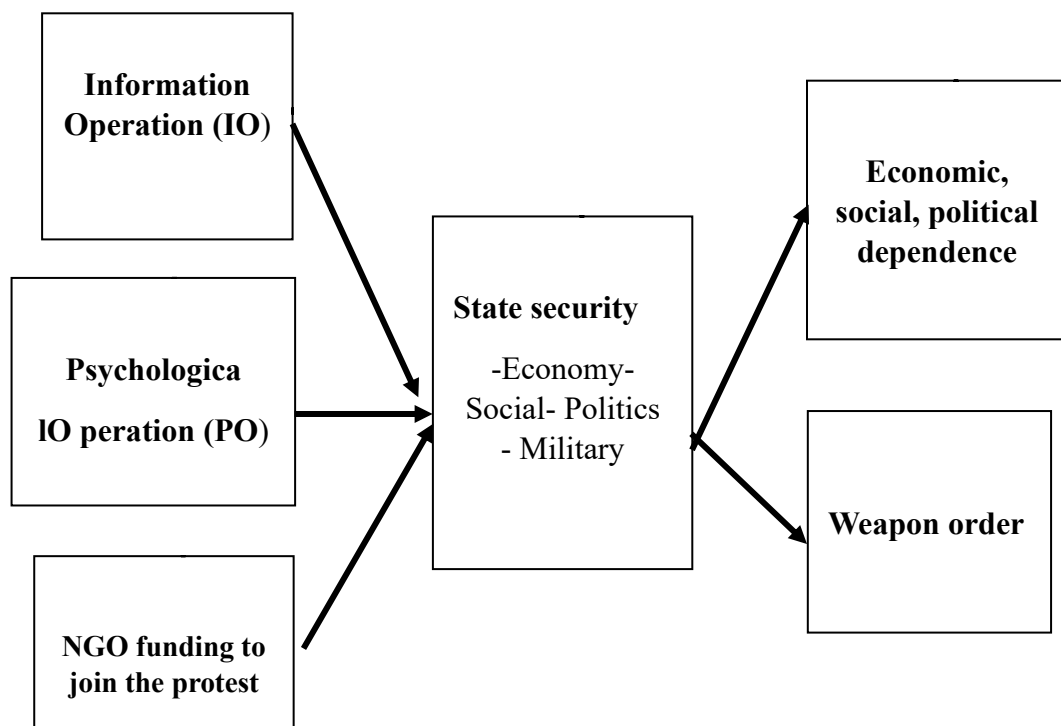


western people, but do not forget that the people of the East also have civilization has been around for a long time as well, only focusing on the mind rather than the material. which all these things have forged into a warrior's mind that is difficult for westerners to understand. And this caused many great powers to lose the final war against the Eastern people.

However, Thailand is on the defensive against the war of thousands. In fact, Thailand has been hit for a long time. It can be seen from some Thai media outlets, including some NGOs, and some organizations have received foreign money to mess around in Thailand many times, but haven't seen the Thai NSC move as they should. No attempt was made to come up with a strategic solution to the opposing side in the news war. Maybe because the secretary, the latter NSC is usually a soldier who specializes in fighting enemies in the form of an army but not related to war which opponents use social science and humanities discourse as a weapon in the war.

Therefore, if the Royal Thai Army, the Ministry of ICT and the NSC still work like this, The Thai government will continue to be crushed. And soon Thailand was defeated. Can't wait to officially colonize America. Therefore, all sectors need to focus on defining hybrid threat protection policies at different levels. In unity in the country because governments must formulate policies to protect today's weak and fragile societies, both real world and virtual societies that are vulnerable to cyber-threat attacks. The information war is the most accessible to the people and will intensify in 2021. The people themselves must be aware and understand. The government itself must not create rules. Organize or create a security agency including building an army by ordering more weapons. But we have to figure out how to win the future wars we're going to face. And to be able to do so policy makers need to understand the basics of war patterns that the state faces at different times. Thailand ready to prepare for a new war, a new threat? We can't just assume that only states have the capability of doing hybrid warfare. Because the distribution of modern technology gives an advantage to those who understand and can use the technology that arises effectively.

### Charts of the Hybrid Warfare







**Figure 1** Charts of the Hybrid Warfare

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