This study demonstrates that the Russian invasion represented the culmination of a crisis that was perceived to have become an increasing threat to the Russian leadership. Why did the Russian leadership initiate military action against Chechnya in December 1994 but against no other constituent part of the Federation? The Russian Revolution and Civil War 1917-1921 Russia's annexation of the Crimean Peninsula in 2014 and subsequent activities in Eastern Ukraine are part of a decades-long and continent-spanning Russian political warfare (PW) campaign. Analysis of the origin, history, and evolution of Russian PW through today reveals that Russia is using PW to assert regional dominance and challenge the unipolarity of the United States and the West. Ukraine are not isolated incidents, but rather a new form of hybrid war, or asymmetric warfare. They are part of a decades-long and continent-spanning Russian PW campaign. Furthermore, PW is particularly effective at targeting constitutional democracies. If this trend is not reversed, then it will be repeated in other situations by different actors opposed to U.S. interests. A broader analysis of Russian PW origins, evolution, and current capacity is needed in order to provide U.S. policymakers with a comprehensive understanding of Russian PW. This book offers both a comprehensive study of Putin's Hybrid Warfare Campaigns Against United States and The West Crimean Annexation Ukraine Gerasimov Model and a special operations forces model for foreign policy makers, planners, and practitioners to better understand PW. Furthermore, it recommends the United States adopt a proactive PW strategy to support national policy objectives and counter the PW activities of Russia and other rising powers. United States Special Operations Forces are well-suited for PW and will play a pivotal role in a U.S. PW strategy that encompasses all elements of national power and synchronizes the interagency community. This paper recommends the United States interagency community is well-structured to embrace PW. The Department of State and its country teams are capable of augmenting the Department of Defense's efforts to improve PW. The book includes a comprehensive collection of articles that analyze the origin, history, and evolution of Russian PW through today and offers strategic options for U.S. policymakers and practitioners. The book is divided into eight chapters: The Cold War - Part I: Soviet PW 1947-1991, The Cold War - Part II: U.S. PW 1947-1991, The Evolution of Russian PW 1991-2014, Ukraine: Russia's Crisis in the Making (1991-2013), Russia's PW Effects on U.S. National Interests, Operational Concept: Policy Recommendations and Role of USSOF, Russian PW, and Implementation, Hypothesis Validation and Conclusions. The book concludes that Russia's PW efforts are designed to achieve strategic objectives while remaining below the military response threshold of the international community. This book is intended for researchers, practitioners, and policymakers who are interested in understanding the nature of Russian PW and the implications for U.S. national security. The book provides a comprehensive analysis of Russian PW and offers strategic options for U.S. policymakers and practitioners.
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In 2004, a terrorist attack in North Ossetia's Beslan Middle School No.1 resulted in the deaths of 331 children and teachers. This catastrophic event demonstrated the devastating impact of hybrid warfare tactics, which can undermine a country's sovereignty and redraw its borders without triggering an armed response. As the quintessential status-quo disruptor, Putin's political warfare (PW) efforts aim to challenge the unipolarity of the United States and the West, while supporting the interests of isolated nations. This paper examines Putin's PW campaigns and offers recommendations for U.S. PW strategy.

The Gerasimov Model: Russia's annexation of the Crimea in 2014 is considered a prime example of Putin'shybrid warfare tactics. By isolating Ukraine and threatening a massive force, Russia achieved its strategic objectives without triggering an armed NATO response. The Gerasimov Model is based on a long-term and comprehensive approach that includes routine psychological and social engineering. It involves targeting the political, military, and economic aspects of a nation to undermine its stability and sovereignty.

The Russian political warfare (PW) campaign is a shift from isolated incidents to a new form of hybrid warfare. These tactics are used to achieve strategic objectives and to challenge the unipolarity of the United States and the West. Since 2014, the Gerasimov Model has been employed in various conflicts, including those in Ukraine, Syria, and the Middle East. Russia's ability to conduct PW campaigns is largely attributed to its long-term investment in psychological warfare, subversion, and information warfare.

Putin's political warfare activities are not only limited to Russia. They extend to other countries, including the United States. The U.S. government has released reports indicating that Putin used his influence to undermine the credibility of the 2016 presidential election between Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton. These efforts were designed to damage the American democracy by influencing the election outcome.

Conclusion

The Gerasimov Model represents a strategic approach to political warfare that allows Russia to achieve its objectives using non-military means. The United States and other Western countries must develop comprehensive strategies to counter these tactics and ensure the resilience of their democratic institutions.
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