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Counterinsurgency

Resisting Rebellion: The History and Politics of Counterinsurgency

By Anthony James Joes (360 pages)

Looks at insurgencies across five continents spanning more than two centuries.

Insurgencies and Countering Insurgencies FM 3-24 MCWP 3-33.5

By US Army (194 pages)

Provides doctrine for Army and Marine units that are countering an insurgency.

Essential Skills

Ambush!: A Professional's Guide to Preparing and Preventing Ambushes

By Joshua Potter (332 pages)

Comprehensive guide to ambushes.

Combat Skills of the Soldier FM 21-75

By US Army (161 pages)

Basic skills taught to US soldiers.

Soldiers Pocket Book

By John Harris (344 pages)

Basic information soldiers need to know (designed for British soldiers).

United States Marine Guidebook of Essential Subjects

By US Military (400 pages)

Basic information taught to Marine recruits.

Famous Battles

Great Battles

By Christer Jorgensen - general editor (256 pages)
Looks at the decisive battles that have shaped history.

Great Battles of World War II

By Dr. Chris Mann - general editor (240 pages)
Looks at the decisive battles of the Second World War.

Guerrilla Warfare

Fidel: A Critical Portrait

By Tad Szulc (585 pages)
Biography of Fidel Castro from his birth in 1926 to 1986. Includes a comprehensive history of the Cuban Revolution (1958) in which a small number of rebels led by Castro (including Che Guevara) were able to overcome a murderous military dictatorship which had overthrown a democratic government and controlled Cuba's armed forces (with tens of thousands of soldiers), thanks largely to Castro's masterful use of propaganda which allowed him to gain the support of the Cuban people and demoralize Cuba's military.

Castro then replaced Cuba's corrupt democratic political system with a socialist Marxist-Leninist state with a grass roots form of democracy controlled by the Cuban Communist Party. Had the US government been less supportive of the military dictatorship and not allowed US businesses (which controlled much of Cuba's economy prior to the revolution) to exploit Cuban peasants Castro may have taken a very different path, but at the time the natural course of action was to create a socialist state aligned with the USSR, which nearly led to a nuclear war as a result of Castro's decision to allow the USSR to place nuclear missiles on its territory (Cuban Missile Crisis).

Ragged War: The Story of Unconventional and Counter-Revolutionary Warfare

By Leroy Thompson (192 pages)
Study of guerrillas and their opponents during the 20th century.

Victorious Insurgencies: Four Rebellions that Shaped Our World

By Anthony James Joes (336 pages)
Examines four conflicts in which guerrillas exploited population grievances, counterinsurgents made mistakes, and foreign actors presented opportunities to defeat counterinsurgents.

Guerrilla Warfare - Classic Handbooks

150 Questions For A Guerrilla

By Alberto Bayo (96 pages)
Written by the mentor of Fidel Castro and Che Guevara.

Guerrilla Warfare

By Ernesto "Che" Guevara (154 pages)

This book contains translations of Guevara's historic work *Guerrilla Warfare* (1960) and two of his later pieces, *Guerrilla Warfare: A Method* (1963) and *Message to the Tricontinental* (1967), an introduction by Marc Becker, and seven essays by Brian Loveman and Thomas M. Davies, Jr., describing the struggles in seven South American countries whose guerrilla movements were inspired by Che Guevara's writings and beliefs, and the US response to these insurgencies. You might also like to read *Diary of a Combatant* that details Che's experiences in Cuba during the revolution where he developed his ideas about guerrilla warfare.

The Partisan's Companion

By Red Army – Edited by Lester Grau and Michael Gress (248 pages)

The third edition of the Red Army guerrilla warfare handbook (1942) created for partisans during WW2.

Total Resistance: Swiss Army Guide to Guerrilla Warfare and Underground Operations

By Major H. Von Dach (188 pages)

Well-written and illustrated with easy-to-understand drawings, *Total Resistance* (written in 1958) analyzes and explains the basic techniques needed to overcome an invading force; including the formation of guerrilla units, weapons, food and medical considerations, ambushes, sabotage, and much more besides.

Guerrilla Warfare - Modern Handbooks

Resistance to Tyranny: A Primer

By Joseph P. Martino (432 pages)

A primer on violent and non-violent resistance to oppressive regimes.

Special Forces Guerrilla Warfare Manual

By Scott Wimberley (208 pages)

Basics of guerrilla warfare.

Guerrilla Warfare - Tactics

Militant Tricks: Battlefield Ruses of the Islamic Insurgent

By H. John Poole (412 pages)

Details battlefield tricks of Islamic insurgents.

Tactics of the Crescent Moon: Militant Muslim Combat Methods

By H. John Poole (360 pages)

Combat tactics of Islamic insurgents.

Infantry Tactics

An Infantryman's Guide to Combat in Built-Up Areas FM 90-10-1

By US Army (312 pages)

M.O.U.T. skills for people who have read Combat Skills of the Soldier.

How to Win on the Battlefield: 25 Key Tactics to Outwit, Outflank and Outfight the Enemy

By Rob Johnson, Mike Whitby & John France (256 pages)

Details 25 classic tactics for defeating the enemy.

Infantry Attacks

By Erwin Rommel (288 pages)

Classic on infantry tactics first published in 1937 detailing Irwin Rommel's exploits during WW1.

Marine Corps Tactics

By US Marine Corps (152 pages)

Collection of essays illustrating the tactical concepts that drive Marines to succeed in battle.

Marine Rifle Squad

By US Marine Corps (352 pages)

Guide to rifle squad tactics.

Infantry Tactics - Counterinsurgency

Small-Unit Leaders' Guide to Counterinsurgency

By US Marine Corps (138 pages)

US Marine Corps' guide for leading small units against insurgents.

Counterinsurgency FM 3-24

By US Army (298 pages)

US Army tactics for combating insurgents.

Infantry Tactics - Videos

US Marine Rifle Squad in Attack (DVD)

By US Army (60 minutes)

Training film showing the tactics of USMC rifle squads.

Leadership

Leading Marines MCWP 6-11

By USMC (136 pages)

US Marine Corps guide to leadership.

Small Unit Leadership: A Commonsense Approach

By Dandridge M. Malone (192 pages)

Essential information about how to be an effective combat leader.

Leadership - Videos

USMC Combat Leadership: The Ultimate Challenge (DVD)

By US Army (28 minutes)

US Marine Corps training film detailing the training of combat leaders.

Military Intelligence

Intelligence and Military Operations

Edited by Michael I. Handel (432 pages)

A collection of case studies and essays on the use of intelligence by field commanders. It includes two essays on the use of military intelligence in the US Civil War, two on WW1 and seven on WW2.

Intelligence in War: The value - and limitations - of what the military can learn about the enemy

By John Keegan (432 pages)

Overview of the principles and stages of intelligence (acquisition, delivery, acceptance, interpretation and implementation), with numerous examples of the role of intelligence in military campaigns.

Military Intelligence

Counterintelligence FM 34-60

By US Army (241 pages)

The US Army's keystone manual for military counterintelligence (CI) doctrine.

Intelligence FM 2-0

By US Army (200 pages)

The US Army's keystone manual for military intelligence (MI) doctrine.

Mindset

Warfighting (MCDP 1)

By US Marine Corps (70 pages)

Explains the mindset of US Marines.

Radio Communication

Radio Operator's Handbook FM 24-19

By US Army (374 pages)

Guide to the tactical use of single-channel two-way radios.

Two-Way Radios & Scanners For Dummies

By H. Ward Silver (384 pages)

Provides a thorough overview of radio communication.

Sun Tzu

The Art of War

By Sun Tzu - translated by James Clavell (96 pages)

Provides more detail than Tsai Chih Chung's illustrated book.

Sunzi Speaks: The Art of War

By Sun Tzu - translated by Tsai Chih Chung (144 pages)

Illustrated version of Sun Tzu's timeless classic on strategy and tactics.

WEAPONS

Assault Rifles

The AK-47

By Gordon L. Rottman (80 pages)

History of the AK-47 rifle. The best assault rifle due to its combination of reliability, durability, simplicity, ease of maintenance, firepower, and penetration when used with steel core bullets like those in the M43 round (7.62x39mm).

The M16

By Gordon L. Rottman (80 pages)

History of the M16 rifle. An excellent rifle if you keep it clean, well lubricated, and use quality magazines like those made by Magpul or USGI magazines with Magpul followers. These rifles run best when 'wet' so use plenty of lubrication on their bolt assembly and keep them clean, especially in environments with a lot of sand and dust which will soon cause malfunctions if allowed to build up on these weapons. Use the dust cover.

The World's Assault Rifles

By Gary Paul Johnston (1228 pages)

Comprehensive history and descriptions of assault rifles.

Assault Rifles - User Guides

AK Handbook: An operational guide to the AK series rifles

By Mike Pannone & Erik Lawrence (50 pages)

Basic information including disassembly, maintenance and zeroing the sights.

M16/M4 Handbook: An operational guide to the standard U.S. Military Assault Rifle

By Mike Pannone & Erik Lawrence (88 pages)

Basic information including disassembly, maintenance and zeroing the sights.

Assault Rifles - Videos

AR-15 Rifle Gunfighting + AR-15 Rifle Maintenance (DVD)

By Dan Agakian (72/60 minutes)

Excellent videos on maintaining and shooting AR-15 type rifles like the M16 and M4.

Kalashnikov Rifle Gunfighting + The Fundamental Kalashnikov (DVD)

By Gabriel Suarez (97/75 minutes)

Excellent videos on maintaining and shooting Kalashnikov type rifles.

Explosives

Explosives and Demolitions FM 3-34.214 (FM 5-250)

By US Army (186 pages)

Has useful information even though the equipment in this 1967 publication is no longer used by the US Army, such as preparation, placement, firing system principles, handling, transportation and storage.

Improvised Munitions Handbook TM 31-210

By US Army (256 pages)

Created for soldiers in guerrilla warfare situations in 1969 by US government scientists. Law-abiding adults can obtain a permit to create and use explosives in most nations use after undergoing training.

Grenade Launchers

Practical Guide to the Operational Use of the HK-69A1 Grenade Launcher

By Erik Lawrence (72 pages)

Guide to using the HK-69A1.

Practical Guide to the Operational Use of the M203 Grenade Launcher

By Erik Lawrence (120 pages)

Guide to using the M203.

Practical Guide to the Operational Use of the M79 Grenade Launcher

By Erik Lawrence (72 pages)

Guide to using the M79.

Grenades & Pyrotechnics

Grenades and Pyrotechnic Signals TC 323.30

By US Army (148 pages)

Guide to US hand grenades and pyrotechnic signals.

Guns

The Complete World Encyclopedia of Guns

By Will Fowler, Anthony North, Charles Stronge & Patrick Sweeney (512 pages)

Illustrated encyclopedia of guns.

The Gun Guide for Those Who Know Nothing About Firearms

By Steven D. Gregersen (104 pages)

An excellent introduction to gun ownership for novices.

Handguns

StressFire - Volume 1 of Gunfighting for Police: Advanced Tactics and Techniques

By Massad Ayoob (149 pages)

Details the StressFire handgun techniques developed by Massad Ayoob.

Handguns – User Guides

An Operational Guide to the Glock Pistol

By Erik Lawrence (67 pages)

Guide to using Glock pistols.

Handguns - Videos

StressFire Series - Part One - Handgun (DVD)

By Massad Ayoob (93 minutes)

StressFire handgun techniques clearly demonstrated.

Incendiaries

Incendiaries TM 31-201-1

By US Army (160 pages)

This 1966 publication has useful information for creating incendiaries. A small incendiary device can quickly start an uncontrollable fire that will rapidly destroy equipment, vehicles and buildings, thus cause far more damage than most explosive devices short of a truck bomb.

Infantry Weapons- Videos

Fundamentals of Small Arms Weapons (DVD)

By US Army (41 minutes)

An instructional video filmed in the 1950s on the basic operation of a of range small arms including the M1 Garand, BAR, M3 Submachine Gun, M1911A1 Pistol and .50 caliber M2 Machine Gun.

United States Marines Firepower (DVD)

By US Marines (75 minutes)

M16A2, M60, M2, M203 Grenade Launcher, M249 SAW, 60mm and 81mm Mortar, Mark 19 Automatic Grenade Launcher and lots more (filmed at Camp Pendleton in 1988).

Machine Guns

Crew-Served Machine Guns 5.56-mm and 7.62-mm FM 3-22.68

By US Army (426 pages)

US Army guide to the M60, M249 and M240B belt fed machine guns.

Practical Guide to the Operational Use of the PK/PKM General Purpose Machine Gun

By Erik Lawrence (160 pages)

Guide to the PK series belt-fed general purpose machine guns.

Maintenance

Guerrilla Gunsmithing

By Ragnar Benson (160 pages)

Tips for improvised repairs in an emergency.

Practical Gunsmithing

By Editors of American Gunsmith (256 pages)

General guide to gunsmithing.

(maintenance field packs are available form Brownells)

Maintenance - Videos

Technical Manual and Armorer's Course (DVD)

By American Gunsmithing Institute

AGI stock a wide range of videos about how to maintain rifles and pistols.
(maintenance field packs are available from Brownells)

Mines

Antipersonnel Mine M18A1 and M18 (Claymore) FM 23-23

By US Army (35 pages)

Guide to the M18 series Claymore mines.

Mortars

Mortars FM 23-90

By US Army (368 pages)

Guide to US mortars.

Tactical Employment of Mortars FM 7-90

By US Army (192 pages)

Guide to the tactical use of mortars.

Rifles

The Art of the Rifle

By Jeff Cooper (97 pages)

The expert author provides readers with his insights into the use of the rifle.

The Fighting Rifle: A Complete Study of the Rifle in Combat

By Chuck Taylor (184 pages)

The expert author provides readers with his insights into the use of the rifle.

The Official Soviet Mosin-Nagant Rifle Manual

By Ministry of Defense of the USSR - Translated by James F. Gebhardt (112 pages)

This book provides users with a thorough understanding of bolt action Mosin-Nagant service rifles.

Rifles - Videos

Disassembly/Reassembly of the Mosin-Nagant Rifle (DVD)

By American Gunsmithing Institute (34 minutes)

Essential information about Mosin-Nagant series bolt action service rifles.

StressFire Series - Part Three - Rifle (DVD)
By Massad Ayoob (51 minutes)
StressFire rifle techniques clearly demonstrated.

Rocket Launchers

Shoulder-Launched Munitions TM 3-23.25 (FM 3-23.25)
By US Army (136 pages)
Guide to US rocket launchers (M72 LAW and M136 AT4).

Practical Guide to the Operational Use of the RPG-7 Rocket-Propelled Grenade Launcher
By Erik Lawrence (57 pages)
Guide to using the Russian RPG-7.

Sniper Rifles

The History of Sniping and Sharpshooting
By John L. Plaster (704 pages)
Comprehensive history of sniping.

The One-Round War: USMC Scout-Snipers in Vietnam
By Peter R. Senich (384 pages)
History of US Marine Corps snipers in Vietnam.

Sniper Rifles - Training Manuals

100 + Sniper Exercises
By Eduardo Abril de Fontcuberta (310 pages)
Comprehensive range of exercises (recommended by John L. Plaster).

The Ultimate Sniper: An Advanced Training Manual for Military and Police Snipers
By John L. Plaster (584 pages)
Comprehensive sniper manual.

Sniper Rifles - User Guides

The Official Soviet Mosin-Nagant Sniper Rifle Manual
By Ministry of Defense of the USSR - Translated by James F. Gebhardt (124 pages)
Provide users with a thorough understanding of the Mosin-Nagant series bolt action service rifles like the M91/30 and their use as a sniper rifle when fitted with a telescopic sight.

The Official Soviet SVD Manual: Operating Instructions For The 7.62mm Dragunov Sniper Rifle
By Ministry of Defense of the USSR - Translated by James F. Gebhardt (112 pages)
This book provides users with a thorough understanding of the SVD series self-loading sniper rifles - ideally fitted with the PO4X24 Optical Sight from NPZ Optics.

Practical Guide to the Operational Use of the SVD Dragunov Sniper Rifle
By Erik Lawrence (64 pages)
A thorough look at the SVD sniper rifle.

Sniper Rifles - Videos

Modern Sniper DVD
By Discovery Channel (176 minutes)
Overview of sniping by the US Army, US Marine Corps and US Coast Guard (four part series - Army, Marines, Coastguard, Advanced Sniper).

Ultimate Sniper + Advanced Ultimate Sniper + Ultimate Sniper III (DVD)
By John L. Plaster (90/120/190 minutes)
The best instructional video series on sniping.

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Fitness

Semper Fit: The Marine Corps Workout (DVD)
By US Marine Corps (35 minutes)
USMC workout to maintain agility, strength and aerobic fitness.

Gun Control

Armed
By Gary Kleck & Don B Kates (363 pages)
Comprehensive look at gun control and the dishonest propoganda used by anti-gun groups and government agencies to further their authoritarian agenda.

Gun Control in the Third Reich: Disarming the Jews and "Enemies of the State"
By Stephen Holbrook (364 pages)
Looks at the role of gun laws in helping disarm Jews and other "enemies of the state" by the Nazi regime. These crimes were aided by the world's first national gun registration scheme, introduced by the previous government in response to public shootouts between Nazi and communist street gangs.

Holocaust

The Courage to Care

By Carol Rittner (176 pages)

Examples of people who helped Jews targeted by the Nazis in Europe during WW2 (has photos).

The Righteous: The Unsung Heroes of the Holocaust

By Martin Gilbert (592 pages)

Describes incidents in which people risked their lives to help Jews during the Holocaust (no photos).

Holocaust - Videos

Innocents Betrayed (DVD)

By Aaron Zelman (58 minutes)

Illustrates the dangers of civilian disarmament.

Shoah (DVD)

By William Lubtchansky (566 minutes - UK version)

Holocaust survivors recount their experiences.

L.I.N.E. Fighting

U.S. Marines Close-Quarters Combat Manual

By US Marine Corps (200 pages)

Effective unarmed combat techniques clearly illustrated (L.I.N.E. system).

L.I.N.E. Fighting - Videos

Hand-To-Hand Combat: Marine Corps L.I.N.E. Training (DVD)

By US Marine Corps (60 minutes)

Effective unarmed combat techniques clearly illustrated.

Medical Guides

US Army Special Forces Medical Handbook ST 31-91B

By US Department of Defense (416 pages)

Comprehensive field guide for combat medics.

First Aid FM 4-25.11

By US Army (223 pages)

Basic first aid guide of the US Army.

Where There Is No Doctor

By David Werner with Carol Thuman & Jane Maxwell (446 pages)

General guide to health and medical care for ordinary people in remote areas.

Propaganda

Age of Propaganda

By Anthony Pratkanis & Elliot Aronson (432 pages)

Drawing on the history of propaganda as well as on contemporary research in social psychology, *Age of Propaganda* shows how the tactics used by political campaigners, sales agents, advertisers, televangelists, demagogues and others often take advantage of our emotions by appealing to our deepest fears and most irrational hopes, creating a distorted vision of the world we live in. The authors explain how the media, demagogues, politicians and marketers are able to gain compliance from their various publics. The use of lab studies and real world examples bring theory and practice together. Despite a penchant for social science jargon, the authors successfully translate a tremendous amount of communications research on the creation and maintenance of belief systems into an accessible book.

It also documents the rise of advertising, the decline of genuine public discourse, and the dangers of ten second soundbites in determining our desires, needs, and goals. The authors detail the difficulties in making a "rational" decision in a fast-paced, message-dense, mass-media culture. It paints a potentially bleak picture for democracy, but the authors provide readers with the intellectual tools to decode messages and protect ourselves. As the authors conclude, "we must depend on our own knowledge of propaganda tactics and our own efforts to treat important issues as if they were truly important."

Crystallizing Public Opinion

By Edward Bernays (216 pages)

In Bernays' second book (his first book *Propaganda* was the first book on the subject in 1928) he crystallises his thinking about propaganda into two pillars. First, he recognizes that "the public, ...due to the spread of literacy and democratic forms of government (feels) that it is entitled to its voice". Thus any group, no matter if it is a political entity, company or not-for-profit, is looked at as some sort of public service. To succeed they will have to recognize this demand and communicate accordingly.

Second, Bernays regards the "average citizen (as) the world's most efficient censor. His own mind is the greatest barrier between him and the facts. His own 'logical proof compartments', his own absolutism are the obstacles which prevent him from seeing in terms of experience and thought rather than in terms of group reaction". This leads him to conclude that PR is of no use unless it has something to say which the public, consciously or unconsciously, expects to hear.

PR is thus not primarily about authenticity or believability, as many current observers put it, PR is merely a communications effort which functions as a catalyst for change if it resonates with the public. As such, PR may bring order to what is otherwise conceived as chaos.

Persuasive Images: Posters of War and Revolution

By Peter Paret & Beth Irwin Lewis (233 pages)

The 317 posters reproduced and discussed therein document the political and military conflicts of the 20th century. They reveal their meaning most clearly when we do not relegate them to the function of illustrating a text or see them merely as specimens of the applied arts, but when taken seriously as unique combinations of historical witness and aesthetic object. Drawn from Russia, Europe and the US, from the turn of early 20th century to the aftermath of WW2, they form a bridge between the claims of ideology and the state on one hand and the support or submission of millions of citizens on the other.

How can men be persuaded to fight for their party or country, and how can women be convinced to enter the workforce in wartime and retreat to the home when their men return? How can women be brought to believe that losing their husbands and sons is a noble sacrifice? Where can money be found to pay for the costs of the war and of reconstruction? Are guilt, compassion and fear sufficient to bind the home front to the fighting men? What is the most effective way to dehumanize the enemy, whether foreign or domestic? These are some of the issues that the posters in this volume lay bare and began to explain. Together text and image open fresh perspectives on half a century of war and revolution.

Propaganda: The Formation of Men's Attitudes

By Jacques Ellul (352 pages)

Ellul's masterpiece is required reading for anyone who wishes to fully comprehend the toxic combination of technology and mass media as it seeks to manipulate the human mind. If you THINK you understand propaganda, you MUST read this book - maybe twice - to fully understand the nature of this art of "manipulating TO manipulate." This is not a 'how-to' book. If you are just after basic knowledge about using propaganda, read Bernays. If your intention is to insulate and protect yourself as well as educate others, this is the book for you.

Media Control: The Spectacular Achievements of Propaganda

By Noam Chomsky (112 pages)

Noam Chomsky's classic on wartime propaganda and opinion control begins by asserting two models of democracy - one in which the public actively participates, and one in which the public is manipulated and controlled. According to Chomsky, "propaganda is to democracy as the bludgeon is to a totalitarian state", and the mass media is the primary vehicle for delivering propaganda in the US.

From an examination of how Woodrow Wilson's Creel Commission "succeeded, within six months, in turning a pacifist population into a hysterical, war-mongering population", to Bush Sr.'s war on Iraq, Chomsky examines how the mass media and public relations industries have been used as propaganda to generate public support for going to war.

Chomsky further touches on how the modern public relations industry is influenced by Walter Lippmann's theory of "spectator democracy", in which the public is seen as a "bewildered herd" that needs to be directed, not empowered; and how the public relations industry in the US focuses on "controlling the public mind", not on informing it.

Media Control is an invaluable primer on the media disinformation in democratic societies. He expands on these ideas in *Manufacturing Consent: The Political Economy of the Mass Media* (480 pages), wherein he substantiates his claims with hard evidence.

Words That Work: It's Not What You Say, It's What People Hear

By Frank I. Luntz (368 pages)

An essential textbook for anyone who wants to sell a message. Luntz states that the world's best message is ineffective if people do not understand or relate to it. A message that communicators ignore at their own peril. You can be brilliant, creative, even right, but your message will fall flat unless it touches the hearer's prism of experience, beliefs, preconceptions and prejudices.

The author rejects accusations that his language hides and distorts meaning. "I do not believe there is something dishonorable about presenting a passionately held proposition in the most favorable, while avoiding the self-sabotage of clumsy phrasing and dubious delivery". Luntz then outlines his ten rules for effective language (Simplicity, Brevity, Credibility, Consistency, Novelty, Sound, Aspiration, Visualization, Asking Questions and Context/Relevance) and illustrates their use.

Second Amendment

The Founders' Second Amendment: Origins of the Right to Bear Arms

By Stephen P. Halbrook (448 pages)

Insight into the American militia and the Second Amendment.

To Keep and Bear Arms - The Origins of an Anglo-American Right

By Joyce Lee Malcolm (232 pages)

Looks at the classical justifications for an armed citizenry.

Ethics

The Ethics of Insurgency: A Critical Guide to Just Guerilla Warfare

By Michael L. Gross (342 pages)

Essential information about the ethics of guerilla warfare.
