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Violence Prediction and Deception Analysis

Deception Analysis Myths

Most people falsely believe that they can detect deception without difficulty. History and psychology, from the Trojan Horse to Hitler's false promises of peace to dozens of empirical investigations, have repeatedly shown that (1) deception is actually successful much of the time, (2) your ability to fool others is not the same as your vulnerability to falsehood from others, (3) deception is held in high esteem when successful, especially in war and politics and law, (4) methods for detecting deception in individuals applies to organizations and leaders of terrorist groups and countries, since deception (like violence) always starts in the minds of individuals, and (5) deception can be taught in a relatively short time, with dozens of methods available in several sources. This includes the second edition of **Detecting Malingering and Deception: The Forensic Distortion Analysis** (2001) by Harold Hall and Joseph Poirier. More methods are found on the PISCA website: www.pi-sca.com, since good violence prediction is always based on a sound deception analysis.

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2020's Emerge as Likely Decade of Foundational Change

In this first issue of the Violence Prediction Forum, we at the Pacific Institute wish to share with you a set of predictions for the US for the next couple of decades. The methodology used to generate these predictions is set forth in our website and has yielded good results. These include correctly predicting when Desert Storm (1991) would start, and its characteristics, Operation Iraqi Freedom (2003), and its characteristics, and hundreds of individual violence predictions in both forensic and clinical cases. A fascinating finding is that the principles of violence prediction for individuals works for collectivities.

There is another powerful way to validate a prediction method, but first a flavor of what we feel will happen over the next 18 years. For the US this includes July-December 2012 (see Appendix) during which time a conflict with Iran is likely to begin. The US in 2012 is unlikely to change its view on a nuclear-armed Iran, or even the capability for such, and has expressed a willingness for a military solution if Iran does not comply. The war with Iran could start as late as December 2013. During 2013-2014, a perfect economic storm is predicted to result in a crash, a Great Devaluation in asset values, and other crash-related events. For 2013-14, the US is predicted to go on high alert, as well as other countries, due to the stress and turmoil caused by the (predicted) economic crash. During 2014-2024, the US is likely to experience a recession/depression similar or worse than the Great Depression. For 2014-2024, the depression will cause a loss a revenue and hence a very conservative and unyielding stance towards nuclear issues. The 2020s will likely usher in a transformation on the order of the Glorious Revolution, American Revolution, American Civil War, and WWII.

The 2020s, will be the highest risk period for general war and hence the temptation to use nuclear weapons, especially if they are losing a conventional or asymmetric war by non-nuclear nations.

SPECIFIC PREDICTIONS FOR 2012-2013

As a negative prediction, no global war, economic crash, unmanageable natural disaster, or end-of-time scenario will occur. The 20 predictions for the remainder of 2012 rest on findings that Americans are increasingly stressed in their country. This increases their willingness to act in ways to reduce that anxiety. In this country, there will be ostensibly positive changes and emotional ups and downs, mostly downs, for the beleaguered American worker and those without a job. Deception and distortion of information will be more prevalent and robust than usual in an important election year. If the above predictions are borne out, no real changes will take place in this country or in Congress during 2012.

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As discussed more in detail, and in keeping with general wars in the West during the last half-millenium, during a general war nations use the most destructive weapons at their disposal. During general wars the mindset of the warriors and warrior leaders is one of implacable hatred, black and white mentation, rigidity of thought, and an attitude of giving no quarter or compromise to the perceived enemy. The end of the 2020s or the start of the 2030s we will likely see a different America.

A powerful method to evaluate these predictions is for you the reader to determine our batting average. In 4 months, December 31, 2012 you will be able to see how well the 2012 predictions fared. At the end of 2013, you can determine the accuracy of the predictions for that year, and so forth. This proactive process will allow us to build the credibility we deserve, and for you to increase your knowledge of violence risk analysis. ♦

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Except for expedient legislation, gridlock in Congress will continue. Congressional abrogation of responsibility to declare war will be masked by a lot of posturing and perhaps a joint resolution to approve funding for limited operations against Iran. Presidential and congressional candidates will express optimism and confidence in the future and present themselves as competent crisis managers. The population may be distracted by the conflict in Iran, if that war has started. Artificial means will prevent a badly fractured economy from collapsing in an election year. War veterans nonetheless will return to a harsh job market and an overwhelmed health care system.

American forces in Afghanistan decease to 60-70 thousand or less; The cost of gasoline and other petroleum-based products increases 20-25% or more; Gasoline will cost $5 to $6 a gallon or more. This prediction has already been confirmed in some parts of the country; Food costs increase at least 15%; The average American income remains flat, plus or minus a few thousand dollars, except for the top 10% of the wage earners; Home values across the US lose 10% or more of their value on average; Up to 1/3 of homes in the U.S. plunge under water, where more is owed that can be obtained by selling on the open market; Foreclosures increase 10%; The 23-25 million persons-- unemployed, underemployed, or discouraged drop outs—decrease by 3 million people; Gold tops $1900 ounce; Overall U.S. inflation rate 2 % or less; National debt exceeds productivity (exceeded as of Apr 12); Median worth of a Congressperson exceeds $913,000;
10% increase in the one out of four American children already on food stamps;

Americans with no health insurance increase to 50-60M;
War vets with significant mental health problems, now ¼ of returnees from the war zones, increase 5%; Suicides among military veterans increase 10%;

At least 10 labor, food, tax, or squatter riots or protests; China shows less than 8% economic growth; President Obama re-elected in November.

APPENDIX 3. Predictions suggesting a start date for the Iran War as early as August 2012 and as late as December 31, 2013:

Prior to onset of predicted war with Iran: At least 50,000 additional US military and civilians deployed to sites within easy striking distance around Iran, adding to the 50,000 already there. This does not include personnel from US forces in Pakistan and Afghanistan but does include US personnel stationed at US military facilities Jebel Ali and Al Dahfra in the United Arab Emirates, Arifan in Kuwait, and Al Udeid in Qatar; At least 95% of Israeli Mossad personnel assigned to covert ops complete training in combat operations including deep penetration tactics at least three months prior to attack on Iran; The "mothership", a US multipurpose floating base with air assault, commando ops, missile launch, and mine sweeping capabilities is positioned near or in the Persian Gulf at least one month prior to the attack on Iran; The mothership is provided with Mark 5 Zodiacs as well as Rigid Hull Inflatable Boats capable of carrying an entire SEAL squad;
US forces buildup exceeds 5,000 personnel on the Yemeni island of Scototra alone, a short flying distance from Iran; US forces buildup exceeds 5,000 on Omani island of Masirah alone. Masirah is within easy striking distance of Iran and located just south of the Hormuz entry point; There is a negligible chance that Prime Minister Netanyahu wishes to delay the onset of the attack on Iran beyond 2012. Yet he must depend on US help.

Psychologically, his aggressive personality traits coupled with messianic tendencies are well known. He will not change on his own accord. His party managed to delay elections so that he will be in power in Israel until October 2013. Thus the high-risk dates for Israel starting a war by direct or indirect means, covers the next 14 months;

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Three US aircraft carriers—USS Abraham Lincoln, USS Carl Vinson, USS Enterprise-- and their strike groups, plus a French carrier—Charles de Gaule--position themselves in the Persian Gulf, the Gulf of Oman and the Arabian Sea at least one month prior to the onset of hostilities. A fourth US carrier strike group joins the largest-ever assembly of naval war vessels in the region in the last half-century.

US forces buildup in Israel alone prior to outbreak of hostilities exceeds 5,000. Originally on site for the largest-ever joint missile defense exercise, the now-cancelled Austere Challenge, the US troops remain with their status changed from TDY to deployment;

Iran continues to develop both its nuclear weapons enrichment program and its nuclear missile delivery systems. It may take up to 3 months after the onset of hostilities and several inspection teams to confirm this finding;

Major polls report majority of Americans approve of Iran invasion if diplomatic talks fail to stop the development of Iran's nuclear weapons program;

Iran will deny once more the validity of the November 2011 IAEA findings that it engaged in research or production activities that only are relevant to nuclear weapon development;

US sanctions against Iran will not be lifted prior to engagement of hostilities. Sanctions were tightened in July by President Obama. The EU will reportedly attempt a full oil embargo against Iran in late June;

Sometime this summer or early fall at the latest, US residents should expect at least a 15-20% increase in already record-high gasoline and petroleum products. This increase will be blamed in part on Iran. The effect on the American people will be a weakening of inhibitions toward going to war with a nation blamed for creating inflated prices for necessities; European groups underwriting Iran's maritime insurance will be reduced to 10% or less compared to 2011. Currently these European concerns underwrite 95% or more of maritime insurance in the world; The 5+1 nation diplomatic talks will not be declared non-productive by the US. The US will not refuse to attend talks up to the onset of hostilities. The talks already are seen as a sham by Israel who accuses Iran representatives of lying and stalling for more time; The upcoming talks are actually nonproductive and deadlocked with difficulty finding common ground except for the agreement to talk more. The prediction for this item is that the Western-backed incentive package seeking to end Iran's highest-level uranium enrichment as a first step will not be accepted by Iran during any of the talks. Iran has already announced that it will not give up any of its "nuclear rights"; The US Congress will not declare war on Iran prior to hostilities. A resolution to employ a military option may or may not pass if Iran does not cease and desist from their program to develop a nuclear weapons capability;

At least 6 hours to 6 days prior to the onset of attack by US/Israel a false flag, demand that will not be followed by Iran, or other contrived trigger appears (e.g., breaking news which erroneously reports Iranian military have attacked US/Israel forces or facilities such as the Gulf of Tokin Resolution which paved the way for the US to enter Vietnam; ultimatum ala Bush to Saddam Hussein that Ahmadinejad open key sites for inspection, leave the nation, or something else unlikely to occur, all within 48 hours or face attack); The US with the assistance of Israel attacks Iran sometime in 2012, at the latest at yearend 2013; The war starts with an at least 7-day air bombardment, drone attacks, cruise and other missiles launchings, and other airborne weapon deployment, by US/Israeli land, sea and air forces; The sum total of all bombs, bullets, missiles, and other firepower utilized by the US/Israel at the time victory is declared will be larger than from any other war in the history of the US; Stealth aircraft including the new stealth drones used in 50+ missions by US; Israeli UAVs including the new Titan used in 20+ missions; Israel will attack Iran with at least 50 of its 128 US-purchased F-151 and F-161 aircraft modified with Israeli avionics and additional fuel tanks for long distance missions; Israel will make at least 100 missions with their US-built GBU-28 bunker busters carried by F-151 fighter-bombers; US submarines and Israeli German-built Dolphin submarines will deploy to the Persian Gulf region to take part in the US naval attack on Iran forces; At least 90% of Iran's navy of speedboats and aging big ships destroyed within 1 month after hostilities commence; At least 90% of Iran's stored offshore oil, consisting of up to 1 million barrels of crude stored in tankers or platforms or other facilities, will be captured or destroyed within one month after commencement of hostilities; At least 90% of Iran's air force of Russian-supplied MIG 295s and 35 year old American-built F14 Tomcat fighters destroyed within 1 month after start of war; At least 80 % of Iran's missile arsenal including the new solid fuel Shajjil-2 destroyed within 60 days after onset of hostilities; At least 90% of Iran's 1000 miles of coastline come under direct control of US/Israel forces within one month after hostilities commence., as evidenced by destruction/removal of at least 90% of Iran's military within several miles of the their coastline; No division or larger size units will deploy "boots on the ground" in Iran, that is, infantry and conventional forces of the US/Israel, within 1 month after the onset of hostilities. This does not include the overlapping categories of special force teams, commando raids, nuclear site inspection teams, airborne operations, specialized demolition teams, or other small group intrusions into Iran.

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After victory is secure, it is opined but not part of this prediction that conventional units of the US will be needed to secure sites associated with Iran's nuclear infrastructure, governmental and training facilities, as well as to nullify an anticipated resistance movement from defeated Iran; Non-stealth drones deployed in at least 150 attacks against Iran by both US;

A total victory will be declared by U.S./Israel within 3 months of the initiation of hostilities; Casualties for U.S./Israel military combined will not exceed 999 deaths at the time victory is declared; Casualties for Iran's military exceeds 10000 within 3 months of the onset of hostilities, or at the time victory is declared, whichever occurs first; Iranian civilian losses predicted to exceed 30,000 within 3 months of the onset of hostilities as many of the target sites are in high-density population areas. The 30,000+ number should be determined by independent epidemiologists, not US/Israeli government workers. A second wave of deaths and incapacitations, not part of this prediction, will follow after the 3 month period due to secondary causes such as disease and the progressive effects of trauma.

At least 90% of Iran's science and tech workers associated with military forces, training, research, any aspect of the nuclear infrastructure or defense work, are killed, captured, removed from their position, or otherwise nullified within 3 months of the onset of hostilities; Collateral sites destroyed, partially destroyed or controlled by US/Israeli military or civilian personnel include at least 10 universities, 10 other training sites, 10 government admin offices, and 10 other non-military sites; The conflict will be contained to Iran except for selected targets and aggressors (e.g., Israeli attacks on Hamas in Lebanon; Hezbollah in Gaza; attacks on Americans/Jewish people when visiting other countries).

No country in the world will deploy conventional military forces inside Iran during hostilities or within 3 months of the declared victory by US/Israel; Within 3 months of media reports showing the use of a false flag or contrived trigger(s) for US/Israel invasion of Iran, American polls report that the majority of US citizens nevertheless do not favor withdrawal US forces. This was our experience for Iraq;

The aforementioned 42 predictions, conservative in this writer's opinion, are verifiable. An unknown number of the above predictions, however, may not be capable of verification, as the information may remain classified or otherwise unavailable until after victory is declared, if ever. Predictions that cannot be verified due to missing information should not be counted in the calculation of true positives and true negatives.

After the predicted war with Iran, to a large extent the US/Israel attack on Iran will likely be seen by most of the Muslim world as grossly disproportionate, morally outrageous, and hideously costly in terms of lives and material resources. There is little doubt that substantial numbers of the non-Muslim world will be negatively affected, and sympathize with the Iranians despite their contributions to the war. Muslim nations worldwide will lean more toward solidarity and common cause against this magnificent country which they see as implacably corrupt and declining as a would-be empire. Despite the language of conflict resolution and diplomacy, deep distrust and projection of blame is rife among the warring parties. Ominously, the foundation will be firm-set for a larger war against the West years later. (The majority of wars eventually breed second or third conflicts against the same adversary). ◆