

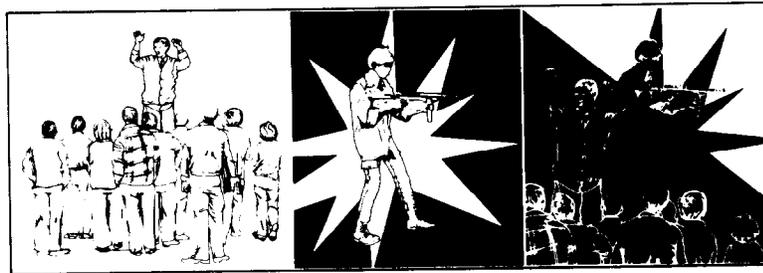
There are many strategies and techniques that insurgents can use in their attempts to gain political control of a nation. Regardless of the strategy pursued, however, each insurgency will become distinct, and insurgents will establish methods of operations to fit their situation and to meet their objectives.

Insurgent strategies and techniques can range from using mostly nonviolent means to using violence almost exclusively. In this manual, however, three generalized models are presented: Right, Left, and Mass Strategies.

The terms “Right” and “Left” used with two of these strategies do not refer to political conservatism or liberalism. The Right Strategy applies to that form which appears to operate legally within the established political system; there is **LITTLE EMPHASIS ON OPEN VIOLENCE**. In the Left Strategy, an effort is made to gain power almost **EXCLUSIVELY THROUGH VIOLENCE**. Mass Strategy uses both nonviolent and violent means and falls somewhere between the Right and Left Strategies.

Insurgencies seldom, if ever, fall precisely within one of these three categories. More likely the strategy will be modified from time to time to fit the situation. The insurgents may follow one strategy, switch to a second, and then to a third. Various aspects of each strategy may be followed locally so that on a national scale the insurgents appear to follow elements of all three at the same time.

STRATEGIES



Right Strategy.

- The Right Strategy is predominantly a political strategy whereby members of an insurgent organization infiltrate the society’s political and social organizations. The insurgents then try to use these organizations to promote unrest. They use propaganda, sometimes accompanied by sabotage and terrorism, to discredit the government and influence the populace.
- This strategy emphasizes organization of party, control of mass organizations, and use of coalitions. Little emphasis is placed on development of armed elements.
- In its simplest form, this strategy entails the insurgent party’s entry into a coalition with other political parties. To use the Right Strategy, the insurgent party must appear to function within a legal framework.