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Black Ops: Deception, Influence and Propaganda

Rendezvous Info

Monday, November 16, 2015 6:30 pm

Briefing

So called “Covert Action” operations capture the public’s attention, but, in reality, they are often a government’s last resort. Propaganda, disinformation, misdirection, and various kinds of influence operations usually precede headline-making flashy operations. These forms of persuasion are as old as recorded history and still in use today: from the propaganda claims of an Egyptian Pharaoh, to the “Big Lie” of the Nazis, and continuing with the daily broadcasting of controlled or cooperative media in China, Iran, North Korea, and other places.

Both Russian operations in Eastern Ukraine and horrific acts of terror by ISIS are all manifestations of the global war of ideas. So what can the public really expect to know about what the Intelligence Community calls, “covert action ops?”

William D. Murray, a retired senior executive and field operations officer in the CIA, will break down some famous cases and a few lesser-known operations. Murray served as field commander for the Agency in some of the most challenging and dangerous areas of the world and was detailed to the US Senate to represent the CIA in the drafting of the Intelligence Act of 2004, giving him a unique perspective on the dark arts of intelligence.

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