



Summary of Insights from the **Understanding Unrestricted Warfare** Roundtable

- **The issue of culture in unrestricted warfare:**
 - Specifically, ways to exploit and manipulate culture
 - And the need for more emphasis on the human side of warfare rather than on technology.
- **The amount of agreement on the issue of culture in URW**
- **Unrestricted warfare attacks the American way of war**

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Discussion Group Insights

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- **Unrestricted warfare is not just for the weak; it is something that the US has also engaged in.**
- **Unrestricted warfare might emerge from complex networks.**
- **Unrestricted warfare attacks directly the will of the enemy to resist—and with unrestricted means**
- **The US has a very restricted definition of warfare**
- **The US has a very restricted notion of duration for wars**

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Unanswered Questions

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- The problem of public opinion and the will to resist.
- What would it mean to win the war (either in Iraq or the GWOT)?
- The issue of demography.
- How to change US bureaucracy to fight this type of war.



Suggested Actions for **Strategy** (**Understanding Unrestricted Warfare** Roundtable)

- **Develop a grand strategy**
- **Define the problems**
- **Exploitation of narratives and myths**
- **Develop true interagency approach that focuses on informational aspects of the war**
- **Develop true international approach**
- **Focus on international informational aspects of the war**

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Suggested Actions for **Analysis** (**Understanding Unrestricted Warfare** Roundtable)

- Define terms of reference for unrestricted warfare.
- Do not focus entirely on deterministic analysis
- Use culturally-specific cost-benefit analysis to focus use of limited resources



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Suggested Actions for **Technology** (**Understanding Unrestricted Warfare** Roundtable)

- **Must not forget that unrestricted warfare also needs to exploit technology**
- **When fighting against those using unrestricted warfare, technology must be driven by the strategy**
- **Use small changes to achieve large technological payoffs**