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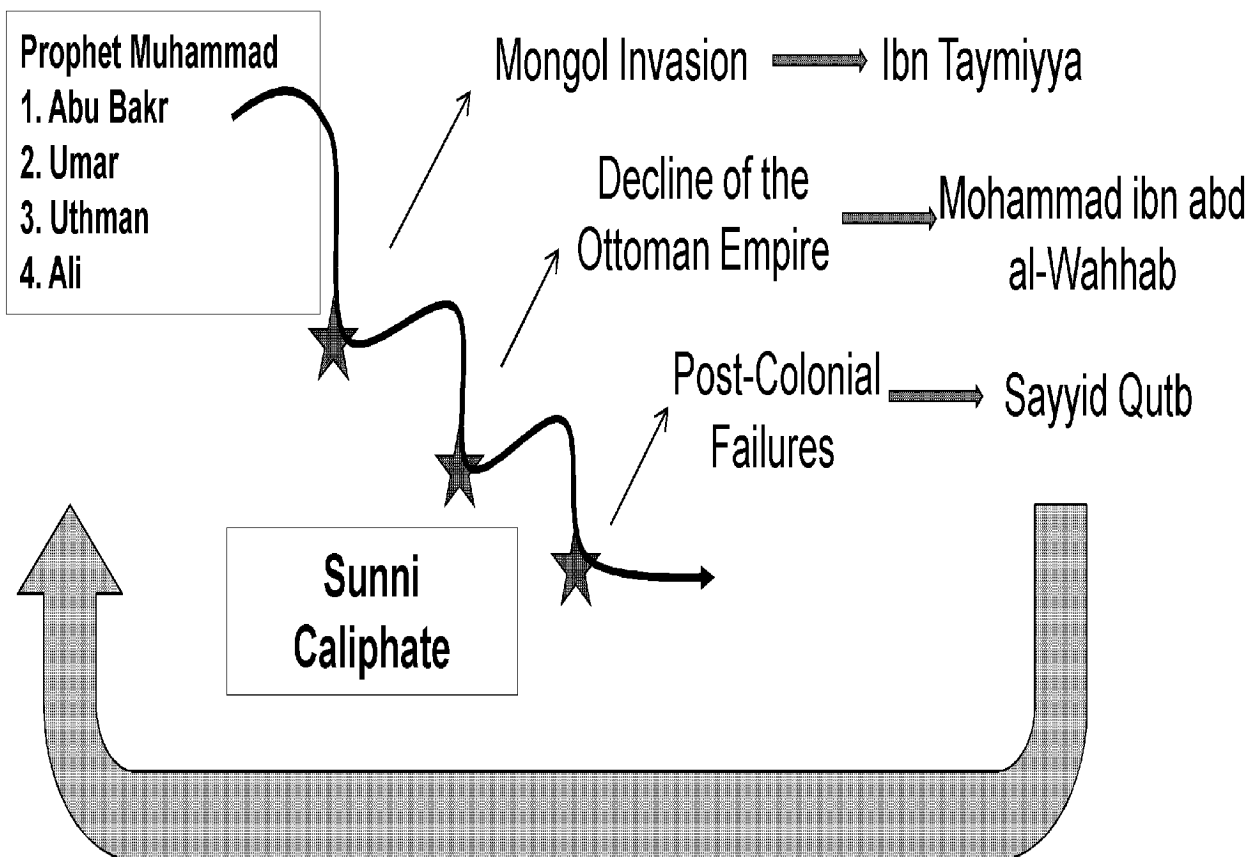


Understanding al-Qa'ida and the Global Jihad

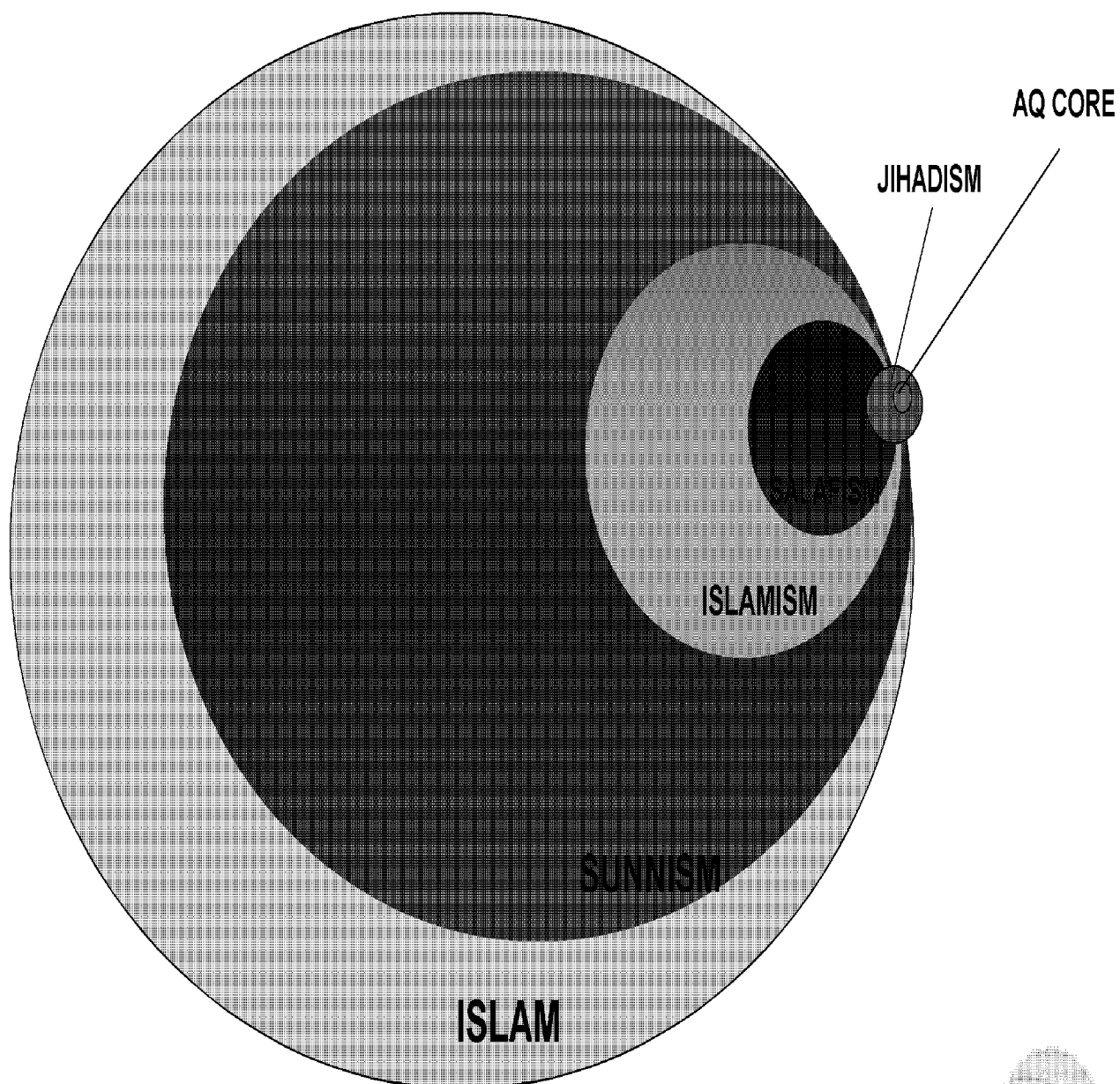
Historical Context: Framing the Grievance

The Salaf

Crisis and Response



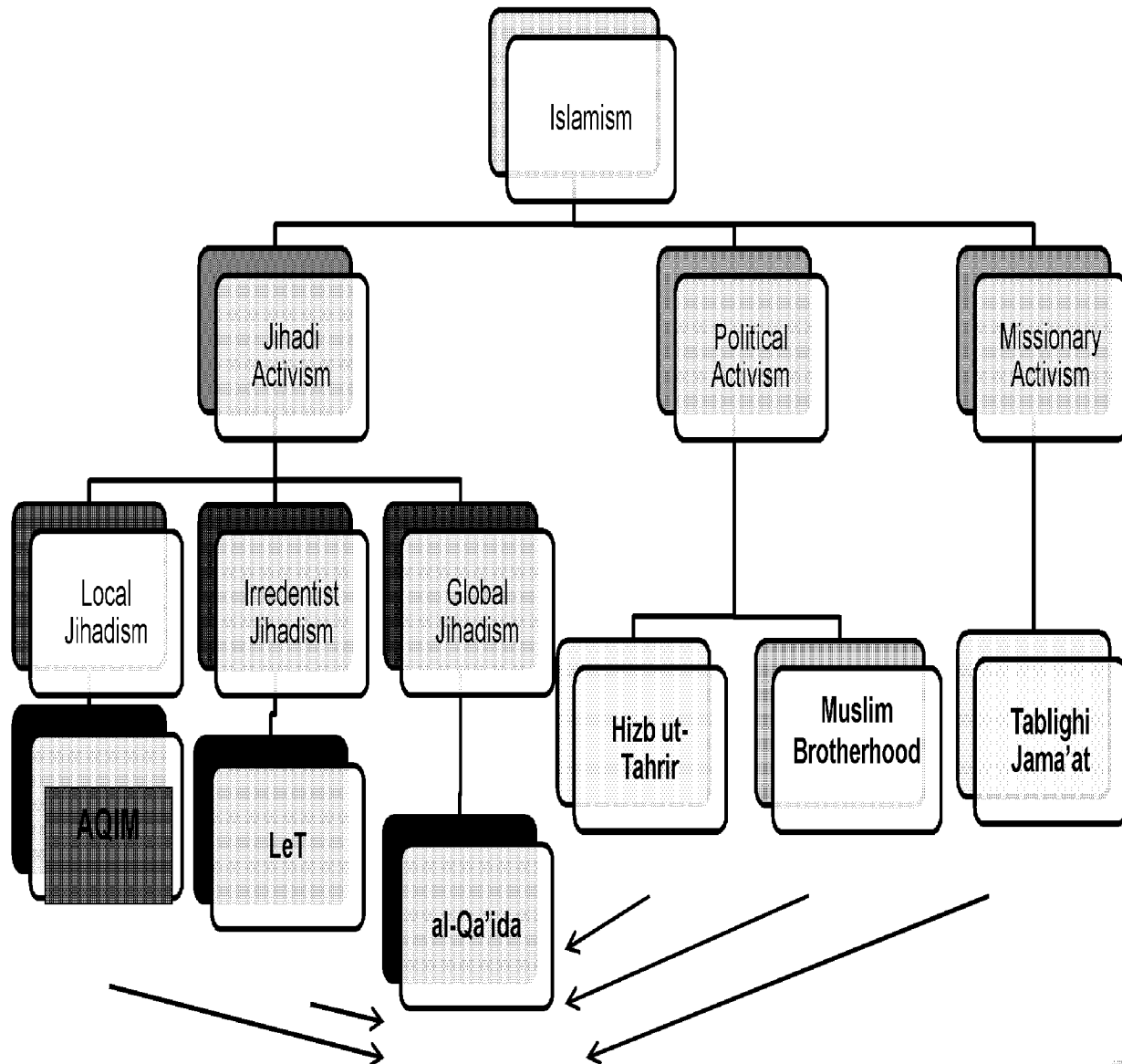
Theological Context: Situating al-Qa'ida



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Political Context: The Competitive Landscape

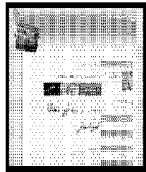


Virtual Context: Landscape of the e-Jihad

Media
Production
Companies



Media
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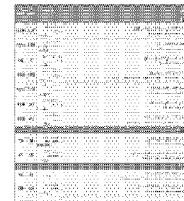
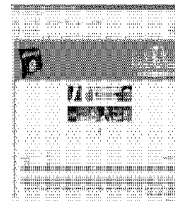
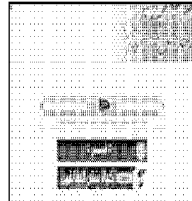
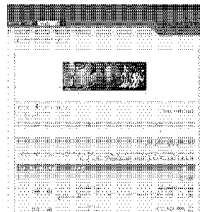


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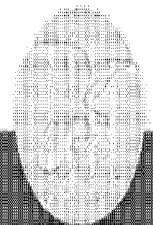


Key Ideologues

Web
Forums



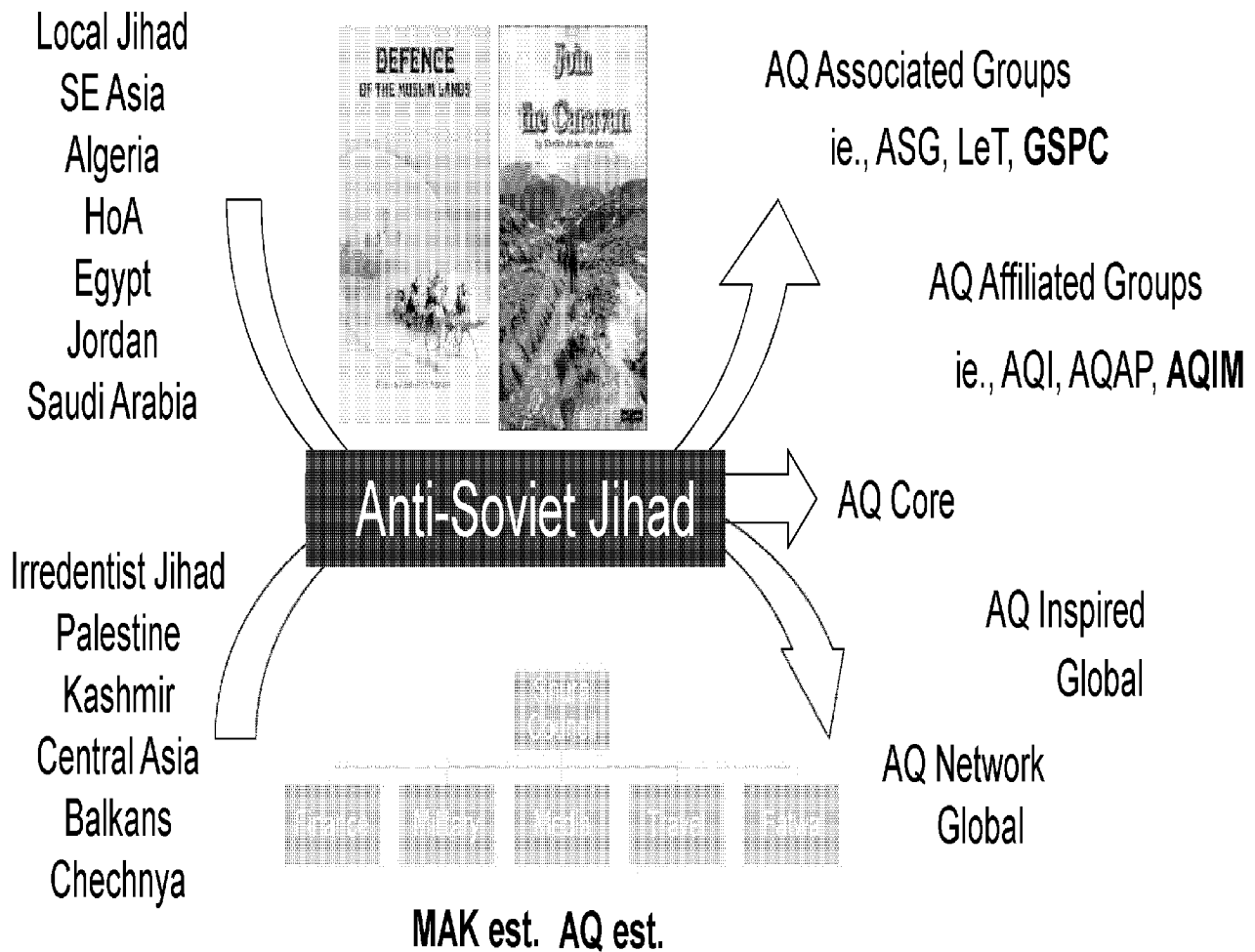
The Social
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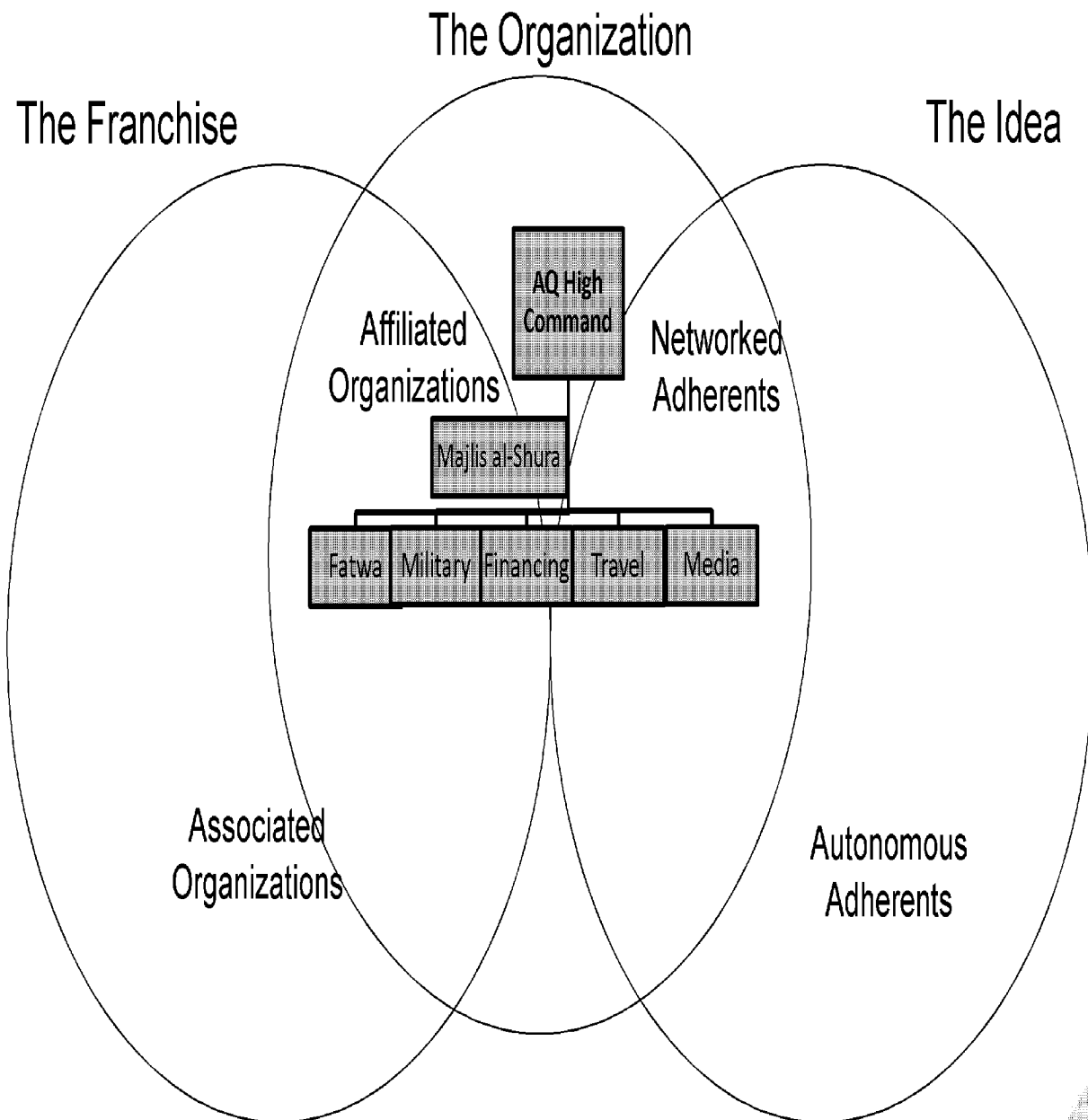
The Evolution of the Global Jihad



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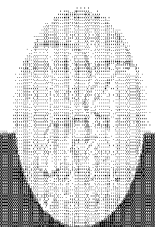


Al-Qa'ida's Resilient Structure



Key Take-Aways

- AQ has inherited a militant and fundamentalist ideology which surfaces at moments of crisis, which it interprets and amplifies
- AQ sits on the periphery of Islam, cloaking itself in unassailable Sunni terms, but acting entirely outside of Sunnism
- AQ coexists with more popular Islamist actors with which it frequently competes at the organizational level, and sometimes collaborates with at the individual level
- AQ is one (elitist) voice among a very crowded virtual landscape which is making for a more populist Global Jihad
- The Global Jihad is a multi-faceted and dynamic phenomenon in which AQ is one central player
- The threat emanates from all facets of the Global Jihad



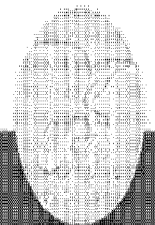
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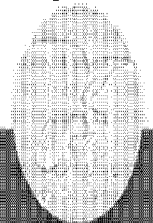
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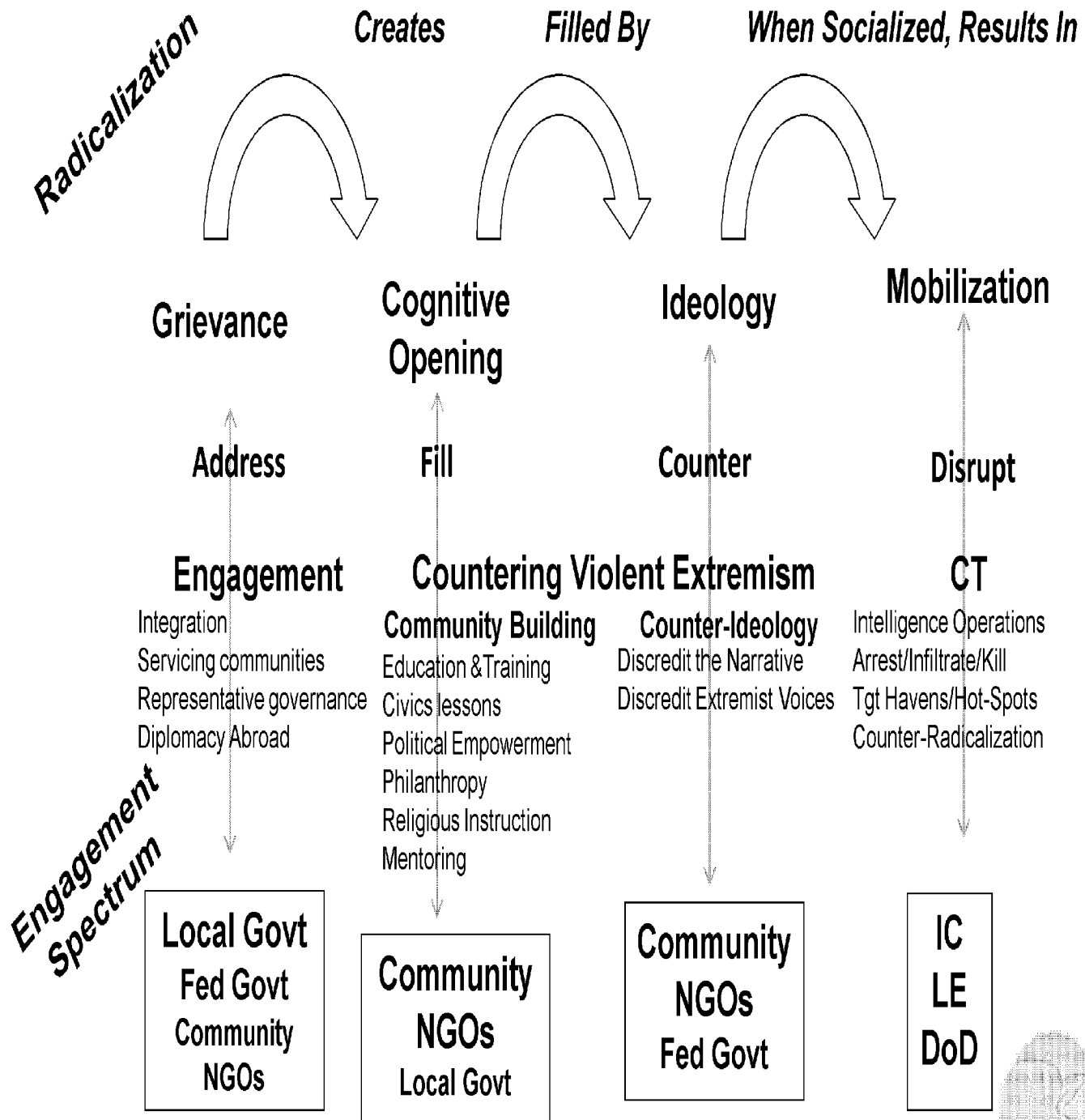
The Human Context: Understanding Radicalization



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Mechanics of the Strategy



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