Conflict in Cyberspace

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Week 11

Content Moderation Influence Operations

Cyber in Domestic Conflict



DisruptInternet Blackouts
DDos attacks

Threat
Activists or
Citizens

Censor Information **Manipulate**Information

Surveil
Activists or
Citizens

Citizens

No independent public information

Opposition
Would-be Stationary
Bandit

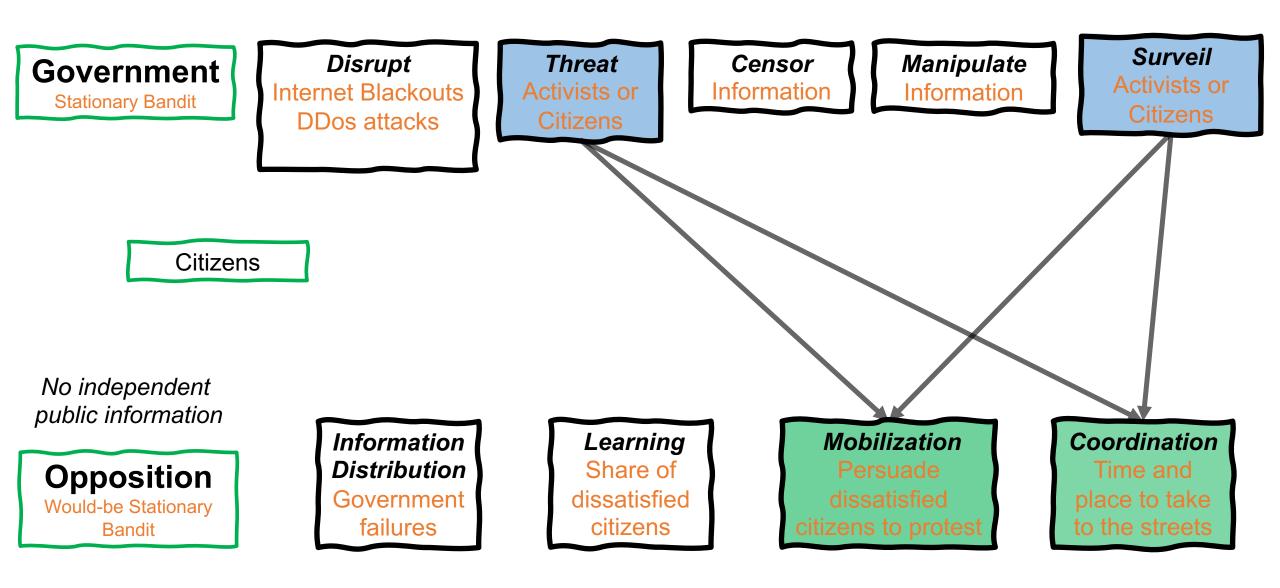
Information
Distribution
Government
failures

Learning
Share of
dissatisfied
citizens

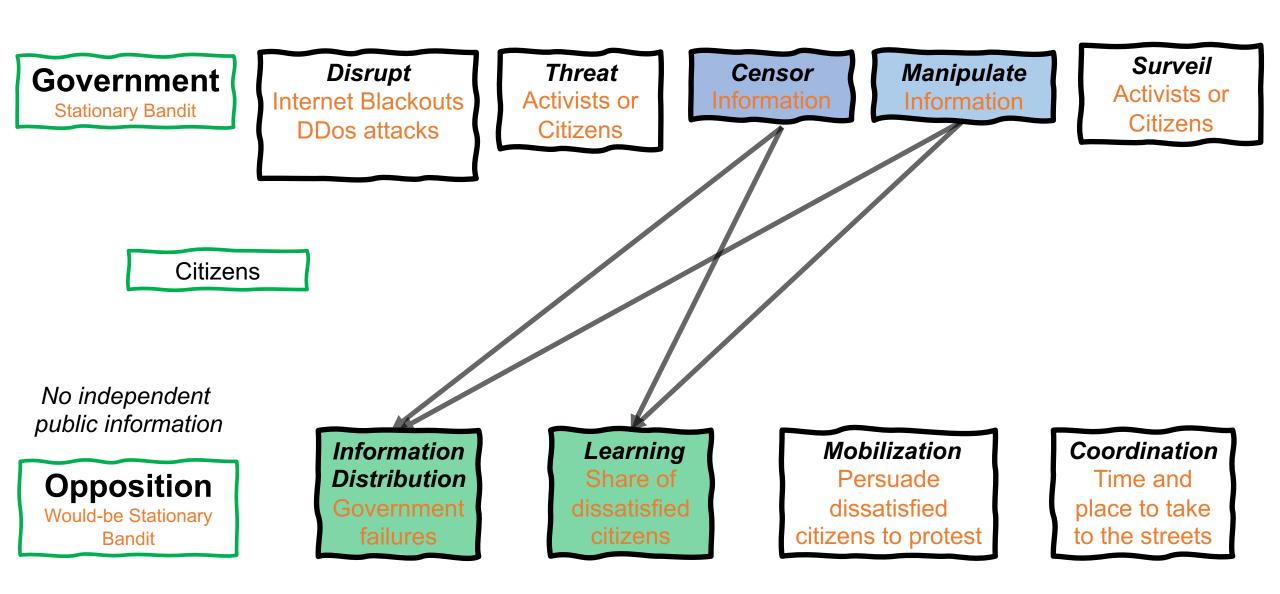
Mobilization
Persuade
dissatisfied
citizens to protest

Coordination
Time and
place to take
to the streets

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Friction Seamless tactics

Friction tactics:

☐ Throttle the search engine

