



POLITICAL HUMAN INTELLIGENCE

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Those involved in the arts of politics realise that to win, nothing is sacred if you can weaken and demoralise your opponent long before the battle begins. Military strategists, Boxers, do it all the time, cricketers, football players, business and captains of industry all use concepts that will give them the edge. At the heart of all such campaigns there is one item that is prized above all. "Political Human Intelligence" or "PHI".

"HUMINT"

This word made up of six letters of the alphabet are really a combination of two words in the English language. "HUM" meaning HUMAN and the "INT" meaning INTELLIGENCE. Mainly used as a gathering of intelligence by all countries involved in the art of espionage, it is a tool that has the most value for those seeking to have the advantage in a battle of sorts. Many times such intelligence can avert a conflict such as the Cuban missile crisis in the sixties between the Russian and United States forces. It can be utilised for good as when Gorbachev and Reagan were "dancing" to the same tune of peace between the two nations. A dance that led to the removal of the Berlin Wall which reunited the East with the West in Germany.

If we take "HUMINT" and embed it within a political scenario, it becomes an extremely valuable tool during battles for the hearts and minds of those seeking to take control. That control may be in the form of pre-selections, election campaigns, State Assembly, State Council, Delegates, employment, Grants, positions of responsibility, political roles and seats of influence. Those in the judicial sector did not get where they did merely on their qualifications, they had political support, those who are in government roles did so because of their capacity to sell themselves based on their usefulness to the political party at the time. Others owe their jobs because they know far too much for their own good and are given plum jobs to keep them quiet. Such is the power of "HUMINT".

Those we believe are the elite rely on their networks to make decisions and to garner the support necessary to achieve a desired result. Again, "HUMINT" comes in handy. These people who dabble in the arts of political persuasion did not become overnight stars and surprise the world. No, they took years working behind the scenes, attracting like-minded people, nurturing and supporting them when they needed help and support. They followed through on promises, kept up to date with special events, kept their ear to the ground and made sure that their circle of friends did not suffer. Everyone in power follows these unwritten rules of behaviour. Those that do not have such networks may use other methodologies of persuasion and incentives such as money, promises of employment and/or alliances of mutual benefit.

I have written this article for the benefit of the next generation of political powerbrokers who are emerging from the shadows as we speak. They are many in number and eventually they will rise to take the reins of power by the political throat if need be. The old guard must slowly make way for the youth of today who are just as eager as our own generation who wanted to change the world. A world that indeed was changed by the baby boomers. But like all good things, there is a shelf life and those of us who believe in a generational change are laying the foundations for the future. To achieve such political objectives will take much work behind the scenes. In closing, remember:

The heights great men reached and kept were not attained
by sudden flight, but then while their companions slept were toiling upwards into the night.



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