

## U.S. Military Taught Officers: Use 'Hiroshima' Tactics for 'Total War' on Islam



In the May 10, 2012 article, “**U.S. Military Taught Officers: Use ‘Hiroshima’ Tactics for ‘Total War’ on Islam,**” published in WIRED Magazine, Spencer Ackerman included images from a Power Point briefing dated March 14, 2011 titled “**Imposing Islamic Law – or – These aren’t the Droids You’re Looking For!**” WIRED Magazine also appended a link to a crude PDF version of the briefing. The briefing was stolen from the Joint Forces Staff College. In singling out the humorous “**Complexification**” slide, in his race to suggest an arrogant conspiracy theory frame of mind, he got it wrong -

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The ‘**Complexification**’ slide transitioned the briefing to a concern regarding **complexity** narratives that hold that because “the world is so complex, all we can do is manage chaos’ and related memes.



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Stephen Coughlin's presentation to the Joint Staff Forces College on "Imposing Islamic Law" (.pdf) began with a nod to Star Wars.

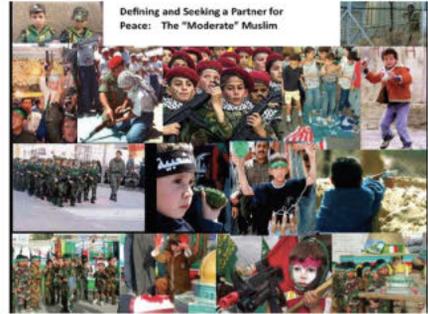
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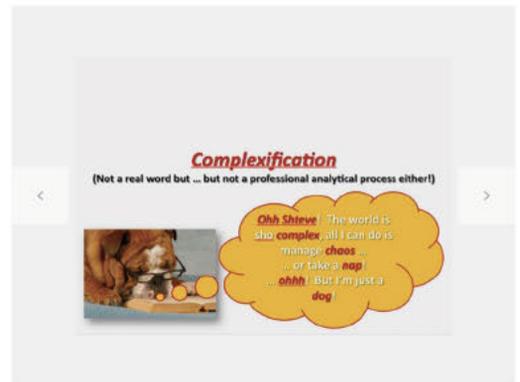
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**Slide 112**

**Complexification**

**(Not a real word but ... but not a professional analytical process either!)**

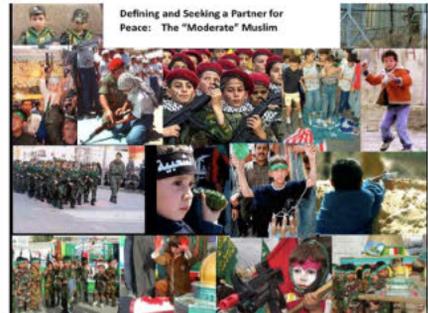


**Ohh Shteve!** The world is sho **complex**, all I can do is manage **chaos** ...  
... or take a **nap!**  
... **ohhh!** But I'm just a **dog!**

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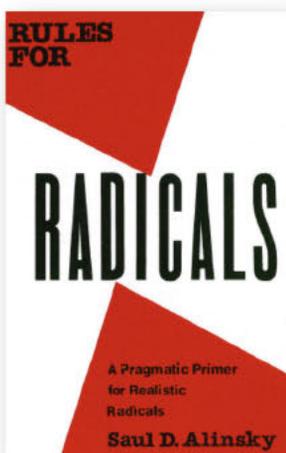
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**Slide 117a**

**"Complexity" You've heard it before!**      **"The world is so complex, all we can do is manage the chaos!"**



In the past the "world," whether in its physical or intellectual terms, was much smaller, simpler, and more orderly. It inspired credibility. Today everything is so complex as to be incomprehensible. What sense does it make

These are the days when man has his hands on the sublime while he is up to his hips in the muck of madness. ...

... The outcome of the hopelessness and despair is morbidity. There is a feeling of death hanging over the nation.

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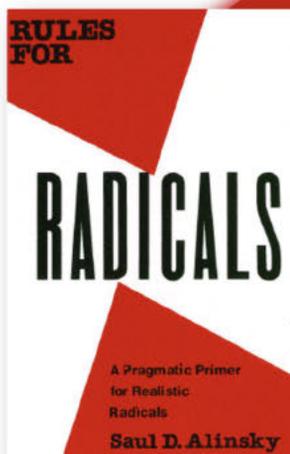


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**Slide 117b**

**"Complexity"**  
 You've heard it before!

**"The world is so complex, all chaos!"**



The object of "complexity" is to move thinkers off the professional standard (legal factual) to one the services narratives ...

... designed to force a sense of hopelessness and despair borne of an ignorance of the very realities one choose not to understand!

**Q: Is the bureaucratic obsession with "complexity" and "chaos" and indicator of successful ideological subversion?**