



Agitprop

***Agitprop (agitation-propaganda)
was created by the Soviets as an instrument
of protracted political war against the people.
Today we still fight the agents of agitprop.***



Soviet Active Measures

Sun Tzu advised his disciples to "attack the adversary's plans," by getting inside the enemy system and undermining its thinking and perception of the world. In the early 1970's, former KGB chief Yuri Andopov set up a separate KGB department for psycho-political warfare. That department was referred to as "service A" or the Service of Active Measures (***Sluzhba Aktivnich Meropriyatii***). It was given broader powers than the old KGB Service A directorate which was responsible for disinformation. The task of Active Measures is to facilitate the spread of Soviet influence in close co-operation with the international Department of the Communist Party. "Service A is one of the most important pillars of Soviet foreign policy. It has the most intelligent and best trained officers of the secret service."

“Active measures” is a Soviet term referring to offensive subversive operations carried out in a maneuver context and sanctioned by the Politburo. Active measures operatives intervene in the internal and foreign affairs of target nations in order to mislead them about Soviet activities, capabilities and intentions. In addition, active measures seek to distort target nation decision-making towards the creation of policies that benefit the Soviet Union and contradict the best interests of the target state. The aim is to undermine and ultimately destroy all power that competes with the Soviet Union.

The Gamut of Active Measures

- Opposition to and defamation of Western governments, political parties or important individuals both in particular countries and on the world stage
- The incitement of populations against state institutions
- The influencing of political opinion and the opposition to, and discrediting of, anti-communist organizations and persons who actively resist the plans of Russia/ the Soviet Union
- The disruption of relations between non-communist states
- The misrepresentation of their military alliances
- The acquisition of Western technology
- The undermining of foreign intelligence services

KGB active measures include agents of influence, disinformation, forgeries and covert management of US journalists. The KGB, in addition to conducting espionage, specializes in orchestrating influence operations, covert propaganda and disinformation. Influence operations insinuate Soviet views into foreign leadership in a non-attributive manner. Agents of influence, traitors who work for the reds, insure that influence operations work as planned by helping the Soviets from within target nations.

Disinformation, or false information and forgeries, is also disseminated by witting and unwitting agents of influence in service to Soviet interests. The KGB training academy teaches intelligence agents that the ability to influence the policy or national decisions of a country is more valuable than stealing its secrets.

A Typology of Active Measures Themes, Messages & Techniques



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