



**THINKING MILITARILY**



**ACTING POLITICALLY/  
LEGISLATIVELY**





**“WAR IS THE  
CONTINUATION  
OF POLITICS BY  
ANOTHER  
MEANS.”**

**MG Carl von Clausewitz  
1780 - 1831**

# WHAT IS WAR

Clausewitz: "Politics by another means"

Peace

Declaration  
of Hostilities

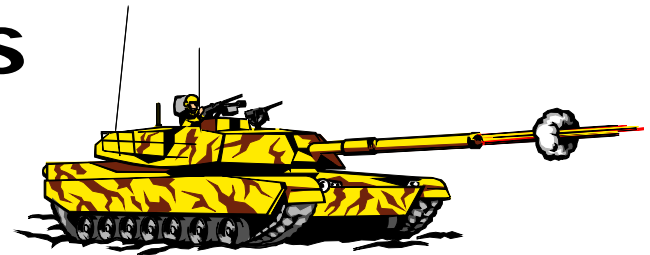
War

Due Process rights  
& police use of force  
vs. criminality

Increase in Lethality

Decrease in burden  
of proof and due  
process; Geneva  
Convention & Law  
of Land Warfare

Constitutional rights and its due process standards  
are reserved solely for *citizens* and persons with  
*legal presence in sovereign territory controlled by  
the United States.*



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**LTC Brian Birdwell  
1961 -**

# PRINCIPLES OF WAR

**OBJECTIVE** – CLEAR FOCUS ON THE END STATE TO BE ACHIEVED

**OFFENSIVE** – CONDUCTING OPERATIONS TO IMPOSE YOUR WILL UPON THE ENEMY

**INITIATIVE** – SET OR CHANGE THE TERMS OF BATTLE BY ACTIONS THAT IMPLY AN OFFENSIVE SPIRIT IN THE CONDUCT OF ALL OPERATIONS

**UNITY OF COMMAND** – ONE PERSON IN CHARGE AT EACH LEVEL OF COMMAND

**MASS** – OVERWHELMING COMBAT POWER AT THE DECISIVE TIME AND PLACE

# PRINCIPLES OF WAR

Cont.

**ECONOMY OF FORCE** – ACHIEVE OBJECTIVES WHILE RISKING AS LITTLE FORCE AS POSSIBLE IN SUPPORTING OPERATIONS

**SECURITY** – PROTECTING FRIENDLY FORCES WITHIN YOUR BATTLESPACE TO PRECLUDE BEING SURPRISED BY THE ENEMY

**SURPRISE** – STRIKE THE ENEMY AT A TIME OR PLACE OR MANNER FOR WHICH HE IS NOT PREPARED

**SIMPLICITY** – PREPARE CLEAR, UNCOMPLICATED PLANS AND CONCISE ORDERS TO ENSURE THOROUGH UNDERSTANDING

# Defense

# Measures of Success

1979 US Embassy in Tehran

- 1983 Marine Brks 242 dead
- 1985 Achille Lauro 1 dead  
TWA flt 847 1 dead
- 1986 Berlin nightclub bombed,  
2 U.S. servicemen killed
- 1993 WTC bombed 6 dead
- 1998 African Embassy's  
bombed, 12 dead
- 2001 9/11 2,973 dead
- POTUS
- Sep 11, Oval Office

- 1983 Embassy in Beirut 63 dead
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Torrejon, Spain. U.S. embassy  
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& killed
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2002 Afghan Int Govt

2003 Removal of Saddam

2004 Interim Iraqi Govt

2005 Pres Karzi reelected

2006 Pres Maliki Seated

2007 Basra is 9<sup>th</sup> Province  
under Iraqi control

2009 Provincial elections

Casualties in OIF 4,188; OEF 625 as of 28 October 08

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2001 Fall of taliban

2003 Afghan Republic

2003 Libya Abandons Nuclear Prgm

2005 Iraqi elections

2006 Iraqi Const vote

Parliament seated

2007 **Surge Begins**

2008 Legislative Successes

# Offense

Sep 11, Oval Office

# LEVELS OF WARFARE

## WHO

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**Unified Geographic  
Commanders**

**Theater Army/  
Army Component  
Commands**

**Corps/JTF**

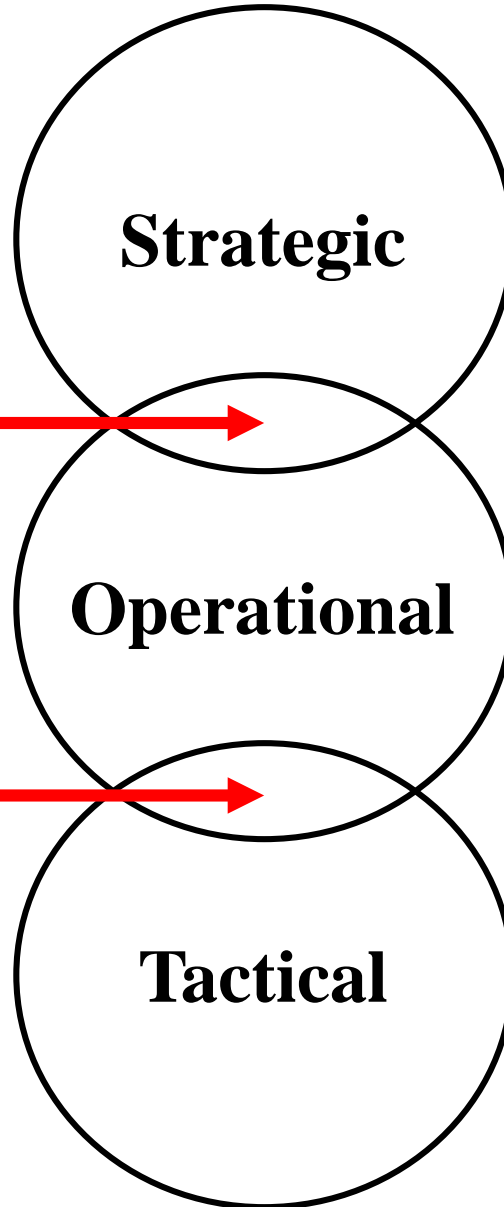
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## FIGHTS

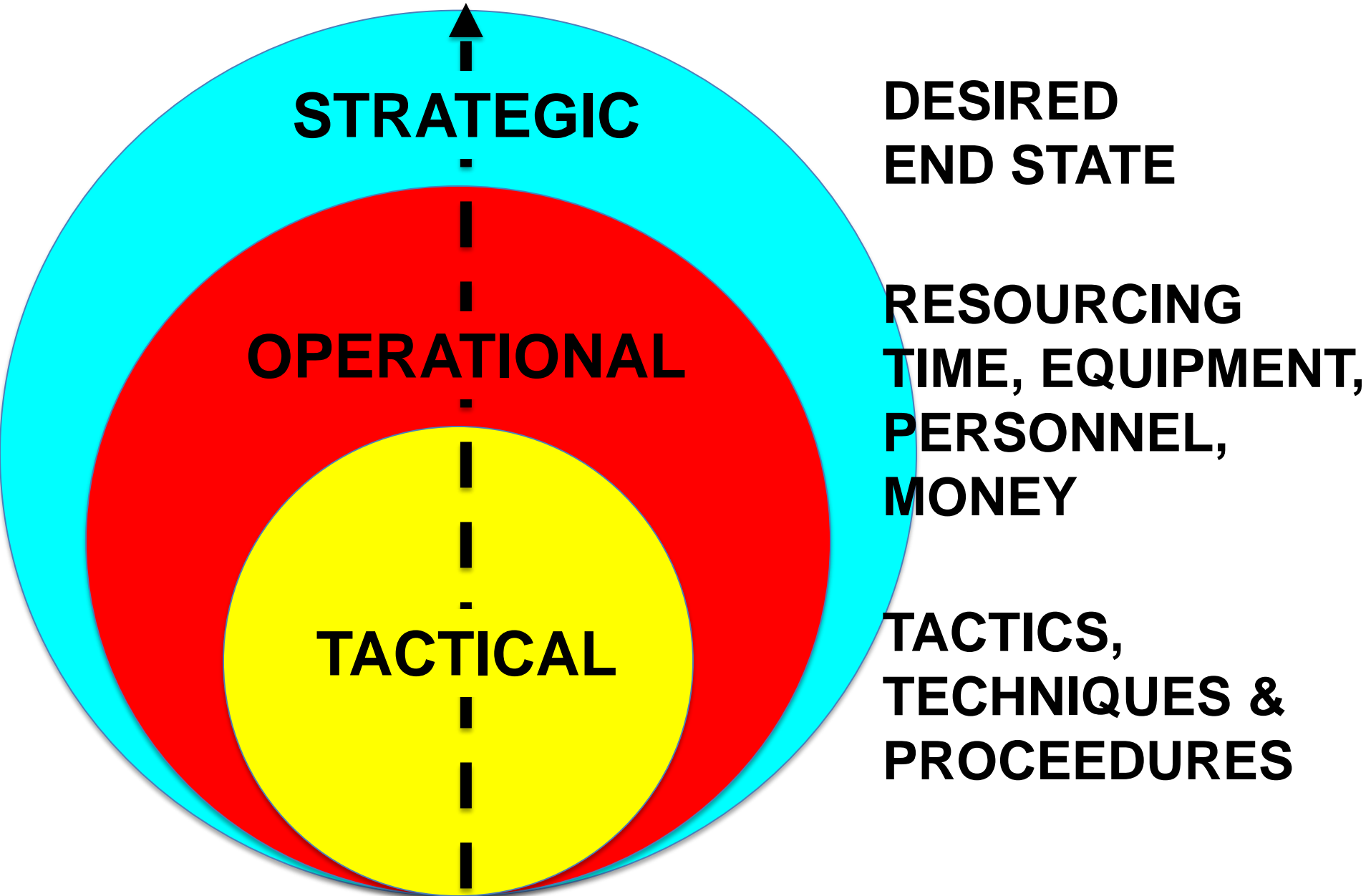
**War**

**Campaigns**

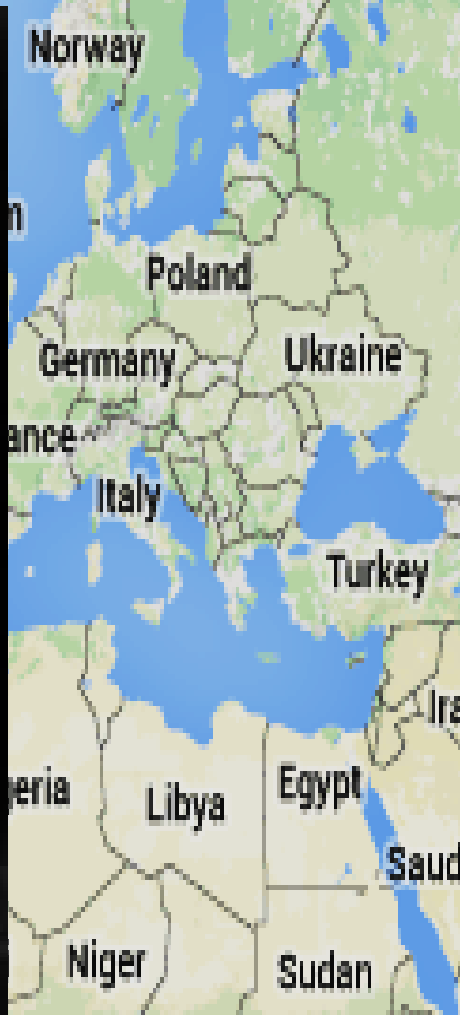
**Battles  
&  
Engagements**



# DECISION LEVELS & IMPACTS



# ENTER THE CONTINENT OF EUROPE AND DESTROY NAZI GERMANY'S ABILITY TO MAKE WAR



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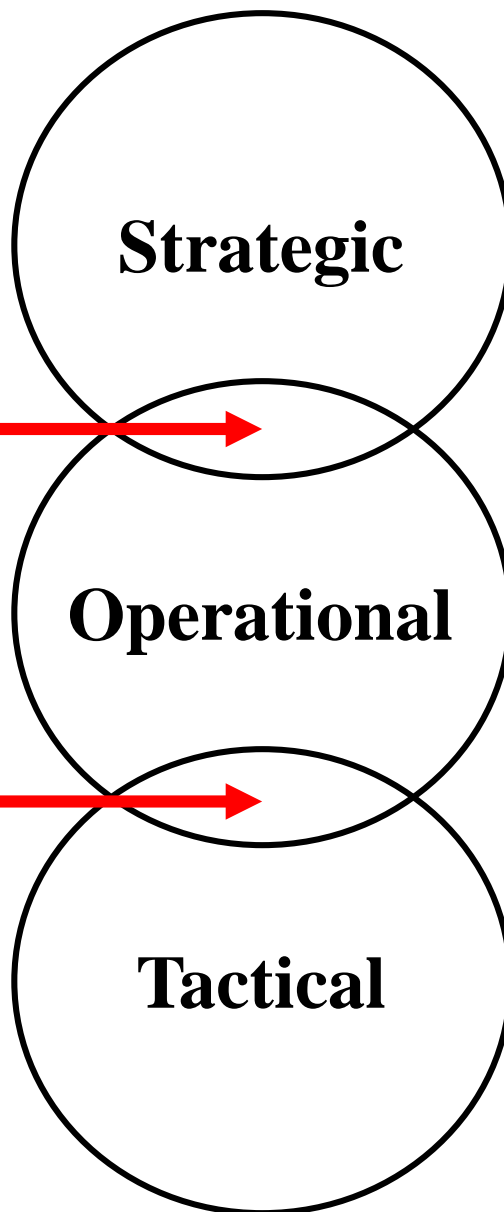
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**War**

**Campaigns**

**Battles  
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**PLANT MY FLAG IN BERLIN**

**CROSS THE RHINE**

**GET THROUGH THE RUHR VALLEY**

**GET THROUGH THE ARDENNES AND BENELUX**

**GET THROUGH NORTHERN FRANCE HEDGEROW**

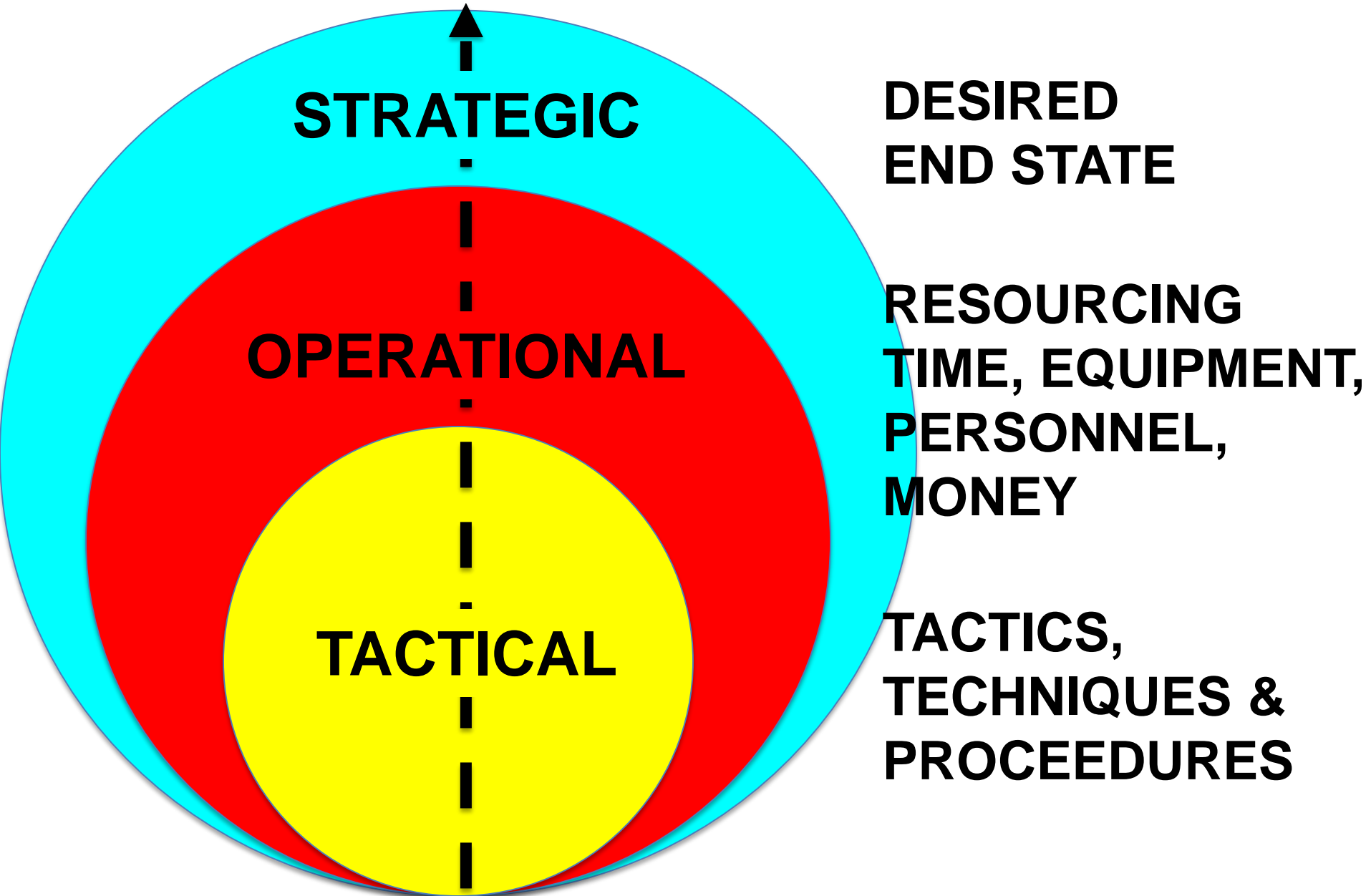
**GAIN A FOOTHOLD ON THE CONTINENT AT  
NORMANDY**

**ESTABLISH INTERMEDIATE STAGING BASE TO  
MASS FORCES FOR LANDING**

**WIN THE BATTLE OF THE ATLANTIC**



# DECISION LEVELS & IMPACTS



# LEVELS OF POLITICAL WARFARE

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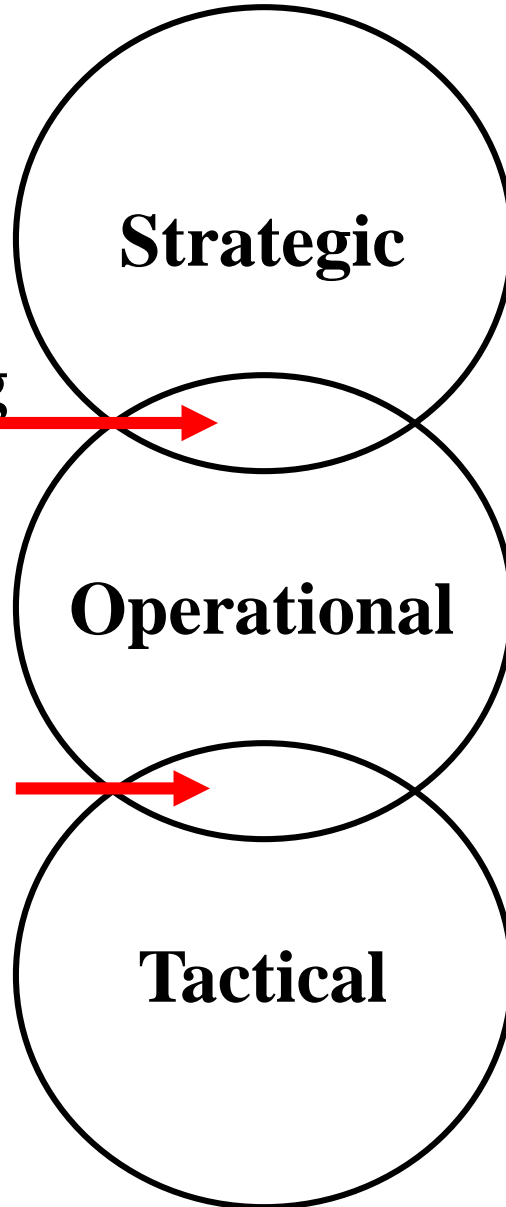
**Governor/Citizens**

**Chamber Presiding  
Officer**

**Legislative  
Chamber Caucus**

**Committee Chairs**

**Individual  
Candidates**



**Strategic**

**Operational**

**Tactical**

## FIGHTS

**Legislative  
End State**

**Conference  
Committee**

**Floor Rules  
Floor Votes**

**Hearings, Rules  
Committee Votes**

**Block Walking &  
Voter Contact**

A man in a police uniform, including a dark blue short-sleeved shirt, light blue jeans, a duty belt with a holster, and sunglasses, stands outdoors. The background is a blurred green landscape with trees and a building. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

**GOV THAT WILL SIGN THE BILL**

**GET BILL TO CONFERENCE WITH ENOUGH TIME LEFT IN SESSION**

**GET BILL TO FLOOR OF ORIGINATING BODY RAPIDLY**

**GET BILL ASSIGNED TO COMMITTEE WITH FAVORABLE CHAIR AND COMMITTEE MAKEUP**

**FIND GREAT CO-SPONSOR IN STATE HOUSE**

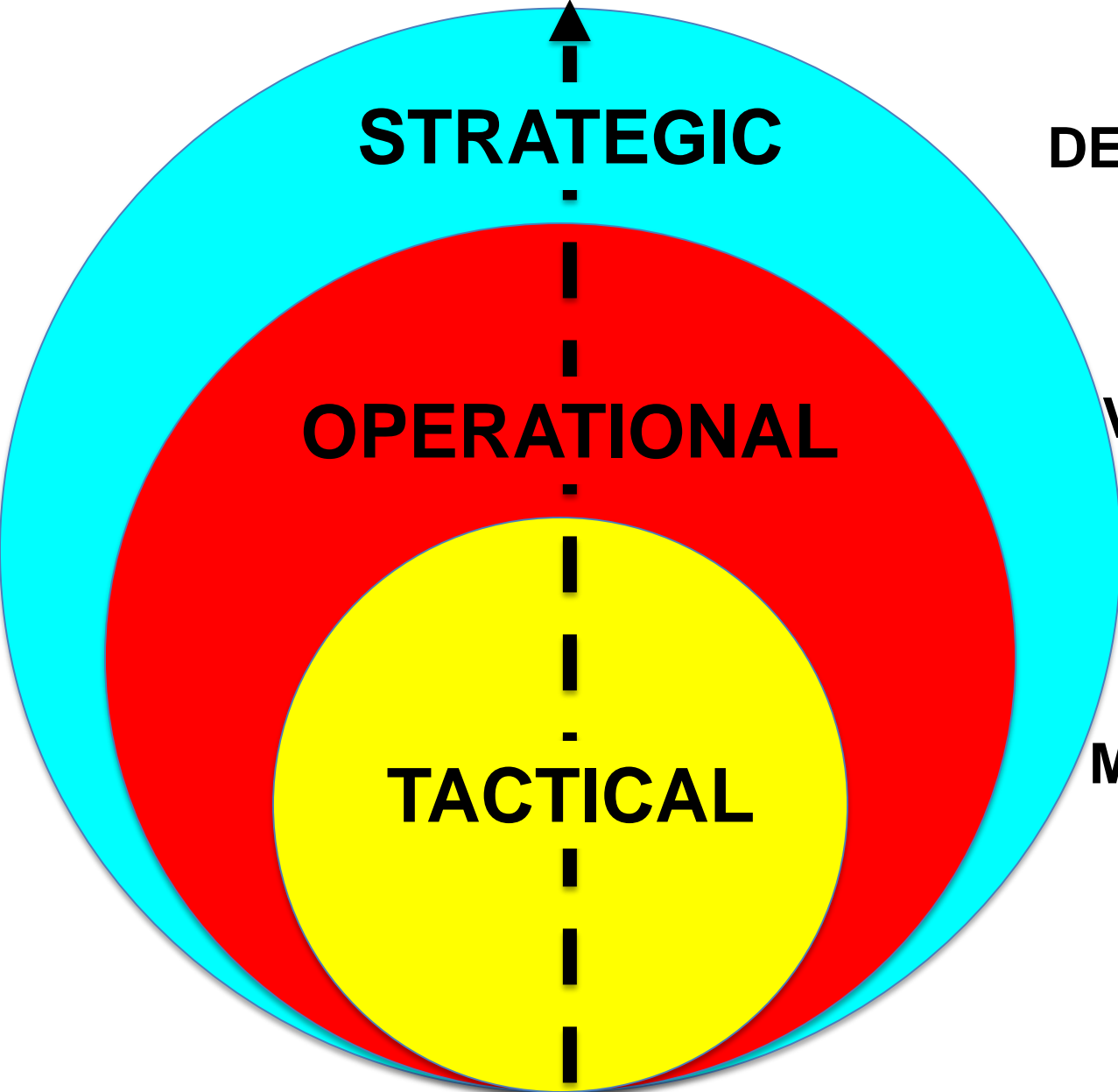
**GET PROFESSIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT TO TESTIFY FAVORABLY**

**CHANGE BLOCKER RULE**

**ELECT FAVORABLE CANDIDATES**

**BUILD SUPPORT AMONG VOTING BASE FOR CHANGE IN LAW IN THE INTERIM**

# JUDICIAL BRANCH DECISION LEVELS & IMPACTS



**FAVORABLE  
DECISION/PRECEDENT  
END STATE**

**VENUE & PARTNER  
ENTITIES**

**MERITS OF THE LAW  
TO BE ARGUED,  
MOTIONS**




**MAXIMS**



**HE WHO FIGHTS FROM HIS  
FORTRESS LOSES**



**DO NOT FIGHT INSIDE YOUR  
ENEMIES ASSUMPTIONS  
ABOUT YOU**

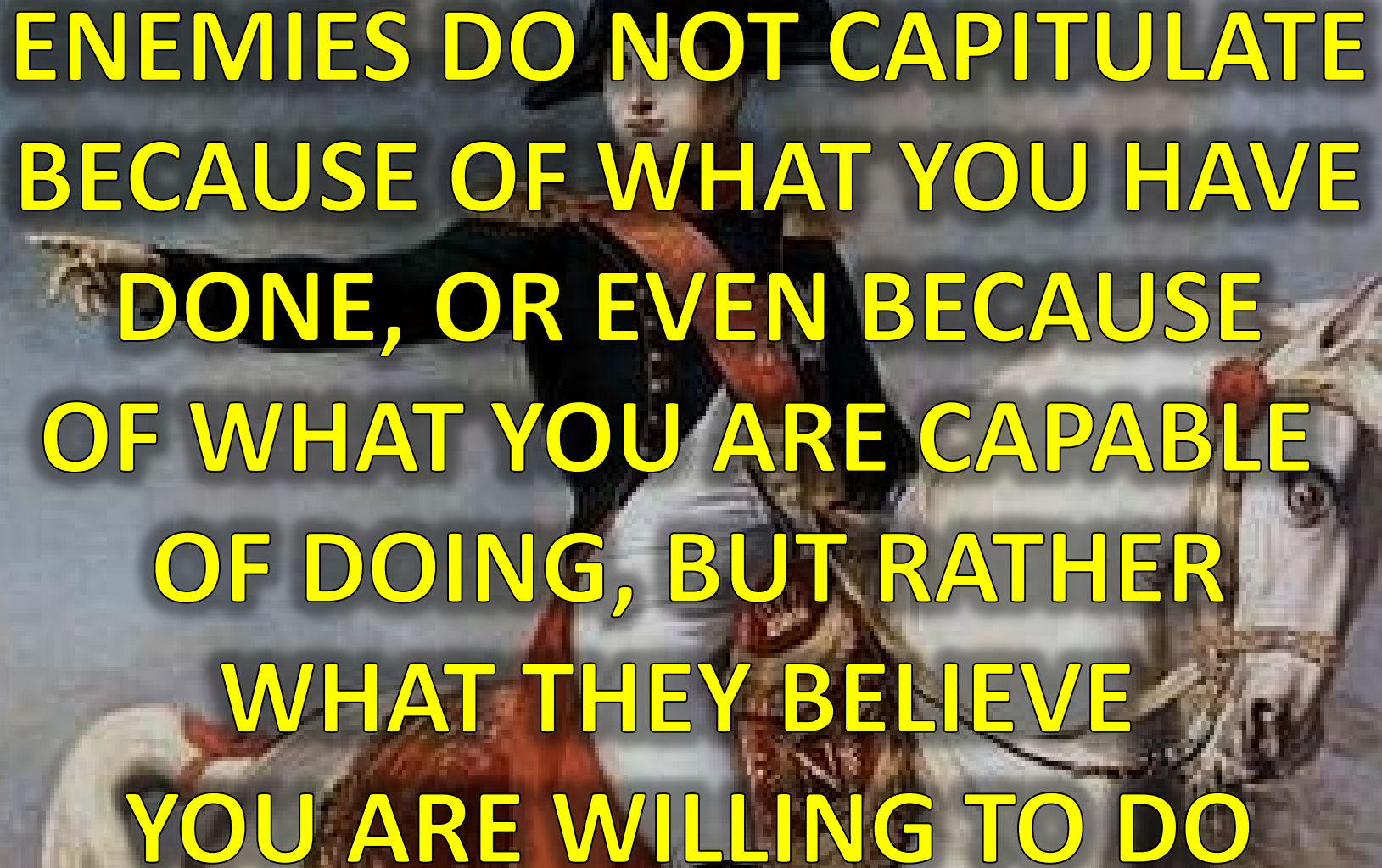
A painting of Napoleon Bonaparte on a white horse, wearing a black bicorne hat and a dark military uniform with a red sash. He is pointing his right hand towards the left. The background is a cloudy sky.

**WHEN YOU TELL YOUR ENEMIES  
YOU WON'T FIGHT, YOU  
HAVE ALSO TOLD YOUR  
FRIENDS YOU WON'T FIGHT**

A painting of Napoleon Bonaparte on a white horse, wearing a black bicorne hat and a dark military uniform with a red sash. He is pointing forward with his right hand. The background is a soft, hazy landscape.

**CENTER OF GRAVITY**

**THE GREATEST SOURCE OF  
STRENGTH THAT PROVIDES  
MORAL, PHYSICAL STRENGTH, OR  
WILL TO ACT**

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**ENEMIES DO NOT CAPITULATE  
BECAUSE OF WHAT YOU HAVE  
DONE, OR EVEN BECAUSE  
OF WHAT YOU ARE CAPABLE  
OF DOING, BUT RATHER  
WHAT THEY BELIEVE  
YOU ARE WILLING TO DO**



# RISK

A DECISION FROM WHICH  
YOU CAN RECOVER IF THE  
ACTION FAILS



**GAMBLE**

**A DECISION FROM  
WHICH YOU CANNOT  
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**WHY DO WE FIELD  
LAND, NAVAL  
& AIR FORCES?**





**TO DOMINATE  
THE TERRAIN!**



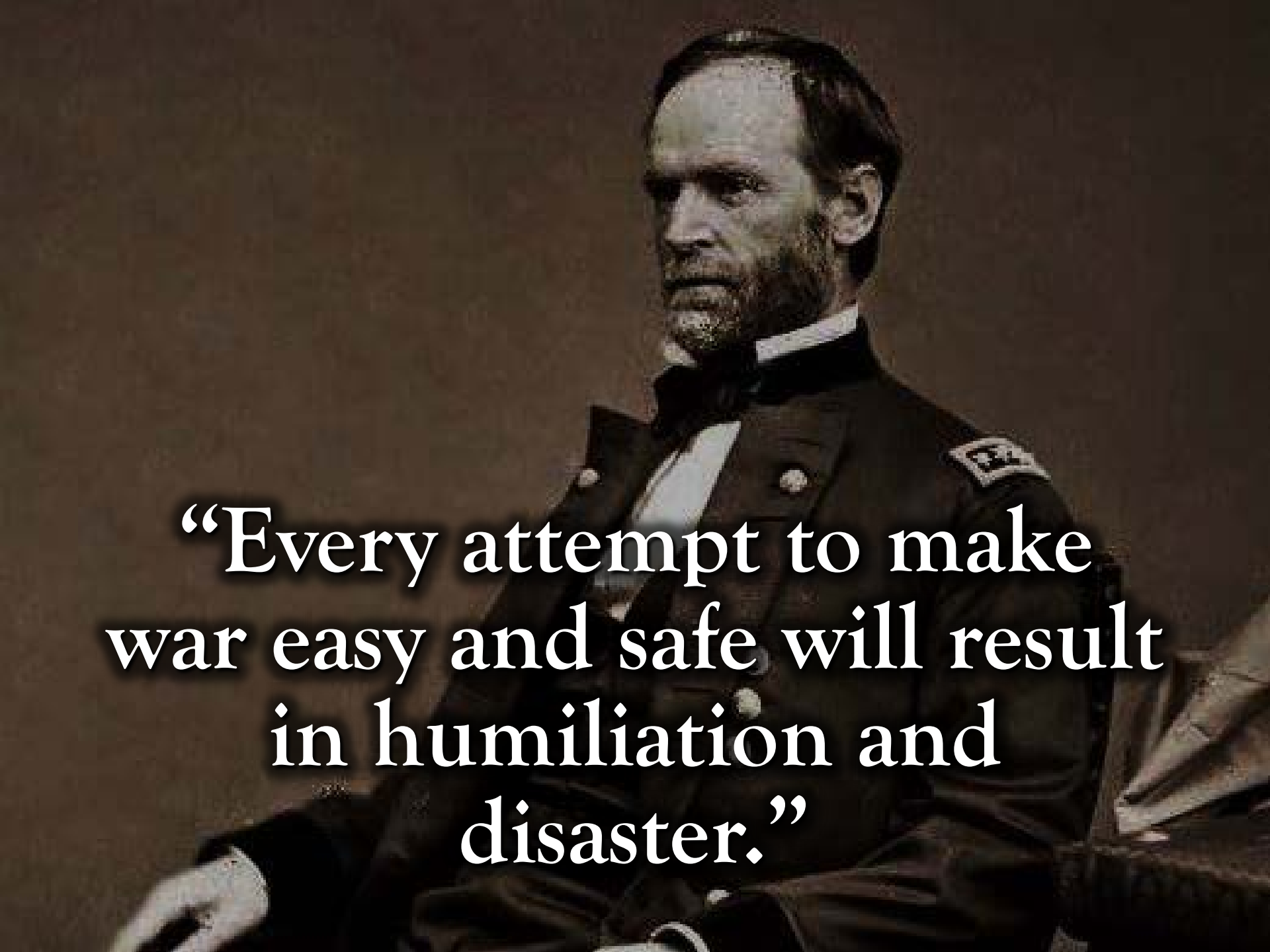
The image shows the United States Capitol building in Washington, D.C., under a clear blue sky. The building is white with a prominent central dome and classical architectural features like columns and arches. The foreground shows a green lawn and some trees. The text is overlaid on the image in a bold, red, sans-serif font with a white outline.

**WHY DO CITIZENS ELECT OFFICE  
HOLDERS TO THE LEGISLATIVE AND  
EXECUTIVE BRANCHES IN THE STATES  
AND FEDERALLY**

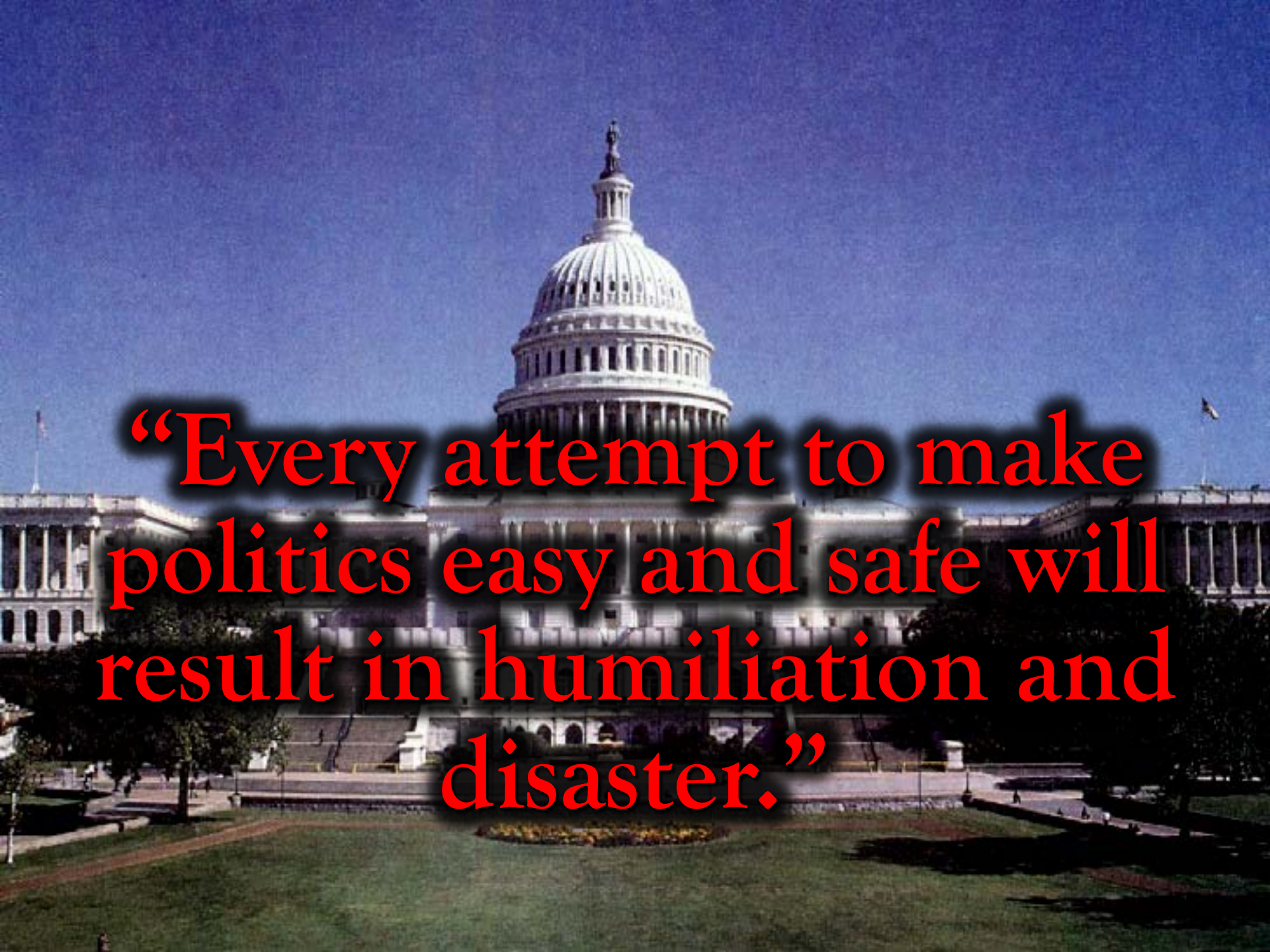
**TO DOMINATE THE  
POLITICAL  
TERRAIN!**

A sepia-toned portrait of General William T. Sherman. He is shown from the chest up, seated and facing slightly to the left. He has a full, dark beard and mustache. He is wearing a dark, double-breasted military jacket with a white collar and a dark bow tie. A white patch with a dark emblem is visible on his left shoulder. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

**Gen. William T. Sherman**

A black and white portrait of General William Tecumseh Sherman, a prominent Union general during the American Civil War. He is shown from the chest up, wearing a dark military uniform with a high collar and a dark cravat. He has a serious expression and is looking slightly to the left of the frame. The background is a plain, dark color.

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The image shows the United States Capitol building in Washington, D.C., under a clear blue sky. The building's iconic white dome is the central focus. In the foreground, there is a green lawn with some trees and a paved walkway. The quote is overlaid in a large, bold, red font with a black drop shadow, making it stand out against the background.

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