

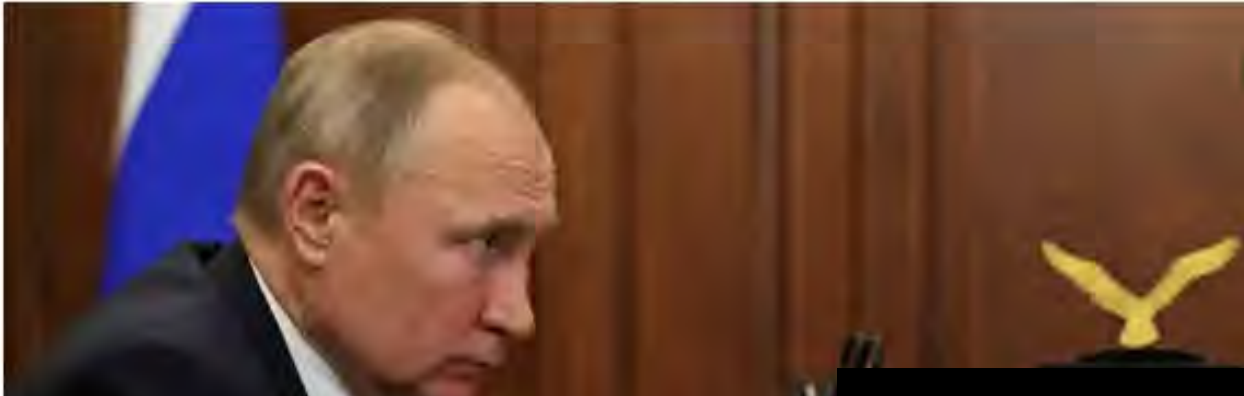
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A Military Communicator's Reflection on a Misinformation Crisis

Russian media 'spreading Covid-19 disinformation'

Leaked EU report says pro-Kremlin outlets seeking to aggravate public health crisis

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SOCIAL MEDIA FUELS SPREAD OF COVID-19 INFORMATION—AND MISINFORMATION

Johns Hopkins computer scientist Mark Dredze discusses how social media can help combat—or contribute to—the spread of misinformation during the COVID-19 pandemic

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COVID-19 has quickly evolved into the greatest public health challenge of a generation. People are increasingly turning to social media to understand the virus, receive updates, and learn what can be done to stay safe.

Mark Dredze, an associate professor of computer science at the Johns Hopkins Whiting School of Engineering, researches the applications of artificial intelligence and natural language processing to inform how social

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Raziq





Raziq is Dead



New details of top US general's close call in Afghanistan insider attack

The attack killed Gen. Abdul Raziq, the well-known police chief in Kandahar.

By Luis Martinez
October 19, 2018, 7:37 PM • 5 min read



Kandahar police chief killed in A U.S. Gen. Scott Miller is unhurt



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US commander drew fire at



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Update on the Kandahar palace today. This was an Afghan-on-Afghan incident. Three Americans were wounded, have been medically evacuated and are stable. General Miller is uninjured. We are being told the area is secure. The attacker is dead. Send queries to our press desk.

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Misinformation

The Rise and Fall of Facts

by Colin Dickey

Disinformation

Malinformation

magazine article on
100 Trees in

content to its bare minimum. Doing so
was good business, the Associated Press

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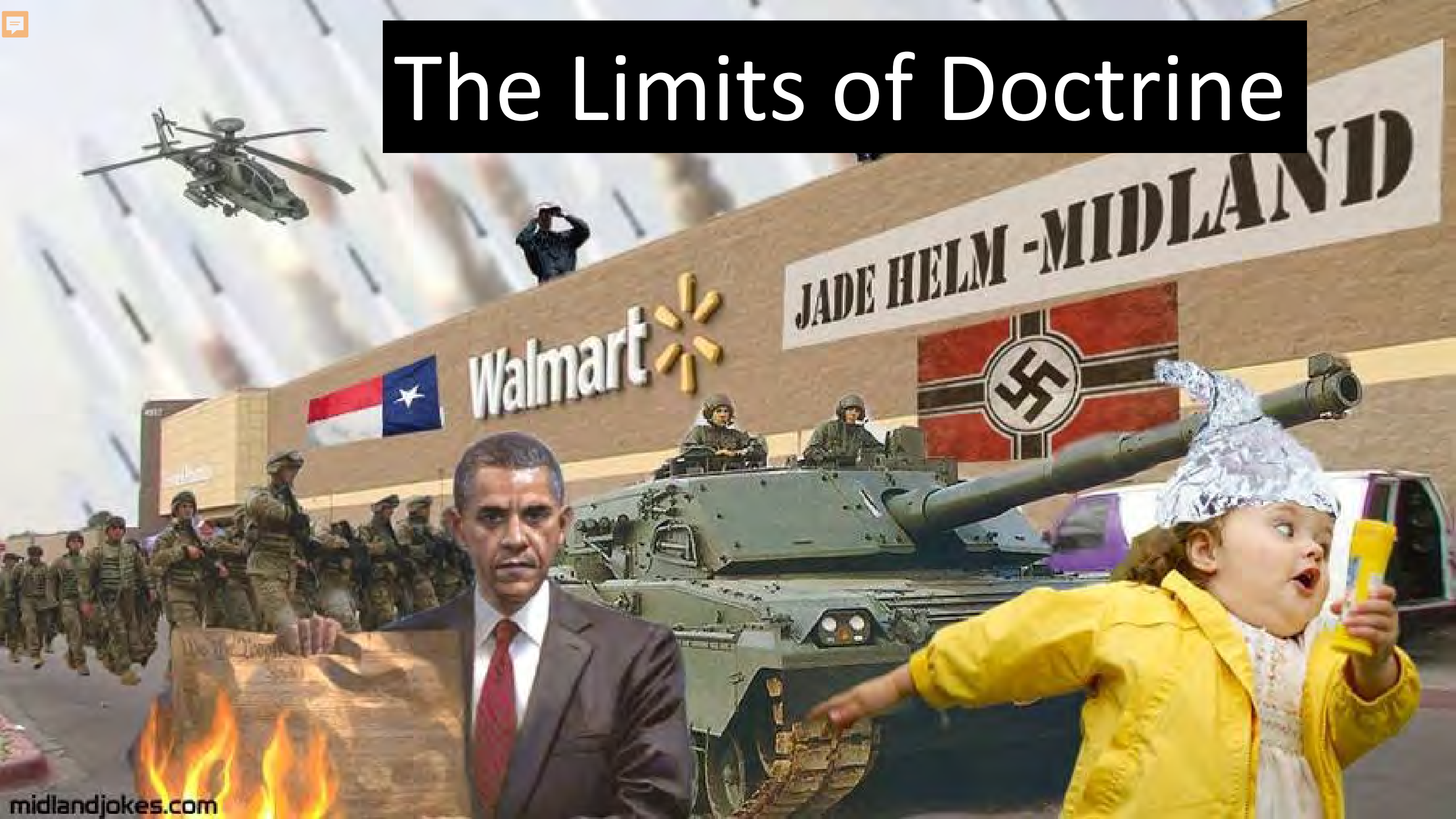
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The Problem of Belief

The Limits of Doctrine



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Replying to @Zabehulah_M33
More #TalibanLies. They did not gain entry to the base. No servicemembers died or were seriously injured. Instead, #Taliban killed two innocent civilians, destroyed a mosque, damaged homes and wounded more than 70 innocents. Taliban continues to show disregard for #Afghan lives.
12:37 PM · Dec 12, 2019 · Twitter for Android
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Zabihullah (.. ذبیح الله م) @Zabehulah_M33 · Oct 13, 2019
#AlFath
Combined US invaders & Zero-One Unit that tried to raid Tasang area of Deh Yak district #Ghazni hit with IED & direct attack in Balayi area last night resulting in an invader & 6 hirelings killed, multiple wounded & SUV destroyed.
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USFOR-A Spokesman Col Sonny Leggett @USFO... · Oct 13, 2019
No truth to these #TalibanLies, no IED strike, no casualties. However, innocent Afghans are killed every day by the Taliban's IEDs.

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#TalibanLies, n inaccurate rock
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Replying to @Zabehulah_M33
This is false, the result of the IED blast was innocent Afghans killed. Instead of
own countrymen, stop the
listen to the will of the
ple- which is to have peace.

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USFOR-A Spokesman Col Sonny Leggett @USFO... · Sep 30, 2019
Absolutely false. More #TalibanLies. No US or Coalition casualties.
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A Communicator's Place

Are We Ready?

Disinformation, misinformation, and social media hoaxes have evolved into high-stakes information war. But our frameworks for dealing with them have remained the same.

-Renee DiResta, Stanford Internet Observatory