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of Factors and Their Characteristics; Key Factors and Their Attributes; Factor 1: Level of External Support for Violent, Nonstate Groups; Factor 2: Extent to Which Government Considered Illegitimate or Ineffective by the Population
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Factor 4: Levels of Absolute or Relative Poverty/Inequality; Presence of One or More Groups That Have Recently Lost Status or Power; Factor 5: Extent to Which Local Governance Is Fragmented or Nonexistent and Vulnerable to Co-Option from Insurgent Replacement Institutions; Factor 6: Existence of Ungoverned Space; Factor 7: Presence of Multiple Violent, Nonstate Groups Competing for Power
Factor 8: Level of Government Restriction on Political or Ideological Dissent Extent to Which Individuals Feel Alienated from Governing Process; Factor 9: Level of Consistency/Agreement Between Nonstate Group's Goals and Philosophy and Preferences/Worldview/Ideology of Target Populations; Factor 10: Extent to Which Population and Nonstate Groups Perceive Faltering Government Commitment to a Counterinsurgency Campaign; Factor 11: Capacity, Resources, and Expertise of Violent, Nonstate Groups
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Sommario/riassunto

For over a decade, operations associated with irregular warfare have placed large demands on U.S. ground forces and have led to development of new Army and Joint doctrine. This report helps analysts identify and assess twelve key factors that create and perpetuate environments susceptible to insurgency, terrorism, and other extremist violence and instability to inform military decisions on allocation of analytic and security assistance resources.
