

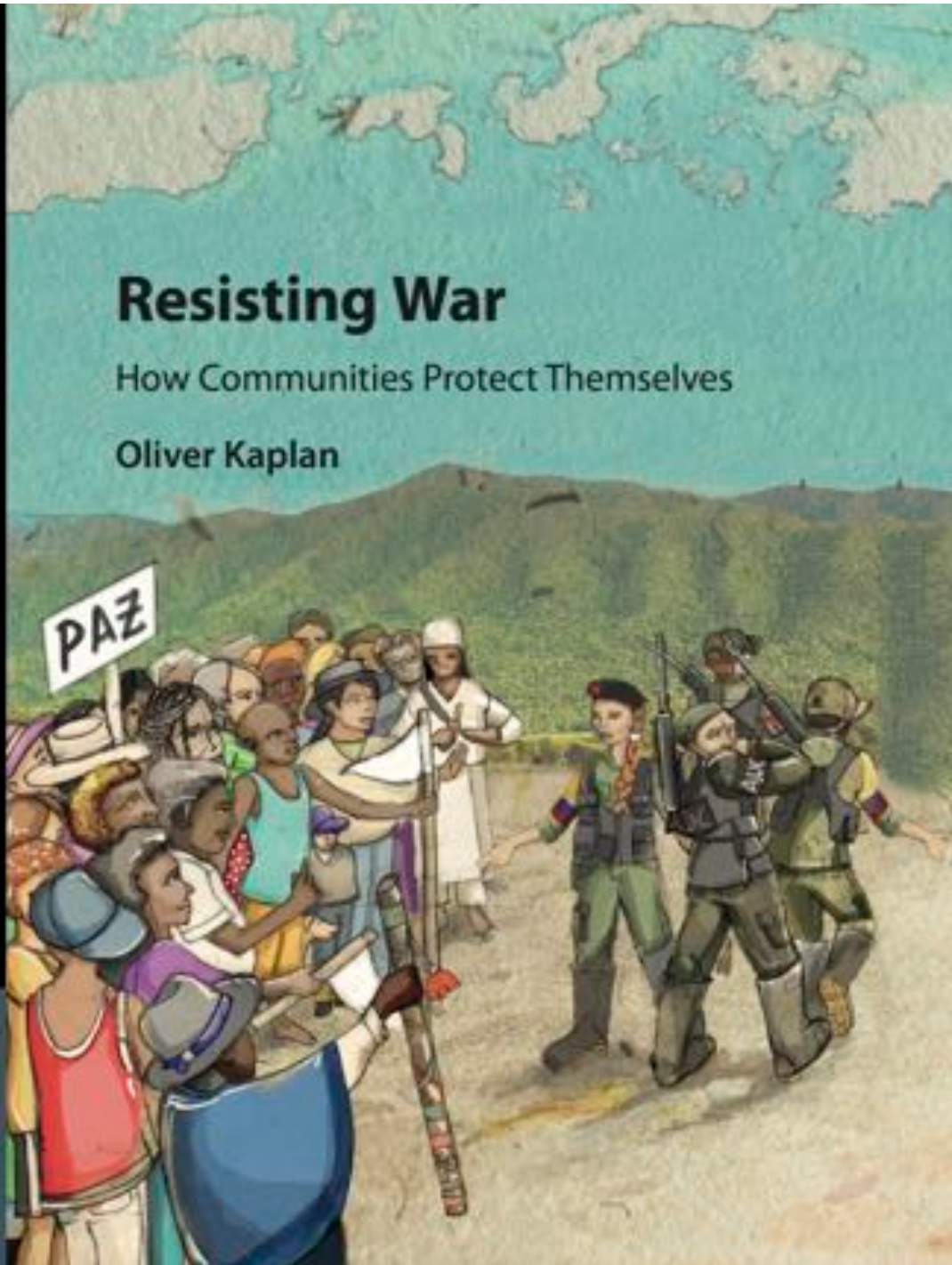
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How Communities Protect Themselves

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- Communities nonviolently organize to protect themselves
- Implications for militaries:
 - Understand community organization and “culture”
 - Respect community autonomy and work with civilians to...
 - Limit violence
 - Monitor, vouch for demobilized combatants (JTF-435)
 - “Do nothing”/ avoid stigmatizing communities (?)
 - Partnered Ops: Push partners to respect communities

Community Organization

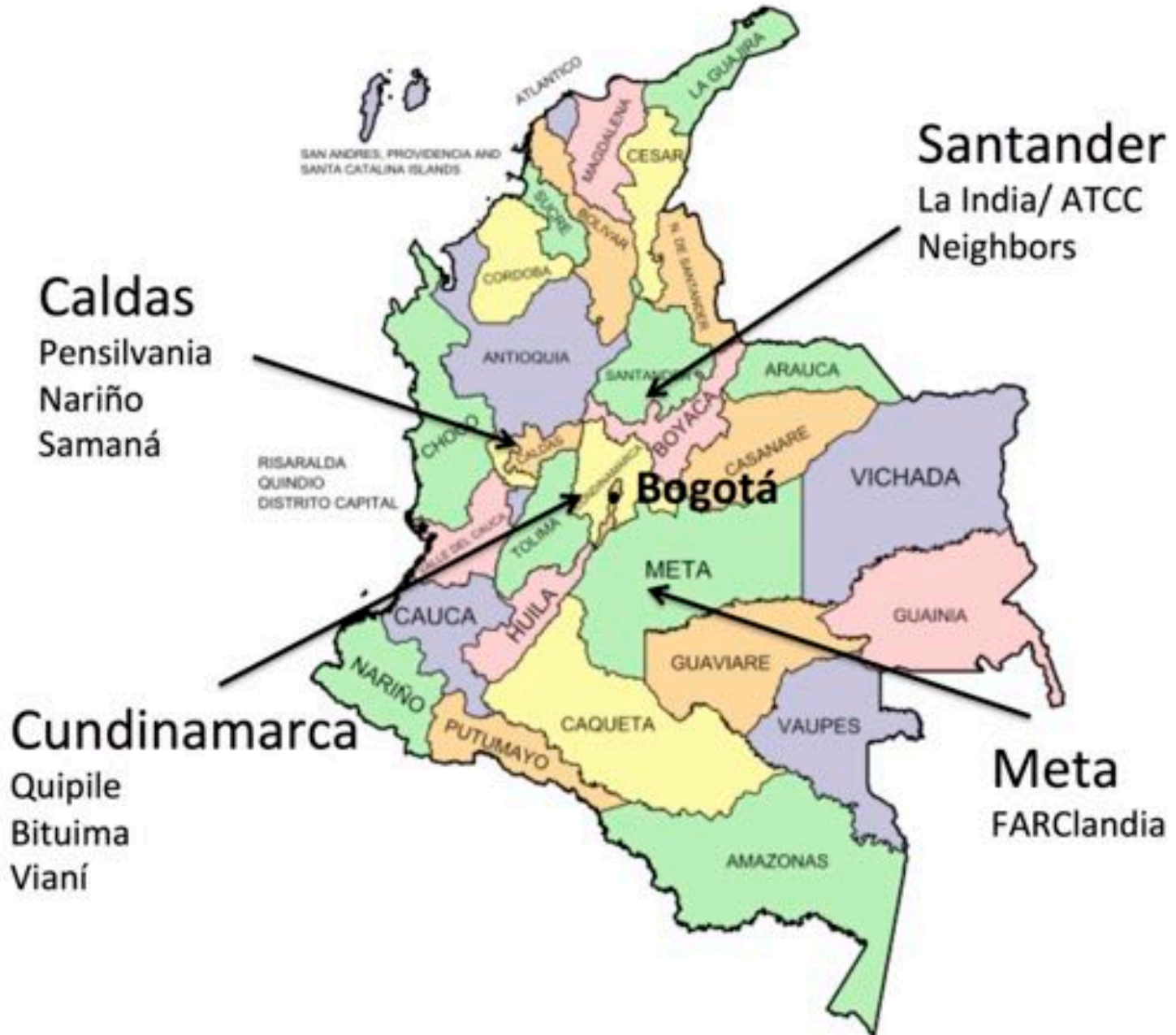


Nonviolent “Autonomy” Strategies





Colombia









Formal Institutional Relationships & Data Sharing

The screenshot shows the ESOC (Empirical Studies of Conflict) website. At the top left is the ESOC logo and name. Below it is a search bar and a link to 'All Files'. To the right are three filter columns: 'COUNTRY' (listing Afghanistan, Colombia, Iraq, Pakistan, Philippines, Vietnam), 'FILE TYPE' (listing GIS Data, Tabular Data, ESOC Papers, Archives & Interviews, External Data Repositories, Readings), and 'THEME' (listing Demographic/Social, Geography, Infrastructure, Public Opinion, Violence). Below the filters is an 'ABOUT US' section with text describing the project's mission and a 'Read more' link. To the right of the text is a map of Colombia with a 'Learn more' link. At the bottom are navigation links for 'People', 'Research', and 'Resources'.



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United Nations Office on Drugs



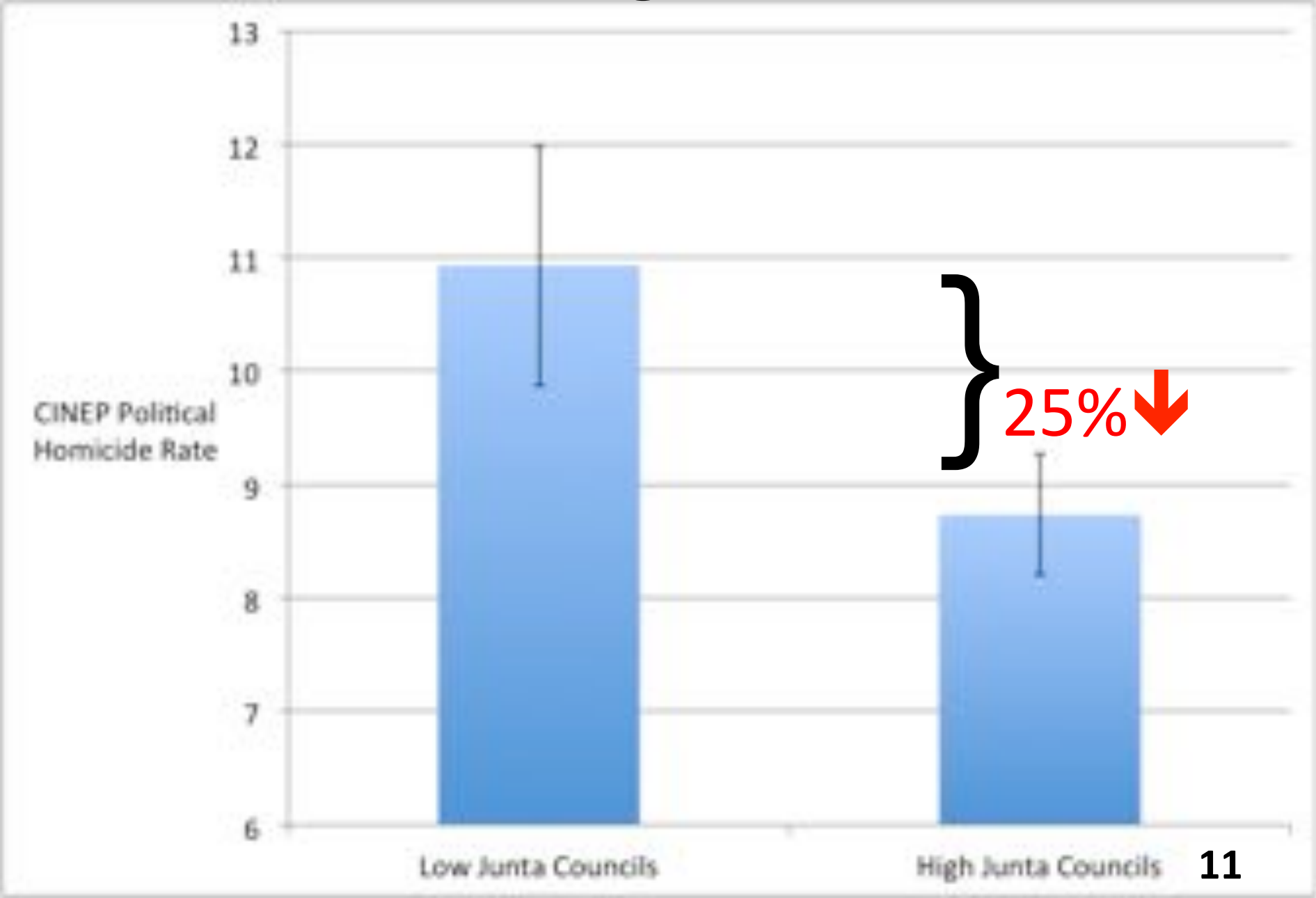
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Limiting Violence



A graphic illustration showing the silhouettes of five people walking up a hill. From left to right: a person with a rifle, a person with a large backpack, a person walking, a person carrying a child on their back, and a woman. The silhouettes are dark against a light background.

LA REINTEGRACIÓN EN COLOMBIA
"Construimos paz desde el territorio"



FARC-EP

RESISTENCIA



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COMUNICADO A LA POBLACION CIVIL

Los Frentes 23 de las FARC-EP y Guillermo Astudillo Vasquez Herud del ELN. Convencidos con el fin a nuestro pueblo debemos comportarnos y actuar como revolucionarios y acogiéndonos a nuestras normas que buscan proteger a la población civil del conflicto armado estableciendo las siguientes recomendaciones.

RECOMENDACIONES A LA POBLACION CIVIL DE LA REGION

1. La Población Civil debe evitar que los cuarteles y bases de acantonamiento de Ejército y Paramilitares sean ubicados cerca de sus casas de habitación o en lugares de concentración pública.
2. La Población Civil debe evitar que unidades de Ejército y Paramilitares les utilicen sus vehículos particulares o de transporte público en servicio. Si los propietarios ó conductores son obligados, es preferible bajarse y entregar las llaves del vehículo, dejarlo a responsabilidad de los militares y exigir la firma de un papel que así lo señale.
3. La Población Civil debe abstenerse de abordar vehículos militares de cualquier tipo.
4. Los vehículos civiles en las carreteras, deben conservar una distancia mínima de 500 metros respecto de vehículos y caravanas militares.
5. La población Civil debe abstenerse de servir de guía e informantes a las patrullas del Ejército y Paramilitares en las zonas rurales.
6. La Población Civil debe abstenerse de ingresar a guarniciones militares y puestos de policía. Tampoco dormir en ellos.
7. En carreteras de los sectores como la Quitazá, Chorolú, San Martín, El Otoval, La Punta, La Lolla y Puerto Pacheco, los vehículos deben abstenerse de transitar en las horas comprendidas entre las 6 P.M y las 6 A.M.
8. Durante operativos ó patrullajes del Ejército y Paramilitares en las zonas rurales, la Población Civil debe abstenerse de transitar por caminos y trochas por donde se estén moviendo las tropas. Tampoco ingresar a sitios de concentración y campamentos abandonados por nuestras unidades.

Montañas de Santander y Boyacá.

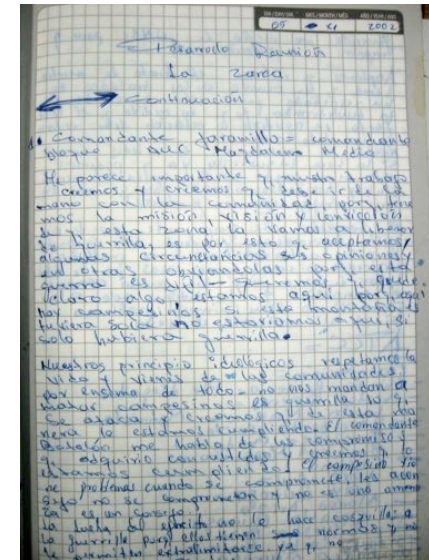
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From the Archives

Paramilitary Commander, 2002:

“We believe we are complying with the accords. The *campesino* has problems when he ‘compromises’ himself with the guerrillas. He who dedicates himself just to his family doesn’t have to worry. That’s not a threat, it’s a suggestion....”



The Paramilitaries' Organization Calculus

- From September 22, 2002

Woman: Will you Paras remain here whether or not the community wants you?

Commander: Yes, we're going to be here regardless.

Woman: And if the community organizes itself and says no?

Commander: If it's the *entire* community, we would respect the decision. But if only 2 or 3 people don't want us, we will stay.



Banning weapons
in the Philippines

Peace Zone Nonviolent Strategies

- Ban gambling
- Ban alcohol
- Ban drugs
- Ban firearms
- Policy on migration to PZ
- Ceasefire
- No harassment of civilians
- No use of public facilities
- Declare space/size of PZ
- Resolve local disputes
- Not pass information to armed groups
- Bar armed groups from territory
- Anti-recruitment strategies (esp. youth)
- Procedures to protect community leaders or threatened individuals
- Incentives or penalties to promote cooperation
- Deal with fear/ trust
- Safety for wounded soldiers

International media



23/5/2014 The Syrian Revolution - Kafranbel

Military Perspectives

- Colombia
- Afghanistan
- Iraq
- Philippines

Different AFP institutions can “produce a force multiplier effect to the whole process of establishing a Peace Zone” and is “preferable [to] continued military confrontation”

--General Ariel Bernardo, AFP

Implications for Operators

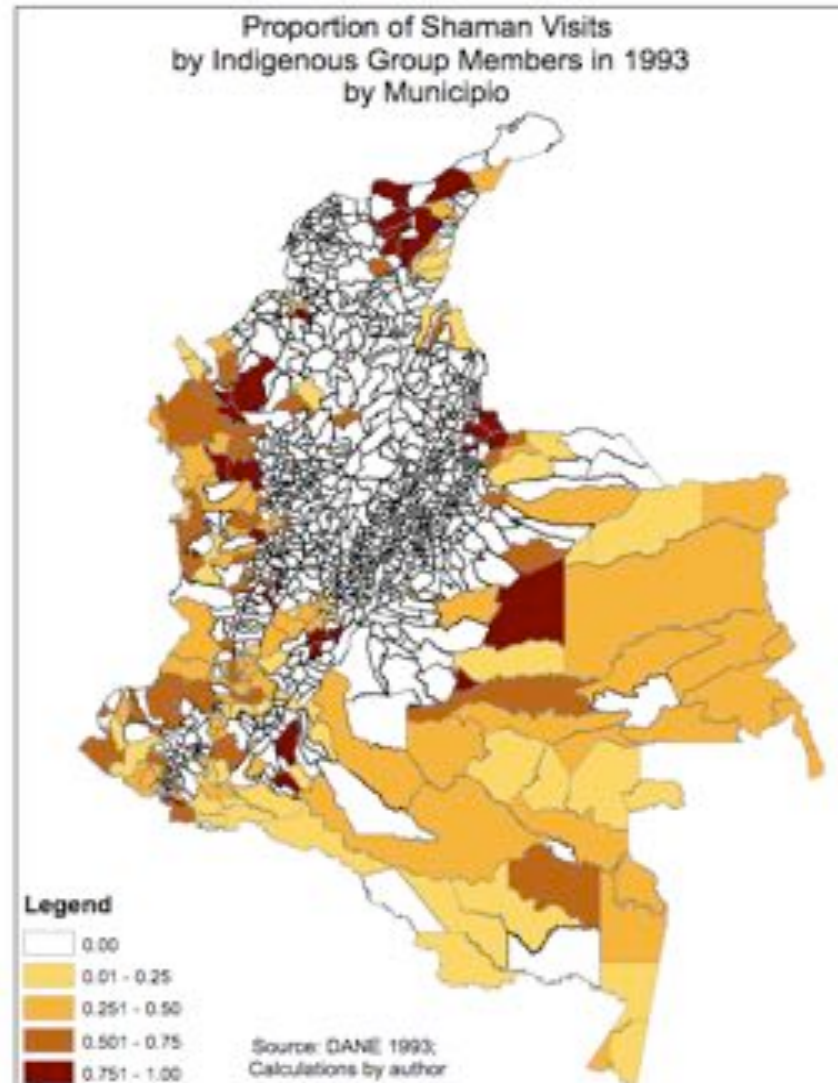
- Community-driven development
- Understanding the *human terrain*/ social landscape
- Re-deploy to other problem areas
- Dangers of politicizing communities
- Safely reintegrating fighters
- Civil affairs



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- Thank you

Shaman Visits Across Municipios



Releasing Suspects and Former Insurgents in Afghanistan

- Force Reintegration Cell (F-RIC)
- Combined Joint Interagency Task Force-435
 - CENTCOM detainee operations
- Conducted 50+ release ceremonies to date



Release of Detainees to a Reintegration Shura Detention Facility in Parwan Province, Afghanistan



Source: American Forces Network Afghanistan, August 1, 2010

Example: Indigenous Reintegration

- Arhuaco, Nasa, and Embera Indians
- Individuals and family members want combatant youths to return to the community
- Traditional leaders (“Mamos”) hold ceremonies
- Public penance, renunciation, or punishments
- Vigilance

Source:

“La reintegración: logros en medio de rearmes y dificultades no resueltas”

La Comisión Nacional de Reparación y Reconciliación
Bogotá, DC, August, 2010

