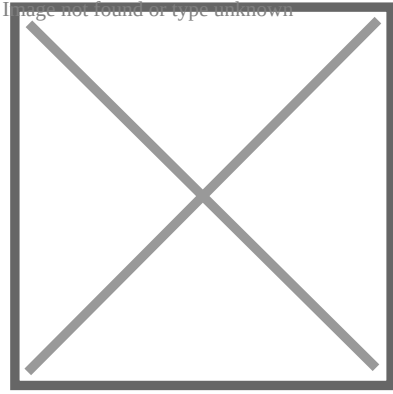




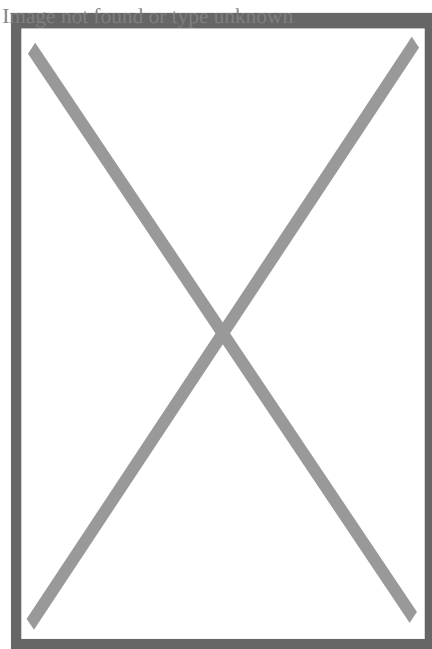
Psychological warfare: Weltanschauungskrieg = The war of worldviews

Description

AI translation:

The concept of psychological warfare emerged in Nazi Germany and was later adopted by the USA.

The word is a translation of the German "Weltanschauungskrieg" (war of worldviews). Wall Street Lawyer William Donovan "Wild Bill" was one of the first to use it in the context of public relations in the USA. President Franklin Roosevelt appointed him as Director of the new U.S. intelligence agency, the Office of Strategic Services (OSS, predecessor of the CIA) who saw "psychological warfare" as an important stratagem for "[engineering of consent](#)" in the public mind (see [Chomskys & Hermans "propaganda model"](#)).



William Joseph Donovan
(January 1, 1883 – February 8,
1959)

Donovan viewed an understanding of Nazi psychological tactics as a vital source of ideas for “Americanized” versions of many of the same stratagems. Use of the new term quickly became widespread throughout the U.S. intelligence community. . . Donovan was among the first in the US to articulate a more or less unified theory of psychological warfare. . . As he saw it, the “engineering of consent” techniques used in peacetime propaganda campaigns could be quite effectively adapted to open warfare. Pro-Allied propaganda was essential to reorganizing the U.S. economy for war and for creating public support at home for intervention in Europe, Donovan believed. Fifth-column movements could be employed abroad as sources of intelligence and as morale-builders for populations under Axis control. He saw “special operations” — meaning sabotage, subversion, commando raids, and guerrilla movements — as useful for softening up targets prior to conventional military assaults. (Simpson. Science of Coercion, 1994, p. 24)

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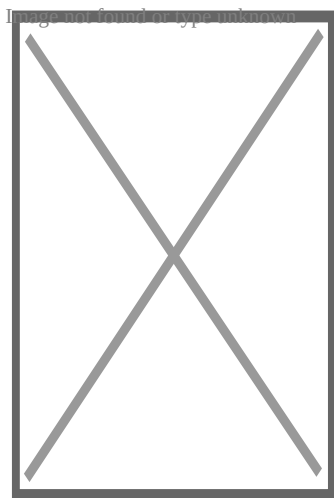
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“Science of Coercion provides the first thorough examination of the role of the CIA, the Pentagon, and

other U.S. security agencies in the evolution of modern communication research, a field in the social sciences which crystallized into a distinct discipline in the early 1950s. Government-funded psychological warfare programs underwrote the academic triumph of preconceptions about communication that persist today in communication studies, advertising research, and in counterinsurgency operations. Christopher Simpson contends that it is unlikely that communication research could have emerged into its present form without regular transfusions of money from U.S. military, intelligence, and propaganda agencies during the Cold War. These agencies saw mass communication as an instrument for persuading or dominating targeted groups in the United States and abroad; as a tool for improving military operations; and perhaps most fundamentally, as a means to extend the U.S. influence more widely than ever before at a relatively modest cost. Communication research, in turn, became for a time the preferred method for testing and developing such techniques. Science of Coercion uses long-classified documents to probe the contributions made by prominent mass communication researchers such as Wilbur Schramm, Ithiel de Sola Pool, and others, then details the impact of psychological warfare projects on widely held preconceptions about social science and the nature of communication itself. A fascinating case study in the history of science and the sociology of knowledge, Science of Coercion offers valuable insights into the dynamics of ideology and the social psychology of communication."

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"The study of mass communications can be divided into three parts: intent analysis, content analysis and effect analysis. this order not only reflects chronology. by placing content analysis in the middle position, it also highlights the contribution of that procedure to the

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"In this article, simmel compares and contrasts the philosophical weltanschauungen of kant and goethe. simmel points out that whereas kant's solution to the problem of knowledge and understanding involved the separation of subject from object, the mediation of senses through the concept and internalization of nature as representation, goethe sought to unify subject and object through the ideation of the senses and the immersion of the subject in nature. simmel points out that for goethe the philosophical first principle was life, leben, not reason. for goethe thought is an organic expression of leben, not the result of an imaginative synthesis of sensory intuitions. at the end of the article simmel seems to suggest that the modern philosophers must decide: kant or goethe! a choice between mechanism and vitalism; ontological separation and immersion."

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"Whorf's hypothesis: language determines the weltanschauung (the community's view of the world). community difference in thinking and perceiving result from language rather than experience. membership to a language community restricts to a specific weltanschauung and perception of the world."

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