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TRENDS AND DIRECTIONS IN POST-PROTEST IRAN

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DATE:

Wed. Jan. 25, 2023

TIME:

1300 - 1500 (CST)

LOCATION:

Arnold Conf. Room,
Lewis and Clark Center,
Fort Leavenworth, KS

All welcome for the audience.

For outstations, the event will be available live on

CGSC's Facebook page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/USACGSC>

and Video teleconference (VTC)

Mapping the Protests in Iran



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REPORTED PROTESTS IN IRAN SEPT 16, 2022 - NOV 26, 2022

By Mark Dubowitz

Russian drone attacks



SOURCE: INSTITUTE FOR THE STUDY OF WAR

Trends and Directions in Post-Protest Iran

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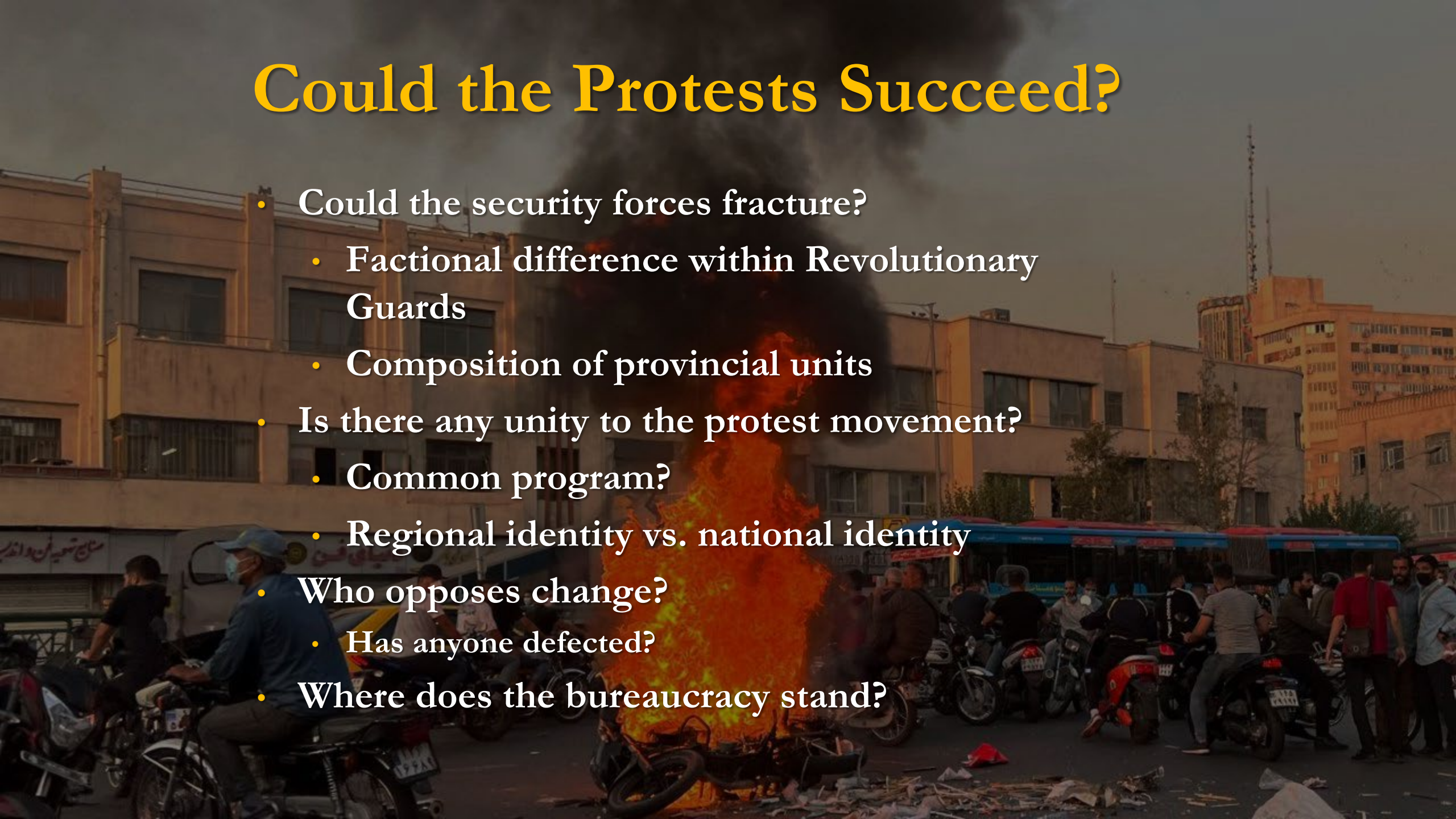
History of Protests in Iran

A large crowd of people is gathered for a protest. In the center, a banner features a portrait of a man with a beard and a turban. The background shows a large archway and several flags on poles. The overall scene is dimly lit, suggesting an evening or overcast day.

1872:	Reuters Concession
1891-1892:	Tobacco Protests
1905-1911:	Constitutional Revolution
1979:	Islamic Revolution
1999:	Student Protests
2001:	Football Protests
2009:	Election Protests
2018:	Economic Protests
2021:	Water Protests
2022:	Women Protests

Could the Protests Succeed?

- Could the security forces fracture?
 - Factional difference within Revolutionary Guards
 - Composition of provincial units
- Is there any unity to the protest movement?
 - Common program?
 - Regional identity vs. national identity
- Who opposes change?
 - Has anyone defected?
- Where does the bureaucracy stand?



How Iranians Organize

- Labor
- Environment
 - Water
- Women

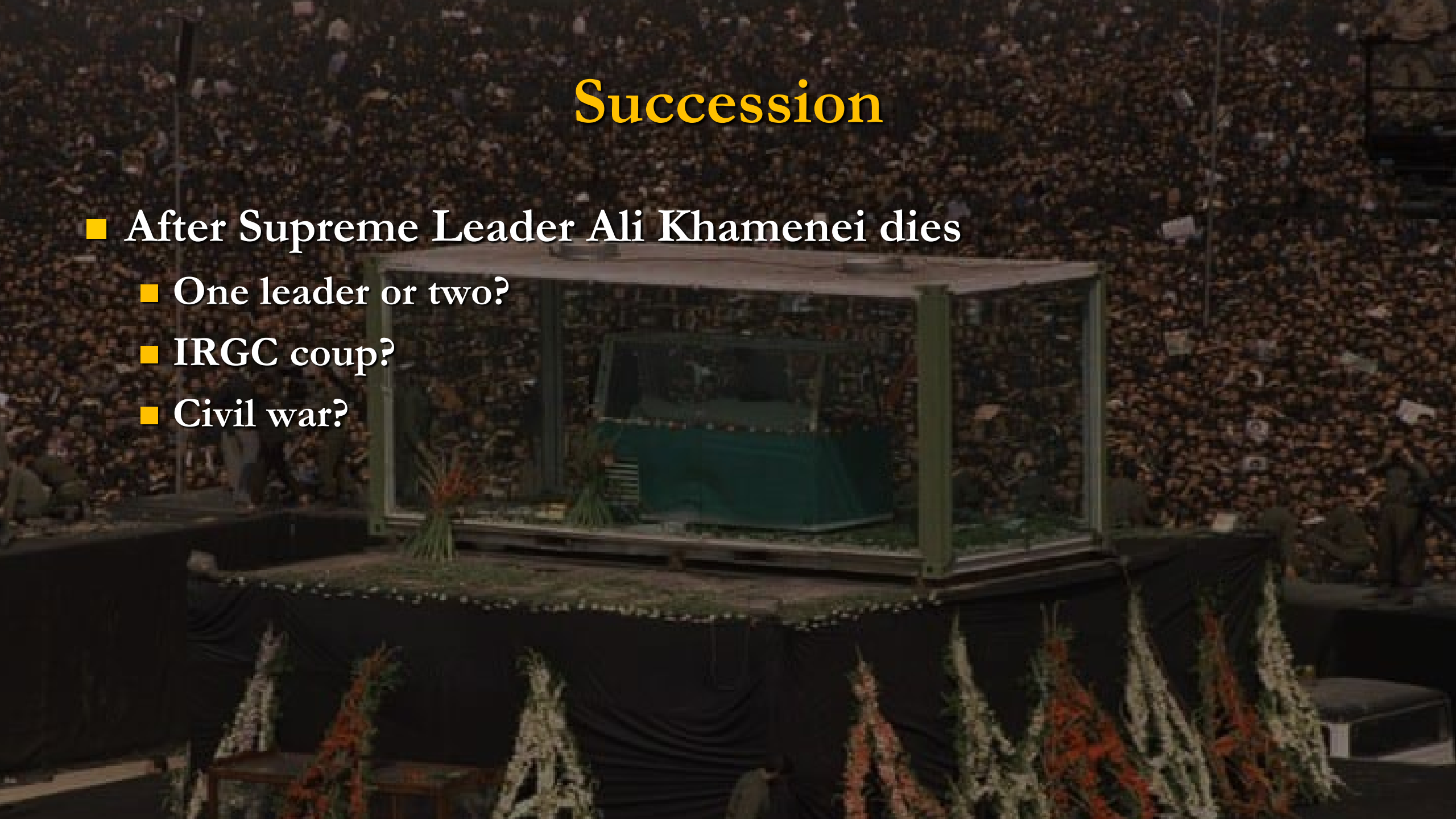


Models of Post-Islamic Republic Government?

- Monarchy
- Federalism vs central control
- Constitutional republic
- Liberal democracy
- Military dictatorship
 - What becomes of the Revolutionary Guards' financial empire?

Succession

- After Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei dies
 - One leader or two?
 - IRGC coup?
 - Civil war?



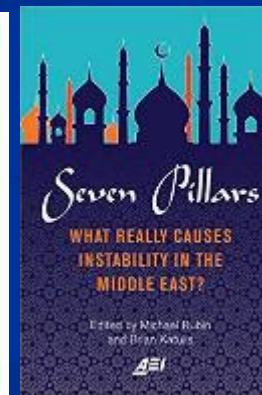
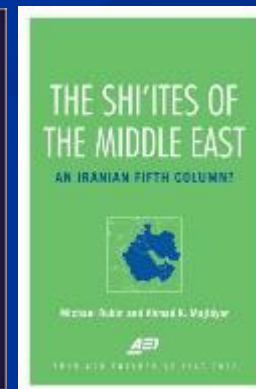
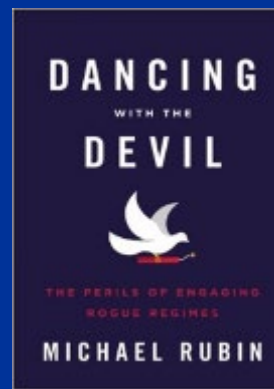
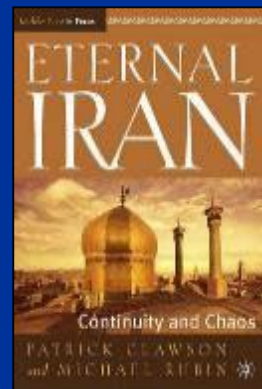
Could There be a Civil War?

- Previous instances of conflict:
 - Ubaydallah
 - 1909 Russian Intervention
 - WWI/Gilan
 - Azerbaijan
 - Mahabad
 - Islamic Revolution
- Will neighboring states interfere?
- Vacuum on periphery
- How will army respond?



Any Questions?

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Questions/Answers/Comments

Organization and Capabilities



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Source documents provide guidance for training in three broad areas.

- 1) **Core Cultural Competencies:** Core cultural competencies include areas such as understanding culture, applying organizational awareness, cultural perspective taking, and cultural adaptability.
- 2) **Regional/Technical Competencies:** Regional/technical competencies deal with applying regional information and operating in a regional environment.
- 3) **Leader/Influence Functions:** Leader/influence functions include strategic (cultural) agility, (cultural) systems thinking, cross-cultural influences, organizational cultural competence, and utilizing interpreters/advisors.

CJCSI 1800.01D (Officer PME Policy) and CJCSI 1805.01A (Enlisted PME Policy).



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