

WAKING UP TO MODERN WARFARE AND AGGRAVATED ABUSE AGAINST A PEOPLE

THE WARNING

The Union of Saints recognizes that modern warfare can reach people through psychological pressure, manipulation, information campaigns, intimidation, organized harassment, and attacks on social trust.

A person who has already suffered harm can become especially vulnerable to further exploitation. When others deliberately use that vulnerability because they dislike the person, oppose their beliefs, or want to damage their reputation, the situation can become a serious form of aggravated abuse.

THE HUMAN COST

When a victim becomes the target of additional manipulation, the original harm can become more severe. The victim may be discredited, isolated, intimidated, blamed, or portrayed as responsible for circumstances that caused their suffering.

This type of conduct can create secondary victimization. It can also allow harmful behavior to continue while attention is redirected toward the person who was harmed.

MODERN WARFARE

Modern conflict can involve psychological warfare, information warfare, cognitive warfare, influence operations, propaganda, intimidation, and manipulation of public perception.

These methods can affect individuals, communities, institutions, and entire populations. Their impact can include fear, confusion, division, loss of trust, reputational destruction, and increased vulnerability to further abuse.

POLITICS AND PREVENTION

The key issues are politics and prevention.

Public safety requires attention to conduct that creates a genuine risk of harm. Political disagreements should never become an excuse to exploit vulnerable people, encourage violence, threaten individuals, or manipulate victims for political purposes.

Prevention requires recognizing harmful behavior early and taking credible threats seriously.

PROTECTING THE VICTIM

A person who has already been harmed deserves protection from further exploitation.

Their circumstances should be examined through evidence, documentation, witness accounts, and established investigative procedures. Their vulnerability should never become an opportunity for another person to gain power, attention, political influence, or personal advantage.

THE RESPONSIBILITY OF SOCIETY

The Union of Saints believes that communities have a responsibility to recognize patterns of abuse and protect people from further harm.

When harassment, intimidation, manipulation, exploitation, or threats occur, the focus should remain on the conduct and its consequences.

Accountability should apply regardless of political affiliation, social status, ideology, or personal relationships.

A CALL FOR AWARENESS

Waking up to modern warfare means understanding the ways conflict can affect human beings through information, psychology, social pressure, intimidation, and manipulation.

Waking up to aggravated abuse means recognizing when a person who has already been harmed is deliberately targeted again.

The Union of Saints stands for protection of human dignity, prevention of violence, responsible investigation, accountability, and the protection of innocent people from further harm.

→ **Key Understanding:** Identify and remove modern threats. These individuals may engage in verbal abuse, harassment, intimidation, manipulation, or other attacks against a victim. They may be participating in an influence operation or campaign designed to gain power and control over the narrative surrounding a victim or over the victim themselves. When someone attacks a vulnerable person as a way of regulating their own emotions, asserting dominance, or gaining a sense of power, the behavior can become dangerous and escalate.

• Psychological abuse • Emotional abuse • Verbal abuse • Victim blaming • Secondary victimization • Exploitation of vulnerability • Psychological manipulation • Intimidation • Harassment • Retaliatory harassment • Coercive control • Social isolation • Reputation attacks • Character assassination • Scapegoating • DARVO • Threats • Stalking • Targeted harassment • Political intimidation • Information manipulation • Propaganda • Disinformation • Influence operations • Psychological warfare • Information warfare • Cognitive warfare • Organized harassment • Institutional abuse • Abuse of authority • Discrimination • Retaliation • Exploitation • Dehumanization • Incitement to violence • Threats of violence • Organized intimidation • Financial exploitation • Social manipulation