

# Virtual Afghanistan:

Modeling and Simulating  
A Transition from Authoritarian Rule

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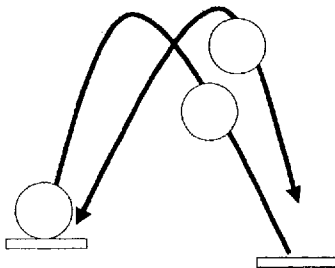
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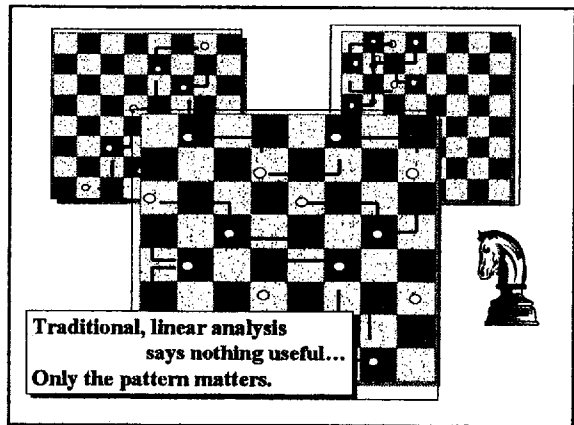
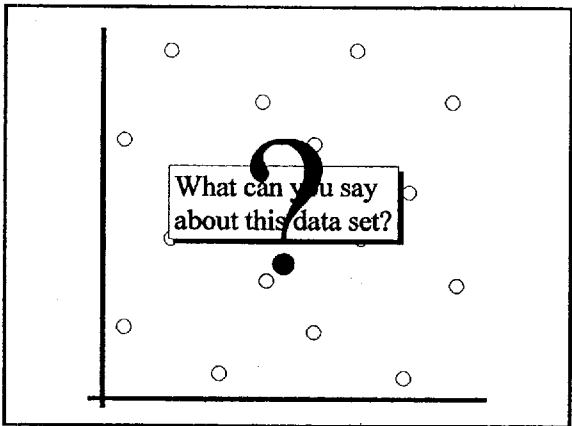
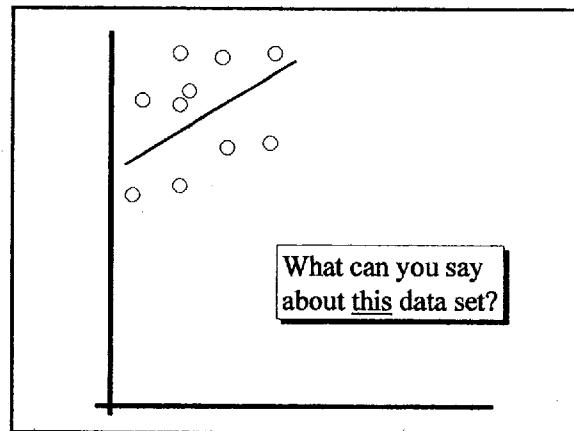
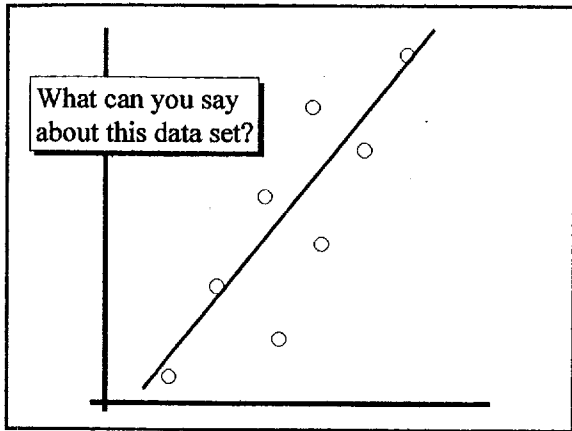
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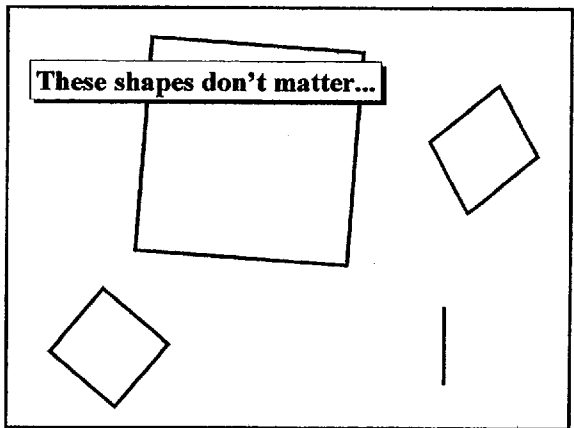
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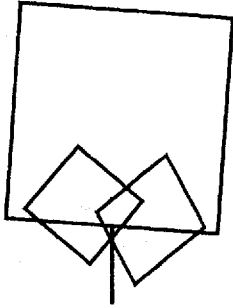


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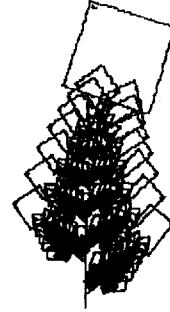
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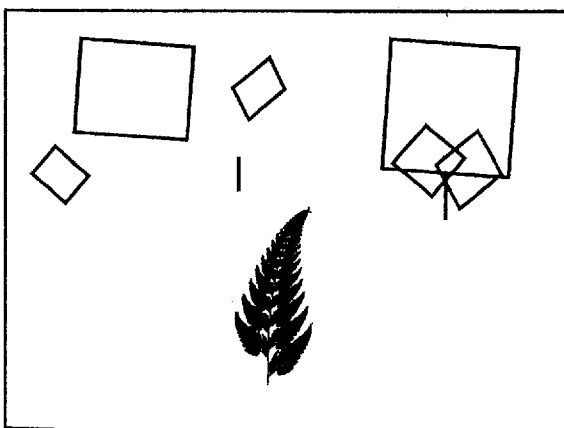
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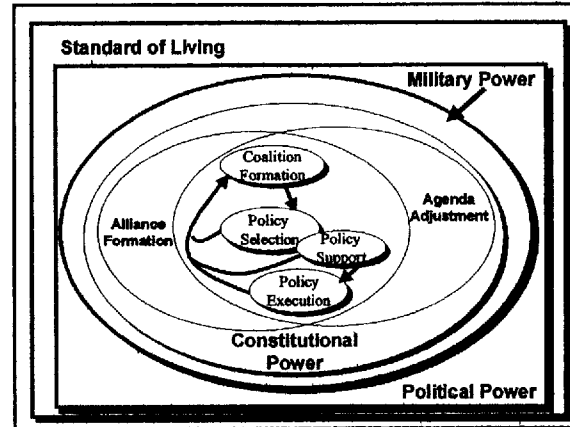


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- Some seemingly complex things can be explained simply.
- Sometimes the pattern is more important than the data.
- Sometimes the details don't matter.

## Implications

- Maybe there are reasonably simple ways to constructively thinking about simple political systems.
- Maybe the simplest way to think about a political system is to analyze the pattern of its activity.
- Maybe details that would bog down a traditional analysis are unimportant in a pattern based approach.



## 5 Things That Matter

- Participation
- Inclusion
- Civil Rights
- Foreign Policy
- Economy

## A Political Science Experiment

Take the model...  
Apply it to Afghanistan...

...and make a GES

## What is a GES?



A "Good Enough" Simulation



## The Plan

- 8 MAY
  - Sign up
  - Review Rules
  - Review Fact Pack
  - Read Faction Papers
- 9 MAY
  - Run Simulation
    - 3 groups X up to 14 people

## **Objectives**

- Conduct the experiment
- Validate the Model
  - *Hungary '93 = 85%*
- Acquire "predictive" results
  
- Rapidly acquire a "feel" for Afghan Politics
- Gain a concrete understanding of issues and policy options
- Identify key constraints on action
- Identify critical paths for positive action
  
- ***Do it all in a little under three hours!***

## **End of Presentation**

## **Questions**

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