

How to differentiate authoritarian threats

EVENT

DOES THIS FIT INTO THE AUTHORITARIAN PLAYBOOK?

And does the actor have a pattern of following the other parts of the playbook?

TARGETING VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES		CORRUPTING ELECTIONS	STOKING VIOLENCE
POLITICIZING INDEPENDENT INSTITUTIONS	SPREADING DISINFORMATION	AGGRANDIZING EXECUTIVE POWER	QUASHING DISSENT

Is this something new? How significant is the deviation?

HOW SIGNIFICANTLY DOES THIS EVENT DEVIATE FROM MODERN PRECEDENT?

WITH WHAT FREQUENCY AND DEGREE IS THIS HAPPENING?

DOES THIS PRESENT A SYSTEMIC RISK?

Does this concentrate and consolidate power?

Is the actor acting alone? How are their allies reacting?

Is the system responding to constrain the actor?