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Advance Praise

“*Eight Stages: A Primer on Modern Revolution* offers a remarkably insightful exploration of how societies transform through cycles of upheaval and renewal. It is both intellectually stimulating and profoundly relevant for anyone interested in politics, history, or social change.”

— Bruce J. Ramos, Retired, *Special Operations Command, Senior Intelligence Officer*

“Rick Hoppe provides policy makers, intelligence analysts, and scholars, a clearly defined framework to view social themes and political events inside a spectrum of revolutionary conflict with eight well-defined stages. *Eight Stages* should be added to every modern analyst’s toolbox.”

– Colonel (retired) Ben Dawson, *US Army Intelligence Officer and Special Operations leader.*



Rick Hoppe is a retired intelligence officer, analyst, and author specializing in political instability, insurgency, and revolutionary movements. For more than three decades, he served as a counterintelligence agent, intelligence analyst and senior intelligence staff officer, including service in Iraq before and during the Surge, contributing to military doctrine development, intelligence operations, and strategic assessments for senior decision-makers. Hoppe is the author of *Eight Stages: A Primer on Modern Revolution*. His work focuses on helping readers understand how societies change, and how revolutionary movements evolve in the modern era.



About the Book

Most revolutions do not begin with gunfire, riots, or dramatic headlines. They begin quietly—in conversations, grievances, organizations, and shifting perceptions of legitimacy. By the time violence appears, the underlying process has often been underway for years.

In *Eight Stages: A Primer on Modern Revolution*, retired intelligence officer Rick Hoppe draws on decades of experience analyzing instability, insurgency, and political change to explain how revolutionary movements develop and why governments so often fail to recognize the warning signs. The book provides a straightforward framework for understanding how societies move from stability to crisis and, eventually, to a new equilibrium. At a time when political tensions are rising around the world, *Eight Stages* offers readers a practical lens through which to understand change before it becomes obvious to everyone else.

Suggested Interview Topics

- Why revolutions are often invisible until it is too late
- The eight stages of revolutionary change
- What Iraq taught us about legitimacy and governance
- Why traditional terrorism models are increasingly inadequate
- How analysts can identify instability before crisis occurs

Sample Interview Questions

- What inspired you to write *Eight Stages*?
- Why do revolutions seem to surprise governments?
- Which stage is most often misunderstood?
- Are modern revolutionary movements different from historical examples?

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