Asymmetric Demographic Change

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- Failed integration of migrants
- Instability in and out of NATO



- Megacity challenges
- Urbanization inequalities
- Contested information domain
- Dominance from the sea





Trends	Implications	
Asymmetric Demographic Change	Aging within Western nations (applicable to China too)	Increase on the demand for medical and social welfare Less willingness to spend on security sectors budgets Less willingness to use military forces Youth bulge in emerging nations may present an opportunity
	Youth bulge in emerging nations may cause social unrest if not correctly managed (new)	May lead to unsatisfied youths and unrest (unemployment, lack of education, lack of opportunities) Brain drain within emerging nation could lead to unrest in these nations Brain drain will hamper development

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Asymmetric Demographic Change	• Failed integration of migrants	Resource inequalities will likely increase fanaticism, crime and extremism within both minority and <i>majority</i> populations
	• Instability in and out of NATO	



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Increased Urbanization (Reversed urbanization (e.g. growth of suburban areas))	• Resource inequalities (reworded)	Distribution of resources (through all lines of communication) Lack of resources (food [abundance and lack agricultural lands] water, education, etc.), Legislation/policing Countered by liberal order (more openness because a lot more is on stake)
	• Uncontrolled growth (new)	Will challenge governance (city planning, taxes, policing, infrastructure, legislation) Consequently there is a potential for growth of non-state actors to fill the ungoverned space Vulnerable to natural (e.g. rise of sea levels) or health issues (e.g. epidemics, faster rate of spread of infection)

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Increased Urbanization	 Ownership and control of power (for information dominance) (reworded) 	Fractured, contested information domain by state and non-state actors Op - distribution
	• Dominance from the sea	High dependence on resources and SLOC which also make SLOC more vulnerable
	 Need for tailored Security forces to be open to adapting to urban environments (new) 	
	Megacity challenges	

Fractured and/or Polarized Societies

- Distraction caused by fractions
- Lack of unity
- Vulnerability caused by lack of trust
- Eroded cohesion complicates governance

More Connected Human Networks

- Increased individualism may decrease STRATCOM effectiveness
- Familiarity with human networks can be beneficial
- Cultural awareness is a necessity
- Close cooperation to monitor human networks





<u>Human Theme - Revised</u>

Trends	Implications	
Fractured and/or Polarized Societies	 Distraction caused by fractions (delete) 	
	• Lack of unity	 Addressing and solving of problems is hampered because societies cannot agree on substantial challenges
		Opportunity for external influence/more susceptible
	Vulnerability caused by lack of trust	 Loss of political participation might cause rise of alternative/unofficial types of governance (criminal, militia, economic actors, ideologies)
		Less collective thinking /focus on common issues difficult
	• Eroded cohesion complicates governance	Problem/Who to address concerns or questions- no central point of contact.
		 When individual interests prevail, little chance to govern in common interest of population ("easy" things become "hard")
		Authoritarian societies may cover up problems – until they shatter.
		 Democratic societies transparency may seem messy – but more resilient/responsive to change, but indecisive.

Human Theme (revised)

Trends	Implications	
More	Monitor human networks	Assess intent for violence antagonistic aims, hostile intent
Connected Human	(Familiarity with human networks can be beneficial)	Extensive legal, political and economic issues (cyber rights)
Networks	Understand human networks	Ambiguity: Multiple rules, identities, interests
METMAL V2	(Cultural awareness is a necessity)	Multiple roles (hostile, neutral, friendly)
		Transcend borders, no physical distance/separating ideas
		Permanent governing hierarchies vs. every-changing networks
		Agile sensing
	Influence human networks increasing	• Temporary, and consist o individuals, interest groups, or can be goal-focused.
		 Cultural knowledge. Comprehensive knowledge needed to understand cultural underpinnings of networks
		Communication is more than language
		Focus of awareness changes over time
		 Action: security implications beyond military. Needs a holistic, comprehensive approach

Trends	Implications	
	 Accelerated Requirement for Precision strategic communications (Increased individualism may decrease STRATCOM effectiveness) 	 Countless networks addressed with countless messages Each message precise/tailored according to intended recipient – increase signal to noise ratio Stratcomms should be more elaborated In light of ever-changing public opinion/perception.