Conspiracy as Governance- Julian Asange

Conspiracy: "Make a secret plan jointly to commit a harmful act"

- **Introduction**
  - A regime/ structure with power will resist change.
  - A government/ regime without change can lead to bad governance.
  - People must use their insights and learnings to inspire moves against bad governance

- **Conspiracy as governance in authoritarian regimes**
  - In an authoritarian regime conspiratorial interactions among the elite group are
    - ✓ For getting favoured/ preferred in the regime
    - ✓ As planning methodology to maintain/strengthen authoritarian regime.
  - If discovered authoritarian regimes will suppress resistance. Successful authoritarian powers will function until resistance is futile.

- **Terrorist conspiracies as connected graphs**
  - Terrorist conspiracy as connected graph.
  - Image of a connected graph to explain political relationship.
  - Connected Graph- On a board fix some nails (conspirators) randomly. Connect those nails with twine (communication) without breaking the loop to indicate an unbroken communication between conspirators in a conspiracy.
  - This type of connected graph can explain a conspiracy and the relation between conspirators in a conspiratorial communication mesh.
  - All are connected directly or indirectly.
  - Some are at the centre while some are at the fringe.

- **Separating a conspiracy**
  - In order to destroy a conspiracy all conspirators are to be assassinated - needs a lot of resource
  - Divide the conspiracy by breaking one or more connecting links.

- **Some conspirators dance closer than others**
  - In a conspiracy constant flow of information happens
  - Information between links can either be important or trivial- Importance of information can vary
  - The importance of information passing between conspirators/ links in a conspiracy is the weight of the information
  - True value of a communication or weight of a communication is decided by the outcome of the conspiracy
  - Weight of an information between conspirators vary from conspiracy to conspiracy

- **Conspiracy as a cognitive device**
  - Conspiratorial environment means the world in which a conspiracy works
  - Conspiracy is a cognitive device because it takes information from the world, computes or processes those information and works for the result.

➢ In order to deceive a conspiracy the input information should be distorted or restricted for this can distort the result of conspiracy.
➢ A conspiracy computes the next step or action of the conspiracy.
➢ We need to assess the value or power of a conspiracy over time

✦ Total Conspiratorial power
➢ Sum of all the important communication (weight) between all the conspirators
➢ It is an abstract number
➢ Each conspiracy is unique because each has got different patters
➢ Total conspiratorial power and weight of information is directly proportional
➢ If total conspiratorial power is zero there is no information flow which means there is no conspiracy.
➢ If the total conspiratorial power increases the conspiracy is more powerful.

✦ Separating weighted conspiracy
➢ Split total conspiratorial power in half
➢ Indefinite splitting of conspiracy can be done.
Throttling conspiracy
➢ Constricting or reducing the weight of high weight links in a conspiracy
➢ Other than separating conspirators throttling is also an effective method to separate conspiracy

✦ How to attack on the cognitive capacity of a conspiracy
➢ We need to think ahead and attack the process that leads to conspiracy
➢ Deceiving or blinding a conspiracy can be done by distorting or restricting the input information.
➢ Total conspiratorial power should be reduced using the two methods of separating and throttling

✦ Traditional vs. Modern conspiracies
➢ In traditional conspiracy targeting high weighed links through assassination was a method where in individuals were targeted.
➢ This method is primitive and belongs to a pre –literate society
➢ Modern conspiracy is influenced and empowered by literacy and communication revolution
➢ literacy and communication revolution empowered conspirators with
  ✓ new means to conspire
  ✓ increased speed for conspiratorial interactions
  ✓ increased accuracy in conspiratorial communication
➢ This enhances the maximum size achieved by a conspiracy.

➢ Technologically aided conspirators can out shine and achieve higher total conspiratorial power compared to conspirators without technologically aided methods

✦ Authoritarian conspiracy that cannot think....
➢ An authoritarian conspiracy is compared to a "beast with organs, arteries and veins"
➢ If it fails to think, comprehend and control the environment it will be wounded, slowed and stupefied.