

Heed the warning of the Holy Ghost: Don't isolate yourself from believers in a time like this. I know your sister or brother in Christ may disappoint you or fail you, but forgive them and love them anyway. Don't fight with each other. Fight the real enemy who is behind it all. Pray for one another. Pray for spiritual leaders who are on the front-line everyday in spiritual battle. Stay together and closely united as one, especially now. You don't have to like your sister or brother in order to love them by having their back. Again, don't isolate yourself from believers in a time like this, or you will surely fall into the enemy's trap of sin.

Q - Why have politics
become so mean-spirited?

A - #12 from Rules for Radicals:

“Pick the target, freeze it,
personalize it, and polarize it.
Cut off the support network
and isolate the target from
sympathy. Go after people
and not institutions; people
hurt faster than institutions.”

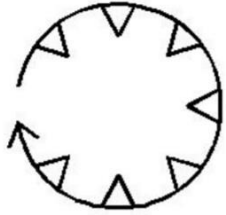
~ Saul Alinsky

Rules for Radicals 1971

CLFCSC Tactical Usage Notes

To isolate an enemy force requires considerable combat power and resources; the task should not be issued unless it is important to completely isolate an enemy. The requirement to completely seal off an enemy implies that the isolated enemy can not withdraw or leave the encirclement area and that further enemy reinforcement or resupply is rendered impossible. This can be accomplished by manoeuvre forces, obstacles, fires, or various combinations. To isolate requires that the encircling force commander retains sufficient combat power in reserve to prevent enemy attempts to break out or force through reinforcements. Once a force is isolated it must continue to be attacked throughout its depth and reduced or destroyed in accordance with the concept of operations.

To isolate an enemy on the physical plane is reasonably straight forward although resource intensive; however, to isolate the enemy on the moral or psychological plane also requires innovative application of combat power. The enemy must be denied, through electronic warfare, any communications with other forces and quite clearly understand that they are encircled. Deception operations may also prove useful to draw the enemy to attempt a break out into an area or killing zone designed to destroy him. Information operations and PSYOPS in particular must be synchronized and correctly targeted to isolate an enemy on the moral plane.



Primary Definition: To Isolate - A tactical task given to a unit to seal off (both physically and psychologically) an enemy from its sources of support, to deny an enemy freedom of movement, and prevent an enemy unit from having contact with other

enemy forces. An enemy must not be allowed sanctuary within its present position (Reference B, p. 267).

Additional Definitions: While neither NATO nor Canadian doctrine specifically defines isolate, the following definitions provide additional explanations of the concept:

(1) Encirclement - the loss of freedom of manoeuvre to one force resulting from an enemy force's control of all routes of egress and reinforcement (Reference D, p. 1-60).

(2) Operations by Encircled Forces- A force may be encircled by the enemy during either offensive or defensive operations. This situation restricts the freedom of action of the commander of the encircled force and that of his superior commander. The major characteristics which distinguish encircled forces are that attacks may come from any direction. Also, support from outside is difficult, if not impossible. Because its location is known to the enemy, an encircled force is particularly vulnerable to nuclear and chemical attack, as well as conventional attack by artillery and aircraft. The prime concern of commanders is the preservation of combat effectiveness, particularly the maintenance of morale (Reference E, pp. 7-12, 7-13).

“Carefully observe one another, contemplating each other’s situation and needs, diagnosing the other person’s situation, and contemplating how you can stir him or her to love and good deeds.”

We all like to be cared for and appreciated, but let’s not forget that there are others around us who need encouragement just as much as we do. We shouldn’t be led by our eyes only! Everyone who smiles isn’t always happy.

If you’ll be sensitive to the Holy Spirit and truly be concerned about the people who are close to you, God will show you when they need a special word to lift their spirits. Think how

Before he went to the cross, Jesus prayed that the church would be one in order that the world might believe (John 17:21–23). This unity is founded in God’s unity, so it can never be at the expense of truth (vv.17,23). We must continue to speak the truth in love (Ephesians 4:15). As John Stott writes, ‘Truth becomes hard if it is not softened by love; love becomes soft if it is not strengthened by truth.’

