

KEY IDEAS ABOUT

Active

Nonviolence

based on

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THEORY OF POWER

1. All hierarchical systems of government are dependent upon the obedience and cooperation of the governed and their social institutions.
2. The governed have the ability to limit or retain their contributions and obedience to the system.
3. If the governed retain their contributions and obedience to the system in large enough numbers and for a long enough time, the system will have to negotiate or collapse.

SOURCES OF POWER

1. Authority: the right to command and direct; to be listened to; obeyed by others; it is similar to power but not the same.
2. Human Resources: the number of people who obey the system.
3. Knowledge and Skills.
4. Cultural Factors: Psychological and ideological; obedience and/or submission.
5. Material resources.
6. Sanctions: forcing obedience by means of punishments, imprisonments or executions.

DEFINITION OF VIOLENCE

A force injurious to life or the quality of life of the community.

TEMPTATIONS	ANTIDOTES
Complicity	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Proclaiming the truth● Denouncing injustice
Passivity	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Love-Action
Violence, Hatred	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Nonviolent action – eliminate evil, not the evil person

SUBSTANCE OF NONVIOLENCE

1. Do things or acts that we generally don't do.
2. Refuse to do things that we generally do.
3. A combination of #1 and #2.

NONVIOLENT "ARMS"

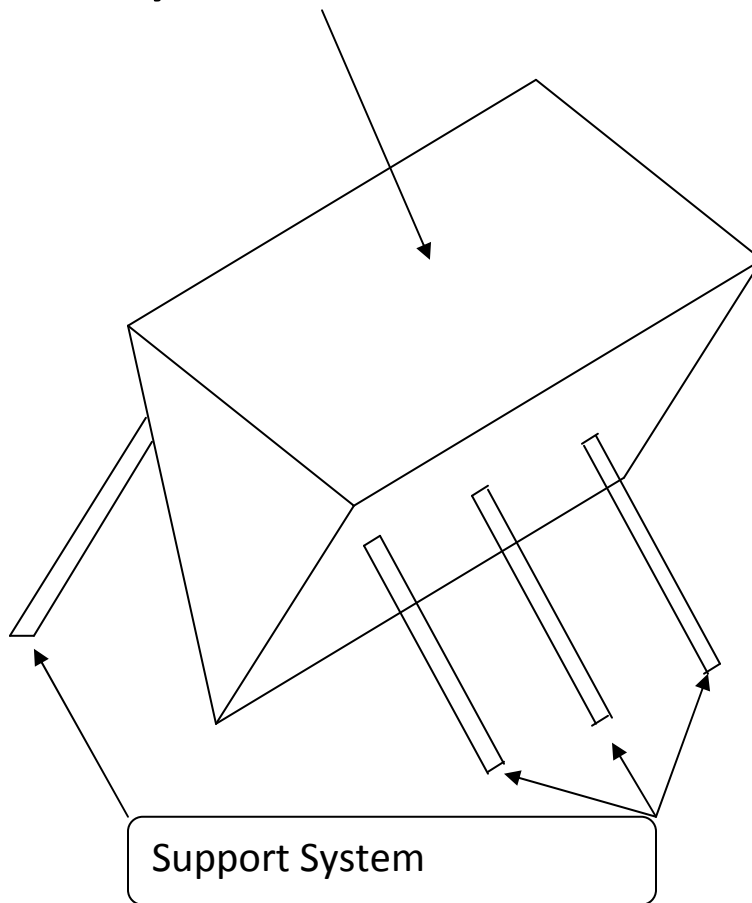
1. Protest and persuasion
2. Noncooperation: Social, Economic, Political
3. Intervention

NONVIOLENT RESPONSES TO INJUSTICE

1. Proclaim the Truth.
2. Protest the injustice.
3. Penetrate the conscience of the adversary.
4. Refuse to collaborate.
5. Pray.
6. Pay the price.
7. Forgive.

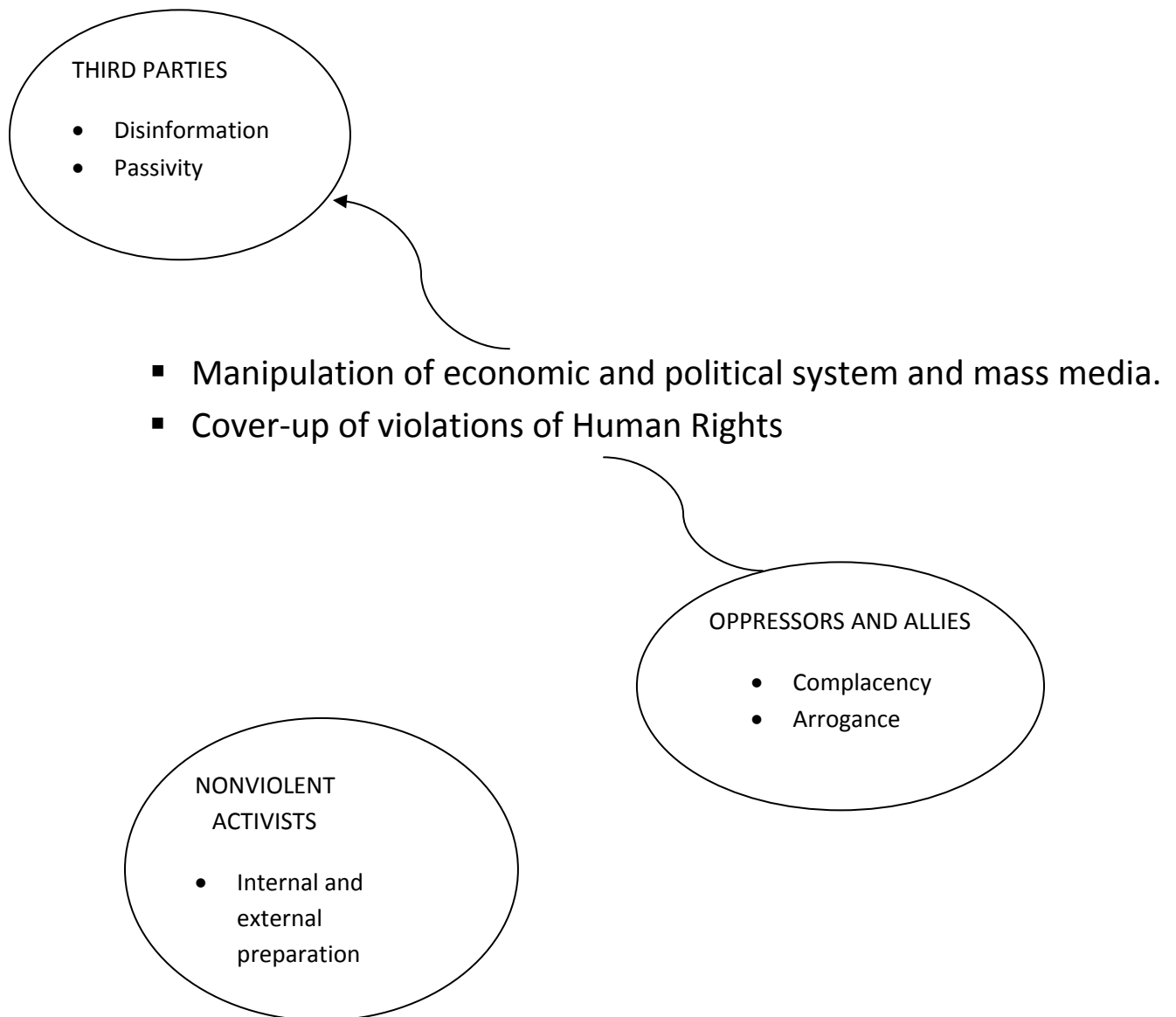
STRUCTURAL ANALYSIS

Hierarchical System

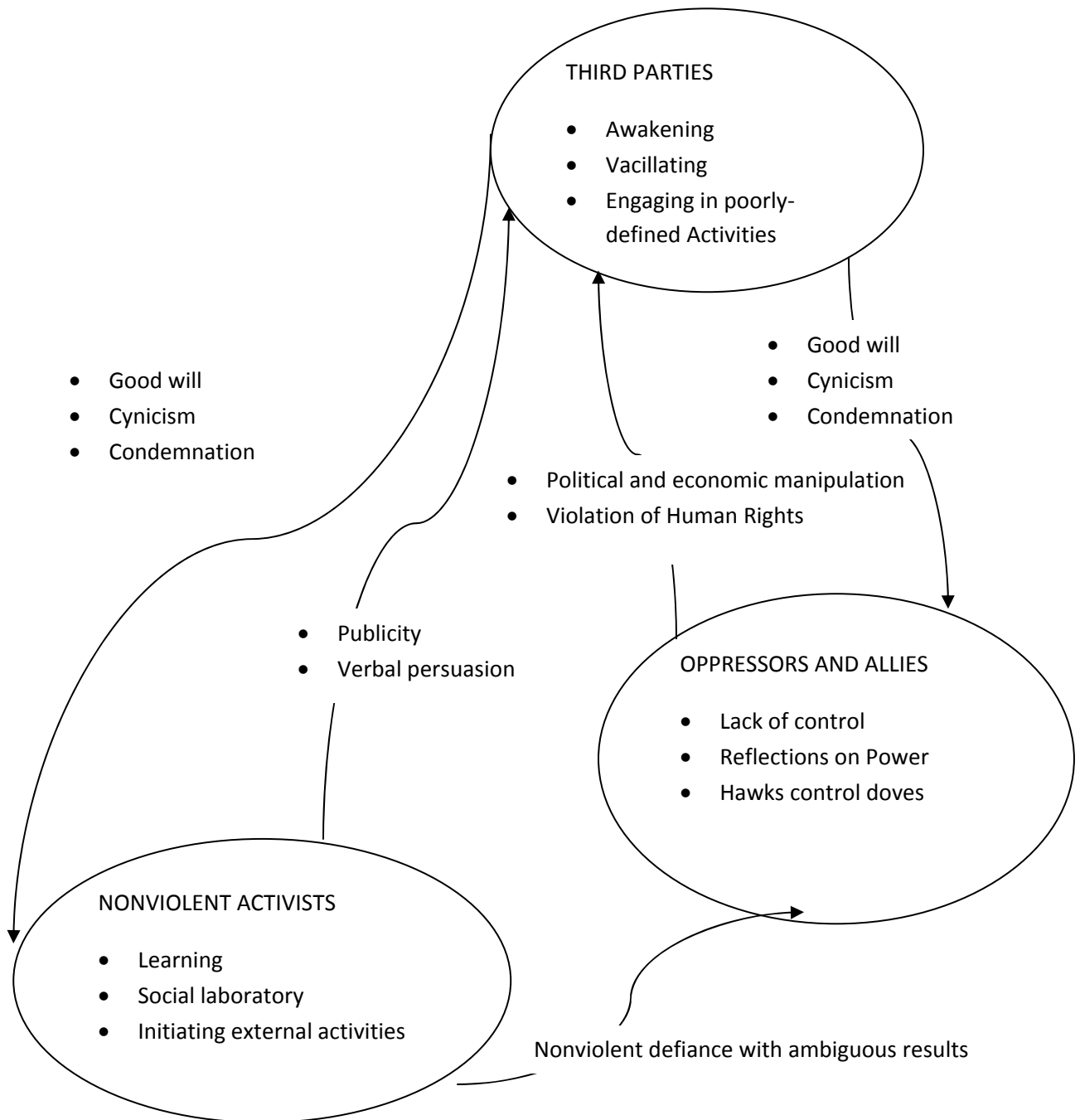


THE DYNAMICS OF NOVIOLENT ACTION

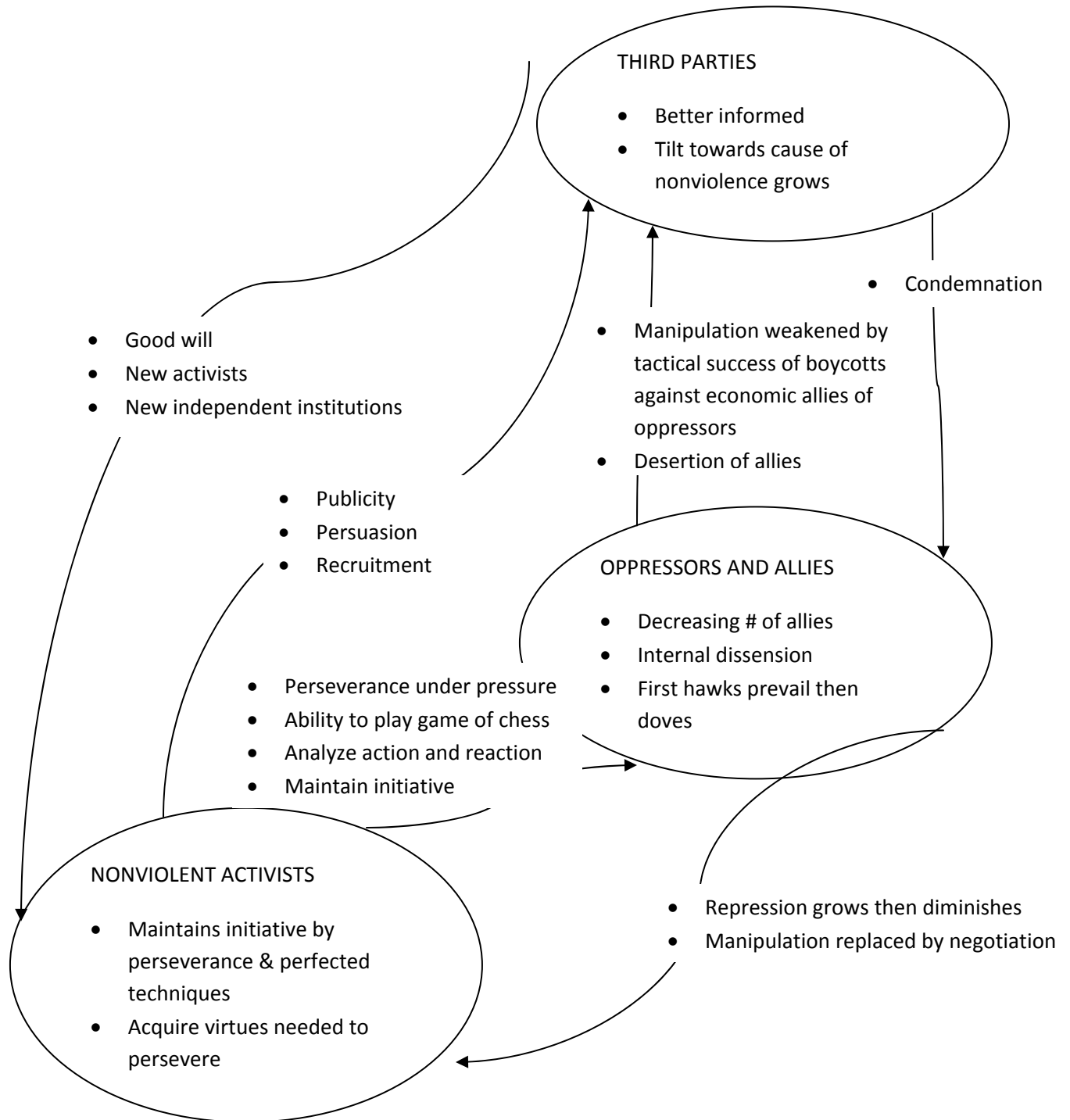
PHASE I: PREPARATION



PHASE II: START-UP & LEARNING



PHASE III: IMPLEMENTING THE STRATEGY



PHASE IV: SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME

