



PLA Information Operations



- **China views information operations (IO) as...**
 - Deception & distraction; enables quick & effective destabilization
 - Waged with Cyber, EW, IO & Psychological Warfare tools
 - Coercion through the cognitive dimension... *Seeks to influence U.S. Allies and world organizations*
- **China approaches IO by the “Three Warfares”**
 1. Media or public opinion warfare
 2. Influence foreign decision-makers and how they approach Chinese policy
 3. Shape the legal context to support Chinese actions
- **PLA Strategic Support Force (PLASSF)**
 - Signaled the importance of informationized operations, shift to intelligentized warfare and as the PLA’s operational arm of its information-related activities
 - Created as a separate branch of its Armed Forces
 - *Brings space, cyber, electronic warfare, and information operations capabilities together under one command*

China’s Toolbox for Global Media Influence



PLA Strategic Support Force (SSF) Patch

The PLA strategy, approach, and organization ensure integration of IO from strategic to tactical.