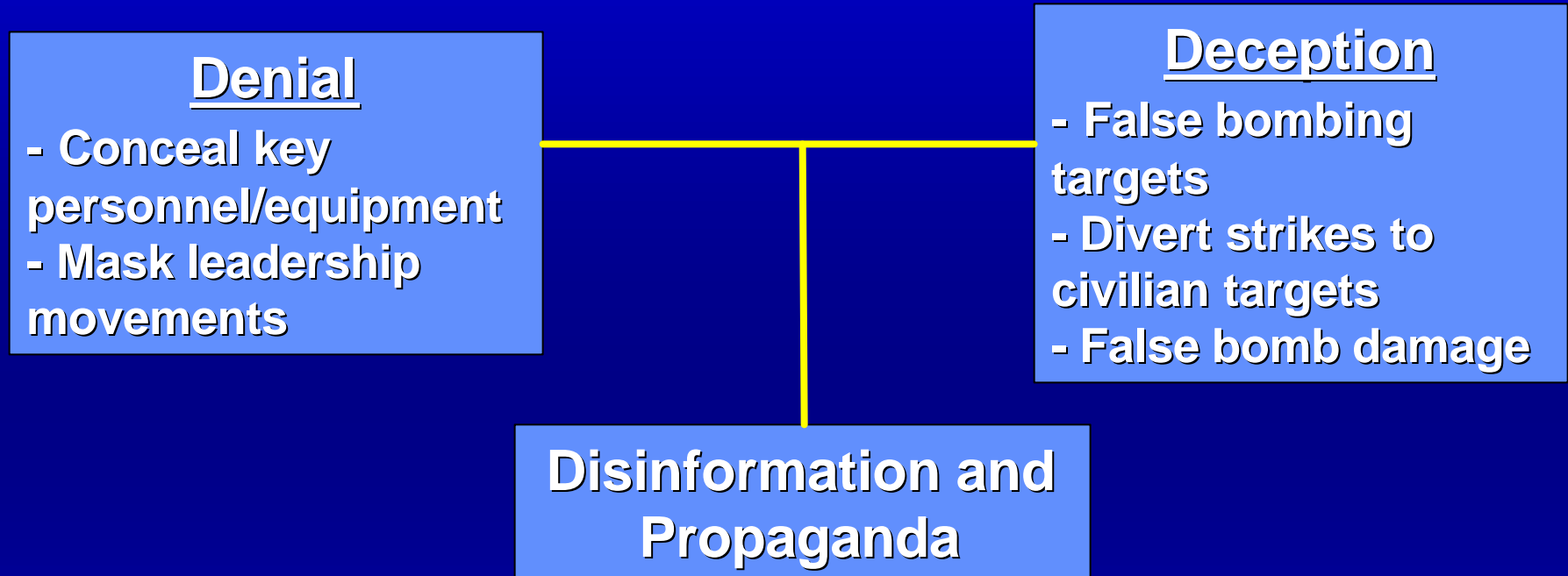


Denial And Deception Strategy



- Ensure leadership survival
- Generate opposition to US strikes
- Cause a “strategic incident”
- Discredit US air campaign

How to Recognize Manipulated Bomb Damage

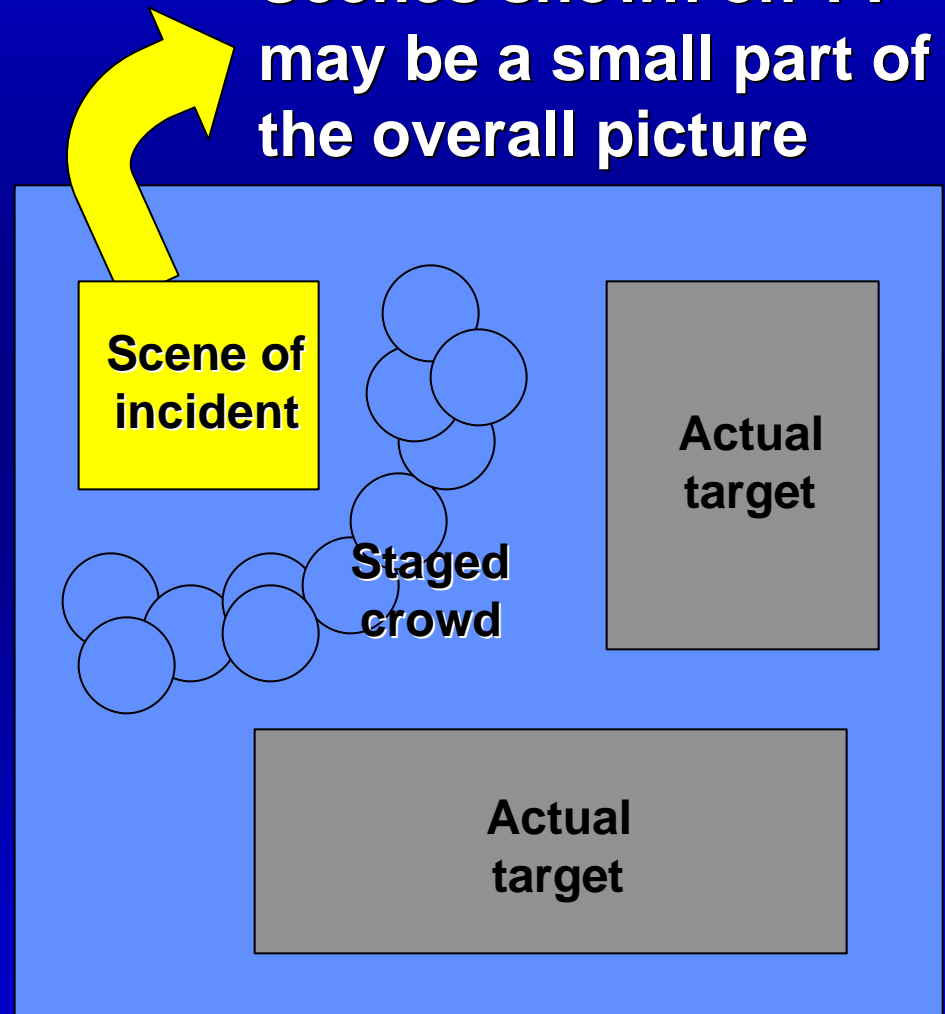
- **Type of “bomb damage”**
 - Linear = collapsed wall/building
 - Scattered wreckage more likely to be actual damage
- **Real or set fires/scorching**
 - Tires or smoke pots would suggest staged incident



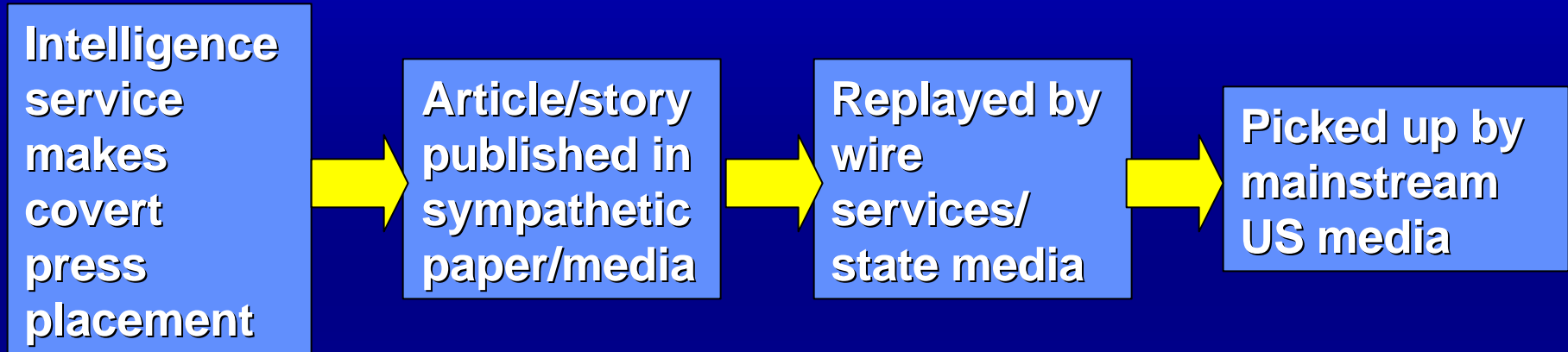
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- **View entire area**
- **New or old damage**
 - Afghanistan at war for 20+ years
- **Bona fides of “spokesperson”**
 - Real NGO representative?
 - Taliban official?
 - Unidentified person?

**Scenes shown on TV
may be a small part of
the overall picture**



How Disinformation Can Be Spread



- Agents of influence
- Trusted contacts
- Sympathetic journalists

Learning by Example?



Baghdad, 1991

Afghanistan, 16 October 2001



Possible Taliban Staged Tour for Journalists

12 Oct 01



- **Sudden Taliban tour for 15 Western journalists**
 - All previously refused entry to Afghanistan
- **Staged visit to purported mass casualty site**
 - Taliban vehicles
 - Night convoy
- **Possible deliberate attempt to expose journalists to airstrikes**

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