

## A Discussion of 'Shark and the Octopus'

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Dear Louise,

I thought this discussion of the 'Shark and the Octopus' might amuse people in our network.

Best,

Ali

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Dear Louise,

I will read it more carefully as time allows, but one key thing that hit me right away is that Ali has sent us a chapter in an edited book on:

*The Psychology of Radical Social Change: From Rage to Revolution* (Cambridge U.P., 2018) and yet ...

his discussion involves comparative historical sociological (CHS) "ideal type models" (ITMs) which are labelled:

"Shark" and "Octopus".

So are the individual actors in the French Revolution all "sharks"?

Is that also true of the Iranian Revolution? Are the individuals "sharks"?

Is the Russian Revolution ultimately controlled by Bolsheviks who are best described by the ideal type model of "octopi"? (octopuses?)

Is North Korea the same in that regard?

Perhaps we can have some discussions about the sociology of revolutions versus the psychology of revolutions

Is there a social psychology of revolutions that bridges the two disciplines?

I assume "Ali" = Fathali M. Moghaddam, right?

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The theory of semiotics is a framework for understanding how one comes to 'knowledge'. In other words it is an epistemology. It works under the assumption that every thing that we come to accept as real is officially a process of decoding signage and creating the reality which an individual comes to accept as Real or real.

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