**Eric Berlow’s TED talk: ‘Simplifying complexity’[[1]](#footnote-1)**

**Assignment:**

* Watch the video.
* Answer the questions by typing them into this document.
* Save the file with your name in the file name!
* Submit the document via Canvas.

1. How does Berlow draw a distinction between complexity and complication?
2. Berlow has some great visualization tools! Give an example of one advantage they give someone studying complex systems.
3. What’s the danger of trying to simplify a complex system when looking for the critical interacting factors?
4. What steps did Berlow take to pull useful information out of the system diagram of the US Counterinsurgency Strategy in Afganistan? How did he find the most useful steps the military could take?

1. <https://www.ted.com/talks/eric_berlow_how_complexity_leads_to_simplicity?language=en> [↑](#footnote-ref-1)