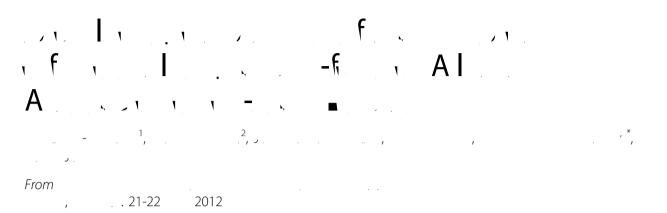## Background