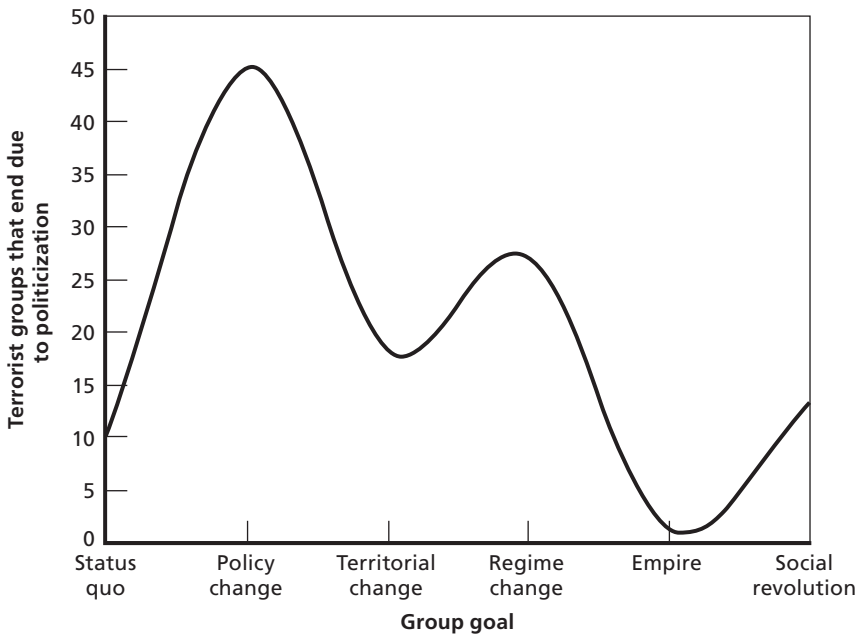


stop using terrorism as a tactic.<sup>34</sup> The next two sections explore the logic of politics and policing in more detail.

**Political Solutions**

Most terrorist groups that have ended did so by pursuing their goals through politics. The possibility of a political solution is linked to a key variable: the breadth of terrorist goals. As Figure 2.2 shows, most terrorist groups that end because of politics seek narrow policy goals, such as policy change, territorial change, or regime change. The further right on the x-axis, the less likely a terrorist group will end because of politics. There are two major logics at play. First, the narrower a

**Figure 2.2**  
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<sup>34</sup> Out of the 648 total groups active since 1968, 244 terrorist groups still existed in 2006, and 404 had ended. Of the 404 groups that ended, 136 (or 28 percent) ended because of splintering.