

Table 5.2
Insurgent Groups and Size

Size of Group	Insurgents	Others	Insurgent Share (%)
>10,000 members	19	11	63
1,000–9,999 members	45	37	55
100–999 members	13	157	8
0–99 members	7	359	2

Table 5.3
Insurgent Groups and Goals

Group Goal	Insurgents	Others	Insurgent Share (%)
Social revolution	0	75	0
Empire	2	22	8
Regime change	44	177	20
Territorial change	30	146	17
Policy change	5	123	4
Status quo	3	21	12

The final factor is how insurgent groups end. The results are shown in Table 5.4. When a terrorist group becomes an insurgent group, it does not go easily. Half of the insurgent groups have not ended (seven of these were Iraqi, four were Palestinian). The data show that, when insurgent groups have ended, nearly half of the time, they negotiated a settlement with the government. A quarter of the time, the group achieved victory. If a political solution is not feasible and the group did not achieve victory, military force has often been a viable option. Roughly 19 percent of insurgent groups ended because military forces defeated them. Policing is rarely effective against insurgent groups when used as the primary tool, since well-armed, well-motivated groups tend to overmatch police.