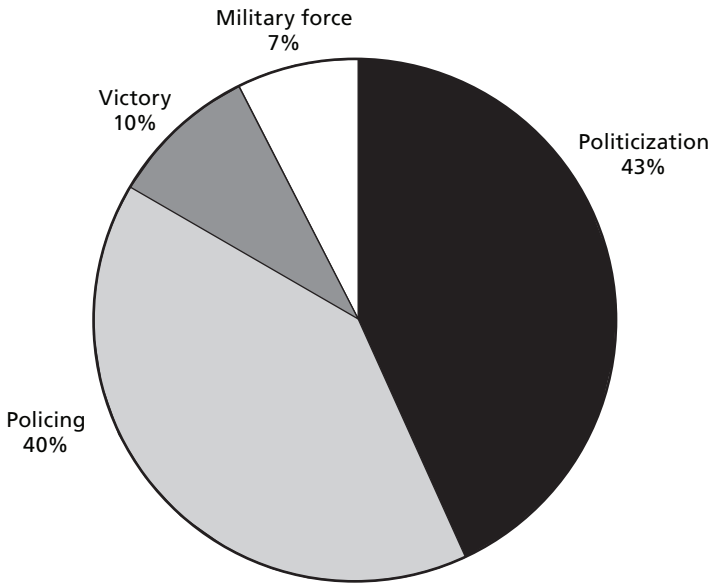


or kill key members of the group (40 percent). Military force has rarely been the primary reason for the end of terrorist groups (7 percent), and few groups since 1968 have achieved victory (10 percent).³³ Figure 2.1 illustrates the results. A large number of groups also end by splintering, but their members continue to pursue terrorism by joining an existing group or creating a new one. Since terrorism continues, we focus only on those cases in which a terrorist group ends and most of its members

Figure 2.1
How Terrorist Groups End (N = 268)



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³³ In generating these percentages, we excluded from the original 648 groups (1) those that were still active (244 groups) and (2) those that ended because of splintering, since the members still used terrorism (136 groups). Out of the 268 remaining groups, 20 ended by military force (7 percent), 27 by victory (10 percent), 107 by policing (40 percent), and 114 by politics (43 percent).