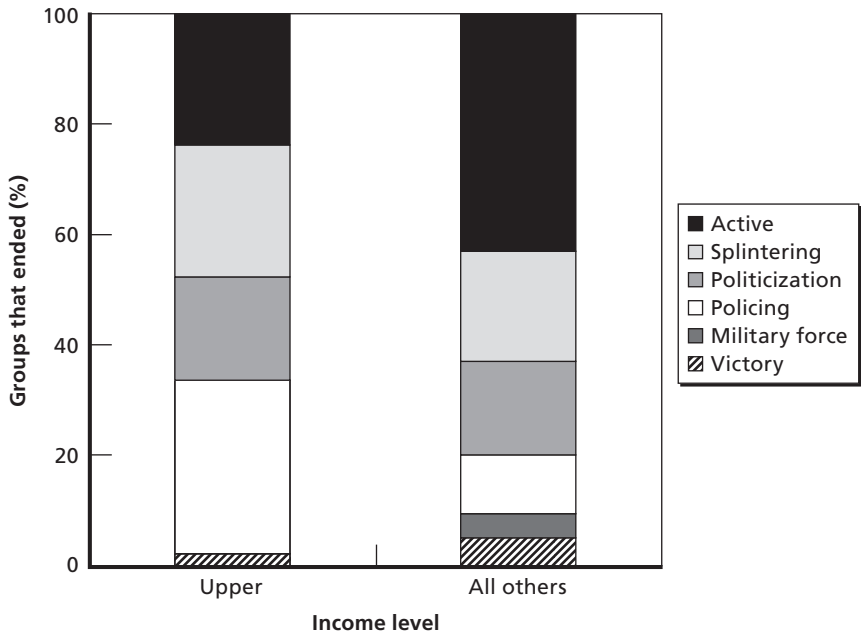


Figure 2.7
Income Level and End of Groups



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Statistics also suggest that there are large differences between smaller and larger terrorist groups. In Figure 2.8, very large terrorist groups are those with more than 10,000 members (at their peak or to date); large groups have between 1,000 and 10,000 members; medium-sized groups have between 100 and 1,000 members; and small groups have fewer than 100. As shown in Figure 2.8, size is negatively correlated with host-country income. Only two of the 30 very large terrorist groups operate in high-income countries. By contrast, nearly 40 percent of the small groups can be found there. There are two possible explanations. On the one hand, rich countries tend to be democratic and politically stable and therefore avoid having disaffected citizens in numbers sufficient to form such large groups. On the other hand, small terrorist groups in high-income and media-saturated countries may be more likely to show up in the terrorism database (which is built