

COUNTERING TERRORISM UNDERSTANDING TERRORISM

CHALLENGES, PERSPECTIVES, AND
ISSUES

An Overview of Near-Term Projections

- ▣ Four Theoretical “Waves” of Terrorist Violence
 - Anarchist: 1880s to the end of World War I.
 - Anti-colonial: End of World War I until the late 1960s.
 - New Left wave: 1960s to the near present.
 - Religious: About 1980 to the present.

Old and New Terrorism

Terrorist Environment	Activity Profile				
	Target Selection	Casualty Rates	Organizational Profile	Tactical/Weapons Selection	Typical Motives
The “old” terrorism	Surgical and symbolic	Low and selective	Hierarchical and identifiable	Conventional and low to medium yield	Leftist and ethnocentric
New Terrorism	Indiscriminate and symbolic	High and indiscriminate	Cellular	Unconventional and high yield	Sectarian

The Future of Terrorism: New Threats

▣ Terrorist Environments in the 21st Century

- State-sponsored terrorism.
- Dissident terrorism.
- Religious terrorism.
- Ideological terrorism.
- Criminal dissident terrorism.

The Future of Terrorism: New Threats

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- ▣ Terrorist Environments in the 21st Century
- ▣ Future Sources of Terrorism
 - The Middle east.
 - Palestine and Israel.
 - Latin America.
 - Europe.
 - Africa.
 - Asia.

The Future of Terrorism: New Threats

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▣ High-Tech Terrorism

- Information technologies and Cyberterrorism.
- Weapons of mass destruction.
- Case: Exotic technologies.

▣ Soft Targets and Terrorist Symbolism

Controlling Terrorism: New Challenges

- ▣ Government Responses
- ▣ Societal Responses
- ▣ Countering Extremism

Controlling Terrorism: New Challenges

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▣ New Fronts in a New War

- Covert shadow wars.
- Domestic “Homeland” security measures.
- Counterterrorist financial operations.
- Global surveillance of communications technologies.
- Identifying and disrupting transnational terrorist cells and support networks.

Controlling Terrorism: New Challenges

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▣ Continued Utility of Force

- Elimination of terrorist threats.
- General deterrence.
- Specific deterrence.
- Demonstrations of national will.

▣ Countering Terrorist Financial Operations

- Finding hidden fortunes.
- Case: Hawala.

Controlling Terrorism: New Challenges

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- ▣ The Case for International Cooperation
 - Intelligence and law enforcement.