

Terrorism: What is it exactly?

Kidnapping? Arson? Rape? What if no one is harmed -- is it still terrorism?

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Course Description:

Terrorism: What is it exactly? The motives and circumstances of each act vary, however, most would agree that there is always a strong political content. When an act of terrorism takes place, it has to be dissected and analyzed by citizens, the media, the politicians and the society affected. It is examined thoroughly to find out its tactics, operations, target, and motives. This class will cover questions such as: Who carries out terrorism? Is terrorism always carried out by organized opposition groups? Can states be terrorists? Can individuals?

Objectives:

The objectives of this course will be accomplished through a variety of media, encouraging students to be able to analyze the consequences of defining terrorism in certain ways and learn how different individuals and groups might use the term for political advantage. It is important to understand the term *terrorism* and how this term can relate to religious militancy - but to also be aware that these are not the same thing.

After successfully completing the class, students will have a thorough understanding of:

- How terrorism is defined across Europe and the United States.
- How terrorism is defined in the Middle East by various political figures.
- The roots of Terrorism.
- Terrorist targets and actions.
- Terrorists and Media exposure.
- Ideological or Religious?
- Religious Militancy in various regions of the Middle East.
- Saudi Arabia and Islamic extremists.
- Video discussion: Taliban's Appeal.
- Perspectives on Terrorism.
- Causes and effects of terrorism in today's world & a look at the Nuclear Age.

Required text:

- Assigned articles will be handed or emailed to students.



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