

Terrorism

- Selected Recent Terror Attacks**
- 1998: US Embassy bombing in Nairobi, Kenya **212 killed** (4,000 wounded).
 - 2001: Sep. 11 -- NY, Pentagon, Penn. **2,752 killed**.
 - 2002: Nightclubs in Bali, Indonesia, **202 killed**.
 - 2002: **130 hostages**, Dubrovka Theater, Moscow.
 - 2004: Madrid Train bombing, **191 killed**.
 - 2004: Beslan, Russia, school hostage. **300 killed**
 - 2005: London Tube (subway) bombing. **52 dead**
 - 2008: Mumbai attacks. **175 killed**.
 - 2013: Boston Marathon. **3 killed**.

- Domestic Terrorism**
- In the United States the ratio of domestic terrorist attacks to international attacks is at least 7:1 (LaFree, Dugan, Fogg & Scott, 2006)
 - Does it matter who kills you?
 - Can the US commit a terrorist act?
 - When is violence just?
 - The concept of just war and moral responsibility.
 - What makes terrorism worse than any other murder?

Group Name	Description	# attacks
New World Liberation Front (NWLFF)	Far-left organization that primarily targeted corporations in the 1970s	83 attacks
Fuerzas Armadas de Liberacion Nacional (FALN)	Puerto Rican separatist group operating until the early 1980s, launching attacks on U.S. mainland and Puerto Rico	71 attacks
Jewish Defense League (JDL)	Attacked targets it perceived to be anti-Semitic, active through the late 1980s	55 attacks
Omega-7	Anti-Castro Cuban organization active in U.S. urban areas and on Puerto Rico through mid-1980s	42 attacks
Weather Underground/Weathermen	Organization that advocated far-left beliefs in the United States and targeted U.S. cities throughout the 1970s	40 attacks
Earth Liberation Front (ELF)	Committed to protection of the environment, begins terrorist activity in the 1980s continuing through the present	37 attacks

Violence Matrix

[Including Coercion & Ideological Goal]	Target	
Actor	Government or Military	Civilian
State	Act of War	War Crime or Crime against Humanity
Non-State	Guerilla Warfare or Revolution	Act of Terrorism

- What is terrorism?**
- 83% violence and force
 - 65% political goal
 - 51% spreading fear and dread
 - 47% threat of violence
 - 41% psychological impact of terrorism
 - 37% discrepancy between targets and victims
 - 32% degree of consistency, planning and organization
 - 30% method of warfare, strategy, and tactics
- An examination of 109 academic definitions of terrorism led to the isolation of certain elements in the following percentages Schmid & Jongman (2005)

Actions or Motivations or killings?

- A disregard for human life and a killing of innocents?
- The rationale of a killer that may be unknowable-- the lone wolf?

Is there a face of terrorism?

Is there a face of terrorism?



Is there a face of terrorism?



Terrorists: Suspects in Cleveland bomb plot.

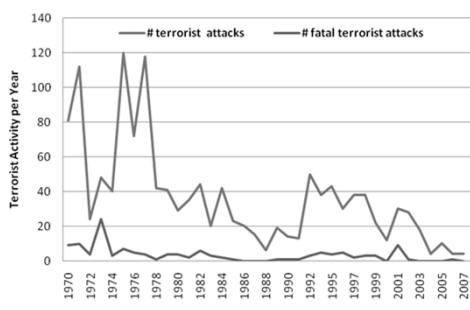
Not Terrorists. Sikhs at a temple in Wisconsin where Sikhs were shot and killed.

Looking under the wrong rocks?

- Between 1980 and 2001, non-Islamic American extremists carried out about **two-thirds** of all terrorism in the United States. Between 2002 and 2005, that figure jumped to **95 percent**. In the 10 years following 2001, only **6 percent** of terrorist acts in America have been the work of Islamic extremists.

Source: National consortium for the study of terrorism and responses to terrorism
<http://www.start.umd.edu/start/announcements/announcement.asp?id=185>

Terrorist Attacks in the United States



Source: National consortium for the study of terrorism and responses to terrorism
<http://www.start.umd.edu/start/announcements/announcement.asp?id=185>

