



TERRORISM AND COUNTERTERRORISM

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Suggested Materials for Further Learning

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Below you will find a list of suggested reading materials and documentaries for those interested in learning more about terrorism and counterterrorism. Please note that this list is completely **optional**, and students must access these materials outside the EdX platform (in other words, you're on your own for obtaining these).

The post-9/11 era has seen a huge increase in the materials available on terrorism around the world: the list below is only a fraction, and your instructors do not claim to know all or even most of what is out there. Please suggest additional materials along with a brief description of their content and why you'd recommend them on the course's discussion board.

SUGGESTED FURTHER LEARNING MATERIALS:

WHAT IS TERRORISM AND WHO ARE THE TERRORISTS?

Documentaries/Film

- [BBC] *My Brother the Islamist* (Broadcast date: 2011)
- [BBC] *My Brother the Terrorist* (Broadcast date: July 2014)
- [BBC] *Generation Jihad* (Broadcast date: April 2010)
- [BBC - Podcast] *Nigeria Undercover* (Broadcast date: July 2014)
- [BBC - Podcast] *Assignment: Roubles & Radicals in Dagestan* (Broadcast date: November 2011)
- [HBO] *Terror in Mumbai* (Broadcast date: 2010)
- [PBS - Frontline] *Manhunt: Boston Bombers* (Broadcast date: May 2013)
- [PBS - Frontline] *A Perfect Terrorist* (Broadcast date: November 2011)
- [PBS - Frontline] *Terror and Tehran* (Broadcast date: May 2002)
- [United Nations] *The Terrorists Who Came Home* (Broadcast date: January 2011)
- Four Lions* (Broadcast date: 2010)

Readings

- Albert Bandura, "Mechanisms of Moral Disengagement," pp. 161-191 in Walter Reich (ed.). *Origins of Terrorism: Psychologies, Ideologies, Theologies, States of Mind*, Woodrow Wilson Center Press, 1998.
- Alison M. Jaggar, What is Terrorism, Why Is It Wrong, and Could It Ever Be Morally Permissible, Vol. 36, No. 2, pp. 202-217, in *Journal of Social Philosophy*.
- Boaz Ganor, *Defining Terrorism: Is One Man's Terrorist Another Man's Freedom Fighter* (Vol. 3, No. 4 [2002], pp. 287-304), Routledge 2002.
- Jerrold M. Post, "Terrorist Psycho-Logic: Terrorist behavior as a product of psychological choices," pp. 25-40 in Walter Reich (ed.), *Origins of Terrorism: Psychologies, Ideologies, Theologies, States of Mind*, Woodrow Wilson Center Press, 1998.

STRATEGIES, TACTICS, AND TECHNOLOGY USE

Documentaries/Film

- [National Geographic] *Inside the Nuclear Threat* (Broadcast date: 2010)
- [PBS - Frontline] *The Insurgency* (Broadcast date: February 2006)
- [PBS - Frontline] *Target American* (Broadcast date: October 2011)

Readings

- Andrew Kydd and Barbara F. Walter, "The Strategies of Terrorism," *International Security*, Volume 31, Number 1, pp. 49-79.
- C.C. Harmon, Five Strategies of Terrorism, *Small Wars & Insurgencies* (2001), 12:3, pp. 39-66.

AL-QAEDA

Documentaries/Films

- [Al-Jazeera] *I knew bin Laden* (Broadcast date: December 2011)
- [BBC] *The New Al-Qaeda: Jihad.com* (Broadcast date: 2005)
- [CNN] *In The Footsteps of Osama bin Laden* (Broadcast date: April 2012)
- [HBO] *Manhunt: The Ten-Year Search for Bin Laden from 9/11 to Abbottabad* (Broadcast date: May 2012)
- [National Geographic] *Seal Team Six: The Raid on Osama bin Laden* (Broadcast date: Unknown)
- [National Geographic] *The Last Days of Osama bin Laden* (Broadcast date: 2011)
- [National Geographic] *Giuliani's 9/11* (Broadcast date: 2010)
- [PBS - Frontline] *Al Qaeda in Yemen* (Broadcast date: May 2012)
- [PBS - Frontline] *Syria Behind the Lines* (Broadcast date: April 2013)
- [PBS - Frontline] *The Battle for Syria* (Broadcast date: September 2012)
- [PBS - Frontline] *Kill/Capture* (Broadcast date: May 2011)
- [PBS - Frontline] *Fighting for bin Laden* (Broadcast date: May 2011)
- [PBS - Frontline] *Al Qaeda's New Front* (Broadcast date: January 2005)
- [PBS - Frontline] *Son of al Qaeda* (Broadcast date: April 2004)
- [PBS - Frontline] *In Search of al Qaeda* (Broadcast date: November 2002)
- [PBS - Frontline] *Faith and Doubt at Ground Zero* (Broadcast date: September 2002)
- [PBS - Frontline] *Hunting bin Laden* (Broadcast date: September 2001)
- Searching for the Roots of 9/11* (Broadcast date: 2003)
- United 93* (Broadcast date: 2006)
- Zero Dark Thirty* (Broadcast date: 2012)

Readings

- Lawrence Wright, "The Man Behind Bin Laden," *The New Yorker* (September 16, 2002).
- R. Kim Cragin, "The Early History of al-Qa`ida," *The Historical Journal*, 51:4 (2008).

ISLAM

Documentaries/Films

- [BBC] *The Crescent and the Cross* (Broadcast date: November 2009)
- [BBC Podcast] *The Rise of Islamism* (Broadcast date: April 2014)
- [BBC Podcast] *Lines in the Sand* (Broadcast date: December 2013)
- [National Geographic] *Journey to Mecca* (Broadcast date: 2011)
- [National Geographic] *Inside Mecca* (Broadcast date: 2003)
- [PBS - Frontline] *Muslims* (Broadcast date: May 2003)
- Women of the Holy Kingdom* (Broadcast date: 2011)

Readings

- David Commons, Introductions, Chapters 1, 2, 3 in *The Wahhabi Mission and Saudi Arabia*.

- Ed. Basheer Nafi, "The Rise of Islamic Reformist Thought and its Challenge to Traditional Islam," in *Islamic Thought in the Twentieth Century*, ed. Suha Farouki and Basheer M. Nafi, (London: I.B. Tauris, 2004), pp. 28-60.
- Meijer, Roel, ed. "Introduction" (1-32) and Chapter One 'On the Nature of Salafi Action and Thought' (33-57) in *Global Salafism: Islam's New Religious Movement*. See also the Appendix for "who's who" of prominent Salafis circa 2009.
- Ed. Nafi, Basheer, "The Rise of Islamic Reformist Thought and its Challenge to Traditional Islam" (28-60) in Suha Taji-Farouki and Basheer M. Nafi, *Islamic Thought in the Twentieth Century*.

The Terrorism Threat to Israel and the Israeli Response

Documentaries/Films

- [Al-Jazeera] *About a Boycott* (Broadcast date: October 2011)
- [Al-Jazeera] *Gilad Shalit: A Bargaining Chip* (Broadcast date: October 2011)
- [National Geographic] *Secrets of Jerusalem's holiest sites* (Broadcast date: 2006)
- Straddling the Fence* (Broadcast date: 2013)
- State 194* (Broadcast date: 2012)
- The Gatekeepers* (Broadcast date: 2012)
- The Attack* (Broadcast date: 2012)
- The Little Town of Bethlehem* (Broadcast date: 2010)
- Unsettled* (Broadcast date: 2007)

No additional suggested readings.

Terrorism and Counterterrorism in South Asia

Documentaries/Films

- [Al-Jazeera] *Pakistan: The New Radicals* (Broadcast date: October 2011)
- [National Geographic] *Talibanistan* (Broadcast date: 2010)
- [PBS - Frontline] *The Return of the Taliban* (Broadcast date: October 2006)
- Not quite the Taliban* (Broadcast date: 2008)

No additional suggested readings.

COUNTERTERRORISM AND THE RULE OF LAW

No additional suggested documentaries/films.

Readings

- Daniel O'Donnell, "International Treaties Against Terrorism and the Use of Terrorism During Armed Conflict and by Armed Forces," *International Review of Red Cross*, Vol. 88, No. 864, December 2006.
- David Luban, Julie R. O'Sullivan, and David P. Stewart, Chapter 16 in *International and Transnational Criminal Law*.
- Steven Dycus, William C. Banks and Peter Ravens-Hansen, Chapters 22, 23 in *Counterterrorism Law*.
- Wayne McCormack, Chapter 1 in *Legal Responses to Terrorism*.
- William C. Banks, Renee de Nevers, and Mitchel B. Wallerstein, Chapter 5, "Law Enforcement and Its Methods" in *Combating Terrorism: Strategies and Approaches*.

INTELLIGENCE AND COUNTERTERRORISM

Documentaries/Films

- [BBC] *The Secret War on Terror* (Broadcast date: September 2011)
- [National Geographic] *Inside Combat Rescue* (Broadcast date: 2013)
- [National Geographic] *Inside Guantanamo* (Broadcast date: February 2012)
- [National Geographic] *Inside the Afghanistan War* (Broadcast date: 2012)
- [National Geographic] *Inside the State Department* (Broadcast date: 2010)
- [National Geographic] *CIA Confidential* (Broadcast date: 2009)
- [National Geographic] *Inside the Green Berets* (Broadcast date: 2007)
- [National Geographic] *Inside the Special Forces* (Broadcast date: 2003)
- [National Geographic] *Inside the White House* (Broadcast date: 1996)
- [PBS - Frontline] *The Torture Question* (Broadcast date: October 2005)
- [PBS - Frontline] *Trail of a Terrorist* (Broadcast date: October 2001)

Readings

- Gabriella Blum and Philip Heymann, Chapter 6: Interrogation in *Laws, Outlaws and Terrorists*.
- Richard Posner, Chapter 1, "The Commission's Organizational Recommendations," and Chapter 2, "The Congressional Response" in *Preventing Surprise Attacks*.

COUNTERTERRORISM INSTRUMENTS

Documentaries/Film

- [Al-Jazeera] *Informants* (Broadcast date: 2014)
- [Al-Jazeera] *Fighting in the Fifth Dimension* (Broadcast date: February 2012)
- [CNN] *Flight from Terror* (Broadcast date: August 2014)
- [HBO] *The Newburgh Sting* (Broadcast date: 2014)
- [PBS Frontline] *The Interrogator* (Broadcast date: September 2011)
- [PBS Frontline] *Top Secret America* (Broadcast date: September 2011)
- [PBS Frontline] *Educating Sergeant Pantzke* (Broadcast date: June 2011)
- [PBS Frontline] *The Secret War* (Broadcast date: May 2011)
- [PBS Frontline] *Are We Safer* (Broadcast date: January 2011)
- [PBS Frontline] *The Wounded Platoon* (Broadcast date: May 2010)
- [PBS Frontline] *The War Briefing* (Broadcast date: October 2008)
- [PBS Frontline] *Bad Voodoo's War* (Broadcast date: April 2008)
- [PBS Frontline] *Rules of Engagement* (Broadcast date: February 2008)
- [PBS Frontline] *Cheney's Law* (Broadcast date: October 2007)
- [PBS Frontline] *Endgame* (Broadcast date: June 2007)
- [PBS Frontline] *Spying on the Home Front* (Broadcast date: May 2007)
- [PBS Frontline] *The Enemy Within* (Broadcast date: October 2006)
- [PBS Frontline] *Private Warriors* (Broadcast date: June 2005)
- [PBS Frontline] *The Soldier's Heart* (Broadcast date: March 2005)
- [PBS Frontline] *A Company of Soldiers* (Broadcast date: February 2005)
- [PBS Frontline] *Secret Ground* (Broadcast date: September 2004)

- [PBS Frontline] *Chasing Saddam's Weapons* (Broadcast date: January 2004)

ADDITIONAL SUGGESTED DOCUMENTARIES:

The Arab Spring

- [Al-Jazeera] *The Arab Awakening* (Broadcast date: February 2012)
- [Al-Jazeera] *Yemen: A Tale of Two Protests* (Broadcast date: March 2011)
- [Al-Jazeera] *Libya: A State of Terror* (Broadcast date: March 2011)
- [BBC] *The Brotherhood* (Broadcast date: 2010)
- [BBC Podcast] *The Rise of the Arab Spring* (Broadcast date: April 2014)

Diplomacy

- [Al-Jazeera] *Bahrain: Fighting in the Dark* (Broadcast date: June 2012)
- [PBS - Frontline] *Showdown with Iran* (Broadcast date: October 2007)
- [PBS - Frontline] *The House of Saud* (Broadcast date: February 2005)
- [PBS - Frontline] *Saudi Time Bomb* (Broadcast date: November 2001)

The War on Terror (9/11 and its Aftermath)

- [National Geographic] *Camp Leatherneck* (Broadcast date: 2010)
- [National Geographic] *Iraq's Guns for Hire* (Broadcast date: 2007)
- [National Geographic] *Bomb Hunters in Afghanistan* (Broadcast date: 2011)
- [National Geographic] *Battleground Afghanistan* (Broadcast date: 2013)
- [PBS - Frontline] *The Invasion of Iraq* (Broadcast date: February 2004)
- [PBS - Frontline] *Beyond Baghdad* (Broadcast date: February 2004)
- [PBS - Frontline] *Rumsfeld's War* (Broadcast date: October 2004)
- [PBS - Frontline] *Gangs of Iraq* (Broadcast date: April 2007)
- [PBS - Frontline] *The Lost Year in Iraq* (Broadcast date: October 2006)
- [PBS - Frontline] *Obama's War* (Broadcast date: October 2009)
- [PBS - Frontline] *Bush's War* (Broadcast date: March 2008)
- [PBS - Frontline] *Chasing Saddam's Weapons* (Broadcast date: January 2004)
- [PBS - Frontline] *Truth, War & Consequence* (Broadcast date: October 2003)
- [PBS - Frontline] *Blair's War* (Broadcast date: April 2003)
- [PBS - Frontline] *The Long Road to War* (Broadcast date: March 2003)
- [PBS - Frontline] *The War Behind Closed Doors* (Broadcast date: February 2003)
- [PBS - Frontline] *Campaign Against Terror* (Broadcast date: September 2002)
- [PBS - Frontline] *The Survival of Saddam* (Broadcast date: January 2000)
- [PBS - Frontline] *Spying on Saddam* (Broadcast date: April 1999)
- Secrets of SEAL Team 6* (Broadcast date: 2012)
- Act of Valor* (Broadcast date: 2012)
- Iraq for Sale: The War for Profiteers* (Broadcast date: 2006)
- Lone Survivor* (Broadcast date: 2013)
- Restrepo* (Broadcast date: 2010)
- The Hurt Locker* (Broadcast date: 2008)
- The Unthinkable* (Broadcast date: 2010)
- Wikileaks: Wars, Lies & Videotape* (Broadcast date: 2011)

Misc.

- [PBS - Frontline] *The Gulf War* (Broadcast date: January 1996)

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- [PBS - Frontline] *The Man Who Knew* (Broadcast date: October 2002)
- [PBS - Frontline] *The Dark Side* (Broadcast date: June 2006)
- [PBS - Frontline] *Gunning for Saddam* (Broadcast date: November 2001)
- [United Nations] *Second Chance* (Broadcast date: Unknown)
- The Battle of Algiers* (Broadcast date: 1996)
- Team America: World Police* (Broadcast date: 2004)