INR 3930: Terrorism (Honors) Stephen Sloan
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Introduction

This class will introduce the student to the study of terrorism. It is a survey class that can stand-alone or provide a foundation for more advance classes on the topic.

While the course will be taught from the perspective of political science, interdisciplinary approaches are appreciated.

The topics that will be covered but not limited to include: The problem of definition and scope, the major characteristics of terrorism, a brief history, a comparative analysis of terrorists motivation, tactics, strategy, motivation, organizational doctrine, and recruitment, radicalization, the key role of the intelligence function and counterterrorism measures, future trends and threats, the role of the media and netwar. Throughout the course the following major theme will be addressed. - The classic problems associated with reconciling security and individual freedom in an open society that must deal with terrorism.

Requirements

A research project
An oral presentation on the research project

A final research paper due at the start of the last class session, 17 April.

Grade based on paper.

Active participation in the class.

One excused absence. 5 points off after each absence.

Assigned Texts

Cindy C. Combs. Terrorism and the Twenty-First Century. 6th Edition Boston: Longman, 2011. ISBN;10;0205-7791-9. Paperback

Paul Wilkinson. TERRORISM VERSUS DEMOCRACY: THE LIBERAL STATE RESPONSE, Third Edition, London: Routledge, ISBN13; 978-0-415-58799.0. Paperback

Other readings as announced.