WORLD101: TERRORISM

ANNOTATED BIBLIOGRAPHY

Books

These books offer a foundational set of readings on terrorism. Core texts from Nacos, Hoffman, and Lacquer provide comprehensive discussions on the general topic of terrorism; other selections focus on government responses to terrorism and related areas.


Scholarly Articles
This selection of scholarly articles covers a variety of topics related to terrorism and counterterrorism, ranging from debates on the definition and efficacy of terrorism to U.S. foreign policy measures. Each is well suited as a nightly reading assignment or for those interested in focusing on particular aspects of this issue. Although some articles assume prior knowledge of the topic or related theories, they should be generally accessible to college and advanced high school students and lifelong learners.


Popular Articles

This list contains articles from the popular press well suited to a broad audience. Selections offer various perspectives on a wide variety of topics, including policy issues and individual terrorist groups. They can serve as supplementary readings or as the basis for classroom discussions on topics addressed in the assets.


Resources
This list includes well-known databases and websites useful for researching terrorism and counterterrorism.


“Foreign Terrorist Organizations,” U.S. Department of State.

“Global Terrorism Database,” START: National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism.

“Intelligence Related Commissions, Other Select or Special Committees and Special Reports,” U.S. Senate Select Committee on Intelligence.

Resources on terrorism and counterterrorism from the Council on Foreign Relations.
Primary Documents

These documents focus on U.S. policy responses to terrorism since 9/11. They are useful for examination of recent U.S. counterterrorism efforts and for strengthening the skills required to analyze primary sources.


Barack Obama, “Address to the Nation by the President,” White House Office of the Press Secretary, December 6, 2015.


Senate Intelligence Committee Study on CIA Detention and Interrogation Program, Office of U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein.