CFR Resources

A short essay that argues that the United States needs to widen its counterterrorism focus beyond just foreign jihadi threats. (1,300 words)


A brief survey of the history and current status of the Colombian government’s conflict with the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) insurgents. (1,900 words)


A brief introduction to a major African terrorist group. (1,700 words)


An introductory backgrounder on Hezbollah, the militant group and Lebanese political party. (1,800 words)

Articles

A story of the end of the Sri Lankan civil war and the defeat of the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam, commonly known as the Tamil Tigers. (11,400 words)


A comprehensive look at the Basque terrorist group Basque Fatherland and Liberty (ETA). (11,500 words)

An article that shows a catalog of ransom payments made to terrorists and explores the consequences of these payments. (4,500 words)


A look at the Irish Republican Army and how its tactics presaged modern terrorist tactics. (1,700 words)


A profile of the Japanese terrorist group Aum Shinrikyo. (7,000 words)


A look at the Islamic State group’s media strategy. (7,000 words)


A collection of photos and interviews with fighters from FARC, cataloging their daily life. (1,700 words)


A long-form article that examines the U.S. government’s fight against terrorist financing through the lens of one Pakistani-American family accused of material support of terrorism. (6,700 words)


A profile of Dzhokhar Tsarnaev, one of the perpetrators of the 2013 Boston Marathon bombing. (11,300 words)

An examination of how and why the U.S. government has overlooked domestic terror threats. (11,500 words)


An excerpt from Walker’s book that tells the story of the founding of Boko Haram. (4,600 words)


An article that uses two 2016 attacks to discuss the growing trend of “lone wolf” attacks, exploring how they differ from other forms of terrorism. (2,500 words)

Books


An account of an Israeli program to disrupt terrorist finances, tactics of which were later adopted by the United States. (312 pages)


A scholarly introduction to terrorism. (456 pages)


An account of U.S. counterterrorism efforts from World War II to 9/11. (428 pages)
Classroom Reading List: Terrorism


A Pulitzer Prize–winning account of the history of the Islamic State. (351 pages)


A book based on extensive interviews with Islamic State supporters that explores what leads people to assist or join the group. (352 pages)


A Pulitzer Prize–winning account of the rise of Islamist terror, al-Qaeda, and 9/11. (480 pages)

**Multimedia**


A discussion of how Western countries are responding to women fleeing the Islamic State. (30 minutes)


A brief explanation of the term *domestic terrorism*. (2 minutes)


An award-winning documentary on the 1995 bombing of a federal government complex in Oklahoma City. (113 minutes)

A brief explanation of how media coverage of terrorism can lead viewers to overestimate the risk terrorism poses. (7 minutes)


A podcast episode that includes the chilling story of what drove the terrorist known as the Unabomber to violence. (60 minutes)

Kelsey Padgett and Matthew Kielty, “60 Words,” Radiolab, April 18, 2014.

An exploration of the 2001 Authorization for Use of Military Force. (58 minutes)


A visualization of where and how U.S. counterterrorism efforts are taking place.