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Preface

controversies. This edition has been revised in several respects to enhance the educational quality of the study of terrorism. In the same spirit as the previous editions of Essentials of Terrorism: Concepts and Controversies, the third edition is designed as a foundational textbook to enhance the educational quality of the study of terrorism. It is a concise textbook for students and professionals who wish to explore the phenomenon of modern terrorist violence and who wish to use additional resources adapted for their specific instructional needs. Readers will acquire a solid foundation for understanding the nature of terrorism in a manner best suited for their classroom or professional program.

This book is also designed to be a resource for university students and professionals who require fundamental expertise in understanding terrorist violence. The content of the third edition of *Essentials of Terrorism: Concepts and Controversies* is directed to academic and professional courses whose subject areas have been selected for their specific educational program, including the study of terrorism, homeland security, international security, criminal justice administration, political conflict, armed conflict, and social environments. It can be incorporated into a variety of classes and seminars covering security studies, the administration of justice, the sociology of terrorism, conflict resolution, political theory, and other instruction in the social sciences. The intended level of instruction is undergraduate and master's students, as well as professionals with a need to understand terrorism.

No prerequisites are specifically recommended, but grounding within one of the following disciplines would be helpful: political science, government, administration of justice, sociology, history, or philosophy.

As will become readily apparent to instructors and students, the third edition of *Essentials of Terrorism: Concepts and Controversies* is an ideal anchor textbook for investigating the many aspects of terrorism, political violence, and homeland security. That it is easily adapted to these subjects means that instructors will be able to design a variety of instructional packages around it. In this way, the third edition is a versatile resource.

Course Overview and Pedagogy

The third edition of *Essentials of Terrorism: Concepts and Controversies* introduces readers to terrorism in the contemporary era, focusing on the post-World War II period as its primary emphasis. It is a review of nations, movements, and individuals who have engaged in what many people would define as terrorist violence. It is also a review of the many kinds of terrorism that have existed in the postwar era. A serious exploration will be made of the underlying causes of terrorism—for example, extremist ideologies, religious intolerance, and traumatic episodes in the lives of nations and people. Significantly, a new chapter on homeland security has been incorporated into this edition.

The pedagogical approach of the third edition is designed to stimulate critical thinking in readers. Students, professionals, and instructors will find that each chapter follows a sequence of instruction that builds on previous chapters and thus incrementally enhances the reader's knowledge of each topic. Chapters incorporate the following features:

- *Chapter Introduction*. Each chapter is introduced by an overview of the subject under investigation. This provides the perspective to incorporate each chapter's topic into the broader themes of the textbook.
- *Chapter Perspectives*. Chapters incorporate focused presentations of perspectives that explore people, events, organizations, and movements relevant to the subject matter of each chapter.
- Chapter Summary. A concluding discussion recapitulates the main themes of each chapter and introduces
 the subject matter of the chapter that follows.
- *Discussion Boxes*. Discussion Boxes present provocative information and pose challenging questions to stimulate critical thinking and further debate.
- *Key Terms and Concepts.* Important terms and ideas introduced in each chapter are listed for review and discussion. These are further explored and defined in the book's Glossary.
- *Terrorism on the Web.* Readers may log on to the Web-based study site at http://www.sagepub.com/martiness3e for additional Web sources and study resources.
- Web Exercises. Internet exercises at the ends of chapters have been designed for students, professionals, and instructors to explore and discuss information found on the Internet.
- Recommended Readings. Suggested readings listed at the end of each chapter provide either further information on or avenues of research into each topic.

Chapter Guide

This volume is organized into an Introduction and three thematic units, each consisting of several chapters. Appendices and a glossary are included after the substantive chapters.

Part I: Understanding Terrorism: A Conceptual Review

The first section of the book is a comprehensive discussion of definitions of terrorism and the root causes of violent political extremism. Readers develop comprehensive, contextual, and critical skills for defining terrorism and for understanding the many causes of terrorist behavior. The discussion includes the informational war waged between adversaries and the role of the mass media. Readers investigate how the applications of the concepts of propaganda by deed and armed propaganda have been historically common to extremist violence.

Chapter 1. Defining Terrorism

This chapter investigates the reasons underlying why certain groups, movements, and individuals are labeled as terrorists or freedom fighters. It compares and contrasts radical and reactionary ideological tendencies, as well as defines and investigates the characteristics of extremism. Terrorism is discussed at length by sampling official definitions, reviewing the American context, and summarizing several types of terrorism. Readers are introduced to several perspectives of terrorism that pose problems for definitional issues.

Chapter 2. Historical Perspectives and Ideological Origins

This chapter explores the historical and ideological origins of modern terrorism. Historical perspectives are discussed within the contexts of conceptual themes used throughout the book. Ideological foundations for modern terrorist violence are also discussed at some length. The causes of left-wing and right-wing terrorism are identified, as are the qualities of ideological violence. Because both ideological poles were inextricably entwined during the 20th century and adherents continue to be active in the 21st century, it is important for readers to grasp the importance of the ideologies of class struggle, national liberation, order, and race. This chapter also discusses regional examples of ideological terrorism.

Chapter 3. Causes of Terrorist Violence

Readers become familiar with central factors in the personal and group histories of individuals and groups who become associated with terrorism. The motives of extremists and several explanations of terrorism are explored, including acts of political will, sociological explanations, and psychological explanations. An important discussion probes the degree to which a fresh generation of new terrorists is being forged in reaction to how the West and its allies have conducted the post-September 11, 2001, war on terrorism.

Chapter 4. Terrorist Violence and the Role of the Media

This chapter investigates and evaluates the centrality of the media and mass communications in the modern era of political violence. It first discusses the nature of mass communications and reporting within the context of terrorist environments. It also investigates the war of manipulation for favorable media coverage. In particular, readers assess the manipulation of information technologies and the media by modern terrorists. A discussion is also presented on the efficacy of regulating the media.

Part II: Terrorist Environments

Part II educates readers about the many manifestations of terrorism by helping them develop skills to critically assess and understand historical and modern examples of political violence. In particular, state- and dissident-initiated terrorism are discussed, compared, and contrasted. An examination is conducted of the availability of high-yield weaponry in the arsenals of dissident terrorists. Readers are also guided through how to distinguish between religious and international terrorism. Domestic terrorism in the United States is also explored.

Chapter 5. Terrorism by the State

This chapter investigates state-initiated repression and terror. A detailed discussion explores terrorism as foreign policy and terrorism as domestic policy. Important examples of state terrorism include the Khmer Rouge in Cambodia and the link between Janjaweed fighters and the government in Sudan.

Chapter 6. Terrorism by Dissidents

This chapter critically evaluates terrorism emanating from dissident movements. Several typologies and the morality of the New Terrorism are investigated. Finally, a detailed discussion explores antistate dissident terrorism and communal terrorism. Important examples include the modern use of child soldiers by extremists and Chechen terrorism against Russia.

Chapter 7. Religious Terrorism

This chapter evaluates the historical and modern origins and quality of religious terrorism. The goal is to engender critical discussion on the subject and to develop a contextual perspective for it. Because religious terrorism has become so prominent, it is important for readers to investigate different manifestations and to understand the contexts of regional case studies.

Chapter 8. International Terrorism

This chapter discusses recent and historical examples of international terrorism, defines what is meant by international terrorism, and explores the reasons for terrorist spillovers. Both the phenomenon of international terrorist networks and the concept of stateless revolutionaries are discussed. In this regard, readers evaluate newly emerging threats from groups and networks that have adapted the Al Qaeda example as a model.

Chapter 9. Domestic Terrorism in the United States

This chapter presents an overview of terrorism in postwar America. It probes the background to political violence and presents a detailed discussion of leftist and rightist terrorism in the United States. The chapter also evaluates international terrorism and prospects for violence from rightist, leftist, and religious extremists today.

Part III: The Terrorist Battleground

Part III discusses the nuts and bolts of the terrorist trade, including counterterrorism and related responses to terrorist environments. Readers investigate how the applications of the concept of homeland security are applied in the United States and other countries. The future of terrorism is also explored.

Chapter 10. Counterterrorism and the War on Terrorism

This chapter explores counterterrorist options and security measures. Several categories of responses are assessed: the use of force, repressive operations other than war, conciliatory operations other than war, and legalistic responses. Contemporary controversies, such as the status and treatment of captured suspects, are explored.

Chapter 11. Homeland Security

This chapter provides readers with a fundamental introduction to homeland security in the United States. It prepares a contextual overview of the purpose of homeland security, defines the concept, and explains the mission of the homeland security bureaucracy.

Chapter 12. Future Trends and Projections

Readers are challenged to critically assess trends and other factors that can be used to project the near future of terrorism. In particular, this chapter presents fresh discussions and data on the near-term projections for the future of terrorism. New issues and likely scenarios are offered for the near future of ideological terrorism, religious terrorism, international terrorism, political violence against women, and criminal terrorism.

New To This Edition

Updated information and other revisions are found throughout this volume. Detailed overviews of terrorist objectives, tactics, targets, and weapons are included in Chapters 1 and 6. New theoretical and historical information have been incorporated in Chapter 2, as well as a contextual historical discussion of the September 11, 2001, attacks. New criminological explanations of terrorism are presented in Chapter 3, and the role of the media is now discussed earlier in this volume as a new Chapter 4. Updated information and data are included in each chapter in Part II. In particular, Chapter 6 includes a rich discussion of terrorist targets and weapons. An entirely new chapter discussing homeland security has been added to Part III.

Ancillaries

This new *Essentials* edition comes with a variety of ancillaries to supplement instructor course preparation and student learning.

Online Appendices

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Found on this Web site are homeland security analyses and intelligence estimates published by United States government agencies. Also included is an appendix detailing historical examples of terrorist incidents.

Instructor Resources Site

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This Web site offers the instructor a variety of resources with which to supplement the book material, including PowerPoint lecture slides, Web resources, activity and lecture suggestions, guidance regarding the discussion boxes, and more. Also included is a test bank in Microsoft Word, which consists of multiple-choice questions with answers and page references, as well as short answer and essay questions for each chapter.

Web-Based Student Study Site

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This Web-based student study site provides a variety of additional resources to enhance students' understanding of the book content. Taking their learning one step further, the site includes comprehensive study materials, such as introductions to the chapter articles, updated chapter articles, recommended Web sites, flash cards, and Web exercises.

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