

TWO VIEWS OF TERRORISM

**Global Studies
Unit 5, Lesson 6**

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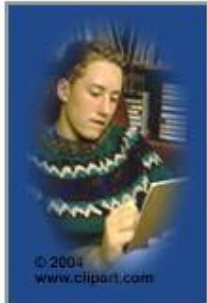
Objectives



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Your goals are to learn how to complete these objectives:

- Understand the political, economical, and religious motivation of conflict between people
- Identify the roots of specific terrorist activities

Here are the **Objectives** for the lesson.

A big part of getting your scoop is to understand why things happen in the world. Now that you have learned how hard it is to define terrorism, go one step further and investigate different views of terrorism in more detail.

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Assignment

Two Views of Terrorism



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Consider the 2001 attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon in the United States. Do you remember how you felt when you heard what happened? What was the discussion in your household shortly after the attacks took place? Many people around the world found themselves wondering why something like this could have happened. Many felt they knew and understood the reasons right away once it was determined who was probably behind the attacks.

Consider the “Roots” of Terrorism

As you saw on a previous assignment, it is very difficult to arrive at a universally agreed upon definition of terrorism. Likewise, it is even harder to pinpoint the reasons why most terrorists act. Many people have the misconception that it is always the same groups committing the terror over and over. Then there are myths about why these groups resort to violence to make their point. These myths and misconceptions make it hard to comprehend the motivation and what could influence a person to commit such an act. In order to address the issues that lie at the root of the behavior, we have to begin trying to understand them.

The following is a list of possible "roots" of terrorism that may help clear up some of these myths and misconceptions. Almost every terrorist act can be traced back to one or more of these roots.

Roots of Terrorism

<p style="text-align: center;">Anti-Semitism</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Poverty</p>
<p>This is discrimination against those who practice the Jewish faith.</p>	<p>Poor economies are so devastating in some countries that people feel unable to do anything else but fight.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">War on Drugs</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Cold War Politics</p>
<p>The economy of some countries is tied to the production of the cocoa crop which can be used to make cocaine. In these countries, the government is battling organizations over the production of the crop. It is the only way some farmers can survive in these countries, but it leads to heavy drug trafficking in many of the areas, and thus many deaths.</p>	<p>The Cold War was an economic and political conflict between the United States and Soviet Union from after World War II until the early 1990's. There were never any battlefields, but each "superpower" used other countries to gain power. When it was over, many countries were left poor and without leadership. This poverty and lack of leadership causes people to act to try to remedy the situation.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Religion</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Fundamentalism</p>
<p>Interpreting and using scripture to support the use of force.</p>	<p>Taking religion to its most extreme form by using it to justify violence.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Militarism</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Oil</p>
<p>The build up of weapons in order to defend beliefs.</p>	<p>Some countries are trying to get oil. Some are trying to protect the countries that have it, from outsiders.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Political Power</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Racism</p>
<p>When there is no clear leadership in a country for whatever reason, insiders and outsiders may enter into conflict trying to seize power.</p>	<p>This is discrimination against other races, or the belief that one race is superior to another.</p>

Roots of Terrorism



As you can see, there are many possible issues that can be at the heart of a terrorist attack. Sometimes the "root" is obvious; other times you have to dig deeper to discover the issues. **Read two views of terrorism using the links below.** Be sure that you can answer the guiding questions after you are done reading.

[Osama Bin Laden: Edicts and Statements](#)
from PBS.org (WGBH Educational Foundation)
[An Islamic Scholar's View](#) from the National Geographic Society


**Review
both of
these
Websites.**

Guiding Questions:

**These
Questions
will help
you on
your Quiz.**

1. What roots of terrorism do you see in Osama Bin Laden's quotes?
2. What roots of terrorism do you see in the article by Imam Anwar Al-Awlaki?
3. Do you see any similarities or differences in their opinion of what motivates terrorism? What are they?
4. How do you think these two men differ in their view of *jihad* and what it means?
5. After comparing these two readings, which man do you believe holds the view that best represents the true meaning of *jihad* in Islam? Why?

How will you be graded?




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Complete Your Work

- When you are sure you have met the learning goals and each grading requirement of this lesson, complete the **Two Views of Terrorism** assessment on the following page.




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[How will you be graded on this assessment?](#)

Are all necessary pages printed and placed in your notebook? Is all work saved on a floppy, zip disk, or CD?

Check your Grading Rubric 😊



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Yes... It's a Quiz!!

Matching

For questions 1–10, match each term with the correct definition.

- A. Anti-Semitism
- B. Cold War Politics
- C. War on Drugs
- D. Poverty
- E. Racism
- F. Fundamentalism
- G. Militarism
- H. Oil
- I. Political Power
- J. Religion

**Take your time on the Quiz
– It is a mix of Matching,
Multiple Choice and an
Essay Question!**

1. Discrimination against Jews *(4 points)*
2. The political conflict between the United States and Soviet Union left many countries poor with no leadership *(4 points)*
3. Many countries have economies tied to a singular resource *(4 points)*
4. Countries fight to gain control of others with this resource *(4 points)*
5. The belief that one race is superior to others *(4 points)*
6. Using scripture to justify the use of force *(4 points)*

The Essay Question

Essay

Your teacher will grade your response to ensure you receive proper credit for your answer.

15. In a well-developed paragraph, compare and contrast the views of Osama Bin Laden and Imam Anwar Al-Awlaki on the reason terrorists attack. Be sure to include views on any roots of terrorism that each holds. *(20 points)*

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**What do I look for in an Essay Question?
Check the next slide to find out!!**

The Essay Question

- **What is a “Well-developed Paragraph”?**
 - It must be 5-8 sentences long, fully answering the question.
 - Use correct spelling and grammar – Check before you submit!
 - Always use proper capitalization for all of your work.
 - Points are deducted if you do not follow the correct format.

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