


PSCI 3510  
Terrorism and  
Political Violence  
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Quiz 6

- NOT TODAY!
- Online (elearning) in two parts:
  - Part 1: on writing resolutions. Due 11/19 by noon.
  - Part 2: on debate procedure and rules. Due 11/26 by noon.
- Accessible as of 5pm today.
- You may have the pdfs open or as printouts in front of you.

Announcements

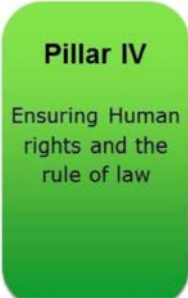
- Last extra credit film: *The Killing Fields*. Tonight at 6:30 pm in 3301 Friedmann.
- Second writing assignment due Saturday night midnight.
- The final quiz is in two parts, both online:
  - Part I on writing resolutions is due next Monday (11/19) at noon.
  - Part II on debate procedure is due Monday, 11/26 at noon.
  - Both are "open book" (i.e., you can have the pdfs in front of you or open in your browser).
  - Both are available as of 5 PM today.

Pathway

1. Country background information (assignment #1)
2. Country position papers (assignment #2): general statement of what key points you support or oppose and why.
  - Topic #1: Improving the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy.
  - Topic #2: Responding to state-sponsored terrorism.
3. Draft resolutions (Monday 11/19 in class)
  - To be introduced for deliberation and potential adoption.
  - Two sponsors, one signatory minimum.
4. Deliberation, sidebars, amendments, voting (during the sim).

Position Papers

- Possible sources:
  - Speeches by your country at the UN (printed, youtube).
  - Foreign ministry site: speeches, position papers, press releases.
  - Google scholar (for peer-reviewed sources)
- Some "imagining" might be necessary.
  - Based on what you know about your country, what are logical positions to take?
- For topic #1, look at the UN Counterterrorism Strategy document: which pillar(s) is(are) most important to you?



**Pillar IV**  
Ensuring Human  
rights and the  
rule of law

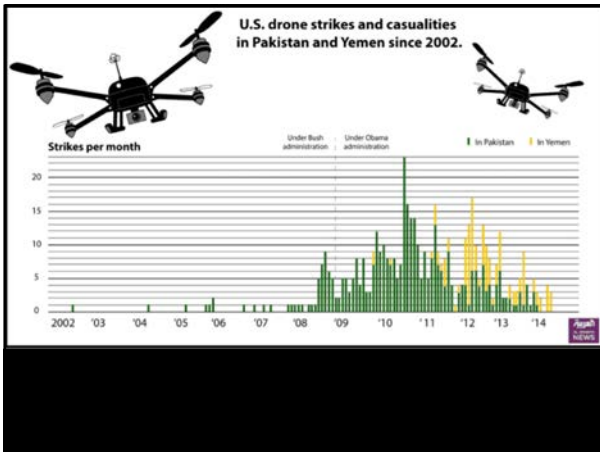
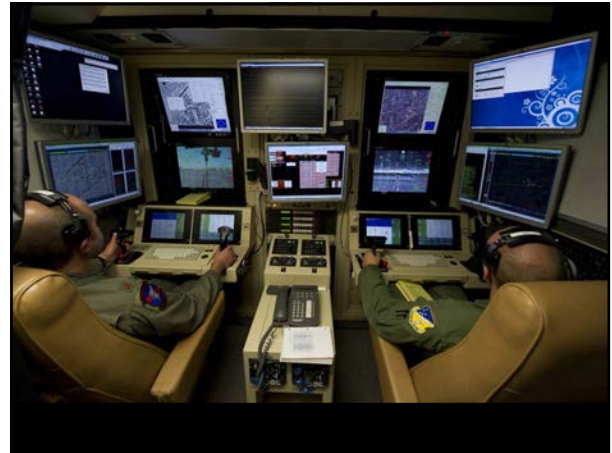
**Intrusive Domestic Counter-Terrorism Measures**

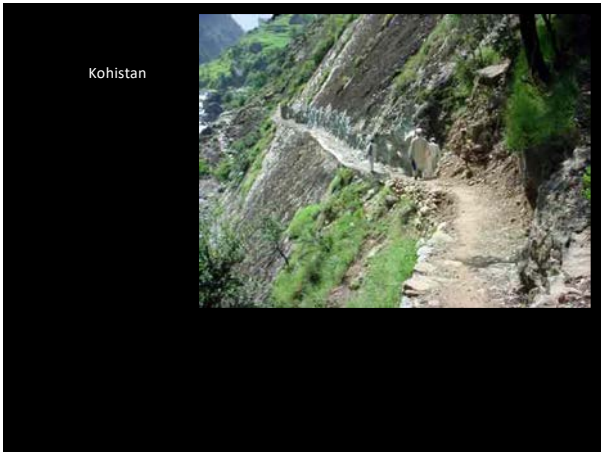
- Warrantless search and seizure.
- Domestic spying.
- Increased government secrecy.
- CIA black sites and extraordinary rendition.
- Rejection of the Geneva Conventions.
- Guantanamo: "legal equivalent of outer space."
- Military commissions.
- Torture.



"If you don't violate someone's human rights some of the time, you're probably not doing your job."

– US Counter-Terrorism Officer, 2002





- ### Killed in Drone Strikes 2008-2016
- Faruq Qatani | Al Qaeda 2016
  - Abu Muhammad Adnani | ISIS 2016
  - Hafiz Saeed Khan | ISIS 2016
  - Mullah Akhtar Mohammad Mansour | Taliban 2016
  - Mohammed Emwazi | ISIS 2015
  - Muhsin Fadhli | Al Qaeda 2015
  - Ali Awmi Harzi | ISIS 2015
  - Adan Garar | Al-Shabab 2015
  - Adam Gadahn | Al Qaeda 2015
  - Hakimullah Mehsud | Pakistani Taliban 2013
  - Maulvi Nazir | Pakistani Taliban 2013
  - Abu Yahya al Libi | Al Qaeda 2012
  - Sakhr Taifi | Al Qaeda 2012
  - Abdul-Rahman Awlaki | Al Qaeda 2011
  - Ibrahim Banna | Al Qaeda 2011
  - Anwar Awlaki | Al Qaeda 2011
  - Atiyah Abdul Rahman | Al Qaeda 2011
  - Ilyas Kashmiri | Al Qaeda 2011
  - Abdallah Umar Qurayshi | Al Qaeda 2010
  - Sheik Said Masri | Al Qaeda 2010
  - Hussein Yemeni | Al Qaeda 2010
  - Baitullah Mahsud | Pakistani Taliban 2009

- Combatants killed: between 2,372 and 2,581.
- Civilians killed (official): between 64 and 116.
- Civilians killed (non-government sources): between 380 and 801.
- Civilian casualty ratio: between 15% and 34%.

Dates covered: 1/20/09 to 12/31/15.

North Waziristan, Pakistan 2006



- ### Issues of Ethics and/or International Law
- Do terror suspects have rights?
  - Critics: absence of "impediments of either domestic due process of law or the constraints of international human rights and law of war treaties. These included memoranda mounting a legal defense for torture...".
  - "On TV, torture almost always works." Does it in practice? Is it ever ethical?

- ### Issues of Ethics and/or International Law
- "The Taliban detainees are unlawful combatants and, therefore, do not qualify as prisoners of war."
  - The Bush administration unilaterally disavowed the Geneva Conventions [1949] in the war against terrorism. It is "the principal instrument of international humanitarian law that protects those caught up in war - both soldiers and civilians."
  - "Guantanamo was not the 'legal equivalent of outer space', and both domestic US law and international law would eventually be found to hold there by the US's own courts."

Issues of Ethics and/or International Law

- Surveillance measures: does the government have the right to data gathering, wire-tapping, following search histories, etc?



Lowe: "proportionality" in balancing national security interests and privacy.

McClintock: slippery slope of mass intrusion and violation of privacy.

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