

PSCI 3510
Terrorism and
Political Violence
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Happy Halloween?



This week's readings...

- The evolution of counterterrorism.
 - War on Terror gave way to combatting specific groups and networks.
 - Suleman: "Rhetoric like the 'war on terrorism' is counterproductive."
 - Crelinsten: "Counterterrorism cannot be merely reactive or coercive..."
 - Emphasis on military response supplemented with diplomacy and recognition of root causes.
 - More emphasis on multilateralism (changing with Trump administration).
 - More democracy promotion.

This week's readings...

- Wrestling with the proper mix:
 - Military means
 - Diplomacy (including "transformational" diplomacy)
 - Regime change
 - Nation building/democracy promotion
 - Root causes
 - Political strategies

Critique

- Suleman: over-emphasis on ideological contestation.
 - "Terrorism is most often used as a tactic to exact political goals."
 - al-Qaeda grievances (shared by other groups):
 1. Corruption of Middle Eastern regimes.
 2. Middle Eastern leaders are heretics (i.e., not good Muslims).
 3. Secularization of Middle East.
 4. Foreign military presence in the Middle East.
 5. Crusade-like devastation of Iraq.
 6. Foreign support of Israel's right to exist.
 7. Israeli occupation of/settlements in the West Bank.

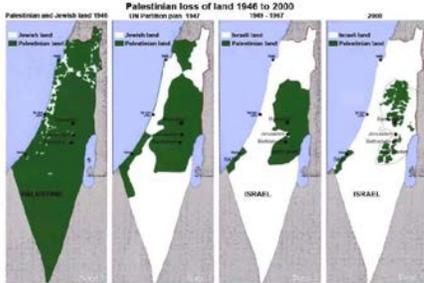
Political Factors and Possible Responses (Suleman)

1. "First, poverty does not produce terrorists, but economic opportunities would help in providing alternatives to political violence."
2. "Second, the terrorist threat surely pre-dates the Iraq invasion, but there is no doubt that the invasion of Iraq and America's ongoing presence there greatly revitalized transnational terrorists."



Political Factors and Possible Responses (Suleman)

3. "Third, the continued Israeli occupation of Palestinian territories is one of the most important elements of instability, terrorist recruitment, and anti-American sentiment in the world."



Political Factors and Possible Responses (Suleman)

4. "Fourth, U.S. mistakes in combating terrorism have certainly helped to sustain terrorist organizations. The Abu Ghraib prison abuse scandal, mistakes in prosecuting the Iraq invasion, the use of the Guantanamo Bay detention facility... all assist terrorist groups' recruitment efforts."



Abu Ghraib

Guantanamo

What does addressing political factors accomplish?

Suleman: it undermines recruitment.

Posen Winter (2001/2)

- "In this war, diplomacy will loom larger than military operations, and within the military dimension, defensive activities will loom larger than offensive and punitive ones."
- "That said, without a militarily offensive component, this war cannot be won."
- "This is a war of attrition, not a blitzkrieg."
- "Much of the war will look a lot like conventional law enforcement by the governments of cooperative countries."

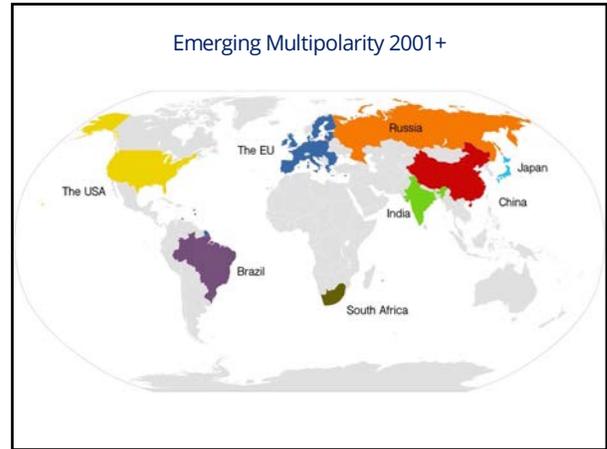
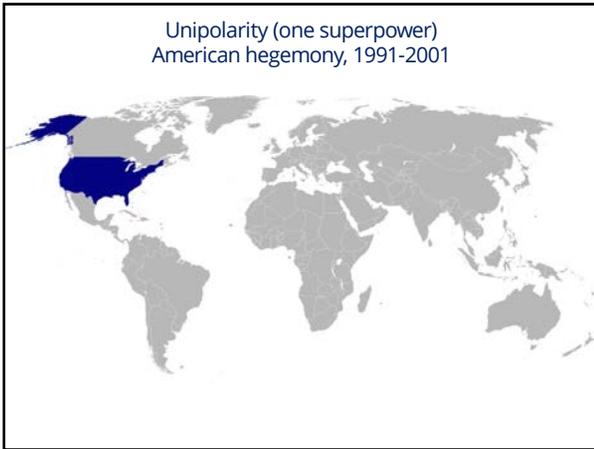
Posen (Winter 2001/2)

- "The post-Cold War world of easy preeminence, controlled low-cost wars, budgetary plenty, and choices avoided is over. [The] United States failed to settle on a grand strategy to guide its international behavior after the demise of the Soviet Union."

Bipolarity: US and Soviet Union (USSR)



NATO: Blue
Warsaw Pact: Red



Simulation: Initial Prep

- Who are your likely allies? Opponents?
- What kind of issues would you like to address in proposing resolutions?
- Non-voting members will still participate fully in the debate and can be important allies.

France: Moray**	Ivory Coast: Haines (chair)*	Iran: Cisneros ¹
Russian Federation: Hiller**	Kazakhstan: Cook*	Israel: Medar ¹
United Kingdom: Cherubin**	Kuwait: Norman*	Kenya: Dillon ¹
United States: Wagner**	Netherlands: Cocoli*	Nigeria: Habsburg ¹
Bolivia: Murondanyi*	Peru: Mackew*	Saudi Arabia: Larson ¹
Equatorial Guinea: Rodgers*	Poland: Niemi*	Turkey: Gygax ¹
Ethiopia: van Eindhoven*	Sweden: Krause*	Ukraine: Beer ¹
	Indonesia: Kubiak ¹	
* Voting member	** Voting member with veto (P5)	¹ Non-voting participant