

PSCI 3510
Terrorism and Political Violence
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NOTE: there will be an "open devices" period on Monday.

Michael Collins Wednesday October 10	Munich Monday October 29	The Killing Fields Wednesday November 14
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All films are at 6:30 in 3301 Friedmann.
For extra credit, you must stay for the discussion afterward.

Causes of Terrorism

- An oft-cited cause: poverty and corresponding lack of education.
 - Ted Gurr: the *relative deprivation* thesis.

There is a weak link between poverty and terrorism.

Poverty is an important cause of terrorism.

Data Sources

- I will introduce you to some data sources this semester.
- Links to each are on the course web site.
- These sources are relevant to not only terrorism, but other social, economic and political phenomenon.

Fragile States Index

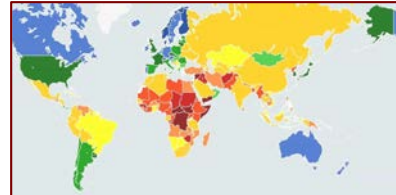
- Compiled by the Fund for Peace from numerous sources.
- Started in 2005 as the Failed States Index.
- Measures risk of state failure.
- State failure: breeding ground for civil wars, terrorism, severe poverty, health epidemics, mass migration flows, and more.
- Based on 12 categories of indicators.

Components of the FSI

- SA: state of public security
- FE: factionalized elites (political fragmentation)
- GG: group grievances (often racial or ethnic)
- EC: economic decline
- UD: uneven economic development
- HF: human flight and brain drain
- SL: state legitimacy
- PS: quality of public services
- HR: human rights and rule of law
- DP: demographic pressures (e.g., population dynamics, health)
- RD: refugees
- EX: external intervention

Fragile State Index

- Pick any country in the world.
- Go to <http://fundforpeace.org/fsi/data>.
- Examine the indicators for your country.
- How fragile is it?
- What are its threats?
- What are its strong points?



Counter Terrorism Simulation

- UN Security Council counter-terrorism debate/discussion.
- Class: 23 students.
 - Counter-Terrorism Committee (same membership as the Security Council): 15 members.



UN Security Council Members

- Permanent Members (P5):
 - China (chair in Nov)
 - France
 - Russia
 - UK
 - US
- Elected Members
 - Bolivia
 - Côte d'Ivoire (chair in Dec)
 - Equatorial Guinea
 - Ethiopia
 - Kazakhstan
 - Kuwait
 - Netherlands
 - Peru
 - Poland
 - Sweden
- Some possible non-voting participants:

Canada	Nigeria
India	Pakistan
Indonesia	Saudi Arabia
Iran	Syria
Israel	Turkey
Kenya	Ukraine

Simulation

- Each student has a role.
- The role must be researched so the the role-player can realistically fulfill the role.
- Two writing assignments will help you prepare for the role.
- There is a lot of time for the simulation: formal deliberations, sidebars, etc.
- The goal will be to pass resolutions.

Basic Rules

1. Raise your placard (table tent) to get on the speaker's list. You can do so while others are speaking.
2. Speak only when acknowledged.
3. Stand when speaking.
4. There is a one-minute limit on speaking.
5. If you are responding to someone specifically or addressing a question to someone, say so.
6. Refer to others as "the delegate from [for example] Outer Slobovia."

