

PSCI 3510
Terrorism and Political
Violence
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Course site: jimbutterfield.org/3510.html

Announcements

- First quiz (on course policies) is at the beginning of class on Tuesday.
- Course e-reserves are available through the library web site.

Week #2: Tuesday, T-Th September 3/5: Defining and conceptualizing terrorism.

Readings:

- Arthur H. Garrison, "Defining terrorism: philosophy of the bomb, propaganda by deed and change through fear and violence," *Criminal Justice Studies* 17:3 (September 2004), 259-269 (e-reserve)
- Anthony H. Cordesman, "Terrorism and hate crimes: dealing with all of the threats from extremism," Center for Strategic and International Studies (July 5, 2017).
- Review [terrorism timeline](#). Look at the types and locations of attacks since 1972. There are also country or region-specific timelines are devoted solely to Russia, Turkey, Indonesia, Pakistan, and Western Europe, and a long-term timeline of terrorist acts in the US dating back to 1886.
- Geoffrey Pullum, "Plain talk about public murder," *Chronicle of Higher Education* (August 22, 2017). Note: [here is a brief news story about what happened in Turkey](#).
- Review [2017 FBI hate crime statistics](#) for the US.

Announcements

- Films on the course schedule (for extra credit):
 - *Michael Collins*
 - *Munich*
 - *The Killing Fields*
 - What evenings are best at 6pm?



Legal Definitions (US)

- Hate Crimes:
 - "Crimes that manifest evidence of prejudice based on race, religion, sexual orientation, or ethnicity" (Hate Crime Statistics Act, 1990)
- Domestic Terrorism:
 - "Activities that involve acts dangerous to human life that are a violation of the criminal laws of the United States or of any State; appear to be intended to intimidate or coerce a civilian population; to influence the policy of a government by intimidation or coercion; or to affect the conduct of a government by mass destruction, assassination, or kidnapping; and occur primarily within the territorial jurisdiction of the United States." (2001 Patriot Act)



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"If we destroy human rights and rule of law in the response to terrorism, they have won."
— Jochi Ito

"With guns you can kill terrorists, with education you can kill terrorism."
— Malala Yousafzai

"Terrorism has no nationality or religion."
— Vladimir Putin

"Many of the benefits from keeping terrorism fear levels high are obvious. Private corporations suck up massive amounts of Homeland Security cash as long as that fear persists, while government officials in the National Security and Surveillance State can claim unlimited powers and operate with unlimited secrecy and no accountability."
— Glenn Greenwald

Slides are posted after class on the course web site.



Pittsburgh Synagogue Shooting

- Perpetrator:
 - All Jews should die. They are "committing genocide to [my] people."
 - Just before attacking, posted "I can't sit by and watch my people get slaughtered... I'm going in."
 - Claimed online that Jews were helping transport members of Central American migrant caravans.
 - Based on support for refugees by the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society.

Issue Regarding Hate Crimes Statistics

- ucr.fbi.gov/hate-crime/2017/topic-pages/incidents-and-offenses

Issue Regarding Hate Crimes Statistics

- Fewer anti-Muslim hate crimes than many think.
 - US 2017: Jews: 58%, Muslims, 19% (religious hate crime).
- Change in reported hate crimes 2014 to 2017:
 - Anti-Jewish: up 54%
 - Anti-Muslim: up 77%
 - Anti-Black: up 24%
 - Anti-LGBTQ: up 11%

Issue Regarding Hate Crimes Statistics

- Data are based on incident reports.
- Reliability issues:
 - officer discretion: is it a hate crime?
 - unclear criteria: do we always know crimes based on identity when we see it?
 - bias
 - under-reporting by victims
 - inconsistent reporting: over 14,000 agencies provide data

Trivia Question

- How many hate crimes were reported in Mississippi in 2017?
- One.



Burnt Cross in Seminary, Mississippi