

A-S 3900
Global Perspectives on
Terrorism
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Critique

- Suleman: "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."

Political Factors and Possible Responses (Suleman)

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. Furthermore, U.S. policy toward Iraq following the 1991 Gulf War in the form of UN-enforced economic sanctions that contributed to the death of thousands of Iraqi children was cited by bin Laden in justifying al Qaeda's war on America."

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. America's long-standing support for Israel allows terrorist leaders like bin Laden to proclaim American complicity in Israeli human rights abuses, extra-judicial killings, illegal settlement expansions, and illegal land confiscations. A just and balanced resolution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict is essential to long-term national security and counterterrorism policy."

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, and U.S. support for Israel's controversial attacks on suspected Hezbollah targets in Lebanon in the summer of 2006 all assist terrorist groups' recruitment efforts."

What does addressing political factors accomplish?

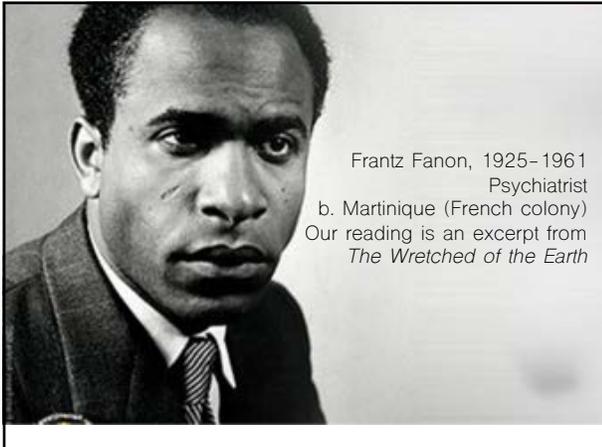
Suleman: it undermines recruitment.

Some Key Events (Fanon and de Gramont)

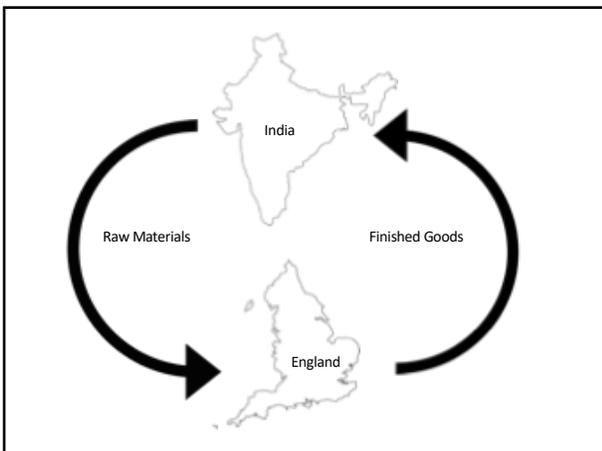
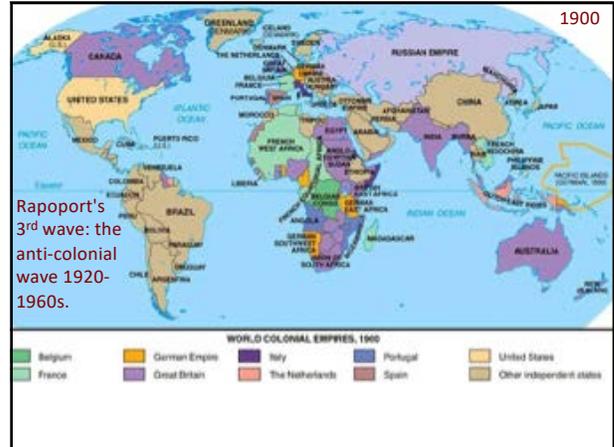
- Algerian War of Independence (from France): 1954-1962.
- Vietnamese Declaration of Independence (from France and Japan): September 2, 1945.
- Battle of Dien Bien Phu: March to May 1954.
- French recognition of Vietnamese independence: June 4, 1954.
 - The country split into northern and southern parts until 1975.
- Brazilian military junta: 1964-1985.

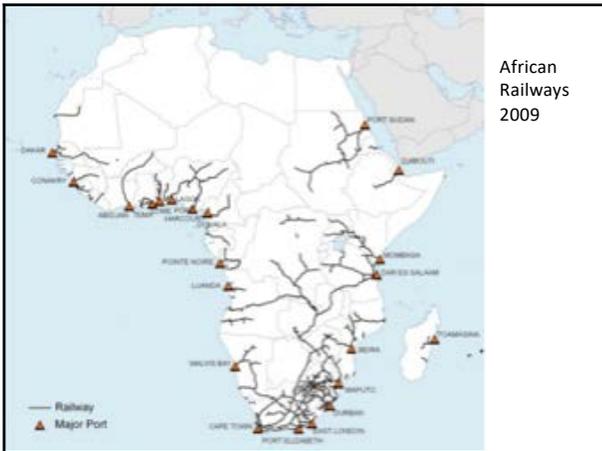
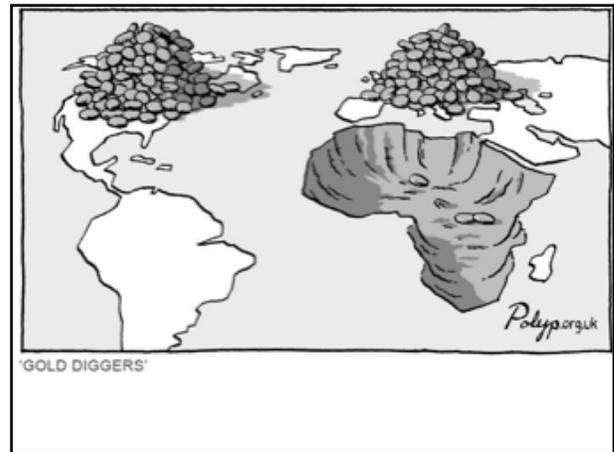
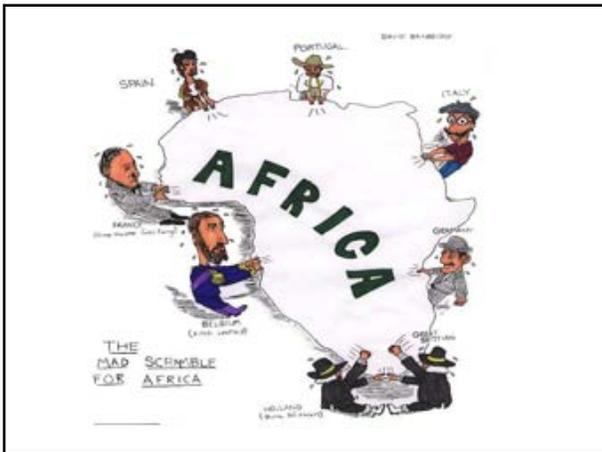


Ho Chi Minh 1946



Frantz Fanon, 1925-1961
 Psychiatrist
 b. Martinique (French colony)
 Our reading is an excerpt from *The Wretched of the Earth*





Fanon: The Psychology of Domination

- "European opulence is literally scandalous, for it has been founded on slavery, it has been nourished with the blood of slaves and it comes directly from the soil and from the subsoil of that under-developed world. The well-being and the progress of Europe have been built up with the sweat and the dead bodies of Negroes, Arabs, Indians and the yellow races."



Fanon: The Psychology of Domination

- "In capitalist societies the educational system, whether lay or clerical, the structure of moral reflexes handed down from father to son, the exemplary honesty of workers who are given a medal after fifty years of good and loyal service, and the affection which springs from harmonious relations and good behavior – all these aesthetic expressions of respect for the established order serve to create around the exploited person an atmosphere of submission and of inhibition which lightens the task of policing considerably. In the capitalist countries a multitude of moral teachers, counselors and 'bewilderers' separate the exploited from those in power."



Fanon: The Psychology of Domination

- "In the colonial countries... the policeman and the soldier, by their immediate presence and their frequent and direct action maintain contact with the native and advise him by means of rifle-butts and napalm not to budge."



Fanon: The Psychology of Domination

- "Decolonization is always a violent phenomenon."
- "At the level of individuals, violence is a cleansing force. It frees the native from his inferiority complex and from his despair and inaction; it makes him fearless and restores his self-respect."
- "The 'thing' which has been colonized becomes man during the same process by which it frees itself."



Ladislav Dowbor (de Gramont article)

- "'I felt it was absurd to hold a pacifist position and encourage the campesinos to organize,' [Dowbor] says, 'for once organized, and at the first test, the army would fire on them. Objectively, by working as a pacifist, one provokes violence. And if one provokes violence, one must assume it.'"



Ladislav Dowbor (de Gramont article)

"One of his interrogators said:

'You steal money from the banks; why don't you get it from the crooked politicians instead?'

'Why do you torture prisoners?' Dowbor asked by way of a reply.

'If we don't torture you, you won't talk,' the interrogator said. 'What can we do?'

'That is up to you. When a regime is forced to stay in power by such means, it has no real validity. For each one of us you torture you create 10 kamikazes and then you will weep about violence in Brazil.'

Ladislav Dowbor (de Gramont article)

"The terrible thing is that they [police investigators] become accustomed to torture. Decent young men from good families who have joined the police from the highest motives are told to torture suspects. The first time they vomit in disgust, and then they get used to it."



Is Violence Ever Justified?

- When attacked by another country?
- When the state commits terrorism against its own people?
- To address systemic violence?



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Tânia Bacelar – “Nossa elite é interessante: todos liberais e dependentes do Estado” – Salão Maia – 22.10.2017

OUT 2017

A cientista social e economista pernambucana Tânia Bacelar prioriza investimentos em infraestrutura e Educação para reverter os efeitos da crise no Nordeste. Para ela, o impacto negativo só não foi maior em razão da pujança econômica do governo Lula na região, o que ainda seguiu alguns indicadores. [Leia mais](#)

Boaventura de Sousa Santos – A ilusão da “Desglobalização” – Outras Palavras – out. 2017 3p.

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Blog do professor Ladislau Dowbor: uma biblioteca científica online destinada aos que se interessam por

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