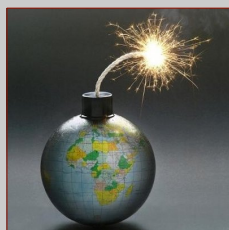


PSCI 3510  
Terrorism and Political  
Violence  
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### What is terrorism?

- If someone kills in the name of religion?
- If someone kills in the name of race or ethnic identity?
- If someone kills in the name of political beliefs?
- If someone shoots a bunch of people in a theater because they're pissed off at the world?
- If someone destroys property in the name of religion, race/ethnicity, or political beliefs?
- If someone blows up a business known for environmental damage?
  - What if it is non-lethal – i.e., no one is around?
- Does it matter if the victims are civilians or soldiers?

### Small Group Exercise

- To talk about terrorism, we have to talk about
  - religion(s)
  - ideologies
  - partisanship (especially as concerns counter-terrorism)
  - other controversial issues
- How can we discuss and even disagree without being offensive and getting offended?
- What should our ground rules for discussion be?

### Course Content

- The emphasis is on terrorism.
  - Choice of depth over breadth.
- Comparative analysis.
  - Includes US but is global in scope.
- Combines *comparative politics* and *international relations* subfields.



### Course Components

- Attendance, participation and quizzes: 30%
  - Quizzes occasional and unannounced (except one).
  - Always based on assigned readings for the day and previous class session.
  - Up to six quizzes.
  - Multiple choice, T/F, and short answer.



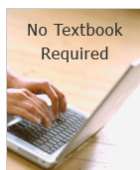
### Course Components

- Two essay exams, midterm (15%) and final (20%)
- Diplomatic simulation (30% total)
  - Two preparatory research and writing assignments.
  - Four (probable) class sessions for the sim.



### Course Components

- No text. Readings are from scholarly journals, media articles, and reports.



The first quiz is Monday (9/11).  
It is over course policies.

<http://jimbutterfield.org/3510-syl.html>



### Course Web Site

- [jimbutterfield.org/3510](http://jimbutterfield.org/3510)
- If you forget, go to the Political Science web site, click on the directory link, find me, then find my site.



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