

Notes from the board on September 11.

After reviewing all the examples of modern terrorism (both state and grass-roots terrorism), what do they have in common?

Class responses:

1. They see to replace the status quo with something else.
2. They identify a common enemy.
3. They all believe in moral absolutism.
4. The minority seeks to impose its vision on the majority.
5. Both motives and tactics are radical.
6. Violence is seen as a catalyst for change.
7. They seek to rectify what they see as social injustice.
8. Leadership is critical to mobilizing action.