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Terrorism, Political Violence, & the Law
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Midterm Examination
Study Guide

Date of Exam: Wednesday, April 21st, 8-9:30 am

PLEASE BRING TWO SHEETS OF BLANK PAPER & A PEN

Lectures: You should have reviewed and studied ALL materials placed on reserve for the class. This includes supplemental materials such as articles by Pape, Tucker, The Geneva Convention, Fatwas issued by OBL, etc. and the “Backgrounder” materials.

Lecture Terms: You will define terms drawn from our principal texts, Hoffman’s *Inside Terrorism*, Sageman’s *Leaderless Jihad* and the *Final Report of the 9/11 Commission*. This is just an example of how terms will be drawn from the lecture and reading materials and is NOT an exhaustive list of all terms that might appear on the exam. All that we have below are examples of how terms might be used from lectures in the exam itself. To be prepared, you should be comfortable writing a few sentences for each of the following (for example define the term, explain why it is relevant for terrorism studies, and provide an example):

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| 1) Typology of Political Crimes | 11) “Fifth Wave Terrorism” |
| 2) Typology of Terrorism | 12) Evolution of Conflict |
| 3) Terrorism Definitions, Academic | 13) Asymmetric Conflict |
| 4) Official USG Terror Definitions | 14) Terrorism Data; Events; Historical Developments |
| 5) Hoffman Definition of Terrorism | 15) US Domestic Terrorism |
| 6) Components Necessary to Define “Terrorism” | 16) Psychology of Terrorism |
| 7) Rationality of Terrorism | 17) Terror Networks & Organizations |
| 8) Terror Myths | 18) Terror Funding |
| 9) Terror Typologies & Group Types | 19) Radical Jihadists & AQ |
| 10) IEDs/VBIEDs | 20) Sageman’s “Leaderless Jihad” networks |

Application: “Applying & Defining Terrorism,” You must define terrorism and then apply your definition to a series of hypothetical cases. The only “correct” answers to the cases are the ones consistent with the definition you choose.

For the definitions, in the cases of Hoffman and Sageman, the authors use and refer to many acronyms in each chapter that you should be familiar with for this exam. In the case of the *Final Report*, there is in Appendix A, a section titled, “Common Abbreviations” that you should also review.

Terms From Readings & Lectures, Examples:

mala prohibita	mala in se	“state” terrorism
“non-state” terrorism	NWLF	state-sponsored terrorism
state-sanctioned terrorism	omnicide	democide
DCI	NIE	Black Panthers / Black Liberation Army
FALN	FARC	INLA
JI	Hamas	Hezbollah / Hizbollah
The Aryan Brotherhood	Nihilism	ZOG
Weather Underground	SLA	jihad
Mujahidin	MIPT	Stockholm Syndrome
Ramzi Ahmed Yousef	ecoterrorism	Christian Identity Movement
FLN/GIA	“The Base”	The Geneva Convention
Abu Sayyaf Group	PKK	LTTE
Suicide Terrorism	ETA	FIS

Short Answers, Identifications, Summary Answers: To be prepared, you should be comfortable writing a few out one to not more than two paragraphs on each of the following:

Explain the difficulty of defining “terrorism.”

What are the component parts & variables of “terrorism?”

Define & provide examples of “traditional” terrorism versus “new” terrorism.

Is conflict an inherent part of the human condition/experience? Explain this assumption.

Know the acronyms in APPENDIX A, of the *Final 9-11 Commission Report* (2004).

List and define the 3 broad arguments on the “roots of terrorism”

Define “state-sponsored” terrorism & how it is different from “state-sanctioned” terrorism

Define the “waves of terrorism” thesis

Foreign Terror Organizations (FTOs) list by US State Dept. (2005, 2008), on MU IS Reserve