

Recommended Reading: A Library of Terrorism Resources



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Below you can find a series of helpful resources on terrorism for further reading, drawn from governmental and reputable non-governmental institutions. The experts at Third Way consider these resources particularly helpful for those investigating the causes, consequences, and steps to combat terrorism.

Terrorism Data

[Terrorist Attacks Since 2000](#) (*Brilliant Maps*)

[Mapping ISIS Sanctuary in Iraq and Syria](#) (*Institute for the Study of War*)

[ISIS-Related Attacks Since January 2015](#) (*New York Times*)

[Global Terrorism Database](#) (*University of Maryland*)

Easily manipulated information on more than 140,000 terrorist incidents.

[Terrorism Prosecutions Since 9/11](#) (*Anti-Defamation League*)

Basic data on terrorism prosecutions from 9/11 until 2016.

[Terror Plots and Prosecutions](#) (*Department of Justice*)

Detailed list on thwarted terror plots, indictments, and convictions from 2009 until 2015.

[Major Terrorism Cases](#) (*Federal Bureau of Investigation*)

Major terrorism cases up until 2013; does not capture all terrorism indictments since 9/11.

[Terrorist Trial Report Card, 2001–2011](#) (*New York University School of Law*)

Exhaustive audit of ten years of post-9/11 terrorism trials.

[Guantanamo Bay Data](#) (*American Civil Liberties Union*)

Cost and operation of the military detention facility at Guantanamo Bay.

[Operation Inherent Resolve](#) (*Defense Department*)

Official, regularly updated data on counter-ISIS operations in Iraq and Syria.

[Terrorist Leaders Killed in Pakistan](#) (*Long War Journal*)

[Strikes in Somalia, 2003 – 2016](#) (*Long War Journal*)

[Strikes in Pakistan, 2004 – 2016](#) (*Long War Journal*)

[Strikes in Yemen, 2003 – 2016](#) (*Long War Journal*)

Foreign Terrorism

[Foreign Terrorist Organizations](#) (*State Department*)

Official designation of every foreign terrorist group.

[Country Reports on Terrorism](#) (*State Department*)

Exhaustive terrorist threat assessments by region and country.

[Most Wanted Terrorists](#) (*Federal Bureau of Investigation*)

[Timeline of Al Qaeda](#) (*Frontline*)

General Background on Terrorist Groups

- [What is ISIS?](#) (*Council on Foreign Relations*)

- [What is Al Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula?](#) (Council on Foreign Relations)
- [What is Al Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb?](#) (Council on Foreign Relations)
- [What is Al Shabaab?](#) (Council on Foreign Relations)
- [What is Boko Haram?](#) (Council on Foreign Relations)

Homegrown Terrorism

[Homegrown Violent Extremism](#) (Justice Department)

[Online Radicalization to Violent Extremism](#) (Justice Department)

[Domestic Terrorist Attacks Since 9/11](#) (Vox)

[Homegrown Extremism, 2001-2015](#) (New America Foundation)

Data on jihadist *and* non-jihadist violence since 2001.

- [Homegrown Terror Threat Higher in Europe than U.S.](#) (CBS News)
Explaining how the American melting pot contrasts with Europe's trouble with integrating diverse cultures.
- [Muslims in America](#) (United States Embassy, Baghdad)
Describes the deep integration of Muslims into mainstream America.

Understanding the Phenomenon of Terrorism

[A Global Strategy to Address Terrorism](#) (9/11 Commission)

An indispensable guide to countering the phenomenon of terrorism.

[Understanding Terrorist Ideology](#) (RAND Corporation)

Senate testimony that explains how terrorists recruit individuals and draw support from likeminded communities.

[Understanding Terrorism](#) (American Psychological Association)

General personal characteristics common to many terrorists.

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