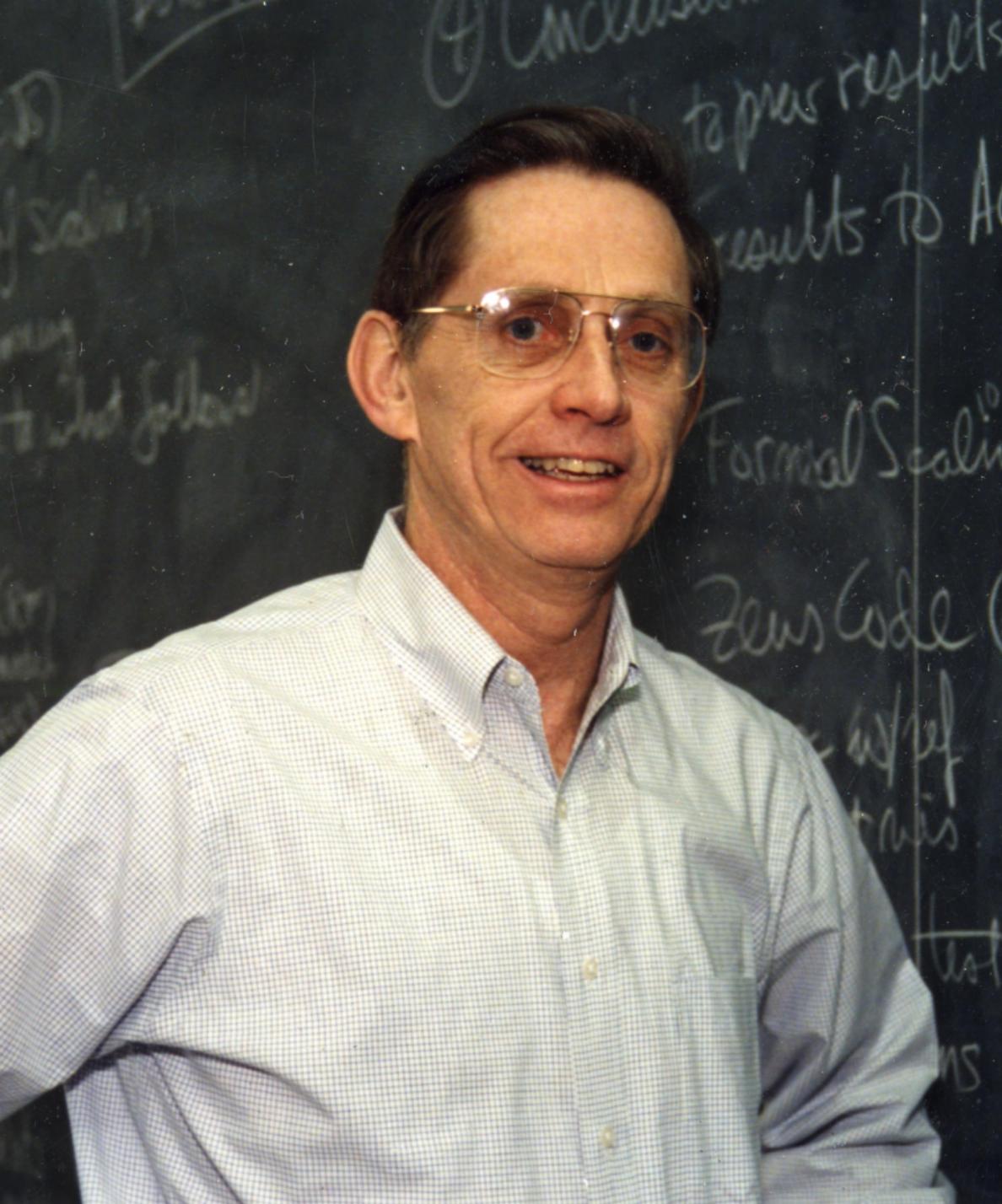




STRATEGIES OF TERRORISM



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**Thank you,
Jeremiah.**

Raymond Aron, wrote:

“An action of violence is labeled ‘terrorist’ when its psychological effects are out of proportion to its purely physical results.”

VIOLENCE



PSYCHOLOGICAL IMPACT



POLITICAL EFFECT

VIOLENCE



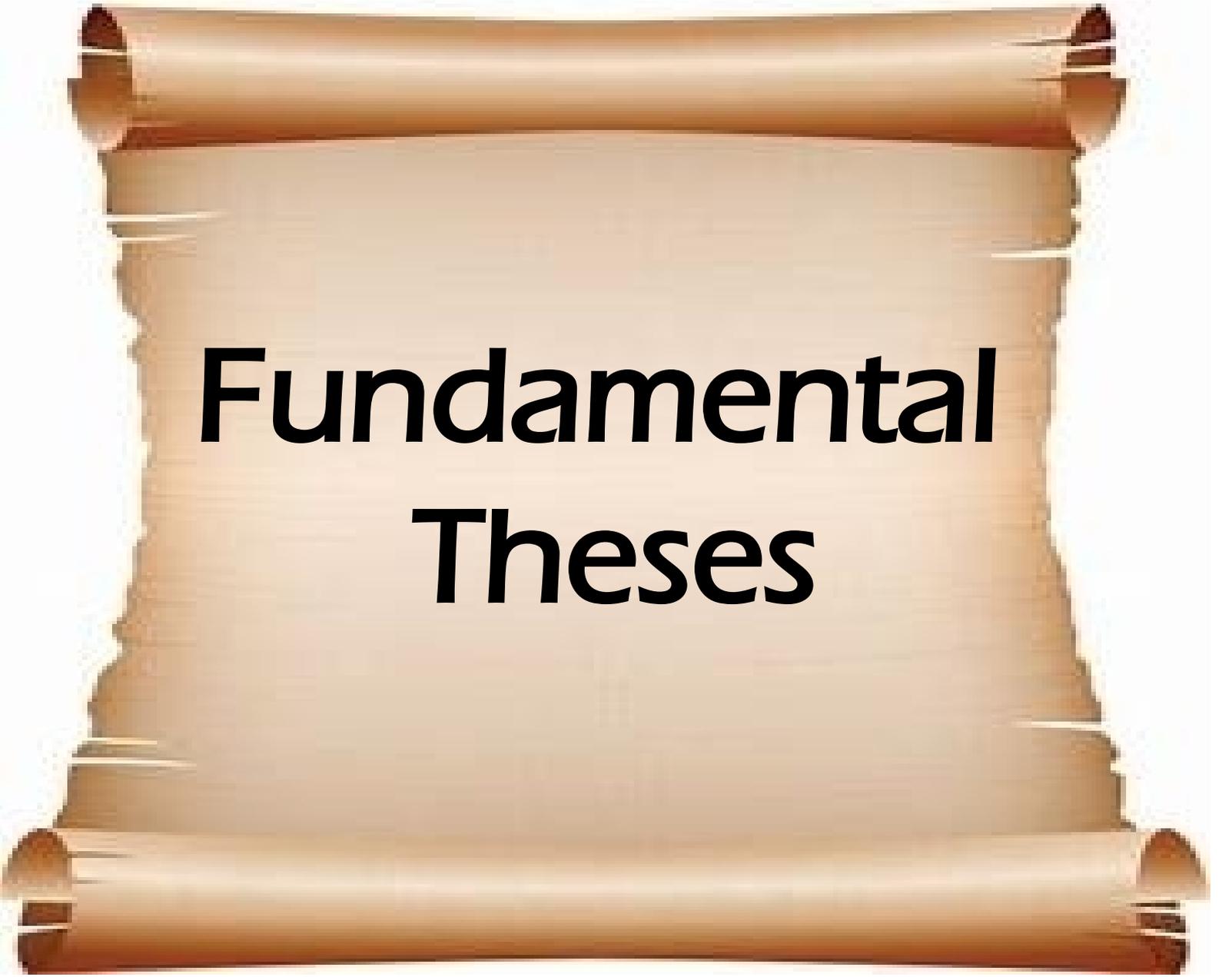
PSYCH ~~LOGICAL~~ IMPACT



POLITICAL EFFECT

**IN SHORT, TERRORISM IS A FORM
OF PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSAULT, OR
WARFARE, THAT
WEAPONIZES THE EMOTIONS,
MOST NOTABLY FEAR AND
OUTRAGE.**

**KNOWLEDGE AND
UNDERSTANDING ARE AMONG
OUR BEST MEANS TO DEFEAT
TERRORISM.**

A scroll of parchment with the text "Fundamental Theses" written on it. The scroll is unrolled, showing the texture of the paper and the binding at the top and bottom. The text is centered and written in a bold, black, sans-serif font.

**Fundamental
Theses**

Six Levels of Terrorism

Strong	CHARACTERISTICS			
	Overt	Large-Scale Action or Threat of Action	Fear Paramount	Goals of Policy

Capacity
of Terrorists

Terrorism by State Regimes

Terrorism by Military Forces at War

Terrorism by Social Groups

Terrorism by Criminal Groups

Radical Terrorism by Sub-State Groups

Radical Terrorism by Individuals

Weak	CHARACTERISTICS			
	Covert	Small-Scale Action or Threat of Action, Outsized Psychological Impact	Fear and Outrage	Goals of Policy & Growth



**More
Fundamental
Theses**

HISTORY/MILITARY HISTORY

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John A. Lynn II

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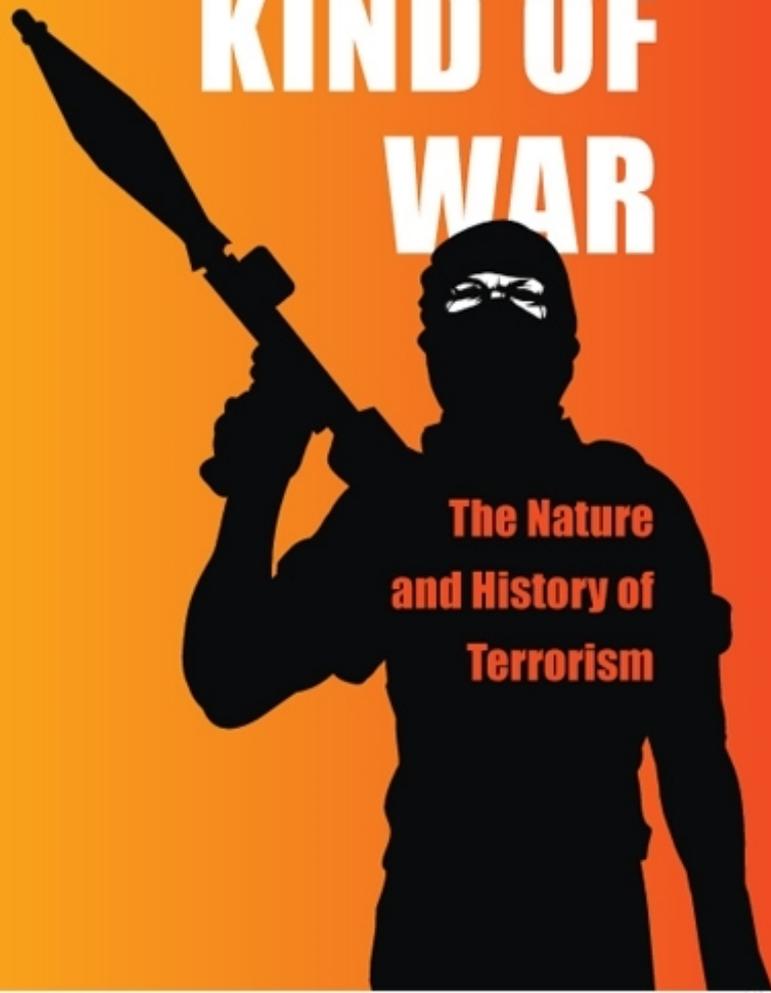
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**The Nature
and History of
Terrorism**



**Terrorists see themselves as
fighting a war to defend or promote
an essential and just cause.**

**Terrorists are “surprisingly normal,”
not clinically psychotic.**

Terrorists are rational actors.

**And, being rational actors at war,
they pursue strategies.**

WAR AIMS, GOALS –

The purpose of the war

STRATEGIES –

How to conduct a war

TACTICS –

How to fight a battle

STRATAGEMS –

**Tactics of deceiving or
outwitting the enemy**

Four Strategies of Terrorism

INTIMIDATION	INTIMIDATION AGAINST MAIN ENEMY AUDIENCE		
	INTIMIDATION WITHIN GROUP AND AGAINST RIVALS		
	INITIATION	ATTRITION	EVOLUTION

TERRORISM BY STRONG CAPACITY ACTORS: STATE, MILITARY, AND SOCIAL TERRORISM RELYING ON FEAR

TERRORISM BY WEAK CAPACITY ACTORS: RADICAL TERRORISM BY SUB-STATE GROUPS RELYING ON FEAR AND OUTRAGE

STRONG

WEAK

INTIMIDATION

Primary for Strong-Capacity Terrorists

EMPHASIS ON **FEAR**

Want acquiescence, obedience,
submission, end to resistance

No use for inciting reprisals by **OUTRAGE**

Useful for Weak-Capacity Terrorists

Fear among target community

Revolutionary discipline within the group

Compel radical rivals to give way or join

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INITIATION

For Radical Terrorists who want to act as a precipitant or a catalyst.

Want to exploit the OUTRAGE of the enemy oppressors so as to reveal the WICKEDNESS AND WEAKNESS of the oppressors.

Appeals to very weak groups with great expectations but few resources, explaining why most terrorists of the first and second waves failed.

ATTRITION

For somewhat stronger radical terrorists, who cannot overpower the enemy, but have sufficient numbers and resources to inflict losses on their enemy.

Want to get the enemy to invest unsustainable psychological and physical resources until worn down.

Second Wave PIRA began with a strategy of Initiation, 1970-1972, but by 1976-77 adopted Attrition in the “Long War.”

EVOLUTION

A strategy of moving to higher levels of strength, resources, and numbers.

Important question: need it be theory, intention, or simply opportunism?

Theory of escalating stages goes back to Mao.

Particularly prominent in Third Wave.

EXAMPLES OF EVOLUTION

FLN of Algeria(?)

PLO

FARC of Columbia

Tamil Tigers of Sri Lanka

Hezbollah of Lebanon

Hamas of Gaza

FROM ZARQAWI's **JTJ AND **AQI** TO
TO AL-BAGHDADI'S **ISI** AND **ISIS**,
THEN FINALLY TO HIS**

ISLAMIC STATE

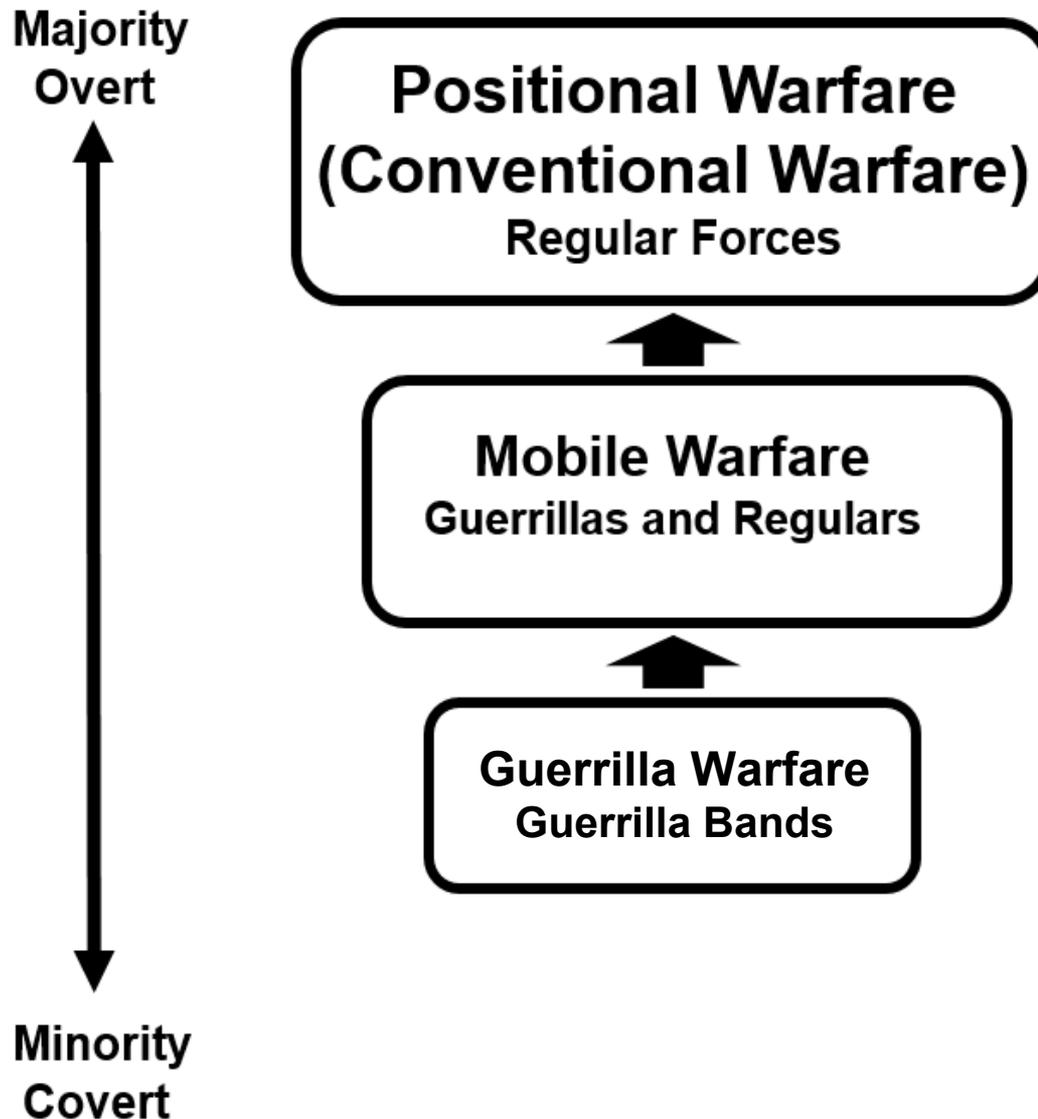
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MAO ZEDONG'S PROGRESSION OF REVOLUTIONARY WARFARE



**Majority
Overt**



**Minority
Covert**

**Positional Warfare
(Conventional Warfare)
Regular Forces**



**Mobile Warfare
Guerrillas and Regulars**



**Guerrilla Warfare
Guerrilla Bands**



**Terrorism
Terrorist Cells**

Terrorists Study Military Theory and Practice

Abu Ubayd al-Qurashi
d. ca. 2006???

Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi
b. 1971

Carl von Clausewitz



Mao Zedong



Abu Bakr Naji
c. 1961-2008

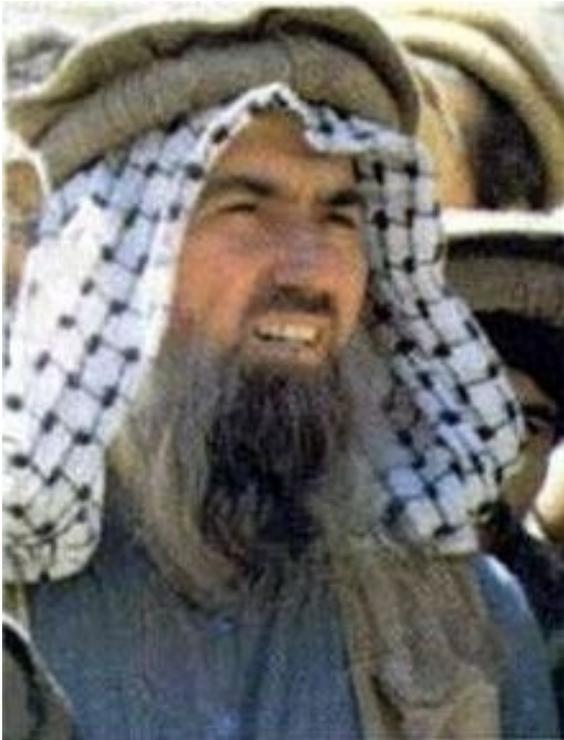


Abd al-Aziz al-Muqrin
(1971-2004)

The Mastery of Savagery

GLOBAL STRATEGIES

Global Participation



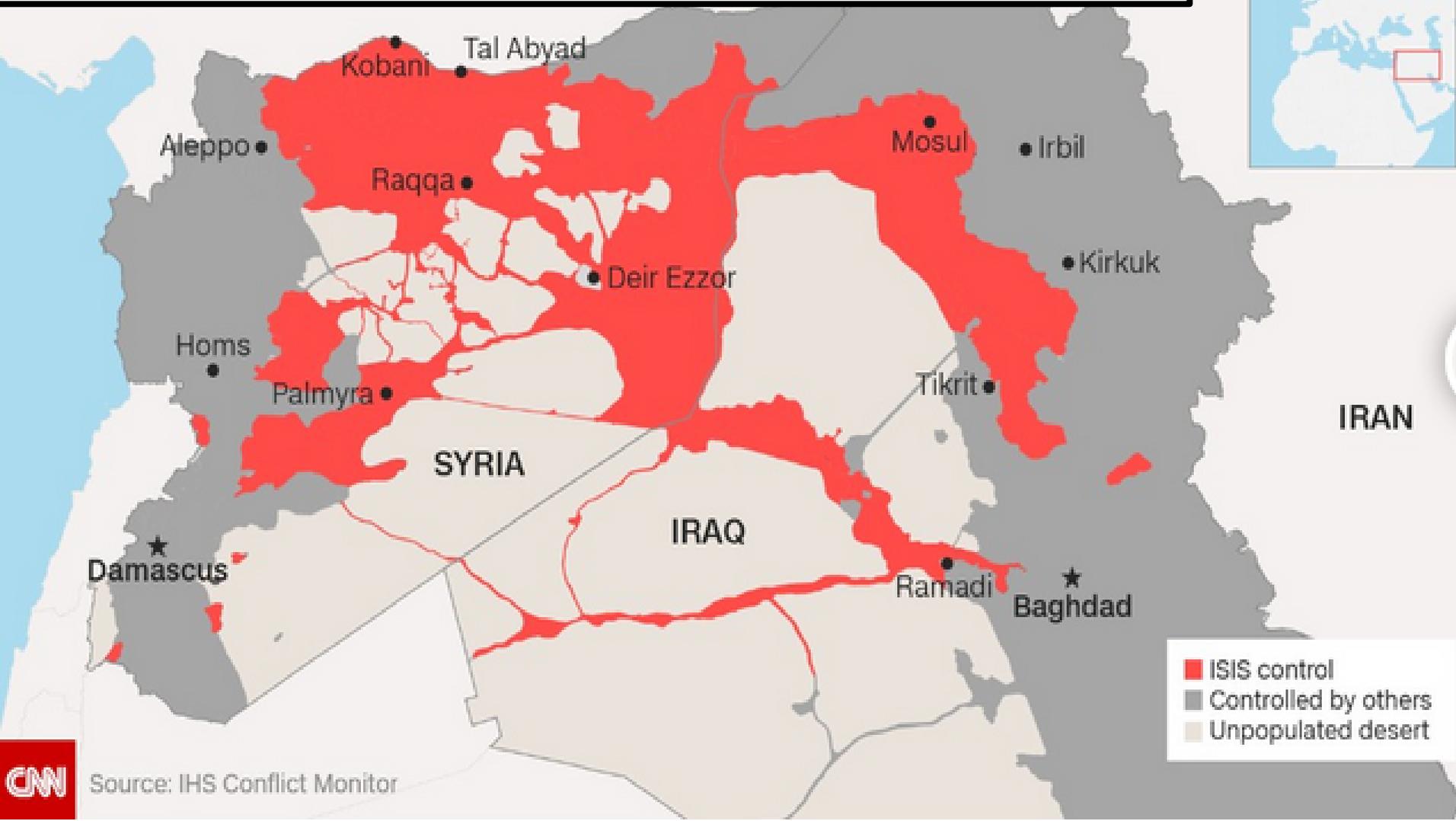
Abdullah Yusuf Azzam

Global Conflict



Osama bin Laden

The Islamic State, Jan. 2015



Source: IHS Conflict Monitor

Is this a terrorist “group”?

WHAT IS A STATE?

TERRITORY

RESOURCES

FORCES

MONOPOLY OF VIOLENCE

“CIVILIZED” BEHAVIOR

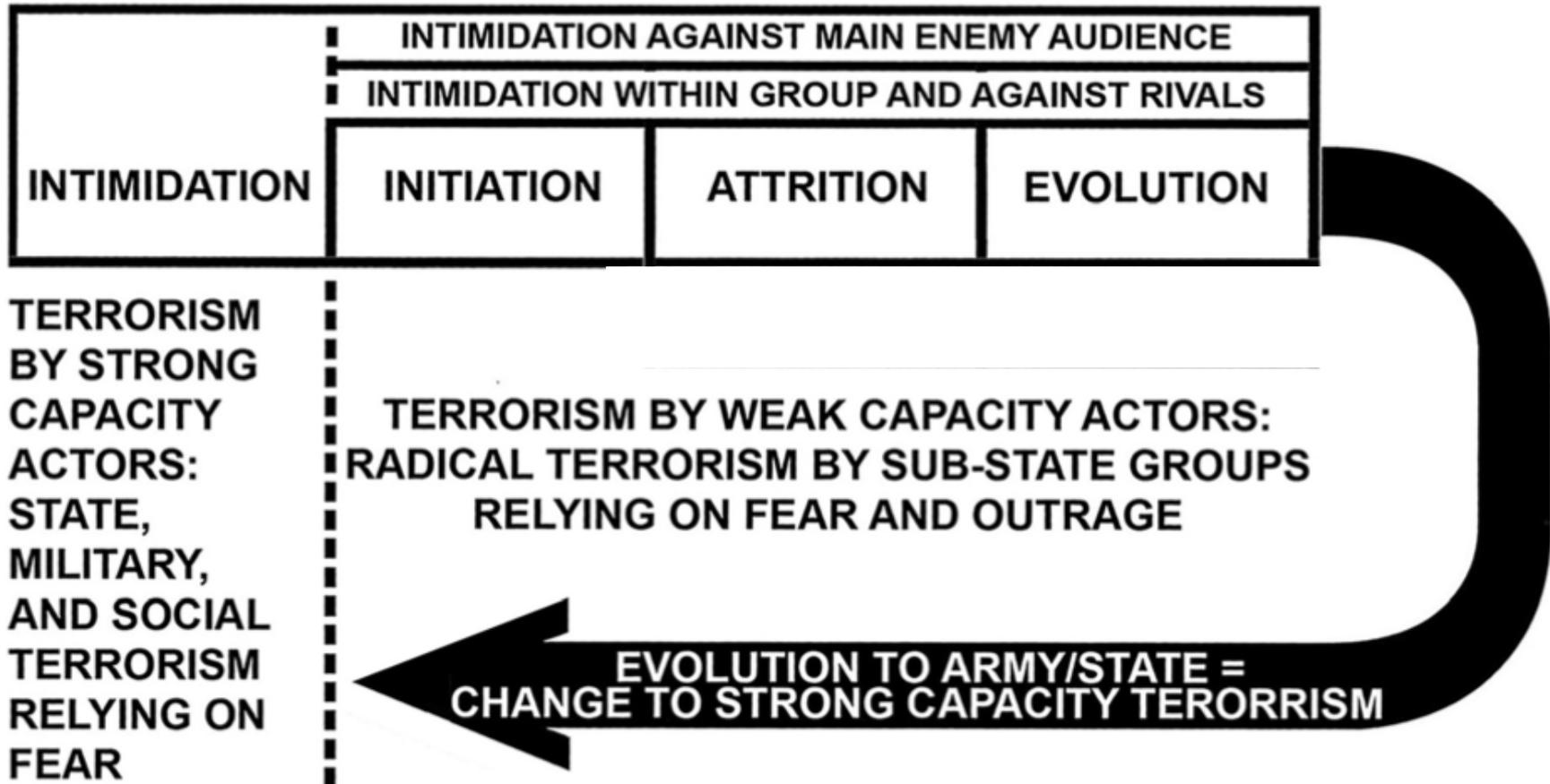
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Abu Mohammad al-Adnani

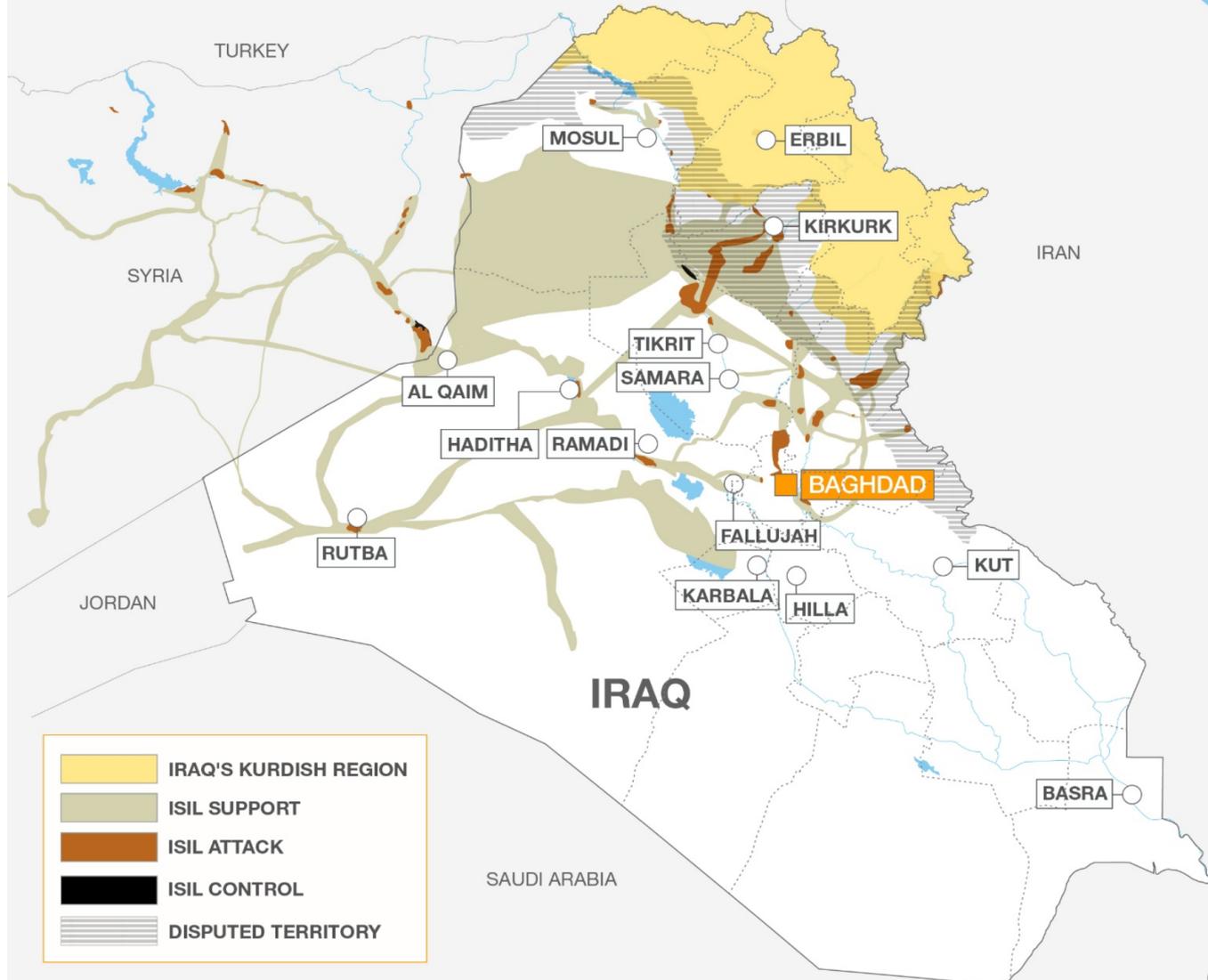
Evolution and De-evolution

Abu Mohammad al-Adnani's final address in May 2016 warned: "Or do you, O America, consider defeat to be the loss of a city or the loss of land? Certainly not! We would be defeated and you victorious only if you were able to remove the Qur'an from the Muslims' hearts." "We fight in obedience to Allah and to become closer to Him. And victory is that we live in the might of our religion or die upon it. It is the same, whether Allah blesses us with consolidation or we move into the bare, open desert, displaced and pursued."

IRAQ

Who controls what

October 2018



Source: Al Jazeera, Institute for the Study of War | Updated: October 30 2018





WHAT IS NEXT



**FOR THERE WILL BE A NEXT.
TERRORISM IS TOO EASY,
AND IT IS ABSOLUTELY PART
OF THE MODERN
REPERTOIRE OF VIOLENT
POLITICAL RESISTANCE.**

COMBATTING TERRORISM BY CIVIC EDUCATION

VIOLENCE



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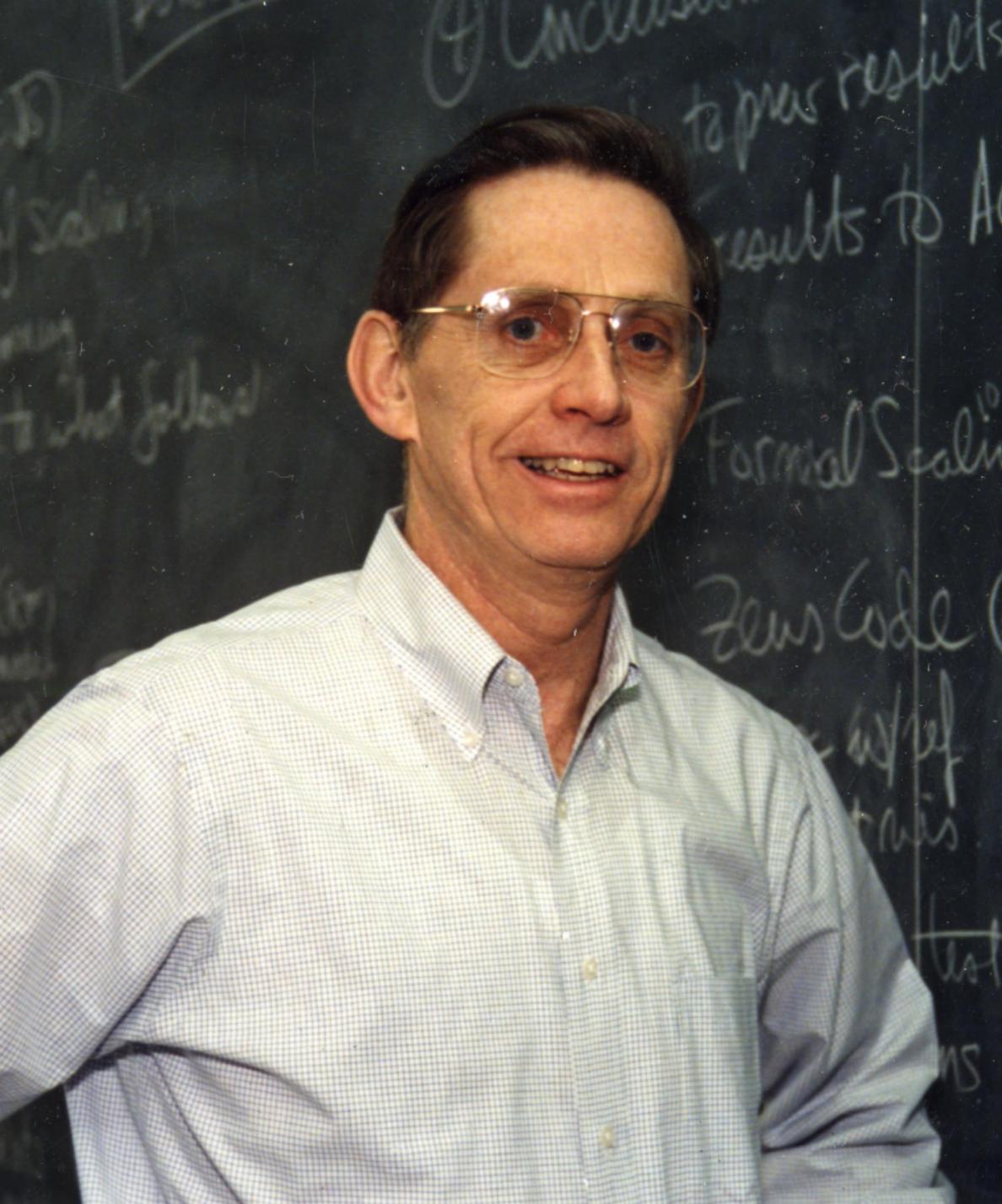
WHAT I HOPE TO TEACH:

**COMPASSION FOR THE IMMEDIATE
VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE**

UNDERSTANDING THE REAL THREAT

**SENSE OF PROPORTION ABOUT THE
DANGER AND THE RESPONSE**

**RESOLUTION TO AVOID BECOMING
THE TERRORIST'S UNWITTING ALLY**



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Six Traits of Acts of Terror(ism)

- 1. The use of violence or the threat of violence**
- 2. directed against the persons or property**
- 3. of those unable or unprepared to defend themselves,**
- 4. primarily to create fear and/or outrage**
- 5. through the propagation of public knowledge,**
- 6. with the intention of affecting public policy or community action.**

Daniel Fromkin: Political Jujitsu (Provocation and Outrage)

“[Terrorism’s] ingenuity [lies] in using an opponent’s own strength against him. It [is] a sort of jujitsu.”

Knowledge and understanding, can keep you from allowing outrage to make you the terrorists’ unwitting ally.

To be Radical Terrorism, it must be an “ism,” part of a repertoire of violent political resistance. (Charles Tilly)

Radical Terrorism is a form of warfare: entry-level warfare.