

Terrorism

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“Terrorism never leads to victory.”

Terrorism is a complex and controversial term that has different meanings for different people and contexts. However, a common element in most definitions of terrorism is the use or threat of violence to create fear and achieve a political objective¹². Terrorism can be practiced by individuals, groups, or states, and can target civilians, governments, or other entities¹. Terrorism can also have different motivations, such as nationalism, religion, ideology, or revenge¹.

According to the Oxford Dictionary, terrorism is "the unlawful use of violence and intimidation, especially against civilians, in the pursuit of political aims"². According to Britannica, terrorism is "the calculated use of violence to create a general climate of fear in a population and thereby to bring about a particular political objective"¹. According to the U.S. Department of State, terrorism is "premeditated, politically motivated violence perpetrated against noncombatant targets by subnational groups or clandestine agents"³.

Terrorism is not a new phenomenon, but it has become more prevalent and diverse in the 21st century. Some of the major terrorist attacks in recent history include the September 11 attacks in 2001, the Madrid train bombings in 2004, the London bombings in 2005, the Mumbai attacks in 2008, the Paris

attacks in 2015, the Orlando nightclub shooting in 2016, and the Christchurch mosque shootings in 2019. Terrorism poses a serious threat to global security and human rights, and requires a coordinated and comprehensive response from the international community.

laws of justice are devised. As a wise man said:

“Whenever and wherever, there is injustice, terrorism cannot be eradicated.”

Narrow mindedness, fanaticism, fundamentalism, intolerance and religious extremism are considered the main causes of terrorism politics and religious extremists do not tolerate their opponents and try to eliminate them. While some culprits do it for temptations of money. It is also a fact that some intelligence agencies cause terrorism in enemy countries to destabilize them.

Edward Cribbon said:

“Fanaticism obliterates the feeling of humanity.”

Recent hijacking of American passenger airlines and crashing them against the towers of the World Trade Centre in New York, and pentagon in Washington is probably the worst incident of terrorism in the worlds. Americans want to punish some individuals and countries whom they

blame for terrorist activities in various parts of the world. Usama Bin Ladin and some specific countries are their targets. Islam is the most misunderstood and misinterpreted religion in the West. A religion that stands for peace and justice has been misrepresented as a religion of war and fanaticism. The Muslims are depicted by the western media as extremists, fanatics, terrorists, backward and devoid of disciplines. On religious issues, they are emotional and intolerant. Fundamentalists believe that they are the right people and all the rest are heretics.

As Anatole France said:

“It is better to understand a little than to misunderstand a lot.”

On the other hand, there is no organized Muslim media anywhere in the Muslim world that can refute this western disinformation and give an accurate picture of what is really going on. The west is in fact under the psychological pressure of the glorious past of the Muslims. Soon after the demise of communism in the Soviet Union, Islam was perceived as the only ideological force to overcome the whole world. A philosopher has rightly said:

“Terrorism is nothing but the accumulation of all the evils.”

The Muslim concept of Islamic fundamentalism is the strict adherence to the age of **Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H)**. It is an effort to implement the Islamic principles of the golden age in the world of today for the revival of Islam. Jihad is totally different from the acts of terrorism. Jihad means exertion, striving

and endeavour for the cause of God. Its object is to bring an end to oppression and aggression against Islam. Its object is not to propagate Islam by the use of sword.

The Holy Quran has emphasized Jihad for noble cause:

**“It is Fight against those who treat
helpless men, women and children cruelly.”**

Terrorism is also different from political or liberation movement. The Kashmir liberation movement against India, the Palestine liberation movement against Israel and Chechen liberation movement against Russia cannot be regarded as the terrorist movements. They are engaged in an armed struggle to get freedom from the cruel rules. They are fighting against aggression.

Craft Sagan said:

**“If we like them, they are freedom fighters...
if we don't like them, they are terrorists.”**

Terrorism is an evil. It must be fought against at all levels. Government and nations must join hands to crush this evil and its agents. At the same time, the United Nations must take steps and leave no stone unturned to remove the reasons of deprivation and germs of dissatisfaction, deprivation and injustice from various regions of the world.

As Martin Luther king said:

**“Mankind must evolve for all human conflict a
method which rejects revenge, aggression and
retaliation. The foundation of such a method is love.”**

May God devoid us from such horrible destructions of terrorism. (Ameen)

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