DEFINITION:

“Transnational” - Implications for victims and & audience in two or more countries

“Terrorism” - a threat or use of violence to obtain political or social objectives through intimidation of a large audience.

Outline of Presentation

- History
- Environmental & Psychological factors
- Recruitment
- Violations
## Timeline of attacks

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United Nations

- 1990s - Security Council addresses terrorism
- 2006 - Global Counter-Terrorism strategy
“...one man’s terrorist is another man’s freedom fighter.”

-Efehi Okoro
What are the root causes of terrorism?
Local Environmental Factors

- Family Structure and Tradition
- Poverty and Oppression
- Social Inequality
- Government
- Religion

Zionist Extremist (Wagnor & Sasson), KKK, Boko Haram
External Environmental Factors

- Globalization
- Colonization

“Terrorism in the context of the reactions is sided with genocide, culturocide and ecocide that preceded and conditioned it and served as the legitimation basis for rationalizing its ways.”

- Matic, Dremel, Sakic
Rational Terrorism?

- Mental Health Issues
- Survival
- Radicalization
  - Religion
  - Politics
  - Martyrdom
Functioning Terrorist Groups

Leaders
Soldiers
Supporters
What does this mean for you?

Considering the other side of the story

Understanding that not everyone who has same beliefs as a terrorist group is a terrorist

Being inclusive to those in your life who you know are lonely or are searching for purpose in their lives
Recruitment

Number of *westerners* believed to have traveled to Syria to fight with extremist groups, according to National Counterterrorism Center Director Matthew Olsen.
Recruiting Terrorists

1. Religion
   ○ False Narrative
2. Social Media
   ○ Propaganda and Tactics
3. Force
   ○ Brainwashing and Indoctrination
4. Counterterrorism Measures

(Dado Ruvic, Reuters, 2015)
Religion and False Narrative

- Religion is a historical cause of violence
  - Passed down through socialization
  - Converts adopt radical beliefs
- False narrative
  - Promises of money, wives, and fame
- Jihad

“...people who become involved with militant extremism lack a strong sense of identity and find comfort in an organization’s totalitarian dogma.” Arena & Arrigo, 2016
Social Media

- **Online Campaigns**
  - Twitter, Facebook, YouTube, etc.
  - Targets young people, recent converts

- **Internet Publications**
  - al Battar Media: bimonthly magazine
    - Cell organization, weapons training, how to kidnap and negotiate hostages

- **Networking and Communication**
  - Coordinate attacks, plan action
  - Provide information about explosives and chemical weapons

- **Raise Funds**

(Weimann, *Terror on the Internet*, 2006)
(The Islamic State of Iraq and Sham, 2014)
(Al Battar, 2014), (ISIS Media Hub, 2015), Islamic State, 2015)
Force

- Brainwashing
  - Indoctrination of children
  - 50 children abducted from UK

- Radicalization
  - Extremist ideologies
  - Exposure to violence

“The largest amount of Islamic State media featuring children relates to violence, comprising either of children directly participating in violence, or being exposed and normalised to violence.” Quilliam Foundation, 2016
Results

- 30,000 foreign recruits in Syria
- 800 from Britain
- First American Recruit
  - Douglas MacAuthur McCain - 2014

(CNN, 2014)
Counterterrorism Measures

- Quilliam Foundation: #RejectISIS
- Social Workers
  - Working with marginalized, at-risk populations and Muslim communities
- Parents
  - Monitor youth Internet usage and online interactions
IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING™

- Awareness and vigilance
- Reach out to others
- Don’t be afraid to report suspicious activity
The Robbery of Human Rights
Universal Declaration of Human Rights

Adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations in 1948, the Universal Declaration states basic rights and fundamental freedoms to which all human beings are entitled.

No one has the right to hold you in slavery.

We are all born free and equal.

Everyone is entitled to these rights:

- No matter your race, religion or nationality
- Everyone has the right to life, freedom and safety
- Everyone has the right to life, freedom and safety
- Everyone has the right to belong to a religion
- Freedom of Expression:

You have the right to own property.

You have the right to freedom of movement and residence.

You have the right to a fair trial.

You have the right to participate in public life.

You have the right to educational and cultural life.

You have the right to social security.

You have the right to housing.

You have the right to work.

You have the right to social protection.

You have the right to the enjoyment of your property.

You have the right to the enjoyment of your property.

You have the right to an effective remedy for violations of your rights.
United States

Attacks
Threats
In Our Homes
The Middle East

“What separates us from the animals, what separates us from the chaos, is our ability to mourn people we’ve never met.” - David Levithan
Nigeria

“Terrorism will spill over if you don’t speak up.” - Malala Yousafzai

Two groups are responsible for 51% of claimed deaths in 2014

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77% of deaths were private citizens
44% of deaths were private citizens

You Can Kill a Person But You Can’t Kill an Ideology
Questions?


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