

# Terrorism

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## **Introduction**

Right now, there are about 30 Most Wanted Terrorists wanted by the FBI somewhere in the world. That means people's lives could be in danger. Innocent people may get hurt because they are at the wrong place at the wrong time.

Terrorism is a large issue in this world. A lot of people think that terrorism attacks mainly happen in war zone countries; however, terrorism happens almost everywhere. Roughly, not a week goes by that a terrorist act does not happen somewhere in the world and affects innocent people. Just imagine how many people terrorist attacks can kill or injure in a year.

9/11 was a tragic day for New York and America, and sadly it gave influence to other terrorists. Since 9/11, terrorists in the UK have killed over 53 people. After 9/11, organizations started working harder on ending terrorism, and they have stopped about 28 attacks before they happened.

Don't you think that terrorism is violating human rights? Like I said, terrorism affects innocent people, so for instance a terrorist could attack you on the street or bomb a building that you are in. If a terrorist attacks you and hurts you, it is violating your rights. If a terrorist bombs a building, it is violating lots of human rights.

Terrorism is a big problem that seems like it is impossible to solve, because if you catch one terrorist, others could show up somewhere else. But every problem has a solution, and we should not give up on this one. Already, lots of organizations are helping the fight against terrorism. Together we will be strong, and bring an end to terrorism.

## **Explain the Issue**

Terrorism affects many people every single year, month, and day. There are lots of definitions for terrorism. Basically, it is the act of violence and it violates the law. Mainly, the terrorists that plan these attacks have gone through some events in their childhood that is affecting their thinking. Because of these events they might be mad or angry at their hometown (or where they grew up), so they make attacks on the place that they feel connected to, or think they need revenge on. These people are called domestic terrorists. Domestic terrorists attack their own country, and go against their own people. International terrorists are the ones who think they need to have power over the world, so they have more anger on the world than domestic terrorists. International terrorists plan attacks and then do them around the world, not depending on where they are from. It is important to keep in mind, that terrorist acts do not always involve people from certain countries or backgrounds.

Terrorism affects everyone in the world. A lot of people don't actually realize that terrorism does affect everyone, it is just that it affects some people more, and some less. For example, if an attack kills someone who you love or is close to you, it affects you in many different ways. Terrorism can affect you in the way that they bomb the building that you live in or bomb a school that your children go to. The worst thing about terrorism is that you never know when an attack will happen, so you can never really protect yourself from it. Just in the last year, there have been 2,608 terrorist attacks in the US, if you double that number that is how many people die of terrorist attacks in countries such as Iraq, Pakistan and Afghanistan. Some people don't even care about the terrorist attacks that have happened in those countries, because they happen a lot, and they only care, or seem to pay attention to the stories where attacks occur in countries that are not hit regularly.

People think a lot of different things about terrorism. People are in agreement that terrorism is a serious issue. Some people also think that it is violating human rights. Even though, a lot of people think that terrorism is important, not a lot of the people seem to be doing something about it. Some people have very strong opinions about terrorism, but a lot of them are unfair. People are also exploiting terrorism by thinking or even reporting someone just because they come from a specific background, which is exploiting this issue a lot. When the person reports the other, thinking that he might be a terrorist, the police don't know that he is just exploiting terrorism, and so they could start sending police over to the innocent man or woman, and maybe causing them trouble. This is very unfair and sadly, happens a lot. Exploitation of terrorism is very bad and should stop, but organizations can't do that, individual people have to, and it starts with you

### **Current events**

Even though a lot of people live life everyday thinking that it is nearly impossible to be killed by a terrorist, it is not that impossible. Some people consider it "bad luck" when they hear in the news that some terrorists killed a group of people, or they bombed a building. However even though some people think that the chance of being killed or hurt by a terrorist attack outside of a war-zone is very microscopic, that doesn't mean it can never happen in a major city or the town that you live in. There could be a terrorist attack happening in a war-zone right now, or somewhere in the world which is already putting many lives in danger or fear. When an attack happens in a war-zone, the soldiers probably have someone or some people at home, so if an attack happens their families and friends are in fear.

## Methods of Change

When September 11, 2001 occurred, several government, military and industry leaders realized how little of the organizations had the training to be properly prepared if something like 9/11 happened again. Even though, a lot of police, firemen and others saved lives, of the people that were in the buildings, they still needed more training to be fully prepared. Some organizations realized the same thing, and volunteered to help. Organizations such as FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency), the United States Navy and the Federal Fire academy taught special skills through lessons to the police and firemen and those who needed the skills. They didn't just teach the organizations that needed help from New York or America, they prepared many lessons all over the world, so the knowledge of being prepared when an attack happened could be local and global.

## Call for action

Will you take action into helping the fight against terrorism? Here are ways you can help. Maybe you will have other ideas that could work or other ways to help, so anything will be good if your actions will help remediate the issue.

Organization/Project	Specific efforts of the organization	Contact information
Police	The police of our world are one of the main organizations that help keep people safe locally and globally, with most of their officers' working day and night.	<b>Non-Emergency: 311</b> <b>Terrorism Hot-Line: 1-888-NYC-SAFE</b>
FBI	The FBI has been working closely with a range of partners about putting an end to terrorism for many years. It is one of the organizations that investigate terrorist attacks.	FBI Headquarters 935 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, D.C. 20535-0001 (202) 324-3000
Counter-Terrorism Committee	One of CTC's efforts on remediating terrorism is that they visit different countries around the world, and at their request they help get proper technical systems to improve the countries protection.	You can go to their website and send them a message. <a href="http://www.un.org/en/sc/ctc/contact.shtml">http://www.un.org/en/sc/ctc/contact.shtml</a>
North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)	NATO's work on countering terrorism mainly focuses on improved threat awareness and preparedness for any attacks. They also focus on enhancing engagement with more international organizations.	<a href="mailto:science@hq.nato.int">science@hq.nato.int</a>  SPS Programme Emerging Security Challenges Division (ESCD) NATO HQ Bd Leopold III B-1110 Brussels Belgium

FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency)	FEMA is one of the organizations that will teach you how to learn to be prepared for an attack. You can join their organization, and learn how to act if an attack happens.	Federal Emergency Management Agency U.S. Department of Homeland Security 500 C Street SW, Washington DC 20472 General Operator: (202) 646-5000 (800) 621-3362
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I want to help remediate this issue, because it is important to me because I was born on 9/11 2001 and it always feels weird to tell my birthday to anyone, because of what happened on that day. I imagine that if nothing had happened I wouldn't have to feel weird about the date. I want to give more awareness to children to what terrorism is, and what is happening locally and globally with terrorism. Some things that I want to do to help, is visit the 9/11 museum to support the fight against terrorism, and send out this report to leaders that can bring more awareness to more people.

**Conclusion**

This report gives you information on how we need to remediate terrorism. This report provides the information of how terrorism affects people around the world, and information on what organizations you can support of join to help remediate this issue. I highly encourage you to either join an organization that is already making a change, or start your own, but anyway you help out will count. Lets start small and end big.

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