

HIST 405 Week 8 Discussion: America and Terrorism in the 21st Century

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Required Resources

Read/review the following resources for this activity:

- Textbook: Chapter 32
- Lesson
- Minimum of 1 scholarly source (in addition to the textbook)

Initial Post Instructions

Consider a few terrorist activities since the 1980s until today. Here is a starting point:

- 1983: United States Embassy in Beirut and Kuwait is bombed
- 1988: Osama bin Laden re-organizes Al Qaeda in Pakistan to carry out attacks
- 1993: World Trade Center Bombing (first time)
- 1995: Oklahoma City Bombing
- 1998: United States Embassy bombings Nairobi and Sar Es Salaam
- 2001: 9/11 Bombing of the World Trade Centers
- 2001: Bio Terrorism begins (anthrax letters and Bill Gates's warnings on bio terrorism)
- 2013: Boston Marathon Bombings
- 2018: Pittsburgh Synagogue Shooting

Then, **address three (3)** of the following and craft a response, as a whole, for your selections:

- Explain if you think that global terrorism can be stopped.
- Analyze the responsibility of the United States today to be the world's "policeman."
- Assess if peace and stability in the Middle East are vital to U.S. economy and national security.
- If the United States withdrew its troops from the Middle East tomorrow, would the terrorist threat end. Why or why not?
- Assess if the use of military force is the only way to prevent terrorism. Are there other possible alternatives? Which strategy is best and why?

Follow-Up Posts

Compare your selections and analysis of selections with those of your peers. If they chose different events, examine how yours are similar and/or different. If they chose the same events, build on their posts by providing additional information about the events that you have not already noted in your own post.

Writing Requirements

- Minimum of 3 posts (1 initial & 2 follow-up)
- APA format for in-text citations and list of references

Grading

This activity will be graded using the Discussion Grading Rubric. Please review the following link:

- Link (webpage): [Discussion Guidelines](#)

Course Outcomes (CO): 3, 4, 6, 7

Due Date for Initial Post: By 11:59 p.m. MT on Wednesday

Due Date for Follow-Up Posts: By 11:59 p.m. MT on Saturday