

Counterterrorism Bookshelf: 19 Books on Terrorism & Counter-Terrorism-Related Subjects

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So many books are published on terrorism- and counterterrorism-related subjects that it is difficult to catch up on a large backlog of monographs and edited volumes received for review. In order to deal with this backlog, this column consists of capsule reviews, with Tables of Contents, of 19 books, including also several books published less recently but still meriting attention. Some of the new books will be reviewed in future issues of 'Perspectives on Terrorism' as stand-alone reviews. The books are listed topically.

General

Martin Van Creveld, *Seeing into the Future: A Short History of Prediction* (London, England, UK: Reaktion Books/ Distributed by Chicago, IL: University of Chicago Press, 2020), 288 pp., US \$ 24,00 [Hardcover], ISBN: 978-1-7891-4229-7.

This is a highly insightful account by a veteran academic expert on the history of predictive analytics. Especially noteworthy is the author's breakdown of the art of prediction into three historical eras: ancient Greece, the Bible, and modernity and its introduction of the scientific method, culminating in the current era's utilization of algorithms, such as the ones used by Google, to predict future trends, e.g. in the field of consumer behavior. Predicting future trends, the author concludes, is difficult because reality is shaped by "psychological and social factors, as opposed to physical ones," the "more detailed a forecast, the more likely it is to go wrong," and the "more remote the future we are trying to foresee, the more complex the chain of events that leads to it, and the less accurate our forecasts" (pp. 232-233).

Table of Contents: Introduction; *Part I:* A Mysterious Journey; A Villain of a Magician; In the Name of the Lord; Oracles, Pythias and Sibyls; A Dream to Remember; Consulting the Dead; *Part II:* Be Sober and Reasonable; Searching the Heavens; Clear and Manifest; On Birds, Livers and Sacrifices; The Magic of Numbers; Decoding the Bible; *Part III:* Enter Modernity; From Patterns to Cycles; With Hegel on the Brain; Ask, and You'll Be Answered; The Most Powerful Tools; War Games Here, War Games There; *Part IV:* The Lord of the Universe; Looking Backward; Why is Prediction So Difficult?; Is Our Game Improving?; A World Without Uncertainty?

Dipak K. Gupta, *Understanding Terrorism and Political Violence: The Life Cycle of Birth, Growth, Transformation, and Demise* [Second Edition], 322 pp., US \$128.00 [Hardcover], US \$ 35.96 [Paperback], ISBN: 978-0-3672-7712-3.

This is an excellent account by a leading expert on terrorism that applies a multidisciplinary approach to understanding the role of human behavior and individual motivations in shaping the life cycle of violent political movements. This edition updates, revises and expands the author's earlier edition which was published in 2008. In this edition, the author explains the factors that drive "rational" individuals to join violent dissident groups that engage in killing their targeted adversaries, and to be willing to be killed while doing so. To examine these issues, the author draws upon research on brain science, evolutionary biology, and social psychology to explain the drivers behind such pathological collective behavior. The discussion then shifts to applying theories of organizational development to explain how terrorist groups have evolved over the years. Cumulatively, these and other theories help to explain the life cycle of how ideological groups can evolve into terrorist organizations, including, in some cases, criminal syndicates. The author's hypotheses about the origins and evolution of groups that become terrorist are tested by case studies of three disparate terrorist movements: the nationalists of the IRA, the communist Naxalites of India, and the religious fundamentalists of al-Qaeda

and ISIS. The book's account then shifts to explaining what the author terms the global trend of rising tribalism and authoritarianism, which is accompanied by a wave of xenophobia, which is further exacerbated by severe climate change and the consequent rise in sea levels, which could displace millions from the areas least able to mitigate the effects of global warming to the countries that can. Such insights about the wider context that is accompanying the evolution of contemporary terrorism make this book an important contribution to the literature on the multiplicity of systematic crises that are shaping the current global order. The author is Professor Emeritus at the Department of Political Science, San Diego State University, USA, and a Visiting Professor at the University of San Diego, USA.

Table of Contents: Introduction; Into the Mind of An Un-rational Being; Path Toward Pathology: An Individual's Perspective; Terrorism and Political Violence: An Organizational Perspective; The Dynamics of Dissent; Faith, Nationalism, and Class Warfare: Birth of A Movement; Growth and Longevity; A Marriage Made in Hell? Terrorism and Organized Crime; Demise of Dissent; Lands of the Fearful: Tribalism and Authoritarianism, The Fifth Wave; Terrorism's Trap.

John P. Sullivan and Robert J. Bunker (Eds.), *COVID-19, Gangs, and Conflict* (Indianapolis, IN: Xlibris/A Small Wars Journal – El Centro Reader, 2020), 235 pp., US \$ 44.99 [Paperback], ISBN: 978-1-6641-2434-9.

In this important and conceptually innovative volume, the contributors examine how the coronavirus pandemic is fueling a variety of conflicts globally, which are exploited by violent extremists for political gain and the latest generation of criminal groups for illicit profit. Criminal groups that exploit the pandemic for their illicit activities, such as gangs, criminal cartels, and mafias that operate in countries such as Brazil, El Salvador, Mexico, Colombia, and South Africa, are highlighted in the volume's chapters. Also examined are the implications for governmental responses to such threat actors, with specific responses involving not only anti-crime measures, but biosecurity components as well. An Afterword by Colin P. Clarke examines the relationship between terrorism, biosecurity, and Covid-19. John Sullivan, a retired Lieutenant with the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department, is a Senior Fellow with Small Wars Journal – El Centro. Robert Bunker is Director of Research and Analysis, C/O Futures, LLC, and is a Senior Fellow with Small Wars Journal – El Centro.

Table of Contents: Prologue: COVID-19 – Gangs, Statemaking, Threats, and Opportunities; Foreword: Pandemics and Conflict; **Introduction:** Pandemics, Governance, and Security; **PART 1:** Strategic Notes; Third Generation Gangs Strategic Note No. 22: Rio's Gangs Impose Curfews in Response to Coronavirus; Third Generation Gangs Strategic Note No. 23: El Salvadoran Gangs (Maras) Enforce Domestic Quarantine / Stay at Home Orders (Cuarentena domiciliary); Mexican Cartel Strategic Note No. 29: An Overview of Cartel Activities Related to COVID-19 Humanitarian Response; Third Generation Gangs Strategic Note No. 24: COVID-19 Gangs and Lockdown in Cape Town; Third Generation Gangs Strategic Note No. 26: COVID-19, Revolutionaries and BACRIM in Colombia; Third Generation Gangs Strategic Note No. 27: COVID-19 and Transnational Italian Mafias; **PART 2:** Essays; The Covid-19 Crisis and Future US National Security; When Pandemics Come to Slums; Outbreak: COVID-19, Crime and Conflict; Venezuela: Could the Coronavirus Threat be an Opportunity; The Coronavirus is a Call to Build Resilience in Fragile States; Cyber-States and US National Security: Learning from Covid-19; Using Hybrid-Warfare to Defeat Mechanisms to Fight the Coronavirus and Counter Future Bioweapons, A Novel Approach; **Conclusion:** Gangs vs. States – The Battle Over the Contested Pandemic Space; Afterword: Terrorism, Biosecurity, and COVID-19; Postscript: Pandemics and Transnational Crime; Appendix 1: U.S. Naval War College – Humanitarian Response Program – Pandemic Response: Select Research & Game Findings; Selected Readings.

Textbooks on Terrorism and Counterterrorism

Monique M. Chouraeshkenazi, *Homeland & National Security: Understanding America's Past to Protect the Future* (San Diego, CA: Cognella Academic Publishing, 2018), 540 pp., US \$ 143.95 [Paperback], ISBN: 978-1-5165-1894-4

This interesting and well-presented, comprehensive textbook discusses the origins and evolution of America's response to the multiplicity of threats facing it, beginning with the American Revolutionary War, through the Cold War era, and then the events which, following al Qaida's attacks on 9/11, led to the establishment of the Department of Homeland Security in 2002, which ushered in a new paradigm in the American government's responses to a multitude of threats facing the country. As a textbook, each chapter includes key terms, learning objectives, case studies, application activities, and a practice problems quiz. The textbook is recommended for undergraduate and graduate courses on homeland security subjects. The author, a former anti-terrorism instructor for the United States Air Force, teaches distance learning courses on terrorism and counterterrorism at Southern New Hampshire University and other academic institutions.

Table of Contents: Foreword; Preface; List of Figures; The Evolution of American Policy: Timelines, Events & Conflicts; Introduction to U.S. National Security; The Conceptualization of National Security; National Security Methodologies and Policies; Introduction to Homeland Security: A Historical Impression; Historic Disasters: The Evolution of Homeland Security in the U.S.; American Terrorism; Homeland Security Statutes and Initiatives; Weapons of Mass Destruction and Preventative Measures; Intelligence and Security; Emergency Operating Procedures: Preparedness and Mitigation; Communication, Response, Recovery, and Technology; Where National Security Meets Homeland Security; The Future of National and Homeland Security; Glossary.

Kyle Kattelman, Monique M. Chouraeshkenazi, and Francis Boateng (Eds.), *Terrorism: Strategic and Methodological Approaches* (San Diego, CA: Cognella Academic Publishing, 2019), 374 pp., US \$ 83.95 [Paperback], ISBN: 978-1-5165-2909-4.

This is a very interesting and useful textbook, in the form of an anthology, that presents strategic and methodological approaches to the study of terrorism and counterterrorism. Following the editors' excellent overview on the scientific study of terrorism, the successive chapters begin with brief overviews, followed by previously published selections by prominent experts on those topics. As an example, in the section on defining terrorism, the editors provide a five page overview, which is followed by an article by James M. Lutz and Brenda J. Lutz on "What is Terrorism? Definition and Classification". The concluding chapter presents the editors' findings on how their approach to scientific methods and research processes can help students comprehend issues such as why terrorists engage in violent attacks and effective measures in response. Instructors that adopt the textbook will receive from the publisher a sample syllabus featuring course objectives and a recommended timeline for assigning chapters, as well as nine PowerPoint presentations, one for each chapter of the text. This textbook is recommended for courses on terrorism and counterterrorism at the undergraduate and graduate levels. Kyle Kattelman is an Assistant Professor in the School of Criminal Justice, Political Science & International Affairs at Fairleigh Dickinson University. Monique M. Chouraeshkenazi a former Air Force Officer specializing in counter-terrorism, cyber-security, knowledge operations, and security management; is also an instructor on terrorism and counterterrorism courses at the Southern New Hampshire University. Francis Boateng is an Assistant Professor of Legal Studies at the University of Mississippi.

Table of Contents: Preface; *Part I:* Introduction; The Scientific Study of Terrorism; *Part II:* Definition of the Problem; What's in a Name?; *Part III:* Historical Trends; The Progression of Terrorism: How to Capture an Audience; *Part IV:* Methodological Approach to Studying Terrorism; The Rational Terrorist; *Part V:* Ideologies; Ideologies and the Comparative Method; *Part VI:* Motivations and Recruitment; How to Study Motivation: Look at the Levels; *Part VII:* Strategic Interaction and Terrorist Tactics; To Understand Suicide Terrorism, One Must Look at Nonsuicide Terrorism; *Part VIII:* Transnational Terrorism and Democracy; The Confounding

Relationship Between Democracy and Terrorism; *Part IX: Al-Qaeda and ISIS; Religion and Islamist Terror: Some Clarifications; Part X: Final Thoughts; Conclusion; Works Cited.*

Robert Kirkland, *Case Studies in Domestic & International Terrorist Organizations* (San Diego, CA: Cognella Academic Publishing, 2017), 76 pp., US \$ 48.95 [Paperback], ISBN: 978-1-6348-7992-7.

This short anthology on cases in domestic and international terrorist organizations is a useful supplementary resource for courses on these subjects. The case studies, which consist of previously published articles by other authors, cover seven terrorist organizations (see Table of Contents, below). The author is a retired Lieutenant Colonel, United States Army, who currently serves as the coordinator of homeland security studies for Union Institute and University, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Table of Contents: Preface; *Section One: Domestic Terrorist Organizations; An Ethnographer Looks at Neo-Nazi and Klan Groups; The Radical Environmentalist Movement; Sovereign Citizens: A Growing Domestic Threat to Law Enforcement; The Identity Christian Movement: Ideology of Domestic Terrorism; Section Two: International Terrorist Organizations; Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam; Palestinian Terrorist Groups; The Myth of Madness: Cold Rationality and ‘Resource’ Plunder by the Lord’s Resistance Army.*

Matthew Lippman, *Terrorism & Counterterrorism: Theory, History, and Contemporary Challenges* (San Diego, CA: Cognella Academic Publishing, 2019), 372 pp., US \$ 87.95 [Paperback], ISBN: 978-1-5165-2370-2.

This is an excellent, clearly written and well-organized introductory textbook on terrorism and counterterrorism issues. Its 12 chapters cover important subjects, ranging from how to define terrorism, theories of terrorism, terrorist tactics and strategies, types of terrorist groups, the media and terrorism, the involvement by some states as sponsors of terrorism, homeland security, and counterterrorism. The concluding chapter presents the author’s findings about contemporary terrorism and future challenges. As a textbook, each chapter includes learning tools such as chapter objectives, introduction, summary, review questions, and terminology. This textbook is highly recommended for undergraduate and graduate courses on terrorism and counterterrorism. The author is Professor Emeritus in the Department of Criminology, Law, and Justice at the University of Illinois at Chicago, where he teaches courses in criminal law and criminal procedure and has taught courses on civil liberties, law and society, and terrorism.

Table of Contents: Preface; Defining Terrorism; Theories of Terrorism; Terrorist Tactics and Strategies; The Foundations of Modern Terrorism; Ethnonationalist and Revolutionary Terrorism; Religious Terrorism; State Terrorism; Terrorism in the United States; The Media and Terrorism; The Legal and Historical Basis of Homeland Security; Counterterrorism; Donald Trump and Contemporary Terrorism; Appendix.

Robert W. Taylor and Charles R. Swanson, *Terrorism, Intelligence & Homeland Security* [Second Edition] (New York, NY: Pearson, 2019), 512 pp., US \$ 179.99 [Paperback], ISBN: 978-0-1348-1814-6.

This is a comprehensive and detailed textbook on terrorism, counterterrorism, as well as homeland security. It is well produced pedagogically, with each chapter including learning objectives, key terms, boxes highlighting interesting topics and challenging questions to promote class discussion, quick facts boxes, chapter summaries, review questions, chapter summaries, and critical thinking exercises. The textbook is also lavishly illustrated with photos, maps, and useful tables and figures, for example, a useful breakdown of how to define terrorism, the methods used by terrorist groups to recruit and organize. Much of the authors’ discussion is well-informed, although, now and then, some of it is biased, for example, their anti-Israel discussion of the country’s origin, where they only focus on terrorism by far right Zionist groups, without any mention of Palestinian terror, or their over-emphasis on anti-American traitors such as Bradley Manning and Edward Snowden. This reviewer also disagrees with the author’s contention that “there is no quick and easy resolution to terrorism. The continuous possibility of an attack is akin to learning to live with an incurable disease” (p. 6). There are numerous methods

to mitigate and resolve terrorism, as well as to thwart terrorism through effective law enforcement and military intelligence operations. Overall, nevertheless, this is a useful textbook, once an instructor is able to point out to the students some of its shortcomings, because there are still sufficiently insightful chapters to recommend it as an undergraduate or graduate textbook on these subjects. Robert Taylor is Professor in the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice at the University of Texas at Dallas. Charles Swanson, a former police officer, is a faculty member at the Institute of Government at the University of Georgia.

Table of Contents: Part I: Understanding Terrorism; Defining, Conceptualizing, and Understanding Terrorism; Political Ideology and the Historical Roots of Terrorism; Understanding the Middle East and Islam; The Rise of Radical Islam; Part II: Typologies, Organizational Structures, Tactics, and Critical Processes of Terrorism; Terrorist Organizations and Structures; Critical Processes of Terrorist Organizations; Typologies of Terrorism: State Involved and Single or Special Issue Movements; Typologies of Terrorism: The Right and Left Wings and Separatist or Nationalist Movements; Part III: Responding to the Challenges of Terrorism; Intelligence and Terrorism; Intelligence, Terrorism, and the U.S. Constitution; Homeland Security; America's Vulnerability to Terrorism; Emergency Management; Part IV: Combating Terrorism and the Future; Combating Terrorism; Terrorism, Intelligence, and Homeland Security; The Future.

Counterterrorism – Countering Violent Extremism

Amos N. Guiora, *Freedom from Religion: Rights and National Security* (New York, NY: Oxford University Press, 2009), 208 pp., US \$ 115.00 [Hardcover], US \$ 80.00 [Paperback], ISBN: 978-0-1998-9911-1.

This is an excellent and well-argued account by a prominent academic legal authority on the important subject of the relation between the tolerance in mostly Western societies to expressions of religious extremism and the rise of terrorist activity by such groups. To examine these issues, the author discusses how the United States, the United Kingdom, the Netherlands, Turkey, and Israel have attempted to cope with how these dilemmas affected their security. The author concludes that “society must protect itself more pro-actively and effectively against religious extremism” (p. 118), with governments applying “self-defense measures in the face of religious extremism” (p. 124). Overall, even when weighing a ban against the wearing of a *burkha*, the author advises, “criteria-based, rational decision-making” should be applied, with the “balance between threats and rights... carefully weighed”. It is such well-considered and insightful discussion that makes this book an important contribution to the literature on the relation between civil liberties and expressions of religious extremism in democratic societies. The author is Professor of Law at S. J. Quinney College of Law, University of Utah, where he teaches Criminal Law, Global Perspectives on Counter-terrorism, Religion and Terrorism, and National Security Law.

Table of Contents: Preface; Foreword; Ignoring the Storm; The Threat of Religious Extremism; The Limits of Freedom of Speech; Freedom of Association; The Role of the Media Regarding Religion; Separating Church and State; Free Exercise of Religion; Cultural Considerations and the Price of Religious Liberty; Confronting the Storm; Recommended Reading List.

Amos N. Guiora, *Tolerating Intolerance: The Price of Protecting Extremism* (New York, NY: Oxford University Press, 2014), 224 pp., US \$ 115.00 [Hardcover], ISBN: 978-0-1993-3182-6.

This book is a follow-up to the author's previous volume on “Freedom from Religion.” It differs from the previous book in several ways, including adding the dimension of secular extremism (while still examining religious extremism) to the case studies, which now focus on Germany, Israel, the Netherlands, Norway, the United Kingdom and the United States. Also discussed are the effects of multiculturalism, the role of the Internet and social media in empowering extremist ideas and movements, as well as the roles of economic crises and the breakdown of traditional family structure in contributing to extremist tendencies in societies. All these

issues make this account especially relevant to understanding the spread of extremism in the contemporary period, which is exacerbated by the rise of far-right White Supremacist movements and disruptions caused by the current COVID-19 pandemic. The author concludes with the insightful recommendation that “Dialogue (not echo chamber) and education are, then, the carrots in minimizing extremism; limiting the free speech of extremist inciters is the stick” (p. 183).

Table of Contents: Preface; Introduction; Defining extremism; The dangers extremism poses to society; Multiculturalism; Secular extremism and religious extremism: the differences, causes, and role of religion in fomenting extremism; The power of the Internet and social media in facilitating extremist movements and ideas; Contemporary social tensions; The power of ‘hate speech’ and what limits should be imposed on free speech in the context of extremism; Looking forward.

Counterterrorism – Intelligence

Anthony R. Wells, *Between Five Eyes: 50 Years of Intelligence Sharing* (Philadelphia, PA: Casemate, 2020), 256 pp., US \$ 34.95 [Hardcover], ISBN: 978-1-6120-0900-1.

This is a fascinating insider’s account of the origin and evolution of the more than fifty-year close intelligence sharing relationship called the “Five Eyes” Community - the United States, the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand. Especially pertinent is the chapter on current and emerging threats and their impact on intelligence collection and analysis by the “Five Eyes”. These threats include the impact of new surveillance technologies on HUMINT (human intelligence), especially in running covert agents. Other issues of concern include the need to “concentrate joint resources in identifying in real time and eliminating from the worldwide web” extremist terrorism-related content, with radicalization and extremism “growing, not diminishing” (p. 198). The author, originally from Britain, where he received his doctorate, has worked in the US intelligence community.

Table of Contents: The Foundations; The Sources, Methods & Analysis that unite UK-US intelligence in a Common Cause; UK-US intelligence Structure & Organization in the post-World War Two Era; UK-US intelligence in the latter days of the Cold War, and the post-Cold War Era; UK-US intelligence & September 11, 2001, and the Aftermath; UK-US intelligence Roles, Missions, & Operations 1990-2018, and a Review of the Post-World War Two Era; UK-US intelligence and Contemporary & Future Threats; UK-US intelligence and a new Global Strategy to meet the Challenges of the 21st Century.

Counterterrorism – Legal

Amos N. Guiora, *The Crime of Complicity: The Bystander in the Holocaust* (Chicago, IL: Ankerwycke, 2017), 220 pp., US \$ 29.95 [Hardcover], ISBN: 978-1-6345-5731-2.

Although this book focuses on the role of bystander complicity in the Holocaust, its legal and moral discussion is pertinent to counter-terrorism, especially the role of bystanders who may be aware that a perpetrator might be on a trajectory into conducting a terrorist attack, but do not inform the authorities that an attack might be imminent. To explain these issues, the author writes that a person is complicit when he/she “failed to make reasonable efforts to prevent a crime; that failure is tantamount to the crime of nonintervention” (p. 105). While the complicit individual “is not the perpetrator,” the author holds that “the complicit individual is liable for failure to act” (p. 106). This issue is complicated, he explains, “The determining factors in assessing complicity include physical proximity to the victim, clarity of the situation, capability of providing assistance, degree of assistance required, and degree of risk intervention implies. Those five, individually and collectively, determine whether the bystander was complicit” (p. 107). The volume’s appendix includes a series of questions for further

discussion. For these and other reasons, this book's analysis is highly recommended as an indispensable resource for evaluating the complicity roles of bystanders not only in genocides such as the Holocaust, but in the field of terrorism as well.

Table of Contents: Preface; Introduction; Where I Come From – Who I Am; My Family; Historical Background; Death Marches, Holland, and Hungary; The Bystander and the Victim; The Crime of Complicity; Duty Owed is a Legal Obligation – The Bystander's Legal Obligation; Maastricht, The Netherlands: Summer 2016; Hungary: The Ultimate Bystander? Moving Forward: The Bystander as Crime; Where Do We Go from Here? Afterword; Appendix: Book Club Questions.

Counterterrorism – Red Teaming

Natalia Wojtowicz, *Wargaming Experiences: Soldiers, Scientists and Civilians – Notes from NATO Wargame Designer* (Delft, The Netherlands: J10 Gaming, 2020), 188 pp., US \$ 39.00 [Paperback], ISBN: 978-9-0830-7010-0.

This is a highly innovative and useful account of the field of wargaming by a veteran NATO defense practitioner. The volume's first five chapters discuss the basics of wargaming, with the subsequent eleven chapters presenting the author's experiences in wargaming in areas such as Baltic states security; managing an Ebola outbreak; the battle of Mosul; managing civil preparedness in a disaster; managing the implications of the Russian poisoning of Sergei Skripal, in Salisbury, England; the critical infrastructure in the Middle East, and holding a Joint NATO cooperation exercise. The chapters' discussion is illustrated by numerous diagrams and matrices, making this a valuable teaching and reference resource for those involved in designing and organizing wargame exercises. The author is a lecturer at the Hague University of Applied Sciences in the Safety and Security Management Studies. She previously worked at NATO Headquarters in Brussels in the Defense Investment Division, after which she joined the NATO Civil-Military Cooperation Center of Excellence in the Hague.

Table of Contents: Introduction: Why Wargame?; Definition: What is a Wargame? Application: Who Wargames and Why?; Wargaming Systems Other Than War; Methodology; From a Proof-of-Concept to a Proof-of-Practice; From Cold War to Cold Peace: The Baltic Challenge; From Western Samurai to Transnistria: Masters of Liaison; From Critical Infrastructure to Critical Vulnerability: Dam in Distress; From Resilience in Slides to Resilience in Ebola Case Study: Choose Your Stakes; From Dungeons and Directors to Escape Room: A Call to Adventure; From Complex to Conscious: Mosul Battle Case Study; From Combat Readiness to Civil Preparedness: Skripal Case Study; From Collective Training to Individual Performance: Joint Cooperation 2019; From Collective Defense to Individual Decision-Maker: Faroe Islands Case Study; Experiences in Wargaming: Collection and Discussion; List of Figures; List of Tables.

Counterterrorism – Workplace Violence Prevention

Robin C. Nagele, Claire Knowles, and Richard Knowles, *Guide to Reducing the Risk of Workplace Violence...The Absolute Essentials* (St. Petersburg, FL: Nagele, Knowles and Associates, 2020), 86 pp., US \$24.95 [Paperback], ISBN: 978-0-9721-2048-7.

With numerous individuals who conduct terrorist-driven attacks also targeting co-workers, such as Major Nidal Hasan's November 2009 attack against his fellow soldiers at Fort Hood, Texas, and the radicalized husband-and-wife team who attacked the husband's co-workers at their holiday party in San Bernardino, California, in early December 2015, it is important for the counterterrorism community to be aware of workplace violence. This insightful book by veteran practitioners in preventing workplace violence is an ideal resource for gaining a better understanding. It provides essential information to enable not only workplace security departments, but

also counterterrorism practitioners to know how to develop a comprehensive workplace violence prevention program that can aid in identifying suspicious warning indicators that a susceptible employee might be on a trajectory into carrying out a violent attack against fellow employees, including for employment grievance issues that are combined with extremist ideological vengeance against one's place of employment (or former employment). The authors are principals of Nagele, Knowles and Associates, a St. Petersburg, Florida-based consultancy on workplace violence prevention.

Table of Contents: Content Statement & Testimonial; About Nagele, Knowles and Associates; Are You & Your Organization Prepared?; The Penny Metaphor; The Basics / Points to Consider; About Bullying...and About Harassment; Iceberg of Ignorance; Incivility; More on Bullying / Mobbing (because it is pervasive & hurtful); Emotional Intelligence; Speaking of H.R. (Huge Responsibilities); Leadership; Respect; More on Leadership (because is it so important / The Silver Bullet; What Does a Civil Workplace Look Like?; Preventing Sexual Harassment – It is a Big Deal!; Hidden Costs of Workplace Violence; Comprehensive Workplace Violence Program...What's Included?; Why so much Violence?; EAP – Employee Assistance Professionals & Program; Anger Management; Terminating the Contentious Individual; The Real Deal – Security Mindedness & Active Shooter Protocol; Situational Awareness; Our Offerings.

Psychology of Terrorism

Abigail R. Esman, *Rage: Narcissism, Patriarchy, and the Culture of Terrorism* (Lincoln, NE: Potomac Books/ An Imprint of the University of Nebraska Press, 2020), 264 pp., US \$ 29.95 [Hardcover], ISBN: 978-1-6401-2231-4.

This is an interesting and well written account of the connections between individuals who engage in domestic abuse – and display other psychological disorders such as narcissism – as some of the preconditions that pave the way for some of them to ultimately engage in acts of terrorism against third parties. However, without naming terrorist perpetrators who may have displayed such characteristics, because, for various reasons, the author chose not to name them, it is impossible to ascertain whether this hypothesis can be proven, as the author's reliance on what various psychologists say on this issue is interesting, but insufficient to base this argument on empirical evidence. The book also lacks an index. The New York City-based author, who has also lived in Europe, publishes extensively for various publishers, including the Investigative Project on Terrorism.

Table of Contents: Introduction; The Narcissist; The Shame and the Power; Honor Society; Empathy; The Abuser; The Abused; Terror, Honor, Violence; The Women; The Ties That Bind; Peace at Home, Peace in the World; Culture of Terrorism; Toward a Solution; Appendix A. Following the Links of Terrorism and Violence; Appendix B. Statistics; Appendix C. Violence at Home, Violence in the World.

Israel – Counterterrorism

Ophir Falk, *Targeted Killings, Law and Counter-Terrorism Effectiveness: Does Fair Play Pay Off?* (New York, NY: Routledge, 2020), 156 pp., US \$ 128.00 [Hardcover], ISBN: 978-0-3673-3926-5.

This is an important account of the application of the rule of law when it comes to the permissibility and effectiveness of governments' use of targeted killing in counter-terrorism campaigns against terrorist adversaries. Especially noteworthy is the author's basing of overall effectiveness in the employment of the tactic of targeted killings in terms of legal, moral and operational factors. An extensive academic literature on these factors informs the study's argument. To apply the author's thesis, Israel's policy of targeted killings against terrorist adversaries serves as the study's primary case study, with cases from other countries, also discussed

such as the United States' campaign of targeted assassinations in Afghanistan, Iraq, Pakistan, Yemen, and Somalia. The book's Epilogue presents an examination of the United States' targeting killing of Iranian Major General Qasem Soleimani, on January 3, 2020. Regarding the effectiveness of the use of targeted killings, the author concludes that "minimal unintended deaths is in counter-terrorism's best interest. Therefore, while the principle of proportionality complies with legal constraints, the principle of minimal unintended deaths may be of greater weight" (p. 116). Regarding the targeted killing of Soleimani, the author insightfully finds that this tactic is effective when it "sends a message," in this case to the Iranian leadership and others, that they will be held accountable "for their clandestine attacks or proxy attacks," which is part of the application of "relevant legal criteria," to let them realize that "no terrorist who serves as an imminent threat is immune to targeting" (p. 132). The book's Annex includes a valuable discussion of the strengths and weaknesses of several databases on American targeted killings. The author is an Israeli lawyer and a Research Fellow at the International Institute of Counter Terrorism (ICT) in Herzliya, Israel.

Table of Contents: Introduction; The Permissibility of Targeted Killing; Measuring the Effectiveness of Israel's Targeted Killing Campaign; Unintended Deaths and Targeted Killings' Effectiveness; Discussions and Conclusions: Does Fair Play Pay Off?; Epilogue: Targeting Soleimani; Annex: American Targeted Killing.

Shabtai Shavit, *Head of the Mossad: In Pursuit of a Safe and Secure Israel* (Notre Dame, IN: University of Notre Dame Press, 2020), 434 pp., US \$ 29.00 [Hardcover], ISBN: 978-0-2681-0833-5.

When a former head of the highly secretive Israeli Mossad publishes a political memoir it becomes a newsworthy event, making this book especially important. Following a distinguished military career in Israeli Special Operations, Mr. Shavit served as director of the Mossad from 1989 to 1996, after which he continued to play a prominent role in Israeli national security as chairman of the Institute for Counterterrorism (ICT) at the Interdisciplinary Center in Herzliya and as a business entrepreneur. He is also a prominent advocate for greater peace initiatives by the Israeli government to resolve the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. In this gripping memoir, which reads like a spy novel, Mr. Shavit writes about his role in closely witnessing the collapse of the Soviet Union and the end of the Cold War, the first Gulf War, the Oslo peace process with the Palestinians and then with Jordan, as well as the assassination of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin in November 1995. More recent events in Israeli national security are also discussed. Also valuable are the author's numerous practitioner insights on the role of intelligence in counter-terrorism, such as his observation that HUMINT (human intelligence) is "the pinnacle of the art of intelligence" because it "is the only intelligence discipline that enables us to ask questions of the source and receive answers" (p. 20), and its "potential to delve deep into the enemy's true intentions. This point deserves to be emphasized especially given today's reality, in which there is an almost religious worship of technology and a tendency to devote the lion's share of the intelligence budget to it" (p. 20).

Table of Contents: Introduction; Intelligence; Intelligence and the International Arena; Intelligence and National Security; Diplomatic Perspective; Wars; Appendix: In Memoriam.

United States – Far-Right Wing Terrorism

Sam Jackson, *Oath Keepers: Patriotism and the Edge of Violence in a Right-Wing Antigovernment Group* (New York, NY: Columbia University Press, 2020), 240 pp., US \$ 105.00 [Hardcover], US \$35.00 [Paperback], ISBN: 978-0-2311-9345-0.

This is a detailed account of the Oath Keepers far-right militant group. As the author explains, the group was formed in 2009 and gained notoriety for its resistance to government authority in the Bundy Ranch standoff of 2014 and the Malheur Refuge occupation of 2016. In terms of its size, the author estimates that it has approximately 5,000 active members, but in today's highly polarized political environment, together with other far right-wing groups, it plays an important role in these groups' violent street demonstrations. To explain the nature of the group, the author begins his discussion with a chapter on right-wing extremism in

the United States, which is followed by a detailed discussion of the Oath Keepers origins, leadership, ideology, and activities. In the conclusion, the author observes that the group's future direction will be influenced by the results of the November 2020 presidential election. "If the Democrats retake political power," he writes, "the group is likely to have more grievances to talk about that will resonate with a larger audience" (p. 124). As an empirically-based study, the book's appendices include a discussion of data and methods, as well as the group's ideological proclamation. The author is an Assistant Professor in the College of Emergency Preparedness, Homeland Security and Cybersecurity at the University at Albany.

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Arie Perliger, *American Zealots: Inside Right-Wing Domestic Terrorism* (New York, NY: Columbia University Press, 2020), 232 pp., US \$ 90.00 [Hardcover], US \$ 28.00 [Paperback], ISBN: 978-0-2311-6711-6.

This is an empirically-based examination of the phenomenon of far-right wing domestic terrorism in the United States. Although it is not a monolithic movement, with numerous groups that are not necessarily affiliated with one another, the author traces their historical roots, their ideologies, leaders, organizations, tactics, radicalization, and activities, whether on the 'ground' protests and attacks, or on the Internet, as well as trends in their violent trajectories. In general, these groups include white supremacists, such as the KKK and neo-Nazis, Christian Identity, skinheads, anti-government groups, and anti-abortion extremists. This account is based on the author's comprehensive dataset of more than 5,000 attacks and their perpetrators from 1990 through 2017, with the findings illustrated by numerous tables and graphs. To counter far-right groups, the author recommends employing "a multitude of measures on the state, communal, and individual levels" that are accompanied by "antidotes to [their] main arguments" that are effective at undermining "the credibility, popularity, and attractiveness of the far right's ideological narratives" (pp. 159-160). Since it appears that this study was written prior to President Donald Trump's accession to the presidency, and the ensuing polarization in the country that is empowering many of these groups, it would be interesting to explore if new counter-measures are now required to mitigate the threats posed by such groups. The Appendix includes a detailed account of the study's methodology and statistical results. The author is professor and director of the graduate program in security studies at the School of Criminology and Justice Studies at the University of Massachusetts, Lowell.

Table of Contents: The Challenges of Comprehending and Responding to Domestic Terrorism; An Ideological Typology of the Violent Far Right; Historical Pillars of the Violent American Far Right; Tactics of the American Far Right; the Rise and Decline of Far-Right Violence in the United States; Perpetrators of Far-Right Violence; Contemporary Discourse of the American Far Right; The Future of the Violent American Far Right; Appendix: Methodology and Statistical Results.

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