

A Taxonomy of Terrorisms

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What is Terrorism?

Violent Acts Designed to Modify the Behavior of an Opponent.

Some Famous Terrorists and Counter Terrorists

- **Francis Marion versus Banistaire Tarleton**
- **John Mosby versus George Armstrong Custer**
- **Michael Collins versus Wilson's Black and Tans**
- **Home Army (Poland) versus the Gestapo and the KGB**
- **Dzhokhar Dudayev versus *Spetznaz* General Rokhlin**

Matricizing Barely Quantitative Data



Herman Kahn 1922-1983

Categories of Terrorism

- Psychological=1
- Chemical=2
- Biological=3
- Nuclear=4
- Agricultural=5
- Conventional weapons=6

Sources of Terror

- State=1
- Separatist/Independence Group=2
- Economic Cartel=3
- Cultural and Linguistic Group=4
- Religious Group=5
- Distraught Individual (aka nutcase) = 6

Levels of Lethality

1. Nonlethal
2. Low
3. Medium
4. High
5. Massive

Complexity (Cost) Level

1. Slight
2. Low
3. Medium
4. High
5. Advanced

Threat Level

1. Slight
2. Low
3. Medium
4. **High**
5. **Imminent**

Example: Sarin Attack by al-Quaida in NY Subway

- Category = Chemical
- Source = Religious Group
- Lethality Level = 4
- Complexity Level = 3
- Threat Level = 3

Example: Aryan Nations Time Delayed Incendiary Bombs in National Forests

- Category = Agricultural
- Source = Separatist
- Level of Lethality = 1
- Complexity Level = 1
- Threat Level = 1

Example: Palestinian Rocket Attack on Commercial Airliner

- Category= Conventional Weapons
- Source =Religious/Separatist/Independence Group
- **Lethality Level = 4**
- Complexity Level = 3
- Threat Level = 1

Problems of Aggregation

- The threat level of a rocket attack from a Palestinian group may be small. However, the aggregate threat level from all potential groups is the important matter
- Consequently, simple scoring might be replaced by probabilities
- This is not easily done

Lethality Level Must Play An Important Role

- Even if it is deemed unlikely that invasion and capture of a nuclear power facility occur, the consequences are so dire that security measures must be taken
- Trying to multiply threat level by probability of occurrence is probably not a good way to decide whether measures should be taken for the threat

Allocation of Security Resources Requires Aggregation Across Sources

- **Guarding against rocket attacks from al-Quaida, Hamas, Hezbollah, al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigade, Russian Mafia, Mexican Mafia, Aryan Nations, Nuts, etc., must be pooled when considering whether to put countermeasures on aircraft**
- **Guarding against pollution of reservoir must pool across sources when deciding whether to put security system around reservoir**

Importance of Psychological Terrorism

- Acts do not produce terror unless the target population knows about them.
- Psy-ops can give the target population a feeling of insecurity
- Propaganda targeted toward potentially sympathetic subpopulations can produce sympathizers, even fifth columns

Active Psychological Terrorism Against Opponents

- Generally very ineffective in WW II.
- Ineffective in Korean Conflict
- **Effective in Indochina War Only Due to Agitprop Facilitation**

Propaganda Works Best If It Is Based On Reality

- British Class System
- Exploiter (William Joyce)



Lord Haw Haw

DVD

DIGITALLY RESTORED IN 35MM
STARRING BASIL RATHBONE AND NIGEL BRUCE



Sherlock Holmes
AND THE **VOICE of**
TERROR



WITH VILLY BRÖNNE SCREENPLAY BY LYNN RIGGS BASED ON "HIS LAST BOW" BY SIR ARTHUR CONAN DOYLE
PRODUCED BY NORRARD BENEDICT DIRECTED BY JOHN HAMILTON



Vera Lynn



Osama bin Laden appears to have no active propaganda activity targeted to the West.

Missed Opportunities for bin Laden to Take Credit

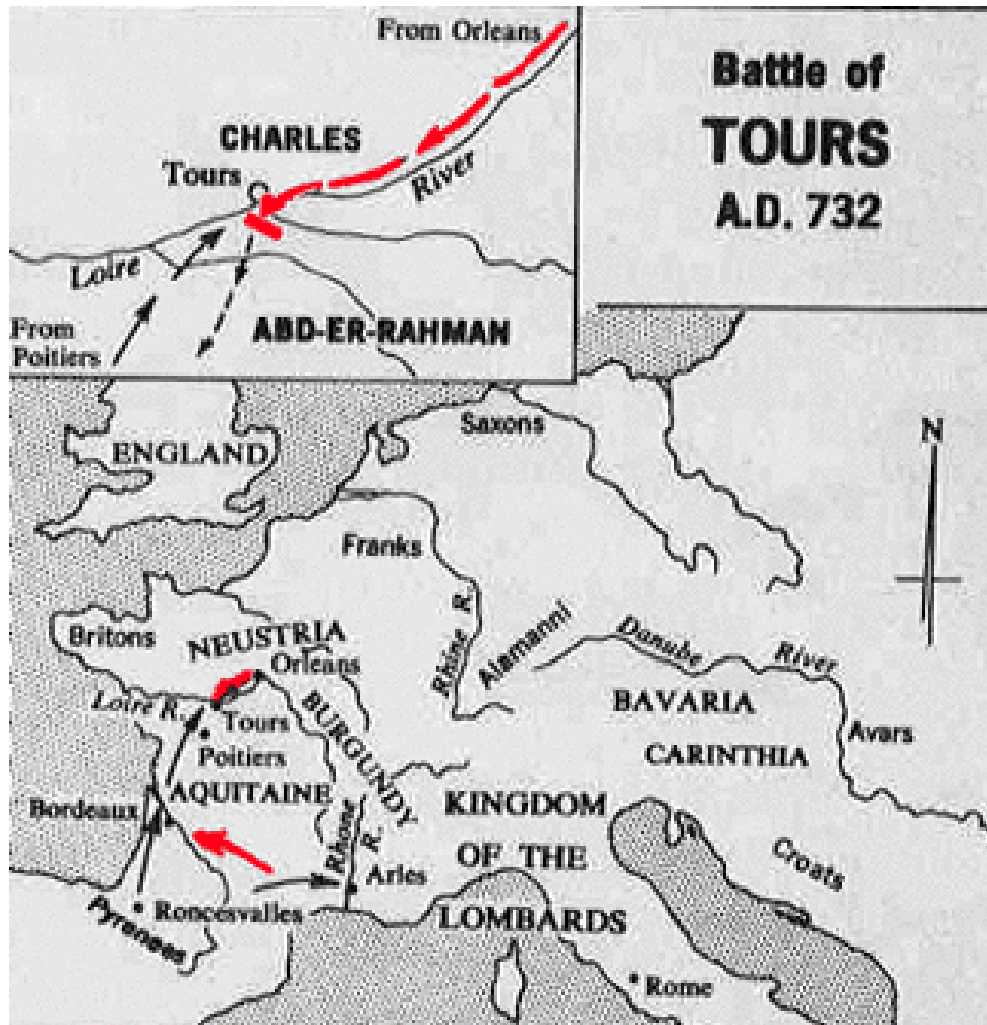
- Beltway Snipers
- LAX Gunman
- Army Fragging
- Two Major Forest Fires in 2002
- San Bernadino Fires in 2003
- West Virginia Sniper(s)
- Anthrax in Florida and in DC Area

Why No English Language Propaganda Against the U.S.A.?

- Propaganda Against Enemies Not Effective
- “Victims” Strategy Works Best With Natural Sympathizers
- Logistical Reasons
- Cultural Reasons

Some Dates in Early Islam

- 632 AD Death of the Prophet
- 636 AD Jerusalem Captured
- 640 AD Alexandria Captured
- 711 Spain falls (the Reconquest took 781 years)
- 732 Martel drives back Muslims at Tours





Battle of Lepanto, Oct 7, 1571

The First 9-11



Battle of Vienna Sept 11 1683



Battle of Vienna Sept. 12, 1683

Advantages of a Non Active Victims Strategy

- **al-Jazeera provides gateway to Arabic-speaking populations**
- **Paranoia is induced in the target population**
- **Copcats are encouraged**
- **Other terrorist organizations may be encouraged to hide under the implied al-Quaida label**

Examples of Victims Strategy

Disadvantages of *Schrecklichkeit*

- The Alamo and Goliad
- Destruction of Warsaw 1939 and 1944
- Attack on Pearl Harbor
- Bombing of Coventry
- Assorted Japanese Atrocities





Jenin after Pacification





Avoiding Fifth Columns

1. The Germans were completely ineffective in building a fifth column in the USA
2. Eisenhower and Nimitz were CICs in Europe and Pacific respectively
3. The Japanese built only an ineffective fifth column amongst the Japanese-American community
4. This was suppressed by massive overkill
5. We may be on a trajectory which could produce a fifth column in the USA

A Scenario Analogy to Understand Situation of Muslim Americans

1. Ian Paisley Becomes UK Prime Minister on Platform of Ending IRA Terrorism
2. The Irish Republic Is Invaded by UK
3. The United States President Supports the British “Crackdown on Terrorism”
4. The U.S. Provides F-16s, Blackhawks To UK
5. The US President Describes Catholicism As A “Religion of Peace”
6. Attorney General Cracks Down on Irish-American and Catholic Organizations

7. US President describes Rev. Paisley as a “man of peace”
8. Cork and Galway are bombed by UK “in retaliation for IRA attacks”
9. US President urges Irish to replace their Taoiseach (President) with a leader more acceptable to the UK

UK Builds Security Fence



Conclusions

- **Terrorism is a multivariate problem**
- **Risk should be dealt with by taking an EDA approach rather than one based on expectations**
- **Aggregation of threat levels must be addressed**
- **Counter-strategies must be developed in the light of a realistic representation of the problem**
- **Al-Quida may be using psy-ops much better than supposed. The establishment of a fifth column in the USA is a real possibility.**