

# TERRORISM AND COUNTERTERRORISM

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Terrorists are  
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Terrorism is  
increasingly  
lethal

Terrorism is  
predominantly  
anti-western

Terrorism is  
successful

# Terrorism is caused by poverty

- Mostly politicians and public figures argue that poverty is the reason of terrorism



# Why is it assumed?

- Lack of opportunities
- Anger towards people
- Blaming the government
- Grievance
- Violence as last resort to put smth on the political agenda
- Perceived correlation between poverty and terrorism

# Link between poverty and terrorism

## ❑ Umar Farouk

Abdulmatallab was a wealthy Nigerian banker and businessman



- ❑ Osama bin Laden who was a founder of Al-Qaeda was born in incredibly rich family of a billionaire construction magnate



- Ulrike Meinhof was a German left-wing militant. Her family wasn't as rich( her mother worked as teacher and father was historian) but still she didn't suffer from poverty.
- Anders Breivik, who is a Norwegian far- right terrorist, was born in the family of diplomat for the Norwegian Embassy in London



# Impact on terrorism

- Afghanistan
- Iraq
- Pakistan
- Nigeria
- Russia



These countries are the most confronted by terrorist but they are not the poorest ones in the world  
The only exception is Afghanistan

# Terrorists are crazy

- Do they suffer from psychological disorder?
- This assumption deprives us from an objective judgment
- If a terrorist suffers from any mental illness , it causes difficulties to counterterrorism
- They don't kill because they're crazy, they kill to achieve smth
- Personality disturbances are more frequent among terrorists than among normal population
- A lot of scientists consider behavior of terrorists as rational



# Terrorism is increasing lethal

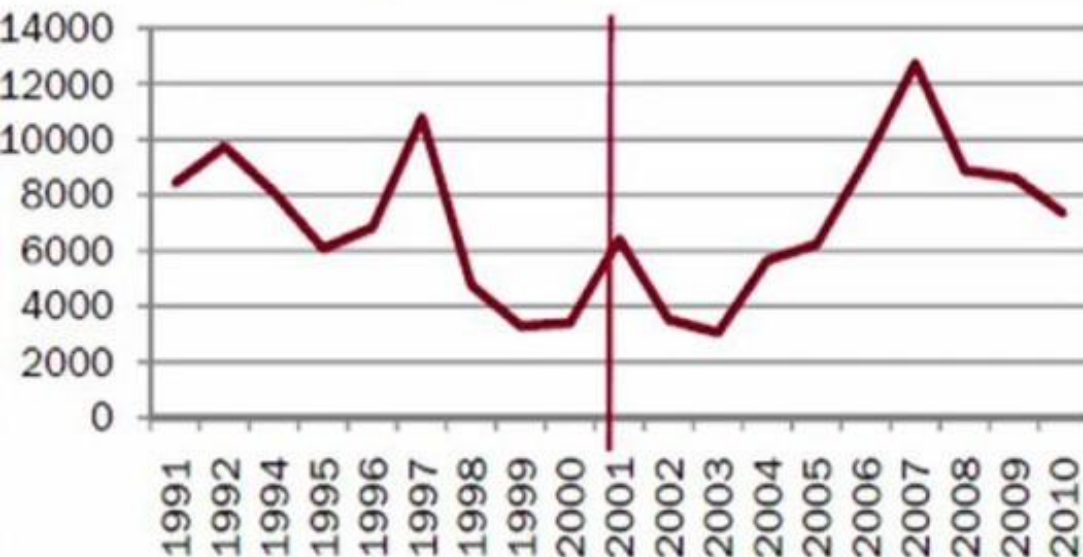


## Number of fatalities

## Number of individual attacks

- New type of terrorism(biological nuclear weapons)
- Attacks are mass
- There is no certain prognosis for future

Terrorism Fatalities Worldwide per Year,  
pre- & post-2001



# Terrorism is predominately anti-western



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# Terrorism is successful

- Depends on criteria of success
- 1. Does terrorism create attention and cause fear?
- 2. Do terrorist achieve their political goals?

# Al-Qaeda`s goals:

- Establishment of a pan- Islamic caliphate
- Overthrow of non- Islamic regimes
- Expulsion of foreigners from Muslim countries and killing of Jews , Americans and other «infidels»

# Terrorism in Headlines

