Human Rights and the War on Terror

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War rarely is good for human rights. The decision of the United States to launch a “global war on terror” in response to the suicide airplane bombings in New York and Washington has had predictably negative human rights consequences. In combating a tiny network of violent political extremists, human rights have in various ways, both intentional and unintentional, been restricted, infringed, violated, ignored, and trampled in many countries, sometimes severely.

Civil liberties have been restricted in numerous countries. We document this in both Europe and the United States. For the U.S., we consider not only the USA Patriot Act but also the rights of detainees.

Forces of repression have been emboldened by this new global context. The language of anti-terrorism has been used to smear, and justify violating the rights of, ordinary political opponents. In addition, intensified efforts directed against real terrorists have, as in Chechnya, increased the suffering of innocent civilians. The problems have been exacerbated by the increased tolerance shown by Western states, particularly the United States, for repression by regimes that are “partners” in the war on terrorism. Pakistan and Uzbekistan are striking examples.

There have been some positive human rights consequences. Afghanistan has been freed from Taliban rule. The ongoing processes of conflict resolution in Sri Lanka has been strengthened. Pakistani support for Kashmiri terrorists has been constrained. Most often, however, and on balance, the global war on terror has harmed human rights.

Like the other HRHW Research Digests, this bibliography offers an introduction to a rapidly growing literature rather than a comprehensive assessment. Our goals are to guide those embarking on research and to offer a general sense of the principal issues considered in the available literature. Within each topic we have emphasized careful selection and annotation rather than completeness.

We have chosen cases that range across Asia, Africa, Europe, and the Americas. We cover most of the countries that have received the greatest attention in public and policy debates in the United States. But others might easily have been selected. For example, the Caucasus region is represented by Georgia and Central Asia by Uzbekistan. Indonesia, Syria, Saudi Arabia, and Peru are among the more obvious cases that might have been included in a more comprehensive effort.

The absence of a section on Iraq perhaps requires explicit explanation. Practically, this is a bibliography, and there simply isn’t yet enough non-journalistic literature to be reviewed. Furthermore, the situation is so fluid that we feared whatever was done would very soon be outdated. Substantively, there is no way to address the issue without getting into complex and highly controversial, even partisan, issues of American foreign policy and a war in Iraq that in its genesis had no connection at all with terrorism. This would have required human resources well beyond
those available for this project. It would also have resulted in a section that was wildly out of balance with the others.

The navigation bar to the left is generally self-explanatory. Three headings, however, merit comment.

Within “Europe,” we consider not only the general issue of civil liberties and the particular issues of religious liberty and xenophobia, but three countries that have long struggled with internal separatist terrorists, namely, Spain, Turkey, and the United Kingdom.

The U.S. foreign policy section includes separate subsections that address the role of oil and other narrow national interests, the choice of military and non-military means, and the doctrine of preventive war, in addition to the issues of rights-abusive allies and detainees already noted above.

Finally, we offer a Background section that covers the more general literature on terrorism, the national and international legal background, and reports of a general or comparative nature from both governments and non-governmental groups.

In literally dozens of countries, the war on terror has dramatically transformed the context of the struggle for human rights. This bibliography aims to improve understanding of the nature and consequences of these transformations.

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Background for The “War on Terror”

September 11 changed the United States’ understanding of terrorism. Prior to these attacks, Americans typically viewed terrorist events and actors through the lens of foreign affairs, quite removed from “everyday” concerns. Terrorist events involving Americans did occur, occasionally on American soil, but a sense of American invulnerability never truly wavered. September 11 challenged this presumption; as well as perspectives on the history of terrorism, compelling some to reexamine past events in order to find portents of the future tragedy.

A look at the development of the literature on terrorism beginning in the early 1980’s until now reveals some cognitive dissonance. In introducing this material, it is not my intention to explain terrorism or define terrorism in this section. In fact, it is the very definition of terrorism is challenged by the assortment of initiatives collected under the title of the American War on Terror. Prior to September 11, “terrorism” was understood more broadly by more people. Although a single definition has never been uniformly applied, hence the inclusion in this digest of such organizations as the IRA and PLO, and the absence of certain other frequently, though reckless labeled as terrorist. I will presume that the “terror” is primarily associated with topics associated with the War on Terror. The history sections are particularly honest to this conviction, though they also point to some areas that are neglected by the current paradigm.

The History component is divided into two sections, prior to and after 2002. Sources are mostly limited to books, as they provide a more expansive treatment of topics than would typically be found in articles.

The Reports section provides reports from government agencies, non-governmental organizations and think tanks. The reports present a diversity of opinion and differing recommendations on how best to confront terrorism. Sources date from 1979 onwards, the year of the Iran Hostage crisis, a clearly identifiable point in time in which Americans were confronted by a terrorist act.

The section on Law presents laws passed within the United States and the United Kingdom, as well as United Nations Conventions and NATO Plans intended to address and deter terrorism. Additional sources analyze how international laws and legal cooperation among nations help fight terrorism.

General Background: Pre-2001

This section focuses on literature written before 2001. The section on the Periphery of Terror focuses principally on terrorist activity outside the purview of the Bush administration’s War on Terror. The section on the Roots of September 11 is concerned with how terrorism has become of special interest to the West. The section on Technology discusses its role in dealing with terrorism.

Periphery of Terror

Many subjects are addressed by the authors in this collection, including corporate and executive targets; medical preparedness; and responses to terrorist events by airlines, banks and insurance companies. Also includes a chronology of transnational terrorist attacks on American business people.


Authors in this collection look at the conflict of Northern Ireland through the lens of terrorism. Chapters discuss the roles of the international community and the Catholic Church, with special focus on both the IRA and Ulster Loyalists.


A collection of essays with chapters providing reviews of two European terrorist groups, evaluating the implications of historical terrorist activity on Europe’s future. The authors suggest tools for combating terrorism in consideration of European integration and more fluid borders.


ABSTRACT: From the Ku Klux Klan to Aryan Nations, the groups profiled in this fascinating, frightening book are organized, armed and growing. Written with the complete cooperation of the leaders of these revolutionary groups, Soldiers of God is the first book to let these masterminds of hatred speak their minds in their own words. Through interviews and documents, the authors weave the views of this expanding underground movement within the context of modern America to help us comprehend these forces at work against our nation - from within.


Dempsey argues that the FBI’s response to terrorist threats has systematically infringed on the First Amendment and other constitutional principles. He looks at specific FBI investigations and
presents developments since the passing of the 1996 Antiterrorism Act as disturbing. See also the section on the Patriot Act.


A short account of rape as weapon in war and armed conflicts. The author discusses the deliberate choice by governments and militias to use women as surrogates to perpetuate physical and psychological harm on an entire group as a form of terror.

Peter Hamilton. 1979. Espionage, Terrorism and Subversion: An Examination and a Philosophy of Defence for Management. Leatherhead: Peter A. Heims Ltd.


Provides specific case examples from the United States, the United Kingdom and Ireland on topics related to terrorism such as membership in proscribed organizations, surveillance, interrogation, detention and use of the military.


ABSTRACT: Americans and Europeans are divided over designing and carrying out policies toward countries that repress human rights, develop WMDs, and/or support terrorism. This divide occurs over profound disagreements over which foreign policy tools - sanctions, engagement, military force - to employ to change the behavior of problem countries. “Problem” countries selected for treatment in this study are Cuba, Iran, Iraq, Libya and Nigeria.

Roots of September 11


ABSTRACT: Harclerode provides a chronological history of major terrorist actions over the last thirty years and shows how countries under threat responded with the formation of counter-terrorist units within their Special Forces. He explains how Special Forces are organized, armed, trained and deployed.


Authors in this collection focus on the relationship between violence and religion. Authors put the topic in a legal framework, asking if terrorists have rights and whether the laws of war can be effective in addressing terrorist acts.


The writers in this collection wrestle with the tension between the media’s freedom to disseminate information, the public’s right to know, and the need of governments and security forces to contain terrorism. The book looks at three particular media environments: the US, UK and Europe.


ABSTRACT: Leeman analyzes the possible discursive responses to terrorism, prescribing “democratic rhetoric” as the most strategic counterterrorist response available. He examines counterterrorism as a response to terrorism, considering each side as one-half of a dialogue. Given the inherently anti-democratic nature of terrorist discourse, he hypothesizes that the best discursive strategy is to shift the dialogue by using democratic rhetoric.


This collection provides a brief analysis of the problems confronting law enforcement, the legal system and the media when dealing with terrorism. Two chapters pay particular attention to hostages: one on the hostage-taking in Iran in 1979 and the other on how the right to free press may impede on the safety of hostages.


This group of essays is intended to provide various perspectives on the relationship between the media and terrorism. Chapters present the views of researchers, governments, broadcasting agencies and memoirs and interviews with terrorists themselves.


Technology


A collection of essays providing multiple viewpoints on the concept of terror. Authors represent different understandings of the definition of terrorism, some arguing that acts of terrorism can be justified according to context, as well as state sponsorship of terrorists.


The authors in this collection consider the links between terrorism and energy sources, including threats to the U.S. energy industry. They cite attacks which have already taken place against pipelines and electric facilities and conclude with a section on policy suggestions.


ABSTRACT: Examines the history and development of chemical and biological weapons and discusses their proliferation, association with terrorism, and efforts to control their use.

This book provides writings on biological, chemical and nuclear threats as well as weapons of mass destruction. The collection includes a chapter on the connection between religion and terror as well a section on containing Iraq.


Stern considers the increasing likelihood of the use of weapons of mass destruction being used by terrorists. She provides a section on state terrorism that includes a discussion on Iraq’s WMD program and the after-affects of the first Gulf War.

**General: 2001-2004**

This section represents recent work on terrorism. These works are particularly informed by the new American policy position in this area. Literature has generally grouped in the following areas: Religion, Counterterrorism, History and Analysis of Terrorism, and September 11.

**Religion**


Bukay discusses contemporary Islamic fundamentalism displayed today as a relatively new phenomenon. He argues that this form of fundamentalism, more aggressive and violent, poses the greatest existing threat to modern society.


**ABSTRACT:** In order to properly comprehend September 11, one needs an elementary knowledge of Islam. Hiro provides historical information as well as an understanding of Islamic fundamentalism as an ideology both of resistance and of governance. He also discusses events in Afghanistan and on 9/11.


**Counterterrorism**


**ABSTRACT:** The essays in this collection offer a unique overview and evaluation of the counterterrorism policies of ten countries, including the United States, United Kingdom, Israel and Turkey. Each country section concludes with a post-September 11 assessment of current counterterrorist practices.

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Frederick H. Gareau. 2004. State Terrorism and the United States: From Counterinsurgency to the
gov/catdir/toc/ecip047/2003017816. html].


Nacos provides a comprehensive examination of the media coverage of September 11, and
considers how terrorists manipulate the media to their advantage. She concludes with
recommendations for effective and ethical news coverage of terrorist events.


O’Sullivan briefly examines the historical use of sanctions, and gives historical context for the
relative effectiveness of sanctions. She compares sanctions with other strategies in four cases:
Iran, Iraq, Libya and Sudan.

Thomas Powers. 2002. **Intelligence Wars: American Secret History from Hitler to Al-Qaeda.** New

This collection of essays addresses the role of U.S. intelligence organizations in foreign affairs.
Content begins on the eve of World War II and continues to the present day, including two
eSSays questioning the capacity of the CIA and the FBI to respond to new terrorist threats.


*History and Analysis of Terrorism*


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Carr provides examples of terrorism defined as war through history, tracing this phenomena back to the Roman Empire. The author argues that warfare against civilians should never be reciprocated in kind and suggests preemptive military offensives as a solution to all terrorist threats.


Coulter, a prominent author in the American conservative movement, examines foreign policy issues from the Cold War to the present terrorist threat, arguing that American liberal attitudes have consistently undermined U.S. interests and security.


Davies begins with a review of the history of modern terrorism and terrorist organizations, focusing heavily on the PLO and the IRA, with mention of Al-Qaeda. The book provides global examples of terrorist events and counter-terrorist actions.


Kronenwetter provides much material for further research on terrorism, including a selection of terrorists groups, a chronology of events and a selected bibliography. His book also contains interesting documents such as an apology from the IRA and a summary from the trial of Zacarias Moussaoui, the “20th hijacker”.


ABSTRACT: Examine the trials of Mahmoud Abouhalima, Ramzi Yousef, Mohammad Salameh, Sheik Omar Abdel-Rahman, and others for their roles in the 1993 bombing of the World Trade Center.


This short history looks out from a U.S. government perspective and places a heavy emphasis on Islamic manifestations of terrorism, looking at particular leaders such as Qaddafi and Osama bin Laden. Piszkiewicz provides an edited list of terrorist organizations as defined by the U.S. Department of State.


September 11


Written by a retired U.S. Army colonel, this book provides descriptive accounts of military actions followed by examples of military technology and tools. It also addresses such issues as money laundering and the media, concluding with high-tech solutions to warfare such as weather modification, antigravity physics and human psychokinesis.


The authors give a comprehensive overall look and brief treatments of the multiple business sectors both detrimentally affected and helped, by 9/11. These areas include insurance, real estate, transportation, security products and services. New employment opportunities are also discussed.


ABSTRACT: Provides a recent history of the FBI’s investigation of first amendment activities, discusses the limits of legal restrictions on the FBI’s authority, and argues that the 1996 and 2001 Antiterrorism Acts curtail civil liberties in the name of fighting terrorism.


Written in part by a former U.S. Assistant Secretary of Defense, this book provides a particular viewpoint on how to win the war on terror. With a heavy emphasis on Islamic threats, the authors identify U.S. enemies and offer advice on how to fight these enemies and promote democracy.


Argues that the Bush administration uses the war on terror to solidify its political base, manipulate public perceptions of a terrorist threat, and to justify the necessity of conservative social and economic agendas.

ABSTRACT: Schulz argues the Bush administration’s War on Terror has prioritized security at the expense of human rights. He explores America’s historically ambivalent response and disregard for human rights and theorizes that greater respect for these rights will ultimately help win the war on terror.


Laws


A selective listing of portions of the United States Code, highlighting the titles and chapters that relate to terrorist activities.


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This collection is edited by the Egyptian lawyer who led the first revolt against the British occupation. Bassiouni contributes three of the chapters in a book which considers national liberation movements, extradition and the formation of an International Criminal Court.


This Act makes specific provisions for dealing with issues of terrorism. It includes sections on terrorist property, outlining conditions for the exposure and seizure of terrorist forms of financing. It also expounds upon counter-terrorist activities, making exceptional, temporary provision for Northern Ireland around the prosecution and punishment of particular offences.


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Addresses the tensions between state sovereignty and international law. Topics addressed include: human rights and humanitarian law; the International Criminal Court; the individual in national law; and a feminist perspective.


This web site includes a full listing of the relevant conventions of terrorism proposed by the United Nations. It includes earlier conventions dealing with the protection of diplomats and the taking of hostages, as well as recent documents addressing terrorist financing and the protection of nuclear material.


Passed in response to terrorist attacks in Oklahoma City and the World Trade Center in 1993, this Act restricts prisoners’ rights of habeas corpus, a primary method for challenging state-imposed death sentences. It also encourages immigration policies to deter “alien terrorists”, including allowances to narrow asylum provisions and expedite deportation of criminal aliens.


The purpose of this act is to improve the ability of the United States to prevent, prepare for, and respond to bioterrorism and other public health emergencies.


This Act implements the International Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Bombings to strengthen criminal laws relating to attacks on places of public use as well as the International Convention of the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism to combat terrorism and defend the Nation against terrorist acts, and for other purposes.


Reports


Responds to President Bush’s order that non-citizens would be subject to detention and trial by military authorities. It notes the U.S.’s responsibilities as a signatory to the Convention on Civil and Political Rights and the historical justification for using military commissions. The report concludes that trials should be limited in scope and “full and fair”.


This report reviews the challenges confronted by the international human rights movement in 2003. It looks in part at the War on Terror and resulting violations of human rights standards such as unlawful detentions, unfair trials and torture. It reflects upon the UN’s crisis of legitimacy and documents the human rights situation in 155 countries and territories.


Afghanistan
by Greg Sanders

Introduction

After September 11, Afghanistan became the first battleground of the War on Terror when the Taliban government refused to turn over Osama Bin Laden and other Al Qaeda members. Human rights concerns about these events fall in two areas. First, did the United States violate human rights when it launched Operation Enduring Freedom to overthrow the Taliban and during the subsequent occupation? Second, have the occupation forces and new regime of under the leadership of Hamid Karzai done enough to improve the previously miserable human rights situation in Afghanistan?

Choice of War

The United States invoked the right to self-defense described in the U.N. Charter as a justification for going to war with Afghanistan under the leadership of the Taliban. Specifically, the U.S. accused the Taliban of “harboring” Al Qaeda and Osama Bin Laden, who it held responsible for the 9/11 attacks. While the U.S. did win some general support in the U.N. Security Council, none of these votes explicitly authorized the war in Afghanistan.

War on Terrorism


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ABSTRACT: Looks at the U.S. military and foreign policy in the era of terrorism, under the administration of President George W. Bush. Legal justifications for intervening in Afghanistan; Self-defense against terrorism and the weapons of mass destruction; Attitude of the government toward international law.


ABSTRACT: Since September 11, 2001, international policy attention has been captured by the response to global terrorism and case for preemption against countries believed to be irresponsibly acquiring weapons of mass destruction. These issues, however, are conceptually and practically distinct. What is involved in the debates about intervention in Afghanistan, Iraq, and elsewhere is the scope and limits of countries’ rights to act in self-defense. If the international community is to respond to this challenge, the issue must be reframed, not as an argument about the right to intervene but about the responsibility to protect. At the heart of this conceptual approach is a shift in thinking about the essence of sovereignty, from control to responsibility. Of the precautionary principles needed to justify intervention, the first is ‘right intention.’ The second is ‘last resort.’ The third is ‘proportional means.’ Finally, there is the principle of ‘reasonable prospects.’ The most difficult and controversial principle to apply is that of ‘right authority.’ It is the responsibility of the whole international community to ensure that the mistakes of the 1990s will not be repeated. A good place to start would be agreement by the United Nations (UN) Security Council to systematically apply the principles set out here to any such case.

Suggestions for rules of intervention in both humanitarian and to a lesser degree self-defense cases. Suggests reframing from the right to intervene to the responsibility to protect, analyzes possible criteria from a just war perspective. Only addresses Afghanistan in passing.


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Questions possible repercussions of manner in which war on terrorism is waged. Argues Afghan invasion was justified, but rationale used risks a too broad definition of self-defense. Also briefly discusses the manner of

Characterizes terrorism as one of the greatest threats we face. Discusses current state of international law and U.N. resolutions regarding state obligations regarding terrorists in their territories. Concludes that self-defense does allow military intervention, including anticipatory intervention, when states fail to meet their obligations regarding terrorists groups.


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An overview of the international law regarding the legality of the invasion of Afghanistan and the manner in which it was fought. While sympathetic to the difficulties of fighting terrorists, it does go into detail on civilian casualties and whether specific attacks and weapon choices were justifiable.


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Discussion of U.S. justification of invasion and treatment of prisoners, largely skims over conduct of the war. Explores legal status of the 9/11 attacks and supports the legal basis of the U.S. justification for invasion. Concludes some prisoners may not achieve POW status, but non-POW customary humanitarian law still applies to them.

Emanuel Gross. 2003. “The Laws of War Waged between Democratic States and Terrorist Organizations: Real or Illusive?” Florida Journal of International Law. 15(389. PG NUMBERS?? Questions if old rules of war are applicable to the new war on terror. Covers in detail law involving justifications for war against terrorist groups, alternatives to war, how the war may be fought, and anti-terror laws. Concludes current system is inadequate and outlines a new convention for fighting terrorism.


ABSTRACT: The responsibility to protect needs adjustment in the light of the increasing demands on resources associated with the threat of terrorism. Humanitarian efforts that are not immediately connected with national
interests could be regarded as a diversion from pressing new security challenges. In addition, attacks on humanitarian personnel in Afghanistan and especially in Iraq have raised the stakes for the civilian purveyors of aid. The commission’s report argued that the relationship between sovereignty and intervention was complementary rather than contradictory. Sovereignty was conceived as a conditional right dependent upon respect for a minimum standard of human rights and upon each state’s honouring its obligation to protect its citizens.


ABSTRACT: The perception of initial success in the ‘war against terrorism’ appears to strengthen a general re-legitimation of war in Western society that has been gathering pace over the last two decades. This article considers the war in Afghanistan as the latest example of the new Western way of war, and analyses its casualties compared with previous campaigns in the Gulf and Kosovo. It identifies the new type as ‘risk-transfer war’, a central feature of which is a ‘militarism of small massacres’. This new type thus offers only a partial answer to the problems, for the legitimacy of warfare, caused by the systematic targeting of civilians in earlier ‘degenerate war’. Despite a closer approximation to ‘just war’ criteria, inequalities of risk between Western military personnel and civilians in the zone of war revive the question of legitimacy in a new form. The article suggests that in our concern for relatively small numbers of civilian casualties, we may be applying to war those standards from which it has historically been exempt. In this context the contradictions of the new Western way of war reinforce a ‘historical pacifist’ position towards the legitimacy of warfare.

International Law


Argues that international law has biases in favor of the hegemon. Explores self-defense justification for invading Afghanistan among other cases. Suggest that post-9/11 Security Council actions strengthening the U.S. case resulted from the U.S. ’s status as hegemon. Focuses solely on hegemonic international law, does not seek to address the merits of the ruling.


Discussion of Article 2(4) of the U.N. charter which forbids the threat or use of force without U.N. approval. The U.S. avoided this requirement by invoking the right of self-defense. Reviews debate of the strength and relevance of article 2(4). Suggests steps for improvements to current system rather than sole reliance on self-defense justification.


Collection of essays that analyze the war on terrorism. Most essays do not address both Afghanistan and human rights in detail. “Who may we bomb” argues that active civilian
supporters of rogue regimes are legitimate targets and that Operation “Enduring Freedom” correctly balanced targeting of the Taliban and the people of Afghanistan. “Upholding International Legality Against Islamic and American Jihad” describes the invasion of Afghanistan as the failure of international legal system. Calls for treating 9/11 attacks as international crimes and the conflict with the Taliban as one over extradition.


Book review that summarizes the arguments continued relevance of international law and concludes that nations consistently try to justify their wars in the language of the U.N. charter. Concludes the laws still apply, but are violated at times and criticizes aspects of current system. Applies the book’s argument to Afghanistan and finds in weakly supportive.


Discussion of international law relating to “rogue regimes” in the context of focusing on individuals rather than states. Compares utility of military force versus an international justice system. Considers whether the Taliban “harbored” Al Qaeda or if Al Qaeda “hijacked” the Taliban and what this means from a legal perspective.


Explores the state of international law and its humanitarian implications after 9/11. Often technical relevant essays tend to concentrate on larger principles rather than the specifics of Afghanistan. “Degradation of International Law” Argues that international law has ceased to curb Western exercises of power, but instead is used to justify them. “Postmodern Just Wars: Kosovo, Afghanistan, and the New World Order” critically examines the implications of humanitarian justifications for war on what qualifies as a just war.


2004 condemnation of U.S. arrest and detention policies in Afghanistan. Criticizes treatment of the thousand plus detainees for both military and criminal reasons. Accuses use of excessive force, abuses by allies, the means of detentions, the lack of transparency and due processes. Provides in depth discussion of specific alleged incidences of abuses.
Humanitarian Intervention


ABSTRACT: Focuses on the impact of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks on the democracy in Afghanistan. Tranquility of the advanced democracies; Decline of governments and market systems; Occurrence of gaps in the state of freedom.


ABSTRACT: This article, having established that the United States’ military offensive, in Afghanistan, instigated in response to the terrorist attacks of September 11th, constitutes an international armed conflict for the purposes of the application of international humanitarian law, focuses on the actions taken by the United States authorities in relation to those captured during the conflict in Afghanistan. The article considers the status determination of these captives, the conditions of their transfer to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and their subsequent confinement there, and finally the legal remedies that are available to the captives pursuant to their detention. On all of these counts the article queries the extent to which the rules of international humanitarian law are being violated, as well as noting the relevant infringements of human rights law that are occurring.


Explores interaction of human rights law (typically applied to internal conflicts) and international humanitarian law (typically applied to interstate conflicts) regarding war. Discusses both, their strengths, and their common elements in detail. Calls for reconciling the two codes where they overlap. Afghanistan receives fairly little attention.

Civilian Casualties

The U.S. repeatedly emphasized that “Operation Enduring Freedom” targeted the Taliban and not the people of Afghanistan. However, the methods the U.S. chose were not immune to criticisms about civilian casualties. The articles in this section ask whether the U.S. fought “Enduring Freedom” according to variable standards of morality, and if that variation is justifiable.
**Cluster Bombs**


**ABSTRACT:** Discusses the protests of leading anti-land mine groups against the use of cluster bombs by the United States in Afghanistan. View that children in Afghanistan will mistake the bombs for food packets, which have also been dropped by U.S. forces; U.S. radio broadcasts which warn of the differences between food and unexploded bombs; Pressure groups, including the British Red Cross, Landmine Action, Human Rights Watch, the Diana Princess of Wales Memorial Fund, and Mennonite Central Committee.

Short critique of use of cluster bombs which leave unexploded brightly colored ordinance packages. These packets can be attractive to children and be confused with aid packets. In addition 10% to 30% of the bomb packets remain making a mind-field. Some statistics on use and civilian casualties.


**ABSTRACT:** Discusses how the bombing campaign of the U.S. and its allies resulted in thousands of civilian deaths during their military actions against the Taliban in Afghanistan. Environmental pollution with cluster bombs and depleted uranium; Destruction of homes, utilities and infrastructures; Comparison with the victims of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks in the U.S.

This article criticizes the use of air strikes in Afghanistan, arguing that civilians were killed to lessen risks to U.S. soldiers. The focus is on the bombing strategy and exploring the direct and indirect impact of each target type. There is no discussion of consequences of alternate war strategies.

**Lives of Soldiers and the Lives of Civilians**


Collection of essays that analyze the war on terrorism. Most essays do not address both Afghanistan and human rights in detail. “Who may we bomb” argues that active civilian supporters of rogue regimes are legitimate targets and that Operation “Enduring Freedom” correctly balanced targeting of the Taliban and the people of Afghanistan. “Upholding International Legality Against Islamic and American Jihad” describes the invasion of Afghanistan as the failure of international legal system. Calls for treating 9/11 attacks as international crimes and the conflict with the Taliban as one over extradition.


**ABSTRACT:** The terrorist attacks of 11 September 2001 and the U.S. response have been widely described as heralding a new kind of war. For over a decade previous to 11 September, however, a body of literature had
developed arguing that during the 1990s a new kind of warfare had begun to emerge for the West. This article examines whether 11 September and its immediate aftermath—the U.S. campaign in Afghanistan—confirmed these trends, or whether it really did constitute a different kind of war. It does so through a four-part framework: that during the 1990s wars were localised; that the enemy was not a state but a regime or individual leader; that civilian deaths should be minimised; and that wars were fought on behalf of the West by professionals, but that the risks to these forces should also be minimised.

Analysis of whether 9/11 changed the post–Cold war way of fighting limited wars which empathize with the enemy. Gives military history of invasion. Concludes that Afghanistan fits this model, particularly rhetorically, although use of Northern Alliance, faulty intelligence, and less precise munitions than were used in Kosovo may have increased casualties.


ABSTRACT: Focuses on an appropriate response to the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks in the U.S. Importance of the need for action to reduce the incidence of terrorist attacks; Goal of the U.S. –led war in Afghanistan; Information on the moral, legal and political challenges associated with the war against terrorism.

Questions possible repercussions of manner in which war on terrorism is waged. Argues Afghan invasion was justified, but rationale used risks a too broad definition of self-defense. Also briefly discusses the manner of fighting, raising concerns about decisions regarding pilots, media coverage, and the lack of restraints placed on allies.


ABSTRACT: Analyzes the issues surrounding the legality of attacks by the International Coalition against Terrorism against Al-Qaeda and the Taliban in Afghanistan. Existence of the right to self-defense; concept of terrorism and its relationship with war; individual and collective self-defense in customary law.

An overview of the international law regarding the legality of the invasion of Afghanistan and the manner in which it was fought. While sympathetic to the difficulties of fighting terrorists, it does go into detail on civilian casualties and whether specific attacks and weapon choices were justifiable.


Questions if old rules of war are applicable to the new war on terror. Covers in detail law involving justifications for war against terrorist groups, alternatives to war, how the war may be fought, and anti-terror laws. Concludes current system is inadequate and outlines a new convention for fighting terrorism.


Discussion of the dilemma of striking at terrorists who locate themselves in civilian population centers. Lucidly cites relevant international law and moral thought. Argues that restraint must
still be shown but that a balance can be made between risks to soldiers and risks to civilians. Concentrates on Israel but does also briefly apply arguments to Afghanistan.


ABSTRACT: The perception of initial success in the ‘war against terrorism’ appears to strengthen a general re-legitimation of war in Western society that has been gathering pace over the last two decades. This article considers the war in Afghanistan as the latest example of the new Western way of war, and analyses its casualties compared with previous campaigns in the Gulf and Kosovo. It identifies the new type as ‘risk-transfer war’, a central feature of which is a ‘militarism of small massacres’. This new type thus offers only a partial answer to the problems, for the legitimacy of warfare, caused by the systematic targeting of civilians in earlier ‘degenerate war’. Despite a closer approximation to ‘just war’ criteria, inequalities of risk between Western military personnel and civilians in the zone of war revive the question of legitimacy in a new form. The article suggests that in our concern for relatively small numbers of civilian casualties, we may be applying to war those standards from which it has historically been exempt. In this context the contradictions of the new Western way of war reinforce a ‘historical pacifist’ position towards the legitimacy of warfare.

“Just War”


ABSTRACT: This article focuses on the moral discourses of strategic violence after the September 11 terrorist attack. For those who assume that the application of morality to foreign policy or war-making implies a radical critique of strategic violence—one that seeks to abolish it or at least to control its use—it may be surprising that moral convictions can be placed in its service. Death can be commuted not only through technological distancing media spin and military jargon, but also in theory which works to control its ethical disturbance through the creation of abstract moral and political rules that claim to fix truth, enable justice and provide a sure guide for policy.

Critiques “just war” theories used to justify and advocate for wars. Reviews and critiques writers Walzer and Ellstein. Suggests “ethical peace” as a better alternative. Specifics in Afghanistan and Iraq are used to criticize morality of the wars and to argue that “just war” theory facilitates some of these violations.


ABSTRACT: Debates whether the war on terrorism in Afghanistan was a just war. Legitimate reasons for an aggressive war, including self-defence against an aggressor and humanitarian intervention against a sovereign state; Support of the international community for the war on terrorism; How intention to remove the threat of international terrorism led to action against al-Qaeda.

Analyzes whether the choice to invade Afghanistan meets just war criteria. Concludes after discussing each criteria that the just war standards are unhelpfully vague and subjective. Criticizes U.S. conduct in the war as falling short of humanitarian law on the subject. Succinct and understandable but not particularly detailed.

ABSTRACT: This article examines what moral theories are available to justify the harming of the innocent in war. Focusing on U.S. conduct of the war against the Taliban and al-Qaeda, the article examines how far the U.S. is responsible for the deaths of Afghan civilians. Although U.S. actions have been justified in terms of respect for the Just War principle of non-combatant immunity, the article shows how this principle rested uneasily with alternative moral theories of war that influenced the process of target selection. These are the realist doctrine of necessity in war and Michael Walzer’s theories of ‘supreme emergency’ and ‘war is hell’. Just War theory, realism and ‘supreme emergency’ acknowledge moral responsibility for a state’s conduct of war. But the doctrine that ‘war is hell’ seeks to transfer any responsibility for the cruelty of war to the enemy. The article argues that, whilst the Taliban and al-Qaeda are responsible for exposing Afghan civilians to U.S. attacks, this does not absolve U.S. political and military leaders of responsibility for their conduct of the war.


ABSTRACT: Focuses on the humanitarian cause of the U.S. war in Iraq in 2003. Point of difference between the Iraq war and civil wars of 1990s; Intent and scale of atrocities perpetrated against civilians in several wars; Efforts of the United Nations to address the question of civilian protection; Reasons for the need of civilian protection in wars.

Northern Alliance


ABSTRACT: Discusses how advances by the Northern Alliance against the Taliban in Afghanistan are causing concern among international human-rights groups due to involvement in human rights abuses in the Afghan civil war; Accusations by Physicians for Human Rights (PHR) against the Northern Alliance; Opposition by the Pakistan Medical Association (PMA) to invasion.

Conflict Justice

Substantial controversy has surrounded the question of how Taliban and Al Qaeda prisoners should be treated after they have been captured or have surrendered. The U.S. decided that Taliban and Al Qaeda fighters were unlawful combatants and thus not subject to the Geneva Convention’s prisoner of war (P. O. W) protections. These fighters were imprisoned at the U.S. military base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. The U.S. also claimed that the U.S. President had the right to determine the status of prisoners, and that prisoners had limited, if any, rights to challenge that classification. The U.S. determined that any alleged terrorists would be tried before U.S. military tribunals.

In response to international outcry the U.S. adjusted its position by saying that prisoners would receive almost all of the P. O. W. protections, but would still be subjected to controversial forms of detention and interrogation. All the articles in this section focus primarily on Afghan detainees.
Additional information is available about issues surrounding legal issues and treatment of U.S. prisoners at Guantanamo Bay (see in particular the sections on U.S. Foreign Policy and the Patriot Act).

Lawful Combatants


Fairly technical exploration of whether Taliban and Al Qaeda fights merit prisoner of war status. Argues that while both the Taliban and Al Qaeda have committed atrocities this does not apply to the status of their fighters who largely fought in a conventional manner. Concludes that neither should be denied Geneva protections.


Explores the meaning of “unlawful combatants,” soldiers that fail to follow the rules of war. Argues that unlawful combatants caught outside of the battlefield are entitled to protection, but that those caught on the battlefield are not. Critiques those who disagree with a discussion of the drafting of the Geneva accords.


ABSTRACT: In the aftermath of 11 September, techniques of spatial surveillance and processes of rebordering indicate a moment of American (re)territorialization. This said, it seems important to move beyond a simple notion of geography–as–territoriality to focus on place and the politics of identity. In the context of events following from the mid-September 2001 ‘attacks’, I suggest that critical geopoliticians focus on the U.S. foreign policy naming of ‘terrorism’ as an iconographic place-making activity. However, perhaps the more poignant question is one concerning the post-11 September invocation of evil. I suggest here that scrutiny of the place-making naming of evil makes evident the potentially unjust and inhumane constitution of state responses to ‘terrorism’, declared as an outlaw to justice and humanity. This is particularly relevant given the U.S. bombing campaign in Afghanistan, the alleged poor treatment of Taliban and Al Qaeda prisoners at Camp X-Ray in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and the recent detention of suspected residents in the U.S. I conclude with a brief thought concerning the need to contextualize the events of 11 September in a larger frame of U.S. global geopolitical relations and histories.

Argues that labeling the enemies of the United States as terrorists and evil presages disregarding the humanity of opponents. Specifically that the label of terrorist used to justify bombing and denying prisoners of war protections.


ABSTRACT: Focuses on an appropriate response to the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks in the U.S. Importance of the need for action to reduce the incidence of terrorist attacks; Goal of the U.S. -led war in Afghanistan; Information on the moral, legal and political challenges associated with the war against terrorism.
Questions possible repercussions of manner in which war on terrorism is waged. Argues Afghan invasion was justified, but rationale used risks too broad definition of self-defense. Also briefly discusses the manner of fighting, raising concerns about decisions regarding pilots, media coverage, and lack of restraints placed on allies.


ABSTRACT: Analyzes some of the international legal issues arising out of events of September 11, 2001. Guilt of the perpetrators of the terrorist attacks; Argument that the United States and its allies were entitled to respond by using force; Legitimacy of military action against the Taliban regime in Afghanistan; Laws of armed conflict applied to ensuing fighting; Status of captives at Guantanamo Bay.

Discussion of U.S. justification of invasion and treatment of prisoners, largely skims over conduct of the war. Explores legal status of the 9/11 attacks and supports the legal basis of the U.S. justification for invasion. Concludes some prisoners may not achieve POW status, but non-POW customary humanitarian law still applies to them.


ABSTRACT: International laws regarding the treatment of prisoners of war are found in the Geneva Convention Relative to the Treatment of Prisoners of War and the Hague Convention (IV) Respecting the Laws and Customs of War on Land. Prisoners of war captured as a result of the War on Terrorism currently consist of members of the Taliban and members of the al Qaeda forces. Because neither the Taliban nor the al Qaeda qualify for belligerent status, members of those forces are not entitled to prisoner of war treatment. Notwithstanding, the United States is providing humane treatment in accordance with the principles of the applicable Geneva Convention and is not breaching its international law obligations by not affording prisoner of war status. Although the United States could choose to adjudicate the detainees in the United States federal courts or an international criminal court, the detainees will be tried using military tribunals.

Supports U.S. position that neither Taliban nor Al Qaeda detains need to be provided Geneva protections. Quickly dismisses arguments that the Taliban or Al Qaeda meets the standard of a regular army. Opposes indefinite detention and discusses options for adjudication. Less detailed than other similar discussions on this topic.


Argues that treating Al Qaeda members as irregulars fighting a war is wiser than the U.S. policy of blending the law of war with criminal law. Critiques description of Taliban fighters as “unlawful combatants,” because by the same standard would condemn widely recognized legitimate resistance movements. Does not specifically focus on Afghanistan.


ABSTRACT: Focuses on the concerns about the treatment of Afghanistan war prisoners in the September 11, 2001 terrorists attack in the U.S. Observation of human rights according to international standards;
Consideration of international conflict; Compliance of the international humanitarian law by International Committee of the Red Cross.

Detailed Spring 2002 overview of situation treatment of Afghan prisoners taken to Guantanamo bay and the legal issues surrounding them. Covers changes in the administration’s rationale for denial of POW status. Focuses on U.S. positions regarding international law. Good source if seeking a description rather than analysis.


Evaluate U.S. responsibility for alleged war crimes by the Northern Alliance. Gives a history of the legal standard for holding a state sponsor responsible. Discusses alleged Northern Alliance war crimes. Finds there may be a case and recommends careful choosing or control of allies in the future.


Describes lagging progress in Afghanistan’s prisons which didn’t have an aid coordinator until March 2003. Gives highly detailed and well organized description of current conditions with associated recommendations. Excellent source for studying status of Afghan prisoners who aren’t enveloped in disputes over the Geneva accords or accused terrorists.


Considers the larger consequences of changes in POW status. Argues that the baseline rights for non-POWs are sufficient that achieving POW status has few additional rights. Includes detailed discussion of rights accorded non-POWs under the Geneva convention. Excellent source of wider perspective on meaning and future possibilities of POW status.


Gives a detailed and readable history and explanation of Geneva Conventions and how they relate to the invasion of Afghanistan. Criticizes U.S. handling of prisoners as a violation of the conventions. Considers and dismisses arguments in support of the U.S. policy, concluding that actions at Guantanamo bay are counter-productive.


Proposes that the Geneva convention on treatment of prisoners of war can adequately handle the situations like the invasion of Afghanistan. Posits that conventions do allow room for
interpretation but those interpretations can effectively influenced by other countries. Gives detailed breakdown of meaning and application of key provisions.


ABSTRACT: Focuses on the topic of Taliban and al-Qaeda fighters being held by the United States at Guantanamo Bay in Cuba. Stance of the U.S. that the detainees from the war against terrorism and Afghanistan are unlawful combatants and are being treated humanely; Suggestion that the legal status of the prisoners be clarified; Issues of the detainees being prisoners of war (POW) and being protected by the Geneva Convention; Reference to a report by the International Committee of the Red Cross, which is monitoring conditions.


ABSTRACT: This article, having established that the United States’ military offensive, in Afghanistan, instigated in response to the terrorist attacks of September 11th, constitutes an international armed conflict for the purposes of the application of international humanitarian law, focuses on the actions taken by the United States authorities in relation to those captured during the conflict in Afghanistan. The article considers the status determination of these captives, the conditions of their transfer to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and their subsequent confinement there, and finally the legal remedies that are available to the captives pursuant to their detention. On all of these counts the article queries the extent to which the rules of international humanitarian law are being violated, as well as noting the relevant infringements of human rights law that are occurring.


ABSTRACT: Discusses the need to promote human rights in the aftermath of the September 11 terrorist attacks. Actions taken by Human Rights Watch during the U.S. -led war in Afghanistan; Position of the U.S. government on individuals apprehended in connection with the war on terrorism; Important role for the human rights community.


Provides detailed discussion of the legal definition of torture under international and U.S. law. Discusses range of accusation against the U.S. and concludes some actions, particularly combinations of interrogations techniques, can qualify as torture. Concludes that even if torture can be justified under rare life saving cases, current practices fail that standard.


ABSTRACT: Reports that the Physicians for Human Rights have declared that conditions at a prison in Shebarghan, Afghanistan violate international human rights standards. Overcrowded and unsanitary conditions in which thousands of Taliban fighters are being held; Lack of medical services in the prison; Assertion by the physicians’ group that the United States bears some responsibility for the fate of the prisoners, since they are jailed as a result of U.S. military action in Afghanistan.


Explores and compares domestic law, international treaties, and international customary law on torture. Discusses and criticizes possible justifications for torture. Accusations and techniques specific to Afghanistan are discussed in passing. Concludes by concluding torture should always be illegal and with criticism of harsh interrogation tactics.

Appropriate Fora


Compares the questions of how to try terrorists to the difficulties of dealing with other perpetrators of mass atrocities. Explores past use of “mixed tribunals” with one domestic and international judge and compares them to the alternatives. Concludes “mixed tribunals” could deal with many Afghan cases of Taliban crime and help build Afghan judicial capacity.


ABSTRACT: Explores the possible legal responses to the crimes inflicted against Afghans during the Taliban rule. Forced deportation, massacres, torture, extrajudicial executions and disappearance among prisoners; War crimes committed during the autumn 2001 international armed conflict; International community’s focus on punishing the Taliban’s support of transnational terrorists.


Discussion of whether 9/11 attacks should be treated as a criminal attack or an armed attack, which greatly effects the law for trying the perpetrators. Argues that current U.S. policy runs against protections provided in either case. Concludes that international tribunals are well suited to the military and civilian law mix.

Argues that military strikes against Afghanistan are not justified as self-defense unless the definition is widened. Reviews the difficulties and range of national and international legal options for trying Taliban prisoners. Concludes that international tribunals would strengthen international law and help the war against terrorism, but that trials alone won’t be a panacea.


ABSTRACT: The legal literature to date has paid scant attention to the criminal liability of military officers for torturous interrogation methods. Now, however, this issue has become more topical due to recent US/UK military interventions in both Afghanistan and Iraq. In particular, numerous members of the Iraqi and Afghani regimes, political and military, have been arrested for alleged implication in international crimes, including terrorism. This article discusses the criminal law ramifications of interrogation methods, relying on the recent case law of the ICTY and of the ECHR, as well as significant judgments of the Israeli Supreme Court on this subject. I emphasize the tension between the international rule of law and the defense of necessity as such tension relates to conflicting jus cogens norms which arise during military interventions. I propose legal strategies that may be effectively applied to these controversial situations.


Advocates taking creative, balanced and nuanced approaches to building a justice system. Discusses missteps made by governments, NGOs, and international institutions in Afghanistan and past cases. Explores use of non-judicial penalties for those involved in war-crimes. Discusses what benefits a truth and reconciliation commission could and could not provide.


ABSTRACT: Examines the role of U.S. military medical personnel in the abuses of detainees in Iraq, Afghanistan and Guantánamo Bay. Report which found the U.S. military medical system failed to protect detainees’ human rights, sometimes collaborated with the abuse and failed to properly report injuries or deaths caused by beatings; Background on the policies of President George W. Bush regarding the treatment of suspected terrorists; Executive decisions which permitted the abuse and torture of prisoners; Inadequacy of training for medical personnel; Examples of some of the offenses; Where the system failed; How military doctors and health care workers face a loyalty conflict between obedience to the service and the care of detainees; Directive from the
Geneva Convention which addresses the problem; Call for a more extensive review of the human rights violations and reforms which must result.


Discussion of international law relating to “rogue regimes” in the context of focusing on individuals rather than states. Compares utility of military force versus an international justice system. Considers whether the Taliban “harbored” Al Qaeda or if Al Qaeda “hijacked” the Taliban and what this means from a legal perspective.


Argument that accused terrorist leaders captured in Afghanistan should be tried before Federal courts or an international tribunal rather than a military tribunal. Gives a legal history of military tribunals and discusses their practical and legitimacy disadvantages. Discusses advantages of and specific potential forms for federal trials or international tribunals.

Military Tribunals


Qualified defense of military tribunals for terror suspects. Argues that they must still have limits but are justifiable and appropriate for active enemies of the United States. Critically examines the arguments presented by advocates for international tribunals and domestic cases. Considers what limits should be placed on military tribunals.


Critical legal discussion of military tribunals. Also discusses issues considering how the war on terrorism should be legally classified. Finds military tribunals could only be justified for treating prisoners of war from the invasion of Afghanistan, but only in cooperation with the new Afghan government.


**ABSTRACT:** Reports the launch of war by the U.S. government in Afghanistan in response to the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. Displacement of the Taliban regime; Creation of a transitional government in Kabul; Difficulties presented by the idea of international trials for unlawful combatants.

Defense of military tribunals for terrorist suspects. Answers against common critiques of military tribunals and argues for validity under international law. Critiques federal courts for weak intelligence safeguards, strict rules of evidence, and security concerns. International tribunals are critiques for risk of intelligence sharing by judges, security concerns, and difficulties of international politics.

**Humanitarian Issues**

Afghanistan was a miserable humanitarian case long before “Operation Enduring Freedom.” Misrule by the Taliban, foreign sanctions, drought, and decades of civil war all conspired against the country and resulted in millions of refugees. Anticipation of war after 9/11 caused in some humanitarian organizations to pull out of Afghanistan, although efforts resumed at the periphery of the country once “Operation Enduring Freedom” began.

Not surprisingly, humanitarian aid and war are a problematic combination, and there were unheeded calls for a pause in bombing to allow aid to arrive in advance of Afghanistan ‘s harsh winter. The prominent U.S. airdrops of food were ineffective as anything but a political gesture. Similarly, aid agencies encountered difficulties even in the territory controlled by U.S. allies the Northern Alliance. However, in retrospect the U.S. strategy of carrying on the war without pause appears to have been effective at deposing the Taliban in time to prevent the catastrophic winter predicted by many.

With the Taliban gone and the country somewhat stable, humanitarian workers regained access. However, many Afghan refugees chose to delay their return from foreign camps until they had greater confidence that they could return safely. Neighboring countries, which had already tried to close their borders during the war itself, grew increasingly impatient with refugee populations that have now been present for decades. Meanwhile, inside of Afghanistan the need for humanitarian assistance has declined from crisis level, but sadly it has not disappeared.
Under the Taliban


ABSTRACT: Reports on the United Nations’ sanctions against Afghanistan that went into effect on November 14, 1999. The Taliban’s failure to surrender Saudi exile, Osama bin Laden for trial on charges of plotting the bombings of United States embassies in Kenya and Tanzania in 1998; Opposition to the sanctions.


ABSTRACT: Describes the interventions by the International Committee of the Red Cross to support a hospital in Afghanistan during the mid-1990s. Elements of the interventions introduced in Ghazni, Afghanistan; Ethical challenges arising from humanitarian interventions; Mechanisms for extending transparency and accountability in humanitarian health interventions.


Gives personal account of Indian television reporter in pre-9/11 Afghanistan. Covers Kabul before and after the Taliban take-over, the Taliban front lines, and the territory controlled by the anti-Taliban warlord Dostum. Good source for highly readable narrative, personal experience in Afghanistan, and the stories of Afghans.

Humanitarian Inviolability


ABSTRACT: States that the United Nations (UN) High Commission for Refugees is concerned about the lawlessness in northern Afghanistan, which is hampering aid efforts and endangering aid workers. Suspension of convoys after two drivers were killed; Request from the U.N. to the Northern Alliance and the Taliban for aid agencies to have safe access to displaced persons and other vulnerable Afghans; Efforts of Amnesty International to prevent human rights abuse.


Insightfully discusses crisis in “humanitarian inviolability:” the concept that humanitarian aid should be neutral and impartial. Focus is on Iraq but relevant to Afghanistan. Argues that nation-building is a laudable, but not a neutral objective. Concludes that organizations that participate in nation-building should be separate from those claiming humanitarian inviolability.
**Failures Under the New Regime**


**ABSTRACT:** Reviews a number of Web sites concerning Afghanistan, including questions about war and humanitarian aid. Web site of the Department for International Development of Great Britain; Section of the United Nations site on Afghanistan, which contains links to emergency aid programs; Review of the site Assistance Afghanistan; Sites featuring human rights issues in Afghanistan.


In 2001, as the bombs began to drop, George W. Bush promised Afghanistan “the generosity of America and its allies”. Now, the familiar old warlords are regaining power, religious fundamentalism is renewing its grip and military skirmishes continue routinely. In “liberated” Afghanistan, America has its military base and pipeline access, while the people have the warlords who are, says one woman, “in many ways worse than the Taliban.”


Recent history of education system in Afghanistan and current situation. Discusses international law on children’s rights and calls for education as a top human rights priority in post-conflict and actively war-torn societies. More of a call to action than detailed history.


**Refugees**


**ABSTRACT:** Reports on the decline of refugees around the world. The decrease of 18% which is the smallest number in a decade; Reasons for the decline; Leading the return to homeland were the Afghani; Celebration of World Refugee Day around the world; Announcement of the awarding of the Nansen prize to the Russian Memorial Human Rights Center.


**ABSTRACT:** Focuses on the number of people in Afghanistan who were affected by the humanitarian crisis before the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks in the United States. Efforts of the International Organization for Migration (IOM) in Afghanistan, where it has supported the voluntary returns of Afghans from Iran in cooperation with the United Nations High Commission for Refugees; Priorities of IOM, including managing camps for displaced people and delivering food, shelter, and other essentials before winter.
Brief description with population numbers, of situation for internally displayed refugees in Afghanistan. Covers International Organization for Migration work to assist internally displaced refugees before and during the invasion. Second article discusses physical and mental health risks to aid workers in Afghanistan. Covers some steps taken by agencies to mitigate risks.


Thoroughly documents and analyzes 2003 situation for refugees. Cites many refugees choice not to return to Afghanistan and pressure on other refugees to return before they are ready to. Describes poor conditions in Afghanistan. Calls for refugees to be allowed to stay in host countries until Afghanistan can support them.


Explores the problem of countries’ increasing reticence to accept Afghan refugees after receiving them through more than twenty years of conflict. Describes international human law requiring accepting refugees and not forcing their return until they can do so safely. Discusses what more limited restrictions countries can legally implement on refugees.


Describes situation for three and a half million Afghan refugees after overthrow of the Taliban. Includes many personal accounts. Focuses on problematic status and treatment of Afghans in Pakistan and Iran. Explores refugees’ reasons for leaving and fears about returning home. Condemns state policies towards refugees, specifically pressure to return.


ABSTRACT: Discusses the return of refugees to Afghanistan and the health problems this poses. Health issues in the region; Sections of the population that are most vulnerable; Network of non-governmental organizations involved in primary health care in Afghanistan; Lack of changes in health care since the U.S. started war against al-Qaeda.


ABSTRACT: Presents information on evacuation of refugees and other foreign workers in Afghanistan for fear of war after the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks in the U.S. Details on the closure of international aid organizations in Afghanistan; Number of workers of the Canadian Médecins sans Frontières working in Afghanistan; Problems facing refugees and foreign workers.
Food Aid


ABSTRACT: Reports that the World Food Programme resumed shipments of food aid to Afghanistan, in the wake of terrorist attacks in the United States. Reasons that the United Nations agency stopped food delivery; Threat of the Taliban against those who use computers and other communications equipment; Concern about refugees fleeing to neighboring countries in anticipation of attacks from the U.S.; Conditions in Pakistan, which along with Iran has closed borders to Afghanistan.

Summary of humanitarian situation in Afghanistan after 9/11 but while the invasion was still only anticipated. Focuses on cessation or reduction of efforts by international aid groups and the U.N. Discusses emptying of cities and outpouring of refugees and the policy of neighboring countries Pakistan, Iran, and Tajikistan to close their borders.


ABSTRACT: Reports that the U.N. High Commissioner for Human Rights, Mary Robinson, has warned that the crisis in Afghanistan could become a large-scale humanitarian disaster if the bombing there continues. How the bombing raids and related anti-US protests in Pakistan, are interrupting the transport of food aid.


Describes disastrous humanitarian situation in Afghanistan which was further complicated by the invasion. Discusses difficulties in sending aid and increase in internal displacement resulting from bombings. Calls air drops of food ineffective, primarily political in motivation, and perhaps dangerous to civilians and aid workers. Good short overview of situation during war.


ABSTRACT: Reports that health professionals in Great Britain and several relief agencies have called for an end to the attacks on Afghanistan and called for an international humanitarian aid program. Food shortages in the country as a result of drought; Argument that the United States bombings will result in more terrorism; Worry that innocent civilians will be harmed in the attack.


Records the debates in the U.S. on how to best provide aid during the invasion of Afghanistan. Great emphasis on welfare of Afghan people and importance of subsequent reconstruction. Witnesses include Testimony government officials and humanitarian groups. Many details about the difficulties in delivering aid, even to areas controlled by U.S. allies.
Media


**ABSTRACT:** Discusses experiences while covering the war against terrorism in Afghanistan for the ‘Washington Post’ newspaper. Views on the press coverage of the war; Characteristics of the correspondents who arrived in Afghanistan immediately after September 11, 2001; Experiences while aboard an old helicopter of the Northern Alliance group.


**ABSTRACT:** Presents an article on the experiences of a U.S. journalist in reporting on the military conflict in Afghanistan. Impact of journalists on the lives of the people they report about; Effect of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks in the U.S. on U.S. journalists working in Muslim countries; Efforts for public advocacy in Afghanistan.


**ABSTRACT:** Discusses the problems faced by journalists who cover the war on terrorism in Afghanistan. Restriction on the access to Afghanistan and transportation within the country; Lack of housing and food supply; Sources of news stories; Difficulty faced by journalists on where and how to get information about the military operations.


**ABSTRACT:** The institutions that deal with refugees have not yet adapted effectively to new geopolitical realities. The time has come for innovation. The situation in Afghanistan shows both the intractable nature of the refugee problem and the inadequacy of the institutions responsible for addressing them. A major step toward addressing the problem would be the creation of an intergovernmental policy research center designed to enhance the international humanitarian action system. In Afghanistan, however, that country will need a substantial, multiyear reconstruction program to make any kind of refugee return sustainable. Another critical task in Afghanistan will be to overcome the disjuncture between relief agencies. Local human rights groups will also play a crucial role in Afghanistan’s future, along with public security and rule of law. Slowly, knowledge is accumulating about how the problems of refugees and development can best be addressed, what kinds of partnerships are necessary among humanitarian organizations, and how operations can be carried out most effectively. However, until that knowledge can be assembled in one place and focused on specific tasks, it will not have the desired impact.

Calls for more pro-active system that all seeks to assist internally displaced persons, not just refugees that cross the border. Gives history of aid efforts towards refugees in Afghanistan. Calls for international policy research on subject. Advocates linking relief and development efforts and discusses how this could help in Afghanistan.

ABSTRACT: Focuses on an appropriate response to the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks in the U.S. Importance of the need for action to reduce the incidence of terrorist attacks; Goal of the U.S.-led war in Afghanistan; Information on the moral, legal and political challenges associated with the war against terrorism. Questions possible repercussions of manner in which war on terrorism is waged. Argues Afghan invasion was justified, but rationale used risks a too broad definition of self-defense. Also briefly discusses the manner of fighting, raising concerns about decisions regarding pilots, media coverage, and the lack of restraints placed on allies.


ABSTRACT: Discusses the censorship policy of the United States Defense Department on the war on terrorism in Afghanistan. Reason for the Defense policy to control the flow of information; Measures taken by the Defense Department to restrict press access to information on military operations; Conflict on the expectations of the press and the government.


ABSTRACT: Presents an article which documented the impact of the war against terrorism on the field of journalism. Risks faced by journalists in covering war; Casualties recorded among foreign journalists covering the war; Comparison between the treatment received by foreign journalists in Afghanistan and other war-zone countries.


ABSTRACT: Explores the casualties and injuries recorded among the foreign journalists covering stories happening in the war against terrorism in Afghanistan. Description of journalists on the war; Information on the journalists who were killed while covering the war; Analysis on why journalists take the risk of covering the war.


ABSTRACT: Talks about the presence of the media in the U.S. war against terrorism in Afghanistan. Details on the percentage of decline in media coverage as monitored by Andrew Tyndall, reporter; Newspapers that continue to provide updates about the commitment of the U.S. on reconstruction efforts in Afghanistan; Shift of the focus of media to the war in Iraq. Discusses media acknowledgement of decreasing attention to Afghanistan after the war in Iraq began. Reflects a long-standing trend for hot-spots to lose attention. Argues for media responsibility to keep focus on Afghanistan. Explores thoughts, actions, and preferences of reporters and news organizations. Does not address policy and human rights implications.


ABSTRACT: The paper is concerned with media coverage of the on-going refugee crisis in Afghanistan. It begins by looking at how the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center of 11 September 2001 had the result of stimulating renewed media interest in Afghan refugees. Paying special regard to the role of visual images in the reporting of disasters, the paper reviews the narrative strategies adopted by television news. It considers the factors that have instigated media response by examining some general issues arising from the media coverage of disasters.
While the central focus of the study is BBC Television News Special Reports on the Afghan refugee crisis, selective comparisons are made with other television broadcast channels, Sky News and Euronews. Based on the Afghan case study, I propose three main constituent factors contributing to the likelihood of effective media coverage of a refugee crisis. Firstly, in order to attract Western press coverage it is necessary for the crisis to be of such a magnitude that it cannot be ignored; or else it is necessary for it to be perceived as having some obvious connection with Western concerns. Secondly, the story will gain airtime if the nature of the crisis is such that it produces dramatic imagery - pictures with impact. Finally, if the style of the media coverage is sufficiently innovative it will stimulate interest in the viewers. The paper concludes with a critical review of media examples that break away from conventional news formulae.

State Building

Before “Operation Enduring Freedom” state building was quite controversial in the U.S. because it is difficult and requires great long-term commitment. However, there was agreement that it would be necessary because the present problems may have been avoided were Afghanistan properly rebuilt after the defeat of the Soviets.

The U.S. and international community pursued a “light footprint” approach, seeking to avoid Afghan dependency or hostility against a larger American force. Once Afghanistan was reasonably secure, the U.S. convened a nationwide tribal council called a “loya jirga” to give legitimacy to the process and develop a new constitution. Hahmed Karzai, a favorite of the U.S., took control of the interim government.

In the interim, disturbingly slow progress was been made on human rights issues. Today, warlords, often in regional government positions, still control the vast majority of the country outside of Kabul, the capital. After Hamed Karzai won the election in the fall of 2004 he acknowledged existing problems and began to lay out plans for solving them; starting with removing the warlords from power.

There is surprisingly little disagreement in the academic literature about state building in Afghanistan. Articles that cover similar issues tend to argue for compatible approaches. The disagreement present is largely implicit and over what should be the first and highest priority in the rebuilding effort.

General Overviews


ABSTRACT: Focuses on the implication of the war on terrorism by the U.S. for Pakistani-Afghan relations. Installation of an interim Afghan government under the moderate Pashtun leader; Pledge of Pakistan President Perwez Musharraf to break Pakistan-based terrorist groups; Principal economic beneficiaries of fragmentation and civil war.
Exemplary and well organized analysis of issues relating to Afghanistan’s reconstructions. Explores many topics and their implications for the process: historical background, theories of reconstruction, legitimacy, institution building, refugees, and more.

ABSTRACT: Examines the scope and dimensions of the regional security agenda in the Middle East. Opium trade, unregulated population movements and maritime piracy; Relevance of the issues to U.S. foreign policy; Role of the United States in the development of security countermeasures.
Detailed look at region-wide problems of opium production and trafficking, massive movement of refugees, and piracy. Afghanistan is covered but does not have exclusive focus. Each issue is given a detailed recent history, analysis, and presents helpful tables and figures. Concludes with policy recommendations focusing on cross-border approaches.

ABSTRACT: The article presents information on the international intervention and political authority in transition at the level of local administration. Two particular factors drew the international community into the temporary exercise of political authority, whether minimally in the form of assistance to an interim government, as now in Afghanistan, or in a more intrusive escalation in partnership with the departing occupier, as in Namibia, control of divided factions, as in Cambodia and ultimately governance of territory and population, most completely in East Timor. In the midst of complex emergencies, a wide range of inter governmental agencies and nongovernmental organizations independently addressed security, humanitarian, developmental, human rights, judicial policing and economic concerns.


ABSTRACT: Argues that state-building must become a priority for the world community. Weak or failed states as root of serious global problems, including AIDS, drug trafficking and terrorism; Failure of democratic government; Major responsibility for nation- and state-building assumed by the U.S. in Afghanistan and Iraq.

ABSTRACT: Urges the United States and the world to make a deeper commitment to peacekeeping and decentralized government to forestall a worst-case scenario in Afghanistan. Afghanistan after the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks in the U.S.; Establishment of a workable government; Election of the Loya Jirga, the country’s legislative body.
Detailed description of difficulties of building Afghanistan, the government in particular. Lists three main
problems as: fading U.S. interest, the level of destruction and anger after the war, the difficulties of building a
workable multi–party government, and the self-interested and sometimes intransient warlords. Calls for greater
commitment to alleviate problems.


ABSTRACT: Focuses on the impact of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks on the democracy in
Afghanistan. Tranquility of the advanced democracies; Decline of governments and market systems; Occurrence of
gaps in the state of freedom.

Congress.

Superb background on the situation in Afghanistan from the perspective of the United States.
Includes a history of both the Taliban and the Northern Alliance. Well organized breakdown of
efforts to rebuild the country, activities of neighboring countries, foreign aid to Afghanistan, and
U.S. policy concerns and initiatives.


ABSTRACT: The year 2002 was one of rebirth and rebuilding in Afghanistan following a drawn-out civil
strife that ended with the downfall of the Taliban regime in the U.S.-led coalition war on terrorism. But the
struggle for peace proved to be much tougher than winning the war. International financial support and political
backing helped Afghanistan move toward creating a broad-based government, improving security across the
country, and rebuilding its devastated economy. However, the enormous humanitarian and development challenges
involved require a sustained and multifaceted response as well as a long-term international commitment to assist
the war-torn country in restoring peace, normalcy, and economic stability.

Macmillan.

Describes the difficult process of rebuilding the state, not just the government, of Afghanistan.
Emphasizes using existing economic and social strengths, building institutions, police, and giving
warlords reason to cooperate rather than directly challenging them. Details threats to
reconstruction; warlords, deskilled population, trauma from civil war, unrealistic expectations,
and maintaining international commitment.

Polity.


ABSTRACT: The recent collapse of some states, the proliferation of internal wars and of localized political
authorities, so-called ‘warlords’, challenges the homogeneity of the international system of states at its margins.
These new fragmented authorities often rely upon commercial deals with outsiders to consolidate their power. This threatens officials in strong states who depend upon organized states everywhere to control their realms and control their citizens’ transactions, including with terrorists and criminals. Widespread direct rule by western powers, as in Iraq, Afghanistan, Kosovo, and Bosnia, is too expensive and politically risky to apply to all disorderly parts of the globe. Instead, officials in powerful states use techniques of indirect control that utilize commercial networks to pacify disorderly areas. This strategy resembles techniques developed in 19th century European relations with stateless areas. Similar problems develop as well. This led in the 19th century to direct rule, while contemporary officials are forced to experiment with more intensive use of commercial relations to pacify unruly areas.

Argues that current practice of handling state-less areas is similar to 19th century efforts. Gives detailed and wide ranging support. Details need to control factionalism that caused the indirect and multiple business based approaches largely gave way to more centralized commerce and administrations. Discusses differences between 19th and 21st century world system.


ABSTRACT: Focuses on the U.S. -led war on terrorism and the need to achieve peace in postwar Iraq. Effect of turning rogue states into failed states; Russia’s importance to the United States in Afghanistan compared to allies in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization; Joint antiterrorist efforts.


Reviews Afghanistan’s situation during rebuilding in the context of regional politics. Calls for South Asian states to respect Afghanistan’s sovereignty. Pays attention to interests of sometimes transnational ethnic groups. Not focused on the human rights aspects of state building, but a good source for understanding the influence of regional countries on the process.


Senate hearing on rebuilding Afghanistan while the invasion was still drawing to a close. State department officials and two academics testify and are questioned. Guardedly optimistic appraisal of the situation with concern about past failures in nation-building. Shows range of U.S. concerns and desires at the start of the process.


ABSTRACT: Focuses on the evolution of multinational peace operations after the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks and subsequent international intervention. Differences between security and humanitarian dimensions of post–conflict peacebuilding; Evolution of multidimensional peace operations after the Cold War; Conflict prevention and reconstruction at the societal level in societies experiencing civil strife.
Explores rebuilding Afghanistan in the larger context of rebuilding other nations after civil wars. Starts with an overview of U.N. actions in previous case with particular attention to more recent interventions. An exceptional exploration of the problems faced by the International Security Assistance Force in Afghanistan.


Provides an analysis of Afghanistan’s state building needs and suggestions on how it can best be pursued. After reviewing the situation and discussing U.S. interests the article breaks down the general and Afghanistan–specific nation building goals. Discusses applications of recent legal concept of “intermediate and evolving sovereignty” for rebuilding states.

Local/Tribal/Ethnic/Islamic Legal Traditions


Cites need to understand local traditions and conditions when building up a justice system. Gives detailed cultural analysis and history regarding judicial systems and the striking differences between Afghan and Western legal thought. Argues that particularly in rural areas the task is not reconstructing but constructing a legal system.


Details the slow post-war moves towards providing justice for human rights violation against women. Harsh critique of Pashtunwali, a local system of laws, as a source of new violations. Includes recommendations on use and integration of international law to assist the process.


ABSTRACT: Presents an alternative perspective on the U.S. war against terrorism and the intervention in Afghanistan in 2003. Manner by which Western nations regard political Islam or Islamism; Values and processes attached to liberal democracy which is not suited to the developmental stage of Afghanistan; Pervasiveness and power of Islam.

Argues that some of Afghanistan’s rebuilding problems result from a fear of political Islam (Islamisation). The article subsequently explores the concepts and history of Islamisation and problems arising from a clash with the West. Concludes with detailed argument that absent prolonged commitment from the occupiers, Islamisation is an unavoidable stage.


ABSTRACT: Discusses the connection between the application of cultural relativism to the human rights law and the degradation and marginalization of women in Hindu and Islamic societies. Examples of human rights violations committed against women in Hindu and Islamic cultures; List of rights protected under the Universal Declaration of Human Rights; Information on the conditions of women in Afghanistan in 2003.

ABSTRACT: To understand the situation in Afghanistan, we must recognize that its political and military chaos is not an isolated or unique phenomenon, and at the same time acknowledge the particular social and political dynamics of Afghanistan’s history. Communal conflicts in Afghanistan are part of a much wider affliction common to many postcolonial states and multinational societies.


Discusses the Afghan constitution on the eve of the first post-invasion gathering of Loya Jurga. Concerns are raised about protection of women’s rights and whether provisions acknowledging Islam go too far. Mention is made of security problems outside of Kabul. State department and NGO officials are witnesses.


A legal review of what is allowed in under Islamic law and what is allowed by social norms. The article’s conclusion is that oppressive social force and not Islamic law itself results in the economic oppression of Afghan Women.


Examines the “Jirga,” a gathering of people that functions as a traditional conflict resolution mechanism in Afghanistan. Explores its history at the local, tribal, and national (“Loya Jirga”) level. Briefly debates the legitimacy and effectiveness of the post-”Enduring Freedom” Loya Jirga. Excellent source for understanding the context of the “Loya Jirga.”

Warlords


Critique of women’s right situation after the invasion. Attacks situation in areas under Karzai government and warlord control. Accuses the coalition of abandoning women’s rights. Discusses steps by the Revolutionary Association of Women of Afghanistan to secure these rights. Few citations and limited data beyond anecdotes.


ABSTRACT: Warlord is a label that currently besets us on all fronts. The 2001-2002 military action in Afghanistan is illustrative of the West’s ambivalent view of armed factions in the developing world in general. The demonisation of the Taliban and the elevation of the former ‘warlords’ of the opposition to the rather more
grandiose sounding ‘Northern Alliance’, at once formalising the hitherto informal nature of the warlord system, implies that the term ‘warlord’ is synonymous with anarchy, violence and a breakdown in civilised values. ‘Warlord’ has become an ugly, detrimental expression, evoking brutality, racketeering and terrorism. Analysts referring to violence across developing countries routinely refer to ‘new wars’ and ‘post-modern’ conflict, and yet the language used to describe these phenomena is usually pre-modern (medievalism, baronial rule, new feudalism). This article outlines some examples of historical warlords and draws out the common issues. In particular it emphasises the fact that warlords have been present for centuries and have periodically emerged whenever centralised political-military control has broken down. All that has changed through history is the technology available to each generation and the relative economic base. The article concludes with a series of implications for policy-makers currently considering intervention in warlord-based economies. ABSTRACT FROM AUTHOR

A wide ranging article that offers a theoretical understanding of warlords. Specifically it addresses why they arise and what the consequences are when they are the primary form of government. However, it does not focus on the current situation in Afghanistan nor does it systematically address human rights effects.


ABSTRACT: Focuses on the link between terrorism and drugs in Afghanistan. Destruction of the Taliban regime; Destruction from ethnic civil war.

Argues that addressing the problems of post-war Afghanistan requires an aggressive anti-drug effort. Gives brief summary of difficulties facing Afghanistan with a particular focus on increase in drug cultivation. Arguments pertain more to the general argument of focusing against drug supply rather than being specific to the case of Afghanistan.


Argues 2002 Afghanistan as a failing to achieve the promises of human rights due to warlord run “fiefdoms.” Well organized and detailed documentation of alleged abuses in western Afghanistan and the city of Herat. Critical description of U.N. approach as lacking necessary personnel and resources. Calls for expanded Peacekeeping force.


ABSTRACT: Presents an analysis of the negative notions linked to the military operations of the Taliban, a group of Arab rebels based in Afghanistan. Border conditions between Pakistan and Afghanistan; Speculation on the opium production by the Taliban group in the country; Human rights issues surrounding the social and religious standards of the Taliban.

Afghanistan’s Justice System

Argues that building up police forces, and public faith in police forces, is a key step for rebuilding Afghanistan. Explores with good organization and detail the history and present status of police forces in Afghanistan. Describes current force structure, policies, and human rights concerns. Makes wide ranging recommendations for improvements.


Analysis of status of rule of law in 2003 Afghanistan. Describes progress in urban areas but fragile or non-existent courts elsewhere. Well organized and detailed analysis of the full range of Afghan needs with recommendations. Focuses on improving independence of the courts and the legal status of women.


Suggestion that establish rule of law in Afghanistan requires fast action to give public security, collect criminal data, properly handle of prisoners, and establish courts for trying present crimes and past atrocities. Rejects the idea of an international tribunal. Recommends how to best massively build up of Afghan judicial capacities.


Advocates taking creative, balanced and nuanced approaches to building a justice system. Discusses missteps made by governments, NGOs, and international institutions in Afghanistan and past cases. Explores use of non-judicial penalties for those involved in war-crimes. Discusses what benefits a truth and reconciliation commission could and could not provide.


ABSTRACT: Focuses on the transition of justice and human rights in Afghanistan since the defeat of the Taliban government and the signing of the Bonn Agreement on December 5, 2001. Condition of Afghanistan’s prisons before the coup by the Taliban government in April 1978; Scope of violence brought into the police force by the Taliban revolution of 1978; Abuses prevalent during the rule of Taliban.

Explores the difficulties of confronting the crimes committed in the twenty three years of Afghan civil war ending with the U.S. invasion. Gives personal account of how transitional justice was sacrificed to stability. Calls disarmament, demobilization, and reintegration the highest Afghan priority and discusses how transitional justice can be pursued in tandem.

Describes the results of a study on how to best build rule of law in Afghanistan and the opinions of local leaders. Supports building off the progressive 1964 constitution and advocates integrating with tribal and Islamic law. Calls for improvement in management and for foreign governments to more effectively pursue rule of law.


**ABSTRACT:** Delves into the issue of violence, terror and human security in Afghanistan. Implementation of the interim agreement of an international security force and process building in Afghanistan; Significance of the rights of women in the Afghan society.

**Critiques**


**ABSTRACT:** It is becoming evident that the U.S. military is not very well suited to the task of establishing security in precarious political environments. The situation in Afghanistan has revealed a pattern that the U.S. seems doomed to repeat elsewhere: the mismatch between resources and requirements will ensure that the country continues to use its forces inefficiently. It is therefore time to rethink the roles and missions of the U.S. military and related civilian organizations. Appropriate restructuring will not begin until Washington develops a greater appreciation for the fact that intervention entails not simply war-fighting but a continuum of force ranging from conventional warfare to local law enforcement. The U.S. must take a number of steps to better prepare for the new tasks before it. The measures include making changes at the National Security Council (NSC), State, and Justice Departments, rethinking how army dollars are spent, and designing a structure to leverage the skills other states bring to problem. Unless such measures are taken and serious attention is given to the shortcomings in America’s approach to international security, the country will eventually bog down, both diplomatically and militarily, in Afghanistan, Iraq, and other unexpected places.

Argues succinctly that the United States needs a more policing oriented approach for handling post-intervention rebuilding. The argument cites Afghanistan among other recent examples of interventions. Describes decentralized state of affairs in the United States and the lack progress despite severe problems. Suggests possible solutions including help from the E. U.


Reports on state of religious freedom in Afghanistan that cites a mix of progress and disappointments. Organized overview of warning signs of curtailed rights and discriminatory measures against non-Muslims. Focuses on specific suggestions to reverse the trends and calls for sending high ranking U.S. official to Afghanistan to focus efforts.


January 2003 overview of the U.N. perspective on the range of human rights issues facing Afghanistan. Focuses on larger issues rather than specific incidents. Posits that lack of security is
primary problem. Well organized and fairly brief treatment of each issue. Concludes with recommendations for the future.

Women’s Rights

The Taliban government was notorious for its mistreatment of women. The most searing image of human rights violations was when women were required to wear a full body covering called a “burqa”. The issues of women’s rights in Afghanistan received more attention after 9/11, and sometimes functioned as a secondary moral justification for “Operation Enduring Freedom.”

This oppression and similar acts from earlier regimes did not happen without women resisting. The Revolutionary Afghan Women’s Association (RAWA) was an underground resistance movement which, among other goals, documented abuses and educated girls even when it was illegal to do so.

Unfortunately, cause for concern about women’s rights did not disappear after the Taliban fell. While far more progressive than the Taliban, the constitution of the Karzai government only has limited protections for women’s rights. More troubling warlords who are unfriendly to women’s rights are in power in many regions or the country.

Women Under the Taliban


ABSTRACT: Provides a population–based assessment of women’s mental health and attitudes toward women’s human rights in Afghanistan during the Taliban rule. Prevalence of major depression among women exposed to Taliban policies than women living in a non–Taliban controlled area; Percentage of respondents supporting human rights upliftment.

This rigorous study is a source for Taliban era data on of women’s mental health and attitude towards women’s rights and community needs. The data is well presented with only some advanced terminology. The study concluded that Taliban rule was damaging to women but not deeply representative of Afghan values.


ABSTRACT: Physicians for Human Rights has released a ground-breaking survey of more than 1,000 Afghan women and men on their attitudes and experiences regarding health and human rights for Afghan women. Health care for women in Afghanistan still poses daunting challenges.

Analysis of Physicians for Human Rights report: “Women’s Health and Human Rights in Afghanistan: A Population-Based Assessment.” The survey provided detailed analysis of conditions and opinions regarding women in pre-invasion Afghanistan. This analysis and summary is shorter and less technical than the report itself.

ABSTRACT: Reports the challenges to ambulatory care management for women in Afghanistan. Endurance of women under the Taliban regime; Restrictions on women’s rights; Results to the health and human rights survey of the Physicians for Human Rights.

Summarizes and analyzes data from Physicians for Human Rights survey on the condition of women’s health in pre-invasion Afghanistan. Highly critical of the Taliban and effects of regime restrictions on the health women. While the article does cite many interesting results, the actual raw data from the study is not included.


Detailed history and analytical account of women’s rights in Afghanistan before “Enduring Freedom.” Includes in-depth coverage of Afghan context of the status of women. Critical discussion of benefits and limitations of capitalism and top down modernization. Describes grassroots efforts and women’s resistance. Well organized and includes statistics in support of its points.


ABSTRACT: Discusses the limited news coverage given to the plight of women in Afghanistan after the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks in the U.S. Focus on the war on terrorism and its political agenda; Failure to give attention to efforts by Afghan women who challenged Taliban law.

Short critical description of coverage of women’s rights in Afghanistan after 9/11. States that the situation for women was well known before the war and that attention was not given to the changes under the war itself and alternatives to war proposed by feminist were ridiculed.


ABSTRACT: Discusses the restrictions on women’s rights in Afghanistan under the Taliban. Afghan women’s problem with the required wearing of the chadari, a traditional bridal gift from husband to wife; Assertion of the Taliban leaders about their policy for women; Factors that must be considered in evaluating culture as the basis for human rights.


Advocacy film highly critical depiction of human rights violation under Taliban regimes. Includes interviews, mainly with women. Actively promotes and uses emotional imagery for the Revolutionary Afghan Women’s Association viewpoints, programs, and desire for a democratic Afghanistan. Largely useful for video presentation of information reported elsewhere in greater detail in text.


ABSTRACT: Discusses the connection between the application of cultural relativism to the human rights law and the degradation and marginalization of women in Hindu and Islamic societies. Examples of human rights
violent violations committed against women in Hindu and Islamic cultures; List of rights protected under the Universal Declaration of Human Rights; Information on the conditions of women in Afghanistan in 2003.


ABSTRACT: Presents results of a cross-sectional survey of health and human rights concerns and conditions of women living in Kabul under the Taliban regime. Setting; Design; Participants; Main outcome measures; Results compared with Afghan women living in Pakistan; Land mines; Radical Islamic doctrine.

Study by Physicians for Human Rights comparing of women’s situation in Kabul before and after the Taliban took over. Finds that women’s health conditions were negatively effected by the civil war but still dramatically deteriorated as a result of Taliban rule. Detailed description of methodology and conclusions are not provided.


ABSTRACT: Highlights the continual plight of Afghan women and their current lack of security, mobility, and access to education and employment. Description of the life of women before the Taliban and under the Taliban regime; Plight of women under the transitional government of Afghanistan; Recommendations from human rights organizations on ways to improve the situation of Afghan women; Recommendation to strengthen and protect the rights of women in the Afghan Constitution.

Comparison of the women’s situation under Taliban and after the invasion with emphasis on the transition government. Critical of what it describes as unfulfilled promises of improvements. Summarizes recommendations for improvements, concentrating on constitutional reforms. Well organized summary and gateway to other detailed research.


ABSTRACT: Discusses the life of women in Afghanistan. Actions taken by the Taliban movement; Background on the status of women in the country; Effect of the war on terrorism and its aftermath; Aspect of the effect of the September 11 terrorist attacks.

Fairly short history of the impact on women of the rise of the Taliban and changes after the invasion. Does not go in to detail, but is a good historical overview.


A legal review of what is allowed in under Islamic law and what is allowed by social norms. The article’s conclusion is that oppressive social force and not Islamic law itself results in the economic oppression of Afghan Women.

ABSTRACT: Presents a study that assesses the maternal mortality and human rights issues in Herat, Afghanistan. Access to health care for women in Afghanistan; Statistics related to complications of pregnancy and childbirth; Consequences of Taliban restrictions on the rights of women; Study design, setting, and participants; Results and conclusion that women in most of the Herat Province have a high risk of maternal mortality and that human rights factors may contribute to preventable maternal deaths in the region.

Minimalist reporting of health and human rights data relating to pregnant women. Study is specific to Herat province, which has a high maternal mortality rate with human rights concerns as a likely contributing factor. Provides solid data, but detailed description of methodology and conclusions are not provided.


Critical examination of treating efforts to help Afghan women as a separate issue in the reconstruction of Afghanistan. Emphasizes how Afghan women view themselves and how this view contrasts with the simpler outside perspective. Makes recommendations on how best to work with Afghan women to improve their condition.


ABSTRACT: Interviews Tahmeena Faryal, U.S. envoy of the Revolutionary Association of the Women of Afghanistan (RAWA), a political and social service organization in Afghanistan with a mission to work for peace, freedom, democracy and women’s rights. Ambivalence toward the arrival of the Northern Alliance; Opinion on whether the Afghan population in distrustful of U.S. motives in its involvement in the war in Afghanistan; Views on fundamentalism and human rights.

Interview with Tahmeena Faryal the envoy to the U.S. of the Revolutionary Association of the Women of Afghanistan (RAWA) an indigenous Afghani women’s right group. Critical of the Taliban, the Northern Alliance, and compromises on women’s rights after the invasion. Superb primary source for RAWA views.


ABSTRACT: Describes continuing restrictions and violations of human rights faced by women and girls in Afghanistan one year after the fall of the Taliban. Focuses on the province of Herat under the rule of Ismail Khan. Makes recommendations to Afghan authorities and to the international community to promote human rights, including rights for women and girls.

December 2002 report on condition of women’s rights in post-Taliban Afghanistan. Gives a background and a detailed and wide ranging description of the particularly egregious situation in Herat province. Also contains policy critiques and recommendations for local, national, and international authorities.

**ABSTRACT:** Focuses on the media coverage and political discourse on the abuse suffered by Afghan women from the Taliban following the September 11 terrorist attacks in the U.S. Response of the United Nations to the issues of women prior to the attacks; Consequences with the representation of Afghan women as passive and oppressed; Implications for protecting the rights of women.

Skeptical account of the use of women’s rights to help justify the invasion of Afghanistan. Argues the rights of women are pursued only when they coincide with other U.S. interests. Critical of marginal improvements after the invasion. Focus is on analysis rather than providing data on current conditions.

**RAWA**


**ABSTRACT:** The book chronicles the history of the Revolutionary Association of the Women of Afghanistan (RAWA) and their battle for women’s rights in Afghanistan. Through interviews with more than 100 members and supporters of RAWA, Brodsky reveals that principles behind their success. It tells how RAWA’s innovative structure and strong spirit of community have allowed this remarkable organization to survive. “With All Our Strength is an ode to the resilience of Afghan women and a model for human rights organizations. As RAWA says in the foreword, “This is the only book that uses firsthand experiences to accurately portray Afghan women not as silent victims under the burqas but warriors who have bravely resisted all oppressive regimes and have changed their lives and the lives of many others”.

Sympathetic and terrifically detailed description of the Revolutionary Afghan Women’s Association (RAWA), an indigenous and covert women’s right groups. Condemns both Taliban and Northern Alliance as oppressive. Concentrates on describing the history dating to the 70s, membership, organization, and humanitarian and reform projects of the RAWA. Makes heavy use of interviews.


**Military Intervention**


**ABSTRACT:** This article explores the ethics of the current “War on Terrorism,” asking whether anthropology, the discipline devoted to understanding and dealing with cultural difference, can provide us with critical purchase on the justifications made for American intervention in Afghanistan in terms of liberating, or saving, Afghan women. I look first at the dangers of reifying culture, apparent in the tendencies to piaster neat cultural icons like the Muslim woman over messy historical and political dynamics. Then, calling attention to the resonances of contemporary discourses on equality, freedom, and rights with earlier colonial and missionary rhetoric on Muslim women, I argue that we need to develop, instead, a serious appreciation of differences among women in the world--as products of different histories, expressions of different circumstances, and manifestations of differently structured
desires. Further, I argue that rather than seeking to “save” others (with the superiority it implies and the violences it would entail) we might better think in terms of (1) working with them in situations that we recognize as always subject to historical transformation and (2) considering our own larger responsibilities to address the forms of global injustice that are powerful shapers of the worlds in which they find themselves. I develop many of these arguments about the limits of “cultural relativism” through a consideration of the burqa and the many meanings of veiling in the Muslim world.


ABSTRACT: Proposes to supplement an American self-identity predicated on a model of absolute difference from the Taliban Muslim political group in Afghanistan. Affinities between the respective ideologies of the U.S. and the Taliban; Place of women within and through the preponderance of sexual exploitation or violence common to the two ideologies; Perceptions of the Taliban after the September 2001 terrorist attacks on the U.S.


ABSTRACT: Comments on the impact of the U.S. intervention on the rights of women in Afghanistan. History of women’s rights in the country; Information on the Revolutionary Association of the Women of Afghanistan; Consequences of the intervention campaigns.

Highly sympathetic profile of the Revolutionary Association of the Women of Afghanistan (RAWA) an indigenous women’s right group in Afghanistan. Also includes a medium-depth critical history of pre- and post-9/11 U.S. involvement in Afghanistan and the often negative impact on women’s rights. Calls for changing policy by listening to the RAWA.


ABSTRACT: Discusses the effect of the war against terrorism announced by the U.S. government against those who planned the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks on women. Irony involved in the idea that a military campaign will give back human dignity to women in Afghanistan; Justification of the war by using the compassion felt by women in the U.S. to the plight of Afghani women.

State-Building

Helene Cixous; Drucilla Cornell; Susan J. Brison; Lee Chana Kai; Ruth Irupe Sanabria; Muriel Hasbun; Marita Sturken; Mary Pat Brady; Diana Taylor; Hannah Naveh; Carla Freccero; Janice Haaken; Susannah Radstone; Lydia Potts; Silke Wenk; Susan Winnett; Ranjana Khanna; Ivy Schweitzer and Miriam Cooke. 2002. “Roundtable: Gender and September 11”. Signs: Journal of Women in Culture & Society. 28(1): 431.

ABSTRACT: Presents articles about the role of gender in the collapse of the World Trade Center in New York City during the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. Inclusion of genders of the Twin Towers; Abuse of
women and children in Afghanistan; Gendered aspects of the attack; Afghan fighters’ ideals of masculinity; Image of working-class masculinity of those who died in the attacks.

Wide ranging article that offers multiple feminist commentaries on post-9/11 issues. Several of the included articles are uncomfortable with the perceived adoption by the cause of Afghan women only after 9/11. Tends to be critical and dubious of military approach to improve rights and looks for alternatives.


Details the slow post-war moves towards providing justice for human rights violation against women. Harsh critique of Pashtunwali, a local system of laws, as a source of new violations. Includes recommendations on use and integration of international law to assist the process.


Review of the status of women in 2003, finds that promised improvements have not occurred. Gives a highly detailed breakdown by issue of the current status women and related recommendations. Finds that criminal justice system reform and expansion of policing offers an opportunity, but not a guarantee, of improvements.


Critique of women’s right situation after the invasion. Attacks situation in areas under Karzai government and warlord control. Accuses the coalition of abandoning women’s rights. Discusses steps by the Revolutionary Association of Women of Afghanistan to secure these rights. Few citations and limited data beyond anecdotes.


Discusses the Afghan constitution on the eve of the first post-invasion gathering of Loya Jirga. Concerns are raised about protection of women’s rights and whether provisions acknowledging Islam go too far. Mention is made of security problems outside of Kabul. State department and NGO officials are witnesses.


ABSTRACT: Focuses on the effectiveness of the international law on prohibiting discrimination against women in the context of sexual apartheid in Afghanistan. Provision of humanitarian assistance by the United Nations; Impact of international norms on the behavior of states; Consideration of the three levels of assistance.

Technical and detailed examination the effectiveness of the attempts of international law and international norms to improve conditions for women in pre-invasion Afghanistan. Analyzes the actions of U.N. political organs,
bureaucratic institutions, and humanitarian operations on the ground. Excellent source for a detailed understanding of the U.N. failure to achieve positive change.
Chechnya
by Kelley Laird

The root of animosity between Russians and Chechens extends for more than a century, beginning when Chechens opposed Russia’s conquest of the Caucasus between 1818 and 1917. Tension reached an apex in the 1940s when Stalin deported thousands of Chechens to Siberia and East Asia in fear that they would collaborate with German Nazis.

However, most scholars would agree that the long-standing Russian-Chechen resentment truly exploded when Chechnya vied for autonomy as a separate Republic after the fall of the Soviet Union in 1991. In 1994 a war ensued between the Russian Federation and Chechnya after the Pro-Russian Chechen opposition failed to defeat the separatist regime. In August 1996 the Khasavyurt Agreement, a tentative peace accord, ended the hostilities and a peace treaty was signed between the elected President of Chechnya, Aslan Maskhadov, and Russian Federation President Boris Yeltsin. Still, the peace was impermanent and human rights abuses continued against Chechen citizens, both from Russian military and Chechen insurgents. The autonomy Chechnya seeks was never realized by those negotiations.

After the failure of talks, both the conflict and the discussion about what constitutes human rights abuses and terrorism have become increasingly polarized and volatile. New Chechen insurgent tactics include terrorist attacks on Russian citizens. These actions claim to respond to continued human rights abuses taking place in Chechnya and against Chechen refugees in neighboring Republics like Dagestan. In turn, the Russian Federation renewed attacks against Chechnya in 1999, citing a response to Chechen terrorism and organized crime.

In the wake of September 11, the United States recast a new focus on terrorism, leading other political actors to adopt or reject the new discourse of terrorism according to their objectives. All over the world, revolutionaries and insurgents have been renamed as terrorists, and many protracted ethnic and regional conflicts have been considered in new light. If Chechnya originally had international and even Russian public support for secession in the 1994 conflict, today Chechen suicide attacks sway worldwide and public opinions to support Russia’s war on Chechen terrorists.

Is Putin using riding this wave to further his suppression of Chechen secession? This, along with a number of other questions must be considered when examining the Russian-Chechen conflict. The articles in this database seek answers to these questions, along with elucidating other relevant information concerning this conflict, the politics, economics, cultural and social injustices behind it, as well as the complications surrounding future policy initiatives regarding Chechnya.

The Background to the Russo-Chechen Conflict

Information in this section describes the various factors influencing the outbreak of both Chechen wars, and will give the reader a good background to this protracted conflict.

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Delves into the background of the Russo-Chechen war, analyzing whether this invasion was necessary, successful, and viable. Considers the future of Russo-Chechen relations.


Background information regarding the dissolution of the Soviet Union, and the war in Chechnya. Looks at possible solutions to geopolitical and ethnic conflicts, in addition to Russian public opinion on these topics.


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Provides the background to the Russian invasion of Chechnya in December 1994, tracing events from 4,000 BC to the time of the invasion. The genocide and oppression endured by the Chechens under the communists is discussed, along with the convulsive revolution of 1991. Excellent unbiased historical account of roots of separatist conflict.


Discusses the implications of the two Russian-Chechen wars for international law and the observance of human rights in Chechnya. Describes causes of the conflict; types of violations committed; legal definitions of the most serious crimes.


Account of the military operations of Russia in the North Caucasus; Geopolitical and geoeconomic significance of the North Caucasus; Implications of the Russian strategy for Chechnya and the West.

Written by two Russian reporters, gives background into the Chechen/Russian feud dating back to 1944, as well as current roots of conflict. Suggests that Russian leaders failed to review the context of the past as relevant to civil conflict of 1994. Argues that then President Yeltsin failed to “capitalize on moderate position” of Chechen leader to institute peace.


Written from a position more favorable to Chechens, this book is a resource of photos documenting the human rights implications of the destruction of Grozny. Discusses fall of the Soviet Union and claims for Islamic freedom for Chechnya. Indicates the importance of oil in Chechnya as a telling factor in the continued conflict.


Describes history of Russian dominance in Caucasus, focusing particularly on the violence that began in 1994. Emphasizes that Russia must adopt coherent policies when dealing with the Caucasus, or the area will be unstable.


This is a highly recommended reading for understanding Russian domestic politics impacts political, economic, and social dimensions of the conflict in Chechnya.


Examines the main explanations for the civil war in Chechnya, Russia in 1994. Background and causes of the Chechen conflict with discussion on the Russian strategies in Chechnya during the term of Russian President Boris Yeltsin.


Discusses Matthew Evangelista’s book The Chechen Wars: Will Russia Go the Way of the Soviet Union? Argues that Chechen violence of the 90’s was idiosyncratic. Explains Chechnya was an example for all Russian Republics, and discusses Putin’s renaming of war in Chechnya along with Russia’s support.


This book discusses how Russia’s superior military had to withdraw and give way to stalemated peace to Chechnya after the first two-year civil conflict. It ties the failure to the “strategy of
“ambush and military terrorist actions” by Chechen rebels. Its strength lies in the in-depth study of the war, its phases, and the internal documents accompanying these phases.


Argues that the Russian Federation’s war with the breakaway Republic of Chechnya is indicative of much larger problems within the federation; Russia’s practice of inflating reports of military success. Gives history of Russian relations with the Caucasus, Islamic influences in Caucasus, and the inadequacy of military solution in Chechnya.


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The Russian Connection with the “War on Terror”

The documents here analyze Russia’s links to terrorism, describing domestic terrorism in Russia perpetrated by Chechen insurgents, and reflecting on renaming the Russian-Chechen conflict as part of the global “War on Terror.”


This document highlights the clash between conventional approaches to terrorism and upholding civil liberties and human rights.


Human rights abuses have been committed by both sides in this conflict. However, since the terrorist attacks on the Moscow theatre the situation for refugees, civilians still within Chechnya, and Chechens throughout the Russian Federation seems to have worsened.


Counterterrorism and Chechnya are different matters in Russian security policy. This article examines how the struggle against terrorism shapes essential features of Russia’s domestic policies and international responses.


Discusses the Russian strategy in responding to threats from terrorists, and explains Putin’s 12-step policy program which includes “finishing the job” in Chechnya, and the need for more military control within to discipline the ranks as well as in the Chechen region to maintain security.

Relations between the U.S. and Russia have grown closer since September 11, especially regarding international terrorism. However, Russia’s approach to fighting international terrorism is sometimes ambivalent, and their military lacks the infrastructure to be “tough on terror.”


Focuses on the supportive relations between Russia and the United States since the September 11. Discusses difficulties surrounding the democratization of Russia and American promotion of democracy. Discusses President Vladimir Putin’s crusade against rebels in Chechnya and the importance of Russia as an ally in the War on Terror.


Assesses the counter-terrorist operations (CTO) of the combined military forces and units of Russian Federation in Northern Caucasus, Russia. Implications of the operation on the military ability to perform constitutional duty. Advantages of using coordinated forces in a CTO; factors influencing the difficulty in combating terrorists.


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Discusses the types, forms and methods of action by the Russian Armed Forces during special military operations. Differences between the antiterrorist operation by the Joint Force; Assessment of the antiterrorist operation in Northern Caucasus, Russia.


Examines Russian President Vladimir Putin’s political backing behind the U.S. anti-terrorist campaign. Description on Putin’s representations of the Chechen war; allegations of Chechen links with terrorism.


Focuses on regional politics and international relations in the Caucasus and Central Asia, following the September 11, 2001. Analyzes the impact of the terrorist attacks, and the attitude of citizens toward the international community. Discusses republics in south Caucasus that will be affected by the changes in the U.S. foreign relations with Iran and Russia.


Focuses on the problems confronting Russia in concurrence with the proximity of the Caucasus to Chechnya. Impact of the failed peace settlement between Russia and Chechnya; Reason for the withdrawal of Russian control in Chechnya; Portrayal of Chechnya as an anarchical society; Influence of Islam on Chechen nationalism.


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Explores the ways which the U.S. contributed to the spread of terrorism as it concerns the former Soviet Union and the Russian Federation. Support of the U.S. for terrorist groups; Role of U.S. -trained terrorists in Russia’s conflict with Chechnya.


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The impact of the U.S. war against Al Qaeda and the Taliban in Afghanistan brought Russia closer with the United States, and set it firmly on the path of security, political and economic integration with the West. Will the United States and Russia succeed in defeating terrorist networks in Afghanistan, Central Asia and the Caucasus?


Reports the abuses of human rights among Caucasus in the Russian Federation, and the increase in conflict between the residents and the occupying Russian forces. Gives origin of the conflict, and a brief comparison between international war against terrorism.

Russia’s Suppression of the Chechen Secession

This section examines Russia’s reluctance to allow Chechen secession. Political and economic reasons for keeping Chechnya in the Russian Federation are cited.


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Author claims Yeltsin and the Kremlin used Chechnya as an example to prevent a separatist domino effect in Russia, and Putin has since used the rise of crime during the “uneasy armistice” for renewed aggression in Chechnya. Claims the reasons for Chechen violence in the 90’s stem from elite personality clashes and initiatives on either side of the conflict.


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Legal and Illegal Measures Towards an Independent Chechnya

Documents primarily analyze Chechen roles as freedom fighters, terrorists, victims, citizens, and politicians, and how the fight for independence manifests differently for Chechens. Reflects on relevant documents and events produced and perpetuated by Chechens.


“Netwar”--a mode of conflict engaged in by networked, nonstate actors--is associated with social activism, terror and crime. The recent war in Chechnya shows how netwar can be used in ways to confront the larger conventional forces of nationstates. The Chechens employed a range of activities, from social activism to terror to complement their military netwar.


Presents a letter from Chechen Republic of Ichkeria foreign minister Ilyas Akhmadov to the International Court of Justice regarding the independence of the republic upon the dissolution of the former Soviet Union.


Analyzes separatist movements and terrorist issues up to 2003 from Sri Lanka, Russian Caucasus and northern Spain. Discusses the success and failure of separatists in politics.


Tensions between Russia and Chechnya are likely to remain, especially because the Khasavyurt agreements, which ended the war, did not resolve Chechnya’s legal status, but postponed until December 31, 2001. Chechnya faces the challenge of creating state institutions that protect the rights of all its citizens, yet it’s criminal conduct code is not on par.


A record of the constitution formulated by the Chechen Republic in 1992. Discusses inter alia the formation of Independent Chechen Republic, specifies respect for human rights, autonomy over resource use and management, and the right to self-determination primarily.
A record of the new constitution formulated by the Chechen Republic in 2002-2003.

Explains how Chechen Republic Administrators attempted to rewrite the constitution and hold a referendum in 2002, but shows how the Kremlin disagreed with part of the new constitution, thus slowing the process of referenda until 2003. Suggests referendum should not be upheld, as voters were intimidated and human rights abuses were recorded during voting process.

Hostage-taking coupled with suicidal terrorism is new, played out in a Moscow theater in late October 2002. Forty armed Chechen terrorists announced to 800 plus hostages that the event was a suicide mission. Suicidal terrorists are rarely observed in action. An American psychologist collaborated with Russian colleagues to collect interviews from the hostages.

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Russian Public Opinions on Chechens, The War and Terrorism

The information in this section elucidates Russian public opinions of Chechnya, the Chechen wars, and terrorism both before and after the first and second war, and since September 11, 2001.

Analyzes a survey on how Russians view human rights and the conflict in Chechnya. Discusses support for human rights; indifference to threats to human rights and censorship; views on Chechnya.

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Discusses the increasingly negative attitudes Russian society has toward the Caucasus regarding terrorism in Russia. Discusses deporting terrorists out of Russia.


This article discusses Russian Orthodox nationalist groups and the intense debates on how to rename Islamic fundamentalism. Previously, Islam was not a focused enemy like the West, but opinions have shifted in the wake of September 11 toward incorporating Islamic fundamentalists as enemies to the Russian Orthodox tradition.

Russian Relations with International Actors Regarding Chechnya

Documents in this section are all linked with international opinions mostly regarding the current Russian-Chechen conflict. Some go into policy recommendations, while others decry human rights violations, but all give an interesting picture of various international actors’ support or outrage rage regarding Chechnya.


Discusses the failure due to lack of funding of the National Public Commission that Russia set up to appease international actors during the 2000 U.N. Commission, as well as problems of the Office of the Special Representative of the President on Human Rights and Freedoms. Calls for these organizations to be strengthened and for Russia to be more accountable.


Reports on Amnesty International's global concerns. Urges the U.N. to pass a resolution of “serious concern” regarding human rights abuses by all parties in Chechnya with special request of Russian Federation to take steps to halt these abuses and to follow through on last year’s resolutions. Also calls for international inquiry committee to examine abuses.

2000. Chechnya: Implications for Russia, and the Caucus. Hearing before the Committee on Foreign Relations, United States Senate, One Hundred Sixth Congress, First Session, November 4, 1999.


A report describing the humanitarian actions Doctors Without Border took upon the request from the Council of Europe.


Decries the Chechen conflict in the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, and calls for Russian government officials to investigate abuses committed by Russian military. Describes
forced disappearances, village clean-ups, and arson along with other rights violations committed
by both sides.

Stephen Blank. 1995. Russia’s Invasion of Chechnya: A Preliminary Assessment. Carlisle Barracks,
PA: Strategic Studies Institute, U.S. Army War College.

Delves into the background of the Russo-Chechen war, and analyzes whether this invasion was
necessary, successful, and viable. Considers the future of Russo-Chechen relations.

Survey. 43(1): 15.

Discussion of Putin’s initial economic and political policies and mandates as President.
Discusses his “turn to the West,” and how it has decentralized Russia’s control over situations in
the Caucasus and Central Asia, resulting in declining control in these areas.

Violations of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law in Kosovo, East Timor, and Chechnya.”

Examines the legal constraints on the international community’s responses to gross violations of
human rights and humanitarian law in Kosovo, East Timor and Chechnya. Nature of the
international legal system; Relevant provisions of human rights and humanitarian law; Legal
constraints and available remedies.

Nations University Press.

Analyzes Russia’s foreign policy as a two-level system where both foreign and domestic factors
should be identified. Argues that most states don’t want to raise human rights standards over
traditionally greater concerns like security and economics. Uses culture clashes in Russia as a
main reason for the uncertainty in its foreign policy.

80(6): 46.

Focuses on the supportive relations between Russia and the United States since September 11.
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This report identifies the failure of Russia and Chechnya to fully comply with the Code of
Military Conduct, which was adopted by the Organization for Security and Cooperation in
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Russia’s adherence to emerging international human rights is commonly judged by the human rights disaster in Chechnya. Contested are the notions that human rights abuses in Chechnya fully illustrate Russia’s stance on international human rights. Suggests that Chechnya is an exceptional case, and that Russia has brought human rights standards in line with the West.


This is highly recommended reading for understanding how Russian domestic politics impacts political, economic, and social dimensions of the conflict in Chechnya.

Examines the reasons that allow the Russian Federation to enter the Council of Europe in 1996. Compliance with entrance requirements and human rights norms; Assurances made by Russia. Discussion on the political dialogue over human rights violations in Chechnya.


This article examines the evolution of Saudi-Russian relations since September 11 focusing in particular on Chechnya and the Saudi role in the “global war on terrorism.” Some analysts argue that the recent improvement in Saudi-Russian relations heralds the beginning of something akin to an alliance.


Examines Russian President Vladimir Putin’s political backing behind the U.S. anti-terrorist campaign. Description on Putin’s representations of the Chechen war; allegations of Chechen links with terrorism.


Includes a chapter discussing Russia’s relations with the West regarding Chechnya and options for policy and diplomacy.


Investigates Russia’s foreign relations with the former Soviet republics, focusing on conflicts over the energy resources in the former Soviet South, Central Asia and Caucasus. Discusses Russian control of the former Soviet republics’ economic development and trade.


Explores the ways in which the U.S. contributed to the spread of terrorism as it concerns the former Soviet Union and the Russian Federation. Support of the U.S. for terrorist groups; Role of U.S. -trained terrorists in Russia’s conflict with Chechnya.


Describes both parties human rights abuses towards Chechens, but especially the Russian Federation’s tenuous accountability in the prosecution of perpetrators of human rights abuses on both sides. Calls for the European Parliament to take serious action in ensuring Russia is committed to ending the Chechen conflict.

Decries the ongoing two-year conflict to the U.N. Commission on Human Rights, and calls for member countries to insist Russian government officials commit to investigations of ongoing abuses committed by Russian military. Calls on Russia to stop citing terrorist threats as an excuse for military human rights abuses in Chechnya.


Calls for Council of Europe to pressure Russian Federation to first follow up on charges of human rights abuses committed and sanctioned by Russian Federation. Points out Russia’s culpability and hypocrisy in human rights abuses in Chechnya; even as it has passed resolutions to work for peace human rights abuses still occur.


Reports on conflicts in the Caucasus, relevant political stakeholders and their actions to promote peace in the regions, and discusses President Putin’s need to stamp out terrorism in the regions.


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Describes the indiscriminate bombing and shelling of civilians and their property in Grozny. Applauds Western Europe’s quick response denouncing these actions, while urging Boris Yeltsin to condemn these attacks and follow through to punish those responsible.


Describes the human rights abuses at Alkhan-Yurt including looting, rape, and murder of civilians and their property. Discusses Russia’s responsibility to act in accordance with Protocol II of the Geneva Convention and with the European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms which Russia has ratified.


Tensions between Russia and Chechnya are likely to remain, especially because the Khasavyurt agreements, which ended the war, did not resolve Chechnya’s legal status, but postponed until December 31, 2001. Chechnya faces the challenge of creating state institutions that protect the rights of all its citizens, yet it’s criminal conduct code is not on par.

Human Rights Watch decries the continued human rights abuses in Chechnya committed by the Russian military. Calls for the international community to establish an independent monitoring committee to investigate human rights abuses, and for international actors to track these abuses and apply pressure on Russian Federation to reform.


Examines if the Russian army were indeed guilty of human rights abuses, the nature of abuses and whether the military and political leadership could have chosen different methods. Evidence of human rights violations documented in Chechnya stem from tactics adopted by the Russian state; basis of the main Western allegation of human rights abuses.

**Refugees from Chechnya**

Documents here reveal the dire circumstances of the internally displaced people who have had to flee their homes in the midst of this conflict, describing their plight, problems, and probable futures as refugees.


This report points to serious violations of international human rights by Russian law enforcement and security forces; it emphasizes the obstacles faced by victims, particularly women, children and ethnic minorities, in obtaining justice. Accounts for the dramatic changes in the political, economic and legal systems of the Russian Federation and discusses impact.


Describes the current state of crises in Chechnya by discussing continued human rights abuses like forced disappearances and torture from both sides. Claims that violence has now spread into neighboring areas where many refugees have fled. Discusses the referendum for a new constitution, and obvious signs of vote rigging.


Interesting look at Russian human rights abuses against Chechens during first war, which caused mass migration and displacement. Describes the refugee population and the conditions refugees live in after the war. Gives civilian toll during the 1994 to 1996 war between Russia and Chechnya.
Population displacements in the aftermath of the Chechen conflict undermine a complex political balance existing among the numerous ethnic groups in the neighboring Republic of Dagestan. The destabilisation of Dagestan threatens to bring ethnic conflict to virtually the only state in the Caucasus to have avoided it thus far.


Documents new attempts on the part of Russian government to force internally displaced persons living in Ingushetia back to Chechnya, and also looks at continued human rights violations by both sides within Chechen borders. Encourages the international community to prevent Russia from forcing refugees to return to an unsafe home.


The deteriorating security situation in Ingushetia shows compelling pressure on part of Russian Federation and pro-Kremlin Chechen government to force Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) to return to Chechnya. Ingushetia has suffered many of the same human rights abuses as Chechnya due to its harboring of IDPs.

**Russia's Future in Chechnya**

These articles and books consider future policy initiatives in Chechnya, and what their prospects for Chechen autonomy may be.


Delves into the background of the Russo-Chechen war, and analyzes whether this invasion was necessary, successful, and viable. Considers the future of Russo-Chechen relations.


Good discussion of Russian anti-terrorist strategy; including Putin’s 12-step policy program which includes “finishing the job” in Chechnya. Of key interest is the need for more military control within to discipline the ranks as well as in the Chechen region to maintain security.


Background information regarding the dissolution of the Soviet Union, and the war in Chechnya. Looks at possible solutions to geopolitical and ethnic conflicts, in addition to Russian public opinion on these topics.

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Describes history of Russian dominance in Caucasus, focusing particularly on the violence that took off in 1994. Emphasizes that Russia must adopt coherent policies when dealing with the Caucasus or the area will destabilize.


This is highly recommended reading for understanding Russian domestic politics impacts political, economic, and social dimensions of the conflict in Chechnya.


This book discusses how Russia’s vastly superior military had to withdraw and give way to a stalemated peace to Chechnya after the first two-year civil conflict. It ties the failure to the guerilla tactics of Chechen rebels. It’s strength lies in the in-depth study of the war, it’s phases, and the internal documents accompanying these phases.


Reviews the books *Russia Confronts Chechnya: The Roots of a Separatist Conflict* by John B. Dunlop, *Chechnya: Calamity in the Caucasus* by Carlotta Gall and Thomas de Waal, and *The War in Chechnya* by Stasys Knezys and Romanas Sedlickas.


Argues that the Russian Federation’s war with the breakaway Republic of Chechnya is indicative of much larger problems within the federation. Russian practice of inflating reports of military success. Gives history of Russian relations with the Caucasus, Islamic influences in Caucasus, and the inadequacy of military solution in Chechnya.


Includes a chapter discussing Russia’s relations with the West regarding Chechnya and options for policy and diplomacy.


Focuses on the potential threats to the national security and territorial integrity of Russian, relating to boundary disputes with Chechnya in the North Caucasus. Identifies these threats, and details the boundary disputes. Gives insight into an interview with former Minister of Defense of the Russian Federation General Pavel Grachev.


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In Russia’s Restless Frontier, the authors examine the implications of the war with Chechnya for Russia’s post-Soviet evolution. Considering Chechnya’s impact on Russia’s military, domestic politics, foreign policy, and ethnic relations, the authors contend that the Chechen factor must be addressed before Russia can continue its development.


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While fighting in Chechnya has ceased, forced disappearances continue. Little inquiry has been done by Russian Federation, and this report highlights disappearances. It also advises Russia to act according to 1992 U.N. General Assembly’s Declaration on the Protection of All Persons from Disappearances.
Colombia
by Travis Ning

The events of September 11 continued of the pattern of redefinition in the conflict in Colombia. The complex war of today actually began decades ago as a small political struggle, which has gradually developed into a large-scale civil war. The continuation and growth of civil strife in Colombia witnessed the emergence of several organized anti-government guerrilla movements. Some of these groups have since been defeated or have integrated themselves into the recognized political system. Others have continued to violently challenge Colombian government authority. Currently, the two most significant anti-government insurgency groups are the Fuerzas Armadas Revolucionarias de Colombia (FARC) and Ejercito de Liberacion Nacional (ELN). These guerrilla groups seek profound economic and political revolution that threatens the Colombian government as well as the existing social structure of the country. To address the specific concerns of the economic elite paramilitary forces have formed with the purpose of combating the guerrilla groups. The coalition of paramilitary forces is known as the Autodefensas Unidas de Colombia (AUC). The government of Colombia mobilized a large military effort to quell the insurgency, and has frequently been accused of collaborating with the AUC in the fight against the guerrillas.

The introduction of the illicit drug trade has added immense financial support to many different sides of the conflict, and altered external perceptions of the war. The civil war eventually came to be known as a “War on Drugs,” and was characterized by both domestic and international efforts to deal with Colombia’s role in the flourishing trade of narcotics. Meanwhile, the FARC, ELN, and AUC stand accused of making substantial profits from the production and sale of illicit drugs.

The consequences of September 11 have profoundly altered the context of the conflict in Colombia. This is most pronounced in the rhetoric of the Colombian government when it seeks assistance in asserting state authority. Colombian President Uribe recently declared that any armed opposition to a democratic state is considered a terrorist threat. By this definition, the Colombian state is under siege by many terrorist organizations. The United States, a significant actor in Colombia, has largely endorsed Uribe’s interpretation of the post-September 11 language of terrorism. Thus, anti-drug funding is increasingly identified as anti-terror support. Both the Colombian and U.S. governments have changed the nature of war by redefining the previous “War on Drugs” as a “War on Terror.” The U.S. and Colombian emphasis has shifted from narcotics control to regional stabilization, security, and anti-terrorism. All three of the major non-state military movements in Colombia (AUC, ELN, FARC) are on the U.S. State Department’s list of terrorist organizations.

Regardless of labels and official designations, the human rights situation in Colombia is severe: all of the different armed actors struggling to assert authority over the territory and population of the country have been complicit in grave offenses. Decades of war have produced a range of human rights violations, most notably internal displacement and the wide usage of child soldiers. This bibliography seeks to orient the reader to these problems by paying specific attention to the changes in the human rights situation after September 11.
General Background

The Colombian civil conflict once popularly known as a key component in the “War on Drugs” and has recently begun to be identified as a part of the global War on Terror. However, well before the emergence of narco-trafficking and official listings of terrorists a war against the state was underway. The conflict arose from a small and politically disenfranchised population into today’s 40-year old conflagration. These resources examine the initial causes of the uprising and how it evolved into its current form.


ABSTRACT: The article presents a chronology of events that occurred between 1509-2000 in Colombia. During the period 1509 to 1830 the following events took place. Early Spanish exploration and colonization of present-day Colombia took place. Santa Fe de Bogota was established in 1538. Comunero uprising against Crown officials in north-central Colombia took place. The Republic of New Granada was established. In the year 1958 the Frente Nacional was formed. The two parties agree to share power, splitting all elected and appointed offices and public employment and alternating the presidency for 16 years. Elements of this bipartisan arrangement would persist even after the formal end of the Frente in 1974. In 1972, the M-19 guerrilla movement was established by ex-members of ANAPO and of the FARC. Urban in origin, it eventually began to operate in the countryside. Its leadership cadres also largely come from among young intellectuals. In the year 1987 Medelin Cartel affiliated drug lord Carlos Lehder was captured and extradited to the U.S., where he was sentenced to a 135 year prison term and committed to a maximum-security federal prison in Illinois.

Details the origins of many of the factors in the current Colombian civil crisis such as political and military movements, the development of the illegal drug industry, human rights, and failed peace initiatives. Features more specific chronologies of the previous three presidential administrations.


ABSTRACT: This article explores the nineteenth- and twentieth-century roots of the present violence in Colombia. Focusing on the civilian government, the Colombian military, the FARC and ELN guerrillas, and the paramilitaries, it emphasizes the chronic weakness of the state, the privatization and regionalization of conflict, the impact of the cocaine export economy, and the difficulties of coming to a peace agreement.


ABSTRACT: Highlights the different conflicts that plague Colombia. United States’ policy on Colombia; Communist insurgency; Expansion of paramilitary networks; Drug traffickers and government corruption; Threat posed by continued Colombian disintegration to the inter-American community; Approaches to U.S. involvement in the peace process; Lessons from El Salvador’s civil wars.


A detailed history of Colombia spanning from Pre-Columbus times to the end of the 20th century. Special emphasis on the fragmentation of Colombia into regions and the development of
distinct economic and cultural characteristics. Explains the delayed economic development, and the weakness of the state and the state’s authority.


ABSTRACT: Colombian President Alvaro Uribe, inaugurated in August 2002, promised democratic security—meaning a frontal assault on the country’s two leftist guerrilla groups and, perhaps, its right-wing paramilitaries as well. But stopping these rebels will not be easy. Between drugs, paramilitaries, guerrillas, and a collapsing state, Colombia’s condition is steadily worsening. There is a widespread consensus that drug eradication in Colombia has failed. The United States has tried to balance the overriding U.S. interest in drug eradication against local efforts to combat domestic insurgencies in Latin America. If clear and tough demands are not put on the Colombian military and political elite to double tax revenues, double the defense budget, cut ties to the paramilitaries, send their sons to fight, return the internally displaced to their homes, and to enact other reforms, Colombia’s precipitous decline will only continue.

Presents the numerous and complex problems facing President Uribe and makes a critical review of U.S. policy towards Colombia. Includes a description of the effects of the war in Colombia on the Andean and Amazonian neighbors. The author asserts that the U.S. retains a delicate role in the conflict, and must further consult European and Latin American governments in addressing the problem.


ABSTRACT: This essay analyzes Colombian foreign policy over the last three decades with specific emphasis on Bogota’s peace diplomacy from 1978 up to 2000 in the context of an ongoing and degrading internal war. Initially, it assumes a modified realist perspective that links international relations with domestic structures. Then, the text defines three models of Colombian peaceful diplomacy according to the purposes, the means, and the rationales employed by the administrations that covered the above-mentioned period. After empirically evaluating the governments of Presidents Turbay, Betancur, Barco, Gaviria, and Samper and the first two years of the presidency of Pastrana, the article concludes with an assessment of the country’s peace diplomacy and its impact on internal violence and instability. The foreign policies of the six different mandates show that Colombia never developed an overall, consensual state strategy towards peace, that the multiple peaceful diplomacies were partially successful in terms of sustaining the political regime and that, notwithstanding the latter, the successive governments failed to achieve a genuine resolution to domestic war. Finally, the article calls for a serious, active, and simultaneous state foreign policy and citizen’s diplomacy in favor of peace.

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Human Rights Issues in Colombia

The lethal combination of narcotics trade, guerrilla insurgency, paramilitary retaliation, and government security measures impart Colombia with the distinction of leading the Western Hemisphere in reported human rights and international law violations. With several armed forces struggling for dominance over
Human rights abuses in Colombia long pre-date the iteration of political violence. Internal displacement, child soldiers, and the hampering of civil liberties have long been commonplace in Colombia. Armed with the new language of terror, the Colombian government now benefits from an increased flexibility in combating guerrilla movements. With insurgency efforts being funded by the narcotics trade, actions once considered to be anti-drug measures are now classified as anti-terror tactics. Crop fumigation is an effort to cut terror funding. The “the anti-democracy terrorists” label redefines the guerrilla fighters who are often children under fifteen years of age. Uribe’s “Informants Network” initiative incorporates civilians into the military “anti-terror” efforts. This list of resources provides a look at some of the central human rights violations still occurring in Colombia.


This U.S. State Department report presents an overview of the Colombian conflict with respect to human rights in year 2002. The article gives a brief description of the principle actors in the civil war and evaluates each group’s human rights record. The report categorically reviews human rights violations in Colombia by listing basic human rights principles, then applying these standards to the violations in Colombia.


ABSTRACT: The article focuses on internal displacement in Colombia. The violence, which Colombia has endured for over fifty years, has had as its main stage the rural areas of the country and has made the peasantry and the colonizers of the agrarian frontier its principal, though not exclusive, victims. Today, migratory currents in multiple directions witness to the shifting nature and extensive geography of the social conflicts and to the unprecedented proliferation of armed groups. Since the beginning of the 1980s, the magnitude and degradation of the armed confrontation has made displacement the only option for security for many of the inhabitants of the territories in conflict. The problem of the displaced, does not, however, correspond solely to confrontations between insurgent forces, paramilitary squads, and the state. Offshoots of these hostilities as well as other forms of the violent exercise of power expel populations from those areas that are involved in mega-development projects that have become zones whose control is of strategic economic and military importance, and those that have become arenas for the defense of landed interests or the consolidation of regional power.

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ABSTRACT: The Wrong Road outlines Colombian President Alvaro Uribe’s controversial security policies. These include permitting police and army to search homes and offices, tap phones and detain people without warrants, suspending basic civil liberties in war zones, and employing armed civilians as soldiers and informants. These measures “set the stage for an increase in human rights violations, while providing none of the safeguards—respect for the rule of law, civilian oversight, ensuring that military forces understand and embrace their duty to protect all citizens rather than a privileged few—that are the foundation of real security.” July 2003

Details President Uribe’s security initiatives that focus on the expansion of military force and powers of the Colombian military institutions. The “Informants Network” and “Peasant Soldiers Program” are attempts to integrate armed civilians into the armed forces for intelligence and military operations. Questions the constitutionality of these acts and criticizes President’s role in the deteriorating human rights situation in Colombia.


This report by the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights covers the year 2003. Contents include chapters on the dynamics of internal armed conflict, state policies and international recommendations, breaches international law by armed actors, an evaluation of the current human rights situation, and a description of the status of vulnerable groups.


ABSTRACT: Whether they live in Bogotá or in remote rural areas, Colombian civilians bear the brunt of the country’s violent armed conflict. Thousands have been killed in recent years, and thousands more have been kidnapped for ransom. Their children, some as young as thirteen or fourteen, have been recruited into the irregular forces — guerrillas and paramilitaries — that play a primary role in the conflict. Fleeing their homes to protect themselves and their families, some two million Colombians have become internally displaced or have left their country as refugees. Human Rights Watch abhors the conflict’s heavy civilian toll and supports ongoing efforts to achieve peace. Yet we insist on the protection of civilians even in the absence of peace. The international humanitarian law norms applicable to the conflict were designed to shield civilians from war, and to protect sick and wounded combatants as well as those who have surrendered. In Colombia, to the great discredit of the warring parties, these norms are largely ignored. This report, which is based on first-hand research in Colombia, including a visit in May-June 2000 to the Zone, describes the range of international humanitarian law violations committed by FARC-EP. Both in format and substance, it closely follows a July 2001 letter to Commander Marulanda addressing these issues.

This comprehensive report criticizes the human rights situation in Colombia, specifically condemning the behavior of the FARC group. The report specifically cites incidents of extrajudicial killings, the use of child combatants, hostage taking, forced displacement, and attacks on medical workers. Includes applicable international laws and recommendations to the FARC General Secretariat and the countries facilitating negotiations between FARC and the state.

This document focuses on the failure of the Colombian government to ensure that Articles 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 12, 13, 14 and 15 of the Covenant Against Torture and other Cruel, Inhumane or Degrading Punishment (CAT) are upheld. Focuses criticism on the government’s participation in torture via the Colombian Military and the government-linked paramilitaries. Specific violations, including rape and torture, are reviewed. Lists recommendations to Colombian Government.


Annual report detailing the activity in the areas of paramilitaries, guerrillas, and armed forces in reference to human rights abuses in 2003. Evaluates the behavior and violations of each group for the 2003 period. Also details attacks on human rights monitors, violence towards women, kidnapping, and abuses against civilians.


Briefly outlines the failed peace negotiations initiated in 1999 and the subsequent intensification of the conflict. Describes President Uribe’s efforts to curb civil liberties during the “state of emergency” in 2002. Detailed examples of human rights violations such as kidnappings and persecution of human rights defenders.


ABSTRACT: Report critically analyzes the US-funded aerial spraying program to eradicate coca production in Colombia. States that the controversial strategy has harsh human and environmental costs and does little to curb narcotics production or usage. Urges that resources be redirected towards alternative crop production and drug treatment.


This website focuses on the human rights situation in Colombia, paying particular attention to the U.S. military aid to the Colombian government. Features links to U.S. and Colombian organizations with similar aims, legislative updates, and archives.


Extensive list of websites on human rights and Colombia. Links to resources on general human rights, refugees, media protection, and labor. Includes non-governmental, UN, US, and Colombian government links. Materials in both Spanish and English.

A Spanish language Colombian website dedicated to the issue of human rights within the armed conflict. Features Colombia-related urgent action petitions, a virtual classroom regarding human rights, and reports. Links to Colombian government, International agency, and NGO websites.


Focuses on the effect of the civil war on children in Colombia. Practice of using child combatants by guerrilla forces; Statistics of minor deaths in the civil conflict; Reason for children joining guerrilla groups in Colombia; Long-term psychological effect of violence on children; Absence of social provisions for former child combatants in Colombian Law.


Spanish language report detailing the results of interviews with 86 former child-soldiers with the intent of discerning the context in which a child becomes a soldier in the Colombian conflict. Explores motives for joining, the children’s role in the conflict, and the demobilization and recovery. Includes various tables and graphs detailing the various dimensions of the problem of child combatants: its origins, membership, and drug use.


Briefing details both governmental and non-state participation in the use of children in the civil conflict. Cites that all major actors in the war in Colombia utilize children in various capacities. Briefly summarizes abuses and demobilization and child protection programs.


ABSTRACT: Colombia’s Attorney General has seriously undermined the investigation and prosecution of major human rights cases. The 14-page report: A Wrong Turn: The Record of the Colombian Attorney General’s Office, documents how the attorney general’s office has failed to make progress on critical human rights investigations. Upon taking office in July 2001, Attorney General Luis Camilo Osorio made it clear that he was deeply suspicious of ongoing efforts to prosecute human rights cases, particularly those involving allegations against members of the Colombian military. Publicly, he promised to correct what he described as excessive attention to these allegations by prosecutors. Within seventy-two hours of his arrival, Osorio had demanded the resignations of two high-ranking officials who had handled some of the institution’s most important human rights cases. A third official felt compelled to resign in response to the attorney general’s actions.

Documents how Attorney General Luis Camilo Osorio’s office has failed to make progress on critical human rights investigations. Specifically cites the lack of support of prosecutors in human rights trials, a failure to protect justice officials, and the forced resignation of prosecutors and officials. Makes several recommendations to the U.S. and Colombia.


ABSTRACT: More than 11,000 children fight in Colombia’s armed conflict, one of the highest totals in the world. Both guerrilla and paramilitary forces rely on child combatants, who have committed atrocities and are even
made to execute other children who try to desert. The first comprehensive report published on this issue, “You’ll Learn Not to Cry” documents how Colombia’s illegal armies have recruited increasing numbers of children in recent years. Only Burma (Myanmar) and the Democratic Republic of Congo are believed to have significantly larger numbers of child combatants than Colombia. The 150-page book, based on interviews with 112 former child combatants, documents how both guerrillas and paramilitaries exploit the desperation of poor children in rural combat zones. Many join up for food or physical protection, to escape domestic violence, or because of promises of money. Some are coerced to join at gunpoint, or join out of fear. Others are street children with nowhere to go. Children as young as thirteen are trained to use assault rifles, grenades and mortars. Human Rights Watch urged guerrilla and paramilitary forces to end all recruitment of children under the age of eighteen and to demobilize the children in their ranks. Pending complete demobilization, the group urged the following immediate and unconditional steps: firmly prohibit forcible recruitment; allow those who wish to leave without reprisals; cease executions of children; and provide proper medical care for the sick or wounded.

One in four combatants in Colombia are under 18 years of age. Both paramilitary and guerrilla forces utilize child soldiers. Report covers recruitment, training, life in ranks, role in combat and treatment after capture, desertion or rescue. Estimates 11,000 child combatants currently participating in the Colombian conflict. Makes recommendations to principle participating actors such as the paramilitary and guerrilla groups, the Colombian Military, the US, and the United Nations.

Non-State Actors

The internal conflict of Colombia is unique in the relatively high number of state and non-state actors asserting varying degrees of military and political influence and independence. In addition to the state army, Colombia features at least three paramilitary forces currently waging a war within the country’s borders. Each actor’s distinct motivations create a complex and morphing web of interests.

The U.S. State Department has classified the three organized non-state armed groups as terrorist organizations. The AUC (Autodefensas Unidas de Colombia), FARC (Fuerzas Armadas Revolucionarias de Colombia), ELN (Ejercito de Liberacion Nacional) each feature different founding ideals, thousands of soldiers, and a history of human rights abuses. Another critical dimension to the definition of these groups is the very lucrative drug trade. This section also features material general to non-state actors and guerillas.

General


ABSTRACT: The Colombian nation-state is in its worst period of crisis since the infamous Violencia of the late 1940s and 1950s. State power is being contested by a number of groups: paramilitaries, the revolutionary Left, drug cartels and corrupt high-level officials. But these latest challenges must be set in a wider historical context: a 200-year history of failed attempts by the oligarchy to forge a stable modern nation-state without undermining their dominant position in the Colombian polity. The writing of a new constitution in 1991, the first since 1886,
was an attempt to address many of the above problems, including the granting of special powers to the executive to deal with civil unrest, the need for a decentralised and pluralised political landscape and constitutional guarantees for minority and indigenous representation and rights. However, constitutional change has also taken place in the context of the consolidation of the globalisation project and the practical effects of the new constitution have been its provision of legal and administrative measures to facilitate the neoliberal restructuring of the economy, a process which, over the past 10 years, has been a devastating form of ‘capital punishment’ for the Colombian underclasses and has contributed to the further fragmentation of the nation.

Details the crisis of the nation-state in Colombia as multiple armed groups contest state authority. The negative consequences of globalization and neoliberal policies on the underclass have undermined the 1991 constitution that sought to increase government power.


This expansive website presents several papers opposing large increases in U.S. military aid. It includes several Colombia-related sub-sections including: U.S. military and police aid, U.S. government information, peace initiatives, and links to governmental and non-governmental sites.


ABSTRACT: Colombia’s deeply rooted and ambiguous warfare has reached crisis proportions in that Colombia’s “Hobbesian Trinity” of illegal drug traffickers, insurgents, and paramilitary organizations are creating a situation in which life is indeed “nasty, brutish, and short.” The first step in developing a macro-level vision, policy, and strategy to deal with the Colombian crisis in a global context is to be clear on what the Colombian crisis is, and what the fundamental threats implicit (and explicit) in it are. Political and military leaders can start thinking about the gravity of the terrorist strategy employed by Colombia’s stateless adversaries from this point. It is also the point from which leaders can begin developing responses designed to secure Colombian, Hemispheric, and global stability. The author seeks to explain the Colombian crisis in terms of non-state threats to the state and to the region—and appropriate strategic-level responses.

The author seeks to explain the Colombian crisis in terms of non-state threats to the state and to the region, and appropriate strategic-level responses. The principle non-state actors are drug traffickers, insurgents and paramilitaries. Author asserts that the threat of these non-state actors, which he considers to be terrorists, can be addressed via education and organizational solutions.


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The author explains the Colombian crisis in Hobbesian terms of non-state threats to the state and region. The Colombian state is threatened by three non-state actors: paramilitaries, guerrillas, and the illegal drug industry. The strength of these forces is leading to the partial collapse of the state of Colombia, as evidenced by the diminishing state authority over large portions of the country and the non-physical erosion of democracy via widespread corruption.

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The basic, 2002, English-version FARC homepage includes a variety of information including the group’s history, letters, and interviews. It links with the more comprehensive and current Spanish version.


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Paramilitaries


This well-organized and current Spanish language homepage of the AUC positively portrays the group’s activities in the Colombian conflict. The site details the group’s current efforts in peace negotiations, human rights protection, and anti-terror measures. Features current press AUC-leaning releases, videos, and interviews.


ABSTRACT: Comments on the construed paramilitary violence in terms of excessive responses to insurgencies by means of conventional warfare. Paramilitary function of state power in countries that survived the Cold War to find their fate; Prevalence of paramilitary violence in countries where it is the military that monopolizes the use of violence and where the police and the judicial system operates; Details of information on the paramilitary violence in Guatemala, Colombia and Israel.

Discusses the evolving role of the paramilitary forces in Colombia, specifically their evolution from small, state sanctioned militia to groups building political platforms claiming the right to participate in peace negotiations. The emergence of paramilitaries resulted from a weak central state authority. Observes the AUC’s attempts to foster legitimization. Author compares the paramilitaries of Colombia, Guatemala and Israel.


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In 2003, the AUC paramilitary forces signed an agreement with the Colombian government to demobilize by 2005. This article protests the Colombian government’s agreement to introduce legislation that would allow paramilitaries convicted of serious human rights crimes to make cash payments in lieu of serving prison sentences. According to the legislation, the President would determine which individuals qualify for a suspended sentence. Report cites examples of AUC abuses.


Asserts that there is compelling evidence that certain Colombian Army brigades and political detachments continue to promote, work with, support, and profit from paramilitary groups. Specific focus on 3 brigades. Strong condemnation of Pastrana administration. Includes recommendations to Colombian and U.S. governments.


The AUC paramilitary group is in danger of fracturing as a result of the drug trade, and this impacts significantly on the anti-drug Plan Colombia strategy. The once-united force of 15,000 members has split over the a disagreement over whether the financial benefit of protecting the country’s cocaine trade outweighs the political costs and internal corruption it has brought the group. The split further threatens the stability of Colombia by creating a collection of regional groups that do not support the government’s anti-drug initiatives.
State Actors

To combat this increase in drug production, the United States introduced Plan Colombia. This program provides substantial financial and military assistance to the Colombian government. This plan intricately added the United States' financial and military support into the crowded puzzle of principle actors. In light of the events of September 11, the language and purpose of the Plan Colombia has shifted to reflect the transition from a “War on Drugs” to a “War on Terror.”


A negative evaluation of the U.S. Plan Colombia. Specifically assesses Plan Colombia’s impact on the eradication of illegal drugs, the use of a balanced approach, the institution of judicial reform, the protection of human rights, and the fostering of peace.


Analyzes the role of oil in Colombia’s conflict and the dangers of the United States’ growing military mission in Colombia.


ABSTRACT: This is one in the Special Series of monographs stemming from the February 2001 conference on Plan Colombia cosponsored by the Strategic Studies Institute of the U.S. Army War College and The Dante B. Fascell North-South Center of the University of Miami. In substantive U.S. national security terms, the author addresses the questions, Why Colombia, Why Now, and What Is To Be Done? He explains the importance of that troubled country to the United States. He points out that the fragile democracy of Colombia is at risk, and that the violent spillover effects of three simultaneous wars pose a threat to the rest of the Western Hemisphere and the interdependent global community. Then he makes a case against continued tactical and operational approaches to the Colombian crisis and outlines what must be done. In that connection, he recommends an actionable political-military strategy to attain security, stability, democratic governance, and a sustainable peace. The proposed strategy would not be costly in monetary or military terms. It would, however, require deliberate planning, cooperation, time, and will.

A monograph stemming from the February 2001 conference on Plan Colombia. The author asserts the need for U.S. leadership and the strategic importance of Colombia to U.S. interests. The author cites sets of requirements necessary to restore Colombian state legitimacy: the need for Colombian leadership to optimize capabilities, and the need for U.S. -Colombia partnership to achieve a national and international unity of effort.


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Iraq, Afghanistan, Colombia, and the United States. The authors argue that the Bush gang is using the external “international crisis” to override the remnants of U.S. bourgeois democracy in order to reestablish conditions of profitability. Perhaps not surprisingly, at least from a Marxist perspective, the supporting repressive (e.g., the Department of Homeland Security’s secret police) and ideological state apparatuses (e.g., schools and the corporate media) have played a profound role in building support for the Bush gang’s totalizing ambitions.

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The author asserts that government efforts to counter narcotics and lawlessness in Colombia will worsen unless the it firmly enforces property rights. For instance, many parts of Colombia are not yet mapped, so rule of law cannot exist until there is a knowledge of the location of different properties. The current U.S. and Colombian efforts to assert state authority will require complete mapping to define boundaries of lawlessness and civilization.


This broad overview illustrates the difficulties facing the current presidential administration of Colombia, and examines the country’s status as a functioning democracy. Contrasts the Pastrana Presidency to that of the current Uribe regime and their distinct efforts to establish stability in the lawless regions of the country. Describes the evolution of the Plan Colombia, and the significant influence that the U.S. exerts over the situation.

War on Terror

In the weeks and months following September 11, it was not uncommon to see images of Osama Bin Ladin edited into the news reports about FARC actions in Colombian television news broadcasts. Conservative politicians, church leaders, and members of the Colombian armed forces creatively developed new adjectives to describe Colombian rebels as “Talibanes” or “Bin Ladenes.” This approach rendered any efforts at negotiating a political solution to the decades-long conflict as illegitimate, if not morally repugnant (Mario Murillo, Colombia and the United States: War, Unrest and Destabilization).

The traditional view of the Colombian conflict is of an internal war of political ideology that had been spun to include the effects of the narcotics trade on the escalation of violence. The events of September 11th 2001 spawned yet another redefinition of the civil war in Colombia. As I argued in the introduction, the “War on Drugs” has been enveloped by the “War on Terror.” This
The bibliography features several resources that detail this transformation and specify the altered roles some of the principal actors.


ABSTRACT: Despite dramatic progress against the narcotics trade, Colombia remains a major producing country. Proceeds finance the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC), the United Self Defense Forces of Colombia (AUC), and, to a lesser extent, the National Liberation Army (ELN). They control areas within Colombia with concentrations of coca and heroin poppy cultivation and their involvement in narcotics is a major source of violence in Colombia. In 2003 the Government of Colombia (GOC) eradicated illicit crops at a record-setting pace. The U.S.-supported Colombian National Police Antinarcotics Directorate (DIRAN) sprayed over 127,000 hectares of coca and 2,821 hectares of opium poppy. Subsequent field verification demonstrated that this spraying effectively eradicated 116,000 hectares of coca. In addition to spray operations, the GOC manually eradicated 8,441 hectares of coca and 1,009 hectares of opium poppy. Plan Colombia has reduced narcotics production and seizures of illicit commodities are up; the scope and delivery of key government services have been extended; the effectiveness and availability of institutions of justice have been increased; and, the GOC is in negotiations with the AUC toward demobilization. Colombia is party to the 1988 U.N. Drug convention.

This 2004 U.S. State Department website notes the progress being made against narcotics production and trade in Colombia for the year 2003. Attributes narcotics production and trade to the non-state actors in Colombia (FARC, AUC, ELN), and details the Colombian Government’s actions to curtail production via fumigation. Site includes categories such as accomplishments, law enforcement efforts, corruption, treaties, transit, cultivation, and U.S. participation in anti-drug measures.


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This report, written as an SRP from a lieutenant colonel, evaluates the effectiveness of U.S. participation in Plan Colombia. The article cites drug-related statistics that reflect the successes of the aerial spraying program, increased government interception of narcotics, and increased police presence. Includes the viewpoints of some Plan Colombia critics, but considers the program to be effective. Makes several recommendationary recommendations such as the need to
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How the contemporary “War on Terror” post 9-11 has been applied to the decades-old civil war in Colombia. The Colombian government has utilized the new vocabulary to declare insurgents
as “terrorists” and captured guerillas have been deemed “illegal combatants.” Also details how the U.S. military links Illicit drugs to the funding of Islamic terrorist groups, and narcotics are “weapons of mass destruction.” These new classifications facilitate U.S. anti-terror funding.

Takes a critical view of this new policy, as Colombia’s new “War on Terror” is focusing on the anti-government guerrillas and leaving the paramilitary forces to maintain and increase their power.


ABSTRACT: Focuses on the spread of the Colombian civil war to cities. Impact of the displacement of people from the countryside on the urban population; Activity of guerrilla organizations in the countryside; Increase in strikes, protests and popular mobilizations in cities; Reasons for efforts by guerrilla groups to establish urban presence; Factors working against generalized urban violence.

Post 9/11 article focuses on the threat of terrorism the spread of Colombian civil war to the urban areas. Details the history and impacts of the displacement of rural people on the urban populations. Provides motivations for guerrilla groups to establish an urban presence. Details the factors inhibiting the urbanization of the conflict: media, popular sentiment, armed forces and a modernized state.


The author analyzes Colombia’s problems and makes recommendations regarding what it will take to achieve stated U.S. and Colombian objectives in that crisis situation. Critical analysis of Plan Colombia, corruption, the armed forces, and leadership. Explores implications of September 11 on the U.S. relations with Colombia and the regional repercussions.


This informative book features a keen description of how the “War on Terror” has allowed an increased militaristic approach by Colombian government. The post-9/11 context has reduced the original social political sources of the Colombia conflict to a mere extension of the global war on terror.


Report by the House of Representatives Committee on International Relations details the “Globalization of Terror” with a focus on the Colombian civil war and the hemispheric concerns of the United States. Portrays narco-funded FARC as a “multinational terrorist network” similar to Al Queda, and explores the links between FARC and the IRA. Includes DEA reports.
Europe
by Victoria Lowdon, Angela Woolliams and Robin Davey

Both individually and collectively, European countries have vast experience with international and domestic terrorism. Because the point of terrorist attacks is primarily within a particular country (United Kingdom, Turkey and Spain), terrorism has come to be viewed by these states as a domestic problem. At the same time European countries have recognized the value of inter-governmental cooperation, which has been codified in various bilateral and multilateral agreements and conventions dating back to the 1950’s.

Yet, it was the September 11 attacks that truly spurred the creation of coordinated counter-terrorism efforts in Europe. Recent domestic and transnational anti-terrorism legislation has sparked debates throughout the region due to the European Union’s long standing emphasis on human rights. Human rights are a defining feature of the European Union: one requirement of admission is long standing compliance with EU human rights standards. In short, European anti-terror legislation necessarily raises a wide variety of questions regarding the balance between human rights and security.

Basic Documents

This section provides a review of some of the many human rights and terrorism conventions and measures implemented in Europe. These two issues have been of interest in Europe for decades. Consequently, the conventions of the Council of Europe, Europe’s oldest political organization, are still relevant. The Council of Europe has been in existence since 1949 and includes 45 countries, including many non-EU members. The second section, on European Union instruments, includes succinct guides to contemporary EU law, and provides the texts of the official documents containing the counter-terrorism measures that were passed both after September 11 and the Madrid bombing in March 2004. Some of these measures are under scrutiny for their possible human rights implications.

Council of Europe

Two books are especially helpful in interpreting this vast body of law:

Helpful basic guide to Council of Europe documents pertaining to terrorism. Includes conventions, as well as recommendations, declarations, orders, resolutions, and guidelines created by various Council of Europe bodies.

An excellent general resource on international legal measures on the issue of terrorism. Spanning more than the Council of Europe’s documents on terrorism-related conventions, it also contains materials on instruments passed by various international bodies.

The relevant conventions include:


Bars extradition in respect of all political offences. Excludes such offences war crimes, crimes against humanity and the assassination of heads of state. Supplements provisions that deal with the principle *ne bis in idem* by enlarging the number of instances in which extradition of person is barred if she has already been tried for the same crime.


Stipulates the fundamental rights and freedoms of people living in the signatory countries. Establishes the European Court of Human Rights, including its procedural matters and is still currently used by the Court.


Protects people against abuses associated with the collection and processing of personal data. Seeks to regulate the flow of personal data. Gives people the right to know that information is stored on them and, if necessary, to have it corrected. Restrictions on rights only possible when overriding interests (i. e. state security) are threatened.


Lists specific documents that must be presented by citizens of signatory states who wish to cross state boundaries. Holders of such documents are guaranteed reentry into a state without formality even if his/her nationality is under dispute.


Provides for the extradition of individuals wanted for non-political or military criminal proceedings or for the carrying out of a sentence. Sets forth the conditions under which extradition can be requested or refused in these cases.

Parties agree to provide mutual assistance in the areas of gathering evidence, hearing witnesses, experts and prosecuted persons, etc. Sets rules for the enforcement of letters rogatory by States, aiming to gather evidence or communicate the evidence in trials in another state. Specifies the requirements that requests have to meet.


designed to facilitate the extradition of suspected terrorists. Lists offences that should not be considered as political offences, or as offences connected with or inspired by political offences. Also empowers Parties not to consider as a political offence any act of violence against the life, physical integrity or liberty of a person.


Gives states the right to request another state to prosecute a suspected criminal in its place. Stipulates the conditions under which this request can be made and under which the request can be refused.


Makes changes to the Convention, regarding clearly inadmissible and repetitive cases. Gives the Committee of Ministers more powers in certain areas and changes term limits for judges. Also sets forth new admissibility criterion.


Revises the 1961 European Social Charter with new social and political rights promised to specific populations within signatory countries (i.e., workers, children, the elderly, and the disabled). Amends several portions of the Charter, including better protection of vulnerable populations, the reinforcement of the right against discrimination, etc.

http://www.coe.int/T/E/Legal_affairs/Legal_co-operation/Fight_against_terrorism/.

A website detailing the Council of Europe’s actions against terrorism with links to adopted texts, thematic files, the Committee of Experts on Terrorism, and other general information. Also provides access to recent publications on the topic of terrorism.
European Union


Website containing information on the Charter, which lists all fundamental rights within six categories: dignity, freedoms, equality, solidarity, citizens’ rights and justice; ends the distinction between civil, political, economic, and social rights. Includes protection of personal data and bio-ethical standards; requires governments to be open and transparent; and reaffirms the EU’s commitment to the elimination of discrimination.


Updated list of terrorists and terrorist organizations. Includes Abu Nidal, the Continuity IRA, Kurdistan Workers Party, Euskadi Ta Akatasuna, Loyalist Volunteer Force, Palestine Liberation Front, Real IRA, Red Hand Defenders, Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, Revolutionary Nuclei, Shining Path, Revolutionary 17 November, and others.


One of the first lists designating a series of individuals and organizations as “terrorists”. Requires Member States to freeze the assets of the listed people and groups and to halt the flow of such resources. List to be reviewed regularly.


Asks members to pass information to Europol and Eurojust. Calls for the formation of specialized law enforcement branches to collect information on criminal investigations linked to terrorist activities. Joint investigative teams are to be created when necessary. Categorizes mutual assistance requests as urgent, top priorities for Members. Requires Members to make information immediately accessible to investigators.

Implements the Council Regulation passed on 27 December 2001, regarding the freezing of assets. Applies to the groups and individuals listed in this document.


Describes offences considered to be terrorist within the European Union and those that can be linked to terrorist activities. Sets a common punishment for those found to be participating in certain acts. Dictates criteria under which States may reduce these sentences. Also describes the procedures related to prosecution, jurisdiction, liability, implementation, and reports.


Official document describing the scope of and the procedures for the use of the European Arrest Warrant.


Authorizes the freezing of the economic assets of specific people and groups classified as terrorists. Halts the flow of resources to such entities. Also requires private financial institutions to provide authorities with access to information that would facilitate compliance with this document.


While occasionally dense and legalistic, this introductory text enables readers to understand the structure of the EU and several important topical areas. Contains detailed descriptions of various treaties, allowing the tracing of EU evolution in a clear and precise manner.


ABSTRACT: Created post-September 11th. Lists forty-seven measures the European Council instructed the Justice and Home Affairs Council to implement as soon as possible. Includes the creation of the European Arrest Warrant, the establishment of common definitions, penalties and lists of terrorists and terrorist organizations. Specifies the deadlines of and the bodies responsible for implementation.


Urges members to do everything in their power to ensure that current EU bodies, like Europol, are optimally used. Calls upon Members to implement all previously adopted measures and to improve intelligence cooperation. Attempts to increase security at all transportation sites. Instructs the Council to pass proposals related to biometric passports and visas.


Succinct guide to European Union law. Chapter breakdown facilitates easy access to subjects of interest, including internal policies and the free movement of people. the history and structure of the organization. Excellent tool for those unfamiliar with EU law.

Religious Freedom and Xenophobia

The war on terror has had a profound impact on religious freedom in Europe. While most European countries have historically embraced secularism, challenges to it have escalated since September 11. Turkey and France have recently passed laws that ban the wearing of headscarves in public schools and it appears Germany is not far behind. In Italy a Muslim woman has brought a case against the government over fines placed on her for wearing a veil in public. More than any other European state, France is the hotbed for the issue because of the strict enforcement of the headscarf ban in public high schools, which has excluded many girls. “Islamophobia” as it termed by some, is becoming more evident in Europe on the whole. Most European governments insist that the new laws are the result of an aim for a secular, not anti-Muslim society. This section presents news articles, journal articles, and electronic resources on the headscarf issue, as well as the broader
impact of the War on Terror on religious liberties and the perception of Islam and Muslims in Europe.


ABSTRACT: The article discusses the human rights problems emerging around the European Arrest Warrant (EAW), particularly with respect to the protection of individual rights and legal certainty in the European judicial space. The way in which these problems are tackled will be a litmus test of the respect for fundamental rights across the EU.


ABSTRACT: Focuses on religious freedom in the Baltic states. Adherence to standards set by the European Convention on Human Rights; Religions experiencing difficulties in getting legal recognition in Austria; Distinction between traditional and nontraditional religions.


This source, targeted toward youth, is centered around a brief regarding the issue of secularism in France and how it is impacting the French community. In addition to the brief, the page also features link to an Interactive map, photo essay, polls, and a resource guide which has a number of good sources related to Muslims in France.


ABSTRACT: Focuses on the impact of the war on terror on race relations policies across Europe. Discusses the effect of new legislation, policing and counter-terrorist measures on Muslims, perception in Europe regarding Islam and the promotion of multicultural homogeneity through assimilation.


ABSTRACT: Discusses the impact of religiously-motivated terrorism on the balance between religious freedom and national security. Analyzes religion and security after the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks and deals with the creation of laws approved by the European states affecting religion and church-state relations.


ABSTRACT: More than nine million Muslims currently live in Western Europe, which makes them the largest religious minority in the region. There has been significant political controversy in various European states over how best to recognize Muslims’ religious rights. These questions have become even more significant and contentious in the aftermath of the September 11 attacks by Islamic extremists. Using privately commissioned polls on attitudes toward Muslim religious rights taken before and after September 11 in Britain, France, and Germany, this article determines the extent of popular opposition to state accommodation of Muslim practices and tests several leading theories of attitudes toward Muslims.

ABSTRACT: Presents information on a study which analyzed the case law of the European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms in relation to freedom of religion.


Discusses The European Court on Human Rights ruling that banning headscarves in academic institutions is not a violation of human rights in Turkey. Implies this ruling might help the French case for a similar ban on headscarves.


ABSTRACT: The terrorism of Al-Qaeda could gravely endanger social co-existence in western countries with large Islamic communities. Al-Qaeda uses the presence of Muslims in Europe and the United States in order to hide itself, recruit new members and obtain aid. Even though the majority of the Muslims who live in the West reject terrorism, there exists proof that Al-Qaeda has managed to locate itself in minority sectors of Europe and America. The social alarm could endanger the relationships between Muslims and non-Muslims that live in the same country. It is necessary to adopt preventive measures to lessen this risk.


ABSTRACT: The article focuses on the worldwide spread of radical Islamism. Since the Iranian revolution of 1979, the rise of Islamic fundamentalism has generated several issues of analytical significance for social and political scientists. The author provides analyses and arguments to uncover the paradoxes behind the dichotomous discourses on West-Islam conflicts. Islamism is seen as counter-hegemonic political movement representing an outlet for action and a force for change. Contrary to the civilization paradigm in conceptualizing and dichotomizing the long-term conflicts between the West and Islam, the current terrorist crises are less about religion and more about politics.


ABSTRACT: In the eyes of many, the events of 11 September have validated Huntington’s prediction of a ‘clash of civilizations’ between the Islam and the West. Accordingly, the Muslims communities in the West are seen as vanguards of a hostile civilization. The essay aims at exploring the significance of such a geopolitical script in popular geopolitics. It deals with the position of Muslim communities in Western Europe. The analysis focuses on Moroccans in the Netherlands, a Muslim community resulting from recent immigration and on the new media. The empirical section examines how the events and their aftermath were presented and represented on websites run for and by young Dutch Moroccans (websites that have became key public places for this first generation of Muslims born in the Netherlands), and aims at assessing to what extent the ‘clash of civilizations’ script inform their understanding of the events.

ABSTRACT: Examines the applicability of the freedom of association cases handled by the European Court of Human Rights in the right of religious organizations to obtain legal entity status under the European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms. Discusses potential limits of the freedoms as a result of the war on terrorism.


Discusses Muslim communities in the contemporary Europe. Contains broad thematic chapters on Islam and ethnicity in eastern Europe and the role of human rights in European relations with the Islamic world. Regional foci include Muslim communities in France, Germany and Spain.


ABSTRACT: This study examines International Islamization Terrorism. It revisits the effects of the media on the propensity of Muslim zealots for conflict and terrorism by sampling 2,619 individuals in 8 European Union countries, and empowers the field with some foundations for Islamist violence.


Human Rights, Civil Liberties and Domestic Cooperation

Prior to the September 11 attacks in the United States, European countries cooperated on terrorism policy, but they primarily dealt with threats domestically. Now, European states are increasingly recognizing the importance of international intelligence information sharing, law enforcement capacity, and judicial cooperation to combat security and terrorist threats. The European arrest warrant (EAW) is the most striking example of the extensive judicial cooperation in criminal matters that is beginning to take place in the European Union (EU). It replaces traditional extradition between EU member states and will operate on the basis of mutual recognition of judicial decisions.

Unfortunately, the EAW and other cooperative efforts to enhance security have begun to blur the lines between criminal behavior and actual security threats. This shift in perception has led to the re-interpretation of security threats. As a result of this new measurement, the number of human rights abuses and restrictions on civil liberties has increased since the beginning of the War on Terror. The European Union Charter of Fundamental Rights (2001) addresses, inter alia, the detainment of suspects and rights to due process of law. While the Charter presents a further step by the European community toward a rights-based approach, it is not legally binding and depends on individual states to adhere to it. Many human rights and civil liberties cases have made their way into European courts where precedents for dealing with the need for balance between security, rights and liberty are being established.
Looking at the cases of the EAW and the European Union Charter of Fundamental Rights shows us that European cooperation efforts are linked at both the security and rights levels. This section provides further resources exploring these linkages of European Cooperation Efforts and Human Rights and Civil Liberties in the war on terror.

**European Cooperation Efforts**


ABSTRACT: Discusses proceedings of the ninth meeting of the Organization for Security and Cooperation (OSCE) in Europe’s Ministerial Council in Bucharest, Romania in December 2001. Decision on combating terrorism and the Bucharest plan of action; International legal obligations and political commitments; Strengthening democratic institutions and the rule of law; Promoting human rights, tolerance, and multiculturalism.


ABSTRACT: The European arrest warrant (EAW) is the first and most striking example of the extensive judicial cooperation in criminal matters that is beginning to take place in the European Union. Replacing traditional extradition between EU member states, including the ten accession countries after May 2004, it will operate on the basis of mutual recognition of judicial decisions, thus taking extradition decisions out of the hands of politicians. It rests on the presumption that criminal justice systems are equivalent throughout the EU and that the rights of the defence, in particular, are safeguarded adequately and in a comparable way EU-wide. However, before the EAW has even been implemented, a number of practical problems are beginning to emerge, in particular in relation to the protection of individual rights and legal certainty in the European judicial space. The way in which these problems are tackled will be a litmus test of the respect for fundamental rights across the EU in the field of justice and home affairs. This article highlights the problems inherent in the rapid development of the principle of mutual recognition and suggests ways in which these problems can be addressed allowing for full protection of fundamental rights within a fully functioning European area of freedom, security, and justice. The EAW will be used to illustrate the prominent features of the emerging landscape of judicial cooperation in criminal matters, providing as it does the most radical example of developments in this field so far and their implications for fundamental rights.


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ABSTRACT: Law enforcement cooperation in the European Union (EU) is booming business, as new actors emerge on the scene and inter-institutional working relationships arise between the different governance levels of policing. This dynamic has been given new impetus as a result of the terrorist attacks against the USA on 11 September 2001. These events have provided the EU with a window of opportunity for the adoption of several new measures in the area of police and judicial cooperation in criminal matters. This article looks at ways in which an appropriate and measurable accountability system could be developed for an emerging European police governance, thereby taking into account the discussions at EU-level about the review of its administration and the functioning of its institutions. The article analyses the accountability systems which are currently in place for European policing, in particular Europol, by drawing a distinction between internal and external accountability, and by looking at the complementarity between political, legal and citizens’ accountability.


ABSTRACT: Since 1992, the European Union (EU) has included in all its agreements with third countries a clause defining respect for human rights and democracy as an ‘essential element’ of its external relationship. A Council decision of May 1995 spells out the basic modalities of this clause, with the aim of ensuring consistency in the text used and its application. The human rights clause is unique to the EU’s bilateral agreements, and now applies to over 120 countries. It represents a new model for EU external relations as well as for international cooperation. The EU plays a leading role in the WTO and international economic relations. The human rights clause will have implications for the development of international rules concerning trade-related human rights policy.


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ABSTRACT: Examines the impact of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks on the European Union’s foreign and defense policies. Specifically emphasized are transatlantic police and judicial cooperation and the beginnings of effort to enhance military performance and become a more effective international actor.


ABSTRACT: The terrorist attacks suffered by the United States of America on 11 September 2001 have caused a considerable increase in legislation at national and European level with the same objective: the fight against terrorism. The special nature of this crime makes judicial cooperation among states indispensable. In this context, both kinds of instruments are contemplated in order to provide the necessary measures especially, and not especially, addressed to prevent and repress terrorism: they give place to substantial and procedural rules, such as the European Arrest Warrant in the territory of the European Union. But in this claimed fight against terrorism there are also two important risks, namely the creation of a kind of “Security Criminal Law” from a material point of view and the arguable breach of human rights infringed by some of those procedural measures.

ABSTRACT: Reports on the intensification of transnational cooperation by Europe to counter terrorism in the region. Account of the terrorist activities in France; Emergence of several terrorist networks in Europe; Details of the action plan developed by the European Commission after the September 11, 2001 terrorist strikes in the U.S.; Increase in defense budget envisaged in France’s budget plan for 2003-2008 military program.


Describes judicial cooperation within the EU in detail. Traces the developments in this area back to the 1970’s. Discusses the progress made between the various treaties. A helpful timeline for those interested in a simple presentation of the events that have taken place from 1970 until 2002.


ABSTRACT: Assesses the different measures designed and implemented by western European democratic governments since the late 1960s to counter terrorism. Analyzes the problems and perspectives surrounding intergovernmental co-operation on counter-terror as developed within the framework of the European Union.


ABSTRACT: In the 1990’s NATO evolved to engage former adversaries and deal with instability and ethnic cleansing in the Balkans. Through the same common framework of military interoperability NATO is playing a new role in the fight against terrorism and weapons of mass destruction. The article asserts that Canada’s Joint Task Force 2 and Princess Patricia’s Canadian Light Infantry were able to operate effectively in Afghanistan because of decades of cooperation in NATO. The NATO at November 2002 summit in Prague, Czech Republic is identified as a turning point for planning the military contribution against terrorism.


Good background on the developments in police cooperation within the EU prior to 2000 and the formation of EUROPOL. Provides a very detailed discussion of the negotiations and the tensions that existed between member states.


ABSTRACT: The European Union’s (EU) head office recently proposed a Europe-wide database of criminal records for terrorists to help improve cooperation between governments in the wake of the March 2004 train bombings in Madrid, Spain. A European Parliament committee voted against a commission deal allowing U.S. authorities to collect personal data on airline passengers, saying it undermined privacy rights. A report from the European Commission has proposed a register of suspected terrorists’ convictions to help governments keep track of their activities and disable their finances. Since 2001, the 15 EU governments have agreed in principle on at least 10 different pan-European laws to combat terrorism but implementation has been spotty according to the New York Times.

**ABSTRACT:** In 2003, hardly a keynote speech goes by without Western leaders stressing that the transatlantic bond is as important as ever. This is perhaps true - a timelier question is whether the same can be said for the perception of common values and common threats that used to define this partnership and its sole institutional link: NATO. This essay explores five security policy conundrums that point towards a revised burden-sharing and power-sharing in the transatlantic strategic partnership: the UK’s ambiguous role in the European Security and Defence Policy (ESDP); the blocking of the formal bond between NATO and the EU; the implications of a change in U.S. policy towards Europe: NATO’s improbable move into soft security and, finally, NATO’s invocation of Article 5 in the wake of the September U attacks on New York and Washington.


**ABSTRACT:** The movement forwards a Common European security and Defence Policy (CESDP) in the contemporary European Union (EU), and the possible creation of a European army, capture the leitmotiv of contemporary European political integration. The movement towards a Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP) in western Europe transatlantic relations about the very nature of European foreign and defence policy, transatlantic relations and, most most significantly, the core meaning and destination of European union. Defence therefore takes on a salience not just in its own field, but in the entire European integration process. The culmination of interstate security cooperation would be the formation of an integrated security community in which identities and policy-making capacities have been consolidated or unified at the European level. Defence policy forms the spine of broader European security policy and a security strategy can only exist with a strong military spin. This is especially prescient following the terrorist attacks of 11 September 2001 on New York and Washington, DC. Washington expects Europe to follow its lead in international politics and terrorism policy. Since 1998, the Europeans have developed new plans to gain greater political and military independence from Washington and NATO. To what extent, therefore, does the EU want to go beyond being a mere ‘civilian power’ consequences of such a transformation for western Europe, the United States (US) and transatlantic relations? To what extent will the U.S. remain involved in European security and in what form? The present analysis begins with an analysis of key issues in European defence and security after 11 September 2001. The article then goes on to consider options for transatlantic relations and European security. The article then considers the positions of the major western European powers towards the so-called CESDP.


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Human Rights


ABSTRACT: Bombing suspect kept incommunicado and denied access to a solicitor for forty eight hours during which time he made a confession. Discusses differences in treatment between detainees in Northern Ireland and other parts of the United Kingdom under prevention of terrorism legislation is to be explained in terms of geographical location and not personal characteristics.


ABSTRACT: Detention prolonged more than six days under the UK Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) Act 1989 without the detainee being brought before a judge.


ABSTRACT: Compares anti-terrorism laws and civil liberties in Great Britain, France and Germany with special attention to the broader liberal democratic tradition and the protection of human rights.


ABSTRACT: Over the last twenty years, the prison system, border controls, crime prevention programmes, anti-terror measures and private security companies have expanded within Europe. This article discusses some of the implications. It will be argued that we are witnessing a paradigmatic shift in the manner in which state-sanctioned force is employed. The distinction between what is criminal, to be dealt with by the justice system, and what creates a ‘perception of security’--formerly to be dealt with by social policy--is being eroded at both macro- (‘war on terror’) and micro- (‘public order’) levels. The rule of law is giving way to a security mentality, where force is employed on the basis of risk assessments. Social problems are re-interpreted as security threats, and met with measures recreating the original threats. This gives the policy field a distinctive rationality of its own.


ABSTRACT: Examines the human rights and liberties prescribed in East European constitutions. Presents background on the historical development of constitutional rights; a discussion on the changes in the constitutions; and a comparison of the rights in east European constitutions.


ABSTRACT: Current debates about the contents, status, and the future role of the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights should have a stronger enlargement dimension: the constitutionalisation of Europe (with the Charter as its key element) and the EU enlargement should be seen as two interrelated (and, possibly, mutually
supportive) phenomena rather than as two separate challenges which must be approached one at a time. There are two main aspects to this relationship. First, the Charter may be seen as a yardstick by which the human rights credentials of the candidate states will be tested. Second (the central focus of this article), one may ask whether the candidate states, once involved in the debate about the constitutional future of Europe, will bring any constitutional insights which may affect the articulation of Charter rights. It is argued, against the background of candidate states recent experience of constitution-making, that these insights should be embraced rather than feared, and that the current member states should resist a temptation of adopting a paternalistic approach towards the candidate states as participants in the European constitutional debate.


ABSTRACT: The EU’s human rights policy has provoked increasing scholarly attention over the last decade. Yet rarely has it been subjected to rigorous analysis in the context of any integration theory. This article is an attempt to rectify the omission. By building on the approach of historical institutionalism, whilst at the same time recognizing its analytical deficiencies, a method of reading the EU and interpreting its human rights policies is promoted. Specifically, the article contends that an analysis based on the textual nature of the EU and the configuration of this text through ‘institutional narrative’ will enable a better understanding of the institutional logic behind the construction of human rights policy. An agenda for research and analysis is thus suggested that might map the development of human rights in the EU and predict the compass of future policy direction more effectively.


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Transatlantic Relations and Collaborative Efforts

Transatlantic relations have been more controversial than ever. Some observers have asserted that the fundamental cultural and structural basis for a Euro-American alliance has eroded to an almost critical level since the beginning of the Iraq war in 2003. This stands in contrast to the feeling immediately after September 11th that European and American common values and political cohesiveness were strengthened. Whatever its current status, it is clear that the bond is an important one, demonstrated by the inclusion of both sides of the Atlantic in organizations like NATO and the OSCE.

In spite of the perception of animosity between Europe and America, Western leaders have consistently contended that the transatlantic bond is as important as ever. Both sides are seeking to strengthen diplomacy and collaboration, reevaluate security threats and address human rights and minority issues in order to respond to threats that do no arise neatly from within the borders of other nation-states. At the same time, because this policy stance is unique, its impact on human rights is easily overlooked. This section seeks to provide information regarding transatlantic relations, collaborative efforts, and these security organizations in particular.

North Atlantic Treaty Organization


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Case Studies

Spain

Spain has had a long struggle with irredentism. Under the regime of the dictator Franco, languages such as Basque and Catalan were banned and regional identities were suppressed. It was during this period that the Euskadi Ta Askatasuna (ETA) was founded. ETA is an outgrowth of the Basque separatist movement and has long used terrorism as a “negotiation tool” with the Spanish government. While Basques on the whole have voted to remain part of Spain, the separatist movement is alive and well. Since September 11, however, what for decades had been considered a problem for Spain alone became recognized and acknowledged as a problem for the world under the banner of the “War on Terror.”

This has had many implications for the ETA. Most important was the insistence of the Aznar administration that ETA was linked to the 2004 train bombing in Madrid, which claimed more than 200 lives. Unconvinced of this relation, Spaniards reacted to the Madrid attacks by voting out the Aznar administration, which they felt had distanced itself from the wishes of the Spanish people and pursued an ineffective counterterrorism policy that included involvement in the invasion of Iraq.

The articles in this section present some background information and history of ETA and further explore the 2004 Madrid train bombing and its impact on the Spanish political environment.


ABSTRACT: Asserts that the departure of Spanish Prime Minister José María Aznar and his People’s Party will shift the balance of power within the European Union. The election of Spain’s Socialist Party marks a shift in Spanish policy toward the big European powers and away from the U.S.

2004. Euskal Herria Eta Askatasuna: The Basques and Their Fight for Freedom Euskadi Ta Askatasuna (ETA). http://free. freespeech. org/askatasuna/docs/ eta. htm. (Spanish/English) Published by Basque nationalists, this site provides a history of ETA as well as a history of the Basque separatist movement in general. There are links to Basque nationalist songs, video clips and timeline of the Basque Separatist movement.


ABSTRACT: Reports on the lack of evidence linking the Basque separatist group ETA to the terrorist bombings of commuter trains in Madrid, Spain. Further discusses the unpopularity of Prime Minister José Maria Aznar with the Spanish public.

ABSTRACT: Reports on Spanish officials’ investigation of the terrorist bombing of the rail transport system in Madrid. Discusses the type of bomb used by the terrorists and the clues being considered by the investigators to determine prime suspects.


ABSTRACT: Reports the problem faced by the Spanish government with the Basque terror group ETA.


ABSTRACT: Discusses reasons why the Spanish government immediately blamed the ETA for the March 11, 2004 explosions in Madrid, Spain, which killed at least 200 people and injured many more. The European press, as well as many ordinary people, has questioned whether they instead were al-Qaeda’s response to Spain’s support for the United States in Iraq.


ABSTRACT: Reports on the formal discussions of a proposal to expand financing to religious organizations by the Spanish government. Discusses the government’s support of the mosques to make them less dependent on money from international militant groups and its implication on the prevention of the terrorism activities.


ABSTRACT: This article focuses on the historical origins of the Basque conflict, its evolution during the Francoist dictatorship (1939-75), and the reasons for its continuity in the new political context of democracy. Special attention is paid to the attempt of kick-starting a peace process in 1998, comparison with the Northern Irish experience, and factors which contributed to the collapse of that attempt of peaceful accommodation. Several proposals for the necessary rethinking of this problem are presented.


ABSTRACT: Deals with the effects of the U.S. -Iraq war on the foreign policies of Spain. Information on how the U.S. helped in the Madrid government’s fight against Basque terrorism. Discusses the reasons conservative Prime Minister José María Aznar is working toward a shift in government.


ABSTRACT: Discusses the bombings in Madrid, Spain as an effect of terrorism. Explores terrorism in Europe and the opposition of the government in European countries on the call for an all out war on terrorism.

ABSTRACT: Important background information for understanding the current political environment in Spain. Discusses the issues of amnesty, human rights violations and political reform during and after the regime of dictator Francisco Franco of Spain.


ABSTRACT: This article discusses the impact of the train bombings in Spain. It asserts the perpetrators of the Madrid attacks were able to meet their objective of punishing the Aznar government because Bush had drawn the Spanish government into the war on Iraq. According to the article, the attack reinforces beliefs that the war on Iraq has undermined the effort against Al Qaeda.


ABSTRACT: Discusses the impact of Spain’s campaign against separatist bombers on its quest to preserve the Basque Language. Arrest of the staff of the Basque language magazine ‘Egunkaria’ due to its presumed collaboration with the Basque national liberation organization, ETA. Recognition of the act as a threat to democracy and violation of linguistic rights and concern over the potential loss of language diversity.

United Kingdom

For decades, terrorism has been a major concern for the government of the United Kingdom. The UK passed numerous counter-terrorism laws, all of which primarily focused upon the situation in Northern Ireland. As of 2000, however, the focus of the government became more international in nature, leading to the passage of the Terrorism Act of 2000 and, more recently, the Anti-Terrorism, Crime and Security Act 2001 (ATCSA), one of the strictest anti-terror legislations passed in Europe since September 11.

The act is extensive in scope and has been questioned by the European Council of Human Rights. According to this new policy, foreign nationals suspected of terrorist involvement can be detained indefinitely, and confessions obtained under torture on foreign soil can be used to detain suspected terrorists in the UK. However, the ATCSA have been highly criticized. Many cite it, as a means to undermine human rights in the UK. This is of further concern because the UK, which is at the center of major international institutions including NATO and the UN, has the ability to influence major international decisions.


This section of the AI Report 2004 discusses the impact post-September 11 legislation has had on human rights in the United Kingdom. It deals specifically with the detention of foreign nationals under the Anti-terrorism, Crime and Security Act 2001 (ATCSA) the impact of Section 55 of the Nationality, Immigration, and Asylum Act 2002 on asylum-seekers, and the use of police force granted by “anti-terrorist” legislation to interrupt peaceful demonstrations. Summary: http://web.amnesty.org/report2004/GBR-summary-eng
Full text: http://web.amnesty.org/report2004/2eu-index-eng

This article cites the “anti-terrorist” legislative measures taken by the UK since September 11, 2001, particularly the Anti-terrorism, Crime and Security Act 2001 (ATCSA), as a means to undermine human rights in the UK. Amnesty International asserts that human rights violations have occurred since the ATCSA’s inception and makes recommendations to the UK government.


ABSTRACT: Examines the United Kingdom’s response to terrorism, particularly with respect to security legislation, policy, and antiterrorist personnel. It asserts that the situation in Northern Ireland has shaped the government response most. The article also describes measures taken in the economic, political, security and intelligence, prison and media spheres, as well as the organisation of specialized anti-terrorist units and the anti-terrorist bureaucracy in Great Britain and Northern Ireland.


Report on the attorney general’s decision to defend the government’s decision to allow foreign nationals to be detained indefinitely on suspicion of involvement in terrorism, thus ignoring obligations under the European convention on human rights. Cites the attorney general, Lord Goldsmith, as saying, “This was not a step taken lightly. The government believes it was a legitimate and appropriate response to protect the human rights of the suspected international terrorists.”


ABSTRACT: Argues that the Anti-Terrorism, Crime and Security Act 2001 (ATCSA) satisfies the terrorist aim of installing authoritarianism in democratic states. It concludes that it is unarguable that detention without trial is opposed to fundamental human rights norms and legislation that allows for such practices should be seen as a threat to our base human rights.


ABSTRACT: Immigration law might be wrongly perceived as a field where the so-called doctrine of purely internal matters applies with virulence. Between 2002 and 2003, UK immigration law has been the object of three preliminary rulings referred to the European Court of Justice (ECJ). The ECJ has already delivered two judgments, i.e. Carpenter (July 2002) and Baumbast (September 2002). Similarly, the Opinion of the Advocate General (AG) in Akrich (February 2003) concerns an identical issue and thus appears of interest.


ABSTRACT: Being at the centre of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, the United Nations, the G8 group of major economic powers, and the European Union advances Britain’s interests Just as Europe contributed to the end of the Milosevic regime in the former Yugoslavia, Britain and the rest of the Commonwealth have
worked to restore democracy in Fiji and Sierra Leone, and engage constructively in Zimbabwe. The Government’s aim is a strong Britain, a strong Europe, a strong United Nations and a strong Commonwealth.


This web page provides information about the Terrorism Act 2000 and enumerates the problems with the bill in relation to human rights.


Focuses on the implication of allowing UK-detained terrorism suspects to be sent back to their home countries after receiving diplomatic assurance that they will not be tortured once they arrive. Human Rights Watch is opposed to the United Kingdom’s decision to simply seek diplomatic assurance stating that such assurances have not been effective in preventing torture in the past.


ABSTRACT: Examines cases filed before the European Court of Human Rights on the efforts of Great Britain in controlling terrorism in Northern Ireland. Evidence of a constraint imposed by the European Convention on Human Rights. Also covered are the use of emergency power by Great Britain in Northern Ireland and the withdrawal of 1973 derogations by Britain.

Ben Ward. 2004. Britain’s Core Values Face Ultimate Trial. The Observer. Date. [http://observer.guardian.co.uk/international/story/0,1318486,00.html](http://observer.guardian.co.uk/international/story/0,1318486,00.html).

The article discusses the United Kingdom’s current counter terrorism strategies. It claims that the current strategies are eroding the Britan’s core human rights values. Claims the ban on torture, principle of equality under the law, and the right to a fair trial have all been but in jeopardy as a result of legislative action that has yet to prove effective against torture.

Turkey

Since the modernization of Turkey by President Mustafa Kemal Ataturk during the interwar period, Turkey has struggled with a tension between secularism and its Muslim heritage. Cleavages have deepened between the Turkish government and the Kurdish Workers Party (PKK) as a result. Turkey has been condemned by the international community members for its treatment of Kurds in 1980s and 1990s, and also for torture and other human rights abuses. Many of these violations have been over the repression of extremist Muslims. Current members of the EU who are implementing such policies may stand to look at lessons learned from Turkey.

Turkey is an interesting case because Turkish policies toward terrorists, unlike those in Spain and the UK, have not tightened as a result of September 11. Their reticence to crack down is likely due to their desire to gain acceptance into the EU. The Turkish government claims to be making efforts to promote democracy and human rights for all, including its Kurds. However, the international
community remains dubious of Turkey’s preparedness for EU membership and unsure of the effect the inclusion of a Muslim country will have on the community of developed liberal-democratic states.


ABSTRACT: A report on the plan of Turkish government to pass legislation opposing radical Islamic movements. Discusses the effect of anti-Islamic legislation on human rights and the claims of the Turkish government to promote democracy and human rights protection. Also addresses a Turkish Court of Appeals speech against religious terrorism.


ABSTRACT: This broad ranging article reports that Turkey has become a target for jihadi terrorists. Turkey’s longstanding Western orientation angers Muslim terrorists.


ABSTRACT: Details President Bill Clinton’s request to Turkey to stop human rights abuse. Discusses the Turkish court’s conviction of eight Kurdish members of Parliament and the importance of Turkey in the Middle East. Suggestion for Turkish Prime Minister Tansu Ciller to solve the Kurdish crisis by nonmilitary means.


This brief provides a general background on Turkey and its struggle between secular “modernism” and traditional Muslim identities.


Reports on the killing three security guards by suspected Kurdish rebels in an overnight attack in southern Turkey. A rebel commander rejected an appeal to reinstate a five-year unilateral cease-fire that ended in June 2004.


ABSTRACT: Presents an update of developments in Turkey. Addresses human rights violations and the repression of the Kurdish populations in Iraq and Turkey.


ABSTRACT: Looks at how Turkey, a firm American ally, is supporting the use of death squads against its Kurdish minority. Statistics on the number of unsolved murders in Turkish Kurdistan from human-rights monitors; information on the Kurdish separatist war in Turkey; a discussion of the shooting death of Turkish reporter Halit Gungren.

ABSTRACT: Discusses how the recent murder of Jews in an Istanbul synagogue relate to the evolution of Arab terrorism in the 1980s. Further investigates the implications of the attacks in Istanbul for the position that appeasement is the best strategy for the War On Terror.


ABSTRACT: Talks about one of the greatest challenges to Turkey’s foreign policy in the post-Iraq War era and the changing dynamics of Turkey-European Union relations. Discusses the effect of the inclusion of a predominantly Muslim country in the community of developed liberal-democratic states.


ABSTRACT: Comments on the idea of banning terrorist groups. Mention of the banning of the Kurdish Workers’ Party (PKK) by the European Union, and the role of the PKK in war in Turkey. Further discusses relations between Great Britain and Turkey.
Georgia
by James Smithwick

The conflict between Chechnya and Russia combined with September 11 has focused more international attention on the Russian Caucuses. However, little has changed since America declared a War on Terror in the Republic of Georgia. The state turned a blind eye to religious persecution before September 11, and continues to do so. Multiple separatist movements persist in the same manner as they did prior to September 11.

Although very little has changed in the substance of these conflicts, all the disputants have attempted to label the other as terrorist since September 11. “In the context of a global war on terror, those who are successfully branded as terrorists by world opinion risk isolation and elimination” (Fawn, 2002). To date, the United has yet to find any separatist party in Georgia guilty of employing terrorism.

As a part of the War on Terror, the United States has expanded its role in the Caucuses. The primary vehicle for American military presence in Georgia is the Georgia Train and Equip Program (GTEP). Currently it is mostly focused on the perceived Chechen terrorist threat in the Pankisi Gorge in northeastern Georgia stipulates that “…trained units will not be used in domestic conflicts” (Chigorin, 2003). However, there are some in Georgia’s separatist movement that fear an American trained and equipped Georgian army will be able to tighten its grip on breakaway regions. Government officials have gone so far as to announce that, “… Washington promised to help T’bilisi to sort things out in Abkhazia (a breakaway region) as soon as the problem of Iraq was sorted out” (Chigorin, 2003).

Background

This part of the bibliography provides the reader with a basic background on the Republic of Georgia. It was designed to orient the reader to the geography and history of the Russian Caucuses from the early 1600s, through independence in 1991, to the present. Also included are entries that specifically address religious persecution by the Georgian Orthodox Church against, among others, Jehovah’s Witnesses. Many of the entries contained in this subsection are cross-referenced in other subsections.


Report covers events from January to December 2003. Discusses religious persecution by members of the Georgian Orthodox Church and the extradition of Chechens accused of terrorism by the Russian Federation. Also presents information on the change of political power in Georgia in 2003, the Revolution of the Roses.

Report on human rights developments in Georgia that focuses on abuses associated with the war on terror in the Pankisi Gorge region, home to thousands of Checheyan refugees. Report also analyzes the persecution of various religious groups in Georgia and concludes with the role of the international community in Georgia.


URL provides a link to eight Human Rights Watch publications addressing various human rights issues in the Republic of Georgia. Publications address topics including: landmines, the South Ossetia conflict, and the Georgian legal system.


This report focuses on the plight of refugees in several former Soviet republics. Regional conflicts have created large numbers of refugees and internally displaced persons. Within the framework of refugees and displaced persons, this report addresses human rights in several former Soviet republics.


Report analyzes the human rights abuses associated with criminal trial # 7493910. Nineteen men have been charged with a variety of crimes ranging from arms possession to murder, all crimes carry the possibility of a death sentence. Abuses include: coerced confessions, lack of due process, and denial of legal representation.


This work provides basic geographic information about Russian Caucasus with both maps and geographic facts about the region. It is a good source for individuals looking for a place to start their research.


URL link provides access to the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe’s findings on the republic of Georgia as of 2004. The CSCE is an independent agency of the United States Government. The press releases, hearings/briefings, reports, and congressional statements address topics including: terrorism, religious persecution, separatist movements, domestic politics, and foreign involvement in Georgia. This link is a great starting point for anyone interested in an overview of human rights issues facing the republic of Georgia.


ABSTRACT: Text provides a brief historical and geographical summary of the country followed by an examination of various aspects of the nation’s general situation as of 1995, including problems generated by the...
shift to a market economy, regional variations in welfare, variations in levels of crime and drug use, and religious and ethnic tensions. [Edited from synopsis.]


Abstract: This book is a general history of the turbulent relationship between Russia the Caucasus, beginning with Tsar consolidation at the end of the 16th century. Specific focus is paid to the Russian/Chechenya conflict post 1991, although Georgia, Armenia, and Azerbaijan are also discussed.


Report on criminal procedure, justice, and investigation practices in the Republic of Georgia. Primary argument is that the Georgian government has taken steps to diminish Georgians access to justice through amendments to the constitution.


Articles on the history and current political situation of Georgia, Armenia, Azerbaijan and Chechnya and their relations with the “unholy alliance” of Russia, Iran and the West.


Abstract: This study examines the evolution of Russian policy towards conflicts in the former Soviet Union. This work underlines the mixture of defensive and offensive stimuli driving Russian “peacekeeping” strategies, and highlights the dangers that the new Russian Federation faces in undertaking these operations.


Article presents a legal analysis of the ongoing conflicts in Nagorno-Karabakh, Abkhazia, and South Ossetia and their respective struggles for autonomy. Article also presents a brief history of the entire Transcaucasus region with specific emphasis on independence movements.


Article focuses on human rights abuses in the Republic of Georgia with specific focus on the plight of political prisoners. Article also addresses the infringement of freedom of speech and freedom of the press in the newly formed independent republic as of 1991.


Report discusses the dynamics between Georgians, Abkhazians, and Russians in the ongoing independence movement in Abkhazia, a region in northeast Georgia. Addresses Georgian and
Abkhazian forces violating rules of war during 1992 armed conflict; also analyzed is Russia’s role in this conflict.

External Politics

The two largest sources of international influence in the Republic of Georgia are Russia and the United States. Former Georgian President Eduard Shevardnadze once remarked that “…for Georgia the sun rose in the north” (quoted in Chigorin, 2003). This quip is illustrative of the power Russia exerts over the region. Likewise, Georgia has historically looked to the West as an important source of foreign aid. Through the War on Terror, the United States has developed a larger sphere of influence in the region, a growing concern to many in Moscow. Many analysts have noted compared the current situation in Georgia to the U.S. and Soviet Cold War. This subsection presents entries that address Russian and American foreign polices with respect to Georgia, including by not limited to, the War on Terror.


Analyzes Russia’s relationship with Europe and the United States after September 11. Argues that Vladimir Putin’s domestic and foreign policies are damaging relations with the West. If Russia makes good on threats to launch pre-emptive strikes against terrorists in Georgia, for example, Putin runs the risk of alienating Western countries.


Provides direct links to thirty-seven reports, letters, and or memorandum addressing human rights abuses in Georgia from 1992 to 2004. Reports primarily focus on abuses related to war on terror and religious persecution.


Report focuses on anti-terror measures around the world and subsequent human rights abuses. Page links to Georgia and anti-terrorism measures with specific focus on the Pankisi Gorge region, home to several thousand Chechen refugees. Also discusses several “disappearances” carried out by Georgian forces.


Several reports addressing the impact of the war on terror on human rights. Reports consistently argue that in the name of the war on terror, governments are eroding human rights principles, standards and values. Information specific to Georgia is contained in several of the reports.


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ABSTRACT: This paper examines the policy dilemmas for the Russian government created by the Georgian-Abkhaz conflict and uncertain factors in Russian-Georgian military relations. It also suggests scenarios for future Russian engagement in the region.

Analyzes the military strategy of the U.S. in its war on terrorism, and provides details on troop movement into the Caucasus. With respect to Georgia, discusses the 200 trainers deployed to help the Georgian military combat militants in the Pankisi Gorge. Concludes with argument that the U.S. is overextending itself in its anti-terrorism efforts.

Article focuses on the deployment of an international team to Abkhazia from the U.N. to assist local officials in obtaining radioactive objects. Also discussed is the impact of September 11 and the resulting fear of a possible terrorist attack utilizing radioactive materials. Article also discusses the potential liability of Russian authorities that were responsible for the dumping said materials.

Technically orientated, this article examines the role of the U.S. special operation force in the war against terrorism, and the strain on available military equipment because of the expansion of the operation into Yemen and Georgia. It also provides detailed analysis of the various U.S. helicopters.

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Internal Politics
In November 2003 the political landscape of Georgia was fundamentally changed by a fraudulent parliamentary election, which led to the resignation of Eduard Shevardnadze. Mikhail Saakashvili was subsequently elected based on promises to restore good governance. Events starting with the parliamentary elections continuing through the ouster of Shevardnadze are known as the “Revolution of Roses.” This peaceful change in power is a turning point in the internal politics in Georgia.

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### Separatist Movements

Abkhazia, South Ossetia, and Ajaria have all attempted to become autonomous states separate from the Republic of Georgia. This subsection presents entries that look specifically at these separatist movements. Much of the literature contained here is cross-referenced in other subsections.


Article addresses the renewed violence in the South Ossetia region of Georgia. This north central area of the republic has struggled for independence since 1992. Many Ossetians fear a renewal tensions between themselves and the Georgians following the election of Mikheil Saakashvili as Georgia’s new president.


This article focuses on two issues in Georgian/Russian relations. This first is Russian insistence on eliminating the Chechen terror threat in Georgia, the second is the Georgian desire for Russia to exert pressure on Abkhazia to rejoin the former. The article concludes with an analysis of the current social, economic, and political situation in Georgia. Also discussed is how the United States factors into the Georgian political sphere.

The contributors to this volume analyze the historic roots of the conflict between Georgians and Abkhazians and explore the relevance of practical federal experience from various parts of Europe in the regulation of ethnic conflicts. [Editorial review.]


This work addresses the idea of granting minority populations autonomy as a means of ameliorating ethnic conflict. With specific focus on Georgia, it advances the argument that territorial autonomy was a contributing factor to the violent ethnic conflicts taking place since the 1980s (edited from publisher review).


Presents a rudimentary theoretical framework identifying qualities of autonomy solutions increasing in the likelihood of conflict. Article also discusses the role of autonomy in the escalation of conflicts and the mitigation of separatist and secessionist sentiments in the absence of autonomy (taken from existing abstract).


This article focuses on the conflict in the South Ossetia region of Georgia. This north-central region has been attempting to unify with North Ossetia, an area in the Russian Federation, to become an independent state. Also discussed are ethnic relations between Ossetians, Georgians, and Russians and how they contribute to the struggle for Ossetian autonomy.


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Discusses Russia’s strategic interests in the Caucasus before and after the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks on the U.S. Strategic significance of the Abkhaz-Georgian conflict; Implication of the U.S. involvement in Georgia on the Abkhaz-Georgian conflict; Impact of the September 11 incident on the conflict.

Article focuses on the independence movement Abkhazia from the Georgian perspective. This northwestern region of Georgia represents a strategically important position along the Black Sea and the southern Russian Federation border. Also discussed are the specifics of the major fighting that took place in the region in 1993 between ethnic Abkhaz and Georgian troops.


Focuses on the decision of the international court of human rights in Strasbourg to order the release of Tengiz Asanidze, opponent of Aslan Abashidze, head of the Adzhur Autonomous Republic. Article analyzes the recognition of the existence of political prisoners in Adzharia, and effect of the court’s decision on the Georgian government.


Article discusses the Rose Revolution and subsequent change of leadership in Georgia. New President Mikheil Saakashvili faces several pressing problems such as widespread corruption and the possible disintegration of the Georgian state with separatist movements existing in several regions.


Article presents a legal analysis of the ongoing conflicts in Nagorno-Karabakh, Abkhazia, and South Ossetia and their respective struggles for autonomy. Article also presents a brief history of the entire Transcaucasus region with specific emphasis on independence movements.
Iran
by Syd Dillard

[You won’t believe it…but the whole country is in mourning. You should have been here for the
demonstrations and candlelight vigils for America, it’s all true: the tears, the long-stemmed roses the
candles, …and then of course the hoodlums attacked and started beating us, especially the young kids, and
arresting them. …The funny thing about it is that those bastards felt betrayed by the love we showed ‘the
imperialist Zionist Enemy.’ Ever since that night I keep asking myself, what is it that makes us in this
God forsaken place to feel so orphaned and so filled with grief for what happened in a city we have never seen,

The West has been conditioned to perceive Iran as hostile, suspect, and promoting terrorism. The
conventional wisdom is that Iran is not an “open society”, but one where dissent is repressed. However, the
literature, as in the quote above, paints a picture of diverse peoples and political thought. Yet diversity in
popular attitudes does not preclude Iran from a troubling human rights record. The more reformers
demand and speak out, the more repressive the regime becomes. In defense of these activities, Iran
appeals to cultural and religious tradition. Outside its borders, Iran has also been either a sponsor or
supporter of terrorism for a long time, including in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. There is also evidence
connecting the Iranian regime with Hamas, Hizbolleh, and even Al-Qaeda.

Reflecting this mixed experience, the literature on Iran and the War on Terror is a combination of
work on Iran’s role in promoting terror in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, its relationship to Iraq, its
questionable connections to Al-Qaeda, and its approach to civil and political rights in own territory.

Included in this bibliography is a wide range of sources for exploring these connections, information on
Iran’s own war against terror, and the regime’s continuing human rights abuses against women and political
dissidents. Also included are studies and articles documenting and monitoring the dissatisfaction of the
Iranian people with the current authoritarian-clerical regime.

Websites

This is an important news resource about terrorism and women’s human rights abuses in the
Middle East.

Attempts to educate the public on issues relating to Islam, the Muslim world, and seeks to stimulate
dialogue among policy makers, politicians, and academics.

community-online.com.
An informational website with links to a variety of organizations relating to Iran and Iranians inside and
outside the country.

Reports on the human rights abuses in Iran.

Institute for the Secularization of Islamic Society. [http://www.isisforum.com]

This organization monitors events in Iran and other countries such as human rights abuses, terrorism, and regimes’ fights against terror while promoting secularism.


This website is a collection of news articles from around the world which focus on Iran offering a wealth of perspectives.


News of events in Iran as well as the regime’s perspective of global events presented in the state controlled media.


This is a free, academic forum dedicated to the discussion of the various human rights debates facing the Muslim world which is of utmost concern in the current climate.


Provides a perspective from ex-patriots who oppose the current regime in Iran.

United States Institute of Peace. [http://www.usip.org]

The United States Institute of Peace is an independent, nonpartisan federal institution created by Congress to promote the prevention, management, and peaceful resolution of international conflicts. Established in 1984, the Institute meets its congressional mandate through an array of programs, including research grants, fellowships, professional training, education programs from high school through graduate school, conferences and workshops, library services, and publications. The Institute’s Board of Directors is appointed by the President of the United States and confirmed by the Senate.

Women’s Rights and Feminist Activism. [http://www.wifp.org/feministactivism.html]

Provides articles and editorials concerning women in Iran, human rights abuses, and efforts to engage the international community to pressure Iran to stop and prevent these abuses.

UNCHR-United Nations Commission on Human Rights, Religion


On September 11, 2001, a battle said to be between the god of Muslims and the god of Jews and Christians, removed 3,000 humans from the earth. “Praise Allah!” said the Muslim terrorist, “for helping us kill that many.” “Thank God,” said the Jew and the Christian, “for saving so many
others.” What a misuse of religion! The irony of all ironies is the slaughter of innocents in the name of God.


**ABSTRACT:** Presents the comments of three field experts on a thesis of Steven Simon and Daniel Benjamin describing the emergence of a religiously motivated terrorism that neither relies on the support of sovereign states nor is constrained by limits on violence. Islam, Iran and the new terrorism; American perspective; Whether religious terrorism is a new form of terrorism or not; Response of Simon and Benjamin.


Reports on the human rights abuses in Iran.


Exposes and explores Iran’s subordination of human rights to its brand of Islamic criteria since the 1979 Cultural Revolution. After twenty years, the corrosive impact of human rights violations on Iran’s legitimacy threatens the regime’s monopoly of power. Though cleric hardliners retaliate against reformists demands for human rights, the status quo is untenable.


This research redefines terrorism by refocusing the definition away from politics; proposes a unifying definition that is viable for global assessment and understanding; defines what a religious terrorist is by using a convergence of psychometric measures. Finally, it introduces the concept of International Islamization Terrorism (IIT) and calls on future research to assess the propensity of IIT to global calamity, and the viability of a universal religious terrorist profile.


**Political Sociology**


**ABSTRACT:** Deals with the issue regarding the involvement of Arab Muslims in the terrorist attacks against the U.S.; Reasons for the anger of Arab Muslims against the U.S.; Suggestions to Arab Muslims; Ways on how the U.S. could resolve its conflict with Arab Muslims.


Analysis of Islamist hatred of the United States suggesting that it is fear of modernity, progressive thought, and loss of culture; but also suggests that the West should separate the people of the Muslim world and the self-proclaimed extremist representatives. Seeks to provide understanding and broad context of Muslims.


**ABSTRACT:** Focuses on the effectiveness of Iran in handling of terrorism on its territory. Existence of radical institutions in Iran that effect its policy on all issues; Iran’s international image on its policy on terrorism; Integration of Iran’s policy with international policy on terrorism after the election of President Muhammad Khatami in 1997.

**Policy Briefs**


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Palestinian-Israeli Connection

This article focuses on several issues of concern in Iran such as: Turkey, which borders Iran, has become a target of jihadist terrorists; and, Shirin Ebadi winning the Nobel Peace Prize for her defense of human rights.


ABSTRACT: Explains that as the situation in the Middle East crystallizes, the changes being affected are profound. Desire of Israel to end the Palestinian problem and to eliminate the threats to its security from Iraq and Iran; Goal of the United States to eliminate obstacles to its policy in the Middle East; Aftermath of the Iraq War of 2003; Effect on Iran and Syria; Issue on weapons of mass destruction and terrorism.


ABSTRACT: Presents information on Al-Manar, the official television station of Hizbullah, the Iranian-supported Shi’ite movement that appears on every U.S. terrorism list. Significance of the television station; Role of the television station in the media revolution in the Arab world; Details of the operations of the television station.


Books

History of human rights abuses since the 1979 Cultural Revolution by the Islamic Republic of Iran against its people, its war of terror and war on terror, and reflections since September 11.


Interesting exploration of the historical events in which the U.S. played a major part in the overthrow of Mossadegh in 1953 to support the Shah of Iran. Kinzer plays the “what if” scenario suggesting that Iran could be a democracy instead of the authoritarian and terror-supporting regime it now is.


A collection of feminist responses to religious fundamentalism which particularly targets women before and after September 11. Though this collection includes diverse responses concerning most religions, it provides insight into the plight of women in Iran and the Middle East in general.

Israel
by Sydney Fisher

Israel and Palestine have been in an “interim period” between full scale occupation and a negotiated end to the conflict for a long time. This supposedly intermediate period in the conflict has seen no respite from violations of Palestinians’ human rights or the suicide bombings affecting Israelis. This section will provide resources spanning the issues regarding Israel, Palestine and how the human rights dimensions of this conflict interact with the war on terror. The issue of how both sides will arrive at peace remains a mystery.

Background


ABSTRACT: States that the blame for the inability to put an end to the conflict between Israel and the Palestinians must be shared by all parties. Discusses issues of trust and U.S. involvement under both Bill Clinton and George W. Bush.


ABSTRACT: Examines the definition of the term “terrorism” in the context of the Middle East and the Palestinian-Israeli conflict. Politically motivated violence directed against civilian populations and atrocities committed in the course of repressing anticolonial rebellions.


ABSTRACT: Explores the relationship between ethno-national conflict, local politics and citizenship rights in Jerusalem. Shows historical conflict between Palestinian Arabs and Israeli Jews concerning political control over the city. Examines local politics within an ethnically divided city such as Jerusalem and raises several questions such as who are the institutions and agents involved in local politics and what is their ethnic composition? What type of human rights do they have?


ABSTRACT: Discusses the continual violation of the United Nations Security Council resolutions with regard to Palestine by Israel as of September 1, 2003. Reasons for complete support of the U.S. to Israel and comparison of the U.S. attitude towards Iraq and Israel both of which violate the United Nations resolutions and human rights principles. Discussion of the controversy generated from the Israel disinvestment campaign in university campuses of the U.S.

Gives a history of Arafat and his motivations throughout the Intifada and Six Day War. Describes his transitions and negotiations with Israel.


Shows how the history of ancient Palestine has been obscured by the search for Israel. Author argues that ancient Israel has been invented by scholars in the image of a European nation state.

The Intifada

Although the Palestinian leadership has long demanded a full Israeli withdrawal from all territory Israel captured during the 1967 Middle East war, it opposes Israel’s disengagement plan, especially in the West Bank. In addition to objecting to the limited pullout from the area, Palestinians say the security barrier Israel is building in parts of the West Bank is establishing the de facto border of a future Palestinian state without prior negotiations. Sharon, who says Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat has failed to stop attacks on Israelis, insists there is no Palestinian with whom he can negotiate. Israelis fear that a pullout without first securing a peace commitment from the Palestinians is “rewarding terror.” The militants, who considered the withdrawal tantamount to surrender, called on Palestinians to launch an uprising to end Israel’s occupation of Palestinian territories. The Intifada broke out four months later.


ABSTRACT: Reports on the agenda and practices of the human rights movement in Palestine. Legal form of the human rights discourse; Defense to the rights of persons and groups regardless of political affiliation or ideological orientation of the victims; International sources of funding human rights activism.

Talks about Palestinian human rights organizations, their history, and actions during the Intifada. Explains their status in international law and society.


ABSTRACT: Examines the Israeli violation of international human rights and humanitarian law during the second intifada. Disrespect for the principle of medical neutrality and use of collective punishment measure against Palestinian civilians.


Focuses on Arafat and Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) leadership. Gives details on the war of terror launched by Arafat against Israel in September 2000. Information on the supposed Jewish conspiracy. Discussion on the Palestinian independence under the administration of Arafat.

ABSTRACT: Examines Jewish Israeli society at the present stage of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, particularly the second Intifada which started in September 2000, following the breakdown of the Oslo peace negotiations. Avoidance of historical awareness; Splitting; Self-image as a victim; Increased aggression and violence within Israeli society; Cognitive dissonance; Uncertainty; Psychological trauma; Prevalence of hate.

Examines the Israeli leaders’ thirst for power and how it is creating a permanent and cruel enemy of all Palestinians through the eyes of the average Israeli. It explains the vicious cycle that stems from Israelis not understanding the coherent connections between action and result.


ABSTRACT: Outlines the effect of September 11 on the Palestinian intifada and its Israeli response. Shows the effect on the underlying realities of the Palestinian-Israeli conflict. Gives a description of how Israeli military occupation in the West Bank and Gaza has increased the level of oppression that Palestinians endure. Finally the idea of the Zionist state of Israel is discussed.


ABSTRACT: Reports on the impact of the Second Intifada on human rights in Israel. Threat to the socio-psychological basis for human rights agenda; Prevalence of inter-ethnic violence; Erosion of social commitment to the human rights agenda.

Gives an insightful perspective of the conflict and the result of violence in the form of terrorism. Addresses the issue of compromise and the deep principles surrounding it. Questions human rights violations and the issue of what is considered fair when it comes to fighting terrorist attacks with another form of violence.


Gives a history of Arafat and his motivations throughout the Intifada and Six Day War. Describes his transitions and negotiations with Israel.

International Involvement

This section provides literature about the involvement of various other nations in this country, though primarily the United States. The support and involvement of these countries has been imperative in this struggle. This section also contains literature concerning international law and violations concerning human rights and Israeli authority.

ABSTRACT: Discusses the United States’ involvement in the Palestinian-Israeli dispute. Factors that influenced the U.S. administration’s decision to get involved in the dispute; Impact of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attack against the U.S. on the country’s Middle East foreign policy.


ABSTRACT: Reports on the agenda and practices of the human rights movement in Palestine. Legal form of the human rights discourse; Defense to the rights of persons and groups regardless of political affiliation or ideological orientation of the victims; International sources of funding human rights activism.

Talks about Palestinian human rights organizations, their history, and actions during the Intifada. Explains their status in international law and society.


Reports on the human rights consideration of the Israeli-Palestinian peace process. Limits to the supremacy of military power within the international system. Distinguishes between inter- and intra-state conflicts. Priority of national security to reduce the level of hatred.

Mobility

The Palestinian right of return is undoubtedly one of the central problems in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Some say that allowing Palestinian refugees to return to Israel would put an end to the State of Israel arguing that they are not refugees as “displaced persons” who left their homes but stayed within the bounds of their homeland. The U.N. Resolution of 1948 affirmed the Palestinian right to repatriation and compensation. The demographic suggests that all refugees (no less than 4.5 million) return and all Israelis stay. Many analysts believe this is an irresolvable problem.


ABSTRACT: Presents a roundtable discussion on the Right of Return of Palestinian refugees in Israel. Further discusses the recognition of Israelis on the problem and the survival of the Jewish state.


ABSTRACT: Discusses human rights abuses in Palestine and the Palestinian Authority’s death-penalty edict on Arabs who sell land to Jews.

ABSTRACT: Focuses on Arafat and Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) leadership. Gives details on the war of terror launched by Arafat against Israel in September 2000. Information on the supposed Jewish conspiracy. Discussion on the Palestinian independence under the administration of Arafat.


ABSTRACT: Examines the impact of September 11 on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Factors that influenced Israeli-Palestinian developments on the eve of the attack and discussion on Palestinian mobilization and demobilization.


ABSTRACT: Reports on the implication of the three-part peace plan for Israeli-Palestinian conflict on human rights in Palestine. Covers the establishment of an independent Palestinian state within temporary boundaries and the legal justifications for implementing security commitments by the Palestinians.


ABSTRACT: Comments on the relationship between citizenship and return in Israel and Palestine, Utilization of the Rights of return, context of the International Human Rights Convention and Legality of the Jewish immigration.


ABSTRACT: Comments on the problems faced by Palestinian refugees in Israel and rejections of the Right to Return. Describes the complaints of Palestinians against the Israeli peace camps. Further comments on the resettlement and rehabilitation of refugees.

Peace Process

There are many plausible reasons why a solution to the seemingly intractable differences between both sides has not been reached. Much of the literature in this section addresses the endless debate of Israel’s occupation of Palestinian territory and agrees that it is indeed illegal according to international law.


ABSTRACT: Reports on human rights practices in territories under Israel’s military occupation in 1992. Information on political and other extrajudicial killing, torture and other cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment or punishment, arbitrary arrest, detention and exile.


ABSTRACT: Discusses the highlights of the human rights forum organized by the “Palestine-Israel Journal” and Development Cooperation Ireland held on Tel Aviv on November 2003. Participation from human rights representatives, public figures and artists from Israel and Palestine; Role of civil society in reinforcing peace initiatives; Appeal for the Israeli government to abandon its plans to build a wall that will separate Israeli and Palestinian societies.

Reports efforts made on both sides to “build bridges, not fences.” Broad array of personal testimonies about human rights and the need to inform younger generations of important issues.


ABSTRACT: Focuses on the discussion on human rights at the American Colony Hotel in Jerusalem. Concerns about the Israel’s violation of Palestinian human rights, struggle of women in Arab countries and social interaction according to the universal human values.


ABSTRACT: Examines the potential constructive role that religious peace builders can play in contributing to Palestinian-Israeli reconciliation and peace. In such encounters, there is a wide range of interfaith dialogue activities and possibilities that can be deployed. Based on applied training and interfaith dialogue workshops and experiences, this article proposes a framework for conducting interfaith dialogue among Muslims, Christians, and Jews in Palestine and Israel.


ABSTRACT: Focuses on the importance of leadership for the peace process of the Arab-Israeli conflict in the Middle East. Call on the Palestinian Authority to meet its obligations under the Road Map. Further discusses possible consequences of the intention of Israel to withdraw from the Gaza Strip and importance of human rights movements in the region.

ABSTRACT: Gives background concerning this long lasting conflict. Shows details on the cycle of battle and negotiation that has strewn the landscape with failed attempts at peace and generated decades of discussion concerning human rights. At the center of the human rights discussion stands the Fourth Geneva Convention, an international agreement codifying certain rules of war designed to protect civilians caught in the midst of conflict. It finally argues however that this convention is not applicable to the conflict between Israel and Palestine.


ABSTRACT: Discusses Prime Minister Ariel Sharon’s plan to withdraw after 37 years of occupation and both sides’ promises to the other to resume the negotiations immediately after the elections. Further discusses that when Sharon was voted in as Israeli prime minister, he announced that he would not be returning to the negotiating table as long as terrorism continued.


ABSTRACT: Focuses on the relationship between Israel and Palestine from a psychoanalytical point of view, while emphasizing the processes taking place in the social domain. Discusses parallels to the lack of dialogue between both societies and relating qualities of leadership to the Oedipus legend.


ABSTRACT: Reports on the long-standing abuses stemming from Israel’s failure to accommodate non-Jewish inhabitants into its social and political system, while at the same time denying them the rights and means of forming a viable system of their own.


ABSTRACT: Looks into the issues concerning the political aspect of the conflict between Palestine and Israel. Impact of terrorism on the lives and geo-politics of both countries. Confrontation between Israelis and Palestinians. Military approach of the government of Israel Prime Minister Ariel Sharon. How the war on terrorism is affecting this conflict.


ABSTRACT: Analyzes Palestinian perception of Israel’s democratic regime in its own right and how they tried to take advantage of it to help achieve their objectives. Relates the strains manifested themselves in the conflict between two paradigms: bullets, reflecting the PLO’s deep roots and commitment to terrorist and catharsis ideologies; and ballots, which reached its peak in the present Israeli-Palestinian confrontation.


ABSTRACT: Traces the development and transformation of the human rights movement in Israel/Palestine. Focus on the situation in the West Bank and Gaza concerning conflicts on the rights of the Israeli state over the human rights of the Palestinian population.

ABSTRACT: Reports on the agenda and practices of the human rights movement in Palestine. Legal form of the human rights discourse; Defense to the rights of persons and groups regardless of political affiliation or ideological orientation of the victims; International sources of funding human rights activism.

Talks about Palestinian human rights organizations, their history, and actions during the Intifada. Explains their status in international law and society.


ABSTRACT: Reports on the human rights consideration of the Israeli-Palestinian peace process. Limits to the supremacy of military power within the international system. Distinguishes between inter- and intra-state conflicts. Priority of national security to reduce the level of hatred.


ABSTRACT: Comments on the issue regarding the Palestinian rights of return. Consideration of the right as one of the central problems in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Represents the right as unique among all the aspects of the conflict.


ABSTRACT: Discusses the application of humanitarian law and of human rights laws in the Palestinian territories under Israeli occupation. Legal status of the occupied territories under Israeli jurisdiction; Consequence of the peace process for the Israeli-Palestinian conflict; Disapproval of the international community to the Israeli position.

Disputes the legitimacy of Israel’s military occupation of territories such as Gaza, Golan, Judea and Samaria. Also, discusses the violations of international law by ignoring rules of humanitarian law or basic human rights in general.


ABSTRACT: Focuses on the idea of a fence separating Israel and Palestine. An idea of the admission of failure. Also that a realistic negotiated partition is out of reach due to the fact that the opposite sides do not trust each other. A fence could cut these problems and facilitate a final agreement. Agrees that the U.S. should therefore back a version of the fence that boosts Israeli security without unduly hurting the Palestinians or foreclosing a return to diplomacy.


ABSTRACT: Examines the human rights component in the negotiation process for the Israeli occupation of Palestinian territory and the commitment to the protection of civilians in the resolution. Further examines the zero tolerance policy for terror and violence.

ABSTRACT: Examines Jewish Israeli society at the present stage of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, particularly the second Intifada which started in September 2000, following the breakdown of the Oslo peace negotiations. Avoidance of historical awareness; Splitting; Self-image as a victim; Increased aggression and violence within Israeli society; Cognitive dissonance; Uncertainty; Psychological trauma; Prevalence of hate. Examines the Israeli leaders’ thirst for power and how it is creating a permanent and cruel enemy of all Palestinians through the eyes of the average Israeli. It explains the vicious cycle that stems from Israelis not understanding the coherent connections between action and result.


ABSTRACT: Outlines the effect of September 11 on the Palestinian intifada and its Israeli response. Shows the effect on the underlying realities of the Palestinian-Israeli conflict. Gives a description of how Israeli military occupation in the West Bank and Gaza has increased the level of oppression that Palestinians endure. Finally the idea of the Zionist state of Israel is discussed.


ABSTRACT: Reports on the implication of the three-part peace plan for Israeli-Palestinian conflict on human rights in Palestine. Covers the establishment of an independent Palestinian state within temporary boundaries and the legal justifications for implementing security commitments by the Palestinians.


ABSTRACT: Opposes the notion that there is no military solution to the conflict between Israel and Palestine. Discusses ways to restore personal security to the people of Israel. Gives background on the conflict and lessons to be learned from Jerusalem’s experience of terrorism in the 1990s.


ABSTRACT: Reports on the efforts of the Israeli Cabinet to invoke a new policy expanding the list of critical aerial assassination missions for its military. Gives justification of the new policy to step up the country’s campaign against terrorism includes types of weapons considered for such campaigns and debates over the merits of aerial assassinations.


ABSTRACT: Examines the extent of using democracy in fighting terrorism in Israel. Gives an analysis of Israeli response to Jewish terrorism and focuses on anti-terrorist campaigns against Jewish terrorist. Further Discusses challenges posed by terror and political violence.

ABSTRACT: Examines the conditions and timing of the countergroup appearance on the scene and on the movement-countermovement dynamics in Israel. Relations between the two movements and the circumstances they set in motion. Also, covers mutual benefits each movement begets from emulating, preempting and reacting to its counterpart.


ABSTRACT: Focuses on the peace and political negotiation between Palestine and Israel to fight terrorism. Discusses measures to be taken by the two countries. Discusses the confrontation between former Palestinian Prime Minister Yasser Arafat and the newly appointed Prime Minister Abu Mazen and the proposal of U.S. President George W. Bush to develop Middle East a free trade zone.


ABSTRACT: Reports on the impact of the Second Intifada on human rights in Israel. Threat to the socio-psychological basis for human rights agenda; Prevalence of inter-ethnic violence; Erosion of social commitment to the human rights agenda.

Gives and insightful perspective of the conflict and the result of violence in the form of terrorism. Addresses the issue of compromise and the deep principles surrounding it. Questions human rights violations and the issue of what is considered fair when it comes to fighting terrorist attacks with another form of violence.


ABSTRACT: Discusses the rule of law and human rights within the Palestinian territories after the establishment of the Palestinian National Authority. Repercussion of the political, social and administrative disruptions on the Palestinian population and effects of changing administrations on the political system. Further discusses legislative, executive and judicial responsibilities of the Israeli military authority on the basis of international law.


ABSTRACT: Presents views on issues on the war against terrorism in the Middle East as of September 2003 including the stand of Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon on the division of land between Palestinians and Israelis.


ABSTRACT: Presents the excerpts from a report by the B’Tselem organization in relation to the issue of human rights in the occupied territories in Israel. Further discusses the outcome of the Al-Aqsa Intifada and the expansion on the license of the soldiers for national security involving the use of lethal force in life-threatening situations.


ABSTRACT: Focuses on the foreign policy of the U.S. government toward the Israeli-Palestinian conflict after September 11. Far beyond their tragic consequences, the bombings that followed the collapse of the Israeli-
Palestinian talks in 2000 undermined the principal defensive strategy Israel has developed since its founding. This article highlights the fears and concerns of both Israel and Palestine following the above events and the involvement of the U.S.


ABSTRACT: Argues that the most promising features of a peace psychological approach to the events of September 11 is the recognition that extreme acts do not occur in a vacuum. They thrive in a context of experienced social injustice. Concludes that the Palestinians essentially adopt two marginal identities: one a civic identity and the other an ethnic identity. Notes that this requires them to establish a “critical stability” between these two identities. States that this stability is jeopardized by the stressful events and demands for solidarity resulting from the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.


ABSTRACT: Focuses on the challenges of reconciling democratic norms with terrorism. Account on the British government and the Irish Republican Army efforts to overcome the challenges. Includes details of Israeli efforts in establishing democracy and decency in terrorist attacks and moral and social implications of human rights violations.


ABSTRACT: Presents the demand for peace and reconciliation between Israel and Palestine. Discusses crimes against Palestinians and failure of Christians to support Palestinian human rights and factors which contribute to the promotion of reconciliation.

Religion

Religion is clearly among the central components of this conflict. All sides make appeals to an Israeli homeland that are legitimate by any number of third party standards. The literature presented here addresses how this important variable has shaped the course of the conflict.


ABSTRACT: Examines the potential constructive role that religious peace builders can play in contributing to Palestinian-Israeli reconciliation and peace. In such encounters, there is a wide range of interfaith dialogue activities and possibilities that can be deployed. Based on applied training and interfaith dialogue workshops and experiences, this article proposes a framework for conducting interfaith dialogue among Muslims, Christians, and Jews in Palestine and Israel.

ABSTRACT: Describes how Talmudic Orthodoxy postulated the reestablishment of a Jewish state only by an act of God’s grace and how occupation of the West Bank is seen by Jews as a sign of redemption and an opportunity to take an active role in a “Zionist” enterprise of fulfilling God’s promise. The violent conduct of the religious sector among settlers provides a threat to Israel’s character and existence.


ABSTRACT: Discusses the use of tourism as political propaganda in Palestine and the interaction between ideology and tourism. Addresses the influence of terrorism and political instability to the tourist industry and the importance of tourism in the economic and politics in Palestine.


ABSTRACT: Focuses on Arafat and Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) leadership. Gives details on the war of terror launched by Arafat against Israel in September 2000. Information on the supposed Jewish conspiracy. Discussion on the Palestinian independence under the administration of Arafat.


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Pakistan
by Susannah Compton and Toni Panetta

Following armed hostilities in 1947-1949 between India and Pakistan, the region once known as
the Princely State of Jammu and Kashmir was divided. The disputed territory continues to split
relations between Pakistan and India and the threat of war has been a daunting force as recently as
2002.

The events of September 11 and the ensuing War on Terror have refocused international
attention on India and Pakistan’s dispute over Kashmir. Under immense international pressure, the
two nations have reevaluated their policies concerning Kashmir in an attempt to rectify the situation.
Neither want to be viewed as a provocateur, but both countries have nuclear capabilities and have
come close to using them against each other on more than one occasion.

Above all, the international community worries that their nuclear weapons are vulnerable to
terrorist groups in the region. There is also considerable anxiety concerning terrorist cells linked to
Al Qaeda and other extremist groups that the on-going Kashmir conflict has attracted from Pakistan
and elsewhere due to instability. Related to security issues are the egregious human rights abuses
committed on all sides of the controversy.

This is an interesting and complex time for both India and Pakistan. There have been notable
changes to their policies in reaction to the War on Terrorism. Pakistan has become a strong ally of
the United States in an effort to stifle the terrorist entities in the region. Both Pakistan and India
have an opportunity to reshape regional problems and emerge as international leaders, but they must
remedy the human rights violations that have become commonplace.

Terrorism in the Region


ABSTRACT: Discusses the question of whether terrorism can be justified. Mention of the use of terrorism in the
Arab-Israeli conflict and in the war between Pakistan and India over the Kashmir territory; Suicide bombings;
Role of violence in political persuasion; Issue of civilian casualties and human rights.


The article looks at the nature of the issues involved in the confrontation between India and
Pakistan and explores possibilities for resolving them. It is sympathetic to India and claims that
Pakistan pursues contradictory policies in that it has aligned itself with the U.S. -led War on
Terrorism, yet fosters cross-border terrorism in Kashmir.

Zulfiqar a Bhutta and Samiran Nundy. 2002. “Commentary: The Myth of Nuclear Deterrence in

ABSTRACT: Comments on nuclear tests conducted by India and Pakistan, and the development of nuclear
weapons in those countries. Claim that the weapons act as a deterrent against conventional armed conflict; View
that the countries do not possess sophisticated nuclear control systems or share details of their nuclear capacity; Attempts by al-Qaeda terrorists to obtain nuclear weapons.


**ABSTRACT:** Analyzes the trends of transnational terrorism in Southern Asia. Challenges of terrorism; Impact of the anti-terrorism campaign on the security of India and Pakistan; Implications of the war on terrorism for the region.


Discusses how the conflict in Kashmir has attracted extremist groups from Pakistan and Al Qaeda. The article argues that bringing an end to the India-Pakistan Kashmir conflict will deter further growth of terrorist networks in Kashmir. The author feels that the resolution of the Kashmir conflict is part of the broader War on Terrorism.


**ABSTRACT:** Focuses on the war against international terrorism in India. Sponsorship of cross-border terrorism by Pakistan; Focus of the policies on relations with nations; Alleged violation of human rights by Pakistan.


**ABSTRACT:** Discusses the shift of Islamist fundamentalism from the Arab world to the Asiatic world as of January 2004. Significance of Kashmir to jihadists; Observation on the alliance between the U.S. and Pakistan President Pervez Musharraf in the war on terrorism; Views on the arrest of Khalid Shaikh Mohammed in March 2003 before the United Nations vote on going to war in Iraq.


This is an interview with George Perkovich of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace which provides an informed perspective of regional stability in the Indian subcontinent. Perkovich emphasizes that stability can only be ensured with the reconciliation of the situation in Kashmir.


This article asserts that terrorism seeks legitimacy from religion. Shaukat emphasizes that many people entering Pakistan’s seminaries are from underprivileged backgrounds and believes that better education and the elimination of poverty will curb the emergence of terrorist activities.

Raghavan asserts that India’s terrorist problem stems from deep tensions between the Hindu majority and the Muslim minority. These tensions are magnified by the government and police force’s overt partisanship.


This essay outlines the history of hostilities between India and Pakistan concerning Kashmir. It explains how Kashmir’s territory is divided and controlled and discusses the right of self-determination for people living in the region.


Discusses the status of Pakistan as a nuclear power in light of September 11. Pakistan has come under international scrutiny because their nuclear weapons are believed to be vulnerable to Muslim terrorist groups.


ABSTRACT: Analyzes the origin of the culture of militant violence in the Jammu Kashmir region in India. Involvement of Pakistan in terrorist activities by Muslims in Kashmir; Wars fought between Pakistan and India; Impact of the Islamization of Pakistan’s government and military; Involvement of Pakistan in Afghanistan’s conflicts.


This article examines the series of threats made by India in response to Pakistan’s unconventional warfare in Jammu and Kashmir. It argues that India’s strategy has not effectively deterred Pakistan’s activities and claims that an alternate plan must be implemented by India.


The author discusses the terrorist threat in Kashmir, naming specific groups operating in Kashmir and their connection to Pakistan. The author makes recommendations to the Indian government concerning ways to win the loyalty of Kashmir.

Kashmir


This article covers the 2003 international peace conference on Kashmir held by the Association of Human Rights Lawyers and the Kashmir American Council. It discusses the current significance of Kashmir due to India and Pakistan’s nuclear capabilities and the egregious human rights violations that continue to take place in Kashmir.

ABSTRACT: Argues that the situation in Kashmir marked by extreme human rights violations is a consequence of the state terrorism practiced by the Indian army against Kashmiris in combating an insurgency that is abetted by Pakistan and other Islamic nations in the name of jihad. Clash between the colonial attitude of the Indian army and the anti-modern practices of the fundamentalist militant groups.


ABSTRACT: Reports the call for U.S. aid to the settlement of the conflict between India and Pakistan over the Kashmir Valley. Impact of the brutal direct rule of India over the Kashmiri people; Consequences of the conflict to U.S. interest; U.S. priority on the respect for human rights and rights to self-determination in Kashmir.


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The article attempts to articulate the Indian strategy for the settlement of the Jammu and Kashmir situation with Pakistan. The author notes that September 11 has shifted international attention towards Kashmir, putting pressure on India to find a solution and emerge a clear leader.


This article compares the situations in Kashmir and Tibet and claims that there are many commonalities. The author focuses on possible political solutions for the two conflicts that will address collective rights, national identity, and state sovereignty.


ABSTRACT: Presents discussions on the political disputes in Kashmir, India. Impact U.S. war against terrorism on national policies; Information on Kashmiri uprisings; Foreign relations with Pakistan.
Policy Changes in India


ABSTRACT: Traces the process of change in Indian strategic thinking and behavior from its genesis in the Kargil conflict in 1999 to a military confrontation in 2001 to 2002. Role of politics and force in the context of relations between India and Pakistan; Details of the Kargil conflict; Implications of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks on India’s military strategies.


This essay explores India’s growing interest and presence in Central Asia and its relation to the rise of Indian power in general. According to Blank, India’s changing strategy is due to the international affects of September 11, terrorism in Kashmir, and the war in Afghanistan.


ABSTRACT: Explores the problems with weaponization in South Asian countries. Implications of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attack in the U.S. on South Asian countries; Ambivalence of India on nuclear weapon; Reasons for Pakistan’s acquisition of nuclear weapons; Information on the national defense strategy of China.


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the problem that terrorism poses. At the same time, the interconnections between Afghanistan, Pakistan and India require the integration of responses so that they add up to an appropriate package of measures.


ABSTRACT: Reports that the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks in the United States changed South Asia’s security calculus in unexpected ways. India’s surprise that the U.S. did not isolate Pakistan; Change in India’s strategy from defensive to proactive responses to terrorism; Possibility of using air strikes to take out terrorist bases in Pakistani territory.

Human Rights in Pakistan


ABSTRACT: Reports on the concern of Pakistani health officials that the mass movement of Afghans in the region after terrorist attacks on the United States could pose a serious threat to the global polio eradication initiative. Background on agencies’ efforts to vaccinate incoming Afghan children; Appeal for funds by UNICEF and United Nations Secretary General Kofi Annan to immunize Afghan children.


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Addresses the Pakistan Medical Association’s opposition to the U.S. -led attacks in Afghanistan. The PMA claims that the Northern Alliance is comprised of factions who were involved in human rights abuses during the Afghan civil war.


ABSTRACT: Reports that hundreds of Afghan academics in exile in Pakistan are in danger of attacks from hard-line Islamic forces in Pakistan and Afghanistan. Statement issued by the Pakistani Human Rights Commission’s chairman, Afrasiab Khattak; Deportation of a university professor, Mohammad Enam Wak.

The article addresses various attacks on religious minorities in the middle east. It explores the human rights issues that these minorities experience living among Muslim majorities, including mass murders that have occurred without interjection from authorities.  


**ABSTRACT:** Relates an experience of a human rights worker in Peshawar, Pakistan. Arrival in the country after a month of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks in the U.S.; Account of the invasion of the U.S. in Afghanistan; Meeting with Afghan refugees.

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**Pakistan, Al Qaeda, and the Taliban**


**ABSTRACT:** Despite Pakistan’s extensive contribution to the global war on terrorism, many questions persist about the extent to which Al Qaeda and its associated outfits are currently operating within Pakistan. This article examines this issue by posing several empirical questions: (1) What are the general contours of militancy in Pakistan? (2) What motivates individuals to join specific Pakistan-based militant outfits? (3) By what means do groups recruit specific individuals? (4) What do these findings suggest for Al Qaeda operations in Pakistan? (5) What linkages exist between Pakistan-based organizations to Al Qaeda? These issues are addressed through regional fieldwork, extensive literature reviews, and consultation with numerous highly regarded analysts to South Asia. This article concludes that Al Qaeda likely does not have an explicit and dedicated recruiting infrastructure to recruit Pakistanis for its operations. Rather, Al Qaeda relies upon a web of informal relations with groups based in Pakistan to gain access to operational collaborators and individuals to execute attacks within Pakistan.


Discusses how the conflict in Kashmir has attracted extremist groups from Pakistan and Al Qaeda. The article argues that bringing an end to the India-Pakistan Kashmir conflict will deter further growth of terrorist networks in Kashmir. The author feels that the resolution of the Kashmir conflict is part of the broader War on Terrorism.


This essay addresses the secret powers conferred by the National Security Act of 1947 which has been used to train, arms, and develop the terrorist enemies, such as Al Qaeda. The author claims that in Pakistan and Afghanistan, CIA programs have had tremendous political consequences which have culminated in various attacks against the U.S., including September 11.

ABSTRACT: Examines the alleged terrorist activities of the Taliban and its supporters. Recruitment of foreign supporters; Logistics and technical assistance from Pakistan and several terrorist organizations; Relationship of Saudi dissident Osama bin Laden and his Al Qaeda organization with the Taliban.


ABSTRACT: Reports on the presence of religious militants in Pakistan in 2000. Influence of the jihad, and how the terrorism is not as well known in the West as that of the Middle East; Thoughts on the war in Kashmir between the Indian army and the Pakistani mujahideen; Impact of these religious militants on the political conditions in Pakistan.


Discusses how Al Qaeda continues to thrive as an organization despite U.S. attacks on its main cell in Afghanistan. Addresses Al Qaeda’s recruiting and survival methods.

Policy Changes in Pakistan


ABSTRACT: Examines the impact of the September 11 terrorist attacks on the policy of the United States in Southwest Asia. Development of a military partnership between Pakistan and the U.S.; Need to assess the implications of the policy for Pakistan and Afghanistan; Background of the relationship between the U.S. and the region.


ABSTRACT: Focuses on the implication of the war on terrorism by the U.S. for Pakistani-Afghan relations. Installation of an interim Afghan government under the moderate Pashtun leader; Pledge of Pakistan President Pervez Musharraf to break Pakistan-based terrorist groups; Principal economic beneficiaries of fragmentation and civil war.


ABSTRACT: Interviews Benazir Bhutto, former prime minister of Pakistan and head of Pakistan’s opposition party Pakistan People’s Party, on Islamabad and the Taliban. Views on Pakistani regime as an ally in the war against terror; Limits of Pakistan’s support of an attack on Osama Bin Laden; Way on how to stop the kind of terror committed against the U.S.


ABSTRACT: Focuses on the dilemma on the side of the forces aligned against international terror faced by Pakistan. Impact of the September 11 terrorist attacks on the lives of the people; Fears on the failure of the policy of strategic depth in Kabul; Concerns on the breaking of the linkages between military and religious groups.

ABSTRACT: Focuses on the attempt of the United States to form an ally with Pakistan president Pervez Musharraf. Need to develop an alliance into a long-term relationship; Involvement of the Western nations in the affairs of Afghanistan; Need for the support of Muslim states in the war on terrorism.


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ABSTRACT: Interviews former Pakistani Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto. Effects of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks in the U.S. on Pakistan; Information on the plan of the Pakistani generals behind Kashmiri militants to provoke war; Background on the tension between India and Pakistan; Views on a democratically elected civilian government.


ABSTRACT: Presents comments of Pakistan President Pervez Musharraf on the war between the U.S. and Iraq in 2003. Measures that may be taken by the U.S. to reduce the visibility of its forces in Iraq to win the war against terrorism; Approach needed by the U.S. to remove the root causes of terrorism; Outlook of the Islamic world on the war against terrorism.


ABSTRACT: Analyzes the military relationship between Pakistan and the U.S. Mutual commitment to combat terrorism in South Asia; Evidence of Pakistan’s war against terrorism; Concerns about Pakistan’s nuclear program.


ABSTRACT: Focuses on the relationship of the U.S. with India and Pakistan. Partnership in military forces; Impact of the September 11 terrorist attack on the relationship of the U.S. with the two countries; Contribution of India and Pakistan on the fight of the U.S. against terrorism.


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Discusses U.S. interest in keeping President Musharraf in power in Pakistan as opposed to Taliban-linked armed groups within Pakistan who want control. Islamists have exerted a political and ideological influence in Pakistan that threatens the security of the region.


ABSTRACT: Explores the changes experienced by India and Pakistan since the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. Ways in which the two countries will be the lynchpins of security in the Asia Pacific region; Reliance of the success of the security order in Southeast Asia on India and Pakistan’s cooperation; Need for the two countries to balance their domestic challenges and the demands of the international community.


ABSTRACT: Discusses United States allies’ government policies on terrorism and terrorists. Support of the U.S. for Egyptian methods, which feature summary executions and torture of suspects; Ineffectiveness of the Pakistani justice system; Methods used by the Citizens-Police Liaison Committee (CPLC) in Pakistan; Failure of the U.S. to promote democracy in places where it would impede its political aims, such as in many allied nations.


ABSTRACT: Terrorism is a complex rather than a simple phenomenon, and if powers are to respond appropriately to terrorist challenges, these complexities must be taken into account. The cases of Afghanistan, Pakistan and India illustrate some of the diverse forms of terrorism, and suggest that there is no easy solution to the problem that terrorism poses. At the same time, the interconnections between Afghanistan, Pakistan and India require the integration of responses so that they add up to an appropriate package of measures.


ABSTRACT: Focuses on the political conditions in Pakistan as of 2001. Establishment of a bipartisan relationship; Details on the massive human losses in the terrorist attacks of September 11; Details on the policy of virtual alignment with the U.S.


ABSTRACT: Probes into the issue of whether the U.S. interfered with or politicized the approval of the final disbursement of Pakistan’s loan from the International Monetary Fund. Functions of the economic instruments of statecraft of the U.S.; Contribution of Pakistan to the war on terrorism; Rewards offered by the U.S. to the Pakistani regime if they joined the war on terrorism campaign.


ABSTRACT: Focuses on the impact of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks on the democracy in Pakistan. Recurrence of political turmoil; Decline of military and economic assistance; Occurrence of financial losses.

This article discusses Pakistan’s transition to democracy in 2002, its tense relations with India, and the affects of terrorism within Pakistan’s borders aimed at Western targets and the Musharraf government.


ABSTRACT: Examines Pakistan’s compliance with U.S. strategic doctrine and policy, particularly as it relates to the war on terrorism. Advantage and disadvantage of Pakistan cutting its diplomatic ties with Kabul following the U.S.-led bombing campaign against Afghanistan; Key interests of Pakistan in return for its collaboration with the global coalition; Dilemma facing the U.S. in terms of the dispute between India and Pakistan over the issue of Kashmir.


This paper focuses on Pakistan’s Kashmir policy during the 1990’s and the different approaches favored by different groups within Pakistan. The essay argues that Pakistan has made efforts to resolve the Kashmir dilemma but has many constraining factors, therefore India needs to work within the framework of Pakistan’s limitations.
The USA PATRIOT Act
by Toni Panetta

The PATRIOT Act had lofty aspirations, for it was designed to correct five perceived weaknesses, or failures, of the national government to prevent the 9/11 atrocity. It sought 1) to improve sharing of information between law enforcement and foreign intelligence agencies; 2) to gather antiterrorism intelligence by taking advantage of the flexible warrants requirement of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA); 3) to expand wiretap authority over electronic communications; 4) to seize funding utilized in terrorist activities; and 5) to impose mandatory detention and deportation of non-U.S. citizens who are suspected of having links to terrorist organization (Christopher P. Banks. 2004. “Protecting (or Destroying) Freedom through Law: The USA PATRIOT Act’s Constitutional Implications.” American National Security and Civil Liberties in an Era of Terrorism. David B. Cohen and John W. Wells. New York: Palgrave MacMillan).

The events of September 11, 2001 serve as the origin of the United States’ War on Terror as popularized by the Bush administration. Previously, American strategies to combat terrorism focused on attacks against its interests abroad, and support for other governments’ efforts to curb terrorist acts within their own boundaries. However, September 11 revealed vulnerability to violence by non-state actors within U.S. borders. In response, the United States reshaped its anti-terrorist strategies to prevent future attacks by targeting terrorists, foreign and domestic, known and potential.

To facilitate the prosecution of terrorists, the United States Congress passed the Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism Act, commonly referred to as the USA PATRIOT ACT. Signed into law on October 26, 2001, the Act was enacted to eliminate anachronistic laws that obstructed surveillance and intelligence-gathering activities by government agencies. Since its adoption, debate has raged over how expanded surveillance and intelligence-gathering powers conflict with civil liberties, both in theory and in practice.

Much of the literature contained in this bibliography examines the repercussions of the USA PATRIOT Act through the analysis of civil liberties. This reflects the American emphasis on civil and political rights, rather than the compendium of rights recognized by international human rights doctrines. The growing bodies of legal and academic literature on the Act and its implementation reflect this bias.

What’s Missing

It is worth noting that due to the complexity and scope of U.S. law dealing with the War on Terror, the PATRIOT Act is just one legal element affecting human rights in the United States. The literature referenced here does not address the issues of executive authority and judicial review, both of which have profound consequences on the legal limits of government behavior and the protection of civil liberties.

Moreover, a number of closely related topics have been excluded from this bibliography because they do not relate directly to international human rights doctrines. That said, substantial literature
exists (and continues to grow) in the areas of immigration law and non-citizen detention policies following September 11 that are separate from the PATRIOT Act; financial privacy concerns raised by U.S. investigation and prosecution of international money-laundering activities; bioterrorism; and the general conflict between national security and civil liberties. While these topics are referenced in literature included in this bibliography, the resources cited focus specifically on human rights-based civil rights concerns and/or constitutional discussions of the PATRIOT Act. In addition, technical discussions about provisions of the Act dealing with electronic surveillance have been excluded. Literature about electronic surveillance is included to the extent that it contributes to an understanding of constitutional challenges to the Act.

Background and Context

_They that can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety_ (Benjamin Franklin).

The debate between national security and citizens’ liberties is centuries old; in America, the most recent iteration of that debate came with the enactment of the USA PATRIOT Act following the terrorist attacks of September 11. This section presents an historical and contextual understanding of the USA PATRIOT Act, with the available literature providing a cohesive foundation to investigate how the Act factors into the debate between security and liberty. Specifically, literature falls into the categories of the PATRIOT act itself, including neutral explanation of the provisions of the Act; historical context of the debate between national security and civil liberties in America; recent U.S. anti-terrorism initiatives; human rights concerns within the context of the debate; and foundations for constitutional challenges to the Act.

The PATRIOT Act


- Discusses terrorist actions against Americans and government efforts to protect national security before September 11, 2001; passage of the U.S. A. PATRIOT Act of 2001; debate over civil liberties’ endangerment by Act and national security strategies; Bush administration’s defense of the Act; and introduction of PATRIOT II.


- Provides clear, concise context for passage of the PATRIOT Act, including related legislation and case law upon which provisions of the Act expanded. Provides framework to understand challenges to the Act on First (freedom of association and speech), Fourth (search and seizure),
Fifth (due process and grand jury), Sixth (right to counsel), Eighth (cruel and unusual punishment), and Fourteenth (due process, privacy, and equal protection) amendment grounds.


Provides an easy-to-understand description of the USA PATRIOT Act and how it amended pre-existing laws dealing with terrorism, executive authority, financing, and surveillance and investigatory powers. Essential to understand provisions of the PATRIOT Act.


This neutral legal analysis provides a detailed interpretation of the PATRIOT Act and how U.S. law changed as a result of its enactment. This well-reasoned piece provides a useful source to understand the Act and criticisms raised by civil libertarians.


This well-written constitutional analysis of the PATRIOT Act provides intelligible interpretation of how particular provisions of the Act changed U.S. law. The article focuses on Fourth, Fifth, and Sixth amendment concerns with the PATRIOT Act and provides a nice background to understand constitutional challenges to the Act.

**Historical Context of the Debate**


ABSTRACT: A collection of 13 contributed essays that examine the lack of political discourse in America about preserving and protecting civil liberties and questioning government’s authority and enactment of various policies under the guise of national security, including the USA PATRIOT Act. Essays of interest discuss historical instances of tensions between liberty and national security; lack of checks on government authority; Guantanamo Bay detainees and detention policies; incursions onto personal privacy; changes in immigration policies and the use of racial profiling following 9/11; increased governmental use of secrecy and reduction in availability of publicly accessible information; the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and decline in media coverage and scrutiny of government actions; and attempts to protect individual rights in America via a constitutional challenge to the PATRIOT Act.

Provides a nice summation of the historical tension between civil liberties and security while addressing concerns specific to the PATRIOT Act. Attempts to provide pros and cons of the Act; discussion of the most controversial provisions of the Act, particularly sections 213 and 215; and an understanding of First Amendment challenges to provisions through which the government has identified certain donors as potential terrorists.

Recent U.S. Anti-Terrorism Initiatives


Passed in response to the domestic terrorism incident of the Oklahoma City bombing, this legislation added or amended laws regulating anti-terrorism efforts. Title IV specifically deals with deportation of non-citizens.


ABSTRACT: Examining the legal foundations of the war on terror, this book investigates the loss of the civil liberties of American citizens and legal immigrants. In a detailed look at bills such as the 1996 Antiterrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act, the USA PATRIOT Act, and the Homeland Security Act, and executive orders, it provides a comprehensive picture of the war on terror and explores the claimed victories by the Bush administration. Chronicling the major battles with Muslim charities, immigrants, lawyers, and “enemy combatants,” this exposé reveals how the values and freedoms of all Americans are at risk or have already been destroyed. Also surveyed is the growing grassroots dissent by groups such as the ACLU and the resistance movement against the policies and major figures of the Bush administration.


ABSTRACT: This legal article presents the case for Fourth Amendment challenges to the PATRIOT Act. Includes a history of anti-terrorism legislation, primarily Title III of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (OCCSSA), the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 (FISA), and the Antiterrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act of 1996 (AEDPA).


Discusses balance between human rights and U.S. security needs post September 11. Relevant discussion examines protections given to human rights prior to PATRIOT Act and popular knowledge or perceived understanding of international terrorism, legislation enacted after September 11 (esp. U.S. A. PATRIOT Act), and comparison of U.S. anti-terrorism measures to British and Israeli efforts.

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ABSTRACT: This Human Rights First report raises alarm over the new global emphasis on counter-terrorism and its implications on human rights. “Defending Security” provides insight from human rights activists around the world about the impact of the new security situation on their work. This insight offers a vital perspective on the security challenges facing the international community in the first decade of the twenty-first century.

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Collection of essays examines the tensions between civil liberties and national security; relevant essay by Christopher Banks analyzes the PATRIOT Act’s constitutional implications.


This easy-to-read book chronicles the tension between civil liberties and national security policy in America during the 20th century. The 2nd edition of the text adds reference to the September 11 attacks and the USA PATRIOT Act. Useful for contextual understanding of the delicate balance between civil liberties and national security, but does not provide exhaustive analysis of PATRIOT’s impact.


Provides an overview of the USA PATRIOT Act and those provisions deemed most dangerous to civil liberties. Good resource to use to obtain a basic understanding of the Act and the conflict with civil libertarians and constitutional scholars.


ABSTRACT: This legal article argues for the creation of a Fourth Amendment challenge on claims of racial profiling for people who believe they were unconstitutionally targeted by law enforcement for committing acts of terrorism under the USA PATRIOT Act because of their race, ethnicity, national origin, or religion. Argues that the USA PATRIOT Act is a broad and vague criminal law that grants law enforcement wide latitude in investigating crime, arresting suspects, and charging the accused with crimes that require harsh sentences.


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Argues that in the wake of legislation enacted following the September 11 attacks, long-held checks on government authority have been suspended, both knowingly and unwittingly.
half focuses on PATRIOT Act’s expansion of surveillance capabilities and the relation to existing Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA); additional discussions devoted to new FBI policing guidelines, detention of foreign nationals, and detention and designation of enemy combatants.


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This legal article proposes policies to balance between constitutional rights guaranteed by the Fourth and Fifth Amendments while meeting the needs of homeland security and policing activities, especially in the age of terrorism. Discusses provisions of the PATRIOT Act specific to these issues.


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**Issues Relating to Information-Sharing and Expanded Surveillance Capabilities**

*The right of the people to be secure on their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by Oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized (Fourth Amendment of the United States Constitution).*

The bulk of the literature challenging the PATRIOT Act’s constitutionality focuses on Fourth Amendment protections against unreasonable search and seizures. These challenges stem from the expanded surveillance and intelligence-gathering powers codified in Title II of the Act. Of particular note are the Act’s amendment of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA) and the extension of electronic surveillance techniques to Internet Communications.
Amendment of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA)


ABSTRACT: Discusses history of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA) and the establishment of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court (FISC), explains how the PATRIOT Act and In re Sealed Case damaged the usefulness and legitimacy of FISA and the FISC. Argues for the abolition of FISA and the appropriateness of warrantless searches as the standard in foreign intelligence cases.


Rebecca A. Copeland. 2004. “War on Terrorism or War on Constitutional Rights? Blurring the Lines of Intelligence Gathering in Post-September 11 America”. Texas Tech Law Review. 35(2004);

This paper analyzes the potential impact the combined powers of the FISA, the USA PATRIOT Act, and the Department of Homeland Security have on the constitutional rights of American citizens, particularly Fourth Amendment rights. Includes a brief history of foreign intelligence surveillance and how the PATRIOT Act changed FISA regulations. A good background piece on foreign intelligence surveillance law in the U.S. and FISA in particular; useful primer to understand the constitutional challenges to PATRIOT that cite FISA precedents.

Heath H. Galloway. 2002. “Don’t Forget What We’re Fighting For: Will the Fourth Amendment Be a Casualty of the War on Terror?” Washington & Lee Law Review. 59(Summer 2002);

This highly legal analysis examines provisions of the PATRIOT Act the challenge the Fourth Amendment. Particular focus is paid to the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA), its history and its balance with constitutional rights, and whether the PATRIOT Act provides government agencies with too much authority at the expense of constitutional rights.


Explores issues of personal rights to privacy in America and how those rights have been imposed upon following September 11. Relevant discussion related to PATRIOT Act addresses PATRIOT Act’s expansion of surveillance capabilities with respect to Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA); additional discussion addresses failed proposed Total Information Awareness (TIA) and Terrorism Information and Prevention Systems (TIPS) programs.


Criticizes the U.S. Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court of Review opinion in cases which allow law enforcement to invoke a foreign intelligence purpose as a pretext to obtain a FISA warrant for use in a criminal investigation. Questions the constitutionality of the PATRIOT Act’s relaxing of barriers between law enforcement and intelligence investigations. Provides
background about the foreign intelligence exception to the Fourth Amendment warrant requirement; evolution of the interpretation of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 by the courts and the executive branch.

Internet Communications


Provides a concise summary of provisions of the PATRIOT Act that incur on Fourth Amendment rights, particularly those amending electronic surveillance regulations, jurisdictional authority, “sneak and peak” search authority, the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA), and regulations permitting disclosure of grand jury and other information.


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Issues Relating to Immigration Policy, Detention & Deportation

Many aspects of the PATRIOT Act unfairly target immigrants. The attorney general has the ability to ‘certify’ that the government has ‘reasonable grounds to believe that an alien is a terrorist or is engaged in
other activity that endangers the national security of the United States. ' Once that certification is made and
someone is labeled a potential threat, the government may detain him or her indefinitely--based on secret

Title IV, Subtitle B of the USA PATRIOT Act has particular consequences for immigrants,
resident aliens, and other non-U. S. citizens. In examining these issues existing literature tends to
divide itself into two categories: discussion of general immigration law and examination of U.S.
detention and deportation policies. In the former category, legal analyses trace the evolution of
immigration law in the United States, with the PATRIOT Act largely referenced as another (though
not the most important or only) legislative attempt by the United States government to limit
immigrants’ rights. Rather, the PATRIOT Act often is described as the inevitable consequence of a
series of laws enacted under the auspices of improving national security at the expense of the rights
of non-U. S. citizens. Discussion about U.S. detention and deportation policies regarding non-
citizens is much more specific in its examination of the PATRIOT Act. Overall, the literature
suggests the Act places non-citizens’ liberty in jeopardy by creating statutory precedence for the
detention and deportation of non-U. S. citizens. Relevant literature has been broken into the
following sections: immigration policy and national security, detention and deportation of non-
citizens, and implications for refugees and asylum seekers.

Immigration Policy and National Security

September 11th Was Not the Catalyst”. Temple International and Comparative Law Journal. 16(Spring
2002).

Terror(Ism)”. Colorado Law Review. 75(Winter 2004).

While lacking in discussion about the PATRIOT Act in particular, this article provides a
thorough, legal analysis of how the U.S. government has distinguished between “bad” aliens and
“good” aliens in the past. Includes a history of U.S. immigration law and policy; discussion of
how some of the same demarcations were used to distinguish good from bad citizens based on
presumed affiliations with bad aliens or enemy states; and analysis of how this practice is used in
times of threat, particularly the post-September 11 era.

Perceived Needs to Protect the Borders of the United States”. North Carolina Journal of
International Law & Commercial Regulation. 28(Winter 2002):

This article reviews U.S. immigration policy, with discussion of the PATRIOT Act in this
context. Little discussion of individual rights.

gov/graphics/publicaffairs/factsheets/948.htm.
ABSTRACT: Legislation amending the Immigration and Nationality Act to improve deterrence of illegal immigration to the United States by increasing border patrol and investigative personnel, by increasing penalties for alien smuggling and for document fraud, by reforming exclusion and deportation law and procedures, by improving the verification system for eligibility for employment, and through other measures, to reform the legal immigration system and facilitate legal entries into the United States, and other purposes.


Examines U.S. immigration legislation in the face of threats to national security from World War I to present. Evaluates the PATRIOT Act’s adequacy in resolving the present threat to national security, with specific attention paid to immigration policies, and proposes reforms to certain immigration provisions of the PATRIOT Act.


Provides a brief summary of the salient points of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 (IIRIRA) and the Antiterrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act of 1996 (AEDPA) that make non-citizens inadmissible to the United States.


ABSTRACT: Establishes an overview of constitutional and critical issues concerning U.S. immigration law and argues that the U.S. Congress’ procedural and substantive changes to crime-related deportation by the Antiterrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act (AEDPA), Immigration Reform and Death Immigrant Responsibility Act (IIRIRA), and the USA PATRIOT Act lead to a “rights-deprived” environment for immigrants in the United States.

Detention and Deportation of Non-Citizens


Cole provides an extensive evaluation of non-citizen detention policies in the U.S. pre- and post-September 11, with particular emphasis paid to the further erosion of non-citizen rights following the enactment of the PATRIOT Act. Piece provides strong background understanding to detention policies and argues that human rights concerns stem from U.S. obligations to non-citizens, both on constitutional grounds and as a matter of international legitimacy.


Provides a collection of reports related to individuals detained by the U.S. during the war on terrorism, including some designated as enemy combatants or others held at Guantanamo Bay.

In its annual world report, Human Rights Watch provides discussion about the detention of 1,000+ predominantly Arab and Muslim individuals within the U.S. Minimal discussion of the USA PATRIOT Act; focus is on U.S. detention policies.


Collection of letters, press releases, and reports issued by Human Rights Watch regarding the United States' detention policies following September 11. With a strong focus on detention policies as defined by the U.S. Department of Justice and Executive Authority, this resource provides limited information specific to the USA PATRIOT Act. http://hrw.org/doc/?t=usa_detentions&document_limit=0,20.


This article examines sections 411 and 412 of the PATRIOT Act, which allows for the detention of non-citizen terrorism suspects, and the British counterparts in the U. K. Anti-Terrorism, Crime and Security Act 2001 (ATCSA). Examines theories of mandatory detention and conjectures whether the non-citizen detention provisions would be upheld as constitutional by the U.S. Supreme Court and in keeping with human rights obligations by the European Court of Human Rights. Argues that PATRIOT Act is an appropriate domestic security law, whereas ATCSA is flawed.


While not an analysis of the PATRIOT Act in particular, this report reviewed the treatment of those detained in the aftermath of the September 11 attacks in accordance with select provisions of the Act. In particular, the report criticized unusual or harsh treatment of prisoners, their lack of access to counsel, and the length of their detentions.


Provides a fairly comprehensive overview of the history of non-citizen detentions, detentions during “times of emergency” and non-citizen detentions following the enactment of the PATRIOT Act. Closely analyzes mandatory detention provisions of the PATRIOT Act and subjects them to detailed constitutional scrutiny, with particular emphasis paid to Fifth Amendment guarantees of due process of law.


ABSTRACT: Presents a provocative counter-argument to claims of rights violations in instances of non-citizen deportations. Proposes legislation that would provide for removal of aliens who are merely associated with a known terrorist organization that has committed acts of terrorism in the U.S., arguing that such legislation is necessary to uphold the interest of national security in the face of actual, imminent threats of more terrorist acts against this country.


Discusses the implications of the USA PATRIOT Act for asylum-seekers and refugees. Presents a history of immigration law as it pertains to refugees and asylum seekers and offers proposals to implement the Act to ensure that bona fide refugees receive the protections they are entitled to under U.S. law. Contends that overly cautious adjudicators may deny refugees’ claims based on little if any evidence of wrongdoing and argues that any individual who has received a final grant of asylum should not be certified or detained as a suspected terrorist.


In this article about international refugee and asylum law, the repercussions of the PATRIOT Act on asylum seekers and immigrants are examined. Explores U.S. and U.K. human rights obligations with respect to asylum-seekers.


ABSTRACT: Examines some of the implications of post-September 11 immigration policies, practices, and laws for non-citizens and Middle Eastern-American immigrant communities, including the PATRIOT Act. Addresses some of the constitutional challenges raised by civil rights advocates and proposes mechanisms for data collection and monitoring of the most troublesome aspects of current immigration enforcement activities by the Immigration & Naturalization Service and the Justice Department.

Additional Constitutional Challenges to the PATRIOT Act

Although not as broad as the other categories presented in this bibliography, this literature exists to challenge aspects of the PATRIOT Act on First Amendment bases. Specifically, these authors have challenged assertions of expanded executive authority, de facto reinterpretations of the principle
of judicial review, and the way government has suppressed political dissent and curtailed the principle of open government following the attacks of September 11.


Discusses provisions of the PATRIOT Act regarding the disclosure of grand jury material that contains foreign intelligence or counterintelligence information. Presents overview of the tradition of grand jury secrecy codified by Rule 6(e) of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure; changes to Rule 6(e) adopted in the USA PATRIOT Act; and analysis of the grand jury secrecy exception of the law in light of traditional concerns that have animated the policy of grand jury secrecy.


ABSTRACT: This article explores to what extent section 106 of the PATRIOT Act conflicts with Brown v. United States, in which the Supreme Court outlined a two-step procedure for the government to confiscate enemy property found within its jurisdiction. Examines how a court would resolve conflicts by examining definitions of enemy and states of warfare, the doctrine of military necessity, international law regarding unlawful expropriations, the application of customary international law in American jurisprudence, and the evolution of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (IEEPA).


ABSTRACT: U.S. law enacted in 1977 that extends the president’s emergency powers by enabling the president, after declaring that a national emergency exists because of a threat from a source outside the United States, to investigate, regulate, compel or prohibit virtually any economic transaction involving property in which a foreign country or national has an interest.


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Political Responses

In addition to attorneys and scholars, private citizens, organizations, and government entities have weighed in about the Act’s consequences for civil liberties in America. The resources below represent individuals and organizations from both sides of the debate that have advocated for either repeal or expansion of the Act, as well as legislative responses calling for restrictions on or expansion of provisions of the Act.


Presents comprehensive resources related to civil rights in light of the USA PATRIOT Act, including analyses of PATRIOT 1 & 2, fact sheets, advocacy tools, details about lawsuits filed to request information about the consequences of the Act, and more.


Comprehensive information about the organization’s interpretation of provisions of the PATRIOT Act relating to libraries’ obligations to comply with investigations and requests for patrons’ lending records.


Fairly comprehensive collection of links to organizations devoted to protection or maintenance of civil rights in America, especially freedom of expression and thought, and legislation described as threatening to the U.S. Bill of Rights.
Bill of Rights Defense Committee. Local Efforts to Oppose Patriot Act. [http://www.borde.org/OtherLocalEfforts.htm](http://www.borde.org/OtherLocalEfforts.htm).

Comprehensive list of U.S. cities, communities and states that have passed resolutions opposing parts of the PATRIOT Act.


Resource packet aimed at groups advocating against the USA PATRIOT Act. Includes analysis of the Act and its implications for civil liberties, collection of resolutions and letters opposing the Act, books, and other resources.

Coalition for Civil Liberties. Useful Resources for Efforts to Oppose or Limit the Scope of the USA Patriot Act. [http://ccl-foothills.org/resources.html](http://ccl-foothills.org/resources.html).

Collection of resources aimed at advocacy groups opposing the USA PATRIOT Act. Includes links to anti-PATRIOT resolutions, fact sheets, books, and advocacy organizations such as the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU).


Text of proposed PATRIOT II legislation calling for the expansion of the PATRIOT Act’s scope, particularly with respect to domestic intelligence-gathering, surveillance and law-enforcement activities. [http://www.publicintegrity.org/docs/PatriotAct/story_01_020703_doc_1.pdf](http://www.publicintegrity.org/docs/PatriotAct/story_01_020703_doc_1.pdf)


This letter to the U.S. Congress advocates for the passage of the Civil Liberties Restoration Act of 2004 in an effort to secure individual rights in the U.S. to offset rights-incursive policies and procedures implemented after September 11, 2001. Signatories include both international non-governmental organizations (NGOs) such as Human Rights Watch and U.S. organizations.


Legislation introduced to amend federal immigration law to increase civil liberties in immigration proceedings. Also includes provisions requiring data entered into the National Crime Information Center database to meet Privacy Act accuracy requirements; amending the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 (FISA) to authorize (currently, require) courts to review in camera and ex parte materials relating to, or information derived from, electronic surveillance, physical searches, business records, and pen registers or trap and trace devices under FISA where the Attorney General asserts that disclosure implicates national security; and requiring federal agencies to report datamining activities to Congress.

Article detailing efforts to expand scope of PATRIOT Act to expand “domestic intelligence-gathering, surveillance and law-enforcement prerogatives, and simultaneously decrease judicial review and public access to information” through failed legislation dubbed PATRIOT II.


Seeks to further reform U.S. immigration law regarding detention and deportation policies by, among other things, establishing criminal penalties and forfeiture for non-citizens illegally present in the United States; providing for the listing of immigration violators in the National Crime Information Center database; and requiring states and localities to provide the Department of Homeland Security with specified information about apprehended illegal aliens.


Discusses implications for provision of PATRIOT II that would allow for U.S. citizens to be labeled as “enemy combatants,” and therefore potentially denied right of counsel.


Provides an overview of the PATRIOT Act and discussion of PATRIOT II. Particularly relevant is suggestion that provisions of PATRIOT II would allow government to label certain U.S. citizens as “non-citizens,” thereby curtailing the rights afforded to them by U.S. law.


Library of Congress record for the Freedom to Read Protection Act of 2003, which calls for exemptions for bookstores and libraries to produce items for certain investigations, contrary to popular interpretation of certain provisions of the USA PATRIOT Act.


Provides update about the status of some provisions of PATRIOT II that were enacted with the 2003 passage of the Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2004, specifically, provisions allowing FBI to obtain records from financial institutions without a court order through the issuance of National Security Letters. Discusses District Court ruling striking down sections of PATRIOT Act that prohibit provision of expert advice or assistance as violations of First and Fifth amendments.

A public relations effort created by the U.S. Justice Department to act as an educational resource about the USA PATRIOT Act. Includes counter-arguments to ACLU analysis of the Act, articles in support of the Act, and highlights of the Act’s scope and function.

Issues Relating to the International Money Laundering Abatement and Antiterrorist Financing Act Of 2001

Anti-money-laundering legislation for the purpose of fighting terrorism had already been drafted prior to the events of September 11. As the USA PATRIOT Act legislation evolved into a comprehensive measure to combat terrorist activities, the existing anti-money-laundering provisions were incorporated into the omnibus measure. Much of the literature about Title III relates to technical and procedural changes to financial regulations, so the business implications for financial industries are not included here. Some scholars have suggested that individuals targeted under Title III—those identified by the U.S. government as terrorists or terrorist financiers—may be at risk of losing their First Amendment guarantees of freedom of speech and association. Also included are Congressional hearings reflecting Senatorial and House oversight of anti-money-laundering initiatives related to the PATRIOT Act.


ABSTRACT: Congressional oversight hearing to consider the extent to which the implementation of the USA PATRIOT Act and other recent changes to the FBI’s investigative guidelines comport with the Fourth Amendment and Fourth Amendment values. Examines where and when the federal government can go to search the addressing information of electronic communications, library records, and public settings in order to prevent terrorist attacks.


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Examines impact of PATRIOT Act on individuals’ privacy within context of library usage, with specific discussion about sections 206, 214, 215, 216, 218, and 505.

ABSTRACT: Schulhofer reviews comprehensive new powers extended to the federal executive branch, in the name of fighting a war on terrorism, particularly with respect to spying electronically, obtaining access to previously confidential financial and educational records, detaining without charge, precluding public hearings, and restricting access to counsel for both foreigners and citizens, in both military and civilian systems. Schulhofer also assesses the need for the new federal powers, their combined effects, and the dangers they may pose.


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Sri Lanka
by Amanda Donahoe

Sri Lanka has been entrenched in a civil war for two decades. As in ethnic conflicts in many other post-colonial countries, the different groups of Sri Lanka give loyalty primarily to the group, rather than to the entire country. The Sinhalese majority have slowly populated the government and treated the Tamil minority as a threat to national stability, instead of as candidates for conciliation and power sharing. Consequently, the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) has taken up arms against the Sinhalese controlled government to fight for an independent homeland in the north and north-east parts of the country in 1983.

Since then, the LTTE has been responsible for numerous terrorist bombings directed against politicians and civilian targets. In July 2001 an LTTE suicide squad attacked the Bandaranaike International Airport and destroyed a large number of military and civilian aircraft. Terrorist incidents have occurred in Colombo, the capital, and other cities throughout the country. Since the beginning of the conflict, tens of thousands of people have been killed, wounded or driven from their homes. Through all this bloodshed, both sides use the language of human rights to attack the other.

Though the Tamil minority comprises only 18% of the population, they have received support from other Tamils in Tamil Nadu, the Southern most state in India. As a result, the conflict received international attention when the Sri Lankan government accused India of supporting Tamil insurgents. India in turn served as a mediator in 1987, placing peace-keeping forces in the north and east but also helping to secure official status for the Tamil language. However, mediation fell apart when the LTTE declared its intent to continue its struggle for independence and the Indian peace-keeping forces found themselves engaged in police action against the LTTE on Sri Lankan soil.

In early 1990 India withdrew its forces. In October 1997, the U.S. government designated the LTTE as a foreign terrorist organization under provisions of the Anti-Terrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act of 1996 and has maintained this designation since then. Heavy fighting continued until Dec. 2001 when a newly elected United National Party government and the LTTE declared a unilateral cease-fire. In Feb. 2002, a Norwegian-brokered peace process began, but broke down in April of 2003 when the LTTE withdrew. The U.S. most recently redesignated the group’s terrorist status in October of 2003. In May of 2004, the talks resumed with both the current government and the Tamils publicly committing themselves to the process.

Much of the literature in this bibliography discusses the progress the peace process has made in the last few years. Sri Lanka is a very small country with a population of less than 20 million. As a result, little has been written on Sri Lanka with respect to terrorism and less has been written with regard to September 11th and the War on Terror. Of the literature referenced here, most is tangentially related the U.S. -led War on Terror.
Civil War and the Peace Process


ABSTRACT: Presents an excerpt from a speech given by U.S. Deputy State Secretary Richard L. Armitage, on February 14, 2003, which deals with the peace process in Sri Lanka and the role of the U.S. in the peace process.


ABSTRACT: What accounts for the absence of extremism surrounding the current peace talks between the Tamil Tigers and the Sri Lankan state? In similar cases of ethnic conflict, the strategies employed by the Sri Lankan government and the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) have exacerbated extremism on both sides and led to ever increasing degrees of violence. In the Palestinian case, for example, suicide bombings mobilized and radicalized the Palestinian community, decimated the Israeli Left and hardened Israeli right-wing attitudes regarding prospects for peace. This research seeks to examine the Sri Lankan case, provide a detailed background to the Tamil-Sinhalese conflict that is relatively unfamiliar to some Western audiences and draw comparisons between the Sri Lanka and Palestinian cases.

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ABSTRACT: Explores the motivations and rationale behind Norway’s involvement in the Sri Lankan peace process. Complexities of third-party involvement in ethnic conflicts; Differences between facilitation and mediation; Importance of mediation to the peace process.


ABSTRACT: Discusses the relationship between democracy and effective third party intervention to resolve civil violence, on the basis of a case study of the Indian intervention in Sri Lanka’s ethnic war from 1987 to 1990. Difficulties that democracies may face as mediators; Conditions for credible security guarantees by third parties; Analysis of the timing of India’s initiatives and factors influencing its decisions in Sri Lanka.

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ABSTRACT: Discusses issues concerning world separatist movements and terrorism as of 2003. Asymmetric warfare characterizing the respective separatist movements in Sri Lanka, Russian Caucasus and northern Spain; Examples in Spain which reveal that insurrections cannot be dealt with by force alone; Political domination of separatists.

ABSTRACT: This article sets out to analyse the current peace process in Sri Lanka. It is argued that the prospects for peace are better than at any other time since the inception of the armed conflict in 1983, because the parties’ concerns about the consequences of continued conflict, as well as the consequences of settlement, have changed. In the first section of the article we demonstrate how the costs—militarily, financially and politically—for continuing the war have drastically increased for the parties. Furthermore, with the involvement of the international community and the special approach to the peace process by the Wickremasinghe government, the perceived risks involved in a peaceful settlement have decreased. These parallel developments in the incentives structures of war and peace, explain the readiness of both primary parties to engage in serious efforts to solve the protracted conflict. From this perspective, the roles of Norway as a mediator, and the Nordic countries as ceasefire monitors, are analysed. The second section analyses the prospects for a solution, by looking at the reconciliation of positions that have taken place between the parties. The major obstacles, such as the LTTE’s intentions, the Muslim minority and divisions within the Sinhalese community, are also discussed. We end the analysis with the observation that even though the prospects for a stable, negotiated settlement between the adversaries appear promising, several problems related to postconflict reconstruction and democratic development, are likely to remain obstacles in the future.


ABSTRACT: After 19 years of exhausting civil war between the Government of Sri Lanka and the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE), a long-term ceasefire was signed in February 2002. Government critics argue that this is a windfall for the war-weary LTTE, allowing time for rearmament. Some LTTE supporters are suspicious that the ceasefire will impede their goal of political autonomy. This article reviews the topic from several perspectives. These include the initial, surprising speed of the peace process associated with the parliamentary victory of Ranil Wickremesinghe’s United National Front in December 2001; the reaction of the Sinhala public and the presidency of Chandrika Kumaratunga to the government’s subsequent negotiations for an interim administration in the sensitive LTTE-controlled Northern and Eastern Provinces; LTTE strategy; the issue of the possible demobilization of the vastly expanded Lankan armed forces; and the consequence of the increased involvement of the international community (e.g., the successful Nordic Sri Lanka Monitoring Mission) in Sri Lanka’s affairs. The conclusion argues that Sri Lanka’s prospects are much brighter than at any time in two decades, but with a fierce, unabated power struggle between president and prime minister and the absence of a “national government”, and LTTE consolidation of de facto rule over a large terrain, what began as an opportunity for a genuine peace process may be compromised by historic and unresolved factors.

This article Reviews the civil war between the government of Sri Lanka and the Tamil Tigers, and the 2002 ceasefire from several perspectives. It argues that Sri Lanka’s prospects are brighter than at any time in two decades, but that these prospects may be compromised by historic and unresolved factors.

**ABSTRACT:** Since the ‘Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam’ (LTTE) took up arms to fight for an independent homeland in the north and north-east parts of Sri Lanka in 1983, tens of thousands of people have been killed, wounded or driven from their homes. At the beginning of the millennium, new peace initiatives have surfaced with Norway emerging as a major external player. After 20 years of vicious civil warfare the case of Sri Lanka is an example of a kind of inter-communal, ‘neo-medieval’ civil war that has resulted in changes in order, territory and identities in host populations. Hedley Bull defines neo-medievalism as a system of ‘overlapping authorities and criss-crossing loyalties’. Neo-medievalism eliminates the absolute authority of the sovereign state (and especially its monopoly of using violence through police and military forces), and instead heralds an international system where the mutual recognition between states is replaced, or at least challenged, by non-state actors.

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**ABSTRACT:** Discusses the possibility of making moves towards a longer term political solution to the war in Sri Lanka. Cause of the conflict; Internal parliamentary divisions between the government and the main opposition party United National Party; Information on the Tamil rebels led by the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Elam.


This “peace audit” reviews both the current situation in Sri Lanka and its contentious history in depth finding that the situation requires both a discourse on democratization and on the other hand comprehensive democratization, devolution and sharing of power. This situation creates an enormous obligation on civil society and its organizations.


**ABSTRACT:** Embroiled in a civil war for two decades, a peace process was reinitiated in Sri Lanka with international support. Has Sri Lanka finally turned the corner from war? This article argues that major progress has been made by the United National Front government in opening a dialogue with the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam. Yet, major hurdles remain: support by the Tigers for a political solution remains conditional, they have not laid down their arms, and negotiating an agreement about the prospective political structure promises to be problematic.

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Leaders, Politics and Elections


ABSTRACT: Sri Lanka’s troubled recent history has given its president authority to speak on issues related to terrorism. Over 20 years of ethnic and religious conflict have left their mark, not least on President Kumaratunga herself. She has endured the assassination of her father and husband, and lost the sight in her right eye in an attack by a Tamil Tiger suicide bomber. In the light of President Kumaratunga’s letter to the Times after 11th September in which she recalled that terror was not the sole preserve of al Qaeda or Western governments, the author recalls a visit to Sri Lanka, one of its leading universities and the accounts of the ‘labyrinth of violence’.


ABSTRACT: This article assesses the freedom and fairness of the 2001 parliamentary election in Sri Lanka according to a variety of criteria, judging the effects of violence and procedural irregularity on the election outcome. Despite its ambiguity, the international right to a free and fair election, expressed through the principles of the UDHR and the ICCPR, is substantially incorporated in the domestic law of Sri Lanka. The Constitution and elections legislation recognise essential democratic and electoral rights and establish administrative procedures and judicial remedies for enforcing them. Specific controversies over electoral laws have typically been resolved within the framework of the rule of law, through either the political process or the courts, including debates about the method of voting, the powers of the Election Commissioner and the registration of parties. Referendum and emergency powers have, however, been abused to interfere with free elections in some situations. Further, recent elections have degenerated in to widespread violence, intimidation and procedural irregularity, culminating in the December 2001 parliamentary election. The violent events of the 2001 election suggest that despite the formal maturity of Sri Lankan election law, the law is not being adequately enforced and deterrence, through criminal sanctions, is failing. While most police and election officials are committed to ensuring the integrity of elections, many politicians and candidates have undermined elections, in a society militarist by a protracted ethnic separatist conflict.

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ABSTRACT: The article pays tribute to Dr Neelan Tiruchelvam, one of Asia’s leading human rights scholars and constitutional lawyers, who was also a member of the first International Advisory Board of “Asia-Pacific Journal on Human Rights and the Law.” Tiruchelvam became another victim of the ethnic conflict in Sri Lanka which has claimed more than 50,000 lives in the last three decades when he was killed by a suicide bomber on his way to work on July 29, 1999. Tiruchelvam was part of the think-tank behind the 1987 Indo-Sri Lankan Accord and played a significant role in the 1995 constitutional reform and devolution programme of Sri Lankan President Chandrika Kumaratunga’s government. He was a lawyer devoted to human rights work as well as a committed moderate Tamil politician. His activism was a result of deeply held beliefs arising out of his work. He practised measures in order to uproot causes of ethnic conflicts in his country. He understood that by addressing the root causes of ethnic conflict, one can restore peace.

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ABSTRACT: Beginning in the mid-1950s, Sri Lanka’s Sinhalese politicians began outbidding each other on who could provide the best deal for their community. This ethnic outbidding was initially influenced by linguistic nationalism, though it was soon also used to undermine agreements designed to accommodate the minority Tamils. The Sinhalese tolerated ethnocentrism and illiberal governance because this relatively deprived the Tamils even as it benefited their majority community. What they did not realise is that illiberalism cannot be compartmentalised and that eventually it affects the entire polity. This is indeed what happened over time. Consequently, inter-ethnic violence has influenced intra-ethnic violence and the project that permitted dominating the minority Tamils along ethnic lines has now influenced Sinhalese politicians to dominate their fellows along political lines. This has led to a milieu where violence is now institutionalised as a way to settle political disputes even as ethnic outbidding continues and the civil war remains unresolved. The recent parliamentary elections, accompanied by massive violence and manifold irregularities, especially signify the illiberalism and political decay that have befallen Sri Lanka.

Discusses the way in which competition among Sinhalese politicians has been used to undermine political accommodation of minority Tamils, and eventually led to their domination over their own ethnic group. This political decay has led to a milieu where violence is institutionalized as a method of settling political disputes.


ABSTRACT: This essay investigates the deployment of the trope of September eleventh in Sri Lanka from 11 September 2001 until Sri Lanka’s parliamentary elections and change of government on 5 December 2001. The essay argues that September eleventh in the tropic form of synecdoche performed political work for both parties to Sri Lanka’s long-running conflict -- the People’s Alliance Government and the Tamil Tigers of Tamil Eelam, and demonstrates how each belligerent used September eleventh and the lexicon associated with the U.S. attacks and early global response to brand their adversary as terrorist, to recode political and conflict narratives in September eleventh terms, and to indicate the appropriate scale and scope of the war. The article raises important
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**ABSTRACT:** Focuses on the political conditions in Sri Lanka as of 2001. Assessment on the leadership under president Chandrika Kumaratunga; Details on the post-election alliance between the People’s Alliance and the Sri Lanka Muslim Congress; Efforts to resolve ethnic crisis in the country.

**Refugees, Displacement and Marginalization**


**ABSTRACT:** Presents a proposal for reforming the refugee protection system of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in Sri Lanka. Importance of state participation in the refugee protection system; Restructure of the information network that governs reporting on safe havens; Consideration of the human rights policy in the refugee policy.


Report of the Norwegian Refugee Council regarding persons who have been internally displaced as a result of the conflict in Sri Lanka, compiled by the Global IDP Database.


**ABSTRACT:** This paper identifies why the Veddhas, the indigenous population of Sri Lanka, have been exposed to forced relocation and marginalization at various historical junctures. Their history is a dramatic story of eviction, expulsion and marginalization, and a sad story of deprivation, ethnic discrimination and lack of human rights. The disempowerment of the Veddhas primarily relates to the dominating powers of authority of the Sri Lankan State and its effectuation of detrimental development policies and practices. The key concepts of marginalization, eviction and expulsion are discussed in relation to an analytical model illustrating how external and internal factors, collective capabilities and individual characteristics interact on and influence people’s coping capacity. Veddhas in two villages have given accounts of their understanding of the situation. It is concluded that the disempowerment and disappearance of the Veddha culture are due to ignorance and the unwillingness of the State to procure an enabling environment that would improve the coping capacity of its indigenous population.

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Non-Governmental Organizations


Discusses the way new “emergency regulations” allowing for arrest and detention are eroding Sri Lanka’s human rights. These regulations already exceed the limits permissible under the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. Offers recommendations on lessening the abuse of detainees rights.

Centre for Policy Alternatives. www.cpalanka.org

NGO website containing research into the issues of governance and conflict resolution in Sri Lanka, the strengthening of civil society and its contribution to public policy and documents such as the Peace Confidence Index gauging the level of public confidence in the peace process.


ABSTRACT: This ‘work in progress’ gives an overview of the conceptual background and preliminary field work findings of a research programme investigating the consequences of violence and conflict in villages in the Trincomalee and Batticaloa Districts of eastern Sri Lanka. Initial and speculative conclusions from these community surveys indicate that NGOs have only a limited impact on the local dynamics of conflict, and point to a need for NGOs to understand in more depth the complex historical and social aspects of protracted and violent conflict. To have any limited peace-building role NGOs must also undertake a more fine grained analysis of community social fabric and processes together with the associated economic, political and military factors.

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ABSTRACT: Examines impact measurement for non-governmental organizations (NGOs) based on experiences from India and Sri Lanka. Worth and relevance of the work of NGOs; Changes experienced by people where NGOs have worked; Political factors affecting the effectiveness of NGOs in helping the poor and marginalized women; Accountability of NGOs to its constituency.


“Independent” NGO website containing background information to the conflict and the current situation as well as media statements and updates on the NGO’s activities and strategies leading with the rejection of “peace through war.”

ABSTRACT: Focuses on a study which analyzed the strategies applied in Sri Lanka by donors undertaking a traditional development approach and those following a more comprehensive approach. Information on human rights approach; Overall aid volume and the government’s war efforts; Contents and orientation of the aid program.

Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights


ABSTRACT: Comments on Pradhan’s article on ‘Economic Cost of Sri Lanka’s Ethnic Conflict,’ published in the vol. 31, no. 4 issue of the ‘Journal of Contemporary Asia.’ Clarifications on some information regarding the article; Provision of background information on ethnic conflict and trends in variables such as economic and investment growth; Impact of ethnic conflict on Sri Lanka’s economic growth.


ABSTRACT: Sri Lanka is an island with a population of 19.4 million. Compared to its south Asian neighbors it has favorable health statistics for its per capita income and the health investment. Currently, the country is facing several crises: declining world economy, the Asian economic crises, political instability, and ongoing terrorist activities. The health sector too has been adversely affected by these factors with the added impact of plateauing of State investments on health, and a demographic and epidemiological transition. The mental health services suffer from a history of under-investment, an emphasis towards ‘asylum-based care’ inherited from the British and from emerging problems such as violence, displacements and disruption in social groupings. The demands for more sophisticated and comprehensive care too have increased. As a result, mental healthcare is at a critical juncture in its development in the country. With the renewed global interest in the area, Sri Lanka is in an ideal situation to make a quantum leap in developing its services to new heights.

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ABSTRACT: This article examines the links between militarised violence and social capital (trans)formation. It first maps out emerging theoretical and policy debates on social capital and violent conflict and questions a number of the assumptions underpinning these debates. This is followed by an empirical analysis of several war-affected communities in Sri Lanka. The case studies illustrate that the links between militarized violence and social capital are complex, dynamic and context-specific. It is argued that social capital cannot be understood in isolation from political and economic processes, and the belief that violent conflict inevitably erodes social capital is questioned. Finally, the implications for external agencies are highlighted. Rather than focusing on engineering social capital, external agencies need to focus on understanding better the preconditions for social capital formation and how they can contribute to the creation of an enabling environment. This requires as a starting-point a rigorous analysis of political and economic processes.
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ABSTRACT: Discusses contentious issues of postcolonialism and diaspora as well as Sri Lankan affairs. Disjunction between postcolonial theory and postcolonialism or radical politics; Politics of diaspora; Commonalities of diasporas; Politics of identity and identification.


ABSTRACT: As the number of de-stabilized regions of warfare or post-war conditions worldwide continues to grow, this article investigates how civilians survive in the context of a civil war. It analyses livelihood strategies of farmers in the war-torn areas of Sri Lanka, using an analytical framework based on a revised form of DFID’s sustainable rural livelihoods approach, placing particular attention on the institutional reproduction of household capital assets in the war economy. The author delineates a three pillar model of household livelihood strategies focusing on how households (1) cope with the increased level of risk and uncertainty; (2) adjust their economic and social household assets for economic survival; and (3) use their social and political assets as livelihood strategies. Empirical evidence comes from four case study villages in the east of Sri Lanka. Although the four case Studies were very close together geographically, their livelihood outcomes differed considerably depending on the very specific local political geography. The role of social and political assets is essential: while social assets (extended family networks) were important to absorb migrants, political assets (alliances with power holders) were instrumental in enabling individuals, households or economic actors to stabilize or even expand their livelihood options and opportunities. The author concludes that civilians in conflict situations are not all victims (some may also be culprits in the political economy of warfare), and that war can be both a threat and an opportunity, often at the same time.


ABSTRACT: Christians and Christian Feminists have to respond to a whole variety of circumstances. This article asks whether the liberation theology that arose from the political struggles and violence of Latin America can be read onto the situation in Sri Lanka. The reality of war challenges male-centered doctrines of a ‘just war’, which ignore the many injustices of any war. Women and men are raped both in conquest and in custody. Children are dispersed, orphaned, and turn to begging or prostitution, or take up arms. Christians tend to retreat to liturgical solutions, while secular women’s organizations face the need to rebuild society. The article challenges the churches to join in the dual task of reflecting on the real traumas of war in the light of theology, and rebuilding the bloodstained, shattered community.
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**ABSTRACT:** Explores the failure of India, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and Pakistan, four Commonwealth countries in South Asia, to maximize the benefits of their Commonwealth membership. History of the Commonwealth; Benefits of the Commonwealth association to the member countries; Details on the political opportunities lost by Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, India and Pakistan in line with its Commonwealth membership.

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Sudan
by Alexandra Nichols

Since independence Sudan has found itself almost constantly embroiled in civil conflict within its own borders. Throughout the 1990’s, Sudan was widely known to sponsor terrorism, having such as including Osama bin Laden from 1991-1996. American sanctions have been in place in Sudan since 1997, the last American ambassador was removed in 1998, and Sudan has been on the U.S. State Departments list of sponsored terrorists since 1993.

Potentially, facing a military threat by the United States following September 11th, Sudan for the first time opened talks with the United States on counter-terrorism. Since Sudan began to provide intelligence to the U.S. on Al Qaeda and cut ties with outside terrorist groups, a rapprochement between Sudan and the U.S. has begun. In May 2004 Sudan was removed from the U.S. list of countries deemed as uncooperative in the war against terrorist networks. While the decision was made to remove Sudan from this list it should be noted that this action does not remove Sudan from the State Department’s list of terrorist sponsors.

Although Sudan is making efforts to help the U.S. fight the “War on Terror”, within its own borders a dictatorship is waging war on its own citizens, making a strong alliance in the war against terror with the United States difficult. Though Sudan has helped search for Al Qaeda operatives, many argue that the civil unrest and terror campaigns carried out on its own citizens are leading to instability that could in fact have grave impacts for citizens of other states.

In hopes of fostering a diplomatic relationship with Sudan and of forging forward with the “War on Terror”, American officials have played a key role in brokering peace talks in the ongoing civil war. However, while peace appeared to be within reach for Southern Sudan, the Darfur region of Western Sudan deteriorated into war. All of this has halted progress made in the South, resulting in massive human rights violations and deeper political destabilization.

Background

This section provides comprehensive introductory background information on Sudan, focusing on the disintegration of the country into civil war, along with information on the numerous and complex forces involved in the ongoing conflicts. Historical, political, economic and social factors are taken into account while considering Sudan’s connections to international terrorists and the changing relationship between Sudan and the United States in the aftermath of September 11. This section provides background information for the reader who may be unfamiliar with Sudanese history to better understand the context of the conflicts and debates.


ABSTRACT: Provides a very good introductory history the disintegration of Sudan into brutal civil war and the attempts to establish an Islamist state under a new military regime. Describes the making of modern Sudan over
the last 150 years and offers a clear, readable and succinct introduction to an area that is seldom out of the world’s headlines.


A collection of papers presented at an international conference at Yale discussing the influence of religion, modernity and globalisation on the war in Sudan.


A well-balanced account of the numerous and complex forces involved in Sudan’s ongoing conflicts. Examines historical, political, economic, and social factors of the trajectory of Sudan’s civil wars. Focuses on the differences between Sudan’s first civil war in the 1960s, the current war, and the minor conflicts generated by and contained within the larger wars. Considers regional and international factors, such as humanitarian aid, oil revenue, and terrorist organizations, as underlying issues that have exacerbated the violence. Edited from various sources.


Provides essential background information on the political conditions in Sudan from 1989 to 2001. Includes such topics as the Coup d’etat in 1989, the human rights crises, resumption of the civil war in 1983 and the conflict between General Umar al-Bashir and Muslim Brother leader Hasan al-Turabi.


Petterson, the last American ambassador to complete an assignment in Sudan, provides insight into the events transpiring from 1998 to the present. Petterson explores the experiences of Americans in Khartoum after Washington put Sudan on the black list of state sponsors of terrorism and considers Sudan’s connections to international terrorists, while assessing the changes in the relationship between Sudan and the United States after 9/11. Provides appropriate background information for someone unfamiliar with Sudanese history to understand the context of conflicts and debates.

The Darfur Crisis

Recently the focus on Sudan has narrowed to terrorism within its own borders and primarily on the recent escalating crises in the Darfur region. This section provides extensive information on the events leading up to the crises and the role of the Sudanese government and various factions involved in the crises. Attention is also given to the lack of involvement from the international community, as well as the socio-economic backdrop of the Darfur conflict and the political and ethnic divisions.

Provides a brief overview of the varying factions involved in the current Darfur crises. From the SLA (Sudanese Liberation Army) and JEM (Justice and Equality Movement) to the “Janjaweed” and government forces. Discusses the socio-economic backdrop to the Darfur conflict as well as the ethnic and political divisions.


Provides information on the ongoing humanitarian crisis in the Darfur Province in western Sudan, as of September 2004. Focuses on the significance of ethnic discrimination to the emergence of the crisis in February 2003, as well as the role of resource constraints in fueling the conflict. Provides background information on a ceasefire agreement between the government of Sudan and rebel groups, including the Sudan Liberation Army (SLA).


A brief analysis discussing the possible scenarios of if the NIF (National Islamic Front), the Sudanese government, were to fall. Brings into light the dilemma for Washington, as those to some extent involved in and responsible for Darfur are in fact helpful in the Khartoum “Security Operation”.


Presents an editorial on how war, rape and sexual violence are seen as legitimate weapons in Darfur, Sudan and provides a description of the way in which these crimes obliterate the will of the people. Notes the reluctance of state leaders to move past legal arguments surrounding if Darfur falls into the definition of genocide or not, which has resulted in the suffering of thousand of people.


A clear and deep analysis of development of the current crises in Darfur dating back to the 1970’s and 80’s. Excellent resource for those with little knowledge on the current Darfur crises. Clearly lays out the differences between the SPLA movement in Southern Sudan and the SLA movement in the Darfur region as well the extent of government involvement in both conflicts. Discusses the extent of American involvement and the issues surrounding the use of the “genocide” label.


Focuses Sudan’s failure to keep commitments to rein in militias terrorizing the Darfur region. Identifies the importance of deploying an international force in the region and discusses the absence of steps taken to bring justice of the militias.

Documents how Sudanese Government forces have overseen and directly participated in massacres, summary executions of civilians, burnings of towns and villages, and the forcible depopulation of Fur, Masalit and Zaghawa land. The report also documents how Janjaweed Arab militias have destroyed mosques, killed Muslim religious leaders and desecrated Korans belonging to their enemies.


Documents and analyzes how the Sudanese armed forces and the government-backed Janjaweed militias continue to target civilians and their livestock in villages in rural areas and in the towns and camps under government control. The report also analyzes Sudanese government pledges to rein in the militias, end impunity and restore security in Darfur.


A brief critique by Human Rights Watch of the U.N. Security Council’s sanctions on the Sudanese government. It argues that the failure of the Security Council to impose an oil embargo on Sudan’s government is in fact enabling the atrocities to continue, ensuring that the government continues to have the resources necessary to carry out its mass murder campaign.


Discusses the two main anti-government groupings in the Darfur region of Sudan. The SLA (Sudanese Liberation Army) and the JEM (Justice Equality Movement) and their reasoning for rising up against the Sudanese government in Khartoum.


An in depth and informative article focusing on the events leading up to the current situation in Darfur as well as U.S. involvement in Sudan over the years. Demonstrates the extensive impact and atrocities committed on refugees and internally displaced people in the Darfur region while highlighting the extent to which the current situation is deeply rooted and extremely complicated. Brings into question if there can actually be an end to the ethnic cleansing currently taking place.

Sudan People’s Liberation Movement/Army. www.splmtoday.com/

The official website of the Sudan People’s Liberation Movement/Army. Provides extensive information on various issues and points of view as well as information on the vision and objectives of the SPLM. Offers historical background on the conflict as well as the peace initiatives put forth. A fairly extensive website with a variety of information.
Human Rights Abuses in Sudan

Human rights abuses in Sudan have been ongoing for years and widely acknowledged by various human rights organizations, academics and governments. This section provides an overview of the various human rights abuses in Sudan. Attention is on the role that oil has played in causing abuses as well as those human rights violations perpetrated by the SPLA and more recently by the Janjaweed. Also covered here is the role of the Sudanese government forces in recent massacres, summary execution of civilians, and the burning of towns and villages.

César Chelala. 2002. “Sudan: A War against the People”. The Lancet. 359

Focuses on the role that resources, primarily oil, have played in the now two decade long Sudanese conflict. Details human rights abuses and the forced displacement of Dinka tribe members, as well as the deteriorating health situation. The article ultimately argues that economic aid to Sudan should be contingent on ceasing civilian attacks and unrestricted mobility for humanitarian agencies and human right monitors.


Documents human rights abuses by the SPLA (Sudan People’s Liberation Army) through eyewitness reports. Also discusses American assistance to the SPLA and the controversies surrounding the American government’s involvement in providing direct food aid to the SPLA.


A critique of Amnesty International’s article “Sudan: The Human Price of Oil”. Its principal contention is that Amnesty only considered government involvement in the war, and not militia groups like the SPLA. It also takes issue with the methodology of the Amnesty report.


An editorial on how war, rape and sexual violence are seen as legitimate weapons in Darfur, and provides a description of the way in which these crimes obliterate the will of the people. Notes the reluctance of leaders to move past legal arguments over whether the crisis in Darfur fits the definition of genocide or not.


An in depth analysis of human rights abuses in Sudan highlighting the controversy over the contrast of human rights and Islamic norms. Presents the underlying causes, its ideological justification and explores possible remedies.

Explores the link between the human rights violations committed by the government forces and its allied militias and the oil operations by foreign companies. Argues that the companies involved have a responsibility to contribute to the promotion and protection of human rights wherever they operate. Calls on the Sudanese government, the SLA and the international community to condemn human rights violations and confirm their commitment to various articles in the Geneva Convention.


Documents how Sudanese Government forces have overseen and directly participated in massacres, summary executions of civilians, burnings of towns and villages, and the forcible depopulation of Fur, Masalit and Zaghawa land. The report also documents how Janjaweed Arab militias have destroyed mosques, killed Muslim religious leaders and desecrated Korans belonging to their enemies. (Abridged from the website.)


Documents and analyzes how the Sudanese armed forces and the government-backed Janjaweed militias continue to target civilians and their livestock in rural villages and towns and camps under government control. The report also analyzes Sudanese government pledges to rein in the militias, end impunity and restore security in Darfur.


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Terrorism and Sudan

Attention to international terrorism and Sudan was extensive throughout the 1990’s. However, since the September 11 attacks on the United States, attention has shifted to what U.S. President Bush coined the “Axis of Evil”, Iran, Iraq and North Korea. Sudan has taken steps to cut off ties with external terrorist networks; according to the U.S. State Department Sudan has arrested some thirty suspected terrorists. While this has resulted in a rapprochement between the U.S. and Sudan, it is apparent that Sudan has been unable to quell the ongoing conflict and escalating terrorism within its own borders. An unfortunate effect of such instability is often terrorists with cross-border objectives.

This section provides information on aspects of terrorism in Sudan such as a Sudan’s role in harboring terrorists and supporting terrorism throughout the 1990’s; a brief account of the
opportunities that were missed to gain information on Osama bin Laden in the years leading up to the September 11, 2001 attacks; Sudan's recent cooperation with the U.S. in fighting the “War Against Terror”; and the changing relationship between Sudan and the United States post 9/11.


A brief analysis discussing the possible outcomes of a collapse of the Sudanese state. Brings into light the dilemma for the United States as a country with some level of historical involvement in the current crises in Darfur.


An interview with Hassan al-Turabi, the Islamic spiritual leader of Sudan who hosted terrorist Osama bin Laden before he left for Afghanistan. Also includes his view about the impact of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks on the U.S. and on Islamic movements. Provides a description of his relationship with Osama bin Laden and the United States.


O’Ballance brings us from the 16-year civil war beginning soon after independence through a second southern revolution breaking out in 1983 and up to Sudan’s extensive involvement in terrorism in the mid 1990’s. Exemplifies the central governments consisting of mainly military dictatorships, plagued by plots, and ongoing quarrels with adjacent countries.


Petterson, the last American ambassador to complete an assignment in Sudan provides insight into the events in Sudan from 1998 to the present. Petterson explores experiences of Americans in Khartoum after Washington put Sudan on the black list of state sponsors of terrorism and considers Sudan’s connections to international terrorists, while assessing the changes in the relationship between Sudan and the United States after 9/11. Provides sufficient background information for someone unfamiliar with Sudanese history to understand the context of conflicts and debates.


Focuses on the annual U.S. list of states that sponsor terrorism, which is accompanied by a report, ‘Patterns of Global Terrorism.’ Argues against the rigidity of the list by suggesting a clearer distinction between current sponsors and past supporters of terrorism. Argues both that Sudan should not be on the list and which other countries should be. Suggests gradating the list to allow more flexibility in setting penalties.


Focuses on a study that examined the relationship between Sudan and the U.S. and analyzed the roots and development of the bilateral dispute which began in 1990. Discusses the designation
of Sudan as a sponsor of terrorism by the United States. Explores the effect of the bombings of U.S. Embassy buildings in Kenya and Tanzania on the US-Sudan relationship and actions taken for the reconciliation of the two countries.


A brief account of the ways in which security chiefs on both sides of the Atlantic repeatedly turned down opportunities from the Sudanese government to acquire an intelligence database on Osama bin Laden and more than 200 leading members of his al-Qaeda terrorist network in the years leading up to the September 11, 2001 attacks.


Discusses the immediacy and importance of addressing the problem of failed nation-states in the wake of September 11, 2001. Argues that failed states are incapable of projecting power and asserting authority within their own borders, leaving their territories governmentally empty. The instability that these countries harbor not only threatens the lives and livelihoods of their own people but also endangers world peace.


Discusses the importance of the United States’ decision to engage rather than confront Sudan following the September 11 attacks. Argues that Washington should not engage or negotiate with rogue regimes as Sudan does not appear to have changed much of its behavior as terror campaigns are continuously carried out upon Sudanese citizens.


With attention focused on the bombings against Afghanistan, the most radical change in U.S. policy toward any other Muslim state since September 11 has been the accelerated rapprochement between the United States and Sudan, a country that hosted Osama bin Laden between 1991 and 1996. Rubin raises the question as to if Sudan has in fact changed its behavior since Sept. 11, 2001. While the State Department has said that since September 11, Khartoum has arrested some thirty suspected terrorists Rubin argues that only a demonstrable pattern of sustained behavioral change should merit rehabilitation of a government that has been so deeply involved with terror for so many years.


In the aftermath of 9/11 the United States declared a war on terror. The Bush administration focused its efforts on what they called the “axis of evil” (Iran, Iraq, and N. Korea). There is however a triangle of countries in the Red Sea region that are also potential targets in the war against terror - Sudan, Somalia, and Yemen. Shay examines the three countries designated as the Red Sea Terror Triangle, and explores the ties each maintains with Islamic terror, as well as the reciprocal links between them.

Discusses the role of Sudan in the coalition assembled by the United States to fight the terrorist network run by Osama bin Laden. Discusses gestures of support from Sudanese President Omar Hassan Ahmad al-Bashir and the decision of Sudanese banks to provide financial information to U.S. government agencies. Exemplifies the willingness of Sudan to help in the search for bin Laden’s Al Qaeda network.


Senate hearing detailing Sudanese involvement in harboring terrorists and promoting terrorism through the early to mid 1990’s, as well as responsive actions taken by the U.S. government. Provides testimonies as well as a statement of the Embassy of the Republic of Sudan Regarding Sudan and terrorism.
Uganda
by Simon Amajuru

The war in northern Uganda is one against civilians. Although the government purports to be targeting Lord’s Resistance Army (LRA) rebels, it is well known that more than 80% of the current rebels were conscripted against their will. The war has continued for more than 17 years, caused displacement of more than 1.6 million people, and left more than 100,000 people dead. Over 20,000 children have been abducted and forced to join the LRA ranks or become sex slaves, while over 50,000 children have turned into “night commuters” for fear of abductions.

[T]he LRA explained to us that all five brothers couldn’t serve in the LRA because we would not perform well. So they tied up my two younger brothers and invited us to watch. Then they beat them with sticks until the two of them died. They told us it would give us strength to fight. My youngest brother was nine years old (Human Rights Watch, July 2003).

I have been increasingly surprised how northern Uganda can remain the world’s greatest neglected humanitarian crisis (Jan Egeland, United Nation’s Emergency Relief Coordinator while briefing the U.N. Security Council on the situation in northern Uganda. The New Vision, Oct 23, 2004).

Uganda had no laws on terrorism before September 11, 2001 but enacted the Anti-Terrorism act in 2002. This legislation reduces a broad cross-section of dissidents to ‘opponents of the state,’ thus making those in the media and public life who have divergent views suspect. The terrorism law contains rather sweeping provisions. For example, possession of unlicensed firearms is tantamount to terrorism…Clause 14 empowers ministers to declare an organization “terrorist,” without challenge in court (Human Rights Watch Report: State of Pain: Torture in Uganda, March 2004).

Uganda gained independence from the British on October 9, 1962. Many people believe that the colonial legacy created the south-north divide in Uganda and planted seeds of ethnic conflict in the country. The British created white color jobs and plantations in the south and used northerners as army reserves and laborers in the plantations. Idi Amin and Tito Okello, both semi-illiterate, became presidents through military coups and were beneficiaries of the colonial legacy. To date, northerners continue to feel marginalized.

Uganda’s record of open human rights abuse dates back to Milton Obote’s first administration in the late 1960s, which sought a one-party system. Conditions worsened with Idi Amin’s military coup in 1971. Since then, the army has been vital to Uganda’s political direction.

The bibliography covers literature on human rights abuses, terrorism and the War on Terror beginning in 2000. Most of the articles are about human rights issues in northern Uganda, where the Lord’s Resistance Army (LRA) of Joseph Kony claims to be fighting for the liberation of Uganda and to rule it according to the Ten Commandments.
Conflict Causes and Resolution

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Provides detailed analysis of the havoc caused to humanity in northern Uganda from various rebellions since 1986. Combination of doctrines of traditional and “modern” religions, ethnicity, marginalization, and external forces played complementary roles in the rise and sustenance of the terrorist forms of rebel movements in Uganda.


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Gives complete picture of the causes and implications of the war between Uganda and Rwanda, who were once allies. Rivalry and struggle over resources in the Democratic Republic of the Congo contributed to much of the causes of the past war and only international intervention can stop further suffering of civilians.


An account of the historical relationship between Uganda and Rwanda and how differences in their sometimes hidden agendas and a mutual strategy of sending national troops led to competition of the army commanders of the two countries in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Only intervention by “stronger countries” could avoid further war.


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Three bills--the Non-Governmental Organizations Registration (Amendment) Bill, the Suppression of Terrorism Bill and the Political Organizations Bill--before the parliament of Uganda would put human rights at great risk if passed the way they are formulated now.


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Dicklitch and Lwanga articulate how, in the quest for donor funds and fear of repressive government actions, human rights organizations have neglected the cause of human rights in Uganda. This has jeopardized the development of a rights-protective and rights-respective society in Uganda.


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Since 2001, torture by government security agents has been on the increase in Uganda, purportedly to suppress political opponents. Many people have been detained in “safe houses” instead of official police stations, which has led to reports of torture and related deaths.

An open letter by Human Rights Watch to President Museveni regarding executed people and detention without trial by the newly formed Anti Terrorism Task Force and other state organs, who at times violate human rights. Requests the President to take action against human rights violation by state agents.

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Emotional story of the plight of children and parents in Gulu town. Fearing abductions by the Lord’s Resistance Army, children trek daily to sleep in Gulu and other towns under very difficult conditions. Two girls sang “they are all raped, there are no more virgins in Gulu.”


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U. S. Foreign Policy
by Charles Hess

They hate our freedoms—our freedom of religion, our freedom of speech, our freedom to vote and assemble and disagree with each other (George W. Bush, Address to a Joint Session of Congress and the American People, September 20, 2001).

These values of freedom are right and true for every person, in every society—and the duty of protecting these values against their enemies is the common calling of freedom-loving people across the globe and across the ages (National Security Strategy, September 2002 http://www.whitehouse.gov/nsc/nss.html).

The historical connection between U.S. foreign policy and human rights has been strong on occasion. The War on Terror has not diminished but rather intensified that relationship if public statements from President Bush and his administration are to be believed. Some argue that just as in the Cold War, the American way of life as a free and liberal people is at stake. They argue that the enemy now is not communism but the disgruntled few who would seek to impose fundamentalist values on societies the world over and destroy those who do not conform. Proposed approaches to neutralizing the problem of terrorism vary. While most would agree that protecting human rights in the face of terror is of elevated importance, concern for human rights holds a peculiar place in this debate. It is ostensibly what the U.S. is trying to protect, yet it is arguably one of the first ideals compromised in the fight.

The Bush administration has chosen a controversial path to protecting human rights during its war on terror. Criticisms that America is developing an empire bent not on freedom as much as exploitation have only intensified since the U.S. invaded Iraq. At home the USA PATRIOT Act and charges of mistreatment of “unlawful combatants” have eroded the position of eminence once held by the U.S. government regarding concern for human rights.

One could argue that the two dominant approaches to terrorism were neatly contrasted in the U.S. presidential election of 2004. The first approach, frequently referred to as the “Bush Doctrine,” regards taking the fight to the terrorists wherever they are hiding before they attack us at home. Because of the decentralized nature of international terrorism this leads to pre-emptive war all over the globe. Speed is of the essence and resorting to diplomacy takes time. The second approach calls for attacks only when American justification is sound and hopefully globally recognized. Some diplomacy and consultation is advisable. A third alternative looks at the underlying reasons for terrorism, asks if American foreign policy provokes it, and looks to address the motivation for attacking America in the first place.

Whatever popularity the Bush Doctrine enjoys invites further scrutiny. Members of the Bush administration and like-minded analysts have frequently referred to the changed world born on September 12th, 2001. They contend the previous American reliance on sanctions and other forms of “soft power” are insufficient to deal with this new threat. Protecting the peace now means making war pre-emptively as necessary. We must be swift and decisive. Whereas nations like Pakistan, Russia and China were once criticized for human rights violations, they have become key allies in the War on Terror. While the U.S. military makes use of their air space and intelligence-
gathering capabilities, many wonder at the consequences of establishing warmer relations with leaders perceived as dictators and regimes perceived as repressive.

American Interests and Oil


**ABSTRACT:** Discusses factors driving the convergence of America’s anti-terrorist cause and the goal of securing the nation’s oil supply. National energy policy under U.S. president George Bush; Foreign policy on Saudi Arabia and Colombia; Author’s question about the validity of the Bush administration’s initiative to expand sources of foreign oil.


**ABSTRACT:** Argues that the U.S. government is trying to secure American military and economic supremacy on a global scale over the long term and that the U.S. invasion and occupation of Iraq is part of this imperial project. Examines these developments in the context of U.S. military spending and foreign policy since the end of the cold war.


**ABSTRACT:** Argues that the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks on the U.S. provided the government with the opportunity to use the military to pave the way for an Afghan oil pipeline. Proponents of the Afghan oil route; Implications of the establishment of a pro-Western government in Afghanistan; Basis of U.S. foreign policy.


**ABSTRACT:** Argues that the U.S. government should abandon its dependence on petroleum in order to defeat terrorism. Encourages a shift to clean, renewable energy even at the cost of superpower status. Provides a brief list of human rights abuses by the U.S. government presumably related to the greater foreign policy goal of securing access to foreign oil.


**ABSTRACT:** Criticizes the U.S. government for attacking Iraq in early 2003. Allegations of the U.S. government on the involvement of Saddam Hussein in the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks; views of neoconservative thinkers on the National Security Strategy calls of George W. Bush; intention of the U.S. to take over Iraq’s oil industry.

Analysis and Reflection as a Means to Combat Terrorism


From the website: Diplomats and Military Commanders for Change is an unprecedented bipartisan coalition of 27 career chiefs of mission and retired four-star military leaders who have launched a nationwide campaign to change U.S. foreign and defense policy because they are deeply concerned by the damage the Bush administration has caused to our national and international interests.


Argues that Iraqi connections to al-Qaeda; its putative weapons of mass destruction; and the Bush administration’s stated desire to bring peace, democracy, and liberation to the Middle East are obscure and fundamentally offensive postures by the United States. Addresses questions that remain unresolved by the military effort. Examines U.S. intentions in occupying Iraq and its plans for the Middle East and the administration’s compromising positions on weapons of mass destruction, international law, and oil.


Argues that the War on Terror is inhumane in theory and application and benefits only a few American elites. Criticizes the mainstream media for distortions and affection for easy answers. Distinguishes between terrorist apologists and people who believe in the existence of legitimate grievances against the US. Cites an economic agenda that preserves the U.S. position of power as both motivation for the War on Terror and a cause of terrorism. Anticipates new directions in the War on Terror presciently including Iraq.

Detainees and “Unlawful Combatants”


Five-part legal memorandum arguing for the application of international human rights law in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Builds from the presupposition that human rights are inherent in the person and not subject to creative reinterpretation in times of war.


ABSTRACT: Looks at the most effective and most misguided ways for promoting human rights worldwide. Absence of global consensus on the universality of human aspirations for human rights; error of the notion that human rights are violated more as of 2004 than in previous years; discussion on the notion that human rights are irreconcilable with the war on global terrorism launched by the United States in 2001; truth of the allegation that human rights abuses worsened worldwide after September 11, 2001; contention that human rights include political, social and economic freedoms.

ABSTRACT: While not publicly acknowledged, after 9/11 the systematic deployment of torture on captured Muslims became America’s policy and practice. It is utilized for the purpose of counterinsurgency intelligence-gathering. Based exclusively on publicly available documentation (prior to the Abu Ghraib revelations), the article conclusively demonstrates that the Bush administration deliberately chose this policy option. The evidence of this authorization includes: post-9/11 testimony before Congress; statements to news media by intelligence operatives who engaged in physical coercion in secret facilities; and a focused, aggressive legal strategy to strip suspected terrorists of all human rights. This legal posture included positive representations to the federal courts that the Executive has entitlement to torture; and an official determination that the Geneva Convention protection against coercive interrogations would be circumvented.

Rebuts the official U.S. position on the use of torture to extract information from detainees. Details perceived contradictions in the Bush administration’s statements regarding torture depending on venue. Presents torture as an integral and ultimately self-destructive tool in the War on Terror.


Highlights international law issues pertaining to the treatment of Taliban and al-Qaeda fighters from Afghanistan in U.S. custody. Cites the need for a formal and individualized determination of prisoner-of-war status in ambiguous cases. Also sets out international law requirements governing prisoners of war and “unlawful combatants,” including humane treatment, interrogation and prosecution.


ABSTRACT: Critically examines the U.S. detention of al Qaeda prisoners and others accused of being enemy combatants. In a world where terrorist action flirts with catastrophic weapons, the competing paradigms of crime and war may provide no more than analogies. Fitting the law to this new world will require tact, judgment, and the weight of a heavy heart.

Just War and Preemptive War


ABSTRACT: Deconstructs arguments made using just-war theory to excuse the humanitarian costs of the War on Terror. Argues that just-war theory may liberate war rather than morally restrain it. Concludes by developing “ethical peace” as an alternative conceptual framework that seeks to create a genuinely universal moral community.


ABSTRACT: Analyzes the foreign policy of the U.S. from the perspective of a realist theory of politics. Information on major books about political realism; foreign policy objectives of the U.S. after it won the Cold War against the Soviet Union; justifications of the U.S. for its plan to invade Iraq and oust Iraqi President
Saddam Hussein; legality of the pre-emptive attack policy of the U.S.; and public opinion on the U.S. plan to attack Iraq.


ABSTRACT: Criticizes the categorization of the War on Terror as a means of responding to current and preventing future terror attacks. Outlines a comprehensive historical framework, and provides new insights into the entire range of issues that must be addressed if terrorism is indeed to be eradicated. Judges the erosion of liberties at home and human rights in general as an indirect victory for al Qaeda and anticipates the greatest cost of September 11 will be the damage done to the global normative order consisting of international law, limits on warmaking, the authority of the UN, and the promotion of human rights.


ABSTRACT: Provides a framework for understanding the implications of the Bush administration’s War on Terror through an analysis of Stephen Spielberg’s 2002 film, Minority Report. Spielberg’s film has been called prescient for the eerie similarity between its fictitious Precrime program and actual post-Patriot Act Department of Justice operations. Illuminates the administration’s foreign policy doctrine of pre-emptive war in battling international terrorism.


Analyzes the premise that the War on Terror is just and real through a review of the history of just war from Ancient Rome to today. Juxtaposes definitions of war versus crime in responding to terrorism. Categorizes pre-emptive self-defense as against international law and just war as a concept righteously abandoned long ago.

Diplomatic or Military Engagement?


Examines the imbalance of power between terrorist groups and counterterrorist governments and the operational advantage of attack over defense in the interaction between terrorists.


Representative of conservative thought on the War on Terror. Argues that it is first a struggle to bring the fight to the terrorists before they can bring it to us and ultimately a political struggle for the hearts and minds of Muslims throughout the greater Middle East. Sets a mission of spreading democracy and respect for human rights.

ABSTRACT: Advocates a new U.S. foreign policy that lives up to the ideals of human rights proclaimed in the United Nations Charter. Identifies a need for American lawyers to act as moral architects who will restrain policies that teach that violence, armed conflict, and military might can solve the moral, spiritual, and human problems of humanity.


ABSTRACT: Explores the myths and motivations behind U.S. foreign policy toward Iraq in America’s ‘War on Terrorism.’ Argues that the foreign policy of the Bush administration is widely misunderstood. Addresses arguments that the Bush administration is motivated by oil, revenge or hubris as well as the more mainstream arguments.


Drawing from essays first published in the National Review Online, this collection takes a positive view of the War on Terror as it unfolded between January 2002 and July 2003. Predicts American success in backing up a humanitarian message of liberal reform with military strength aimed at eradicating rogue regimes. Frequently criticizes Arab states for their support of fanaticism and tolerance of corruption, the U.N. for its undermining of U.S. policy and self-loathing Americans uncomfortable with their nation’s dominance.


ABSTRACT: Theorizes a new international consensus on the War on Terror is possible, but it will require some political sacrifice. U.S. allies must accept that some U.S. unilateralism is inevitable, even desirable. The U.S. must strive to minimize rather than emphasize its power advantage.


ABSTRACT: Discusses U.S. foreign policy in Iraq. Debate within the administration of U.S. President George W. Bush about a strategy to take action against Iraq; concern that a unilateral rush into pre-emptive war in Iraq could undercut worldwide support for the War on Terror and cast the U.S. as an aggressor nation; perspectives of members of the Bush administration, including (former) Secretary of State Colin Powell and Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld; goal of ousting Saddam Hussein; need for Republican consent before the nation can consent.


Ignatieff recommends a middle course between a civil libertarianism and pragmatism that would judge counterterrorism measures solely by their effectiveness. Allows for emergency suspensions of civil liberties provided they are temporary, publicly justified, and employed as a last resort.
Proposes providing oppressed groups with peaceful political means of redress as a successful alternative to terrorism. Looks extensively at terrorism in history.


ABSTRACT: Examines the unilateralism evident in the manner U.S. military power is used to advance U.S. interests and geopolitical hegemony. Sketches out the genesis and origins of Bush administration foreign policy and its application in Afghanistan and the build-up to the Iraq war. Develops a critique of the Bush doctrine and its application in the 2003 Iraq invasion.


ABSTRACT: Analyzes the doctrine propagated by U.S. President George W. Bush’s administration after the September 11, 2001 terrorist attack. Purposes of presidential doctrines; Bush’s priorities in the field of international relations; approach of the government in fighting terrorism; foreign policy transformations resulting from the terrorist attack.


ABSTRACT: Argues that the U.S. military is becoming increasingly strained by its commitments in Iraq and Afghanistan, thereby limiting the ability of America to threaten rogue states with military action and fight the War on Terror. Anticipates the U.S. military will have significant obligations in Iraq and Afghanistan for years and evaluates the consequences.


ABSTRACT: Seeks to advance the discussion of national security in general, with specific regard to American foreign policy as outlined by President George W. Bush. Examines historically significant national security doctrines as well as the legal basis underlying the 2003 American attack on Iraq in order to explore the Bush administration’s international policy determinations.


Analyzes recent developments in U.S. foreign policy in light of evidence that American “soft power” has eroded. Nye suggests that the challenges posed by transnational terrorism require more attention to soft power and cooperation with allies and institutions.


Argues that counterterrorism is not accurately represented by the war metaphor and that the problem of terrorism cannot be solved, only managed. Defines the purpose of counterterrorism as saving lives without unduly compromising national interests and objectives. Focuses more on the effect of U.S. counterterrorism efforts on foreign relations than on domestic concerns like civil liberties. Encourages the use of multiple methods, including “soft power.”
Human Rights Violators as Allies


**ABSTRACT:** Comments on the ousting of Craig Murray, a British diplomat in Tashkent, Uzbekistan. In August 2003, after increasingly outspoken criticism of human rights abuses in Uzbekistan, a key ally in the War on Terror, Murray was disciplined and asked to resign. Some say Downing Street is stifling dissent at the expense of human rights.


**ABSTRACT:** Focuses on President George W. Bush’s approach to the promotion of democracy during the War on Terror. Bush the realist seeks warm ties with dictators who may help in the fight against al Qaeda, while Bush the neo-Reaganite proclaims that democracy is the only solution to terror.


Offers a response to the article “Promoting Democracy and Fighting Terror” by Thomas Carothers. Argues that the Bush administration has struck the right balance between security concerns, economic issues, and human rights imperatives in the War on Terror. Includes a reply from Carothers.


Focuses on five Asian countries: Pakistan, Uzbekistan, Indonesia, Malaysia, and China. Analyzes how U.S. policy toward each, particularly in the area of human rights, has shifted after September 11, 2001. Takes the position that human rights concerns have been weakened in U.S. foreign policy for political, normative and institutional reasons.


**ABSTRACT:** Questions whether the September 11th attacks on the U.S. have resulted in a reduction in the Bush administration’s attention to China’s human rights record. Argues the administration will find it difficult to downgrade the issue. References the U.S. designation of the “East Turkestan Islamic Movement” as a terrorist organization operating in China.


**ABSTRACT:** Offers an overview of China’s foreign policy goals and achievements prior to September 11, examines Beijing’s response to terrorist attacks on the U.S. mainland, provides an assessment of China’s tactical gains and strategic losses following the September 11 attacks, and concludes with an evaluation of Beijing’s future policy options. Argues that the U.S. led War on Terror has ushered in a new geopolitical alignment whose ramifications will be felt far into the future. Lists muted criticism of China’s human rights record as a transitory benefit to China of the U.S. led War on Terror.

ABSTRACT: Broadly outlines the historical distinction between intelligence and law enforcement agencies and how the barrier between them has been eroded through acts of congress, particularly the USA PATRIOT Act. Expresses concern that protection of intelligence methods has become a justification for limiting liberty and the rule of law.
Uzbekistan
by Chris Maggard

The Central Asian republics have largely remained hidden from the world attention since they gained independence a decade ago. However, immediately following September 11th the region was brought into focus as a part of the US-led “War on Terror”. Uzbekistan became a full partner in this initiative when the government decided to allow the U.S. military full use of its territory in the invasion against Afghanistan. As Uzbek President Karimov has become willing to work with the West than neighboring countries, the debate in recent years has been how and to what extent, rather than whether or not the United States should commit resources to Uzbekistan and the rest of Central Asia.

The West’s previous hesitance to work with these countries was based on their record of widespread human rights abuses and their refusal to bring about reform. No one denies that these abuses are still occurring. There is considerable difference of opinion about what should be done to bring about human rights reform and if this should be a requirement for continued U.S. and international involvement. Many fear that a partnership based solely on security needs without attention to human rights, equality and justice will legitimate the authoritarian governments of the region and ultimately lead to elevated levels of instability and repression there.

Since 1999, international observers and policymakers have often viewed Central Asia as swept up in a tide of Islamic fundamentalism. In his speech to Congress in September 2001, President George W. Bush singled out the Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan (IMU) as a terrorist group demanding immediate attention. Instability in Central Asia has often been blamed on radical Islamic groups such as the IMU who aspire to establish a state based on Islamic Law, and provide assistance to worldwide terrorist networks. However, President Karimov’s efforts to control radical Muslims have gotten out of hand and persecution of many ordinary Muslims has come about as a result. With Muslims making up 90 percent of Uzbekistan’s population, many believe the United States is purposefully strengthening the repressive regime against them. Further repression, of course, could lead to increased support for Islamic extremists and radicalization of a larger portion of the population.

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Focuses on the U.S.-Uzbekistan partnership to fight terrorism and how ironic it is to be teaming up with a tyrant in the name of freedom. Discusses the terms agreed to for assistance to be extended by Uzbekistan President Islam Karimov to the U.S. forces during the terrorism campaign in Afghanistan.


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Notebooks of radical Islamic students learning to become terrorists in Uzbekistan. Students are taught mostly in military subjects and once that is mastered they turn to jihad, how, when and who to kill for the faith.


Focuses on the threat of terrorism in the Central Asia region and the newly-emerged US-Uzbek strategic partnership that has emerged. This relationship is a key factor in shaping the region’s geopolitical status quo. Analysis deals with military aspects of the partnership in conjunction with Uzbekistan’s military reform dynamics and state policy towards counter-terrorism.


In 2000 the Uzbekistan government forced many villages along the Tajikistan border to relocate to hastily-built, destitute settlements in order to decrease the flow of armed Islamic forces into the country. Though this threat has considerably lessened since then, there government shows no inclination to repatriate the roughly 3000 villagers, who are now suffering in extreme poverty.


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Women in Uzbekistan have their rights doubly violated, first by suffering physical and other abuse from their husbands and then by the government, who accomplish the goal of “save the family” through coercing women victims to remain in abusive situations, ignoring violence against women, and perpetuating impunity for violent husbands. Many recommendations are given to Uzbekistan and international actors for increasing women’s rights.


A good overview of U.S. policy towards Central Asia before September 11th. Argues that the U.S. has failed to effectively address human rights problems, and that allowing these abuses undermines economic reform, deters honest investment and stunts the development of strong civil societies.


The mahalla is a centuries-old autonomous institution organized around Islamic rituals and social events. Under President Karimov, the Uzbek government has converted the mahalla committees from an autonomous expression of self-government to a national system for surveillance and control. The people find themselves under increasing pressure from government and law enforcement authorities to enforce government policies that violate human rights norms.

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Reports on the integral participation of Central Asian republics in the U.S. campaign against terrorism, the launch of insurgencies by the Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan in the republic, and consequences brought by the rise of the Taliban government for Central Asia. Economic conditions in Central Asia are also discussed.


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This hearing explores American policy in Central Asia focusing simultaneously on human rights and the U.S. security agenda. Many opinions are shared, and it is generally believed that rooting out terrorism, promoting democracy and human rights are not mutually exclusive and may even be mutually enforcing. Emphasis is put on “enhanced engagement” to ensure justice, equality and human rights are actively promoted in Central Asia.


By focusing on antiterrorism in Central Asia the United States is addressing a symptom, rather than a causes of regional security. This is a counterproductive strategy that is contributing to the radicalization of opposition movements and discrediting the U.S. and democracy. Instead, underlying human security problems in the region should be addressed because weakness in that area creates opportunities for terrorist movements.
Turkmenistan


Focuses on leadership in Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan. Turkmenistan has not liberalized at all since 1992, and President Niyazov rules over all aspects of the country with an iron hand. No basic freedoms are allowed and elections are nothing but a fraud. Uzbekistan under President Islam Karimov has become an oppressive police state, banning opposition and basic freedoms.


ABSTRACT: Turkmen president Saparmurad Niyazov paid an official two days visit to Moscow from the 10th to 11th of April 2003. During the visit, he signed agreements on security cooperation, exporting Turkmen gas to Russia, and canceled a dual citizenship deal between Russia and Turkmenistan.


A short article listing the many human rights abuses taking place in Turkmenistan. The government seems immune to international pressure and it still seems unclear whether the international community will take President Niyazov to task for his abuses against the Turkmen people.


A resolution outlining the general human rights abuses being committed in Turkmenistan and the actions that the government there is being called upon to do to ensure respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms.


Reports on the launch of an effort to evict people from their apartments as part of Turkmenistan’s campaign to combat terrorism, displacement of potentially disloyal residents of Ashgabat by military, law-enforcement and security personnel and confiscation of apartments by the Turkmen authorities.

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Human Rights

General Human Rights


Letter encouraging the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) to use a recent meeting to communicate to the Uzbek government clear demands for progress, including an end to torture, decriminalization of legitimate religious activity and an end to harassment of human rights defenders and civil society groups.


While Central Asia was beginning to see reform and the development of a civil society in certain places, the war on terrorism has begun to threaten democratization in the region. The regime took the chance to crack down on human rights activists, religious groups, NGOs and international organisations, arguing that the measures against terrorism require unpopular moves.


Craig Murray, UK ambassador to Uzbekistan, loudly spoke out against the Uzbek regime, causing an investigation into his conduct and disciplinary charges against him. He is now in the hospital and allegations are being made that this is because various threats and actions have been made against him for inconveniencing the war against terrorism.


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Across Central Asia, human rights problems are abundant and conditions are not improving. The Bush administration is pursuing “enhanced engagement” with the region because the War on Terror requires their cooperation on security matters, but is providing only rhetoric in promoting human rights and reform. The U.S. must set strict benchmarks for progress or the region will become more insecure and anti-US.


Presents excerpts from the British ambassador to Uzbekistan about politics and government in the country. Includes its prospects for democracy, its role in the fight against terrorism and drug trafficking, and its record in the human rights field.


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Since September 11, the government of Uzbekistan has used the global campaign against terrorism to justify its own abusive five-year campaign to eliminate independent Islam. Western governments, particularly the United States, have been less critical of the Uzbek government’s human rights record in view of the country’s strategic importance to international counter-terrorist efforts.


The Uzbek government persecutes human rights defenders and obstructs human rights work, and in the past twelve months alone has imprisoned six human rights defenders and harassed numerous others. Human Rights Watch urges the Uzbek government to cease the illegal arrest, physical mistreatment, and harassment of human rights defenders that impedes the work of human rights activists.


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The European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) gave Uzbekistan one year to make improvements on human rights in order to continue receiving aid money. Specific measures include greater freedom of speech, better functioning of civil society and implementing the U.N. recommendations on torture. These reforms have not taken place and the EBRD must act on this or lose credibility.


Uzbek authorities have stepped up the use of harsh methods to block peaceful demonstrations and silence political activists prior to the Shanghai Cooperation Organization’s six-nation summit. Argues that ensuring protection for basic human rights, including freedom of speech and assembly, should be a key element toward promoting security in the region. The government should protect people’s right to speak out peacefully.


The U.S. State Department certified that Uzbekistan made “substantial and continuing progress” in meeting its human rights and democracy commitments. This certification is required to release U.S. assistance to the Uzbek government. In many areas outlined here, progress was outweighed by significant setbacks for reform.

Religious Persecution


Letter urging U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell to designate Uzbekistan and Turkmenistan as countries of particular concern under the U.S. International Religious Freedom Act (IRFA) because of their imprisonment and persecution of law-abiding Muslims. This action would strengthen the US’s ability to reform the region and reverse the perception that the it puts the war on terror above human rights concerns.


Explains the dangers of allowing radical Islamists to take power and describes the terrorist groups within Uzbekistan. Suggests that U.S. follow Turkey’s model of religious freedom, where Islam is controlled politically but not banned. The U.S. should not certify Uzbekistan because it
has not reformed, but should continue engagement or it will lose the country to Russia and China's pull.


ABSTRACT: In-depth and detailed report documenting all forms of religious persecution in Uzbekistan from 1996 to 2003. Extensive recommendations are given to the US, EU, U.N. and OSCE on how to remedy all aspects attributing to persecution.


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Uzbekistan has criminalized legitimate religious practice and belief in a way that casts individual’s exercise of their rights to freedom of conscience, expression, and association as attempts to overthrow the government. Uzbek leaders use the war on terrorism to legitimize their actions and increase their power.


Detailed account of the systematic religious persecution of independent Muslims in Uzbekistan, where unlawful arrest, incommunicado detention, torture, unfair trials, and incarceration of non-violent believers are being carried out. Uzbekistan should be designated a “country of particular concern” under the International Religious Freedom Act.


For years the government of Uzbekistan has violated the right to freedom of conscience by imprisoning and persecuting independent Muslims whose peaceful practice of their faith falls beyond government controls. This briefing paper describes arrests, trials, torture, and other persecution of independent Muslims during the past year, as well as cumulative effects of Uzbekistan’s five-year campaign against them.


Gives specific details of Muslim women being detained incommunicado, which puts them at serious risk for torture. The arrests indicate a broadening of the government’s crackdown on nonviolent independent Muslims, who practice their faith outside state religious institutions.

In the debate about religion in Uzbekistan the rise and practice if Islam remain unexamined. Ethnography shows that Islam reaches beyond state-level politics to the social fabric of daily life. The article argues that people are not merely prey for extremists and that culture and history must be also taken into account.

**Torture**


ABSTRACT: Details relevant general information collected by Human Rights Watch about the human rights situation in Uzbekistan, including specific information about the applicants’ experiences on their return to Uzbekistan, and sets out more general information about reliance on diplomatic assurances as a safeguard against torture in extradition and expulsion cases.


Despite a request of the European Court of Human Rights, the Turkish government extradited two Uzbek nationals at a request from the Uzbekistan government, which charged that they had been involved in terrorist activities in Uzbekistan. The extradition was done after the Uzbek government gave assurances that torture would not be used, but the government’s record hardly deems this assurance trustworthy.


Despite hope that the Uzbek government was beginning to seriously address the problem of torture, Human Rights Watch documents 21 suspicious deaths that the Uzbek authorities refused to investigate and calls on the international community to make rigorous implementation of anti-torture measures a key element in their relations with the country.

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Though Uzbekistan’s human rights record is very bad, Clare Short, England’s Secretary of State for International Development, is due to chair the annual meeting of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) in Uzbekistan without asking for any concessions towards democracy or human rights. This is a big reward for bad behavior, which can only make matters worse there.

**US Policy**

*US Should Change*


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Accessible discussion on the leaders of Uzbekistan, particularly Communist Party leader Islam Karimov, and their tyrannical efforts to control Islamic militants. Though the U.S. is cooperating with and supporting these leaders, they continue to silence all opposition and allow human rights abuses without meaningful efforts toward reform.


Contains several good accounts on the reality of the streets in Uzbekistan, where the people have become increasingly angry at the Uzbek government’s abusive and exclusive policies. The people are gaining courage in standing up to the government and attacks are often targeted at policemen. The international community should not justify oppression, but should push for reforms and human rights.


The U.S. is making allies out of countries with bad human rights records. Rather than focusing on straight military strategies to win the region, Washington needs to recognize that promoting rights, particularly women’s rights, can further U.S. security interests and lay the groundwork for long-term resistance to terrorism.

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US legislation giving assistance to the Uzbek government is conditional on that government’s efforts to improve its human rights record and institute political and institutional reform. Because the Uzbek government has unquestionably failed to make credible progress toward meeting these goals, the U.S. administration should do anything but decertify their support.


The international community has long urged political and economic reform in Uzbekistan. There are no grounds for the State Department to certify that Uzbekistan has made “continuing and substantive progress” on political liberalisation, human rights, and economic reforms. The U.S. and others must force change in the region.

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Leaders in Washington may be reluctant to hold the Central Asian states to democratic norms, for fear of the political uncertainty it could cause when their help is needed. This legitimizes tyrannical leaders and stops reform. The U.S. should immediately increase pressure on this region to democratize and respect human rights.


Compares Uzbekistan under President Karimov as a tinderbox that could go up in any flames at any minute. The U.S. should pull out of Uzbekistan immediately, because their presence is making Karimov’s tyranny stronger and making more terrorists target the US. The U.S. needs to put political pressure on Karimov to allow opposition parties.


The United States needs to avoid longer-term entanglements, open-ended commitments, and the potential for an extreme anti-American backlash in waging the anti-terrorist campaign. If the U.S. is not careful, there is a good chance that its war or terrorism could end up breeding more terrorists than there are now in countries such as Uzbekistan, which is cited throughout the text.


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This hearing explores American policy in Central Asia focusing simultaneously on human rights and the U.S. security agenda. Many opinions are shared, and it is generally believed that rooting out terrorism, promoting democracy and human rights are not mutually exclusive and may even be mutually enforcing. Emphasis is put on “enhanced engagement” to ensure justice, equality and human rights are actively promoted in Central Asia.

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US policy in Central Asia must include a commitment to deeper, more sustained, and better-coordinated engagement on the full range of issues upon which we agree and disagree. These include security cooperation, energy, and internal strengthening of these countries through political and economic reform.


Detailed account of the systematic religious persecution of independent Muslims in Uzbekistan, where unlawful arrest, incommunicado detention, torture, unfair trials, and incarceration of non-violent believers are being carried out. Uzbekistan should be designated a “country of particular concern” under the International Religious Freedom Act.


By focusing on antiterrorism in Central Asia the United States is addressing a symptom, rather than a causes of regional security. This is a counterproductive strategy that is contributing to the radicalization of opposition movements and discrediting the U.S. and democracy. Instead, underlying human security problems in the region should be addressed because weakness in that area creates opportunities for terrorist movements.

Official U.S. Standpoint


Turkmenistan President Niyazov has restricted movement and emigration in the country, violating the Jackson-Vanik freedom of emigration provisions. In June 2003 a waiver was given to Turkmenistan allowing it time to fix matters, which it hasn’t done. A 12 month extension is now necessary to fully liberalize its policies and Bush has granted this.


House of Representatives Committee on International Relations, One Hundred Eighth Congress. First Session


Congressional hearing featuring a wide range of testimonies and written statements about the impacts of the U.S. strategic shift to the region and what must further be done. Highlights the need for the U.S. to continue to focus on the region, deterring religious extremism and terrorism while at
the same time promoting democratic institutions and human rights so that this isolated region may become integrated into the larger international community.


Argues that since the current Bush administration turned the 11 September terror attacks into an excuse to pursue policies seen by many as arrogant, aggressive and imperialist, the change in perception could not be more drastic. The U.S. has lost most of its cultural attractiveness in the ex-Soviet countries of central Asia and their neighbours, and is widely hated for its politics.


Human Rights Watch applauds the U.S. State Department’s decision to cut aid to the Uzbek government over its lack of progress on human rights. This action will show that the United States takes human rights records seriously and means what it says. Now the United States needs to continue its engagement with the Uzbek government and press for human rights improvements.

Conservative


Explains the dangers of allowing radical Islamists to take power and describes the terrorist groups within Uzbekistan. Suggests that U.S. follow Turkey’s model of religious freedom, where Islam is controlled politically but not banned. The U.S. should not certify Uzbekistan because it has not reformed, but should continue engagement or it will lose the country to Russia and China’s pull.


ABSTRACT: Reports on the integral participation of Central Asian republics in the U.S. campaign against terrorism, the launch of insurgencies by the Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan in the republic, and consequences brought by the rise of the Taliban government for Central Asia. Economic conditions in Central Asia are also discussed.


Spells out areas in which the Uzbekistan government has cooperated and began human rights reform. The Independent Human Rights Organization was legally registered, prison personnel began undergoing more training and alternative prison sentencing was promoted in an open seminar.

Discusses the threat of terrorism in Central Asia and the new strategic partnership between the U.S. and Uzbekistan. Focus is on military aspects of eliminating terrorism and religious extremism. Concludes that security is more important than human rights at this time.


An attack against major human rights groups, particularly Human Rights Watch and Amnesty International, claiming that their overemphasis on human rights skews their ability to recognize more important security concerns to the U.S. and the international community. Claims that criticizing the U.S. is reprehensible and shows a lack of judgment.


ABSTRACT: Focuses on the outbreak of violence due to terrorism in March 2004 in Tashkent, Uzbekistan and the number of suspected terrorists that have been arrested, according to Uzbek Prosecutor-General Rashid Kadyrov. Actions taken by the country to implement security measures and reactions of the Uzbek media on the limited information on the bombings are also covered.


Increased U.S. relations with Central Asian countries are welcomed by the leaders of those countries, who hope for economic growth. The citizens of those countries are largely anti-American, but may be swayed over with the prosperity brought on by becoming an economic partner with the US.


Though the human rights record of Uzbekistan remains bad and many say that President Islam Karimov is using the new alliance as a smokescreen for oppressing political opponents and devout Muslims, the article points out that the country is increasingly cooperating with the U.S. and that continued engagement is necessary.