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21st Century Terrorism:
 History, Perspective, Development

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Introduction


One Analyst's View

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'Self censorship and political correctness will destroy our ability to discuss issues critical to our survival'

Bernard Lewis, author of *Crisis in Islam*, Princeton University, professor emeritus of ME history



Road Map

- ❖ **Terrorism in the In History, in the USA**
- ❖ **Understand the Misunderstandings**
- ❖ **"Thoughts"**

❖ **TERRORISM IN HISTORY IN THE US**



Defining Terrorism: USA PATRIOT Act

- [An] act of terrorism means any activity that
- (A) involves a violent act or an act dangerous to human life that is a violation of the criminal laws of the United States or any State and would be a criminal violation if committed within the jurisdiction of the United States;
- (B)
 - (i) is intended to intimidate or coerce a civilian population;
 - (ii) is intended to influence the policy of a government by assassination or kidnapping;

"what sets terrorist acts apart are the political motivations of their perpetrators"

Title VIII, Section 802 of the USA PATRIOT Act

