

EXPLORING THE INTERSECTION OF TERRORISM AND SOCIAL VIOLENCE

Terrorism is a form of social violence that has become an integral part of political and economic processes in the world, posing a threat to public and national security. The increasing frequency and severity of terrorist attacks have made it a mass phenomenon that requires attention and action.

In studying terrorism, several Ukrainian and foreign scientists, including V. Antipenko, V. Lipkan, L. Moshkova, I. Shkurat, J. Dashkevich, V. Tymoshenko, Benjamin Jenkins, Ernst Arechaga, Raymond Aron, and Eugene Dinstein, have made significant contributions to the theoretical and methodological foundations of the field, as well as the study of certain aspects of countering terrorism.

Terrorism is a complex issue that can have multiple causes, including economic crises, political instability, and social factors such as a lack of education or spiritual development. The inability of society to regulate complex socio-political processes can also contribute to the growth of terrorism. As political and cultural systems change rapidly, some individuals or groups may resort to violence to achieve their goals. Additionally, involvement in active political life by those with low levels of education or political experience may contribute to the spread of terrorism.

In addition, terrorism is a socially dangerous activity that involves the conscious, purposeful use of violence to achieve criminal goals. This can include taking hostages, arson, murder, torture, intimidation of the population or authorities, or other forms of violence that encroach on the life or health of innocent people. Three mandatory elements of terrorism are the presence of armed violence or its threat, causing or threatening to cause harm to human health or material and moral damage, and deprivation or threat of deprivation of people's lives. There are several varieties of modern terrorism, including state, international, domestic, religious, and point terrorism, which can target specific individuals, groups, or locations.

Terrorism can be categorized based on the target of the attack, such as elitist, functional, industrial, and transport terrorism. In Ukraine, criminal responsibility for terrorist acts is established in Article 258 of the Criminal Code. The law also holds individuals accountable for involvement in the planning or execution of terrorist activities, as well as for the creation of terrorist organizations, financing of terrorism, and incitement to commit terrorism.

The fight against terrorism involves preventing, detecting, stopping, and mitigating the impact of terrorist activities. It is guided by the principles of legality and respect for human and civil rights and freedoms, with penalties for those involved in terrorist activities. The protection of human life and the rights of those at risk is given top priority, and cooperation with foreign countries, law enforcement agencies, special services, and international organizations is essential.

In Ukraine, the Security Service, Ministry of Internal Affairs, Ministry of Defense, and central executive bodies are responsible for fighting terrorism within their

respective areas of jurisdiction. By working together, these entities can effectively combat terrorism and safeguard the country's security and stability.

In conclusion, terrorism is a multifaceted problem that requires a comprehensive approach to address its root causes and prevent its occurrence. It is crucial to understand the various types of terrorism and their underlying motivations, as well as to develop effective strategies for countering them. The fight against terrorism must prioritize the protection of human life and respect for human rights and civil liberties, while also promoting international cooperation and collaboration among law enforcement agencies and governments. Ukraine has made significant strides in combatting terrorism through the efforts of various government entities, but continued vigilance and investment in resources are necessary to ensure the safety and security of its citizens. By working together with other nations and organizations, Ukraine can play a vital role in the global fight against terrorism.

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