

Study Guide—Part I

1. Explain this statement: “. . . [Terrorist] groups have acted out of political motivations, not merely out of a desire for senseless acts of violence.”

2. What two lessons did terrorists throughout the world learn from the attack on the Israeli athletes at the 1972 Munich Olympics?
 - a.

 - b.

3. What situations did the early laws against terrorism address?

4. The reading says that state-sponsored terrorism increased after the American hostage crisis in Iran. What did many governments learn from that event?

5. How has the United States tried to strike back at state-sponsored terrorism?

6. What argument have critics of U.S. military strikes against terrorism made?

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7. Of the various causes that motivate terrorists, which one has shown a sharp increase in the past decade?
8. What motivated the terrorists in the first attack on the World Trade Center in 1993?
9. Who were the targets of Baruch Goldstein's attack? Why?
10. The Sarin gas attack in the Tokyo subway was the first use of a new kind of terrorism. How did it differ from earlier attacks?
11. In your own words, list four common factors that help explain motivations and methods of religious terrorists of different religions.
12. Why has the U.S. government become increasingly concerned about terrorism?