Annual Meeting 2016

Quick Fire 1: Counterterrorism, Countering Violent Extremism, Deradicalization

- Dynamics of Terrorism and Counterterrorism Campaigns presented by Victor Asal
- Comparing Failed, Foiled, Completed and Successful Terrorist Attacks presented by Margaret Wilson
- Government Actions in Terrorist Environments (GATE) presented by Laura Dugan
- Attitudes within American Subcultures presented by Clark McCauley
- ICONS: Search for Common Ground (SFCG) Morocco presented by Devin Ellis
- Catch Them Coming and Going (Foreign Fighters) presented by Marcus Boyd
- Deradicalization of Extremists presented by Katarzyna Jasko
- Empirical Assessment of Domestic Disengagement and Deradicalization (EAD3) presented by Michael Jensen
Dynamics of Terrorism and Counterterrorism Campaigns
Victor Asal, R. Karl Rethemeyer and Joseph Young

Project Overview:
- Cross-national info on CT/COIN efforts
- Impact of kinetic (stick), diplomacy (carrot) or combination (mixed) on violence by VNSA
- Differences regionally or by type of VNSA?
- What features make VNSAs more likely to be targeted?
- Initial results
  - For MENA insurgency: Stick & mix increase violence
  - Worldwide insurgency:
    - Carrot, stick & mixed reduce battle deaths
    - Carrot reduces terrorism; no effect stick & mix

Future Directions:
- Subset data, examine across regions & look at terrorist organizations not just insurgencies
- Predict out of sample
Comparing Failed, Foiled, Completed and Successful Terrorist Attacks
Martha Crenshaw, Erik Dahl and Margaret Wilson

**Failed: An Internal Failure of the Plan**
- Human Failure
- Technical Failure

**Stage of Plot Progress**
- Planning: Communication of intent
- Preparation: Acquiring capability
- Practice: Training or dry runs
- Plan Complete: Ready to put into action
- In Progress: Plan is being implemented

**Stage of Detection and Stage of Intervention**
- FOILED: An External Intervention
  - Authority Foiled
  - Public Foiled
  - Informant
  - Surveillance
  - Community tip off
  - Family tip off
  - Raid
  - Field intervention
  - Separate investigation

**Data Complete**
- 112 US Plots [1993-2016]
  - 71% Foiled (+5% part)

**Outcome:** Injuries and Deaths

**Coding in Progress**
- Around 250 plots in Europe, Australia and NZ
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Government Actions in Terror Environments (GATE-USA)
Laura Dugan & Erica Chenoweth

1. **Rightwing Attacks**
   - Description: Graph showing the number of attacks and homicides from 1993 to 2014.
   - Data points: Yearly counts for each category.

2. **Anti-Minority Violent Hate Crimes**
   - Description: Graph showing the number of hate crimes from 1993 to 2014.
   - Data points: Yearly counts for each category.

3. **Anti-Civil Rights Actions**
   - Description: Graph showing the number of repressive actions from 1993 to 2014.
   - Data points: Yearly counts for each category.

4. **Known Rightwing US Attacks**
   - Description: Graph showing the number of attacks from 1993 to 2014.
   - Data points: Yearly counts for each category.

5. **Federal Policy Actions that Favor the RW Agenda on RW Terrorist attacks in the US**
   - Description: Graph showing the effectiveness of policy actions.
   - Data points: Yearly counts for each category.

6. **Federal Indiscriminate Actions that Favor Minorities on Violent Hate Crimes Against Minorities**
   - Description: Graph showing the effectiveness of policy actions.
   - Data points: Yearly counts for each category.

7. **Hard Repressive Discriminate Actions on RW Terrorist attacks in the US**
   - Description: Graph showing the effectiveness of policy actions.
   - Data points: Yearly counts for each category.
Attitudes within American Subcultures: Clark McCauley and Sophia Moskalenko

Internet polls of U.S. Muslims (3 years, 5 waves, @ n=200, faster turnaround, cheaper, more honesty on sensitive questions)

Selected results May-June vs Jan-Feb 2016:

• Fewer seeing WOT as was on Islam. Continued very negative opinions and meta-opinions of suicide bombing and of ISIS. Experiences of discrimination do not predict support for ISIS or support for suicide bombing; male and younger weak predict.

• Increased support for admitting Syrian refugees in U.S. and for U.S. military intervention against Assad; increased blame for U.S. role in the Syrian refugee crisis; increased belief that Jewish interests control U.S. foreign policy; decreased support for ‘United States of Islam’.

• 25% do not support U.S. Muslims who travel to fight Assad; 70% do not support U.S. Muslims who want to join ISIS
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ICONS: Search for Common Ground (SFCG) Morocco
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Objective: Train local Youth Council members on how to advocate to stakeholders to address deterioration in public schools

- Over 50 teenagers and young adults from Tangier and Tetouan were recruited to participate in the simulation

Training Goals: Engage and develop critical negotiation and communication skills of youth participants

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<td>Intercultural Communication</td>
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Scenario
A private company in Morocco pledges to donate money to either:
a) improve schools or b) assist with transportation in Tangiers and Tétouan

To obtain funding, youth advocacy and school official groups must work together to agree on one donor proposal

Learning Outcomes
- 83% felt that this training was relevant to issues
- 83% felt that they could better collaborate with others after the simulation
- 85% felt confident that they can work collaboratively with community stakeholders after the sim
- Most respondents stated that they learned how to both communicate and negotiate better
- Most participants reported that they gained better conflict resolution skills
- Several participants reported that they now saw the value of advocacy, and felt more empowered to advocate in their communities.

Teams: 10-15 people each
- Youth Advocacy Team: Goal: Improve Transportation Conditions
- School Official Team: Goal: Improve school infrastructure
- Donor Team: Goal: Improve education/facilitate cooperation
- Parents Group Team: Goal: Improve transportation safety
- Local Police Team: Goal: move away from school safety and allocate resources elsewhere
Catch Them Coming and Going
Marcus A. Boyd

Project Overview:
• A weighted least-cost path analysis forecasting foreign fighter routes between Europe and Syria/Iraq

• A custom analysis based on START’s TransIT methodology

• Findings suggest accuracy in identifying pathways used by both foreign fighters and refugees/migrants
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Deradicalization of Extremists
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• Effectiveness of Sri Lankan rehabilitation of detained members of the LTTE

• Longitudinal assessment revealed significant deradicalization after 1 year

• Follow-up with reintegrated LTTE members revealed:
  – LTTE were less extreme than Tamil community members
  – Rehab’s ability to address significance concerns was the driver of reduced extremism

\[ F = 76.98, \; p < .001, \; \eta^2 = .20 \]
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Empirical Assessment of Domestic Disengagement and Deradicalization (EAD3)
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Quantitative Component: PIRUS-D3
- Advance an empirical understanding of the pathways out of extremism by amending the PIRUS database to include information in cognitive de-radicalization, behavioral disengagement, and criminal desistance.
- PIRUS-D3 adds more than 85 new variables to the PIRUS database that capture the influence of prison, community-based programs, and life-course events on disengagement from extremist behaviors.
- The project team has completed the coding for more than 400 individuals in the PIRUS database and is now moving on to analysis.

Qualitative Component: Life History Study of Extremism
- Advance an empirical understanding of the pathways out of extremism by conducting in-depth life history interviews with sample of former far-right, far-left, and jihadi extremists (n=30).
- Analysis includes both grounded theory approach and model of circumplex affect (in order to specifically focus on emotional markers present in the life history narratives).
- Systematic content analysis of existing literature to determine common themes related to exit from terrorism, street gangs, and cults etc.
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