



# *The Global War on Terrorism*

## *The Long War*

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## *Agenda*

- **The current environment**
- **Understanding the enemy**
- **Understanding our strategy**
- **4<sup>th</sup> Generation Warfare  
Implications**
- **The Future**

- *To the average American, the threat to the U.S. is difficult to comprehend*
- *Sustained war is alien to the peaceful nature and desires of our nation*



## *We Are A Nation At War!*

- 1979 – Iranian Hostage Crisis
- 1983 – Embassy & Marine Barracks Bombing, Lebanon
- 1984 – Embassy Official kidnapped and murdered, Lebanon
- 1985 – TWA Hijacking, U.S. sailor murdered
  - *Achille Lauro* Hijacking, American murdered
- 1988 – U.S. Marine kidnapped and murdered, Lebanon
  - USO Attacked, Italy
- 1993 – **World Trade Center bombing**
- 1995 – Saudi Military Installation Attack
- 1995-1997 – Palestinian terrorist attacks murdered Americans
- 1996 – Khobar Towers Bombing, Saudi Arabia
- 1997 – **Empire State Building Sniper Attack**
- 1998 – Embassy Bombings, Kenya & Tanzania
- 2000 – U.S.S. Cole Bombing, Yemen
- 2001 – Philippines Hostage Incident
  - **World Trade Center, Pentagon, Shanksville, PA**



# Nature of the Conflict

## Muslim Society

**Extremist Influence**

### Leverage Grievances:

- “Islam is Under Attack”
- All Muslims must rise to the defense of Islam
- Re-establish Islamic states under strict Sharia Law
- Restore the preeminence of the Muslim world



### Values

- Religious
- Hospitable, gracious
- Family, tribal loyalty
- Education

### GRIEVANCES—both perceived and real:

- Local: Corrupt and ineffective political, economic, and social systems
- Regional: Bias in US policies, (Palestine, Kashmir, Iraq, etc); heavy handed US operations, occupation of Islamic lands
- Global: Infusion of Western culture corrupting society

**RESULT: anger, humiliation, and disenfranchisement**

**Does political activism or violent militancy result?**



## *Who is the enemy?*

- “a **transnational movement of extremist organizations, networks, and individuals** – and their state and non-state sponsors – which have in common that they **exploit Islam** and **use terrorism** for ideological ends.”
- **Al-Qa’ida Associated Movement is most dangerous**
- **Other violent extremist groups** also pose a serious and continuing threat

### *Nature of the Enemy*

- *Represent no nation*
- *Do not mass armies or warships*
- *Defend no territory*
- *Wear no uniform*
- *Operate in shadows, conspire in secret, attack without warning*

# Increased Capabilities



*The ability of the terrorists to leverage technology and their increased access to weaponry expands their potential lethality.*

**Casualty Producing Capabilities**



One → Dozens → Thousands → Millions

**A terrorist nuclear bomb in Manhattan or Washington isn't a thriller writer's fantasy; it's a probability, unless America and its allies establish new rules for nuclear accountability that are clear and credible.**  
- David Ignatius

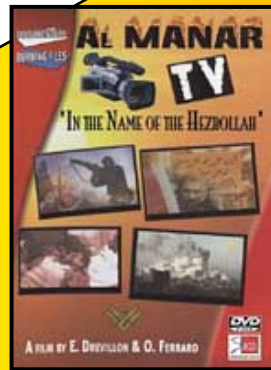




# Increased Communications

*Communications technology extends their reach from a local audience to the world stage – Communications enables them to incite a global movement in real time*

**Information Sharing Capabilities**



**Individual** → **National** → **Regional** → **Global**

***"In the absence of popular support, the Islamic mujahed movement would be crushed in the shadows, far from the masses who are distracted or fearful."***  
**- Aymen al-Zawahiri**



# Increased Ambitions

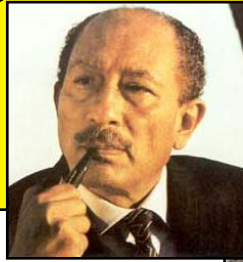


*The terrorists leverage a frustrated population, effective communications and improved weaponry to target the overthrow of existing governments – establishing an extreme, repressive and violent social order*

**Desire & Capability to Influence World Events**



Afghanistan



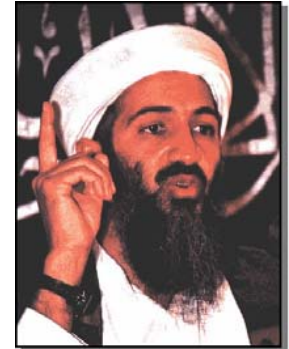
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## *Al-Qa'ida's Plan*

***"We are seeking to incite the Islamic Nation to rise up to liberate its land and to conduct Jihad for the sake of God." – Usama bin Laden***



"If our intended goal in this age is the establishment of a caliphate ... [then] the jihad in Iraq requires several incremental goals:"

- "Expel the Americans from Iraq."
- "Establish an Islamic authority or emirate, then develop it and support it until it achieves the level of a caliphate – over as much territory as you can to spread its power in Iraq...."
- "Extend the jihad wave to the secular countries neighboring Iraq."
- "Clash with Israel, because Israel was established only to challenge any new Islamic entity."

Source: Letter from al-Zawahiri to al-Zarqawi, 9 July 2005



# Violent Extremist's Long View

*Iraq has become the focus of the enemy's effort.  
If they win in Iraq, they have a base from which to expand their terror.*

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## THE MAP OF UNITED STATES OF ISLAM

THE DREAM OF 20th CENTURY MUSLIMS WILL BE REAL IN 21st CENTURY

Source: Islamic-Youth.Net BY H.C.

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وحمل الثواب اذا زين بين الطيبة مريدنا

زيد محمد ابراهيم دارين ماس

القرآن  
وَاعْتَصِمُوا بِحَبْلِ اللَّهِ جَمِيعًا وَلَا تَفَرَّقُوا  
اور اٹکی رہ کر سہمی سے ستر قریبے کو اور اٹکیں میں فرق نہ کرو

AND HOLD FAST, ALL TOGETHER BY THE ROPE OF ALLAH AND BE NOT DIVIDED AMONG THEMSELVES.

NAME OF STATES

1 AFGHANISTAN	25 LIBANON
2 ALGERIA	26 MALI
3 ANDHRA	27 MALI
4 ALZHELANU	28 MALYSIA
5 BARBAIN	29 MOROCCO
6 BENIN	30 NIGER
7 BURKINA FASO	31 NIGERIA
8 CAMBODIA	32 OMAN
9 CHAD	33 PAKISTAN
10 CHINA	34 PLESTIN
11 CUBOITI	35 SAUD ARABIA
12 CYPRUS	36 SENEGAL
13 EGYPTIA	37 SERBIA LEONE
14 GADON	38 SUDAN
15 GAMBIA	39 SUKUN
16 GHANA	40 SYRIA
17 GUINEA BISSAL	41 TAJIKISTAN
18 IRAN	42 TURKEY
19 IRAQ	43 TURKMANASHITAN
20 JORDAN	44 U.A.E
21 KACHIMIR	45 UGANDA
22 KAZAKHSTAN	46 UZBEKISTAN
23 KIRGIZIAN	47 YEMEN
24 KUWAIT	48 YEMEN

MUSLIM OCEAN (ARABIAN SEA)

RESULT

- ALL RESOURCES AVAILABLE IN ISLAMIC STATE
- BIGGEST ARMY IN THE WORLD
- STRONGEST CURRENCY IN THE WORLD
- LARGEST COUNTRY IN THE WORLD
- ATOMIC & SUPER POWER COUNTRY
- WHICHVER U.S.A CAN NOT SEIZE ASSETS IN FUTURE OF MUSLIM UMMAT
- THE HEART OF GLOBE IN MUSLIMS HAND
- HALF POPULATION OF WORLD IN ISLAMIC STATE

AFTER 100 YEARS (نتیجہ کارآمد)

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### Result

- Strongest army in the world
- Strongest currency in the world
- Largest country in the world
- Atomic and super power country
- Half of world population in Islamic State



## *Al-Qa'ida's Twenty-Year Plan*

### Seven Stages

1. "The Awakening," began in 2001
2. "Eye-Opening," 2003
3. "Arising and Standing Up," 2007
4. Demise of Arab governments, 2010
5. Islamic Caliphate, 2013
6. "Total Confrontation," 2016
7. "Definitive Victory," ends in 2020



## *What are the Enemy's Weaknesses?*

- **Violence and intimidation are their primary tactics**
- **Oppressive, backward vision for the future**
- **Multiple cultural, religious and language dimensions**
- **Growing effective and legitimate governance erodes support and provides an alternative**

***So what do we need to do? What is our strategy?***





# National Strategic Framework for the GWOT

**“We must take the battle to the enemy, disrupt his plans and confront the worst threats before they emerge. In the world we have entered, the only path to safety is the path of action.”**  
**President George W. Bush**

## Strategic Aims:

Ends

- Defeat violent extremism as a threat to our way of life as a free and open society, and
- Create a global environment inhospitable to violent extremists and all who support them

Protect and defend the Homeland and U.S. interests abroad

Attack terrorists and their capacity to operate effectively at home and abroad

Support mainstream Muslim efforts to reject violent extremism

Ways

Expand foreign partnerships and partnership capacity

Strengthen our capacity to prevent terrorist acquisition and use of WMD

Institutionalize domestically and internationally the War on Terror

Means

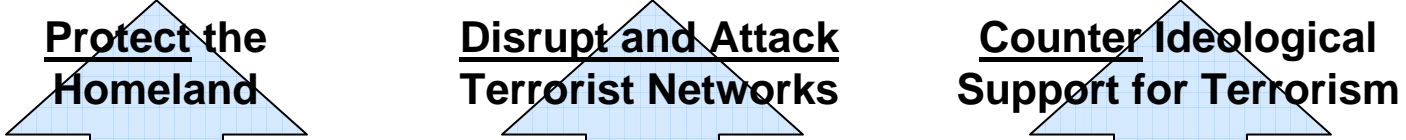
Instruments of National Power



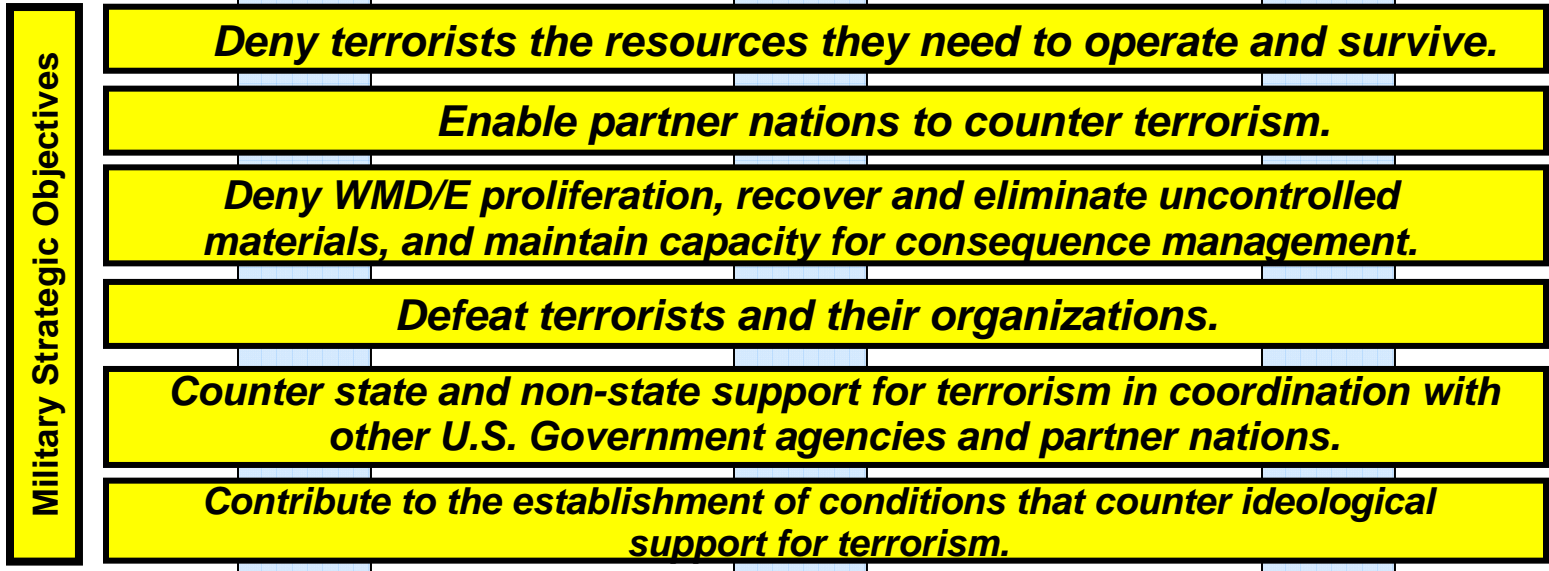
# National Military Strategic Plan for the WOT

Ends

**Strategic Goal:** *Preserve and promote the way of life of free and open societies based on the rule of law, defeat terrorist extremism as a threat to our way of life, and create a global environment inhospitable to terrorist extremists.*



Ways



Means

**Combatant Commands, Services, and Combat Support Agencies**



## *Defeating an Extremist Ideology: Takes Time*

***“The Islamic Radical threat of this century greatly resembles the bankrupt ideology of the last.... In many ways, this fight resembles the struggle against communism in the last century.”***

***-President Bush, 6 October 2005***

### **Communism**

- The repressive and militaristic manifestation was countered by the United States throughout the Cold War with the concerted effort of all instruments of national power
- Ideology was replaced by a democratic ideology with independent states

### **Similarities with the Global War on Terrorism**

- Long, sustained struggle, punctuated by periods of military conflict
- Use of all elements of national power to win
- Transition of past arrangements to arrangements better suited for a new era
- Required perseverance by the American people and their leaders

### **Cold War Institution/Program Development**

- Marshall Plan, Truman Doctrine, Radio Free Europe, World Bank, NATO, United Nations, International Monetary Fund

***“Some of you may ask: when and how will the Cold War end? I think I can answer that simply; the Communist world has great resources and it looks strong, but there is a fatal flaw in their society. There is ... a system of slavery. There is no freedom in it, no consent ...I have a deep and abiding faith in the destiny of free men. With patience and courage, we shall some day move on into a new era.”***

***President Harry S. Truman, 1953***

## *Key Points*



- The Muslim population is key; perceived grievances provide inroads for violent extremists
- Our enemy is not 10 feet tall; we know his strategy and his weaknesses
- The United States strategy addresses the essential elements for success
- Success requires perseverance; not necessarily combat
  - Reverse grievances in the Muslim World
  - Discredit violent extremist ideology
  - Build partner nation capacity





## *Losing Sleep...*

- **Weapons of Mass Destruction in the hands of terrorists**
- **Maintaining the will of the American people**
- **Stopping radicalization and recruitment**

*So What?*



## 4<sup>th</sup> Generation Warfare

- Warfare evolves as society evolves
- Industrial War vs War of Ideas
- Networks and Human Ingenuity
- Soft Targets

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## *Mission Assurance*

- Tactical Operations—Strategic Effects
  - Global Economic Tools as Weapons
  - Defeating the Will
  - The Battle: To Win or Not To Lose
- Critical Infrastructure Protection
  - Systems Approach
  - Risk Assessment
  - Mission Assurance

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## *The Future*

- 5<sup>th</sup> Generation Warfare
- The Power of One
- The Virtual Battlefield

“The strength of a democratic republic is the educated citizen.”      Thomas Jefferson

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*Reminiscent of the Cold War...*

*“The ultimate determinant in the struggle now going on for the world will not be bombs and rockets but a test of wills and ideas - a trial of spiritual resolve: the values we hold, the beliefs we cherish and the ideals to which we are dedicated.”*

**– President Ronald Reagan, 1982**

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