

Modern Insurgency and the Islamic State

Week 2: Tactics

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Recap

- Background on the Islamic State
- Foundations of insurgency
 - Grievances
 - Greed
 - Opportunity

Today

- Understand rebellion as a contest of sovereignty
- Terrorism
 - What is it?
 - Why do it?
 - How does it work?
- Properly think about the Islamic State as a group
- Questions and/or discussion

The big question

Why does the Islamic State use violence the way it does?

Human rights abuses, culture

- [Destruction of artifacts](#)

Territorial claims

- Iraq
- Syria
- Nigeria
- Libya
- Yemen
- Other campaigns
 - Turkey
 - Afghanistan/Pakistan
 - Lebanon
 - Egypt-Sinai
 - Libya
 - Uzbekistan
 - Philippines

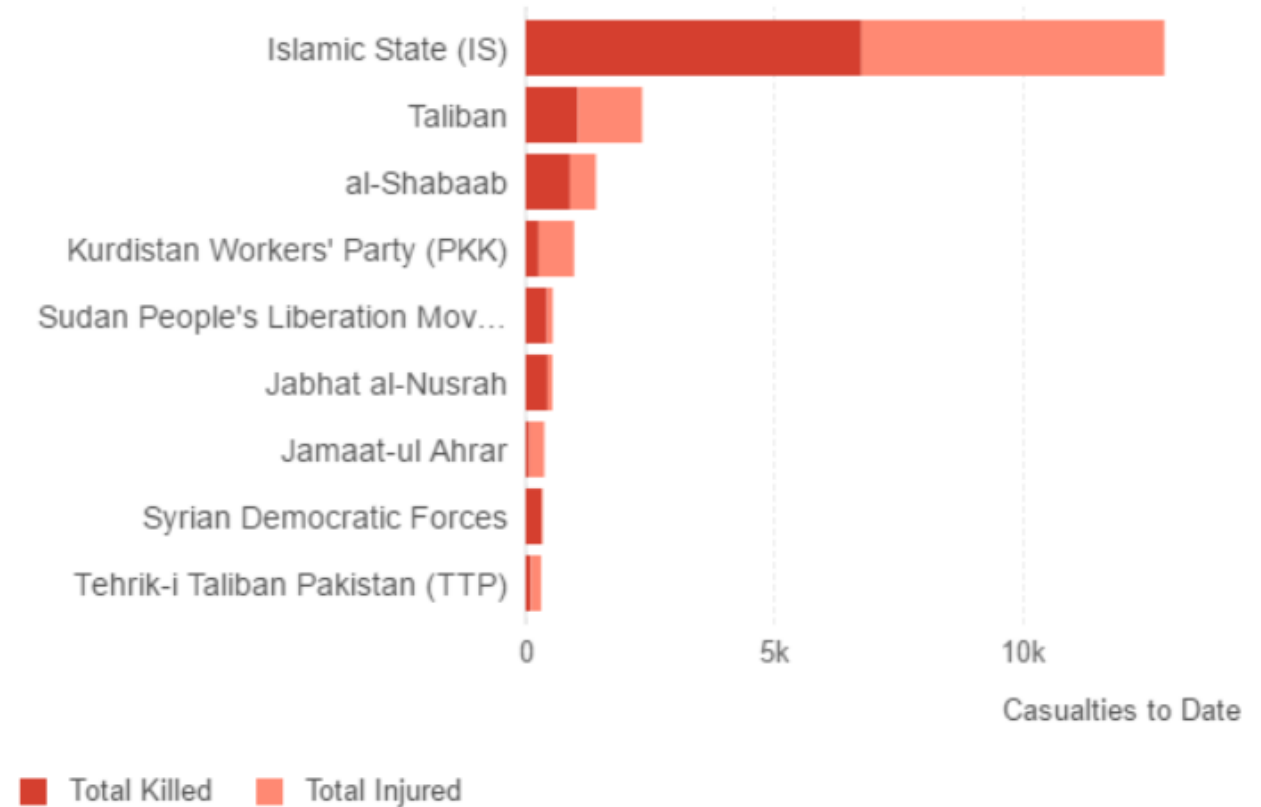


Islamic States' Five Year Plan, from *Reddit*, November 2014.

Activity

- A year of terror

Total 2016 Terror Attack Casualties by Group



Source: [IntelCenter](#). As of August 21, 2016. [Show details](#)

Statehood

- Sovereignty
- Gap in demand and state responses
- Successful anti-state groups act as if they were states



The Guardian, July 24th 2015

Providing services

- Education
- Postal service
- Religious instruction
- Open hospitals
- Trash/sewage
- Parking Tickets

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الدولة الإسلامية في العراق والشام
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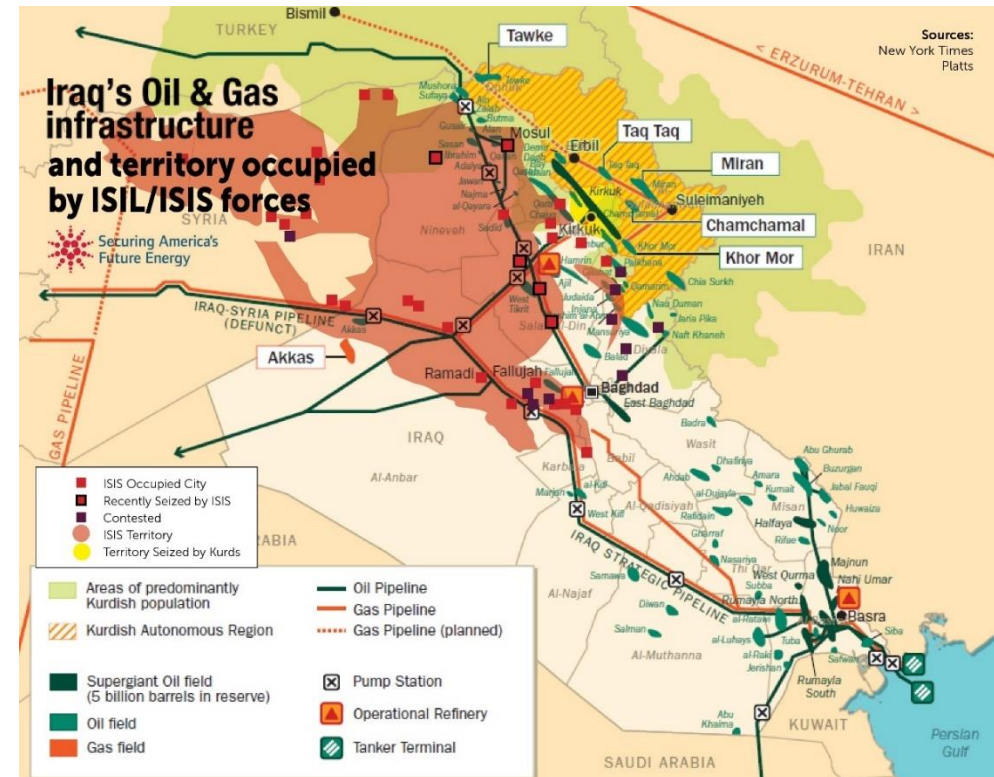
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Why not just rule through fear?

The resource curse

- Revenue
 - Diamonds
 - Oil
 - Drugs
 - Foreign aid



Energy Policy Information Center, July 19th, 2014

Summer 2014 budget estimates

- \$2 billion in captured assets
 - Banks
- \$1-3 million in oil revenue
- ~5% in outside donations
- ~2% from kidnappings
- Artifacts!
- Extortion and Confiscations
- Taxation

Deir az-Zor province (Dec-Jan 2015)

Inflows

- Oil & gas: 27.7%
- Electricity: 3.9%
- Taxes: 23.7%
- Confiscations 44.7%

Outflows

- Bases: 19.8%
- Fighters' salaries 43.6%
- Media 2.8%
- Islamic police 10.4%
- Services Department 17.7%
- Aid: 5.7%

Change in tactics

- People are a revenue resource
- Don't go.
- The Islamic State does not want people to leave.
- Advertise the threats of refugees

Terrorism

Working definition (State Department)

- Terrorism is “premeditated, politically motivated violence perpetrated against non-combatant targets by subnational groups or clandestine agents.” - Section 2656f(d) of Title 22 of the United States Code

Definitions

- Terrorist group
 - 1) A group that uses terrorism as a tactic
 - 2) A group that primarily uses terrorism as a tactic

Has terrorism ever succeeded?

- Terrorism has increased over time.
- Depends on how you define the group's goals.
- Terrorists have certainly have had their demands met.



Destruction of a Shiite mosque in Mosul,
Associated Press

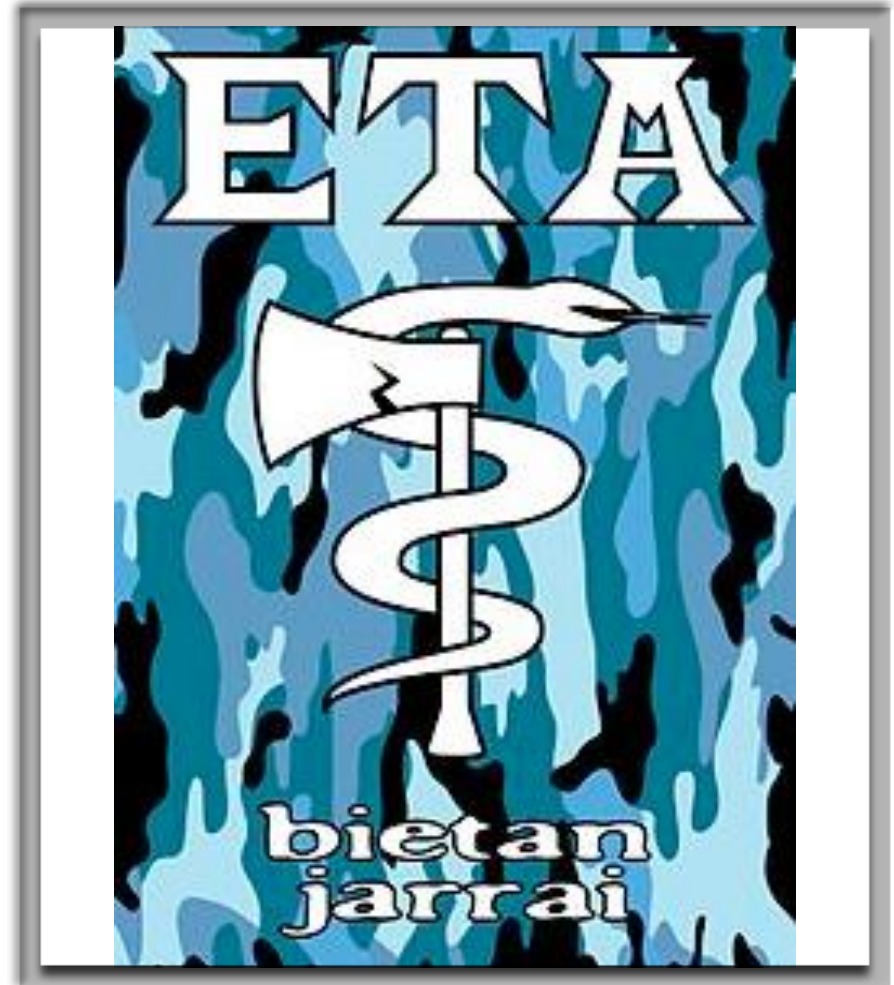
National liberation movements

- Ireland
- Israel
- Yemen (South)
- Algeria
- Kosovo



Subnational autonomy

- Palestine
- Northern Ireland
- Basque region in Spain
- Tamil Tigers of Sri Lanka



Nations that don't negotiate

- Barbary pirates (1801)
- TWA Flight 847 (1985)
- Iran-Hezbollah, arms for hostages - 1985
- US journalists in Iraq (2006)



Taliban peace talks: 'Peace and reconciliation' negotiations to take place in Qatar

'Peace and reconciliation' milestone comes after US drops request for formal rejection of al-Qaida as precondition to talks

Dan Roberts in Washington and **Emma Graham-Harrison** in Kabul
The Guardian, Tuesday 18 June 2013

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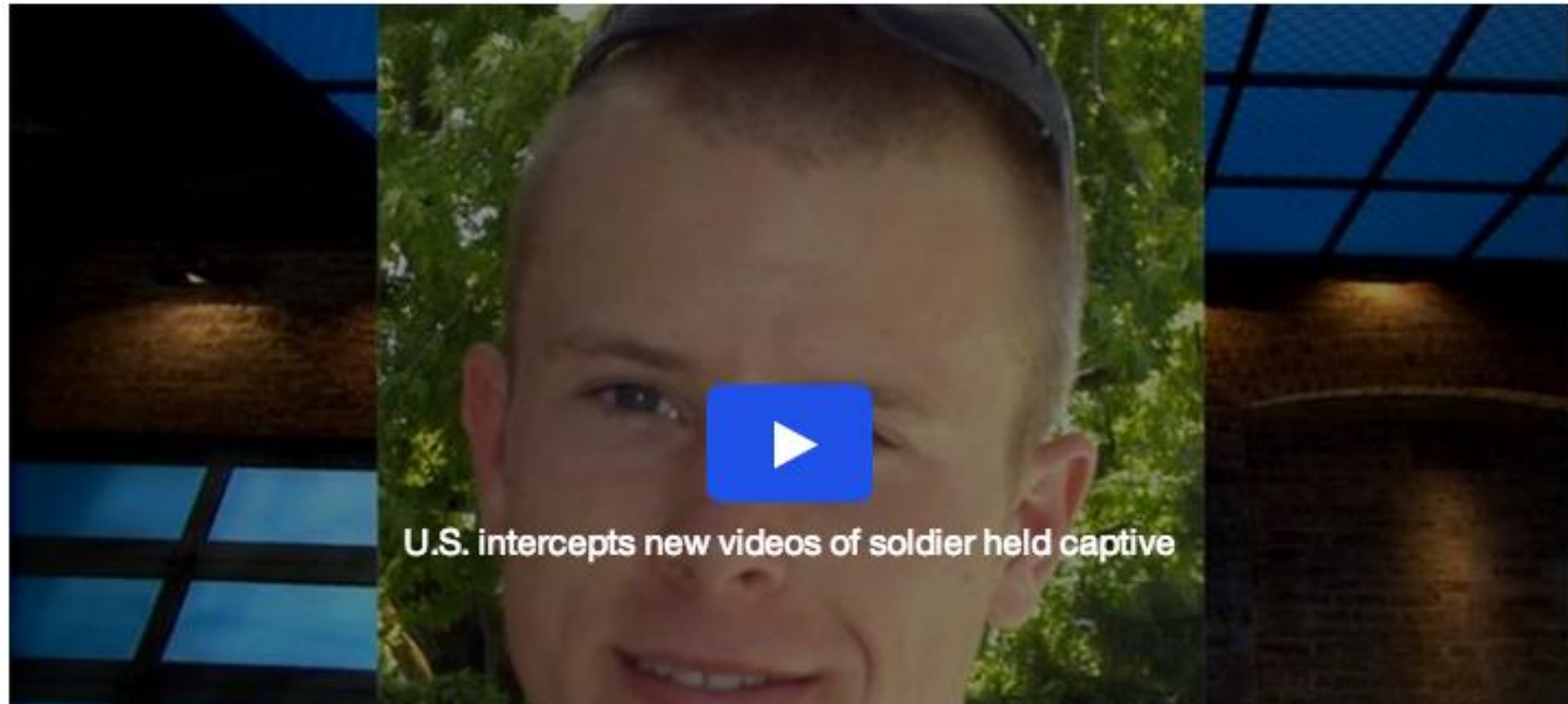
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U.S. intercepts new videos of soldier held captive

KARZAI TO US: NEGOTIATE PEACE WITH TALIBAN OR LEAVE



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Suicide terrorism

- Strategic act
 - Clusters and predictable
 - Has increased due to success
- Overwhelmingly done by occupied people
 - Tamil Tigers
 - al-Qaeda in Iraq
 - Democracies are especially vulnerable

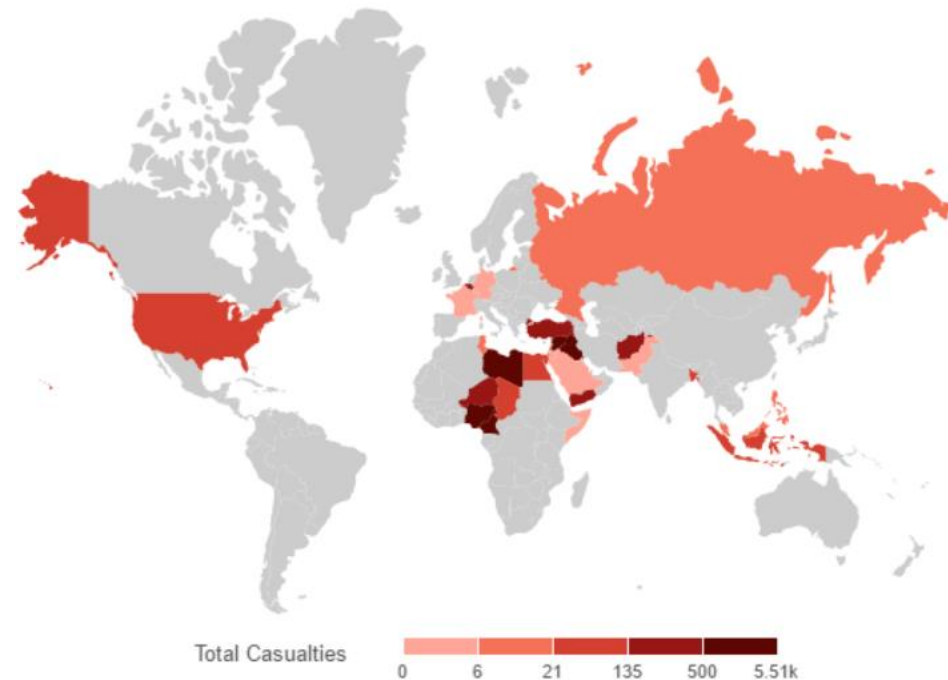


*Assassination of Rajiv Gandhi by
Tamil Tiger member*

How do terrorists win?

- Coercion
- Provocation
- Spoiling
- Outbidding

Map of Casualties From Islamic State (IS) Attacks in 2016 [↗](#)



Source: [IntelCenter](#). As of August 21, 2016. [Show details](#) ^

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Why Paris?

- Grievances
 - Large, dissatisfied Muslim population
- Provocation
 - Francois Hollande in a weak spot
- Outbidding
 - New recruits in France
 - Capability



Reuters, November 13th, 2014

Why the United States?

- History in the region
- Ongoing operations
- Symbolic
- Recruitment
- Capability
- Efficacy



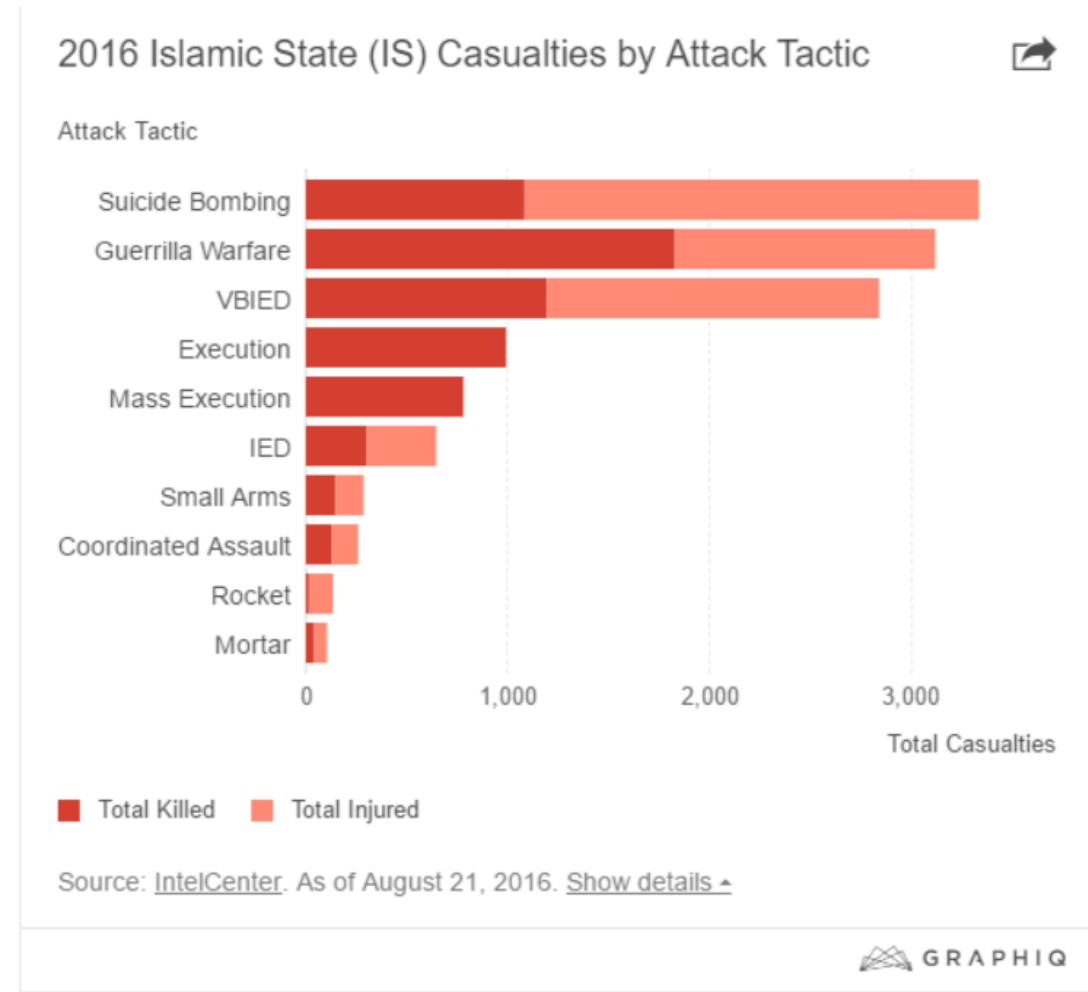
ISIS wing claims responsibility for Minnesota mall attack

By Chandrika Narayan and Steve Visser, CNN
Updated 9:11 PM ET, Sun September 18, 2016



State solutions

- Cannot stop terrorism
- Can make it harder
 - Deterrence
 - Defensive measures
 - Criminalization
 - Pre-emption
 - Negotiation and compromise
- Media strategy
 - fūsen bakudan campaign



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Questions and Answers