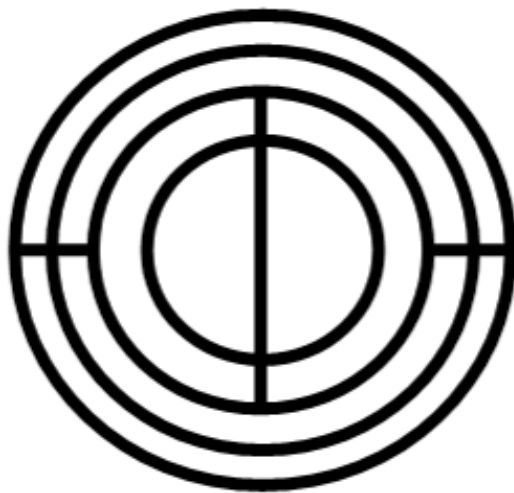


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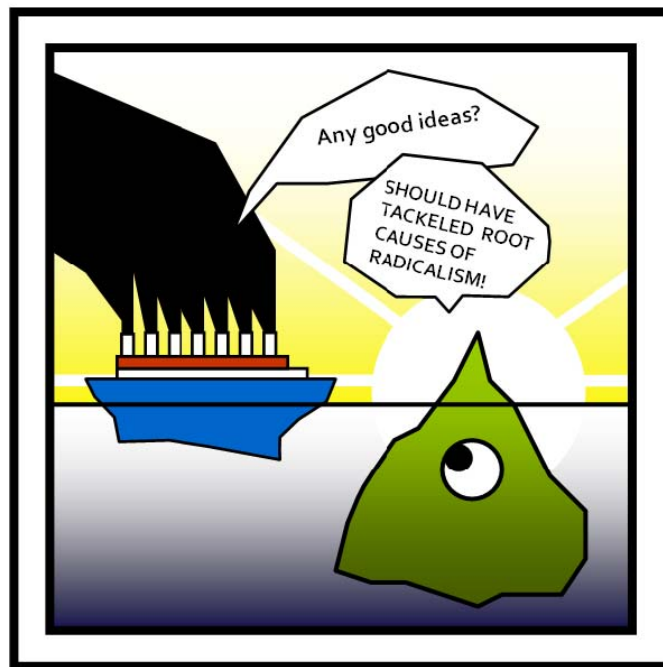
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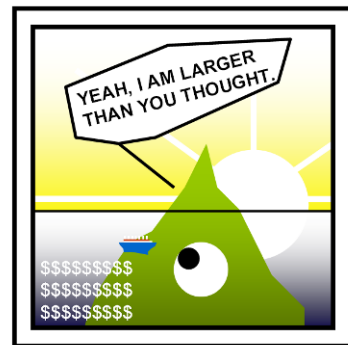
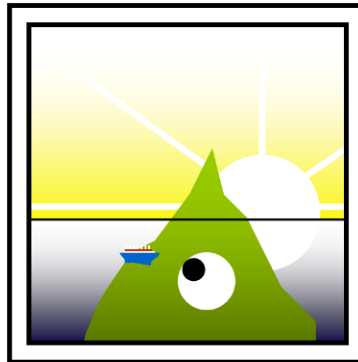
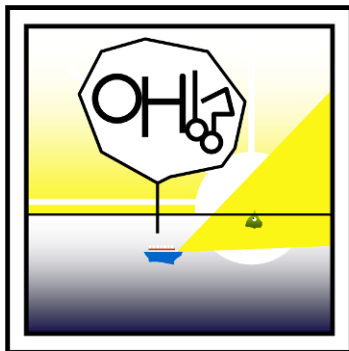
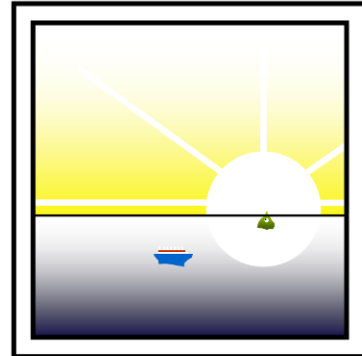
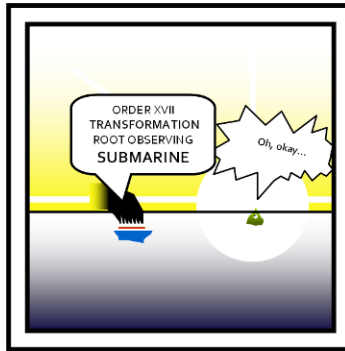
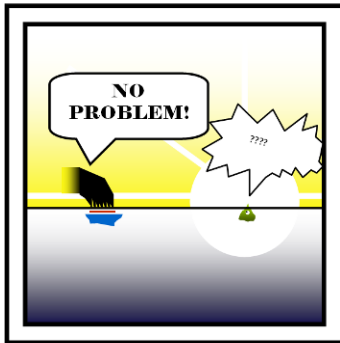
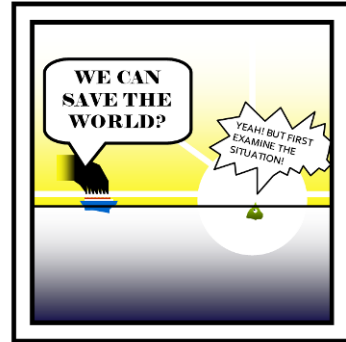
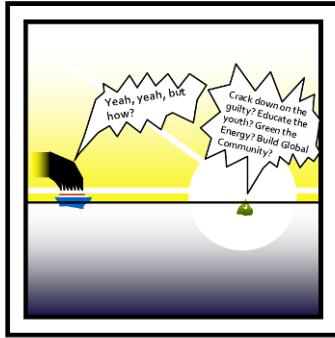
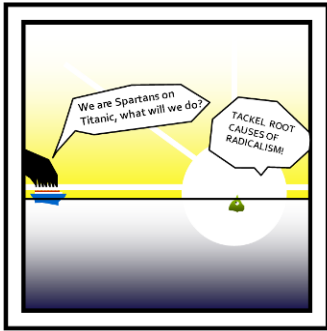
# SPARTANS ON THE TITANIC

POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND  
ISRAEL ON COUNTER TERRORISM AND COUNTER PROLIFERATION

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## Historical and Cultural Heritage

The contemporary **security environment** of the United States and Israel **demands attention**. While both countries are key players in international diplomacy and have invested interests in the Middle East they both seem to fail at stabilizing the region.

In the face of escalating anti-American and anti-Israeli sentiments amassing **multilateral support to eradicate root causes of radicalism is essential** for both states survival. This paper briefly examines both states approach to counter proliferation and counter terrorism and proposes a solution that is a combination of the Proliferation Security Initiative (PSI), Nuclear Proliferation Treaty (NPT), North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and the Responsibility to Protect Proposal (R2P).

Because the **United States and Israel** have a lot of similar traits, such as their religious heritage and their **superior military capabilities**, it is important to acknowledge that they are indeed extremely **different entities**, and that any comparison made between them is **prone to a large set of limitations**.

While the United States continues to **engage in multi-front wars** against anti-western forces, Israel continues to reassert **its right to exist** by the indiscriminate and repeated use of force on both the **hostile Palestinian population** and its aggressive neighbors. The Jewish Nation asserted its **historical identity** on the lands of Palestine giving rise to modern Israel. America emerged as a **nation of sovereign intellectual landowners** who wished to pursue regional agenda **free from the constraints** of the European Emperium Games.

Taking into accounts the numerous differences between the circumstances and history of both countries it should be clear that Israel can not be compared to the United States, however **there are lessons to be learnt from both**.

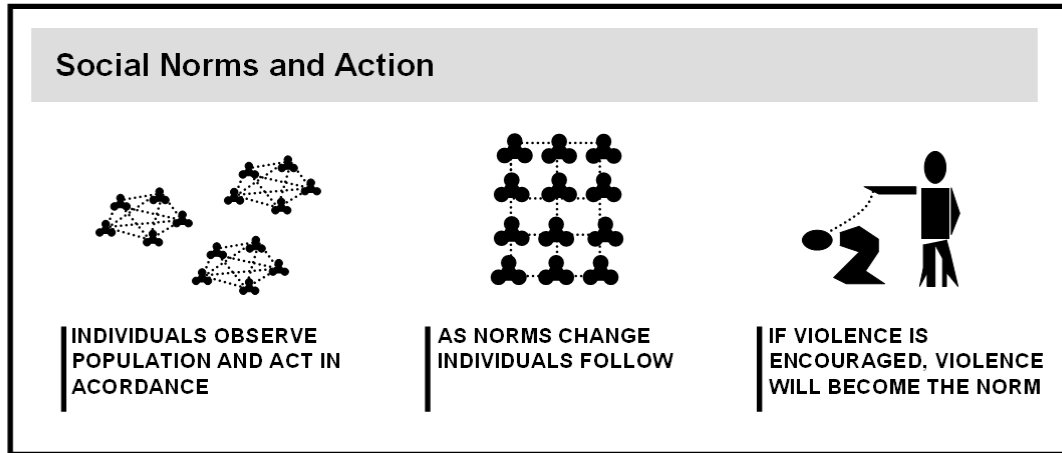
Even though Israel and the United States **have the necessary military means** to respond to present provocations, they appear to lack both **the intellectual frame-work** and **the political ambition to eradicate root-causes of radicalism** on the long run.

Seeing that both states **started up as networks** of military settlements it is no surprise that this **military heritage** is reflected in their respective cultures. Warrior mentality in the form of **competition manifests itself in their cultures** on a grand scale encompassing **sports, education and business life** among others.

This militant mentality embraces **ancient justifications for revenge** and preemptive murder; the **eye for an eye approach** and the preemptive doctrine to kill potential competitors **manifests in both states identities**.

Taking this cultural given into account it is important to also acknowledge that this mentality is present in most modern nation states **identity and narrative**. Nonetheless **Israel and the United States are both nuclear weapons** states and are supported by the **strongest military establishments of all time**. Their role is thus vital to resolve **key international tensions** such as the ones that revolve around Iranian and North Korean **Nuclear Ambitions** or the ones that revolve around Piracy, Terrorism and **Radicalism**.

## Social Norms and Action

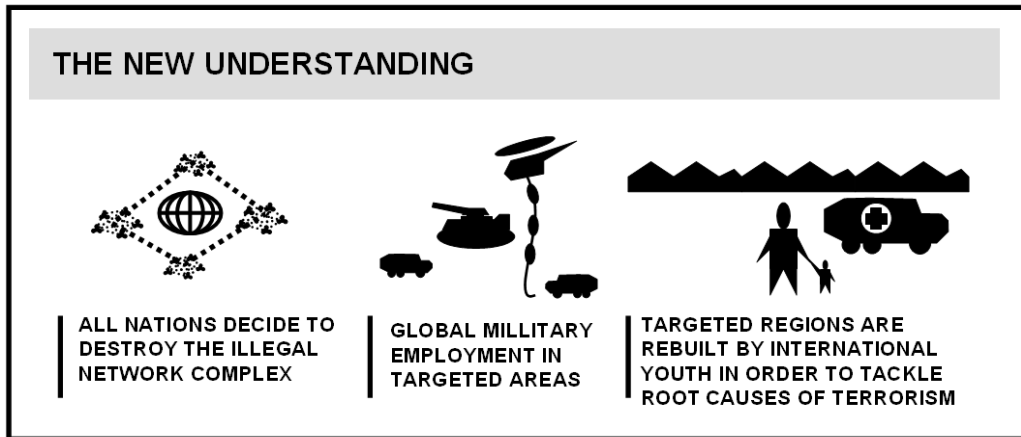


The Social Norm that **lethal atrocities can be justifiable** manifests itself in our discriminate use of force. These **violent actions aim at enforcing** the Western Narrative upon its environment. By **identifying such cultural traits** in our respective cultures we can enhance our understanding of **social norms and their ability to motivate youth** to produce—because **violence is a product, a product of Action**. And in the contemporary security environment Action is desired. Overpopulation and degradation of natural habitat pose a grave and long-term threat to our hyper individualistic civilization. Not only will these two factors radically increase human migration, but they will fuel anger and disgust against those who did nothing in these critical times. Nations ability to lead is demonstrated not by their ability to over consume during ‘the seven years of abundant crop’ but by their ability to make structural changes in order to save up for the hard times.

**Action manifests in a magnitude of ways** and in most cases it is **constructive and productive**. Acknowledging that both Israel and the United States have amazing talent and good access to natural resources it is clear that any international effort to unite against the forces of Radicalism must be headed by these great states.

Thus the question arises; how can the population of the United States and Israel channel the forces of Cultural Norms in order to **bring forth a New Understanding**?

## A New Understanding



A New Understanding would **systematically crack down on corruption** and **criminal activity** while gaining popular support by decriminalizing and eventually **taxing a large proportion of the narcotics trade**. From these surpluses the government could finance green energy technologies, **transformation of terrorist breeding grounds** and an **extensive expansion of the juridical powers** in order to ensure **rapid and transparent legal dialogue**.

Also an **extensive reformation of education** could allow for a gradual shift of social norms to ensure the **emergence of a sustainable citizenry**. Reforms should also center on community and **ecology related developments**, stable food prices, **free trade agreements**, and **effective law enforcement**. Such gradual change in mentality would **decrease dependence on foreign oil** sustainably and could also be utilized to create **incentive schemes for youth to get involved** in the stabilization of the contemporary security environment.

These steps, if carried out with sufficient planning and careful detail could ensure that Western Ideas of individual freedoms and pursuit of happiness will not only be the privilege of us, the few lucky ones, but an inherent right of each and every individual born on the face of the earth (and beyond).

**Marketing campaign should target: Western male population aged 10-24**

**Western female population aged 4-15**

## Combating the Illegal Network Complex



*“Examination of **terrorist support and operational infrastructure** worldwide reveals that **liberal democracies offer the ideal conditions** for foreign terrorist groups to establish their **support networks in the west**. For terrorism to flourish, pre-requisites are terrorists, who conduct attacks, and **non-terrorists, who provide support**. To defeat terrorism, both these **categories must be targeted**.” (175)*

### “Defeating Al-Qaeda – the Pioneering Vanguard of the Islamic Movements”

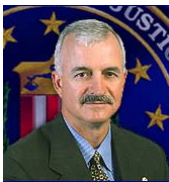
By Rohan Gunaratna, 2007



*“The new international terrorism is increasingly engendered by a need to **assert identity or meaning against forces of homogeneity**, especially on the part of **cultures that are threatened by or left behind** by, the secular future that Western-led globalization brings.” (69)*

### “Behind the Curve: Globalization and International Terrorism”

By Audrey Kurth Cronin, 2002



*“The war on terrorism will likely consist of many battles. It will not be won overnight nor will it be won without the **highest levels of cooperation** among **law enforcement and intelligence agencies around the globe**. Terrorism knows no borders or boundaries. This threat is not limited to any one region of the world. Therefore it is **essential for all law enforcement and intelligence agencies throughout the world to ally their tremendous resources and expertise** against the common enemy of terrorism.”*

**Statement of John E. Lewis Deputy Assistant Director Counterterrorism Division  
Federal Bureau of Investigation before the Senate Committee on Banking, Housing  
and Urban Affairs, 2003**

By John E. Lewis



## Israeli Strategy: Counter Terrorism



*“The success of the If’s [Israeli] strategy is utterly dependent on **regularly acquiring intelligence and rapidly disseminating it to operational units that can take appropriate actions.**” (p 317)*

### **“The Logic of Suicide Terrorism”**

By Bruce Hoffman, 2003

Israel pursues an effective counterinsurgency strategy, and has effectively reduced the number of bombings, however continued skirmishes with neighbors and its inability to pacify its Palestinian occupants demonstrates the necessity of a long term strategic approach to harmonize the region.

## Israeli Strategy: Counter Proliferation

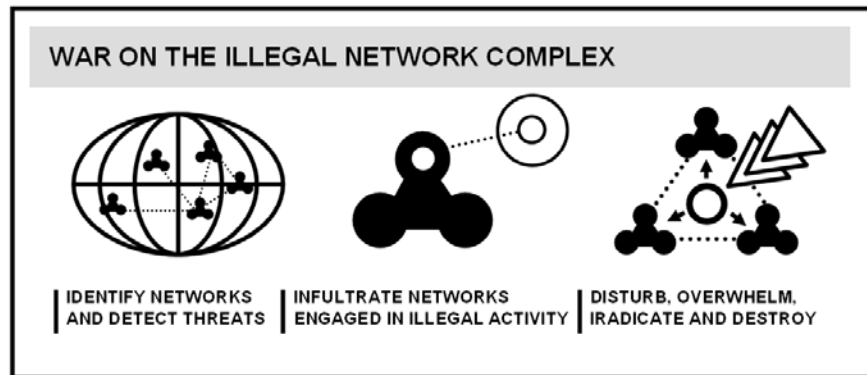
Israel is a Nuclear Weapons State, and is practically exempt from all enforceable treaties regarding proliferations of WMD’s.

## American Strategy: Counter Terrorism

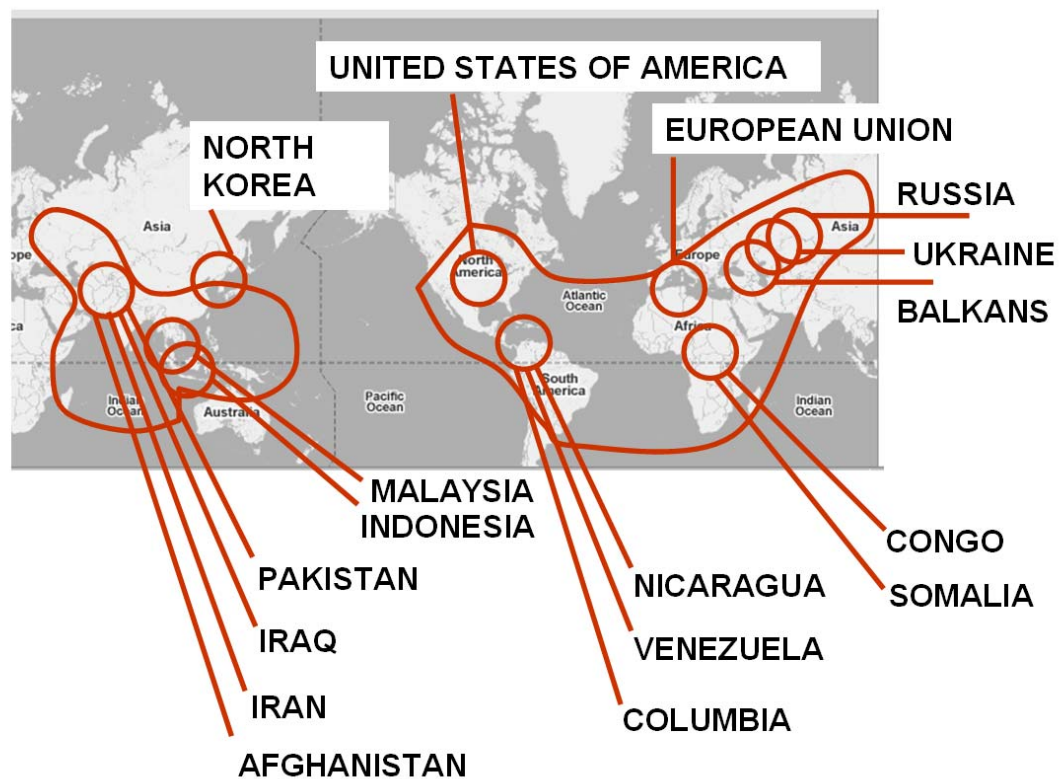
America is pursuing a complex international operation to track down, and kill terrorists.

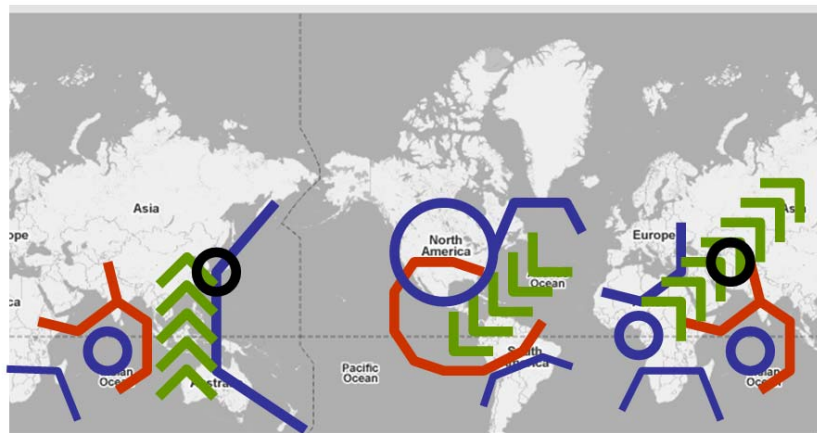
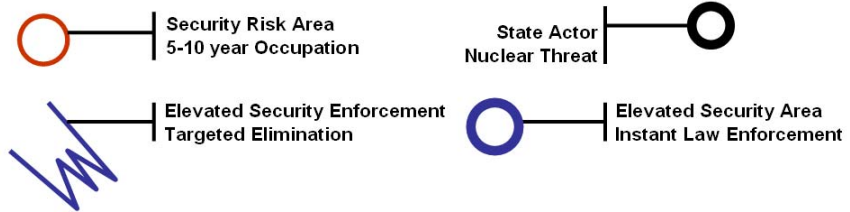
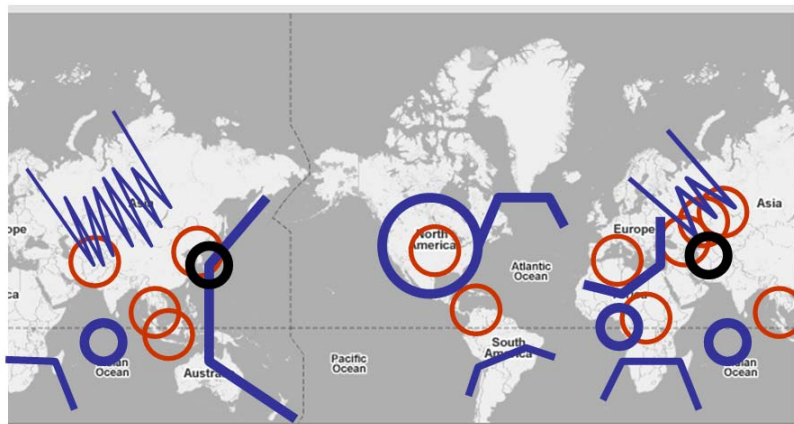
## American Strategy: Counter Proliferation

America is the mother of the NPT and has continued to reaffirm its commitment to avoid nuclear war, to reduce the threat of WMD proliferation and to swat attempts of both state and non state actors to acquire nukes. Most significant move forward: PSI, which is based on a mutual understanding of state actors to counter the proliferation of WMD’s by allowing for quick and efficient responses to threats.

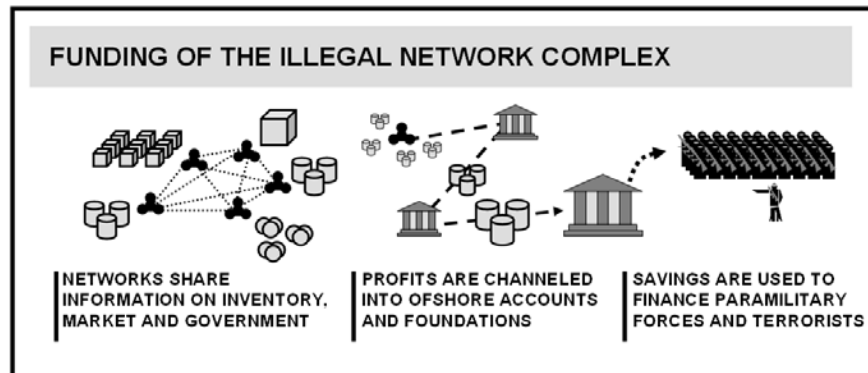


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## Funding of the Illegal Network Complex



“**Terrorists manipulate formal financial systems** by executing legal transactions to **fund illegal activities**. Cases of ‘money soiling’ occur when funds are generated legally, such as the profits of a legitimate business or the **donations of a charity**, and subsequently used for illicit activities”

“Conversely, ‘money laundering’ occurs when money that is generated illegally is cleansed to obscure its source. **Terrorists employ unlawful activities** to generate ‘dirty money’ and these finances are redistributed among legitimate institutions to disguise their origins and make them appear to derive from legal transactions, thus hampering the **ability of law enforcement** authorities to track these funds.”

“The prevalence of **Internet and offshore banking** presents additional barriers to law enforcement and intelligence authorities in their attempts to monitor global finances. Internet banking **enables terrorists to transfer funds quickly** and virtually anonymously and, due to its extensive use by the general public and the plethora of transactions that occur each day, tracking these is a **major logistical challenge**.”

## Combating Terrorist Financing: A Key Aspect of the War on Terrorism

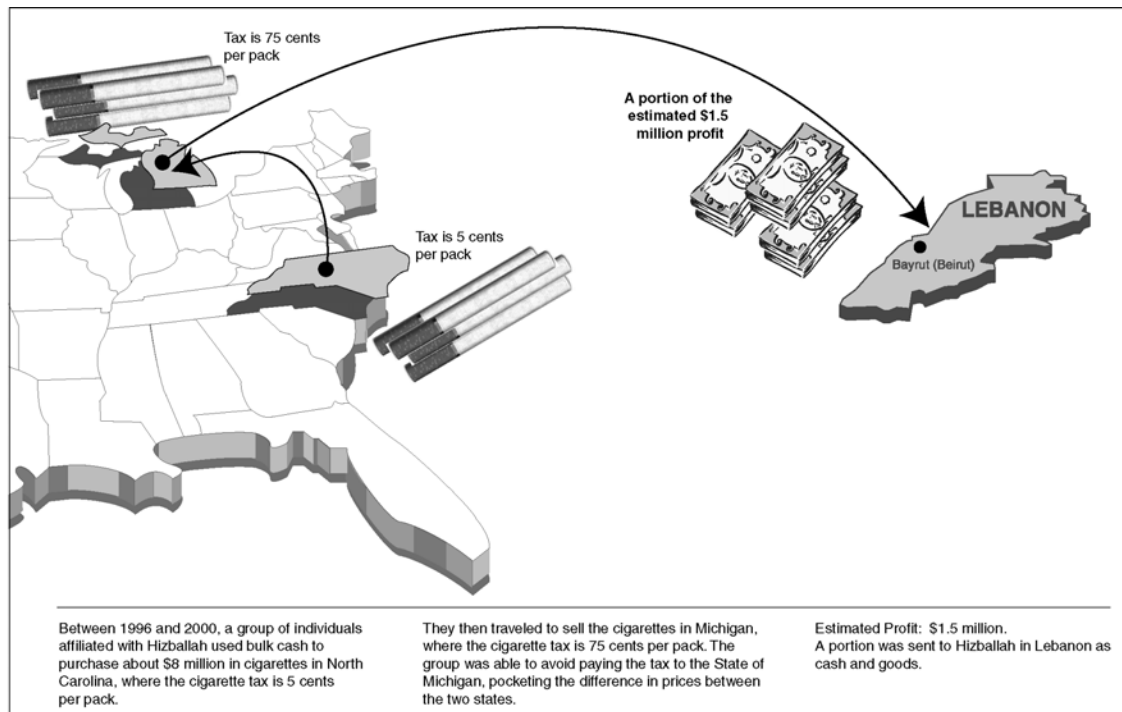
*David Childs*

## Funding the Illegal Network Complex

### Examples of Alternative Financing Mechanisms That May Be Used to Earn, Move, and Store Terrorist Assets

Alternative financing mechanisms	Earning	Moving	Storing
<b>Trade in commodities</b>			
Illicit drugs	X		
Weapons	X		
Cigarettes	X		
Diamonds	X	X	X
Gold		X	X
<b>Systems</b>			
Charities	X	X	
Informal banking		X	
<b>Currency</b>			
Bulk cash		X	X

Sources: GAO analysis based on government, industry, and research sources.



Sources: GAO, using information from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, and court documents.

## The Threat



*“The **new terrorism** is more violent. Under the old paradigm, terrorists wanted attention, not **mass casualties**. Now they want both.” (113)*

### “The New Terrorism”

By Russell Howard, 2007



*“The coincidence between the evolving changes of globalization, the **inherent weaknesses of the Arab region**, and the inadequate American response to both ensures that **terrorism will continue** to be the most serious threat to U.S. and Western interests in the twenty first century.” (57)*

### “Behind the Curve: Globalization and International Terrorism”

By Audrey Kurth Cronin, 2002`



*“Despite the **death and capture** of at least half its operational leaders, members and key supporters, the group **remains operationally effective**” (161)*

### “Defeating Al-Qaeda – the Pioneering Vanguard of the Islamic Movements”

By Rohan Gunaratna, 2007



*“In the United States in the twenty months since 9/11 we, too, have had to become accustomed to an array of new, often **previously inconceivable security measures**- in airports and other transportation hubs, hotels and office buildings, sport stadiums and concert halls. Although some are more noticeable and perhaps more inconvenient than others, the fact remains that they have **redefined our own sense of normality**” (311)*

### **“The Logic of Suicide Terrorism”**

By Bruce Hoffman, 2003



*“Suicide terrorism is more **likely to be employed against** states with **democratic political systems** than authoritarian governments for several reasons” (349)*

### **“The Strategic Logic of Suicide Terrorism”**

By Robert A Pape, 2003



*“The **elimination of Bin Laden**, if followed by a year or more without another **major AQ operation** against the U.S. would lead many Americans to believe that **the time had come** to declare **victory in the “war on terrorism”** and move on to other concerns.” (499)*

### **"Beyond Al Qaeda: Countering a Decentralized Terrorist Threat"**

By Paul Pillar, 2004





*"We have seen their kind before. They are the heirs of all the **murderous ideologies of the 20<sup>th</sup> century**. By sacrificing human life to serve their **radical visions**-by abandoning every value except the **will to power**- they follow in the path of fascism, a Nazism, and **totalitarianism**. And they will follow that path all the way, to where it **ends**; in history's unmarked grave of **discarded lies**." (5)*

### **"National Strategy for Combating Terrorism"**

US Government publications, February 2003



*"The United States appeared **unprepared to cope** with the level of **insecurity and disorder** that followed the **collapse of the Iraqi regime**" (455)*

### **"Terrorism, Strategies and Grand Strategies"**

By Martha Crenshaw, 2004



*The United States' ability to **deal with future threats** will depend on its **performance in current conflicts**. To be blunt, to fail -- or to be **seen to fail** -- in either Iraq or Afghanistan would be a **disastrous blow to U.S. credibility**, both among friends and allies and among **potential adversaries**.*

### **"A Balanced Strategy: Reprogramming the Pentagon for a New Age"**

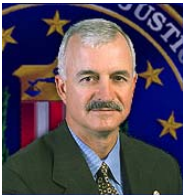
By US Defence Secretary Robert Gates, 2009





**Defence Secretary Robert Gates** asserts his authority on the issue by assembling a clean cut argument for long term military **commitment to counter radicalism** both in the civilian sphere and in the **killing zones of Iraq and Afghanistan**. His understanding of the **complexities of the issue** resonate from the clarity of his argument that emphasises the importance of **“limits”, “humility”, “failing states”** and rebuilding of war torn areas. These themes go well with the **‘Obama Doctrine’** and demonstrate bipartisan understanding and **support for the Wars** in Iraq and Afghanistan.

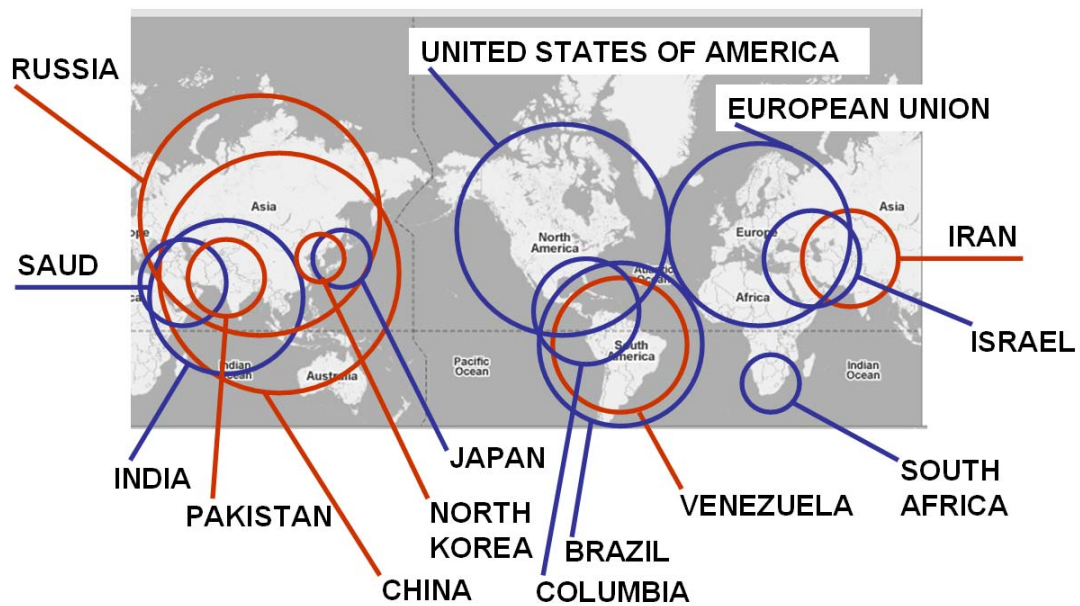
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“Among the successes achieved thus far in the war on terrorism, the FBI has made significant progress against both the operational and support arms of terror networks. With respect to the **support arms, an essential component of the global strategy against terrorism has been to counter the manner in which terror networks recruit, train, plan and effect operations, each of which requires a measure of financial support**. Inherent requisites to this financial support are the raising, movement and expenditure of resources. Those requisites leave trails, albeit complex, but nonetheless traceable and identifiable, through the global financial systems. **The FBI follows those trails backward to identify and dismantle existing funding sources and facilitators.**”

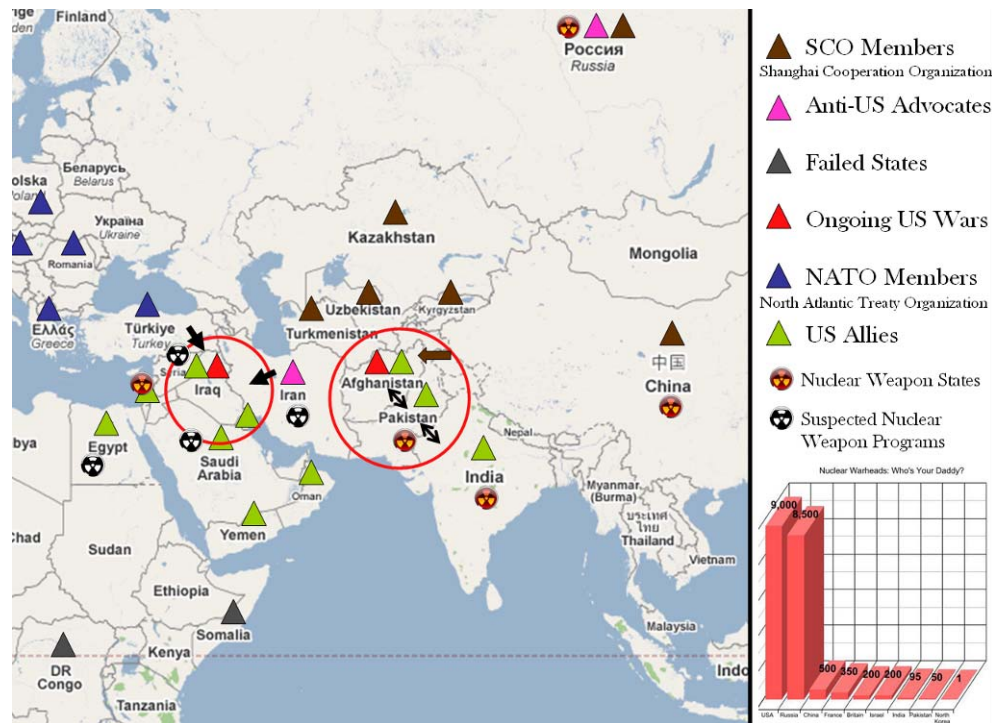
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## The Security Environment: GLOBAL

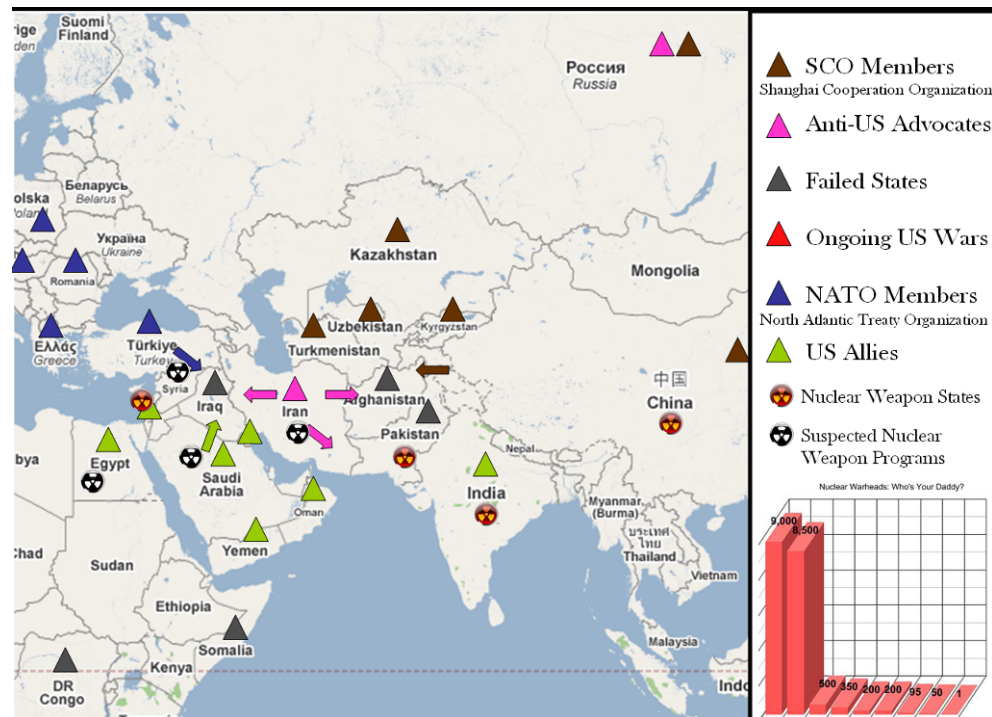


This Map attempts to approximate the major players in international diplomacy during the next 40 year and their respective spheres of influence. While blue represents current allies, red represent countries that are prone to significant changes in their leadership.

## The Security Environment: REGIONAL

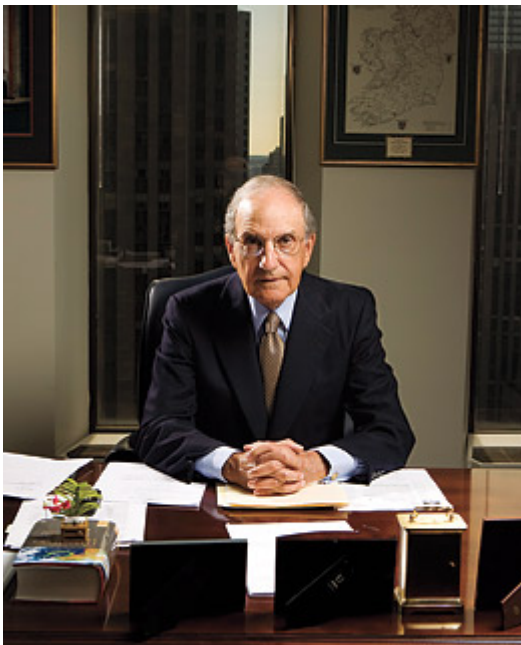


This Map attempts to portray **the current state** of nuclear proliferation and key military tensions in the Middle East.



This Map attempts to approximate the state of affairs in the Middle East **12 years from now**.

## US ISRAEL Relations



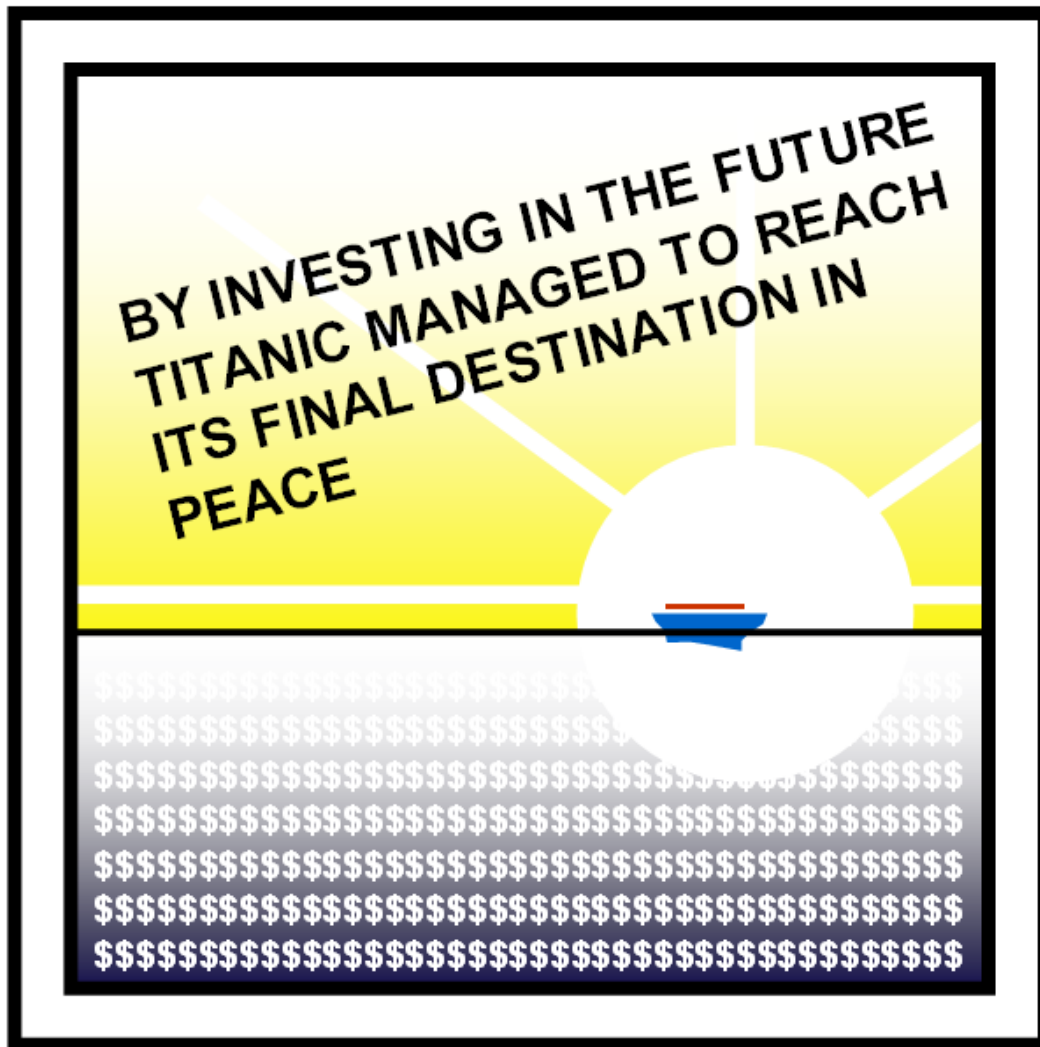
"Well, both sides make the same argument to me in reverse, that the real problem, they say, is you haven't pressured the other side. ...**Cut them off, tell them you won't help them anymore, you won't do anything,** you'll walk away. I say, use, would you like us to do that to you? Oh, no, not to us, but you should do it to the other side. The reality is that, yes, of course the United States has both carrots and sticks. You have to be very careful about how and when you use them and apply them...**Under American law, the United**

**States can withhold support on loan guarantees to Israel.** President George W. Bush did so...on one occasion...**That's one mechanism that's been publicly discussed.** There are others, and you have to keep open whatever options. But our view is that we think **the way to approach this is to try to persuade the parties what is in their self-interest.** And we think that we are making some progress in that regard and we're going to continue in that effort, and **we think the way to do it is to get them into negotiations."**

**Special Middle East Envoy George Mitchell, 2010**  
**Facing Israel's diplomatic "Price Tag" strategy: lessons for Obama**

Article by Lara Friedman





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