

Symposium on Terrorism

Terrorism is at the centre of international political issues. Yet no one, let alone its victims, appear quite sure of what terrorism is. Is a terrorist a liberator, moderate, commando, pychopath or a victim of society? Is terrorism no different from any other violence? Is terrorism a historical oddity?

The media doesn't seem to know and has shown ignorance at almost every opportunity. Terrorism has become a hot-selling news item. Publicity seems merely to promote terroristic ideals whatever they may be. How can we reconcile these alleged ideals with the blood of their innocent victims? Misinformed readers see terrorism as whatever the media portrays. Is it not time that we understand what terrorism really is? Or, should the maxim "oneman's terrorist is another man's hero" be left for the reader to discern through the media?

Today terrorist groups are linked together in an international network. Unlike their opponents they have joined hands and are successfully accomplishing their goals. Well financed and trained, they possess the means to practice their ideology. It is a chilling realization to picture the world held at ransom by a nuclear weilding terrorist organization.

Is the law sterile? Is is not time for the law to harness the media on is side? Are legal prosecutions of terrorists a fantasy? Could not measures be taken against haven states?

The consequences of ignoring terrorism for what it really is, is a threat which must be understood and combatted at its roots.

Symposium on Terrorism Nov. 26 Osgoode Hall, Moot Court 101, 12-2pm Sharon Williams - Prof. International Law, Osgoode on 'Law and **Terrorism**' Simcha Jacobovici - PhD Candidate Political Science, U of T. on 'Ideology of Terror'

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