

# Combating Terrorism

Strategies of Ten Countries

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## **A unique survey and assessment of counterterrorism strategies**

The tragic events of September 11, 2001 and the consequent “war on terrorism” have made the question of effective counterterrorism policy a growing public concern. These original essays in *Combating Terrorism* offer a unique overview and evaluation of the counterterrorism policies of ten countries: the United States, Argentina, Peru, Colombia, the United Kingdom, Spain, Israel, Turkey, India, and Japan. Postscripts for each of the country chapters provide post-September 11 assessments of current counterterrorism practices. Most of the contributors to this volume have served in official governmental capacities and many continue to serve as consultants to governmental policy and decision makers.

All the essays address the same set of questions to allow for cross-national comparison of strategies and an assessment of counterterrorism practices:

- What is the governmental and public perception of the sources of terrorism?
- How successful have the policies of governments been in combating both domestic and international terrorism?
- What factors influence a government’s willingness and ability to cooperate with other countries in combating terrorism?
- To what degree are the terrorist realities and the concerns of governments interconnected with global terrorism?
- To what degree are certain countries “natural hosts” of either terrorist groups or propensities that target Western or closely allied interests?
- To what degree are terrorist organizations mainly concerned about winning political participation in their target countries?
- Which counterterrorism strategies work, and which do not?
- What are the lessons of past experiences for future counterterrorism responses at the national, regional, and global levels?

The conclusion to the volume summarizes the lessons that may be learned from the experiences of the ten countries and discusses a list of best practices in counterterrorism.

This book will be of interest to policymakers, scholars, and other individuals with professional responsibilities in the area of terrorism and security studies. Written in clear, accessible prose, this book will also appeal to the general reader who is interested in gaining insight into the array of issues facing governments that endeavor to combat terrorism, and into the possible solutions to one of the foremost threats to world peace in our time.

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