

## **Terrorism: A Study in Scarlet**

Final Examination  
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Do either of the first two questions and do the scenario for 50 points each, 100 points total. Email your answers to me by the end of the testing period for this class. Here are some specifics. If you do not follow these directions, I will reduce your score.

- The hard upper limit to each answer is five pages. There is no lower limit. This page limit does not include the reference list, only the prose parts of your answer. Review the course style sheet to see what other pitfalls you need to avoid.
- Write an answer you are proud to call your own: Proofread your answer. Pay close attention to logic and to commas.
- When you are finished, email your answers to me in one document as an attachment. The document needs to be in either `.doc` or `.rtf` format. The name of the file needs to be your username followed by the word `exam`. Thus, for me, the filename would be `ojf38491exam.doc`.
- Your answers need to be in essay form. That means the essay includes an introduction, a conclusion, and a logical body. I will deduct *at least 25%* from your score for poor structure and/or poor logic. I should never feel compelled to write “what?” in the margin.
- Do not be cute. The first question from Section One covers the QLRs. The second question covers the readings. Prove to me that you have synthesized, analyzed, and evaluated the material.
- Cite. If you fail to cite, I will deduct *at least 100%* from your score. Cite everything! This includes all theories and all facts. I cannot be more explicit than this. Follow the citation/reference guide that you should have been following throughout the entire semester. You can find it on the website at “APSA References”.
- Your answers are due on May 2, 2008, at 9:40 am. If your answers are late, they are worthless. If I receive your answer by Sunday, April 27, 2008, 11:59 pm, I will give you a 10% bonus.

### **Section One: Do either of these two**

1. The QLRs from the course covered, to varying degrees of success, the extant research for more than a dozen possible correlates of terrorism. Which of them are the three strongest correlates of terrorism?
2. What do we know about terrorism?

## **Section Two: Do this one**

Read about Florin and its groups. Write an essay discussing the chances that Florin will experience nationalist-separatist terrorism in the next 18 months. This essay will have four major sections (each set off by first-level headings): Introduction, With This Information, Needed Information, and Conclusion.

The “With This Information” section will contain your analysis of the current situation in Florin based solely on the information I have given to you. You need to determine which bits of information are important in your analysis and which are not. Points will be deducted for leaving out important information, just as points will be deducted for including unimportant information. You need to be selective. What is important and what is not important? That is part of the exam and of your grade. The variables/factors you examine will constitute the second-level headings for this section. Thus, if you think group religion is important, one of your headings in this section will be “Religions”. In that section, you will explain why religion is important and how it will affect the propensity for terrorism in Florin.

To make things interesting, I have not included all of the important information in the scenario. If you think additional information is needed, you are right. The “Needed Information” section is where you will list out what additional information you feel is necessary and why. Make sure you tie everything back to the literature and the researchers. The variables/factors you feel that you need will constitute the second-level headings for this section. Thus, if you think I should have given you the prevalent hair color in Florin, one of your headings in this section will be “Hair Color”. In this section you will explain why hair color is an important factor, and how it affects terrorism propensity.

The “Conclusion” section summarize the argument in the “With This Information” section, repeat your prediction as to the probability of a terrorist outbreak in the next 18 month, and evaluate your prediction based on the importance of the missing information.

The introduction, as usual, needs to be the last thing you write. It needs to tell about the importance of terrorism in the world, provide a brief history of Florin, and give your predicted probability for terrorism in the state within 18 months.

Refer to the style sheet for the differences between formatting first- and second-level headings.