

ADJ 243 – HOMELAND SECURITY AND THE LAW

Study Guide for Chapter 1 The Idea and Origin of Homeland Security Lecture: September 6, 2017

1. Define **Homeland Security**: efforts to ensure that the United States is safe, secure, and resilient against terrorism and other hazards.
2. Homeland Security covers all aspects of safety and security within the geographical limits of the United States. That is, within the U.S. it covers people, modes of transportation (aircraft, vessels, trains, subways), structures (including buildings, bridges, airports, dockyards, power plants, etc.) and cyber security.
3. Federal law, 18 U.S.C. 2331, defines the term “**Terrorism**” to include activities that involve:
 - a. violent acts or acts dangerous to human life that violate federal or state law,
 - b. where such acts appear intended to intimidate or coerce a civilian population, or
 - c. to influence the policy of a government by intimidation or coercion.
4. Two historical examples of *states using terror* to achieve political objectives:
 - a. Roman **slave revolt led by Spartacus** – the ancient Romans crucified 6,000 captured slaves along the ApianWay as an example of what happens to those that revolt from slavery.
 - b. The **French Revolution and the Reign of Terror** – The Committee of Public Safety executed hundreds of French citizens suspected of being enemies of the revolution (counter-revolutionaries).

5. A historical example of **an *individual* act of terrorism**:

In June 1914, a Serbian nationalist assassinated Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria, the nephew and heir to the Austro-Hungarian Empire, and his wife. This “shot heard around the world” was one of the causes of World War I.

6. Three 20th Century **examples of *state* terrorism**:

a. **Nazi Germany - The Final Solution/Holocaust” (extermination of the Jewish people).**

Also, the mass murder of any considered people considered inferior to Aryans – the infirm, the mentally feeble, and all resisters (resistance fighters, communists, clergy, anti-Nazis, etc.

b. **The Japan Empire - in 1937 the Japanese army invaded China and engaged in what is called “The Nanking Massacre or the Rape of Nanking.” At that time *Nanking* was the capital of the [Republic of China](#). Over a six week period the [Imperial Japanese Army](#) murdered an estimated 40,000 to over 300,000 Chinese civilians and disarmed combatants, and perpetrated widespread rape and looting.**

c. **The Soviet Union (USSR) under Joseph Stalin - it is estimated that under Stalin (1922-1952) the USSR murdered perhaps 10 million people – mostly, its own citizens. Many were executed (including anti-communists, those charged with political offenses, and German prisoners from WW2), and others were killed because of state-caused famines in 1932-33.**

7. **Examples of groups that engaged in *domestic* terrorism prior to [9/11](#):**

a. **Klu Klux Klan** - "Founded in 1866 by six former members of the Confederate Army the Klu Klux Klan (KKK) extended into almost every southern state and became a vehicle for white southern resistance to the Republican Party's Reconstruction-era policies aimed at establishing political and economic equality for blacks. Its members waged an underground campaign of intimidation and violence directed at white and black Republican leaders." Nemeth

b. **The Weathermen** - Founded in 1968 the Weathermen issued a "Declaration of War" against the U.S. to "lead white kids into armed revolution." The group believed that "revolutionary violence" was needed to fight America's military foreign interventions such as the Vietnam War.

8. Example of a U.S. individual who engaged in *domestic terrorism* prior to [9/11](#):

Timothy McVeigh, an ex-U.S. Army soldier and security guard, used a rented Ryder truck filled with explosives to blow up the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in downtown Oklahoma City killing dozens. Among other reasons, McVeigh's motivation for the bombing was to retaliate against federal agents for their role in the Ruby Ridge standoff and the Branch Davidian siege at Waco, Texas.

9. Examples of terrorist acts and plots in the U.S. *caused by foreign terrorists* prior to [9/11](#):

a. **1993 bombing of the New York World Trade Center** – Conspirators linked to Al Qaeda exploded a bomb in the parking garage beneath the World Trade Center. Six people were killed and over a thousand injured.

b. **Millennium Plot** - Ahmed Ressam, an Algerian national, engaged in a plot by Al Qaeda to detonate explosives at Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) on the eve of the new millennium, December 31, 1999. U.S. Customs inspectors at Port Angeles, Washington intercepted Ressam when he attempted to enter the U.S. with explosives hidden in the trunk of his car.

NOTE: Portions of this study guide are taken from the Nemeth textbook and are thus subject to copyright protection. Though the fair use doctrine and other laws allow this limited use, please see the below statement regarding restrictions on use of this study guide.

Study Guides and other materials that I provide to students whether by hardcopy or via Blackboard are solely for the personal use of students taking the class. Such material and any portion thereof may not be released to third persons or otherwise disseminated in any way (including transmitting the same by electronic means, posting online or uploading to the Internet or any automated system, etc.). However, such materials may be shared with other students enrolled in this class for use in connection with the class (for example, study groups).