

GTD Assignment

Due: February 3

Directions:

1. Go to <http://www.start.umd.edu/gtd/>
2. Use the various databases to find answers to the questions below

Note:

- For every search, be sure to click on the boxes for Criterion I, II, and III AND select “Exclude ambiguous cases”
- You must turn in a hardcopy of your answers; you may either type in the answers or you may print out this sheet and write in your answers

Questions

1. During what range of years did the Baader-Meinhoff Group operate? In what country did the majority of their attacks take place? What about the Red Army Faction? What is the relationship between these two groups?

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2. How many Earth Liberation Front (ELF) attacks occurred in the US between 1997 and 2007? How many injuries resulted from these attacks? How many fatalities? In what year did the most ELF attacks occur? Read the descriptions of the attacks by clicking on the red GTD ID numbers. Do you consider these to generally be acts of terrorism? Why or why not?

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3. How many Animal Liberation Front (ALF) attacks occurred in the US between 1997 and 2007? How many injuries resulted from these attacks? How many fatalities? In what year did the most ALF attacks occur? Read the descriptions of the attacks by clicking on the red GTD ID numbers. Do you consider these to generally be acts of terrorism? Why or why not?
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4. How many al-Qa'ida attacks occurred in the US between 1997 and 2007? What do you notice about these attacks? What are the consequences of how the database codes these attacks? What other ways could they be coded? What are the pros and cons of each method?
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5. How many al-Qa'ida attacks occurred globally from 1997 to 2007? What do you notice about the number of attacks?
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6. How many attacks occurred in Eastern Europe between 1970 and 1989? How many attacks occurred in Western Europe between 1970 and 1989? What do you think is going on here?
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7. How many attacks have occurred in Western Europe since 1970? How many of those attacks caused more the 101 deaths? When and in what countries did these attacks occur?
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8. Describe the trends in terrorism in Western Europe from 1970 to 1997. What is going on? Feel free to copy and paste the graph into the space below.
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9. How many attacks have occurred in Central and South American since 1970 that caused more than 101 injuries? What types of groups carried out these attacks?

10. How many chemical attacks have been carried out since 1970? How many fatalities have occurred as a result of chemical agents since 1970?

11. How many biological attacks have been carried out since 1970? How many fatalities have occurred as a result of biological agents since 1970? Where and in what year did most of the biological attacks occur they occur?

12. What type of target has suffered from the greatest number of terrorist attacks since 1970?

13. How many terrorist incidents occurred worldwide in August 2001? In what region of the world did the most attacks occur in that month? How many of those attacks occurred in North America? In what country did those attacks occur?

14. Which “known perpetrators” have carried out attacks in China?

15. Against what country does/did the Mujahideen-I-Khalq (MK) carried out the majority of its attacks? IN what year did MK carry out the most attacks?

16. How many attacks have occurred in Iran since 1970? Describe the pattern of attacks over time.

17. How many attacks have occurred in South Korea since 1970? How many attacks have occurred in North Korea since 1970? What do you think is going on here?

18. How many attacks did Iraq average per year between 1970 and 1990? Between 1991 and 2002? Since 2003?

19. In what years did the MNLF carry out the most attacks? In what years did the MILF operate? What is the relationship between these two groups?

20. In what year did the most number of terrorist attacks take place? In that year, what region(s) appears to have experienced the most terrorist attacks? Why do you think you get these results?