

The Islamic State and Modern Insurgency
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Week 2

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This Week's Plan

- Contesting sovereignty
 - Understanding civil conflict
 - States within states
 - The Islamic State and governance
- Terrorism
 - Understanding terrorism
 - Success?
 - How do terrorists win?
 - Suicide terrorism
 - The Islamic State and terrorism
- Questions and discussion

Supplemental Reading

This list, as well as the web-links for easy clicking, are available on my website, www.michaelallen.com under the Islamic State tab or you can go there directly by typing in www.michaelallen.com/IslamicState. If you have trouble accessing the material, email me and I will remedy the situation.

Online Materials

- Liveuamap for Syria and Iraq, <http://isis.liveuamap.com/>
- Fragile States Index, <http://fsi.fundforpeace.org/map/2016heatmap.png>

- Cronin, Audrey Kurth. 2015. "ISIS is not a terrorist group." *Foreign Affairs*. <https://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/middle-east/isis-not-terrorist-group>
- Podcast: "Auditing ISIS." *Planet Money*. <http://www.npr.org/sections/money/2015/12/04/458524627/episode-667-auditing-isis>
- Fisk, Robert. 2015. "Isis profits from destruction of antiquities by selling relics to dealers and then blowing up the buildings they come from to conceal the evidence of looting." *Independent*. <http://www.independent.co.uk/voices/isis-profits-from-destruction-of-antiquities-by-selling-relics-to-dealers-and-then-blowing-up-the-10483421.html>
- Ohl, Dorothy, Kevin Koehler, and Holgar Albrecht. 2015. "The Syrian military has thousands of deserters. New research tells us why they left." *The Monkey Cage*. <https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/monkey-cage/wp/2015/12/17/talking-to-assads-military-deserters/>
- Klein, Graig. 2015. "These two reason explain why the Islamic State attacked France now." *The Monkey Cage*. <https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/monkey-cage/wp/2015/11/18/these-two-reasons-explain-why-the-islamic-state-attacked-france-now/>

Relevant Books

- Pape, Robert. 2006. *Dying to Win: The Strategic Logic of Suicide Terrorism*. <http://www.amazon.com/Dying-Win-Strategic-Suicide-Terrorism/dp/0812973380/>
The book explores how suicide terrorism is a strategic act used by groups against particular kinds of opponents, especially democratic occupiers. Until 2003, the group with the highest number of suicide attacks was a secular group in Sri Lanka.
- Weinstein, Jeremy M. 2006. *Inside Rebellion: The Politics of Insurgent Violence*. <http://www.amazon.com/Inside-Rebellion-Insurgent-Cambridge-Comparative/dp/0521677971/>

This books examines how and why different kinds of rebel groups employ different tactics despite their seeming similarities.