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# **DOMESTIC TERRORISM: THE AMERICAN CONTEXT**



LANGUAGE:

INSTRUCTOR:

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE:** 

METHODOLOGY:

ENGLISH

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DISTANCE LEARNING

### COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course will cover politically-motivated extremist violence in the United States. It includes a discussion of definitional issues, radicalization, major domestic terrorist attacks, current threats, and principal extremist groups and their ideologies.

The course will also examine the evolution of U.S. domestic counterterrorism policy, the roles of various U.S. departments and agencies – particularly the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) – and the challenges facing law enforcement and security officials attempting to *prevent* terrorist acts, not just investigate them after they occur.

The central question the course will address is "What is the nature of domestic terrorism in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century in the United States context and what are the challenges of combating it while preserving civil liberties?

## STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:

Through the reading material, students will be able to:

- 1. Appraise how domestic terrorism is defined in the U.S. context.
- Identify major domestic terrorists and terrorist groups in the post-World War II era, their ideologies, the attacks they committed, and how U.S. law enforcement, security, and intelligence officials responded.
- Explain the current U.S. Government counterterrorism strategy and the roles and responsibilities of key organizations such as the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).
- 4. Evaluate major contemporary domestic terrorism threats and describe how these are being addressed in the United States.
- 5. Analyze the role of counter radicalization as a tool of counterterrorism strategy.
- 6. Discuss policy issues and challenges of combating domestic terrorism in a democratic society with constitutionally-protected civil liberties.

#### THE INSTRUCTOR:

Mark Randol is an adjunct faculty member at UNINTESS and an adjunct Professor of Homeland Security at Eastern Kentucky University in Richmond, Kentucky, USA. Before retiring in May 2011 after 35 years of military and federal civil service, Mr. Randol served as the senior specialist in domestic intelligence and counterterrorism at the Congressional Research Service (CRS) in Washington, D.C. CRS is a part of the Library of Congress and its mission is to provide Congress with comprehensive and non-partisan research and policy analysis.

Prior to CRS, Mr. Randol was the Director of Counterterrorism Policy at the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) where he was responsible for ensuring the Secretary's priorities were reflected in interagency counterterrorism plans and policies. In that role, he represented DHS at national-level coordinating bodies including the National Security Council's Counterterrorism Security Group, charged with overseeing U.S. Government counterterrorism efforts.

Other professional assignments include serving as one of the original cadre of Transportation Security Administration Federal Security Directors. He has 14 years of experience as a civil aviation security manager, inspector, and intelligence analyst with the Federal Aviation Administration in Washington, D.C. and Brussels, Belgium. He also served as a Senior Aviation Security Officer with the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) in Montréal, Canada.

Mr. Randol served for 8-1/2 years in the U.S. Air Force, with assignments in Taipei, Taiwan; Stuttgart, Germany; Osan, Korea; and Fort Meade, Maryland; as well as 3-1/2 years as a civilian on the Army Intelligence Staff at the Pentagon.

He is a graduate of the University of California at Berkeley, earned a Masters Degree in Government (National Security Studies) from Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., and has completed all Ph.D course work and comprehensive exams at the Catholic University of America; Washington D.C. TUITION

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