

Main characteristics of New Terrorism

1. Terrorist groups act transnationally and operate in loosely organized networks
2. Inspired by religion and are seen as religious fanatics
3. Use of weapons of mass destruction and aim to attack as many people as possible
4. Victims are not carefully selected but their targeting is indiscriminate

Problems of labeling the New terrorism as "new"

1. Even the traditional terrorist groups such as IRA or ETA operated transnationally, and hierarchy was based on network. The New terrorist organizations also operate nationally and territorially oriented to some extent.
2. The traditional terrorist are not a-religious (IRA – Catholic, Irgun – Jewish, EOKA – Greek orthodox, FLN – Muslim). The new are not purely motivated by religion, national and territorial aspects also play a role.
3. The weapons of mass destruction were used just two times (Tokyo – sarin gas, aftermath of 9/11 – anthrax) These two cases do not form a trend. Conventional weapon such as explosives are still the most used form of attacks. The increase of victims is more connected to technological progress.
4. They still target symbolic targets, such as powerful individuals and important structures.

Conclusion

The terrorism itself did not change rather the world in which they operate.