Assignment #1

Theories of terrorism include rational choice, psychological, religious-cultural & political approaches. They offer differing explanations of suicide bombing.

Apply one theory to explain either: why terrorist organizations decide to use suicide bombing as a campaign strategy; or why individuals are recruited, trained, and carry out suicide bombing missions.

Write two theoretical propositions from that theory; i.e., sentences that relate pairs of theoretical concepts. Give definitions of all concepts. To which level(s) of analysis do your propositions refer (personal, organizational, societal)? Explain why your propositions could help to increase understanding of suicide bombing. What kinds of empirical evidence (data, observations) – either existing or to be collected in the future – might support the truth of your theoretical propositions?

Be sure to cite all sources you use; e.g., articles, books, lectures, conversations

Due WEDNESDAY, October 6 (also submit to SafeAssign)

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