

TERRORISM AND MASS MEDIA TERRORISM

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Abstract: *Over the time, it has been found that terrorist attacks bring to the fore the two entities that obtain immediate benefits only from the mere presence of the other one: terrorist organizations and the media.*

Even if both the media and terrorist organizations obtain certain benefits from terrorist attacks (audience, respectively advertising), they are not the only beneficiaries. In some situations, governments may speculate on this type of violence by exacerbating the terrorist threat and stepping up security measures, which often involve restricting rights and freedoms or diverting public attention from social and economic issues.

The real goal of terrorism is not the act itself, but the reaction obtained, the effect, the impact, the cause of terror. This goal is also achieved with the help of the media.

*Terrorism and the media are in a relationship as complex as it is obvious. This is determined by a mutual distrust that intersects with a mutual need: **terrorism needs publicity, and the media needs an audience.***

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Introduction

The link between terrorism and the media is a consequence of developments in the last century, especially in terms of the dynamics of the media. At the same time, as entering the daily existence of radio, television and, in particular, the Internet, reality has exceeded the condition of "story", as the case is with the written press. The reality lies, from the second half of the 20th century, under the sign of television "live transmission", and from the 21st century under the sign of Internet connection stability and transfer rate.

In order to restore the dimension of the concept change over the last hundred years, it is said that terrorist-type actions were originally excluding

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