

Course Paper

Each student is investigating a unique topic for the SOC4090 course paper. Here are a few points to ponder (not all may apply to your topic):

- ✓ Which general **concepts and principles** are most relevant to the explaining the social structures and behaviors of your topic?
- ✓ Which **theories of terrorism or counterterrorism** seem most relevant to understanding the topic? **How well or poorly** do these theories help you to understand specific aspects of the topic?
- ✓ What **alternative explanations** might clarify the topic? What **disagreements** occur among its investigators?
- ✓ What empirical **evidence supports or refutes** your interpretations and conclusions? How might our knowledge about this topic be improved through **further research or theorizing**?
- ✓ What are the implications, if any, for counterterror **practices** or **public policies** coming from your explanation?

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

DUE in class THURSDAY, MAY 8

PAPER SPECS: **Maximum word limit = 2,500-3,000**, typed, double-spaced, with one-inch margins, 12-point Times Roman font. Include your name and student ID#, Assignment #, “Word Count = __”. **Paginate!**