Assignment #1

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

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

Write <u>two theoretical propositions</u> 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 <u>why</u> your propositions could help to increase understanding of suicide bombing. What kinds of empirical <u>evidence</u> (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)

<u>**Maximum**</u> **word limit = 750**. Include name & student ID#, "Word Count = __".