

# Shorter Writing #1

Some terrorist groups use suicide bombing as a strategy to kill and maim targets, and to get publicity. Analyze some aspect of suicide bombing (and/or the suicide bombers), using **either** rational-choice theory **or** psychological theory. Examples of aspects include: Under what societal conditions does it occur? What types of orgs use it? What kinds of people become bombers? When is it more effective?

State two theoretical propositions about suicide bombing, i.e., sentences that relate a pair of concepts. Provide definitions for all concepts. Which level(s) of analysis do your two propositions refer (personal, organizational, societal)?

Give some reasons why your propositions could help to explain some important aspect of suicide bombing. Also discuss these propositions' limitations. Could your propositions be helpful in counterterrorist efforts? Why/why not?

What kinds of empirical evidence (data, observations) – either existing or which could be collected in future – might support the truth of your propositions?

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

**DUE in class THURSDAY, February 21**

PAPER SPECS: **Maximum word limit = 1,000**, typed, double-spaced, with one-inch margins, 12-point Times Roman font. Include your name and student ID#, Assignment #, “Word Count = \_\_\_”. **Paginate!**