

The Evils of Middle East: The Political and Economic Motivations behind Global Terrorism

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Several states of the Middle Eastern region suffer from miserable conflicts throughout last decades. From Israel-Palestine conflict to Syrian conflict, wide range of internal and external conflicts gradually intensified without a sustainable solution that led to the emergence of terrorism. At present, act of terrorism has spread and become more prevalent throughout the whole world. The main objective of this research is to discuss the reasons to understand why global terrorism still cannot be eliminated despite the already taken peace efforts. The research analyses this question by using the Paul Collier and Anke Hoefler model of greed and grievances. This model is used to theoretically justify the analysis. Moreover, in this study while speeches made by the leaders, government policies and other primary documents are considered as primary data, journal articles, periodicals, books and online scholarly journals are referred as secondary data. The results showed that internal and regional instabilities of the Middle East are closely tied to terrorism and war economy. The world powers contribute to the war economy by preparing to declare war against global terrorism as a ground to fulfill their self-interests such as oil, gas and transportation routes.

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