

How is terrorism and its perception shaped by the Mass Media?

Outline

- 1- Introduction: Thesis statement:- Mass media has shaped terrorism and its perception in different forms. Several forms including, concept of terrorism an Islamic ideology in Western media, ultra-Islamophobia, propaganda etc have resulted rise of Islamophobia, sectarianism, terrorist group formation etc. Therefore, some measures be taken to control terrorism by the Mass Media.
- 2- Rise of terrorism: A boost to terrorist attacks
- 3- Current scenario of terrorism and its perception by the Mass media
  - a) Western media calls terrorism an Islamic ideology
  - b) Reflection in transition from ethnic to religious wars
  - c) Post 9/11 and concept of ultra-Islamophobia
  - d) Minority treatment: Secular face of demand power
  - e) Media propaganda: A tool of hybrid and proxy warfare
  - f) Reflecting role of intelligence agencies in secret terrorist attacks
  - g) Cyber security breach: A complex network of terrorists

#### 4- Implications of terrorism and its perception by the Mass Media

- a) Rise of Islamophobia and physical attacks on Muslims in the world
- b) Skyrocketing sectarianism between 'Sunni' and 'Shi'ah'
- c) Formation of religious groups: Lashkar-e-Tayyiba, Tehreek-e-Jihad Pakistan, Tehrik-e-Taliban Pakistan etc
- d) Increase in human fear of life, property, security etc
- e) Challenge to the states and threat to diplomatic relations
- f) Rise of nuclear technology for new trends of wars

#### 6- Suggestive measures to curtail terrorism by the role of Mass Media

- a) Stopping coverage of terrorism
- b) Respecting religions of the world and promoting religious principles
- c) Sharing techniques to make public aware against terrorist attacks
- d) Serving a platform for negotiation between state and terrorists

#### 7- Conclusion