

How Is Terrorism and its Perception Shaped by the Mass Media?

Outline

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1: Introduction:

mass media shapes the perception and perception about is solely product of mass media

Thesis statements ~~Mass media has shaped terrorism and its perception by the world through pacifying people to provoking terror. It can convey responsible news and may be also a source of information. It advocates western propaganda to increase instability and can also initiate peace dialogues. so mass media has played double-edged sword in case of terrorism.~~

2: How Media Shapes Terrorism?

There is a symbiotic relationship between mass media and terrorism.

3: Positive Impacts of Mass Media to counter terrorism;

3.1: Pacifying people in panic and terror situations.

3.2: Delivering speedy, responsible and authentic news.

3.3: Alarming about the threats and dangers of a terrorist incident.

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3.4: Connecting Globally by spreading information throughout the world.

3.5: Initiating Peace dialogues between stake-holders of extremist incidents.

4: Negative Impacts of Mass Media about terrorism and its perceptions.

4.1: Encouraging xenophobic ideas to provoke national conflicts.

4.2: Provoking terror and fear among people by continuous and un-interrupted broadcasting.

4.3: Advocating Western Propaganda about Muslims and Muslim states.

4.4: Promoting terrorism by uninterrupted-24/7 and free media coverage of terrorist attacks.

4.5: Spreading mis-information through hastiy and unverified news reports.

4.6: Enhancing Blasphemy and sectarian conflicts through biased news.

Terrorism is basically demanding the impossible at gun point and Mass Media is shaping terrorism and its perception by the world. Media has many positive and negative impacts on peoples' perception of terrorism. It can impact positively to counter terrorism by pacifying people in panic situations, delivering authentic news, ringing the alarm bells about terrorists activities and proposed dangers, connecting the whole world through mass media and initiation of Peace dialogues but it also played havoc and promoted terrorism, xenophobic ideas, Blasphemy, terror and fear, and spreading mis-information. It's a double edged sword in case of terrorism.

~~It was perceived that terrorism has nothing to do with massmedia but later on~~

it is better technique to write about mass media

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A French Sociologist in 1960s rejected this thesis and proposed the symbiotic relationship between terrorism and mass media. Mass Media has changed the perception of terrorism and continuously changing and affecting the perception of terrorism by communication and engagement of a massive audience through different modes of media. It has both negative and positive impacts on perception of terrorism.

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Firstly, we talk about the positive impacts of mass media to counter terrorism and minimizes its impacts. The most positive impacts of mass media is to pacify people in panic and extremist activities. The media should play a positive and sensible role through positive spreading of news and not exaggerating the terrorist activities and

continuous broadcasting of a terrorist incident it will keep spreading a wave of fear and terror among people. 9/11 Incident was continuously reported by American media for about 36 hours without any commercial ad or interval.

Mass Media is the source of responsible, authentic and valid delivery of news to keep the citizens up-to-date with the current circumstances of the state in particular and the whole world in general. Any terrorist activity or incident is conveyed to masses through mass media such as the oppression on the Muslims of Xinjiang China was communicated to the world through the platform of mass media.

Mass media rings the alarms of danger and threats pre and post terrorists activities.

The spy agents working for different broadcasting channels make citizens vigilant about any emanated terrorist activity.

~~Pakistan Government has many time issued red alerts to be vigilant and protective against terrorist activities specially on Eid or Jumma prayers in specifically Ex-FATA tribal areas, where the terrorist activities may be expected.~~

Another positive impact is creating awareness about the regional and global terrorism through connectedness of the world. It communicates the activities globally in just within few seconds and aware the rest of the world.

For example the firing incident in Christ Church New Zealand was communicated through mass media within the whole world.

Another positive impact of mass media is to initiate peace dialogue between the stakeholders of different terrorist groups. It can play a broker and should bring the stakeholders on one table to counter terrorism. Mass media should be used to coalate the reason of dispute by pacifying them. Mass media should have to play the part in reconciliation of between the stakeholders of civil-war in Syria.

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~~Moving towards the negative~~
~~part played by mass media in~~
~~terrorism and its perception,~~
firstly ~~we~~ talk about the
role of mass media in
provoking racism and racial
conflicts by encouraging xenophobic
ideas. ~~Their~~ perception ^{their perception is} is different
for both the different
races conflicting with each other.

The media such as CNN and
BBC broadcasted a news that
three people were brutally
murdered by Russian armed
forces in Ukraine. ~~Russia is~~
killling blue-eyes white race
while in case of Palestine
the CNN and BBC report was
300 were killed in Palestine.

This is how the mass media is
changing the perception of terrorism
and encouraging xenophobic ideas
and supremacy of white race.

while in Islam Prophet Muhammad said there is no superiority to white over black nor black has any superiority over white.

Mass Media provoking terror and fear among people. The continuous 24/7 unintrepted broadcast of any incident provokes fear and terror. So media is a Fourth pillar of a state. The terrorist attacks on world trade centre by Al-Qaeda was continuously broad-casted for many days which provoked fear throughout the world and specially within U.S.A.

~~Mass Media also continuously advocating western propaganda. The strong media of any state plays an~~

important part in conveying its narrative and creating its perspective towards any political global issue. West has been privileged in having strong media coverage. Western media advocates Western propaganda and their narrative. The western media repudiates the extremist activities in Ukraine while the same activities happening in Palestine are ignored - is there another United Nations charter for Ukraine that is not applicable to Palestine. The another super-power of western media is to changing the world perspective about Afghan Mujahidin. Before 9/11 the west supported Afghanees and called them Afghan Mujahidins. After the world trade centre terrorist attack the media changed their perspective from Mujahidin to extremist and terrorist. "Terrorism has no

boundary as religion", said Vladimir Putin. So mass media should deal it irrespective of boundaries and races.

Mass Media is unconsciously promoting terrorism by uninterrupted and free of cost coverage for economic gains or political interests. Any terrorist's activity is highlighted and shed light on it free of cost that promotes terrorism. There is an example that Ex-spokesperson of TTP Shahid-ul-Allah Masood called to intelligence agencies and claimed the responsibility of terrorist attack on small, innocent children of APS Peshawar. The media free of cost did their publicity and promoted the terrorism and fear. The terrorist use mass media openly to announce or claim any extremist activity.

Mass Media is responsible for spreading ~~hasty~~ mis-information without ~~checking~~ its validity and authenticity. The received information broadcasted in hurry to gain public ~~views~~ and more TRPs without any check and balance and source of the news. ~~Many cases exist when the number and severity of casualties are exaggerated and mis-information is spread in the state.~~ The social media of **India** spreads mis-information about the oppression and extremist activities in **Kashmir** done by Indian armed forces.

Last but not the least negative impact that changed the perspective of terrorism is the power of mass-media to enhance the

sentiments of different regional communities by enhancing blasphemy and sectarian conflicts. The mass media fueled the **Shia-Sunni** conflict in **Kurram Agency** of KPK. Mass media raise the sentiments of different sects and fuel the extremist activities.

The western Media has played important role in **Shia-Sunni** conflict and Iran-Iraq war destabilizing the whole region of middle east. Blasphemy acts done by non-muslims such as in Canadian attack on mosque and Americans attack on muslims in London is either called self-defence or mental retardation but the same activities were attempted by muslims they are called terrorists. **Barak Obama** said it is not religion but the people how promote terrorism.

So, In a nutshell ~~we~~ can say ~~that~~ mass media has changed the perception of terrorism by world. It can play havoc by encouraging racism, spreading fear and advocating propaganda for economic and political gains but on the positive side it also keep us updated with the happenings of the world through authentic news delivery and it also connects the whole world making it a global village and it is also a peacemaker between conflicting extremist parties.