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A systematic, comprehensive, and straightforward textbook for analyzing and comparing insurgencies and terrorist movements, *Insurgency and Terrorism* was first published in 1990 to broad acclaim. Observers, scholars, students, military personnel, journalists, and government analysts worldwide found it worthy of study. Now *Insurgency and Terrorism* has been thoroughly revised and updated to cover activity that has since occurred in Afghanistan, Iraq, the Philippines, Colombia, and elsewhere and to address the new tactics and weapons used—and threatened.

Author Bard E. O'Neill, the director of studies of insurgency and revolution at the National War College, addresses insurgencies with respect to ultimate goals, strategies, forms of warfare, the role and means of acquiring popular support, organizational dynamics, causes and effects of disunity, types of external support, and government responses. Course syllabi included.

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Nora W says

Read during Professor Elias's Weapons of the Weak class, Freshman Fall.

Kathryn says

This was the primary reading for a graduate course on insurgency and COIN, and there's a reason it's the standard text on the topic. O'Neill combines a conceptual framework with a multitude of historical examples, yet his writing is crisp and straightforward.

David Kilpatrick says

Normally I wouldn't give a school book a decent rating but this one had lots of good info and even better it was concise and to the point.

Brian Ridge says

Informative. Author seems to know his stuff. Not sure if I will ever have a chance to apply his lessons.

Malik Siraj Akbar says

A remarkable book for those interested in the theory of insurgency, causes and strategies of insurgents. The book also comes with an excellent chapter about how governments perceive insurgencies and what they should do to win the "hearts and minds" of the people to defeat an insurgency.

The book cites numerous cases studies of insurgencies from this and previous centuries.

The author argues there is primarily no difference between insurgency and terrorism. Terrorism, he says, is a very emotive term. And insurgents fighting for political goals often feel offended if called terrorists but the author urges independent researchers and academics not to allow such tendencies influence their research work and judgement.

Levie Galapon says

Amazing book on different kinds of insurgencies. This book is absolutely essentially to anyone in the field of counter-terrorism. Pin-points the many different kinds of insurgencies and how to deal with them. Bard O'neil correctly identifies mistakes that different governments have made in the past that actually made their insurgency problem harder. If your an instructor in this field, I would recommend this book as a text for your

course.
