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Terrorist activities have resulted in increased deaths and fear among citizens of the country. Although law enforcement agencies and the intelligence service are working to stop the occurrence of terrorist activities, it is becoming a challenge to avert them from occurring. First of all, terrorist activities are not the same, and these make the organizations diverse giving the law enforcement agency problems to generalize. According to Atran et al. (2017), when the word terrorist is mentioned, the majority of the individuals think of it as an organized group, however, terrorism can be undertaken by two different groups of perpetrators, the first is the lone individuals who do not have any connections with the criminal organizations and the second group is extremely organized groups that persevere over time. This group of organizations always have a distinct chain of command and constant leadership.

Since the Soviet Union failed in 1991, the United States became the world's superpower. This brought many controversies among different individuals such as the prediction of the end of history. The controversy came from the spread of democracy and peace among countries being brought by the United States taking the responsibilities of policing in the world. Bowling & Sheptycki (2017) states that many experts do not support the United States as the world police where only a portion of them supports it. Nevertheless, the majority of the United States presidents have championed the US to have an obligation to fight for freedom across the world. For example, President George Bush in 2005 stated that it is the responsibility of the US to pursue and sustain the development of democratic activities and institutions in each country and culture to finish oppression around the globe.

The United States has engaged with the Middle East considerably making its significance develop from the culmination of the cold war. However, the relationship between the United

States and the Middle East is weak and is all based on increasing trade relations and their cultural stalemates. Nevertheless, the 911 attack resulted in increased engagement of the US with the Middle East. According to Cammett et al. (2015), peace and stability in the Middle East is essential for the United States economy and national security. This is because the US interest can be divided into five different categories such as enhancing democratization, guaranteeing the free flow of crude oil, averting nuclear production, combating terrorism and preserving the security of Israel. Nevertheless, the US dealing with these challenges has attained more advantages more so in the prevention of unsettling enemies and fruitfully supporting their associates. Consequently, it has also led to internal challenges that yielded to anti-Americanism. Therefore, to safeguard its interest the US has to hold Iraq and Syria violence and deteriorate the Islamic state as well as galvanize their energies in encouraging peace between Israel and Palestinians.

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