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My Research Process Continued: Annotated Bibliography

A month ago I began to search for a topic to write my research paper on. After looking deeper into this year’s political issues, I decided to further my knowledge on Islamic terrorism in the United States. Although most of my research up to this point has been going well, I have faced a few challenges along the way. I had a hard time deciding on a topic as there are so many political issues being debated right now. With the election impending, many topics were up in the air. I decided to choose Islamic terrorism in the United States because there is a vast amount of information on it and the subject interests me. I also had a problem with finding the specific information I was seeking. I had no problem finding information about terrorism and the major terrorism attacks on the world. However, I did have a problem finding out more about Islamic terrorism specifically in the United States and about some of the smaller attacks. I have learned so much about terrorism that I never knew before. I knew about the big attacks, like 9/11, but I never knew the backgrounds of these kind of attacks and some of the lesser known attacks. I also now have a more vast understanding about the political candidates take on Islamic terrorism in the United States. I now know that Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump have very different opinions on this type of terrorism and what we should do to resolve these issues. I plan on furthering my research and continuing to learn more about my topic. I also plan on taking more detailed notes on my finding. I need to stay on top of the assignments and work on this research paper every night.

Davis Hanson, Victor. "The Islamic War." National Review 67.22 (2015): 18-21. Academic Search Complete. Web. 12 Sept. 2016.

In the article The Islamic War, Victor Davis Hanson presents ideas and information about the Islamic War that is specifically targeted against the United States. This article gives a summary of Islamic Terrorism and also includes a brief description about the events of 9/11. It discusses why we have not taken a stand against this terrorism and why we have let the Islamic terrorist groups, such as ISIS, interrogate us for so many years. It also describes some of the other terrorist attack such as the Boston Marathon bombing. This article gives a brief overview of the entire issue of Islamic terrorism in the United States. This article was written less than a year ago so almost all of the information is up to date and accurate. Victor Davis Hanson, the author, is an American military historian, columnist, former classics professor, and scholar of ancient warfare. He is very knowledgeable in this area and is a reliable author to get a source from. I plan to utilize much of the information presented in this article in my research paper. It informed me about many small attacks I never knew about and gave me a better understanding of Islamic terrorism in general. I plan to use the quote, “Westerners are as likely to join ISIS as reformed terrorists are to enlist in the fight against the jihadists in their midst. In other words, the Islamist threat is so far unquenchable because it has the West’s number.” This will help argue my point about the growing issues of terrorism. I will also integrate the quote “In the decade and a half after September 11, the Islamists have influenced Americans far more than we them.” This will help prove my point that America has not yet resolved the issue of terrorism and we need to be more actively trying to find a solution.

Von Drehle, David, et al. "Beating ISIS. (Cover Story)." Time 186.22/23 (2015): 48-57. Academic Search Complete. Web. 12 Sept. 2016.

Beating ISIS by David Von Drehle is about how America should go about defeating ISIS. It discusses the current issues surrounding ISIS and the lack of action we have taken against them. America is almost accepting terrorism instead of taking action. Some think that the United States doesn’t actually want to solve terrorism. They have helped people from these regions many times even though they repeatedly attack us. The United States has not learned their lesson and continues to make Islamic terrorism in the United States and unresolved issue. This article was written less than a year ago and was written for an informative magazine. David Von Drehle is a writer and journalist who has written many credible articles in the past. This article is very reliable and had the proper evidence to support its claims. This article will help me argue that Islamic terrorism is a very serious and current problem we face in the United States. It will assist me in proving that we need to find solutions to this issue. I can use quotes like “Sept. 2 In the span of a month, American journalist Steven Sotloff, British aid workers David Haines and Alan Henning and French tourist Hervé Gourdel are also beheaded” to provide evidence to prove my previously stated claims.

Morell, Michael. "The Gathering Threat." Time 185.19 (2015): 20-21. Academic Search Complete. Web. 11 Sept. 2016.

In the article, The Gathering Threat, Morell discusses terrorism in general and how the issue is spiraling out of control. It talks about a recent terrorist attack in Texan and our lack of action after it occurred. It also talks about the Islamic terrorist groups and leaders. This article was written this past year and contains up to date and accurate information. Morell is American intelligence analyst and is a very credible author of many reliable resources. I will use a lot of the information presented in this article and integrate it into my research paper. For example, I will use quotes from the article like “ISIS is attracting young men and women

to travel to Syria and Iraq to join its cause” to argue that Islamic terrorism in the United States is getting out of hand.

OnTheIssues.org. "Donald Trump on the Issues." Donald Trump on the Issues. N.p., n.d. Web. 12 Sept. 2016.

In the article Donald Trump on the Issues, it talks about Donald Trump’s views on the 2016 political controversies. Specifically, it discusses Donald Trump's views on the Islamic Terrorism that is affecting the United States. Trump wants to take extreme action on ISIS and other Islamic terrorist groups. He wants to hit these groups "hard and fast". He also wants to prevent future attacks by stopping "Iran's nuclear programs by and all means necessary"(Donald Trump). This article was written this year and provides accurate information. The information presented is quotes directly from Donald Trump or paraphrasing what he says. I plan to use a lot of facts from this article. I am going to discuss each candidates opinion on terrorism and this article supplies me with the evidence I need to support my claims.

OnTheIssues.org. "Hillary Clinton on the Issues." Hillary Clinton on the Issues. N.p., n.d. Web. 12 Sept. 2016.

In Hillary Clinton on the Issues, it discusses her views on the issues that are most controversial for the 2016 election. The article talks about Clintons views on Islamic terrorism in the United States. Clinton wants to take less extreme action but "continue anti- ISIS action"(Hillary Clinton). She also says she has "seen firsthand terrorists' terrible damage"(Hillary Clinton). She states the issues but is reluctant to come up with any solutions. This article is reliable because it was written in 2016. Everything it it is either direct quotes from Clinton or paraphrasing what she said and stands for. I plan to use this information abundantly in my paper. Part of my paper is going to be about which candidate I think will best solve the issue of Islamic terrorism and this information is essential for that. After this article I have enough knowledge to side with the candidate that has similar ideas and opinions as me.

"The Pros and Cons Of The NSA's Domestic Surveillance Program." Congressional Digest 94.10 (2015): 12-31. Academic Search Complete. Web. 11 Sept. 2016.

The Pros and Cons of the NSA’s Domestic Surveillance Program is about the advantages and disadvantages of the Domestic Surveillance Program, or the Patriot Act. The word “patriot” in Patriot Act stands for Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism Act of 2001. The Domestic Surveillance Program allows certified people to check your phone records and other personal information to make sure you are not participating in any terroristic behavior. This act’s main goal was to closely monitor people in the United States and prevent any more terrorist attacks. I know that this information is correct because this source is very credible. This article is up to date, as it was written not even a year ago. Not much has changed about the Domestic Surveillance Program in the past year, so this information is reliable and correct. This article consists of honorable senators’ opinions of the benefits and disadvantages to this act. Since the authors are the senators, this information is reliable and true. With all the other research I have done, I can conquer that this information is accurate and is supported with proper evidence. This article informs me on a possible solution to terrorism. My main goal of my research paper is to find out information and argue against Islamic Terrorism in the U.S and find solutions to the problem. I can use quotes like “This bill protects America’s national security, and it does so in a way that is respectful of the privacy interests and both the letter and the spirit of the Fourth Amendment.” (Mike Lee 16) to argue that the Patriot Act is a solution to terrorism. I plan to integrate many of the ideas presented in this article into my research paper.