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Understanding International Terrorism: al- Qaeda and ISIS Post Tour

Activity 1: Think, Pair, Share

Directions: Reflect on the prompt below and be prepared to share it with a small group.

1. Considering recent events and knowledge from your CELL Tour, summarize the ongoing threat of ISIS and al-Qaeda to national and global security.

Activity 2: Group Reflection Discussion

1. How do ISIS and al-Qaeda differ in their goals and tactics today?
2. What counterterrorism policies have been implemented to reduce their influence?
3. How have these groups adapted to territorial losses and leadership setbacks?
4. What current threats do these groups pose to U.S. security?
5. What roles do policies, technology, and community-based efforts play in countering these threats?

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Activity 3: Threat Response Table

Directions: In small groups complete the assigned table by evaluating strengths and weaknesses of an existing response to a current issue or threat, then develop additional solutions. Refer to the completed first row for an example.

Issue/Threat	Examples of Existing Responses	Evaluation of strength and weakness	Proposed Solutions
ISIS propaganda targeting youth and others online	Social media platform bans and reporting tools	Strength: <i>Accessible avenue to report threatening activity</i>	<i>Community-led digital literacy campaigns that empower youth to recognize disinformation.</i>
		Weakness: <i>First amendment of protections may not remove all threatening activity</i>	
Recruitment of U.S.-based individuals	Law enforcement investigations and de-radicalization programs	Strength:	
		Weakness:	
Potential large-scale attacks by al-Qaeda and ISIS	Increased airport security and monitoring of international travel	Strength:	
		Weakness:	
Radicalization through online platforms	Cybersecurity task forces and monitoring tools	Strength:	
		Weakness:	
Gaming platforms and chatrooms (Minecraft, Roblox, Fortnite, Black Ops)	Largely under-monitored by traditional counterterrorism frameworks	Strength:	
		Weakness:	





Activity 4: Reflection Writing

Directions: In 250-600 words reflect on the following questions using evidence based insights from your tour and experiences.

What role does misinformation and propaganda play in strengthening terrorists' narratives? How can individuals contribute to safeguarding communities related to this issue of extremism?

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