

## Regime Type and Terrorism Assignment

Using your chosen country and one other core country refer to the chart below to help you answer the following questions. When you are finished typing your answers, submit your completed assignment.

### **Country 1: Iran**

1. What is the "Regime Type" of your chosen countries?
  - a) Iran possesses an Authoritarian regime type.
2. What is the risk of terrorism in your chosen countries?
  - a) The Islamic Republic of Iran faces a low risk of terrorism thanks to its Authoritarian regime type and a controlled society. Terrorist action by non-state actors is not of great likelihood within the borders of the Islamic Republic.
3. What is the result in your chosen country of its regime type and risk of terrorism?
  - a) Allegations have been made, in all actuality, that the Islamic Republic of Iran may actually sponsor terrorism as a state due to its alleged funding and support of Palestinian groups, Iraqi groups, Hamas, and Hezbollah; this is, of course, all alleged by countries of less than ideal relations with Iran. Their authoritarian regime and low terrorism risk, however, mean that the country remains largely stable in and of itself; the populace is satisfied with security, and they may only turn towards economic troubles to find reasonable complaint. Having an authoritarian regime further means that Iran is justified in repressing domestic dissidence and violence for purposes of guarding against domestic terrorism.

### **Country 2: Russia**

1. What is the "Regime Type" of your chosen countries?
  - a) Russia possesses an Illiberal regime type; though Authoritarian in many ways, it still has functions of democracy, limited representation of the people, and other qualities denoting Illiberal regime type.
2. What is the risk of terrorism in your chosen countries?
  - a) The risk of terrorism is high under Illiberal regime types; bearing qualities of Authoritarianism, however, Russia has mitigated this risk somewhat.
3. What is the result in your chosen country of its regime type and risk of terrorism?
  - a) The Russian Federation has been forced to deal with domestic terrorism in the form of Chechnyan resistance to Russian rule, politically motivated terrorism, and religiously motivated terrorism. Though bearing many Authoritarian qualities, Russia has not been entirely successful in repressing domestic terrorism; the very nature of the Illiberal state that exists predicates opportunities and motivations for terrorism. By existing as an

Illiberal state, Russia promotes political and religious dissidents to act against the government through domestic terrorism, that being their only remaining option.

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<b>Regime Type</b>	<b>Risk of Terrorism</b>	<b>Result</b>
Authoritarian	Low	The state can repress domestic terrorism
Democratic	Moderate	Civil liberties are likely to undercut public support for terrorism
Illiberal/Transitional	High	Weak state capacity, instability, and limited democratic institutions may generate opportunities and motivations for terrorism.