

Terrorism and Human Rights in the New Millennium: In Search of Equilibrium

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The 9/11 terrorist attacks have fundamentally altered the global security landscape. In the wake of the September 11 attacks, the United States and other nations have implemented a range of counterterrorism measures, including increased surveillance, expanded detention powers, and enhanced military operations. These measures have raised significant concerns about the erosion of civil liberties and human rights. This essay explores the tension between national security and human rights in the new millennium, examining the challenges faced by democracies in balancing these competing interests. It discusses the impact of the 9/11 attacks on international law and the role of the United States in shaping global counterterrorism policies. The author argues that a sustainable approach to counterterrorism must be grounded in a commitment to human rights and the rule of law. This approach is essential for maintaining the legitimacy of counterterrorism efforts and ensuring the long-term stability and security of the international system.

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