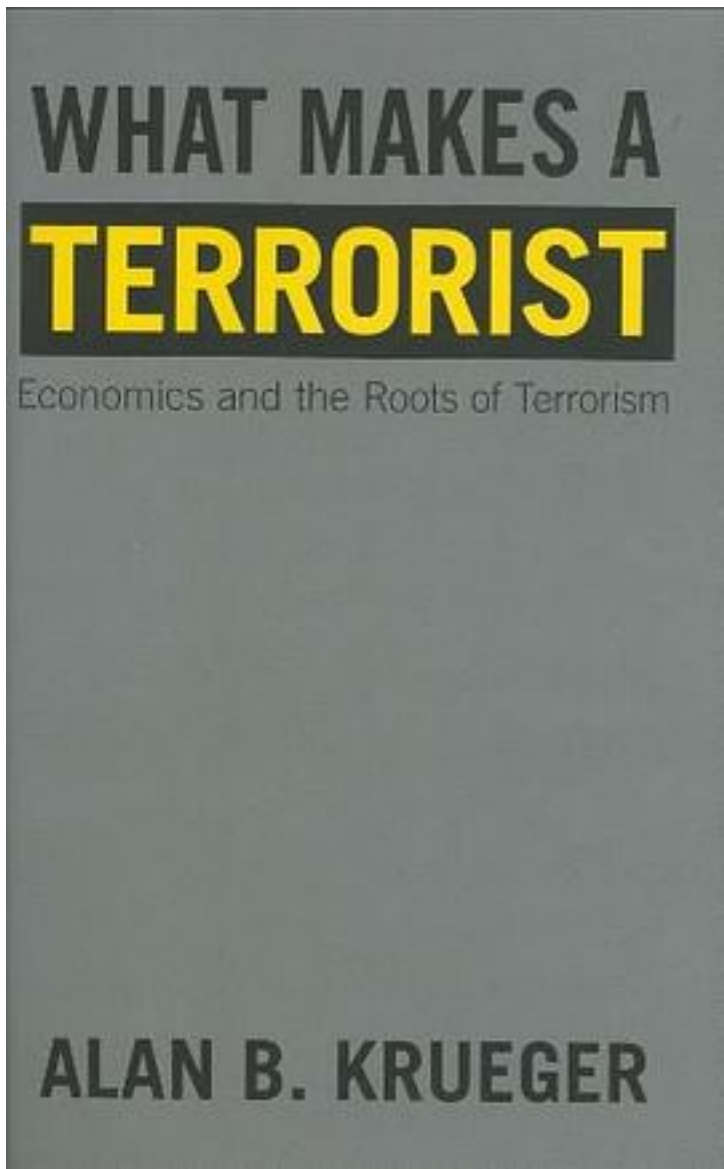


# What Makes a Terrorist



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Many popular ideas about terrorists and why they seek to harm us are fueled by falsehoods and misinformation. Leading politicians and scholars have argued that poverty and lack of education breed terrorism, despite the wealth of evidence showing that most terrorists come from middle-class, and often college-educated, backgrounds. In *What Makes a Terrorist*, Alan Krueger argues that if we are to correctly assess the root causes of terrorism and successfully address the threat, we must think more like economists do.

Krueger is an influential economist who has applied rigorous statistical analysis to a range of tough issues, from the minimum wage and education to the occurrence of hate crimes. In this book, he explains why our tactics in the fight against terrorism must be based on more than anecdote and speculation. Krueger closely examines the factors that motivate individuals to participate in terrorism, drawing inferences from terrorists' own backgrounds and the economic, social, and political conditions in the societies from which they come. He describes which countries are the most likely breeding grounds for terrorists, and which ones are most likely to be their targets. Krueger addresses the economic and psychological consequences of terrorism. He puts the terrorist threat squarely into perspective, revealing how our nation's sizeable economy is diverse and resilient enough to withstand the comparatively limited effects of most terrorist strikes. And he calls on the media to be more responsible in reporting on terrorism.

*What Makes a Terrorist* brings needed clarity to one of the greatest challenges of our time.

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江基础的计量和数据分析用在分析terroism问题，得出与之前质性研究问题不一致结论。个人经济水平和教育无法预测选择做terroist的概率。由于样本量的稀少及无法做因果推断, Krueger的三板斧全没了，脑洞部分有点捉急. And finally RIP.

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有点意外的是里面有一定的篇幅讲述了他如何发现CIA年报数据的错误，以及鲍威尔如何擦屁股

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而且研究的结论颠覆了传统的观点

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