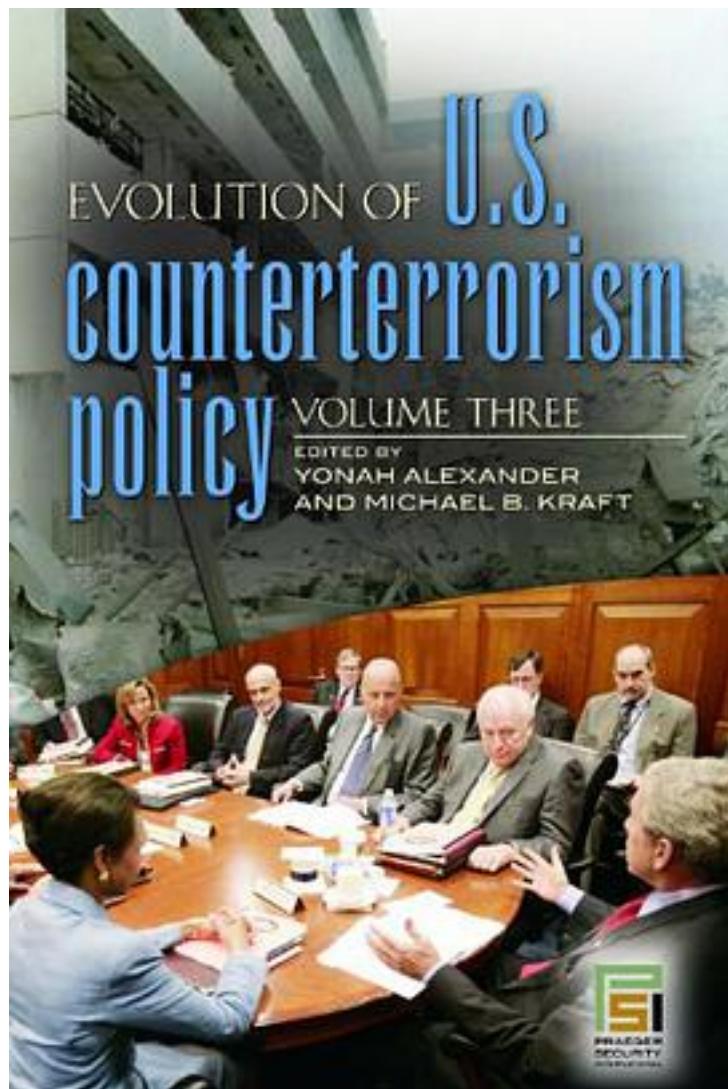


# Evolution of U.S. Counterterrorism Policy



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For over two centuries, America has faced occasional outbreaks of terrorism at home, perpetrated by both indigenous and foreign groups. But the bombing in Oklahoma City in 1995 and the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks seemed to signify a new age, frightening many Americans and destroying their sense of domestic security. In addition, U.S. citizens and interests have been increasingly affected by acts of terrorism abroad. The challenges of terrorism, therefore, have required the United States to develop comprehensive strategies and programs to counter both conventional and unconventional threats, nationally and globally. This book provides the first comprehensive collection of key documents, statements, and testimony on U.S. government counter-terrorism policies in the face of evolving terrorist threats. Selected executive and congressional materials are used to highlight the government's diverse responses to terrorism. The testimony, statements, and documents represent the public face to the largely behind-the-scenes tools - intelligence, law enforcement, preventative security measures, and international cooperation - used in the shadowy war against terrorism. Recent entries provide a handy compilation of important post-9/11 materials. For example, the volume includes intriguing background information on U.S. actions against Osama bin Laden, the Taliban, and Saddam Hussein. Also included are materials relating to disputes over the appropriate use of force. Introductory chapters by Alexander and Kraft provide the historical context and analysis of previous and current U.S. counter-terrorism policy.

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