

Five Terrorist Dystopias [Cinco distopías terroristas]

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This article seeks to answer the question 'What will be the main cause of terrorist conflict in the year 2040?'. It argues that terrorism would be primarily motivated in the long term by technophobia, which to take David Rapoport's analysis a stage further would prompt a fifth wave of modern terrorism. The article offers a scenario analysis, describing five possible scenarios triggered by the interaction between five trends: technological advances in biomedicine, the emergence of new ideologies, climate change, structural unemployment associated with automation, and the growth of cities. The major strength of technophobia as a potential mobiliser of a new wave of terrorism is its cross-cutting nature, which enables it to serve as a cause accepted by any sector of the societies of tomorrow. © 2019, © 2019 Taylor & Francis.

biological divide

climate change

Political violence

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terrorism