

US Counterterrorism: A Timeline

The Munich Olympics

1972

An extremist group of eight people broke into the quarters of the Israeli Olympic athletes and held them hostage.¹ After failed international rescue attempts, 11 Israelis, five terrorists and one German police officer ended up dead.²

The Cabinet Committee to Combat Terrorism

1972

Established by President Richard Nixon, this was the first U.S. committee of its kind. Comprised of some of the nation's highest ranking officials, the committee's aim was to learn of terrorist undertakings at home and abroad and develop plans to counter them.²

World Trade Center Bombing

1993

A group of six placed a bomb below the World Trade Center, and the resulting explosion killed six people and injured over 1,000.³

September 11 Attacks

2001

Hijacking multiple planes, a group of terrorists crashed into New York City's World Trade Center, as well as the Pentagon, killing 2,997 people.

The Patriot Act

2001

Passed in response to the September 11 attacks, the act effectively gave the government and law officials greater authority to gather intelligence on people suspected of terrorist activities.⁴

The Travel Ban

2017

The Trump administration issued a travel ban, effectively blocking people from seven countries from entering the U.S. for a set period of time. The details of the ban continue to evolve as it moves through the court system.⁵

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