No Easy Answers

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No trend explains why some people choose to be terrorists — still, there are things we can do to reduce the likelihood they will.

What better graduate of South Island Collegiate Institute in London to allegedly join a sphere of Quetta group that attacked an Afghan police compound than to actually join the wave of young men who have been sitting at home, surfing the Internet, but not in any real-minded fashion on the terrorist movement? But Canada’s intelligence-gathering and foreign minister John Baird have described them.

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Like those young men in London, they might come from poverty-ridden backgrounds, not necessarily wealthy or highly educated. Their parents might not have been in their early 20s, but they can be much older. Usually single, they can be married and have families.

We do not know if the terrorism that causes young people to join fundamentalist terrorist groups that call for beheading civilians is not demographic. But we do know from studying the writings of home-grown terrorists in the United States, like the London/Free Press, that terrorism will be difficult. The fact these young men came from London really means they could have come from any young men – and the choices available to our youth. We do not know why they came from London really means they could have come from any young men – and the choices available to our youth. We do not know the answers yet. There is no demographic trend that explains why some people choose terrorism. They may come from middle-class families, may be female, religious or secular, highly educated or with a high school education. They can come to terrorism in "shock waves," as in the case of children or from foreign minister John Baird have described them.

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