



Federal Bureau of Investigation

Title of Instruction:	Al-Qa'ida and the Salafi-Jihadi Movement
Time of Instruction:	1 hour
Target Group:	New Agent Trainees and Regional IT
Instructor:	CTC Staff
Methods of Instruction:	Lecture with Q & A throughout the course of instruction
Additional Information:	N/A
Date:	Habitual

Statement of Goals and Objectives

Instructional Goal:

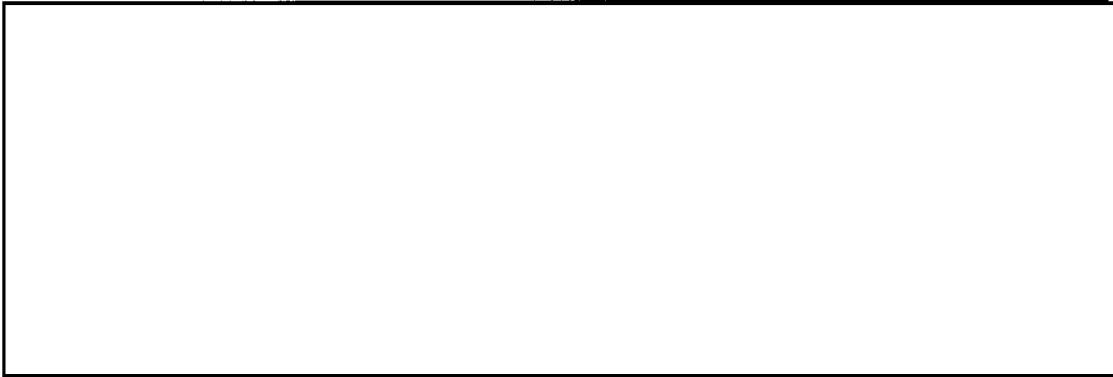
During this block, students will explore the origins and evolution of al-Qa'ida. With roots tracing back to the Afghan jihad, al-Qa'ida has morphed into a social movement that has grown increasingly cellular and diffuse. The lesson will include a discussion of al-Qai'da's grand strategy, along with its theaters of operation, affiliates, and adherents.

Instructional Objectives:

After 1 hours of instruction, the learner will be able to:

1. Describe the origins of al-Qa'ida and identify its different cadres
2. Describe al-Qa'ida's post-9/11 evolution
3. List the different levels of association with al-Qa'ida (affiliates and adherents)
4. Describe why al-Qa'ida attacks the United States
5. Describe al-Qa'ida's grand strategy

Criterion Test Questions



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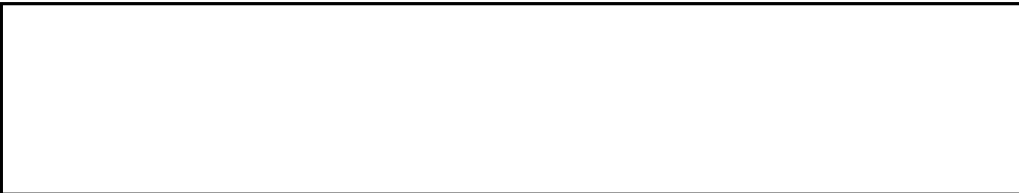
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List of Items and Materials

Equipment / Aids Required for Instructor:

- Overhead Proxima projector
- Computer
- Pointer
- PowerPoint

Equipment / Aids Required for Students:

- CTC West Point handbook with note-taking space provided
- Pencil/pen

Power Point Slides or Outline:

Outline:

1. Title Slide
2. Evolution of the Salafi-Jihad
3. Cracks in the Foundation: Local, Irredentist, or Global Jihad?
4. Al-Qa'ida's Grand Strategy: Path to Restoring the Caliphate
5. Al-Qa'ida Operationalizes
6. From 9/11 to 2003: Evolution
7. Affiliates: AQI Case Study
8. Homegrown of al-Qa'ida: July 7, 2005 Case Study
9. Al-Qa'ida's Resilient Structure
10. Key Take-Aways

Handouts:

- Provided by CTC West Point

Outline of Activities

Content	Instructor Notes
<i>Grabber: Please see attached presentation</i> Introduction: Instructors introduce themselves and their credentials. Thesis Statement: A decade after their attack on the American homeland, al-Qa`ida remains a foremost threat to U.S. national security. The organization that attacked on September 11th has evolved into a global movement propelled by a deadly ideology that motivates jihadi cells, organizations, and individuals across the globe. Needs Statement: We need to understand how the al-Qa`ida organization has evolved in past years to better anticipate their actions and to maintain a successful effort against them.</p> <p><b>Objective #1: Describe the origins of al-Qa`ida and identify its different cadres. Before examining how al-Qa`ida evolved post-9/11, discuss the origins of this organization and its different cadres.</p> <p><b>Objective #2: Describe how al-Qa`ida has evolved post 9/11. Discuss how following the attacks of September 11th and the swift American response in Afghanistan, al-Qa`ida evolved from a terrorist organization into a global terrorist movement and a pervasive and nefarious ideology that motivates other jihadi militants worldwide. .</p> <p><b>Objective #3: List the different levels of association with al-Qa`ida. Clarify how it is important to keep in mind that there are different levels of association with al-Qa`ida: core al-Qa`ida members recruited and trained by the mother organizations; independent jihadi organizations affiliated with al-Qa`ida but not directly subordinate to its leadership; and independent cells and individuals inspired by al-Qa`ida and its ideology but that operate autonomously without direct contact with	b7E

the organization.

Objective #4: Describe why al-Qa`ida attacks the United States.

Discuss the various motives behind al-Qa`ida's decision to attack the American homeland, including its desire to derail the U.S. economy, kill large numbers of Americans, and severe American alliances with moderate Muslim regimes. Al-Qa`ida's overarching strategy is attrition.

Objective # 5: Restate al-Qa`ida's grand strategy.

Discuss and elaborate on the eight phases of al-Qa`ida's global grand strategy to defeat the United States, overthrow moderate Muslim regimes, and re-establish the historic Caliphate.

Summary/Conclusion:

Al-Qa`ida is simultaneously an organization, ideology, and network. As a result, it is a robust entity and movement that continues to pose a significant threat to U.S. national interests at home and abroad.

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