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From the Assistant Director



I continue to be amazed by your dedication and as stated by President Obama during his visit to FBIHQ in April, you unselfishly continue to devote yourselves to protecting the homeland. Spring is near its end and summer is upon us. I am sure that you and your families are anticipating and planning summer vacations. Take this time to renew and rejuvenate your devotion to family and friends!

Michael J. Heimbach

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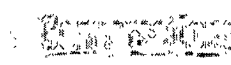
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President Obama's Visit to FBI Headquarters



On April 28, 2009, President Obama visited FBIHQ to thank employees for dedicating their lives to the intelligence and law enforcement mission. President Obama proclaimed "It is great to be here," between standing ovations. The President lauded the FBI for its unique ability to adapt to an ever changing variety of threats both here and abroad. President Obama stressed to the audience that the United States population continues to rely on the Bureau's commitment in the global war on terrorism. He called al-Qaeda a "determined enemy" which is dedicated to murdering as many innocent people as possible.

The President proclaimed "Through it all, you stay one step ahead of all those who choose to step outside the law. Each of you has decided to serve your country at a critical time. With the attacks of 9/11 your mission became focused more than ever before on prevention, so that we have the capacity to uncover terrorist plots before they take hold."

Director Mueller mirrored the thoughts of President Obama by stating that FBI employees "share a dedication to defending freedom that is unparalleled. It is the history of the FBI. And it is also the future of the FBI." Director Mueller said that while threats will continue to evolve, so will the FBI. 

Academic Corner

Inside Terrorism

by Bruce Hoffman

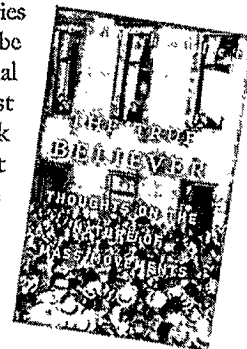


This book analyzes the new adversaries, motivations, and tactics of global terrorism that have emerged in recent years, focusing specifically on how al-Qaeda has changed since 9/11; the reasons behind resiliency, resonance and longevity; and its successful use of the Internet and videotapes to build public support and gain new recruits.



The True Believer

Thoughts on the Nature of Mass Movements
by Eric Hoffer

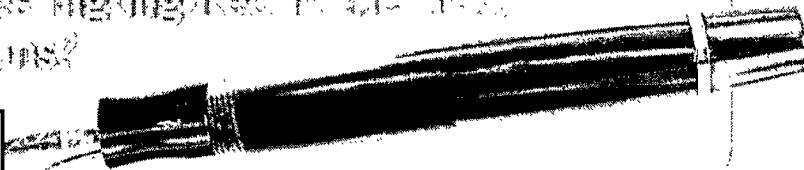


This book deals with peculiarities common to all mass movements, be they religious movements, social revolutions or nationalist movements. This book does not maintain that all movements are identical, but that they share certain essential characteristics which give them a family likeness.

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Terms of the Month

Agri-Terrorism - Attacks on agriculture, defined as the cultivation of land and raising crops and livestock. Future activities of political extremists could possibly include attacks on agriculture through poisoning, contaminating, and otherwise destroying plants and animals, in order to

negatively impact the economy. There have been past instances where groups have forced recalls of certain food products by claiming to have poisoned them.

Musharaka - An Islamic finance term which means joint venture or partnership.

Happy Anniversary!

10 Year Anniversaries



20 Year Anniversaries

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