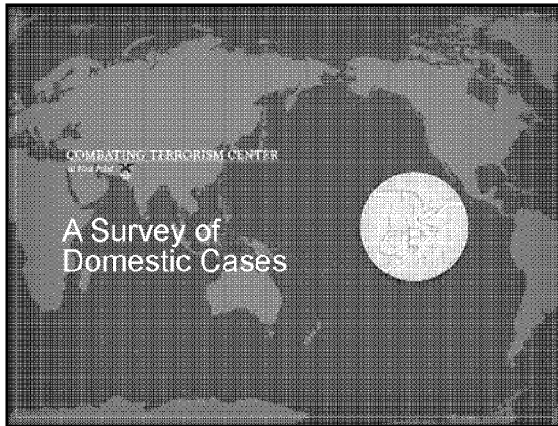
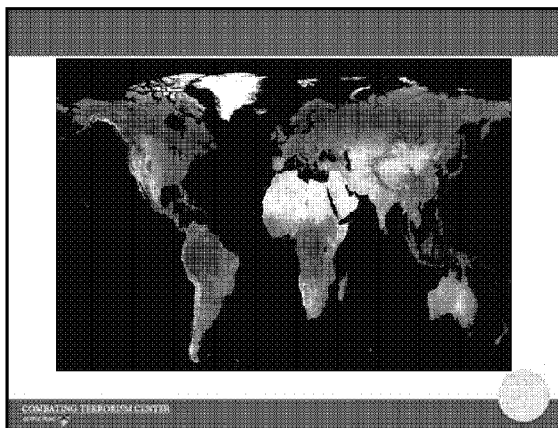
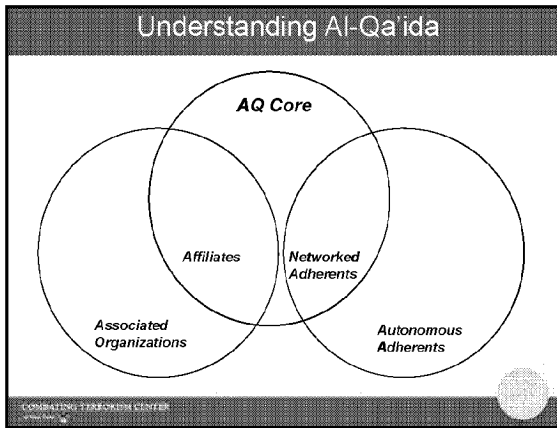
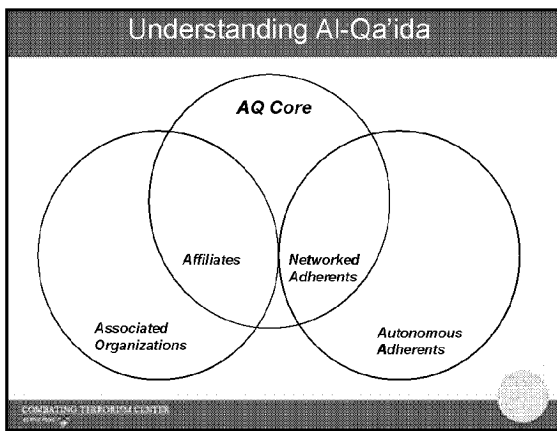












Affiliates: Al-Shabaab ("The Youth")

- 25+ Somali-Americans recruited to fight in Somalia (2006-2008)
- IED, VBIEDs, Suicide Bombers, Ambushes
- First known American suicide-bomber (Shirwa Ahmed)
- Abdifatah Yusuf Isse – recruiter from Seattle
- 2009: Al-Shabaab offers baya'a to al-Qa'ida



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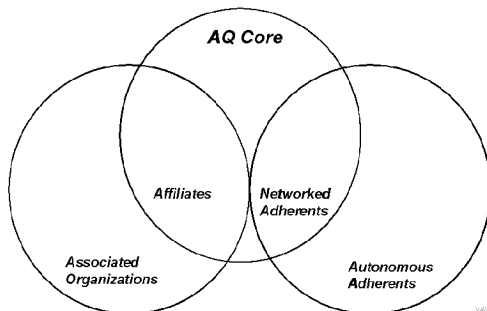
Affiliates: Al-Qa'ida in the Arabian Peninsula

- Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab
- 1st instance of an al-Qa'ida affiliate attacking the homeland
- Explosives
- U.S. Airline Industry → "Economic Jihad"
- Inspired by Anwar al-Awlaki



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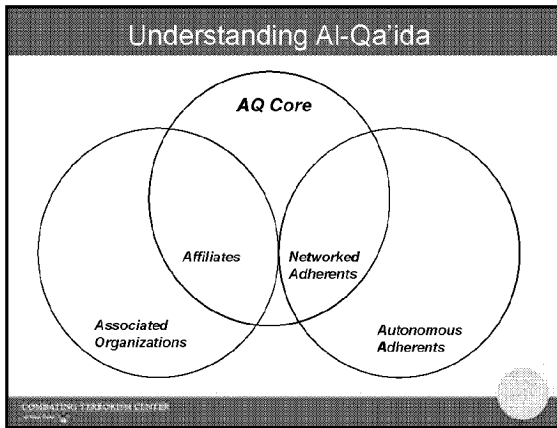
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Networked Adherents

- Daniel Patrick Boyd
 - US military base (Quantico) and US military abroad
 - Firearms
 - Trained in Afghanistan 1989 - 1992
- Bryant Neal Vinas
 - US military abroad (rockets) and NY Transit System (provided maps)
 - Trained with AQ in Pakistan (March - August 2008)



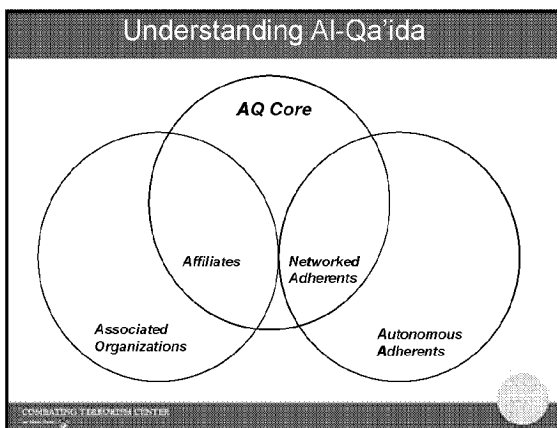
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Autonomous Adherents: Major Nadil Hassan

- Attack at Fort Hood
- Use of Firearms
- Inspired by Anwar al-Awlaki

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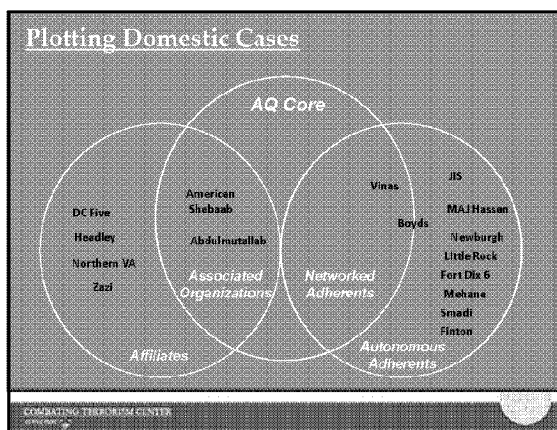


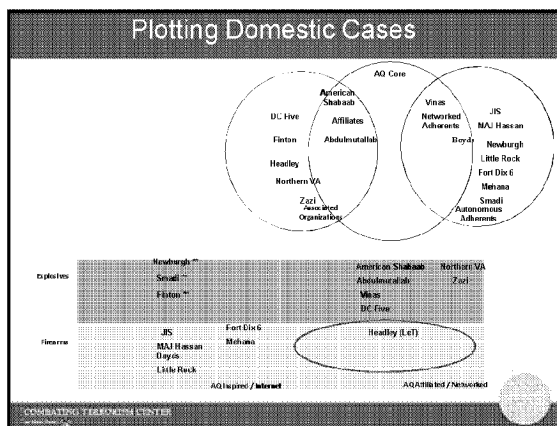
Associated Organizations: Lashkar-e-Taiba

- Daoud Sayed Gilani (a.k.a. David Coleman Headley)
 - American citizen
 - Arrested in Chicago
 - Pleaded guilty to all charges on March 18, 2010
- Conducted reconnaissance for LeT attack in Mumbai
 - Mumbai attack fundamentally lower the threshold for terrorism
 - "Elegant in its simplicity; commanding in its impact"
- Also conducted reconnaissance in Copenhagen to attack Danish cartoonist
- We are beyond al-Qa'ida



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Key Take-Aways

- We are at a critical inflection point within the trajectory of domestic Islamist terrorism
- There is no American-jihadi profile
- The closer an attacker gets to al-Qa'ida or its affiliates; the higher the probability that attacks will include explosives and target economic (mass transit, air, and rail) targets
- When an attacker is not connect directly into al-Qa'ida or its affiliates, the higher the probability that attacks will include firearms and target military bases or Jewish/Israeli targets
- We are beyond al-Qa'ida core

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