

Terrorism Analyst Assesses Current Threats

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Terrorism and national security analyst Robin Simcox visited Central Florida this past week where he discussed current terrorist threats to the United States in a series of meetings and presentations.



Simcox addressed a group of UCF students on the threat of terrorism 15 years after the 9/11 attacks.

Over several presentations to community members and UCF students, Simcox covered topics such as the current difficulty of defining terrorism, threats from terror groups such as al-Qaeda and the Islamic State, and the growing issue of lone wolf terrorism. He underscored that 15 years after the attacks on 9/11, he feels that the United States is safer, but there are still new threats.

Simcox is the Margaret Thatcher Fellow at the Heritage Foundation's Margaret Thatcher Center for Freedom where he specializes in terrorism and national security. He previously served as a research fellow for London based foreign policy think tank, the Henry Jackson Society. Simcox regularly appears on CNN, Fox News, BBC, and Sky News. During his time in London, Simcox published a 728-page monograph on every known court conviction in America linked to al-Qaeda entitled "Al-Qaeda in the United States."

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