L911 Contemporary Perspectives Spring 2006 Dr. Pfaltzgraff

## L911 Seminar Project: The Implications for your Professions of Global Terrorism Using The London Bombings as a Case Study

This seminar project has as its objective to encourage you to make connections between your understanding of the spread of global terrorism as a significant global trend and the professions. We will focus specifically on the July 2005 London bombings as a case study of this trend. Based on your knowledge of this topic, you will identify and evaluate an important problem in your respective professional areas and address its implications for your professional lives and careers, proposing possible solutions to these issues.

Students will be assigned to interdisciplinary groups representing the different schools to the greatest extent possible. These groups are likely to be similar to students' future "real working worlds" that require people of different backgrounds to seek to solve problems together. Thus, they serve to promote recognition of the interconnectedness of their professional lives. The specific role of the group members is to offer one another feedback and ideas from their own professional perspectives on each individual's paper.

## Part I:

In Part I of your paper, you are to do the following:

a) prepare a 6-8 page discussion and analysis of the social, economic, and political impact the London bombings have had on British society. Specifically, address how the spread of terrorism as a global trend as shown in the July 2005 London bombings has affected Great Britain. B) Conclude with a discussion of possible "lessons learned" and challenges posed for the future resulting from this case study—for the country as well as for your professional area.

## In-class Peer Reviews of Part I on Wednesday, March 29, or Thursday, March 30.

## Part II:

Students will continue to work together in their assigned groups to provide feedback on individual's presentations. Based upon your conclusions in Part I regarding "lessons learned" and future challenges for professions, you are to assume one of the following roles:

- a) an individual entrepreneur in your professional area;
- b) a chief executive of a company/corporation in your professional area;
- c) a representative of a major professional association/interest group in your professional area.

You are requested to do the following:

- a. Describe and assess the scope and implications of the problem/issue you have identified from the perspective of the role you have adopted;
- b. Discuss any relevant responses made to the London bombings by your professional field. What was its contribution to finding solutions to the problem you have identified? Are there precedents resulting from other terrorist incidents that should be cited?

c. What steps remain to be addressed to solve the problem? How should this be attempted? By whom? Consider, for example, what role the government should play in addressing the problem. What are the financial costs associated with your suggestions? Who should bear these costs?

Part II also should be about 6-8 pages in length. The whole paper (Parts I and II) is due on Wed. or Thurs., April 12 or 13. Two copies are to be submitted either in my mailbox or in Ravenhill Rm. #207. Papers submitted after this date will be considered late and downgraded one grade for each day late. There will be absolutely no re-writes or revisions permitted after this date.