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**1. What do you think are the major differences between terrorist incidents vs. natural disasters to the psyche of the population - both the population directly affected as well as the population indirectly affected?**

The major difference between terrorist incidents and natural disasters to the psyche is that a terrorist is intentionally choosing to do harm whereas natural disasters are unintentional acts. They are essentially expected at some point in time whether we like the circumstances or not. As unexpected as both scenarios are to the psyche, one seems to be more accepted than the other because terrorism is planned, and natural disasters are unplanned. The population is directly affected by the casualties of the incident and indirectly affected by impacts to mental health such as having to hear about the incidents and disasters via news/media.

**2. Is there a difference between a "terrorist" and a "mass shooter"?**

- a. If yes, what do you think the differences are? How does a terrorist differ from an ordinary criminal?

Yes, there is a difference between a terrorist and a mass shooter. I think the difference is in intentions. A terrorist normally attacks according to individual or collective views whereas a mass shooter may be after a certain destination or place, and it doesn't matter who the individual targets are. A terrorist differs from a criminal in that a terrorist has a purpose to kill or inflict violence whereas a criminal may not kill but may do harm. Terrorists are normally after causality or the sacrifice of groups of people.

**3. Have long-standing assumptions about terrorism been challenged by terrorist events (e.g., the World Trade Center attack in 2001, the Boston Marathon Bombing in 2013, the Buffalo Shooting in 2022, the January 6 United States Capitol attack in 2021, etc.)? The long-standing assumptions are:**

- a. **Violence appeals to supporters.**  
b. **Focuses attention on the terrorists and their causes.**  
c. **Attains tangible political aims or actions (e.g., the release of colleagues, change of government).**

No, I don't think the assumptions have been challenged. The acts of terrorism have just evolved over time, but I think the assumptions are still the same.