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The intentional violence that is usually against civilians in the pursuit of political goals is known as terrorism (Sandler, (2014). Terrorism is one of the major social problems that affect almost every person and every country. It has become an integral part of the state and is used to challenge the state’s authority or to impose obedience. Terrorism not only causes immense fear among people but can also cause property destruction. Due to terrorism, thousands of people lose their lives every day. Specifically, discussing the US, the term terrorism was under spotlight after the 9/11 attacks due to which several people lost their lives. Terrorism can occur due to several reasons yet I believe that one of the major causes of terrorism is social inequality. People are usually discriminated based on their cultural backgrounds, religion and race, etc. Due to this discrimination, people are becoming more intolerant day by day thus increasing the risk of terrorism. However, there is another type of terrorism that is not highlighted enough which is political terrorism. It implies to the politically motivated assassinations, kidnapping and violence, etc. According to the functionalist perspective, terrorism is directly linked with social institution’s disorganization (Kendall 2019). It is a responsibility of the government to bring political stability in the country by making several laws and doing reforms. Despite bringing reforms, the government is more involved in military issues and engages in several terrorist activities that can have serious consequences. The government’s involvement in terrorist activities negatively impacts the country’s economy. As all the social problems are directly or indirectly interlinked with each other, the deteriorating economy will, in turn, create several other social problems such as unemployment and, poverty etc. In my opinion, it is nearly impossible to finish all the terrorism at once, yet it can be reduced gradually by removing social inequalities and creating a stable socio-economic environment. This can only be done if the government starts focusing more on reforming policies and making the economic condition of the country better.

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