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The definition of global terrorism spins around the events that encompass extreme vehemence or the ferocious acts that cause a damage to human life, and in violation with criminal laws of any state. Fall of Soviet Union followed by Iraq-Kuwait war and 9/11 incident in early 90s and 2000s respectively fanned the flames of global terrorism.
 Ever since this monster has been unleashed, responsible states and institutions have adopted number of approaches to curb global terrorism. This essay seeks to analyze the importance of resiliency approach in comparison with reactionary approach. Resiliency approach is essentially strength-based approach which tends to research the underlying causes that lead to terrorism. Social, individual and contextual variables that hinder or tend to hinder the peace trajectory, represent the focal point of resiliency (Spindlove & Simonsen, 2013). This approach includes control, contribution, character, contribution and coping with the menace of global terrorism. The weaponization of ordinary life coupled with far-right extremism and Islamist sub-cultures are the real threat in the context of global terrorism. Spontaneous retaliation has always been experienced from terrorist outfits whenever the states or institutions resorted to reactionary approach. Reactionary approach follows the tit-for-tat rule with extreme vehemence, and encourages inter-communal violence(Spindlove & Simonsen, 2013). Far-right attack on Muslim crowds in London and New Zealand would support the aforementioned argument.

Resiliency approach as opposed to reactionary approach is quite beneficial as it helps to recoil and survive adaptively following the setbacks and damages done by terrorism. Resiliency approach would foster peace, engage all the stakeholders to support each other and join hands against terrorism (Hobfoll et al., 2009). The most important factor in resiliency is that it promotes adaptability to change and develops tolerance. Resiliency approach helps to maintain positive disposition and develops cognitive rationale which help to control and cope with global terrorism. Resilience is not natural but it can be transformed into a natural tendency with the help of positive attitude towards future and aspiring growth mentality.

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