

Suicide Bombers

In an item on CNN just now, about another suicide attack on US marines, the reporter on the ground likened the situation to that in Israel, where suicide bombers maim and murder people on a sometimes daily basis.

The question is: will this change people's attitudes to Israel, and in particular, to the way the Israelis handle their security?

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Note that these suicide bombers are merely attacking the soldiers of a liberating army, while the ones in Israel murder children.

Note that these suicide bombers merely intend to restore a tyrant to power, while the ones in Israel intend to exterminate a nation.

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Israel

I hope Tony Blair was watching that show.

Bill Henderson

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It will change opinions toward...

It will change opinions toward Israel slightly less than those other suicide bombings in America a year-and-a-half ago did.

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The previous comment seems to suggest that if 9-11 didn't change people's opinions about Israel, what's happening in Iraq at checkpoints won't either, but I'm not so sure. 9-11 was less likely to bring the plight of the Israeli population to mind, for the very reason that that attack was on such a different scale. I was glued to

the TV for weeks in September 2001 and I never saw anybody making the link between Palestinian suicide attackers and 9-11. These incidents in Iraq do more easily bring the Israeli plight to mind despite the differences other comments have pointed out.

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If they learn anything it'll be a first

This does not bode well: [HonestReporting analysis](#).

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I saw the link made.

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I remember in March and April of 2002, during the height of the suicide attacks in Israel, the link was made a couple times on TV. I believe it was noted that the amount of Israelis murdered, as a percentage of their overall population, is much higher than the number of Americans murdered on 9/11.

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Pessimistic

Most harsh critics of Israeli policy just don't like Israel. They have real contempt for Israel. As this is not a problem of a lack of knowledge about the situation in the Middle East, or even a problem of a skewed but consistent moral view, such parallels between suicide bombers aren't likely to change attitudes. It doesn't change the fact that one agent is Israel, the other is America.

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