



ESSENTIALS

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1. What is the underlying idea of this cartoon? [Write your response like a claim statement]
2. What questions do you have about September 11, 2001? Investigate and find the answers. Share your findings with those around you.

Reading with Purpose:

Since the 9/11 terrorist attacks, the need for increased counterterrorism (CT) and homeland security (HS) efforts at the federal, state, and local levels has taken the spotlight in public safety efforts. A report by the U.S. Department of State on assessing and managing the terrorist threat explained that

The continued threat of terrorism has thrust domestic preparedness obligations to the very top of the law enforcement agenda. . . . [T]his capacity must be considered as much a staple of law enforcement operations as crime analysis, criminal intelligence, and crime prevention.” (U.S. Department of State, 2005)

In the immediate aftermath of 9/11, many law enforcement agencies (LEAs) who considered the terrorist threat to be high for their jurisdiction (especially LEAs in metropolitan areas or in jurisdictions with critical infrastructure) internally shifted resources or increased departmental spending to improve security for their department, to develop CT capabilities, and to improve their overall level of preparedness for incidents involving chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, or explosive (CBRNE) incidents.

Source: Lois M. Davis, et.al., “Long-Term Effects of Law Enforcement’s Post-9/11 Focus on Counterterrorism and Homeland Security,” RAND Corporation, 2010

1. What is the main idea of this passage?
2. What might be an unintended consequence of our desire to feel safer after 9/11? Is the trade-off worth it?

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Investigate these movements by identifying the event that inspired their formation; describe their membership; investigate their fundraising capabilities; and finally – assess their success and viability as a group to change electoral results and public policies...

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QUANTITATIVE ANALYSIS

% who say ability of terrorists to launch major attack on the U.S. greater than it was at time of September 11 attacks

	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016
DEMOCRATS	22	40	30	10	22	20	27	31
INDEPENDENTS	27	27	21	20	30	20	30	34
REPUBLICANS	18	17	20	17	40	30	40	58

Pew Research

Use the information graphic to answer the questions.

- Identify the data point where specific Americans felt the safest from major attack since 9/11.
- Describe a similarity or difference between Democrats and Republicans feelings about another terrorist attack, and draw a conclusion that explains the similarity or difference.
- Using the data, explain how partisan politics effects American foreign policy.