# Domestic/Foreign Terrorist Organization (DTO/FTO): Outline

**Please reference the Project Instructions and grading rubric before completing this outline. Be sure to answer each question with one or more complete sentences**. **Each question is applicable to this assignment and the use of “n/a” or “none” is not an acceptable answer. *Do not change the outline.***

**Explain or describe your answers as if you were giving a briefing to your class about this terrorist organization or Lone Wolf.**

## Task

To prepare for your class presentation project, construct a descriptive briefing on a terrorist organization or Lone Wolf by researching the specific questions listed in this outline.

## Background – Overview (5 points)

1. Identify the terrorist organization name(s) and symbols (if applicable). For Lone Wolves, identify the Lone Wolf and the organization and/or ideology which inspired the Lone Wolf:
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2. Describe the category of terrorist organization or Lone Wolf (e.g., domestic, foreign, political, social, left wing, right wing, anti-government, race based, special interest, etc.)? Be specific and explain your answer.
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3. Explain the ideology of this terrorist organization, or Lone Wolf. What is the belief system? What inspires the organization or Lone Wolf? Be specific and explain your answer.
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4. Identify the area of operations (i.e., cities, states, or nations) for the terrorist organization or Lone Wolf?
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5. Describe and explain any affiliation with other terrorist organizations.
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## Background – History and Membership (10 points)

1. Explain the history of the terrorist organization, or the selected Lone Wolf.
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2. Identify the leaders/founders of this terrorist organization, and their personal background, education, and experience? For Lone Wolves, also describe their personal background, education, and experience.
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3. Provide a brief timeline of the significant terrorist events/activities of the organization or Lone Wolf (started/ended, any current activity).
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4. Describe, diagram, or explain the organizational hierarchy or structure of the organization. For Lone Wolves, describe the environment in which the Lone Wolf lived and/or worked.
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5. Explain the terrorist organization’s recruitment strategies and tactics (e.g., who do they recruit, how do they recruit, and the role of social media/technology). For the Lone Wolf you should describe the self-radicalization process.
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## General Tactics (5 points)

1. Explain who or what this organization or Lone Wolf usually selects as a typical target(s), and the ideological significance of the target(s)?
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2. Identify and describe the type of weapons or special skills which have been used, or attempted, during a terrorist attack.
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3. Explain and describe the typical method of attack, or *modus operandi*, of the terrorist organization or Lone Wolf.
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4. Identify and describe how the terrorist organization or Lone Wolf funds the terrorist activities.
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5. Explain how the organization or Lone Wolf uses news media and/or propaganda to spread ideological messages.
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## Specific Terrorist Event – Overview (5 points)

1. Identify a terrorist event associated with the organization or Lone Wolf.
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2. What was the strategy for the attack (purpose or goal)?
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3. Describe the tactics used for the attack? How was the attack carried out?
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4. Describe and list the casualties (killed/injured) and/or property damage from the event.
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5. How did the attack promote the ideology of the organization or Lone Wolf?
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## Specific Terrorist Event – Outcome (5 points)

1. How did the news media cover the event (local, regional, national, and/or international news)?
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2. Explain how the terrorist organization, or Lone Wolf, used this event to spread their message, and describe if and how they claimed responsibility.
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3. List and explain which jurisdictions were responsible for the emergency response, recovery, investigation, and prosecution. What was the outcome of the investigation and prosecution?
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4. Explain the lessons learned from the terrorist event (e.g., new laws, procedures, target hardening requirements, etc.).
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5. What single action by the government, or the public, could have been taken to stop or mitigate the attack?
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## References[[1]](#footnote-1) – (5 points)

(Remember to use a minimum of four scholarly research sources and list them in APA format.)

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