Red Team Intelligence Project: Instructions

Selection due Sunday of Week 3 at 11:59PM CST
Outline due Sunday of Week 10 at 11:59PM CST
Presentation due Sunday of Week 15 at 11:59PM CST
Vote due Sunday of Week 16 at 11:59PM CST

DISCLAIMER WARNING: This is an academic assignment to research and prepare a project report on Domestic Terrorist Organizations (DTO) and Foreign Terrorist Organizations (FTO) using intelligence tradecraft known as “Red Team.” This Red Team project is being carried out as a course requirement at Des Moines Area Community College (DMACC).

You are not to do anything which could be considered illegal, malicious, unethical, or harmful. Do not use any surreptitious or unscrupulous means to gather research and intelligence for your report. This is an open source intelligence (OSINT) and research gathering project. Please do not photograph, record, or make unofficial entry into any location considered to be critical infrastructure, or otherwise sensitive in nature. If you want photos, recordings, or other information involving critical infrastructure, search for the information in the public domain. Do not take any action which could be considered suspicious or illegal, or which could subject you to criminal investigation and prosecution. Use common sense.

Objectives:

To protect the United States from future terrorist attacks, we must recognize our vulnerabilities, anticipate threats, and take preventative action. This project is designed using the CRJ303 Course Competencies to ensure students can successfully complete the following tasks:

8. Using various forms of intelligence, apply sound reasoning, formulate predictions and forecasts terrorist activities.

10. Identify, describe, and analyze threats to national and international safety and security.
   10.1. Understand the critical threats to the United States both domestically and internationally.
   10.2. Understand and describe the most likely actors that threaten the United States and those nations with whom it shares an interest.
Selection: (5 points)

To better understand our vulnerability to terrorism, we need to be able to think like a terrorist. This project is based on intelligence community tradecraft known as “Red Team” analysis, which puts the intelligence analyst “in the shoes” of the terrorist or the terrorist organization.

Your assignment is to—hypothetically—think like a terrorist and apply the SARA method (Select-Analyze-Research-Attack) to conduct a Red Team intelligence analysis of a documented terrorist attack. The Red Team Intelligence Project includes the following requirements:

1. You will build on your subject matter expertise from CRJ301 and identify a documented terrorist attack carried out by the DTO or FTO you chose for your project assignment in CRJ301.
2. If you need to choose a new organization for this project, you may choose from the DTO or FTO organizations provided in the Red Team Intelligence Project folder.
3. The terrorist attack you choose for your Red Team Intelligence Project may be an attack, an attempted attack, a planned attack, a thwarted attack, or an inspired attack.
   o For our purposes, an inspired attack is a Lone Wolf terrorist who self-radicalized using the established ideology of the terrorist organization you have selected.
4. Try to choose a documented terrorist attack for which there is adequate information for you to prepare your project. Some terrorist attacks will not have sufficient facts available to apply to the SARA model. In these circumstances, you will need to think like a terrorist and identify the intelligence the terrorist may have used as part of the SARA model planning. In short, you will reconstruct the terrorist attack using OSINT, and apply it to the SARA model outline provided.
5. The term “terrorism” means the following for this project: the deliberate creation of fear through violence, or threat of violence, in pursuit of social, religious, or political change, and linked to a well-defined ideology. Keep this definition in mind as you select your terrorist attack.
6. This project is not about cyberterrorism. Do not carry out this Red Team Intelligence Project based on a cyberterrorism attack by your chosen DTO or FTO, or by an inspired Lone Wolf.

Your Selection will be due by Sunday of Week 3. Create a thread in the “Red Team Intelligence Project: Selection” discussion board; the name of the organization you
have chosen should be in the subject line. The narrative of your post should include a brief description of the terrorist attack you plan to use for this project. Multiple students may choose the same organization but try to select a different terrorist attack if feasible. I realize some terrorist organizations may have only one documented attack, or perhaps the attack was planned, but not carried out. This is also fine as long as you can develop sufficient OSINT to be able to profile the incident using the SARA model.

**Outline:** (35 points)

You will use the outline provided in the Red Team Intelligence Project folder to guide you. **Do not change the outline.** The outline is based on the SARA terrorism model (Select, Analyze, Research, Attack), which is described in Chapter 3, page 56, of your textbook.

The outline is not a research paper and should not be written in a research narrative format. You should, however, **follow the outline** and provide answers to every question using complete sentences. Do not respond to any outline question with “N/A” or not applicable. All the questions in the outline are applicable. Correct grammar, spelling, and punctuation are required for all parts of your outline.

Your outline will include a minimum of four (4) scholarly research sources. These research sources should be properly cited using APA format, and with the full citations listed in the References section of the outline. Outlines submitted without the required research citations will not be graded. In addition, websites with questionable reliability (e.g., Wikipedia, howthingswork.com, e-how.com, history.com, etc.) are not scholarly in nature and may not be used as cited references. **Your Outline will be due by Sunday of Week 10.** The outline must be submitted as a Word document attachment in the “Red Team Intelligence Project: Outline” assignment.

**Presentation:** (50 points)

You will create a presentation of your Red Team Intelligence Project analysis for your peers to review. It should be informative and based on intelligence you have gathered and analyzed.

**PowerPoint is the required format for the presentation (optionally with video) and it should NOT be saved on any public websites. Use the provided PowerPoint template with the same opening and closing disclaimer slides.** Do not change the design of the opening and closing disclaimer slides. Feel free to adjust
the design of the slides between the disclaimer slides that contain your presentation content. If you also choose to create and use your own video, you will need to read the provided disclaimer statement from the PowerPoint template at the beginning and end of the video. Any video you make for the presentation will need to be uploaded through Blackboard to Kaltura, DMACC’s private video server (it should not be saved on any public websites).

The PowerPoint should not exceed 15 slides, not including the two disclaimer slides. (Death by PowerPoint is discouraged!) Include interesting graphics, images, and/or videos to support and enhance your presentation. All the topical areas from your outline must be included in summary form within your presentation. Your presentation must likewise include at least four (4) scholarly research sources in APA format in a References section at the end of the presentation. Presentations will be graded on content, mechanics (e.g., spelling, typos, grammar, APA format), and graphic design. Please see the grading rubric for details.

The presentation PowerPoint must be submitted in the “Red Team Intelligence Project: Presentation” discussion board as an attachment, optionally including the Kaltura Mashup for your video. Type your own name in the subject line of your post. Your Presentation will be due by Sunday of Week 15.

**Vote:** (5 points)

Each of you will be required to go into all your classmates’ discussion board threads and view their presentations. You will have one week to accomplish this task. I strongly encourage you to offer feedback on each presentation.

After you review each presentation, you will vote for the person you believe did the best job as a Red Team intelligence analyst. Your Vote will be due by Sunday of Week 16. Your vote must be submitted as an entry in the “Red Team Intelligence Project: Presentation Vote” journal. This vote is confidential between you and the instructor. The student who receives the most votes will be awarded extra credit. In the event of a tie, each winning student will be awarded the extra credit points.

**Grading Recap:**

Your project will be graded on content as well as grammar, spelling, and punctuation. Grading rubrics are provided for guidance. Use APA citations when directed and include a References list at the end in proper APA format. You are required to use a minimum of
four (4) scholarly research sources for the outline and presentation. If required components are missing, your project will not be graded.

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