

Addressing a Policy in the US

Currently, Americans are still talking about terror attacks and possible ways of protecting America in the new era. The debate is still ongoing, especially after significant attacks such as the 9/11 attack on the nation. In the United States, countering terrorism has been the most prioritized action to undertake. Today, with the support of Congress, major political parties, the media, and Americans, all efforts have been leveled towards countering such attacks on our nation. In countering terrorism, the government and the several layers within the US government should allocate funds and resources required in the national security systems to boost the works and activities of the military force. Therefore, the US government should form intelligence units that will identify and prioritize actual and potential places or loopholes for terror attacks by placing unique strategies to ensure unrest to the terrorists and working with other intelligence groups to safeguard our country.

Thesis statement needs development

Let the reader know...

Stopping terrorism requires the United States to reinforce the border control and improving judicial and police cooperation. This ensures that the suspects are trace while the perpetrators are pursued. Improving border controls in the United States requires the national security system to safeguard the borders against intruders and non-American citizens illegally entering America through the borders. Therefore, recording the entry and exit of non-Americans through the border requires the government to design a registration system to give consent (Bergen et al. 2017). In such a case, the registration system can be treated as a bill, and Congress will play a vital role in agreeing to the policy. The executive branch, the ministers in particular, also plays a crucial role in agreeing to the policy before it is enacted. Those without visas will be screened through the Travel Information and Authorization to ensure that they are legit persons entering America through the border.

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Essay main focus

Improvement of the police-judicial cooperation is the best way to strengthen intelligence in the criminal justice system and national security in general. Good intelligence is vital in reinforcing international terrorism. It is difficult to obtain information regarding the plans, goals, and vulnerabilities of terrorists. Therefore, creating an excellent intelligence system is essential because it aids in the identification of the potential obstacles that hinder the collection and distribution of reliable information about terrorists and laying measures critical to counter them (LaFree & Freilich, 2019). Therefore, that is why the United States national security developed the Department of Homeland Security, critical for ensuring the safeguard of reliable information. Therefore, all the US government's layers and branches should ensure that the DHS gets all the resources and funds essential in the department's smooth running and counter-attacking terrorism activities.

Hot Topics

The President (Executive branch) and Congress (legislative branch) should play a role in reforming the systems responsible for reviewing and funding counterterrorism programs in the national security department. This will ensure that all the various agencies' activities and programs create and execute comprehensive plans towards solving terror issues. That implies that the executive branch is officially responsible for coordinating counterterrorism efforts in the government and hence ensures that the budgeting process favors such activities. Congress is responsible for developing mechanisms that comprehensively review the counterterrorism policies and budgets developed by the president (Bergen et al. 2017). Similarly, the federal, state and local governments share the responsibility in preparing against catastrophic terrorist attacks. National security is a diffuse matter whose challenges are intergovernmental; therefore, as policymakers, the federal, state, and local governments should formulating policies and strategies vital in countering the attacks. The constitution permits the federal government to issue

2 Branches

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States = Policy Laboratories

diplomatic, military, and intelligence policies that identify and works together with entities to combat terrorism. State and local governments work towards realizing the policies and strategies leveled by the federal government to counterterrorism.

States vs the Federal Government

Forming intelligence commissions such as the FBI and the DHS is essential in counter-attacking terrorism activities. These intelligence groups have expertise in identifying terrorists, gathering information about them, and forming strategies to countermeasure their attacks. Critics diminish the DHS and FBI due to issues with insecurity and leakage of information. Since the current terror attacks occur from within the nation, critics claim that some spies in the intelligence systems share intelligence information to the terrorists. I believe if the government strengthens the intelligence groups, such leakages will not occur. Funding and reviewing intelligence systems such as the DHS and FBI will help relieve supposed traitors and train the best team to handle counterterror attacks.

Focus on Branches and Levels of Governme

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Thesis statement needs development

Please work on the development of your thesis statement. It needs to present your paper's intent, which arguments you will discuss (pros and cons) and you should also mention that you seek to provide possible recommendations to the issue. Hope that helps :)

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Let the reader know...

Will you discuss the branches of government and the levels of government as it pertains to the issue? Remember to let the reader know in advance.

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Essay main focus

This should be the main focus of your essay - The three branches roles and the levels of government role, as it pertains to the issue.

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Hot Topics

It is important to consider that terrorism, national defense, pandemics, A.I. (Artificial Intelligence), protests & rioting, immigration and border security are always hot topics; having said that, the 'hot topics' discussed in the class and/or assignments are not limited to just these issues. Instead these hot topics also relate to concepts that apply across the whole nation; for example, the legalization of Marijuana, Same-Sex marriage, abortion, euthanasia, gun control, education and other controversial issues. Therefore, these issues, to a certain extent, need to be carefully evaluated in order to ensure the rights of the individuals across a broad spectrum. When it comes to diversity, civil rights and other type of cases related to equality; the approach should be a balanced one that applies across

the nation; if not the issue(s) could be taken into court, as a possible violations of the individual rights and/or for other valid legal reasons. For example, the Civil Rights and the Women's Right to Vote Movements were issues that were adopted across the nation.

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2 Branches

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Judicial Branch

What about the Judicial Branch?

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States = Policy Laboratories

The states are considered to be the political policy laboratories of the federal government.

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States vs the Federal Government

The states can formulate challenges to counteract the possible actions of the Federal government. For example, states have challenge the constitutionality of several actions, as far as building a wall goes.

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Focus on Branches and Levels of Governme

Focus on the branches and levels of government, as it pertains to your selected topic.

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