

Handout 6: Debriefing

- How significant or influential are (a) states, (b) NGOs, and (c) individuals in the grand scheme of world politics? Explain.
- How useful are constructivism, global civil society, and similar notions for making sense of contemporary world politics? Justify your position.
- What insights into global terrorism can be gleaned from the concept of global civil society? How might the widespread adoption or application of this concept, by various actors, influence the political dynamics and effectiveness of international terrorism?
- Which of your personal values or ethical principles proved most instrumental in helping you develop policies or strategies to address international terrorism?
- What personal values and ethics did the 9/11 terrorists articulate? How do these differ from your own?
- Are terrorists like the 9/11 hijackers inherently amoral or unethical, or are they simply rational actors whose values differ from our own? How does your answer influence your understanding of international terrorism and how to respond to it?
- Is terrorism ever justified? Under what circumstances, or why not?
- Imagine a world filled with civil actors that represent only your values or theirs. What would such a world look like? How would it differ from what we see today?
- Is communication between people and groups with radically different values possible? Why or why not? What are the implications of your answer for efforts to address global problems such as terrorism?
- What should be done with uncivil actors (such as international terrorists) in the context of global civil society? How would a truly civil society respond to terrorism? Explain your answers.
- In what ways did participating in this exercise (a) support and (b) contradict what you previously knew or believed?