

Terrorism - Types, Genesis and Definition

▪ **State-sponsored Terrorism**

- State-sponsored terrorism or warfare by proxy is as old as the history of military conflict
- In recent times, **some countries have embraced terrorism as a deliberate instrument of foreign policy.**
- **One distinction of state sponsored terrorism from other forms of terrorist activity is that it is initiated to obtain certain clearly defined foreign policy objectives rather than grabbing media attention or targeting the potential audience**
- In a cost benefit analysis, state-sponsored terrorism is the most effective means of terrorism from the perspective of the perpetrator