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<http://t.co/3Uvj7EBH> via [@TCFdotorg](#) FYI [@natsecprogress](#)

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[@TCFdotorg](#): Join [@speechboy71](#) & [@MicahZenko](#) tom. @ 3PM for a **#Policychat** on their [@ForeignAffairs](#) piece Clear and Present Safety <http://t.co/Zr9Ng560>

[April 4, 2012, 6:32 pm](#)



[@speechboy71](#): Ok Tweeters, join me and [@micahzenko](#) at 3:00 PM for a **#policychat** on our recent FA article, Clear and Present Safety: <http://t.co/o5QsCBiX>

[April 5, 2012, 3:30 pm](#)



[@kbyesusz](#): Prepare for today's **#policychat** on how safe and secure the U.S. is today. Questions here: <http://t.co/rhfbyaNZ>

[April 5, 2012, 4:27 pm](#)



[@TCFdotorg](#): Welcome to Clear and Present Safety: How Safe Is the United States? Please introduce yourself and your affiliation. n **#policychat**

[April 5, 2012, 6:59 pm](#)



[@TCFdotorg](#): If you're just joining us, we are discussing this article <http://t.co/993Sw4cV> **#policychat**

[April 5, 2012, 7:00 pm](#)



[@speechboy71](#): By virtually every available metric- # of wars, # of democracies, standard of living - the world is becoming more not less safe **#policychat**

[April 5, 2012, 7:05 pm](#)



[@speechboy71](#): Moreover, the global challenges that are described as threats, in most cases, are dramatically overstated **#policychat**

[April 5, 2012, 7:07 pm](#)





[@TCFdotorg](#): If anyone is having problems with Twitter, you can log into <http://t.co/IxFBZ2vt> which seems to working fine. **#policychat**

April 5, 2012, 7:07 pm



[@johnbaloney](#): If you are having problems following **#policychat** because of the Twitter search issue please use <http://t.co/aARL4BeW>

April 5, 2012, 7:08 pm



[@ForeignAffairs](#): Is the world safer than Washington thinks? [@speechboy71](#) and [@MicahZenko](#) on **#policychat** discussing their FA article <http://t.co/XymoAfke>

April 5, 2012, 7:08 pm



[@Edwardianfreak](#): RT [@ForeignAffairs](#): Is the world safer than Washington thinks? [@speechboy71](#) and [@MicahZenko](#) on **#policychat** discussing their FA article <http://t.co/XymoAfke>

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[@JacobAGeller](#): RT [@ForeignAffairs](#): Is the world safer than Washington thinks? [@speechboy71](#) and [@MicahZenko](#) on **#policychat** discussing their FA article <http://t.co/XymoAfke>

April 5, 2012, 7:09 pm



[@speechboy71](#): [@joshgreenman](#) Ironically Russia is the only country that represents even a minimal threat to the United States **#policychat**

April 5, 2012, 7:09 pm



[@SoldierGirl3](#): RT [@ForeignAffairs](#): Is the world safer than Washington thinks? [@speechboy71](#) and [@MicahZenko](#) on **#policychat** discussing their FA article <http://t.co/XymoAfke>

April 5, 2012, 7:09 pm



[@RFEmbassyGr](#): RT [@ForeignAffairs](#): Is the world safer than Washington thinks? [@speechboy71](#) and [@MicahZenko](#) on **#policychat** discussing their FA article <http://t.co/XymoAfke>

[April 5, 2012, 7:11 pm](#)



[@TCFdotorg](#): Q2 Why are politicians and commentators inflating this sense of multiple threats and terrorism against the U.S.? **#policychat**

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[@lebatailleur](#): RT [@TCFdotorg](#): Q2 Why are politicians and commentators inflating this sense of multiple threats and terrorism against the U.S.? **#policychat**

[April 5, 2012, 7:13 pm](#)



[@gmckscorp](#): RT [@ForeignAffairs](#): Is the world safer than Washington thinks? [@speechboy71](#) and [@MicahZenko](#) on **#policychat** discussing their FA article <http://t.co/XymoAfke>

[April 5, 2012, 7:13 pm](#)



[@speechboy71](#): Multiple actors have multiple interests - lots of has to do with bureaucratic forces inflating threats **#policychat**

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[@OzgurTufekci](#): Is the world safer than Washington thinks? [@speechboy71](#) and [@MicahZenko](#) on **#policychat** discussing their FA article <http://t.co/bquByKoM>

[April 5, 2012, 7:14 pm](#)



[@speechboy71](#): Basically there is little incentive to play down threats to the United States **#policychat**

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[@frank11285](#): RT [@speechboy71](#): Basically there is little incentive to play down threats to the United States **#policychat**

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[@Rtennenb](#): RT [@ForeignAffairs](#): Is the world safer than Washington thinks? [@speechboy71](#) and [@MicahZenko](#) on **#policychat** discussing their FA article <http://t.co/XymoAfke>

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[@JeremiahGoulka](#): RT [@speechboy71](#): Basically there is little incentive to play down threats to the United States **#policychat**

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[@speechboy71](#): For ex, there is a whole infrastructure of institutions (think tanks, advocacy groups, contractors etc) that benefit . . **#policychat**

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[@speechboy71](#): From maintaining the fiction that America faces many foreign threats **#policychat #policychat**

[April 5, 2012, 7:18 pm](#)



[@johnbaloney](#): The military industrial complex will stop at nothing (killing twitter search) to keep discussion alive on **#policychat #IMHO #policychat**

[April 5, 2012, 7:18 pm](#)



[@RFEmbassyGr](#): RT [@TCFdotorg](#): If you're just joining us, we are discussing this article <http://t.co/993Sw4cV> **#policychat**

[April 5, 2012, 7:19 pm](#)



[@TCFdotorg](#): Q3 The article says there are much more likely ways for Americans to die than by terrorism—what are those other factors? **#policychat**

[April 5, 2012, 7:21 pm](#)



[@JeremiahGoulka](#): [@speechboy71](#): How much fear/war-mongering about Iran do you ascribe to election year attempts to make Obama look "soft"? **#iran #policychat**

[April 5, 2012, 7:22 pm](#)





[@kbyesuz](#): Politicians like scaring Americans RT [@speechboy71](#) Basically there is little incentive to play down threats to the United States **#policychat**

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[@speechboy71](#): Also there is a political factor here as well. For GOP foreign threats play up one of their pol advantages "strong on defense" **#policychat**

[April 5, 2012, 7:23 pm](#)



[@TCFdotorg](#): [@JeremiahGoulka](#) Good question. We were going to ask about Iran threats as well. **#policychat**

[April 5, 2012, 7:24 pm](#)



[@MicahZenko](#): In 2010, of 13,186 people who died in terror attacks globally, only 15 were American. **#policychat #Policychat**

[April 5, 2012, 7:24 pm](#)



[@speechboy71](#): [@JeremiahGoulka](#) Virtually all of it. Threat-mongering on Iran is driven almost exclusively by domestic politics **#policychat**

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[@benandino](#): RT [@MicahZenko](#): In 2010, of 13,186 people who died in terror attacks globally, only 15 were American. **#policychat #Policychat**

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[@MicahZenko](#): Plus, 88% of Americans die prematurely from their own behavior. <http://t.co/wyAtAGgG>. We are our greatest risk. **#policychat #Policychat**

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[@scottmckenzie80](#): RT [@MicahZenko](#): In 2010, of 13,186 people who died in terror attacks globally, only 15 were American. **#policychat #Policychat**

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[@kbyesuz](#): RT [@micahzenko](#): In 2010, of 13,186 people who died in terror attacks globally, only 15 were American. **#policychat #Policychat**

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[@MicahZenko](#): Iran spends 2% of what US spends on defense. Iran has low-enriched uranium. US 2,000+ operationally deployed nuclear weapons. **#Policychat**

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[@JeremiahGoulka](#): [@speechboy71](#) That's my assessment, too. Money plays a part, too, as I wrote in Salon re: #Iran & the #MEK. <http://t.co/SOMnhlKZ> **#policychat**

[April 5, 2012, 7:28 pm](#)



[@88KOS](#): RT [@MicahZenko](#): In 2010, of 13,186 people who died in terror attacks globally, only 15 were American. **#policychat #Policychat**

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[@rtb808](#): RT [@MicahZenko](#): In 2010, of 13,186 people who died in terror attacks globally, only 15 were American. **#policychat #Policychat**

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[@TCFdotorg](#): Q4 Iran seems to be the #1 headline when it comes to threats against the U.S. How much of this is truth and how much is hype? **#policychat**

[April 5, 2012, 7:30 pm](#)



[@speechboy71](#): From 00 to 06, 137,000 Americans died prematurely because they lacked health insurance - far more than from terror **#policychat #policychat**

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[@TCFdotorg](#): What do you think of [@speechboy71's](#) statement, more Americans die prematurely bc they lacked health insurance than from terror? **#policychat**

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[@DaliaEzzat](#) : RT "[@MicahZenko](#): In 2010, of 13,186 people who died in terror attacks globally, only 15 were American. **#policychat #Policychat**"

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[@kbyesuz](#): MT [@speechboy71](#) More Americans died prematurely because they lacked health insurance - far more than from terror **#policychat**

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[@emindanis](#): RT [@DaliaEzzat](#) : RT "[@MicahZenko](#): In 2010, of 13,186 people who died in terror attacks globally, only 15 were American. **#policychat #Policychat**"

[April 5, 2012, 7:35 pm](#)



[@speechboy71](#): From the perspective of what actually kills Americans very hard to defend how much time & resources devoted to fighting terror **#policychat**

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[@ciphersuite](#): So wait, DHS *shouldn't* control the entire internet? MT [@speechboy71](#) There is little incentive to play down threats to the US **#policychat**

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[@MicahZenko](#): If you're interested in what kills Americans see p. 31: <http://t.co/plUXvTp6>. Behavioral risks are all of the top 15 causes. **#Policychat**

[April 5, 2012, 7:38 pm](#)



[@TCFdotorg](#): Q5 What are some policies that could be put in place to push back on this institutionalized fear-mongering? n **#policychat**

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[@scott_diller](#): RT [@DaliaEzzat](#) : RT "@MicahZenko: In 2010, of 13,186 people who died in terror attacks globally, only 15 were American. #policychat #Policychat"

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[@AAM89](#): RT [@MicahZenko](#): In 2010, of 13,186 people who died in terror attacks globally, only 15 were American. #policychat #Policychat

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[@speechboy71](#): You'll likely always have fear-mongering. The key is to prevent policymakers from turning those fears into bad policy choices! #policychat

April 5, 2012, 7:40 pm



[@TCFdotorg](#): To see a list of what kills Americans more than Terrorism, see page 31 <http://t.co/hcPBvp64> via [@MicahZenko](#) #policychat

April 5, 2012, 7:41 pm



[@speechboy71](#): That means cutting back on the size of the military and emphasizing non-kinetic elements of national power #policychat

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[@LOLGOP](#): EMERGENCY #FF for [@speechboy71](#) and his #policychat

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[@TCFdotorg](#): The list of what kills Americans more than Terrorism (pg 31) shows why accessible health care is so imp. <http://t.co/hcPBvp64> #policychat

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[@RFEmbassyGr](#): RT [@TCFdotorg](#): Q2 Why are politicians and commentators inflating this sense of multiple threats and terrorism against the U.S.? #policychat

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[@MicahZenko](#): Answering Qs. Source for US deaths from terrorism, and/or deaths from being crushed by TVs here: <http://t.co/wyAtAGgG> **#Policychat**

[April 5, 2012, 7:44 pm](#)



[@speechboy71](#): Cyberwarfare by the way is a great example of doomsaying that has little relation to actual threats. No Cyber 9/11 is coming **#policychat**

[April 5, 2012, 7:45 pm](#)



[@speechboy71](#): Micah: that data suggests to me that we need a "war on falling televisions" **#policychat**

[April 5, 2012, 7:46 pm](#)



[@speechboy71](#): To the point about cyber there are plenty of foreign policy actors who benefit from promoting the idea this is a serious threat **#policychat**

[April 5, 2012, 7:47 pm](#)



[@TCFdotorg](#): What's more threatening to Americans? Terrorism or TVs? The answer may surprise you. h/t [@ MicahZenko](#) <http://t.co/aV2IMJGv> **#policychat**

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[@pakistanpolicy](#): RT [@DaliaEzzat](#) : RT "[@MicahZenko](#): In 2010, of 13,186 people who died in terror attacks globally, only 15 were American. **#policychat #Policychat**"

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[@filarena](#): RT [@DaliaEzzat](#) : RT "[@MicahZenko](#): In 2010, of 13,186 people who died in terror attacks globally, only 15 were American. **#policychat #Policychat**"

[April 5, 2012, 7:50 pm](#)



[@TCFdotorg](#): MT [@speechboy71](#) Data suggests to me that we need a "war on falling televisions" **#policychat**

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[@MicahZenko](#): Consider priorities of spending as a result of threat inflation. US will spend ~\$650B on defense/intell vs. ~\$50B on foreign aid **#Policychat**

[April 5, 2012, 7:50 pm](#)



[@speechboy71](#): To Micah's point on defense spending it's very, very hard to argue that our defense spending makes us safer **#policychat**

[April 5, 2012, 7:51 pm](#)



[@sonodoc99](#): [@speechboy71](#) Myth was busted by Greg Scandlen in 2008 <http://t.co/MWTc6pxz> **#policychat**

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[@asteris](#): RT [@MicahZenko](#): In 2010, of 13,186 people who died in terror attacks globally, only 15 were American. **#policychat #Policychat**

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[@EliLake](#): [@speechboy71](#) The point of a defense budget is hegemony **#policychat**

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[@MicahZenko](#): Plus, what else US doesn't do. Expanding vaccines to 72 countries would save 6.4M kids lives in 10 yrs. <http://t.co/rX1LWuiO> **#Policychat**

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[@speechboy71](#): How's that working out? RT [@EliLake](#): The point of a defense budget is hegemony **#policychat**

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[@lizzie363](#): RT [@MicahZenko](#): In 2010, of 13,186 people who died in terror attacks globally, only 15 were American. **#policychat #Policychat**

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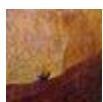
[@speechboy71](#): [@zackbeauchamp](#) [@elilake](#) Do people believe that hegemony makes us safer **#policychat**

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[@muiz](#): RT [@MicahZenko](#): In 2010, of 13,186 people who died in terror attacks globally, only 15 were American. **#policychat #Policychat**

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[@arcades_x](#): RT [@MicahZenko](#): In 2010, of 13,186 people who died in terror attacks globally, only 15 were American. **#policychat #Policychat**

[April 5, 2012, 7:56 pm](#)



[@TCFdotorg](#): Thank you to everyone for listening in and thanks to Michael and Micah for all their thought-provoking tweets. **#policychat**

[April 5, 2012, 7:57 pm](#)



[@TCFdotorg](#): Stay tuned for a Storify and highlights from this chat on our blog, <http://t.co/d3Usmm3G> **#policychat**

[April 5, 2012, 7:58 pm](#)



[@speechboy71](#): [@EliLake](#) [@zackbeauchamp](#) We're speaking of global hegemony of course. Why is it desirable **#policychat**

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[@EuroSecEditor](#): RT [@ForeignAffairs](#): Is the world safer than Washington thinks? [@speechboy71](#) and [@MicahZenko](#) on **#policychat** discussing their FA article <http://t.co/XymoAfke>

[April 5, 2012, 7:59 pm](#)



[@MicahZenko](#): I rarely recommend highly something I write, or co-wrote. But I do actually recommend our article: <http://t.co/PqzagfcB> **#Policychat**

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[@pradychatts](#): RT [@DaliaEzzat](#) : RT "@MicahZenko: In 2010, of 13,186 people who died in terror attacks globally, only 15 were American. **#policychat #Policychat**"

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[@EliLake](#): [@speechboy71](#) Because the alternatives to American global hegemony are more terrible **#policychat**

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[@TCFdotorg](#): [@ForeignAffairs](#) thanks for the publicity assist on the **#policychat**

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[@zackbeauchamp](#): [@EliLake](#) [@speechboy71](#) I don't disagree. **#policychat**

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[@speechboy71](#): Such as RT [@EliLake](#): Because the alternatives to American global hegemony are more terrible **#policychat**"

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[@bungdan](#): RT [@speechboy71](#): How's that working out? RT [@EliLake](#): The point of a defense budget is hegemony **#policychat**"

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[@ZaidJilani](#): RT [@speechboy71](#): How's that working out? RT [@EliLake](#): The point of a defense budget is hegemony **#policychat**"

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[@Veracruz_wctr](#): RT [@ForeignAffairs](#): Is the world safer than Washington thinks? [@speechboy71](#) and [@MicahZenko](#) on **#policychat** discussing their FA article <http://t.co/XymoAfke>

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[@DanielBaguley](#): RT [@ForeignAffairs](#): Is the world safer than Washington thinks? [@speechboy71](#) and [@MicahZenko](#) on **#policychat** discussing their FA article <http://t.co/XymoAfke>

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[@helenacobban](#): RT [@speechboy71](#): How's that working out? RT [@EliLake](#): The point of a defense budget is hegemony **#policychat**

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[@CFR_org](#): RT [@foreignaffairs](#) Is the world safer than Washington thinks? [@speechboy71](#), [@MicahZenko](#) discuss their piece <http://t.co/fhnBS2mx> **#policychat**

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[@_whits](#) : RT [@MicahZenko](#): In 2010, of 13,186 people who died in terror attacks globally, only 15 were American. **#policychat #Policychat**

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[@arisreborn](#): [@speechboy71](#) [@bungdan](#) **#policychat**

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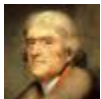
[@tjefferson1976](#): [@cfr_org](#)'s [@MicahZenko](#) And CFR organizations profit while the US taxpayer is buried deeper in debt 15.6T and rising **#Policychat**

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[@tjefferson1976](#): [@MicahZenko](#) CFR StateDept creates the policy& [@CFR_org](#) corp members profit from all the nukes& creating unwinnable endless wars **#Policychat**

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[@tjefferson1976](#): [@cfr_org](#)'s [@Ed_Husain](#) the Muslim Brotherhood is just another CFR tool <http://t.co/72apkoJg> <http://t.co/mRipJ5yE> **#Policychat**

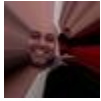
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[@tjefferson1976](#): [@monaeltahawy](#) [@RawahBadrawi](#) [@Ed_Husain](#) the Muslim Brotherhood is just another CFR tool <http://t.co/72apkoJg> <http://t.co/mRipJ5yE> **#Policychat**

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[@RealAliAzmat](#): RT [@DaliaEzzat](#) : RT "@MicahZenko: In 2010, of 13,186 people who died in terror attacks globally, only 15 were American. **#policychat #Policychat**"

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[@zed_nuthouse](#): RT [@DaliaEzzat](#) : RT "@MicahZenko: In 2010, of 13,186 people who died in terror attacks globally, only 15 were American. **#policychat #Policychat**"

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[@asewani](#): RT [@DaliaEzzat](#) : RT "@MicahZenko: In 2010, of 13,186 people who died in terror attacks globally, only 15 were American. **#policychat #Policychat**"

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[@Aces_9](#): RT [@DaliaEzzat](#) : RT "@MicahZenko: In 2010, of 13,186 people who died in terror attacks globally, only 15 were American. **#policychat #Policychat**"

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[@Hitz888](#): RT [@DaliaEzzat](#) : RT "@MicahZenko: In 2010, of 13,186 people who died in terror attacks globally, only 15 were American. **#policychat #Policychat**"

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[@mubashirakram](#): RT [@DaliaEzzat](#) : RT "@MicahZenko: In 2010, of 13,186 people who died in terror attacks globally, only 15 were American. **#policychat #Policychat**"

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[@RiazZainab](#): RT [@DaliaEzzat](#) : RT "@MicahZenko: In 2010, of 13,186 people who died in terror attacks globally, only 15 were American. **#policychat #Policychat**"

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[@th3j3t3r](#): RT [@MicahZenko](#): In 2010, of 13,186 people who died in terror attacks globally, only 15 were American. **#policychat #Policychat**

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[@FizzahRizvi](#): RT [@DaliaEzzat](#) : RT "@MicahZenko: In 2010, of 13,186 people who died in terror attacks globally, only 15 were American. **#policychat #Policychat**"

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[@TCFdotorg](#): Read our #Storify story: "**#Policychat**: Clear and Present Safety: How Safe Is the United States?" <http://t.co/FoERjRhR> #storify **#policychat**

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[@noahchestnut](#): Good case study for a Q&A MT [@TCFdotorg](#): Read our #Storify: **#Policychat**: How Safe Is the US? <http://t.co/J8UpOiTe> h/t [@NeilBhatiya](#)

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