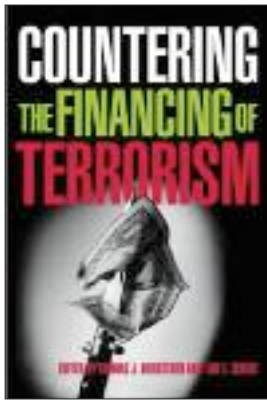


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## COUNTERING THE FINANCING OF TERRORISM

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Groups committing acts of terrorism have adapted their means of financing to elude detection since the 11 September 2001 attacks in the United States. As formal financial channels have been closed down, terrorists have turned to crime and other self-funding mechanisms to support their activities.

Surveying the global community's multi-year effort to cut off terrorist funding, this volume offers a much-needed analysis of a complex, widely discussed, yet poorly understood subject. While other books on terrorism have touched upon the topic, this is the first comprehensive, balanced, and scholarly overview of terrorist financing, its methods, and efforts to counter it.

Bringing together leading analysts of terrorism, international relations, global finance, law, and criminology, "Countering the Financing of Terrorism" provides a critical assessment of the international effort to restrict terrorist financing. It evaluates the costs and benefits of global regulation, cautions that the existing approach may be insufficient for the changing threat, and offers recommendations for more effective policies for the future.

Part I of the book assesses how the social organisation of groups committing acts of terrorism affects how they finance their activities, with particular attention to Al Qaeda, Jemaah Islamiya, and Hezbollah.

Part II explores different methods used for raising and moving the funds needed to commit acts of terrorism, including diversion from charities, the use of informal value transfer systems (hawalas), trade diversion, high-value commodities, and linkages to organised crime.

Part III analyses government regulatory responses, at both the national and the international level.

The conclusion in Part IV assesses the costs and benefits of the current global regulatory effort and makes specific policy recommendations for policy reforms.