Defining key elements of terrorism and violent extremism handout

**Directions:** After viewing the video, ask the students to identify segments of the video that correspond to the key elements of terrorism and violent extremism.

**Violence**
- **Use of violence**
  - The perpetration of a criminal act (such as murder, kidnapping or hostage-taking) is a key element of terrorism.
  - What criminal act was carried out in the video?

**Fear**
- **Fear/purpose**
  - The use of violence to inflict harm and spread fear is a key element. Violence is often ideologically or politically motivated.
  - How was fear incited or could have been incited in the video on terrorism?

**Act/terrorism**
- **Enemies**
  - An enemy or enemies are identified who can become the object of hatred and fear.
  - Who might the terrorists in the video been targeting?

**Violent extremism**
- **Willingness to use violence**
  - Ideologically or politically motivated violence that falls short of constituting an act of terrorism is a key component of violent extremism.