



ASSESSING THE UNITED KINGDOM'S ANTI-TERRORISM STRATEGY AND THE
HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

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ABSTRACT

This article examines “CONTEST” as United Kingdom’s broad-based-policy in countering terrorism, internationally and locally, and as a precursor to distilling core elements from UKATL enacted, overtime, to achieve the defined strategy. This inquiry is limited to UK’s post 9/11 anti-terrorism strategy. In doing this, this article addresses human rights violation implicated in UK anti-terrorism strategy implementation. Overall, this article posits that it is possible to combat terrorism, as genuinely intended by the UK government, without necessarily crucifying civil liberties and International Human Rights on the altar of national security or public safety and that to insist otherwise, the UK government may foist terrorist tendencies in innocent victims and racially and religiously discriminated communities. Finally, this article recommends that UK anti-terrorism laws must genuinely conform to International Human Rights and enforced indiscriminately should the UK government be interested in preserving its highly cherished multicultural society.

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