

This thesis demonstrates the general change of theoretical concept of terrorism. The general concept of terrorism is divided into two „subsections“: „old“ terrorism and „new“ terrorism. These two subsections are different in their basic characteristics. So the general change between the „old“ and „new“ terrorism is illustrated using the four cases of terrorist groups (Irish Republican Army, Basque Homeland and Freedom, Hamas and al Qaeda). In order to make successful demonstration of the change of the theoretical concept of terrorism the author chose three variables. These variables are: structure of organization, ideology or aim and methods of terrorist attack. The basic assumption is that these three variables are very helpful in order to depict the changes in the framework of the terrorist groups and also the general change of the theoretical concept of terrorism