

# **United we stand? European strategic culture in the fight against terrorism**

## **Abstract**

As Europe has become a major target of terrorist attacks, especially since 2015, there has been a growing demand for action from the governments. France and Germany have been among those countries affected by the current terrorist threat. Calls for increased European integration and cooperation have been heard and highlight the need for the building of an integrated and comprehensive counterterrorist framework within the European Union. The idea that a common European strategic culture regarding the fight against terrorism might be a significant tool to achieve such a goal is burgeoning in the minds of many. This research project analyses the French and German response to terrorism through the popular discourse towards terrorism, the threat perception of terrorism and immigration, the modalities of the use of force and the institutional structure of counterterrorism. It features the building of a common European strategic culture when addressing Jihadi terrorism.

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