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1 INTRODUCTION

The name of this Bachelor Thesis is The Subculture of Christian terrorist groups in the US. I would like to mention that I am atheist I do not believe in any God and hopefully this will help me to have a unbiased opinions.

This work will deal with the connection between Christianity and terrorism with several examples of certain and the most famous and specific Christian terrorist groups and to point out the worst attacks which were committed by those organizations. The main aim is to familiarize people with Christian terrorism and map individual terrorist groups. I would like to find out if there is any influence of politics on the abortion movement or which laws even allow the use of abortions and if there is any difference between the United States (U. S.) and the Czech Republic.

In my opinion Christian terrorist groups are not very active they were probably active earlier than in the 20th century so now we can find just a small group of active groups. Even if people usually know about Islamic terrorism we have to be informed about all types of terrorism. Christian terrorism is a real threat in the United States and many others states where Christianity is the main religion. Our world is unfortunately full of terrorism and we hear about it every day. We are not well informed about Christian terrorism so it will be interesting to write this thesis and this is the reason why I have chosen for this topic.

It will probably be hard to find everything that I would like to, to read through and choose the most important things. I know that on pro-life movement websites there are pictures of dead fetuses and for me as woman it is not congenial. But to write this Bachelor Thesis correctly I will use mostly the internet sources such as FBI websites or the websites of particular terrorist groups. It will be necessary to use the Bible even if it is

not easy to understand as well as Christians can. Jessica Stern wrote the book *Why religious militants kill in the name of God?* which is really useful and will hopefully give me a new point of view on this matter.

2 GENERAL INTRODUCTION OF THE TERM TERRORISM

2.1 Meaning of the term terrorism

The root of the word terrorism is taken from a Latin term that literally means „to frighten“. It is hard to define terrorism because each book gives us a different definition. We are not usually able to say what the term terrorism means exactly, therefore we use a definition according to the FBI.[1]

The term terrorism is divided by Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) as International and Domestical.

International terrorism must meet these requirements:

“Involve violent acts or acts dangerous to human life that violate federal or state law;

Appear to be intended to intimidate or coerce a civilian population; to influence the policy of a government by intimidation or coercion; or to affect the conduct of a government by mass destruction, assassination, or kidnapping; and

Occur primarily outside the territorial jurisdiction of the U.S., or transcend national boundaries in terms of the means by which they are accomplished, the persons they appear intended to intimidate or coerce, or the locale in which their perpetrators operate or seek asylum.” [2]

Domestic terrorism is activity with the three following characters.

“Involve acts dangerous to human life that violate federal or state law; Appear intended to intimidate or coerce a civilian population; to influence the policy of a government by intimidation or coercion; or to affect the conduct of a government by mass destruction, assassination. or kidnapping; and occur primarily within the territorial jurisdiction of the U.S.”

The Legal system of the U. S. also defines the term of “federal crime of terrorism” as an offense that s calculated to influence or affect the

conduct of government by intimidation or coercion, or to retaliate against government conduct; and Is a violation of one of several listed statutes, including § 930(c) (relating to killing or attempted killing during an attack on a federal facility with a dangerous weapon); and § 1114 (relating to killing or attempted killing of officers and employees of the U.S.).”¹ [3]

3 HISTORY OF TERRORISM

Without order, fear, force and use of terror to rule our society would not be here as we know it. The first empire which was founded on the terror was the Mesopotamian Empire the next famous one was the Assyrian whose methods were very brutal. [4]

Between the first terrorist groups were apart of the first political movement called the Zealots-Sicrii. It was a Jewish group operating within the 1st century C.E. Their existence lasted only 25 years, but they influenced the history of the Jews. The Zealots used daggers and sword during combat. They wanted to create a mass uprising against the Greeks in Judea and the Romans. This revolt had devastating consequences. In Egypt and Cyprus the extermination of the Jews was inspired by the Zealots revolt. But as David Rapoport, an expert in terrorism, said:”It would be difficult to find terrorist activity in any historical period which influenced the life of a community more decisively” because terrorist did not want to influence but reach particular goals. [5]

The Assassins are also known for their terrorist ways. It is said they are the first Islamist terrorist group in our history. They operated from 1090 to 1275 and their aim was to spread Islam. Their victims were stabbed at close range during daylight so they were often dead in a few minutes and escape was impossible. The main victims were individuals such as prominent politicians or religious leaders who refused to accept

¹ The FBI: Definitions of Terrorism in the U.S. Code,
<http://www.crimemuseum.org/crime-library/origins-of-the-term-terrorism>

new preaching. The Assassins had threatened several states such as Syria or Persia. [6]

During the war time terror was not needed but in peace times terror assured obedience to develop whole empires and advance the benefit of the ruler without any troubles. As we know terror served as a mass fear which led to mass murders. The word terror gained its importance mostly during the French revolution. Maximilien Robespierre, the representative of Jacobin revolutionaries and political terror, ruled in France by bloody reign. After his execution people started to use the term terrorist to describe a person who abused power under penalty of force. In 1797 the word terrorist was officially added to the Oxford English Dictionary. [7] [8]

Later terrorism became famous because of its political aim. In the late 19th century the 1st anarchist attacks appeared. Terrorism started to grow stronger during the end of 19th century with some proslavery attacks. [9]

One of the most famous proslavery assassinations is Abraham Lincoln's death at Ford's theatre. He was shot two times by supporter of the south, actor John Wilkes Booth 15.4.1865. Recently it was shown that it was a conspiracy of several proslavery supporters. [10]

However during the Reconstruction era, the fear of black people living free in the U.S. increased while people had decided to establish groups which protected white people and terrorize the black and possibly force them to leave U. S. The 1st of these groups was the Ku Klux Klan (the KKK) and many others were born in the manner of the KKK. [11]

In the 1960's and 1970's political violence was on the uptrend. And in 1972 Richard M. Nixon presented the 1st counterterrorism policy, as a response to the terrorist attack at the Munich Olympic Games. The administration created the Cabinet Committee to Combat Terrorism (CCCT), back then president Nixon viewed terrorism as a secondary

problem and that the US could solve this problem easily when it would appear at the country's boarder. [12]

In the 19th century, terrorists used dynamite and different bombs. The first bioterrorism attack took place in Dallas, Oregon where salmonella was spread in ten salad bars by members of a Buddhist cult. In 1993, a Boeing 247 exploded because of a nitroglycerine bomb. [13] [14] [15]

In the middle of the 20th century, the terrorism increased because many new terrorist groups were born.

Even if people in the Middle East attacked the US embassies, the first terrorist attack committed by Al Qaeda was a car bomb at the World Trade Center in 1993, and the first Christian attack was committed in 1994, when Dr. David Gunn was murdered by antiabortionist fundamentalist Michael F. Griffin. [16] [17]

As time passed History, Anthropology, Sociology, Criminology, Psychology and many other studies gave a basis to Terrorism Studies. [18]

According to Ariel Sharon, the nickname the Father of terrorism belongs to Yasser Arafat because he sent thousands of people to their graves and is also responsible for the deaths of 11 athletes at the Munich Summer Olympic Games. As Ariel Sharon said in 1995, "I don't know anyone other than Arafat who has as much civilian Jewish blood on his hands since the time of the Nazis." But we all know that for many people he was the father of terrorism because he moved many Palestinian people from their homes. According to CNN he was called "The Bulldozer," being so fearless and sending many tanks and troops to Palestinian towns. [19] [20]

Even if the meaning of this word has changed, the substance is still the same. This illegal violence is connected to religion. And in these days

terrorism has a global dimension and because terrorists use weapons of mass destruction everyone in this world is somehow influenced by terrorism.

4 PSYCHOLOGY OF TERRORISTS

Terrorism is not bad thing for everyone, sometimes people whose countries are occupied by another nation have no choice so they have use actions which other would call terrorism.

Terrorism would not exist without extreme ideology which refers to extremist beliefs and values shared by a terrorist organization. This ideology descends from history and tradition of the community. Most the terrorists are men but women are no exception. They are brought up in wealthy families with a good education. People from this social class have a University degree and their whole life is accompanied by religion, but not a radical one. This huge move for a decision of violence and radicalism is in one moment when the individual meet the idea of terrorism. The terrorist organizations are very well managed. The heads of those organizations have to be really smart and inventive. Organizations need money so it is good to know where to gain resources for running and purchasing of weapons. If the head of a terrorist organization is clever, it is easy to attract people who can do the “dirty work”. [21]

Recruitment is based on research. People who usually became terrorists are young or adolescents and they may rise from grievances or aggression which is produced by frustration. The frustration arises from bad family situations, new home if they have emigrated into a new state or present political situations. Politics is tricky, no one can be content and then the thought of change is born. Some people are able to let it go and live in a politic situation which is not in accordance with their imaginations,

but then we have people who want to change the situation even it will cost them their lives. Recruiters know that it is easier to lure people who are searching for identity and belonging. [22]

Terrorists suffer from “depersonalization which means that “terrorists tend to perceive themselves as interchangeable members of an organization”. This motivates terrorists to give preference to the interests and goals of the organization, social cohesion “is the collective identity shared by members of terrorist organization to promote positive relationship among them, which increases intragroup cohesion and cooperation”. Conformity obedience is very common effect it is the greater identification with the terrorist organization, “the greater identification with the norms which rule the members behavior. Therefore there is a need of a reduction in disobedience and challenging the orders of their leaders.”² While identifying with their organizations terrorists tend to create negative bias about other communities. The world in which they live means just them and the others. Some grievances and problems which appear in the terrorist community can be blamed other communities. In that case, those communities can be scapegoats. If the terrorist is an individual or member of an organization, it does not really matter because mostly it refers to the same ideology. [23]

5 CHRISTIANITY

The origin of word Christianity is in Latin word Christianus and from Christus became the word Christ. Christianity was born in Palestine in the 1st century AC after the death of John the Baptist and Jesus of Nazareth. Christianity is the number one religion with about 2,2 billion adherents. [24] [25]

² Luis De La Corte,
<http://www.terrorismanalysts.com/pt/index.php/pot/article/view/8/html>

Christians believe in the death and the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who is the son of God. Jesus is believed to be a Messiah. They also believe that the resurrection is the most significant event in human history, and for Christians it means that God has the power to give and take back the life. [26]

Christianity began in the 1st century in Jerusalem and quickly spread to Europe and Egypt. In the first centuries Christians were persecuted and that welded them together. In 313 the emperor Constantine issued the Toleration patent which meant Christianity could be equal with other religions. [27]

Later in the 4th century Christianity became the only permitted religion. Before the 4th century, in the Roman Empire, slaves and poor people were the people who converted. If they were revealed, death did not pass them. After the end of the Roman Empire the Schism had started and it ended in the 11th century. During the Schism, the Church divided into the Eastern Orthodox Church and the Roman Catholic Church because of a rivalry between the Roman popes and Constantine's patriarchs. From the 13th to the 16th century reformative movement took place as a reaction to the crisis in the Catholic Church, some of the most famous reformers were Martin Luther, John Viclef and John Hus. In the 17th century the Baptist Churches were established which were separated from the Anglicans. This tuition spread from England to the United States of America as well as to Russia and Asia. If we see a cross, all of us know that it is a symbol of Christianity and probably the most widely recognized one. The other symbols are the chi-rho monogram, which is made from the letters X and P (See appendix n°1), and it invokes the crucifixion of Jesus. The next one is the dove as a symbol of the Holy Spirit, the sacrificial lamb it represents Christ's sacrifice, the vine symbolizes the connectedness of Christians with Jesus Christ, and all of them we can find in the New Testament. [28] [29] [30]

The Bible is the Holy Book for Christians. The establishment of the Bible is dated between the 12th and 13th century and is shared by Judaism and Christianity but the content is not the same. The Christian Bible is divided into two parts, the Old Testament and the New Testament. The Old Testament is based on religious writings by ancient Israelites, and has 39 books. It is well known that Jewish and Christians do not agree with basic questions of the range of the Bible. Among the most famous books are Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus and Deuteronomy. The Old Testament narrates the creation and origin of humans, history of the Israelis, acts and statements of the prophets and lot of psalms. The most famous characters are Adam and Eve the first humans in this world. The New Testament is composed of 27 books which have different genres such as Gospels, the Acts of the Apostles, Epistles and Apocalypse. The main character is Jesus and his preaching. The New Testament was written in Greek during the 1st -2nd century AD. The Gospels are according to Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, which describe the preaching of Jesus, his death by torture and his resurrection. The Act of the Apostles talks about the origin of the Christian Church and the start of spreading of Christianity. The Epistles are divided into Pauline Epistles and Catholic Epistles. The Apocalypse foresees the future of Christianity. So the result is that Christians do not care about life on the planet Earth, they believe in a second life in heaven and unbelievers will go to hell. Christians act on the Ten Commandments, which are biblical principles and play a fundamental role in Christianity, we can find them in Exodus 20:1-17 and in Deuteronomy 5:4-21. In these days the separated churches, such as the Jehova's Witnesses and Mormons rank among the famous ones. But Christianity has three branches. [31]

5.1 Roman Catholic Church

Roman Catholic Church is the most widespread all over the world. It has more than one billion adherents. It is the biggest Church from 23

autonomous Churches. It has more than one billion believers. The most catholic continent is America Most of the Catholics live in South and Central America. The head of the Catholic Church is the Pope. The Pope is the head of Vatican City State and the office of the Pope is called the papacy. Catholicism is constituted by 24 autonomous particular churches but their supreme authority is the Pope. Countries, religions and major cities serve by particular churches known as dioceses, each is supervised by bishop. The Roman Catholic Church has its own system of law and legal principles to regulate external organization and government. It has all the standard basics of an ordinary legal system such as laws, courts, lawyers or judges. People are taught that the Catholic Church is the only true church, which was founded by Jesus Christ. The Pope, whose seat is in Rome, is the successor of Saint Peter who is the chief of Roman Catholic Church. They admire Mary because she gave a birth to child while she had been a virgin.

The Catholics believe that in whole world there is the only one God who is created by three persons God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit and together it is called as the Holy Trinity. Reputedly Jesus Christ is the Second Person of the Trinity. Christ is divine and human and has a human soul because he appeared in the womb of the Virgin Mary. Unfortunately Jesus was crucified and his death and resurrection are the fulfillment of the Old Testament and Jesus Christ became a Messiah. Catholics believe in the presence of God by seven signs called sacraments, there are seven rituals called Baptism, Confirmation, the Eucharist, Penance, sacrament of the sick, holy orders, reconciliation. As we know, Christians are against divorces, contraception and homosexuality which is against “the natural law”. The ministries manage schools or hospitals.[32]

5.2 Protestantism

Protestantism started in Germany at the beginning of the 16th century, when Martin Luther, a German professor of theology at the University of Wittenberg, published The Ninety-Five Theses which criticized the sale of indulgences and other Church's practices. Protestants are guided by 3 fundamental principles. The first principle is called scripture alone it is the belief that the Bible is the only one source of authority for the church. The next principle is that believers are justified for the sin on condition of faith in Christ. Protestants do not have to just read the Bible but they have to participate in the public affairs of the Church. Today Protestantism has a lot of different types of churches. The largest one in US is called the Baptist Church. . [33] [34] [35]

In these days Protestantism has more than 800 million adherents, and it makes up 37% of the Christian population all around the world. Protestants spread all around the world, in Latin America, Africa, US mainly in Denmark, Norway, the United Kingdom or the Netherlands. China has the world's largest Protestant minority, India is the second one and the third place belongs to Indonesia. In Nigeria we can find twice as many Protestants as in Germany. Protestantism has a lot of branches the most famous ones are Lutheran, Anglican or Methodist. [36]

5.3 Eastern Orthodox Church

The official name is the Orthodox Catholic church. This is the 2nd largest Christian Church all around the world. We can find it mainly in Eastern and Southern Europe, Russia and the Middle East. It has around 260 million adherents and it is 12% of all Christians. The seat of the highest archbishop is in Istanbul, Turkey.

It sees itself as the continuation of the One, Holy and true Church. The Orthodox Church was established by the Apostles, during the Roman and Byzantine Empires. Jesus Christ is considered to be the head of the

Church and the Church is his body. Each bishop has a territory where he rules, he has to observe traditions and practices of the Church. All bishops are equal. Eastern Orthodox Church has a Great council of all available bishops from all around the world. The first seven Ecumenical Councils are considered to be the most important (they were held between the 4th and 8th centuries) the Synods of Constantinopol, the Synod of Iasi and Synod of Jerusalem are also important for position of the Orthodox. The Orthodox Christians believe in the Trinity. God is three similar people – the Father – God, the Son. Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit. It is said that man was create perfect and faultless but it was his choice for evil. The biblical story about Adam and Eve is related to this choice of evil. The end is that human beings are subordinate to death and corruption and it is known as “fall of man”.

The Salvation process is when Christians are changing more to be like Jesus Christ. Orthodox Christians believe that each human has a little bit of immortality, but it would be possible just with resurrection. The Bible contains the elemental truths of the Christian faith, that is the reason why the Bible is called the Holy Scripture. The foundations of teaching and beliefs are written there. Orthodox Christians believe in Holy Tradition, it means that the teachings of Jesus Christ and the Apostles will be transfered from generation to generation. Every person who is in heaven is considered to be a saint even if we know their name or not, the soul is temporarily separated from their body and it goes to the paradise or the darkness. It is believed that the soul is inactive until the Last Judgment (final judgment of God), because life on Earth prepare them for another life in the future. [37] [38] [39]

6 CHRISTIANITY IN THE U.S.

In past times, people living in America mostly believed in the world of spirits which were in rivers, animals or plants. But then Christianity

appeared during the 16th century when Europeans started to colonize the continents of North and South America, one of the reasons to colonize the Americas was to spread Christianity. Thus they brought Roman Catholicism to the new colonies, called middle colonies in these days, New York, Pennsylvania, Delaware. During the 17th century America was very quickly populated by people from England, their religion was Protestantism so people in America had to submit to this religion. According to Paul Johnson, it was an intentional and deliberate act by the Church. [40] [41]

In the 1730s and 1740s, the so called The Great Awakening took place, it was a revitalizing movement to be truly religious, meaning to use more feelings than head. Preachers were traveling across the country and dramatically preaching. Their followers were called “the New Light” they were contrast to the “Old Light” which did not want to support their preaching. Those two groups set up well known Princeton and Williams Colleges. The Great Awaking was not the last revitalizing movement. During the end of the 18th and 19th centuries a Protestant movement was held which culminated in 1840s and was led by Baptist and Methodist preachers. The so called the Second Great Awaking reacted to skepticism deism and rational Christianity. The First Great Awakening was focused on reviving the spirituality of congregations however the Second Great Awakening concentrated on a sense of salvation. During the Second Great Awakening there was aslo The Restoration Movement which wanted to reform the church because moral regeneration was needed by loyal Christians. [42]

During the 19th century a few well known Churches, such as Latter Day Saints, also so called Mormons and Jehovah’s Witnesses were established. President Thomas Jefferson added to the Constitution the First Amendment’s original intent which separated the Church and the state. Liberal Christianity which had a new understanding of Bible,

Fundamentalism or Labour Union Movement started to spread across the country. The Social Gospel appeared in the 20th century which was against poverty, alcoholism, crime and child labour. During the 1950's religion noted a boom "thanks to" World War II and church activities increase. [43]

According to the Center for the Study of Global Christianity (CSGC) in 2010 41,000 Christian denominations and organization appeared all over the world. In 2009 the CNN published that America is a less Christian nation than 20 years ago. In a survey made from February to November 2008 by Trinity College in Hartford, Connecticut, they interviewed around 54 461 Americans and were asked in English or Spanish. 75% of Americans called themselves Christians meanwhile the percentage of Muslims has doubled since 1990. In 2008 it was estimated that the U.S. has almost 60 million Catholics over 18 years and 117 million other Christians (See appendix n°2). Among other religions it showed almost 9billion people and about 34 billion nonaffiliated people. When Americans had to answer the question "*Regarding the existence of God, do you think...?*"

The responses were different but it shows America's religion morality. There is definitely a personal God answered 69,5 percent, There is a higher power but no personal God 12,1 percent and there is no such thing answered just 2,3 percent. Comparing the religious males and females, Christians are mainly female (See appendix n°3) and the difference is around 10 percent. Women are able to pray more often and even in history women were to be at home so they had more time to pray than men. Women are more likely to believe in God. Girls have always been raised to be obedient and rational instead of men which could be independent. They are more inclined to religion because of responsibility of giving-birth and it is easier for women to believe in something men need more proof to believe. Concerning the age, people from 30 to 49

years old practice traditions the most. Younger people want to have some fun, meet new people and travel the world and the older ones lost their ideals. [44]

The Huffington post released the TOP 10 most and least religious state TOP 10 in descending order are: Mississippi (59%), Utah (57%), Alabama (56%), Louisiana (54%), Arkansas (54%) TOP least are: Vermont (23%), New Hampshire (23%), Maine (25%), Massachusetts (28%), Alaska (28%). The Huffington post has also shown the map of all 50 states in which percentage of Christian adherents is shown by different red colors. (See appendix n°4) [45]

In 2006 Heidi Ewing and Rachel Grady directed a movie called Jesus Camp. This movie shows evangelical churches which organize summer camps, where children's are brainwashed. The Camps were mainly held in Colorado or Missouri. The famous one is called Kids on Fire. Those fundamental Evangelicals believe that to obtain salvation they must be born again by accepting Jesus as their savior. 43% of children are born again before they turn 13 years old. They believe the planet Earth is a sick, old world and most people are lazy Christians and fundamentalists will change the world by praying, everything is done in the name of God. According to fundamentalists their life would be destroyed by the devil. Kids are raised as soldiers of the army of God, because America is a God nation. However children faced opinions which could not be changed and what was said was the permanent truth. Children said they were created by God in their mother's womb and they are here for a special intension of God. Children fell into a trance and cried, for many people who also attended it was torture and abuse of kids, except by their parents. The Seattle times wrote an article that the summer camp will be closed because of negative reactions, it is not sure for how long, but we all hope it will be forever. The main characters from the film are still literally in love

with God, but in most cases girls became more independent on the other hand boys stayed extremely tied up with God. [46] [47]

7 CHRISTIAN TERRORISM

America became a fundamentalist Christian state with laws in agreement with the Old Testament during the Christian Reconstruction which originated from Calvinism. It follows the Institute of Biblical Law by R. J. Rushdoony, published in 1973. In this book the 10 Commandments are explained. Christian Reconstruction means to rule by God's law, to preach and teach the gospel and the whole world will convert to Christianity, after the world converts Jesus Christ will return. Reconstructioners think that they are the new people chosen by God and that planet Earth will become the Kingdom of God. It is said that the Bible is the book which leads each area of our lives such as government, education, or moral issues like pornography. [48]

Religious terrorists (also called "bible-inspired" terrorists) are trying to reach particular goals, which have religious character or influence. Religion gives people identity and they see a huge difference between believers and non believers, it is always "us" against "them". Andre Vltchek (an investigative journalist, novelist and filmmaker who fights against Western Imperialism) said: "I mainly hold Christianity responsible for most of the crimes committed in modern human history", because Christianity ruled in Europe and after colonialism in America too. According to the Voice of Russia, Christian terrorist groups are white, Anglo-Americans and descendents of settlers of Israel. They are also millenarian, which means they are getting ready for the judgment day. They consider themselves to be Christians so they do not accept the term terrorist. Changing the public opinion is the main task of those groups. Without public support they are not able to make any changes.

As we know Christians are guided by the Bible, unfortunately people interpret it literally and that causes the terrorist acts. Those terrorist acts are called the Holy War. It can be objected that Christians act according to the New Testament, because the Old one is Jewish and the New one contains Christian issues. Christian terrorist groups are run by a virtual network and it is called a “leaderless resistance”, the internet has a lot of power and people can find out whatever they want. Leaders inspire people to act on their own, they do not want to participate in planning the attacks. Leaders are often clergy with tiny congregations about 7-10 families. If terrorists are “lone-wolf avengers” there is a smaller risk to be caught. When there is a capable leader of organized group followers can be put up to commit the crime. The leader provides training, housing or salaries. Salaries are also given to the families when their member dies as a martyr. [49] [50] [51]

The Bible can be understood very violently. And actually the meanings of the following excerpts are violent if you interpret them literally.

Leviticus 20:9

Anyone who curses their father or mother is to be put to death. Because they have cursed their father or mother, their blood will be on their own head.

Leviticus 20:10

If a man commits adultery with another man’s wife—with the wife of his neighbor—both the adulterer and the adulteress are to be put to death

Leviticus 20:13

‘If a man has sexual relations with a man as one does with a woman, both of them have done what is detestable. They are to be put to death; their blood will be on their own heads.

Deuteronomy 11:1

Love the LORD your God and keep his requirements, his decrees, his laws and his commands always.

Deuteronomy 13:12-15

If you hear it said about one of the towns the LORD your God is giving you to live in ¹³ that troublemakers have arisen among you and have led the people of their town astray, saying, “Let us go and worship other gods” (gods you have not known), then you must inquire, probe and investigate it thoroughly. And if it is true and it has been proved that this detestable thing has been done among you, you must certainly put to the sword all who live in that town. You must destroy it completely, both its people and its livestock.

The book Wisdom books:

Psalms 19:7

The law of the Lord is Perfect, refreshing soul.

The book Major prophets:

Isaiah 1:19-20

If you are willing and obedient,

You will eat the good things of the land;

but if you resist and rebel, you will be devoured by the sword

For the mouth of the Lord has spoken

Isaiah 13:9

See the day of the Lord is coming – a cruel day; with wrath and fierce anger- to make the land desolate and destroy the sinners within it..³ [52]

In those extracts from the Old Testament, we see that Christians have to observe what is written in the Bible and follow it literally. Now, it is not

³ BiBleGateway [online]. Available: <https://www.biblegateway.com/> [Retrieved 20 February 2015].

strange why people become the Christian terrorists. They just do what someone usually the leader told them. If you break the rules, even just a little bit, you should die. People feel they are watched all the time, that makes them stressed.

The most famous Christian terrorists are from the pro-life movement. They are murdering doctors, carrying out the abortions and they attack abortion clinics

On the website of the Army of God we can find several verses from all Gospels by which they are guided such as:

Psalm 106:37,38

Yea, they sacrificed their sons and their daughters unto devils
And shed innocent blood, even the blood of their sons and of their daughters..

Genesis 1:28

And God blessed them, and God said unto them,
Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth...
This verse says that birth control is evil.

Psalm 55:15

Let death seize upon them, and let them go down quick into hell: for wickedness is in their dwellings, and among them⁴ [53]

8 PARTICULAR CHRISTIAN TERRORIST GROUPS

8.1 Ku Klux Klan

Among the most famous Christian terrorist groups ranks the Ku Klux Klan (KKK). The KKK was founded in Pulaski a town located in the state of Tennessee, in May 1866 by six friends Lester, Crowe, Jones, Kennedy,

⁴ BiBleGateway [online]. Available: <https://www.biblegateway.com/> [Retrieved 20 February 2015].

Reed and McCord, who after the Civil War debated racial tension. Nevertheless they were not the only ones, almost every white Southerner had asked a questions about black people. Just one sentence, "Boys, lets us get up a club or society." set off a company which became well known, all over the World. The Ku Klux Klan also enriched the dictionary the members of the Klan became known as Kukluxers, their acts as kukluxing and kukluxism. Their first name was Kuklos, it is a Greek word for circle or band but it was not ascertained to be mysterious enough. They started to call the club Ku Klux Klan. It was a necessity to write an oath of secrecy, rituals, passwords secret handshakes etc. Founders also created the special titles, the president was called the Grand Cyclops and the vice president was called the Grand Magi.

The six founders of the KKK wore robs, hoods, and conical hats (See appendix n°5). Soon they realized that people were fearful of their robes especially during the night and they had a real power in their hands. Members of the KKK guarded the country roads, chasing and whipping black people. Black people were not allowed to leave their homes at night, it became very dangerous, as they could be killed. This at first innocent social club had changed into a racist organization, oriented against black people. In view of the fact that the generation of founders of the KKK grew up in a period when black people were being whipped, bullied, and pushed into subordination to white people, it is not a surprise that black people were not accepted by American society. The Fourteenth Amendment gave everyone born or naturalized in the United States citizenship equal protection under American laws. Black people got the right to vote and white people became more angry, which made people join the KKK, and they started to grow very fast.

Kukluxers hold the view that America was founded by whites and only whites should be here, and according to them the Declaration of Independence and Constitution only pertain to whites not any others. The

phrase "all men are created equal," means that the white people are equal maybe that is the reason why Kukluxers do not see themselves as law-breakers but as law enforcers. During the first twelve months of its existence, the KKK perpetrated several hundred acts. The KKK teamed up with Democrats against Republicans who supported the freedom of blacks, then they also started to torture white farmers who helped black people. The new comers had to answer the question if they had ever been a member of the Republican Party, if yes it meant rejection. Black people were tortured by whipping, their livestock were killed and it made them to leave the country to save their lives. Even if black people had build their own schools or churches the KKK burn them down, the white ministers who supported negros became their number one targets. Fortunately President Grant decided to solve this problem and stop the violence. He sent detectives who infiltrated the Klan and found out important information. It was said they were totally shocked by the violence.

Between 1866-1871 the KKK consisted of about 550, 000 members. Klansmen bullied people who then had to be hidden during those hard times, but times changed and in 1871 Klansmen were the ones hiding, so as not to be arrested. The Klan ended in 1874. This peaceful time did not last a long time. In 1915, the producer D. W. Giffith filmed the novel, *The Birth of a Nation* which was written by Thomas Dixon. The KKK was portrayed as a savior of the south after the Civil war. The establishers of the KKK found inspiration in this movie and they let the Ku Klux Klan come alive again. Besides African Americans they started to hate Catholics, Jews, immigrants, scandalous behavior and liberals.

The KKK expanded and in the 1920s Klan numbered about five million members who wanted to take law into their own hands. Detroit, Atlanta, Dallas and Huston were cities where the KKK began to grow rapidly. The Second Klan lasted till 1944, so the racial tensions were influenced by

two World Wars, which were responsible for the increase in immigration. During World War II, blacks were accepted into the army so many soldiers did not see them as enemies. The national Klan office had a seat in Dallas, Texas and the symbol was a burning Latin cross. Many people were against the Klan, because of targeting Jews, the Jewish Anti-Defamation League was born. Groups like this started to fight against the KKK and they published the names of members of the Ku Klux Klan, which made them have to leave the organization. The Second Ku Klux Klan is responsible for the deaths of more than 700 black men, women and children. In the 1950s Kukluxers started to be seen again. People started to build small scattered groups which took over the name Ku Klux Klan, especially in Alabama. Those groups started to bomb the houses of black people and civil right activists. The most violent group is considered The White Knights of Mississippi which operated in the 1960s. Members of the Ku Klux Klan fell out of popular favor but in the 1970s the Klan situation changed and people started to be interested in activities of the KKK again, and membership increased from 6,500 to 10,000 but it is said that around 75,000 people sympathized with the KKK, read its literature or attended meetings. David Duke promoted the Klan by appearances on radio or television. Thanks to this promotion people started to call the group the New Klan. David Duke as the head of the New Klan got involved in politics in the Louisiana Senate where he obtained third place.

In the 1980s, one black mentally handicapped man was accused of raping three white women. It raised racial tension and people wanted to be members of the Klan again. The Klan cooperated with another white supremacy and neo-Nazi groups, they had found out they have the same goals to reach. The only difference was just clothes, Klansmen wore robes while other groups wore military uniforms. [54]

In 1989, Pastor Robb became the head of the KKK. A hundred meetings were arranged to bring him into his new role, instead of act like

previous Klans and many other groups. They had choreographed rituals, music and proper speeches. Most of the groups have the word “knight” in their names, such as The Knight Party, as adherents of the old Ku Klux Klan. [55]

The news let's us know that the KKK is still alive. During the racial protest against the death of a young black man from Ferguson, Missouri, the KKK said they will enforce white supremacy and deadly force will be used against demonstrators. Even leaflets with this death power had been found. Although the movement Anonymous (a hacker group who crash the websites of FBI or CIA for example, who are trying to fight for justice, so they are also crashing the websites of terrorist groups such as Islamic State and they publishing the names, twitter and facebook accounts of the people leading the IS) answered and started to publish the names of members of the KKK. They also blocked the twitter account @KuKluxKlanUSA. On the other hand we can see that different groups of the KKK have changed their tactics and they lure black people and homosexuals to their Klan too. The reason why is to build a stronger America. For example The Knights from the Rocky Mountain. branch of the KKK, have decided to build stronger a America, even if the white supremacy meant the old KKK. They are not able to reach their goals if different races will not be accepted. [56] [57] [58]

In 2009 the Southern Poverty Law Center counted 932 active groups in the United States. [59]

In these days almost each Christian terrorist group has a Christian Identity, which is a global group of churches and lone wolfs. They see themselves as direct descendants of tribes of Israel and God's chosen people. Christian identity belief that white people are chosen and blacks are subhuman, that Jews are descendants of the devil and the world is heading towards a race war. The doctrine of Christian Identity said that

disease, cancer, sexual diseases are widespread by humans who were jointed with “unclean” people it means race mixers. People who get involved in race-mixing, homo-sexuality and usury are already dead or can be penalized. They also believe that paper money is “the root of all evil” and the whole banking system is lead by Jews.

The most famous terrorist groups which belong to the list of Christian Identity are The Covenant, The Sword and the Arm of the Lord (CSA), Phineas Priesthood, the Oklahoma Constitutional Militia, the Universal Church of God, Aryan Republican Army and The Patriots council. [60]

8.2 The Covenant, the Sword and the Arm of the Lord

The Covenant, the Sword and the Arm of the Lord is not functional anymore. They were active from 1971-1985 and lived together in one community. They described themselves as “a group of hard-working, dedicated Christians, whose purpose is to build an Ark for god’s people during the coming tribulation on earth.”⁵ The CSA operated in Arkansas, Missouri and Oklahoma.

First they called themselves Zarephath-Horeb which means “refuge and divine inspiration”. The founder is the well known James Ellison and he quickly accepted Christian Identity. Its members sold weapons and engaged in some criminal activity. The main event which tempted them into terrorism was in 1983 when Gordon Kahl, a farmer in North Dakota decided not to pay taxes. It lead to killing two federal marshals, he was killed also and made a martyr. To revenge this attack the CSA declared war on FBI agents, government officials and judges. They also attacked Jews and the churches within the homosexual community. After four days, surrounded by FBI agents, the authorities of the Church were arrested and hundreds of weapons and explosives including a big barrel

⁵ Lucy Sargisson. *Fool's gold?: Utopianism in the Twenty-First Century*

of cyanide were found on their 220 acre plot. Thanks to the arrest the CSA has been dissolved. [61] [62] [63] [64]

8.3 Phineas Priesthood

Phineas Priesthood (PP) is not a working organization any more, but there are some lone wolves who act according to their doctrines. The group is named after a man Phineas who executed an Israeli man who had an affair with a worshiper who was a different race. He was rewarded by God and appeared in one story in the Old Testament. PP attacked Jews, other non-white people and people which were seen as enemies. Members of this group act on *Vigilantes of Christendom: The Story of the Phineas Priesthood*. It is a book written in 1990 by Richard Kelly Hoskins. Phineas Priests feel they are to be called by God to kill “race-mixers”. They are against abortions and homosexuality as well. [65]

In November 2014, Larry Steve McQuilliams was shot at the Federal Courthouse and a Mexican consulate in Austin, Texas. According to Austin Police he was a “homegrown American extremist” with a map of 34 targets, including two churches. Police said that he associated himself with the Phineas Priesthood because they found the PP book at his house. The Police Chief Art Acevedo called him “an American terrorist trying to terrorize our people.” [66]

8.4 The Militia Movement

The Militia Movement (MM) was born in 1993, so it is a relatively young group. The group was created in Texas after the deaths in Mt. Carmel Centre where the sect had weapons. The Sect did not want to surrender so it turned into a big massacre with more than 70 dead people at a siege in Waco. After this event the MM spread to each state in the United States. They got their names from the state where it was born such as the Oklahoma Constitutional Militia or Washington State Militia.

The MM is a right-wing movement and they believe that they have the power to take back the government with weapons, if needed. They thought that the government wants to disarm all of America. The conspiracy theories and rage at the government formed the heart of the MM ideology. In 1995, after the Oklahoma bombing which has not been attributed to the Oklahoma Constitutional Militia, thanks to the media and newspapers people got to know the MM and many supporters of this ideology wanted to join, therefore the MM expanded. They noticed a decline in 1996. At the turn of the century the MM was still alive with a desire to make itself younger. If an event such as the Waco siege massacre will happen in the future, we can be sure that the Militia Movement groups will be on the rise again. [67] [68]

8.5 Aryan Republican Army, Arian Nation

The Arian Nation (AN) became active in the 1980s and was one of the leading terrorist groups. The AN has cooperated with neo-Nazis, skinheads, the Ku Klux Klan and many other white supremacy groups. When Richard Girnt Butler became the head of the Christian Identity congregation he created the Church of Jesus Christ Christian. The so called international headquarters of the White race in Hayden Lake, Idaho was created and became the main place for meetings.

During the mid 1990s the AN noticed a boom and spread to 27 states in the US. In 2000 a jury found Butler guilty due to a suit which had been filed by Victoria Keenan who was attacked with her son by security guards in front of Hayden Lake. He had to pay \$6.3 million in damages to Keenan, and announce bankruptcy. Their seat at Hayden Lake and intellectual property was given to Keenan. The new head of the AN was selected and AN moved to Pennsylvania where almost 100% of the population is white.

The Aryan Republican Army (ARA) followed the Aryan Nation we can see the similarity because they committed several robberies and operated in the mid 1990s as the Aryan Nation did. The ARA wanted to use the money to finance a white supremacy overthrow of US government. They started to grow after the Waco siege massacre which caused an antigovernment climate. The group is responsible for at least 22 bank robberies. Each robbery did not take more than 90 second, they wore Nixon and Reagan masks and the cars which they used to escape were registered to FBI agents. The main members of the ARA were Richard "Wild Bill" Guthrie Jr. and Peter Kevin Langan. Both were arrested on the grounds of 12 robberies. [69]

8.6 The Patriot movement

The Patriot movement appeared in the 1990s as an antigovernment group. They were fighting for freedom but other people saw them as an illegal army. Their ideology is formed by rebellion, racism and religion. The most famous attack is the Oklahoma City bombings on April 19, 1995. 168 people were killed and more than 500 people were injured.. Timothy J. McVeigh and Terry L. Nichols both ex-Army soldiers were convicted. The bomb was made from agricultural fertilizer, diesel fuel and other chemicals. It was situated in front of the Federal Building in truck. Nichols was sentenced to life prison and in 2001 McVeigh became the first person executed for a federal crime since 1963. Today, on the place where the Federal Building stood is a memorial with 168 stone and glass chairs placed in rows on the grass [70] [71]

8.7 The Patriot Council

The Patriots council (PC) was formed in 1970 by Frank Nelson. This antigovernment group was active in central Minnesota. The group was focused on tax system which seemed to them as tyranny. They became famous in the1990s owing to attacks on government members and

federal officials with biological toxin ricin which is more powerful than cyanide. Using the ricin to kill led to the sentencing of 4 members of the PC under the Anti- Terrorism Act of 1989. After this attempt to kill, the group has never shown up in public again. [72]

8.8 Army of God

Before reading about antiabortionist there is the need to introduce a specific vocabulary. Words such as abortuaries, butchertoriums and baby butcheries are used in place of abortion clinics. Defensive action or justified homicide means violence against clinics or people. Saints martyrs or prisoners of Christ are people who break the law because of the movement.

The Army of God is a pro-life terrorist group. It was founded in 1982 when 3 men kidnapped a doctor who performed abortions, and when he agreed to end of his abortion practice, they released him. In the beginning of this movement they wanted to do it legally so they wrote a letter to President Ronald Reagan to take a stronger attitude to abortions. After the release of the captives Police realized that the threat of the Army of God was real.

Members of Army of God call themselves soldiers. They believe that the only way to stop those who perform abortions is violence. The AG has its own manual where the rules of right behavior are written and now the third edition of this manual is published. According to experts it has been written by several people who are anonymous. They say that the fight against abortion is a fight against the devil and the devil has to be destroyed. The manual says how to stop the work of the abortion clinics. It can be stopped by putting super glue in the locks, which causes a change of the locks, acid attacks or to contaminate the water with chloride. Even talking to couples or women who are interested in

abortions and trying to dissuade it. Anti-abortionist can create their own bombs or spray the walls of the abortion clinics with messages such as: "Adoption=love, Abortion is murders, Mommy Don't Kill me, I love you Mommy, Why can't you love me". Most of the time this attempt to stop the pregnant mothers does not work. Therefore anti-abortionists have to recourse to violence. [73] [74] [75] [76]

Well known man in the anti-abortion movement is the reverend Michael Bray. He was convicted of bombing a women's health care clinic, which was providing abortions in the 1980s. As the author of a book called *A Time to Kill*, he describes his book as the defense of children in the womb. Bray believes that Christians will rule the world, which is God's intention. He is the most important intellectual father of the antiabortion movement which prefers terrorism rather than nonviolence. Now he lives in Ohio with 11 children and wife. [77]

Jessica Stern professor at Harvard University, specialist in Terrorism and an author of the book *Why religious militants kill. Terror in the name of God*. She visited The White Rose Banquet, is a charity dinner which takes place almost every year to celebrate the "Saints of Christ", so called violent antiabortionist activist, who are in prison. The Banquet has two reasons the first one is to promote killing doctors and their staff, and bombing "baby butcheries". The second reason is to raise money for the "martyrs". Before attending the Banquet people need to send \$40 to Michael Bray and then they can come. Bray's antiabortion movement has no hierarchy and no meetings. Individuals and groups act independently of each other and never give feedback.

Attending this banquet Jessica Stern questioned the members of the "save the babies" movement. The first person was seventeen year old Katherine Horsley, daughter of Neal Horsley who is the founder of the web site the so called Nuremberg files where you can find the listing of

clinic staff in whole US, as well as their home and office addresses. Besides clinics, there also mention judges and politicians who pass or enforce laws about abortions. A lot of doctors were forced to end their medical practices because of the terror from the “save the babies” movement. Jessica Stern talked to Jonathan O’Toole, who is nineteen years old. He said “I am a Christian, and therefore opposed to abortion. Unborn babies are dying by the millions, and I feel compelled to help.” Even if he is just nineteen years old he is already a member of the Army of God. When he was in college he kept talking about attacking the clinics. He said it is his life mission. According to the Army of God, God is the Commander-in-Chief. People from the “save the babies” movement were taught that abortion is the worst thing that woman can do. They do not see their attacks as violence they say it is a defensive action, it is their duty to defend unborn people. Most of these people come from very religious families which have been members of the save the babies movement for generations. They often homeschool (till the college age) which means they have no contact with “normal” children and they believe in what their parents say. [78]

The first attack committed by AoG was in 1984 when a clinic was firebombed in Norfolk, Virginia. The initials AoG were found on the wall. It is said that in 1984 the National Abortion Federation found out 30 incidents of bombings or arson. Those attacks were committed in Delaware, Washington,D.C., Virginia or Florida. In next ten years attacks continued with bombings, sprayings or just talking about abortions. To promote the pro-life movement they have their own magazine *Life Advocate* where people can find news about abortions, pictures of aborted fetuses and also prestigious activists had a right to publish their opinions. In 1996 after the bombing at the Summer Olympic Games in Atlanta, two people died and more than 100 were injured. Before exploding, someone called to 911 and said that the bomb will explode in

30 minutes. Attacker Eric Robert Rudolph was found guilty of bombing at abortion clinics. Maybe the Olympic Park bombing could be connected with his pro life thinking. [79]

A Birmingham, Alabama women's clinic was bombed in 1998. After that terrorist acts a letter with the printed name of the Army of God was sent. It proved the same attacker was behind the Atlanta bombing. Eric Robert Rudolph was convicted of these two terrorist attacks. [80]

On a website of the Army of God we can see some portraits of men who were arrested because of murdering of the doctors providing abortions. Those men are called American heroes and one of them is Scott Roeder. He shot George Tiller on 30th May 2009 in Wichita Kansas. [81]

The next one is Paul Jennings Hill who was sentenced to death by lethal injection. He is the first killer of doctors providing abortions to be executed in the U.S.. Hill killed Dr. Britton, who flew to Pensacola once a week to provide abortions, and it aided Hill in his deadly plan. [82]

Milan Kohout, a Czech and American performer described how he met the pro-life movement in his book *Proved' vola světem volem zůstane* (Guide an idiot through the world, he will stay idiot). In Boston he lived across the street from the clinics providing abortions. Once while he was watching a dog crossing the street he heard cries, sobbing and police horns. One woman was yelling: "Oh my god he shot them all! I saw that, he had a gun and shouted "Jesus will forgive me" and ran away to the car." In front of the clinic a small group of people from the pro-life movement appeared wearing the pictures of bloody fetus hanging around their necks. This attack was committed by John Salvi who killed staff of two clinics. In the court he said:" Jesus Christ ordered me to do it and right after the action he forgave me!" After one week in prison Salvi was murdered by his prison mates. [83]

Even if the Army of God were active mainly in 1990s, attacks in 21st century are still usual. Such as the attack at the Knoxville Unitarian Universalist Church in Knoxville where Jim David Adkisson, a Christian right adherent, shot two people. [84]

9 ABORTIONS IN THE U.S.

It is well known that Americans are divided into two groups. Pro-abortionist and anti-abortions, they have been arguing for a long time and it will probably take a little more time. Some of the 50 states in the U.S. have a lot of restrictions concerning abortions as mentioned in the New York Times in 2013. The restriction are following: In North Dakota it is forbidden to provide abortions as early as six weeks after woman's last menstrual period. North Carolina has the same law but abortions are forbidden when 20 week have passed. Eight states such as Alabama, Indiana Kansas, Louisiana, Nebraska and Oklahoma allow abortions until the 22nd week. 26 states have this ban from the 24th to 26th week. In Iowa, Texas and Virginia doctors an provide abortions until the 28th week. And unfortunately states such as Alaska, Oregon, Mississippi and 6 more have no restriction. [85]

The Republican Party believe that unborn children have the right to life. They believe that rights stated in the Fourteenth Amendment (rights for citizens such as the right to live) belong to unborn babies as well. So when there is a Republican president, abortions laws get stricter but if there is democratic president abortion laws get lighter. Many Republicans loose elections because of women's rights, democrats believe that they are not thinking about the rights of women but just about the unborn babies. [86]

Compared with the legal system of the Czech Republic abortion can be provide until the 12th week of pregnancy if mother of the unborn child

is healthy. But if a woman has serious medical problem the abortion can be provided up to 24 weeks. It is more human than in several states in U. S. [87]

According to CNN the Kansas governor Sam Brownback signed a law which forbid what is called "dismemberment abortion" which is "knowingly dismembering a living unborn child and extracting this unborn child one piece at a time from the uterus". It forbids the dilation and evacuation abortion procedure usually used during the second trimester of pregnancy. The law allows the procedure "if necessary to protect the life or health of the mother," according to a statement on Brownback's website. It actually influences the ability of choice for women. Kansas has more restrictions on abortion than any other state in the U.S. This is a groundbreaking law and we will see what happens in the U.S. next, but we can be sure that the Republican Party has the support of all pro-life movement members especially the Army of God in forthcoming presidential elections. [88]

10 CONCLUSION

The first part was dedicated to some general introductions such as what is the terrorism or Christianity, the psychology of terrorist or the Christianity in United States.

I expected that to use a lot of newspaper articles and less books, because sometimes journalists have a different point of view of certain issues. Reading of the history of Christianity was really difficult to understand I must say it was the hardest thing I had to deal with because until the beginning of this Bachelor Thesis I had found out that I was insufficiently informed. I must say that the book *Why religious militants kill in the name of God?* Was the biggest benefit to me and also the most interesting source I have been working with.

The second part contains several Christian terrorist organizations which operates or operated in the U. S. and their doings was not right and legal. In this part we find out that many of this groups has been active only in 20th century so in these days Christian terrorism is not the theme number one and was replaced by Islamic terrorism. The only one who is still quite dangerous is Army of God or lonely wolfs. Lonely wolfs are not members of terrorist organizations but they agree with their opinions and act like they would be one of them. They are hardly discovered and they are often hidden till the beginning of the terrorist action.

In my work I hope I fulfilled all the aims which I assigned myself. I found examples where Bible says if you do not do what is written in a Bible the only one punishment is a death. Even If many people understand the Bible in nonviolent way the others do not, they interpret it literally. After reading this Bachelor Thesis, people should know what does the Christian terrorism means and also can acquaint themselves with particular terrorist groups. The threat is still real especially around clinics providing abortions.

Concerning politics, I had no idea that the Republican Party is linked to the pro-life movement. The fights for anti-abortion laws will probably take forever. And it is hard to define whether they are defending the unborn babies or not because Democrats say that they are defending the women's right and the Republicans do not take care about those mothers. As for me I am definitely for abortions but only if it is really necessary. Many states in the U.S. have laws which are allowed to provide abortions in advanced months of gestation. That can be seen as very inhuman action. This is really delicate issue so it is not surprise that political parties include it to its election program. Each election period we can watch the fights of Republicans against Democrats which we can see all the year but with the approaching elections it is getting stronger and there is no solution in sight.

During the work on my Bachelor Thesis I have found out that the treat of the terrorism can appear everywhere. We as people are in a sort of way responsible for creation of the new terrorist organizations. Approximately two years ago The Islamic State was born. In these days it is the most feared terrorist organization and even though this concern Islam religion it is not sure that it will not be a terrorist organization like this but composed of Christians.

Thinking about future of my Bachelor Thesis I am sure that this theme is convenient for Dissertation and could be elaborated much deeper to fulfill all requirements of Dissertation.

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13 RESUMÉ

Tato Bakalářská práce pojednává o křesťanském terorismu ve Spojených státech Amerických. Bakalářská práce je rozdělena do dvou částí. V teoretické části se zabývám obecným pojmům pojící se s křesťanským terorismem, jako je historie a rozdělení Křesťanství, pojem terorismus či historie terorismu.

V praktické části se věnuji jednotlivým křesťanským teroristickým organizacím, kde se zaměřuji na vznik, pokud jsou v dnešní době aktivní a také teroristickým činnům, které spáchaly. Zmínila jsem také několik zákonů, které se týkají umělého ukončení těhotenství, jelikož jedna z mála aktivních teroristických skupin se zaměřuje na práva nenarozeých dětí a jsou také příčinou mnoha sporů mezi politickými stranami.

14 ABSTRACT

This Bachelor Thesis deals with the Christian terrorism in the United States of America. Bachelor Thesis is divided into two parts. In theoretical part I follow up the general terms connected to the Christian terrorism, such as history and division of the Christianity, term terrorism and history of terrorism.

In the second, practical part, I deal with particular Christian terrorist groups, where I am concentrated on the origin of the terrorist organizations, if they are still active and to terrorist acts which was committed by them. I also mentioned several laws concerning the abortions, because one of the active terrorist organization is focused on the laws of unborn children and they are the cause of the fights between the political parties.

15 APPENDICES

Appendix n° 1 – Chi Rho symbol



Appendix n°2 number of adherents of different types of Christianity

Table 3.

Self-Identification of U.S. Adult Population by Religious Tradition 1990, 2001, 2008

Religious Tradition	1990		2001		2008	
	Estimate	%	Estimate	%	Estimate	%
Catholic	46,004,000	26.2	50,873,000	24.5	57,199,000	25.1
Baptist	33,964,000	19.3	33,820,000	16.3	36,148,000	15.8
Mainline Christian	32,784,000	18.7	35,788,000	17.2	29,375,000	12.9
<i>Methodist</i>	14,174,000	8.0	14,039,000	6.8	11,366,000	5.0
<i>Lutheran</i>	9,110,000	5.2	9,580,000	4.6	8,674,000	3.8
<i>Presbyterian</i>	4,985,000	2.8	5,596,000	2.7	4,723,000	2.1
<i>Episcopalian/ Anglican</i>	3,043,000	1.7	3,451,000	1.7	2,405,000	1.1
<i>United Church of Christ</i>	438,000	0.2	1,378,000	0.7	736,000	0.3
Christian Generic	25,980,000	14.8	22,546,000	10.8	32,441,000	14.2
<i>Christian Unspecified</i>	8,073,000	4.6	14,190,000	6.8	16,834,000	7.4
<i>Non-Denom. Christian</i>	194,000	0.1	2,489,000	1.2	8,032,000	3.5
<i>Protestant Unspecified</i>	17,214,000	9.8	4,647,000	2.2	5,187,000	2.3
<i>Evangelical/ Born Again</i>	546,000	0.3	1,088,000	0.5	2,154,000	0.9
Pentecostal/ Charismatic	5,647,000	3.2	7,831,000	3.8	7,948,000	3.5
<i>Pentecostal Unspecified</i>	3,116,000	1.8	4,407,000	2.1	5,416,000	2.4
<i>Assemblies of God</i>	617,000	0.4	1,105,000	0.5	810,000	0.4
<i>Church of God</i>	590,000	0.4	943,000	0.5	663,000	0.3
Protestant Denominations	4,630,000	2.6	5,949,000	2.9	7,131,000	3.1
<i>Churches of Christ</i>	1,769,000	1.0	2,593,000	1.2	1,921,000	0.8
<i>Jehovah's Witness</i>	1,381,000	0.8	1,331,000	0.6	1,914,000	0.8
<i>Seventh Day Adventist</i>	668,000	0.4	724,000	0.3	938,000	0.4
Momon/Latter Day Saints	2,487,000	1.4	2,697,000	1.3	3,158,000	1.4
Jewish*	3,137,000	1.8	2,837,000	1.4	2,680,000	1.2
Eastern Religions	687,000	0.4	2,020,000	1.0	1,961,000	0.9
<i>Buddhist</i>	404,000	0.2	1,082,000	0.5	1,189,000	0.5
Muslim	527,000	0.3	1,104,000	0.5	1,349,000	0.6
NRM's & Other Religions	1,296,000	0.8	1,770,000	0.9	2,804,000	1.2
Nones/No Religion	14,331,000	8.2	29,481,000	14.1	34,169,000	15.0
<i>Agnostic</i>	1,186,000**	0.7	991,000	0.5	1,985,000	0.9
<i>Atheist</i>	N/A	N/A	902,000	0.4	1,621,000	0.7
DK/Refused	4,031,000	2.3	11,300,000	5.4	11,815,000	5.2
Total	175,440,000	100	207,983,000	100	228,182,000	100

* This refers only to Jews by religion and not to the total Jewish ethnic population

** Agnostics and Atheists were combined in NSRI 1990

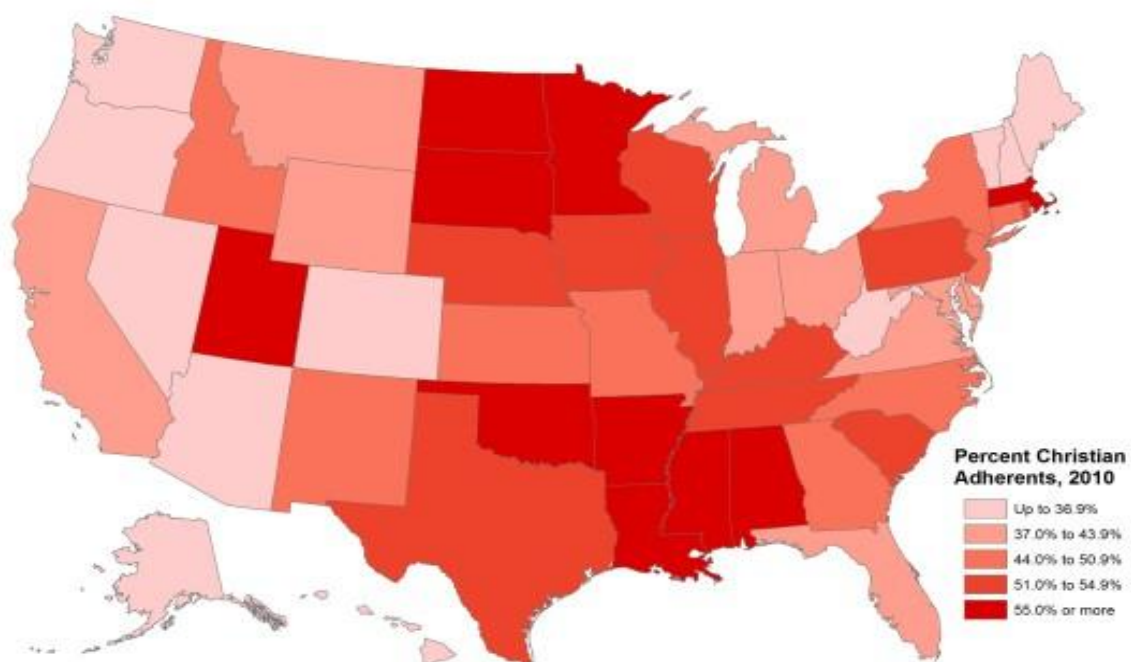
Appendix n°3 Percentage of male and female believers

Gender Composition of the Religious Traditions 2008

	% Male	% Female
Catholic	46	54
Baptist	43	57
Mainline Christian	44	56
Christian Generic	48	52
Pentecostal/Charismatic	42	58
Protestant Denominations	45	55
Mormon/LDS	45	55
Jewish	49	51
Eastern Religions	53	47
Muslim	52	48
NRM & Other Religions	52	48
Nones	60	40

Appendix n°4 Map of the Most and Least Christian States in U. S.

Christian Adherents As Percentage of State Population, 2010



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Appendix n°5 – Ku Klux Klan suit

