

Themes of Terrorism

“Tear away the veils of illusion”

- Things are not as they seem
- The social order is a fraud

Vigorous single-minded purpose

- “Our parents’ generation were corrupt collaborators”

Terror is both efficient and relatively safe

- Difficult to catch terrorists
- Regime’s over-reaction actually helps us

Vision of the “new order”

- Rottenness swept away
- Our hearts revived
- No more exploitation

Dis-illusion	Dedi-cation	Violence as efficient	Vision of new order	Resulting social movement type
X	X	X	X	Terrorist
X				Cynic, burnt-out terrorist
			X	Utopian
(X)	X			Capitalist, Rhett Butler, "hired gun"
		X		Psychopathic criminal
X	X		X	Gandhian, improver/reformer
Not X	X	X	Not X	State terrorism?