

Applying situational crime prevention principles to thwart domestic terrorism.

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In their pioneering treatise, *Outsmarting The Terrorists* (2006), Clarke and Newman introduced the hypothetical notion that Situational Crime Prevention (SCP) techniques could be used to combat terrorism. In advancing this idea, they make the general assumption that terrorists, like common offenders, can be deterred by blocking existing opportunities to commit terrorist acts. Thus, it is assumed that terrorists select their targets and execute their destruction based on a mental calculus that weights the costs of failure and the benefits of success. This study employs survey data to support this supposition.