

How Technology Has Transformed the Terrorist Threat Fifteen Years After 9/11

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Watch senior FBI official Michael Steinbach as he details the new borderless threats from terrorists, and how law enforcement is changing the way it does business.

Fifteen years after the September 11 attacks, the threat of terrorism not only persists but now transcends borders, challenging investigators like never before. Today's investigators must accept that technology has no geographic bounds and can be used as a tool for terrorist organizations to recruit as well as to radicalize. But changing the way law enforcement and government agencies do business and tackle the threat isn't easy.

To discuss real world challenges and the transformation of technology, the threat, and the way we work, The Washington Institute hosted a Policy Forum with senior FBI official Michael Steinbach, the latest event in its [Stein Counterterrorism Lecture Series \(/node/15976\)](/node/15976).

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