

## Our brains can't handle lack of explanation for lone-wolf terror attacks

[I]t would be nice if we could develop some profile of the sorts of people who become lone-wolf attackers...Unfortunately, this is probably impossible.

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Simply put, people perpetrate these acts for a complicated mix of reasons, and there's effectively no way to "profile" a future terrorist. "Fundamentally, the quest for a single answer for the reason for terror is pretty doomed — it's like trying to answer the question of why there is crime," J.M. Berger, a terror researcher, told [Alan] Cullison.

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Researchers just have no one-size-fits-all story to explain why some people "snap" like this...There's just no single story line that fits all or even most attacks; this is a consistent finding among the people whose lives' work is to figure this stuff out.

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Unfortunately, we — as a species — really, really *want* there to be some overriding explanation for these heinous acts. Human brains are not built to handle ambiguity and complexity when it comes to scary or otherwise emotionally charged subjects.

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