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About these cards

Terrorism aims to provoke fear, anger, confusion and chaos. We have the power to deny terrorists what they want in the way we respond. In the wake of a terrorist event, it is hard to know what to say or do. As community members, we have the power to start the right conversations and build our collective resilience.

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Instructions – Step 1

Start your conversation using the Question card and reflect on and discuss your answers.

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Quote 1

There were definitely elements of finger pointing of blaming, religion, ideology, immigration. But instead we chose to be uplifting. To celebrate the life that Dad had and not give into the reaction that they wanted.

Alpha Cheng

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Quote 2

You may think that the Siege, the actual 17 hours, was the insanity. That was like nothing compared to what happened afterwards. That's when it all goes "Psycho City."

Louisa Hope

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Quote 3

Each new [terror] event brings with it its own sense of both failure and need. There is this incredible need so I must keep going. What I wasn't prepared for was how difficult this road would be. This road of trying to build a sustainable peace. Things like having to have my comments section of my TED Talk disabled, because it was so vile, I wasn't ready for that.

Gill Hicks

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Quote 4

Trying to get information was the hardest part. No one's telling you exactly what happened to your dead brother. And when they said "your brother", I was thinking "which one? And what happened to the rest of our family?"

Luul Ibrahim

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Quote 5

It was just chaos and confusion - even with the authorities. They were doing their best but there were so many rumours flying around; about who exactly had passed; about how many gunmen there were; about who was doing this. As one officer put it: this wasn't a normal car crash, it was an international crime scene - and everyone was fighting over the steering wheel.

Abdi Ibrahim

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About these cards

These Conversation Cards can be used as a starting point for communities or classrooms trying to make sense of the scary and confusing topic of terrorism. We think the best way to approach this topic is from the point of view of those impacted most directly: survivors and victims of terrorism. The questions and prompts in this deck of Conversation Cards come from our CONTINUUM Storytellers, from the stories they shared with us.

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Stories of lives *transformed* by terror.

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Prompt 1

What can we learn from *survivors* and *victims of terrorism* that can help break the cycle of fear and hate?

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Instructions - Step 2

Once everyone has answered the Question side, flip over to the corresponding Prompt side and discuss how everyone's responses change as a result.

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Prompt 3

What factors might prevent *survivors* and *victims of terrorism* from sharing their stories? And how we can help limit those obstacles?

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Prompt 2

As observers, what role could we have in supporting *survivors* and *victims of terrorism* after an event?

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Prompt 5

How can we know what is true and what is rumour in response to a terror attack? How do we stop rumours from circulating?

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Prompt 4

How could we share information about terrorist events in the safest and most productive way possible?

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Quote 6

After managing not to see his [the gunman's] face, a friend sends me a news article: "how did this angelic face become a far-right killer?" It was so shocking to see. In that picture he would have been the same age as our baby. Who was also angelic. Who was also innocent. But who was also gone.

Khadra Ibrahim

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Quote 7

At the end of the day, we are now enjoying the freedoms in a country he was born in. Freedom he will never have. Freedom we could have shared. But he made his choice.

Khadra Ibrahim

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Quote 8

Even though justice is there now, part of us feels like we haven't closed the chapter until we get to ask him one on one... "why did you do this?" But, on the other hand, in the face of challenges, I was brought up to ask "how" and not "why". This all comes from our faith. This is what helps me move forward in whatever direction Allah wants me to move in.

Abdi Ibrahim

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Quote 9

Once the initial panic and the shock wore off, people started to really look after us. Everyone: our neighbours, our friends, our colleagues, the broader Somali community - even complete strangers. We didn't cook for weeks. It was amazing to come home to that. While nothing will ever take away the pain, it just meant we could focus on healing and moving forward.

Luul Ibrahim

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Quote 10

The continuing functioning as a body and as a purpose-driven soul: this has been the greatest challenge of my second life. But I am replenished by seeing moments of optimism and thinking to myself "yes!" I am replenished by my art, which is completely different now. I've been given the gift of this, I've got to do this.

Gill Hicks

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Quote 11

We are all like a wine barrel. The wine barrel is made up of slats, which represent the various aspects of our personal development. When we look at the barrel and then we go to pour into the barrel, all the good stuff that's going to make up our humanity, the barrel can only ever fill to the lowest slat, right? My strength was my spirituality but my weakness was physical.

Louisa Hope

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Quote 12

I took the opportunity to address it and any questions that [the students] may have had. One student put up his hand in the back of the room and said, "Oh, I have a question. Mr Cheng, what do you need from us to help you through this difficult time?" And that was really, really beautiful.

Alpha Cheng

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Prompt 7

How can we talk honestly and openly about terrorism without giving the terrorists more airtime?

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Prompt 6

What could news stories cover if they focussed on the experiences of *survivors* and *victims of terrorism* instead of perpetrators?

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Prompt 9

What are some ways we could better support *survivors* and *victims of terrorism* in the wake of an attack?

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Prompt 8

Is forgiveness necessary to heal from the trauma of terrorism? Why or why not?

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Prompt 11

What factors might help terrorism *survivors* and *victims* to heal and thrive in their lives?

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Prompt 10

What might life look like for *survivors* and *victims of terrorism*? What challenges could they have and how can they deal with these?

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Prompt 12

What can we do in our own lives to honour the lives and experiences of *survivors* and *victims of terrorism*?

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