

Identifying Terrorists by Measuring Aggression

In airports around the world, the primary security question is: “Should this person be allowed to board that plane?” Some airport security programs currently employ behavior pattern recognition methodologies to profile certain forms of human behavior and body language, such as darting eyes and anxiety, to identify potential terrorists in airports. While this system has its merits, it raises significant civil liberties concerns about racial profiling, and it fails to distinguish between terrorists and other agitated individuals, such as nervous flyers.

Aon’s Aggression Management® Solutions provides clients with the Cognitive Aggression Continuum™, an innovative tool that measures cognitive aggression. Cognitive aggression is fueled by intent and is indicative of a victimizer, predator or terrorist, as opposed to primal aggression, which is marked by an increase in adrenaline. With Aon’s Cognitive Aggression Continuum tool, airport officials can effectively narrow their search for terrorists by measuring physiological aggression indicators.

Profiling vs. Measuring

There is a key difference between profiling potential terrorists and identifying and measuring emerging aggression, according to the U.S. Secret Service Report, “Targeted Violence in Schools.” The report claims that profiling is not a successful method for identifying an individual who may pose a risk of violence, and that instead, the individual’s behaviors and communications should be examined, as they will be more likely to reveal if the individual is planning an attack. Although body language profilers use behavior and body language to some degree, Aon’s aggression management team provides an established method of physiologically measuring these elements. The Aggression Continuum improves the efficiency and effectiveness of airport security personnel responsible for measuring a passenger’s indicators for terrorism.

Aon’s Aggression Continuum: A Reliable Tool

Effective management stems from accurate measurement. Without a reliable measurement tool, most airport security officials are forced to rely solely on intuition to identify and prevent terrorist activity. Rather than require officials to place their reputations or careers at risk based on a “gut instinct,” airports can apply this established methodology of measuring the emerging aggression indicators of a terrorist. Aon’s Aggression Continuum provides dependable utility, scientific validation and, with statistical compilation, legal justification for identifying and detaining potential terrorists.



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