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### **ABSTRACT**

1. Lone wolf terrorism is a growing phenomenon. Lone Wolf Terrorism (LWT) is evolved with the lone individuals from society or affiliation to terrorist organizations. Therefore terrorism activities made by lone individuals are known as LWT or Individual Terrorism Activities. Western Europe has shown a high frequency of terrorism related incidents in recent past. In this background LWT has spread over the most parts of the Western Europe as the new phenomenon of terrorism activities. LWT is one of major threat for the society since it leads to weaken the stability of a country/society by creating destructions as murdering, killing, damaging public places. Therefore researcher aims to investigate causes and impact of LWT on Western Europe.

2. At the initial step researcher carried out a literature survey on LWT and its evolution. This research study is conducted as a qualitative survey. Existing literature used to generate findings and conclusions. Further, few interviews carried out with intellectuals in the field to further ensure the research findings. According to the research findings researcher found out that LWT has become one of the major threat for Western Europe. Most of the civilians and public places were attacked by the Lone wolfs. Number of factors have identified as the causes for LWT as accidental guerrilla, discrimination/alienation, religion and current trends such as high internet penetration, social media influence, technology development etc. Ultimately LWT is negatively impact on the social, political and economic environment of Western Europe. At the end of the research researcher provides remedies to mitigate the LWT. Finally future researchers are recommended to investigate more on the LWT since it is a growing phenomenon all over the world.

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