Bioterrorism: Calibrating Risks and Responses

Are the risks of bioterrorism increasing or declining two years into the global war on terrorism and nearly half a year into the war to expel Saddam from Iraq? Such risks are difficult to calibrate, as they have varied sources, including not just al Qaeda and "rogue states" but also copycatters, the American militia movement, and loner terrorists. Uncertainty about the risks fuels debate about the necessary responses. The strategic vocabulary of counterterrorism has had to expand to encompass a set of challenges not previously contemplated. The Bush administration has pursued some radical "solutions," with results as yet uncertain. This symposium will review the evolving risks of bioterrorism in the light of changing circumstances and sketch out key issues in the Bush response.

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