

Homeland Security: we now know it did not appear until the U.S. experienced the unprecedented 9/11 terrorist attacks on its soil, although the roots of this concept can be traced at least to the civil and air defence programs of World War II. The 9/11 attacks led President G.W. Bush to develop a White House Office of Homeland Security (OHS), produce a homeland security strategy, and replace OHS with a new cabinet level DHS (Department of Homeland Security) in 2002. It was focused almost totally on terrorism and to prevent another 9/11 type attack. The first National Strategy for Homeland Security (NSHS), written after 9/11 but prior to the creation of DHS, is understandably focused on the terrorist threat to the nation, with no obvious homeland security definition offered (Office of Homeland Security, 2002). Not surprisingly these initiatives gave prominence to the challenge of terrorism, especially if coupled with weapons of mass destruction (WMD). Recall President G. W. Bush's memorable statement, directed at rogue states as well as terrorists