



Lifting the Veil On Islam Program # 22

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Muslim Christian Relations In the Twenty-First Century

Review the Quran's guidance and Prophet Muhammad's examples regarding Interfaith relations. Reflect on Muslims' Interfaith relations over the centuries. Then focus on the position taken by modern Islamic scholars and Imams regarding The Bible vs. The Quran. What are the consequences of the Muslims' position?

Presented by George Clare

ISLAM EXPOSED : FACTS AND MYTHS

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JIHAD

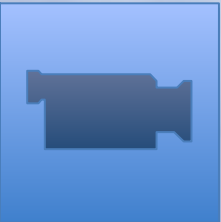


MEANING OF JIHAD

- Means: To strive, to struggle, to strain, to exert, to endeavor, to persevere and to defend
- DOES NOT MEAN HOLY WAR OR FORCED CONVERSION. It is against Islam...
 - **No concept of Holy war in Islam:** Crusaders waged a “holy war” against the Muslim “infidels” in the holy land.
 - **TERRORISM CANNOT BE JIHAD**

JIHAD VIDEO

- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CZP1nAoa_jh0



TYPES OF JIHAD



Inner jihad: Greater Jihad is against one's ego, bad habits, negative qualities to better one's character

- Controlling lower desires, anger, jealousy, hatred, and revenge

Outer jihad: Lesser Jihad can only be for self-defense -- resisting oppression, **terrorism**, and tyranny

- ALLOWED ONLY IF ATTACKED FIRST
- ONLY BETWEEN OFFICIAL ARMIES

**ISLAM COMMMANDS PEACE;
CONDEMS VIOLENCE**



PEACE IS THE NORM IN ISLAM

Muslims should incline to peace whenever possible.

- ***“Therefore, if they withdraw from you but fight you not, and send you peace, then Allah hath opened no way for you (to war against them)”*** (Qur'an 4:90)
- ***“If they (the enemy) propose peace, accept it and trust in God. God is All-hearing and All-knowing.”*** (Quran 8:61)
- ***“Fight in the way of Allah those who fight you, but do not transgress. Indeed. Allah does not like transgressors.... But if they desist, then let there be no hostility except against wrong-doers.”*** (Quran 2:192)

QUR'ANIC CONDEMNATION OF VIOLENCE

- *“Whoever kills a soul, it is as if he has slain all humanity, and if anyone saved a life, it would be as if he saved the life of all mankind.” (Qur’an 5:32)*
- *Respond with peace in the face of hostility: “And the servants of (Allah) Most Gracious are those who walk on the earth in humility, and when the ignorant address them (harshly), they say, “Peace!” (Qur’an 25:63)*
- *Fight only those who fight you and do not commit aggression (Qur’an 2:190)*
- *“God does not forbid you to **deal kindly and justly** with those who have not fought against you about the religion or expelled you from your homes. Indeed, God does not love the unjust people.” (Qur’an 60:8)*
- *“O you who have believed, be persistent standing firm for Allah , witnesses in justice, and **do not let the hatred of a people prevent you from being just. Be just; that is nearer to righteousness.** And fear Allah; indeed, Allah is acquainted with what you do.” (Qur’an 5:8)*
- *“**Return an evil deed with a good deed**, so that the one who was your enemy may become your close friend” (Qur’an 41:34)*

SUICIDE, INCLUDING SUICIDE BOMBING, IS PROHIBITED IN ISLAM

- *"O ye who believe! ... [do not] kill yourselves, for truly, Allah has been to you Most Merciful. If any do that in resentment and injustice, soon shall We cast him into the Fire ..." (4:29-30). The taking of life is allowed only by way of justice (i.e., the death penalty for murder), but even then, forgiveness is better: "Nor take life -- which Allah has made sacred -- except for just cause ..." (17:33).*

A WORD “INFIDELS” IS IN QURAN

- Qur'an mentions “idolaters” -- specifically 5 tribes attacking Muslims who broke their treaty and aided the enemy.
- “There is no compulsion in religion” (Qur'an 2:256)
- *“And when the forbidden (4) months have passed, kill the idolaters wherever you find them .. But, if they repent ..., then leave their way free. Surely, Allah is Most Forgiving, Merciful.”* (Qur'an 9:5)
- Prophet Muhammad condemned JUDGING PEOPLE by saying, *“Whoever accuses his brother of disbelief is, instead, himself guilty “*
- The Qur'an prohibits an attitude of self-righteousness, stating *“Do not say to those who offer you greetings of peace, ‘You are not a believer!’* (Qur'an 4:94).

QURANIC VIEW OF NON-MUSLIMS

- *“O humankind! We have created you from a single (pair of) male and female and have made you into nations and tribes so that you would recognize each other (and so build mutuality and co-operative relationships, not so that you may take pride in your differences of race or social rank, and breed enmities). The most honorable among you in the sight of God is the most pious of you (the one best in piety, righteousness, and reverence for God) . God is All-knowing and All-aware.” (Qur’an 49:13)*
- *“Surely those who believe, and those who are Jews, and the Christians, and the Sabians, whoever believes in Allah and the Last day and does good, **they shall have their reward from their Lord**, and there is no fear for them, nor shall they grieve.” (Qur'an 2:62)*
- *“There are among the People of the Book some who recite the revelations of God all night long and pray; who believe in God and the last day; who enjoin justice and forbid evil, and strive with one another in good works. These are from among the righteous people. They will not be denied whatever good (deeds) they do. God knows those who are conscious of Him.” (Qur’an 3:113-5)*

PROPHET MUHAMMAD CONDEMNED VIOLENCE (Hadith)

- *“The one who performs jihad is the person who struggles against his own desires for the sake of God”*
- *“A perfect Muslim is one from whose tongue and hands mankind is safe, and a true emigrant is one who flees from what God has forbidden”*
- *“Faith is a restraint against all violence, **let no Muslim commit violence**”*
- *“A person can only remain sound in his faith so long as he **does not shed blood**”*
- *“Kindness is a mark of faith, and whoever **has not kindness has not faith**”*
- *“The one who wrongs a non-Muslim citizen or impairs his rights, or overworks him, or forcibly takes something from him, I will be his prosecutor on the Day of Judgment.”*

PROPHET WARNED ABOUT FOLLOWING MISGUIDED LEADERS

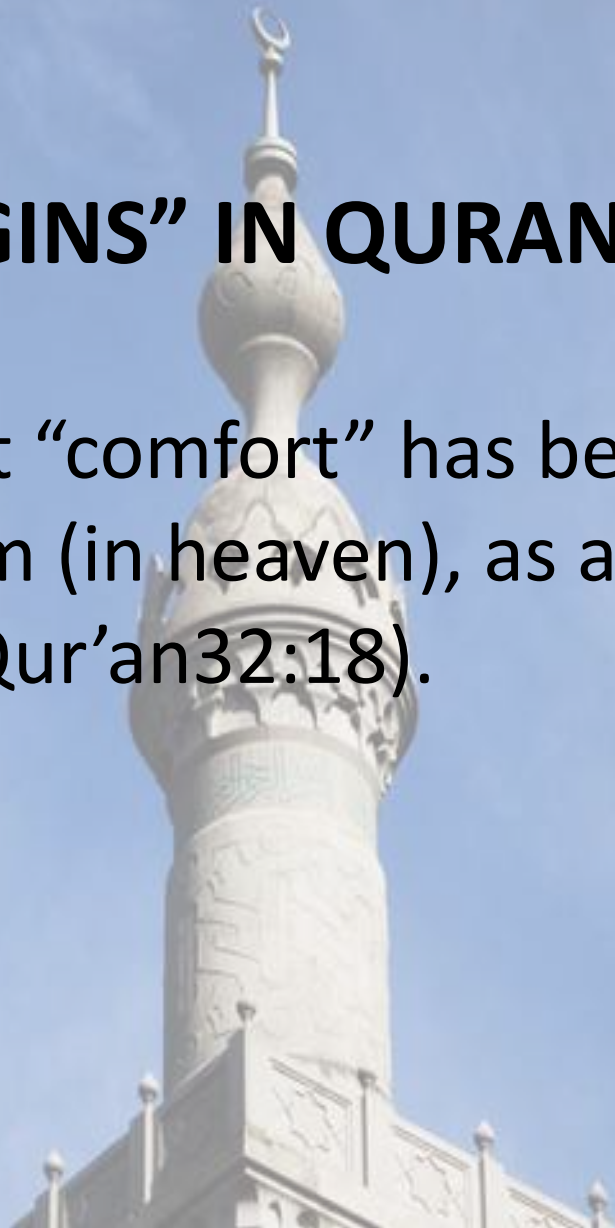
- *“[A time will come when] there will be nothing left of knowledge. People will make the ignorant their leaders and will seek guidance from them in matters of religion. These leaders will issue fatwas (edicts) without any knowledge. They will themselves be misguided and will lead others astray.”*
- *“These clerics will be the worst creatures under the heaven. Discord will rise from them and will come right back to them.”*

PROPHET'S EXAMPLE

- **Constution of Madina:** declaring mutual support between Muslims and Jews and upholding freedom of religion for both communities
 - *“The clients and allies of the Jews shall enjoy the same security and freedom. The guilty shall be pursued and punished. The Jews shall join the Muslims in defending Yathrib (i.e., Medina) against all enemies. The interior of Yathrib shall be a sacred place for all who accept this Charter”*
- He declared the Christian Monks of St. Catherine to be under his protection
- Western historian, Abraham Bloch: “Omar, the second caliph, conquered Palestine, Syria, Iraq, Persia, and Egypt. Jews and Christians were not forced to convert. He was tolerant; respected freedom of religion in those lands.”

NO “72 VIRGINS” IN QURAN

- ‘No soul knows what “comfort” has been concealed from them (in heaven), as a reward for what they did’ (Qur’an32:18).



ISLAM ALLOWS ETHICAL SELF-DEFENSE



COMBAT ONLY FOR SELF DEFENSE

“Permission [to fight] has been given to those who are being fought, because they were wronged. And indeed, Allah is competent to give them victory. [They are] those who have been evicted from their homes without right – only because they say, ‘Our Lord is Allah.’”

And were it not that Allah checks (repels) the people, some by means of others, there would have been demolished monasteries, churches, synagogues, and mosques in which the name of Allah is much mentioned. And Allah will surely support those who support Him. Indeed, Allah is Powerful and Exalted in Might.” (Qur’an 22:39-40)

CONDUCT OF WAR IN ISLAM

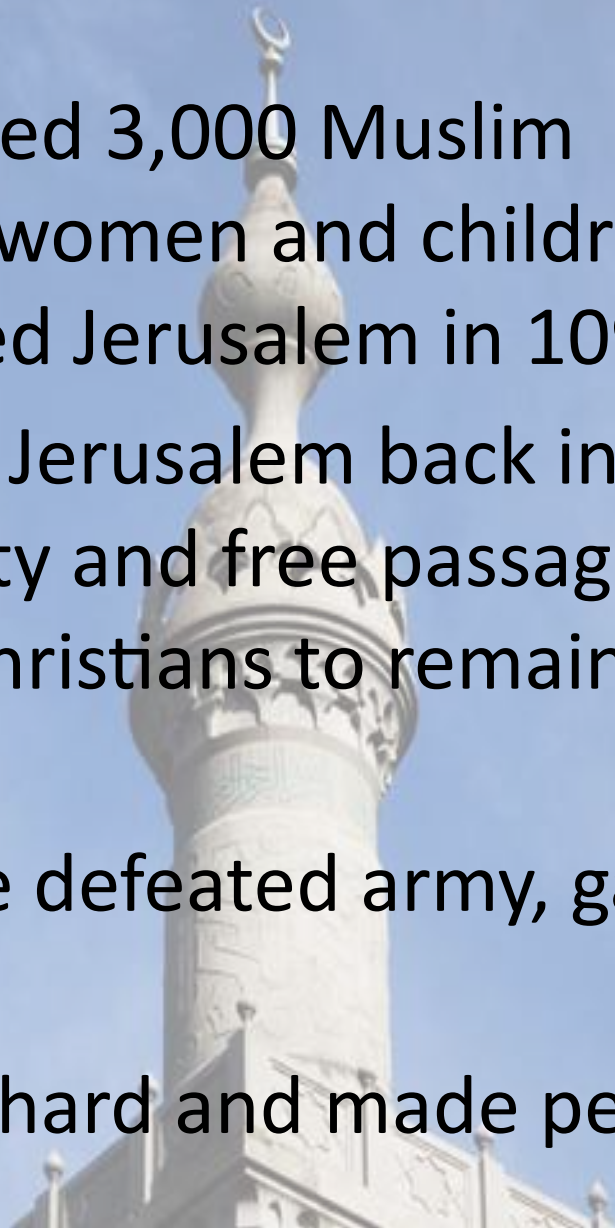
- Only declare war when facts are certain that peace is not possible
- Must properly declare war (no sneak attacks)
- Must be army against army on a battle field
- Only if they attack first and only if there is no other solution to restore peace
- Not allowed to fight to spread religion or gain power, glory, territory, etc.
- No hostages or terrorist attacks on civilians
- No destruction of the environment
- Prohibition of breach of treaties

RIGHTS OF POWS

- Return fallen enemy soldiers to their family
- If oppressors flee, do not pursue them
- Safety of war prisoners (cannot slay them)
- Medical care for the wounded
- Sanctity of property (No looting or plundering)
- Sanctity of a dead person (no mutilation of bodies)
- Treat the captives with ***compassion and kindness*** “Feed them before yourselves”
- Torture of prisoners is forbidden
- No torture or killing with fire

A LOOK AT HISTORY... SALADIN

- Crusaders' slaughtered 3,000 Muslim prisoners, including women and children when they conquered Jerusalem in 1099
- When Muslims took Jerusalem back in 1187, they granted amnesty and free passage allowing Jews and Christians to remain in the city
- Saladin honored the defeated army, gave them food
- Sent gifts to King Richard and made peace



DID ISLAM SPREAD WITH THE SWORD?



A LOOK AT HISTORY... Europe and Asia

- Muslims ruled over **Spain** for 700 Years; Jews and Christians thrived under Islamic rule.
- Until the Spanish Inquisition -- Queen Isabella expelled Jews and Muslims from Spain.
- Muslims Ruled **Palestine** for 1300 years; Jews and Christians were free to worship and live. All religious sites were preserved and protected
- **India**: Muslims ruled India for 800 to 1000 Years- Muslims were not majority. Hindu today.
- **Malaysia** and **Indonesia**: No Muslim army or navy ever set foot in Malaysia or Indonesia.

A LOOK AT HISTORY... OTTOMAN EMPIRE

- Ruled over Christian lands for 800 years
- No forced conversions
- Protected minority religions
- Professor Davison, a prominent historian of the Ottoman Empire, writes, ***"It might, in fact, have been argued that the Turks were less oppressive of their subject people than were Prussians of the Poles, the English of the Irish, or the Americans of the Negroes...There is evidence to show that, in this period [late 19th century], there was emigration from independent Greece into the Ottoman Empire, since some Greeks found the Ottoman government a more indulgent (lenient) master [than their own Greek government].***

DID ISLAM SPREAD WITH THE SWORD?

- There is no historical evidence that people were forced to convert
- Prof. Richard Bulliet (Columbia University): ***“The empire that was inspired by Islam did spread by the sword, as was customary in world politics at that time, but the actual faith itself did not.”***
- ***By the year 767 CE, for example, Muslims in greater Iraq numbered roughly 15-20 percent. By 864 CE, they had reached 35 to 40 percent. Only after the passage of almost 300 years would Iraq be well over 50 percent Muslim. And it was not until roughly the year 961 that the Muslim population reached upwards of 75 percent.”*** which proves without a doubt that Islam did not spread by the sword.
 - [Conversion to Islam in the Medieval Period: An Essay in Quantitative History]

WESTERN HISTORY CONFIRMS



- Dr. Rev. De Lacy O'leary: *“History makes it clear however, that the legend of fanatical Muslim, sweeping through the world and forcing Islam at the point of sword upon conquered races is one of the most **fantastically absurd myths that historians have ever repeated.**”*

— [ISLAM AT CROSSROADS, London, 1923, p. 8]

Sir T.W. Arnold (CIE)

- *“... Of any organized attempt to force the acceptance of Islam on the non-Muslim population, or of any systematic persecution intended to stamp out the Christian religion, **we hear nothing**. Had the caliphs chosen to adopt either course of action, they might have swept away Christianity as easily as **Ferdinand and Isabella drove Islam out of Spain, or Louis XIV made Protestantism penal in France, or the Jews were kept out of England for 350 years**. The Eastern Churches in Asia were entirely cut off from communion with the rest of Christendom, [as a result of which] no one would have been found to lift a finger on their behalf. The **very survival of these Churches to the present day is strong proof of the generally tolerant attitude** of the Muslim governments towards them.”*

WESTERN HISTORY CONFIRMS

- Ira M. Lapidus, Professor Emeritus of History,
 - *“The second principle...was that the conquered populations should be as little disturbed as possible. This means that the Arab-Muslims **did not, contrary to reputation, attempt to convert people to Islam.** Muhammad had set the precedent of permitting Jews and Christians in Arabia to keep their religions, if they paid tribute; the Caliphate extended the same privileges to Middle Eastern Jews, Christians, and Zoroastrians, whom they considered 'People of the Book,' the adherents of earlier written revelations...”* (A History of Islamic Societies)



WHY DON'T MUSLIMS CONDEMN TERRORISM?

(THEY DO!)

MUSLIMS CONDEMN TERRORISM

- Islam represents a global faith community of 1.6 billion people who uphold the values of peace, compassion and love
- **Data from Gallup polls found** majority of Muslims condemn terrorists, frequently citing religious reasons for their condemnation, whereas those fringe individuals who expressed sympathy usually cited political justifications.
- September 12, 2001 press release **by the Organisation of the Islamic Co-operation, representing the 57 Muslim majority countries, condemned the 9/11 attacks as** "criminal and brutal acts ... counter to all covenants, and humanitarian values in Islam."
- King Abdullah of Jordan organized a comprehensive condemnation of terrorism signed by 200 Muslim authorities from 50 countries.
- Supreme Judicial Council of Saudi Arabia issued a public statement describing the assault as "pernicious and shameless evils which are not justified by any sane logic, nor by the religion of Islam."
- Sunni Muslim religious authorities issued an open letter to Islamic State leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi. Line by line, they refuted the IS doctrine. The leaders said al-Baghdadi had no legitimacy.

MUSLIMS DENOUNCE TERRORISM

Letter to AlBagdadi <file:///C:/Users/ARMobile2/Desktop/Letter%20to%20AlBagdadi.pdf>

Denouncements:

<https://muslimreformmovement.org>

<https://ing.org/global-condemnations-of-isis-isil/>

712-page list of Muslims condemning with sources

<https://muslimscondemn.com/>

News reports:

<https://www.usnews.com/news/the-report/articles/2015-12-18/yes-moderate-muslims-do-denounce-terrorism-though-the-media-ignores-it>

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2017-06-09/muslims-speak-out-against-terrorism/8606296>

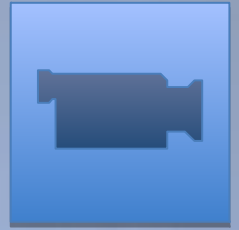
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**WHY DO SOME WHO CLAIM TO BE MUSLIM
COMMIT TERRORISM, ETC.?**



IS ISLAM THE REASON?



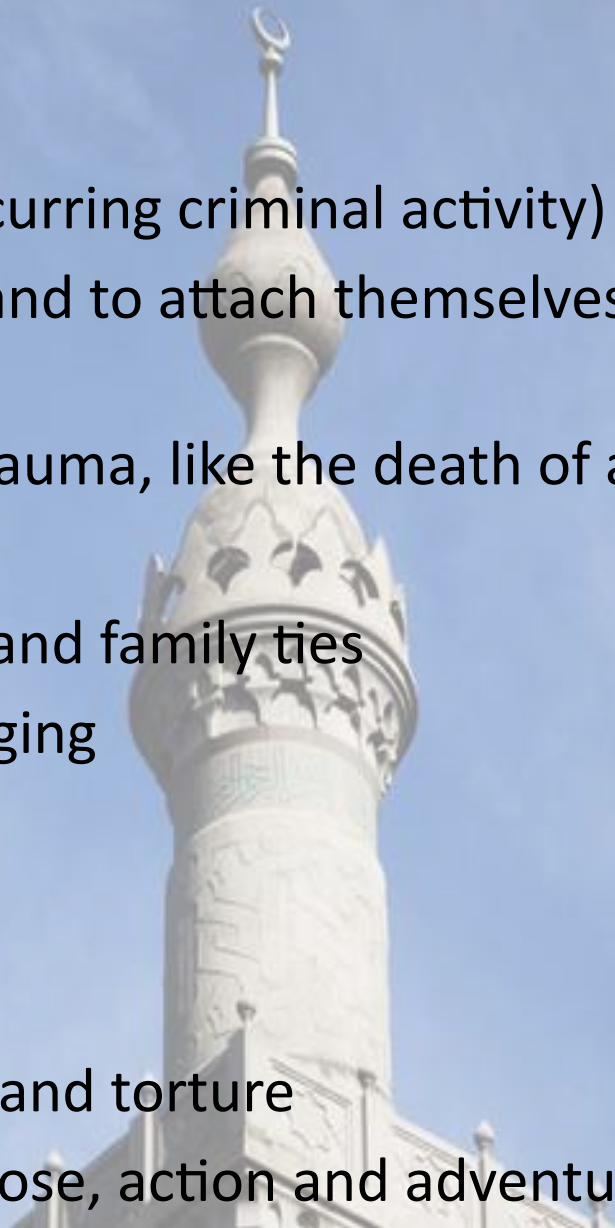
- Anthropologist Scott Atran, psychiatrist Marc Sageman, historian Lydia Wilson — faith, Islamic or otherwise, is not the key driver of this latest wave of global terror.
- “Terrorism is really **political violence**, first and foremost,” Mark Sageman
- Scott Atran said, “If you dialogue with these people, if you look at how they actually move into [terrorism]... there is very **little discussion of religion.**”
- MI5 reported most terrorists are “religious novices” and a “diverse collection of individuals, fitting no single demographic profile, nor do they all follow a typical pathway to violent extremism,” **is ignored or downplayed in the media today.**

TERRORISTS ARE NOT PRACTICING MUSLIMS...

- An MI-5 research document, discussed in The Guardian, noted:
 - *“Far from being religious zealots, a large number of those involved in terrorism **do not practise their faith regularly.** Many lack religious literacy and could actually be regarded as religious novices. Very few have been brought up in strongly religious households, and there is a higher-than-average proportion of converts. Some are involved **in drug-taking, drinking alcohol, and visiting prostitutes.***
 - *MI-5 says there is evidence that a well-established religious identity actually **protects against violent radicalisation.**”*

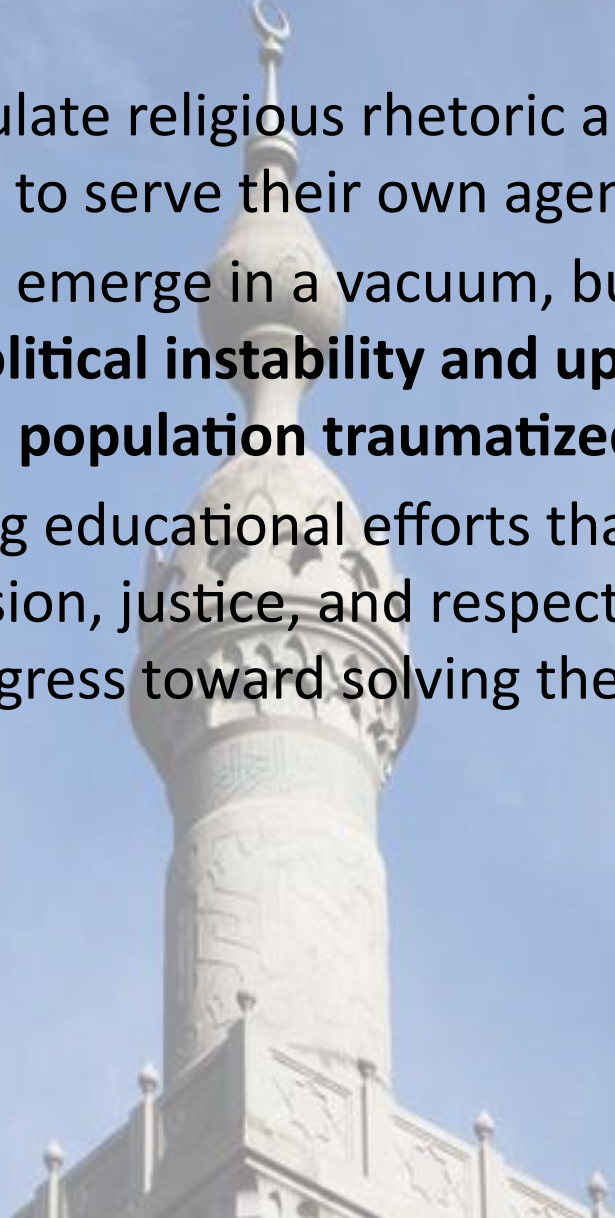
WHY THEY DO IT

- American foreign policy
- Distorted religious ideology
- Personal attributes (e.g., recurring criminal activity)
- A need a sense of purpose and to attach themselves to an ideology or organization
- Personal disappointment/trauma, like the death of a parent
- Mostly radicalized online
- The role of social networks and family ties
- Issues of identity and belonging
- A sense of persecution
- Mental illness
- Socio-economic grievances
- Moral outrage over conflict and torture
- A craving for glory and purpose, action and adventure



WHY THEY DO IT?

- Violent movements manipulate religious rhetoric and re-purpose Islamic vocabulary to serve their own agenda
- Violent movements do not emerge in a vacuum, but tend to develop in the setting of **political instability and upheaval, fanatical ideologues, and a population traumatized by war**
- It is only through supporting educational efforts that cultivate the values of love, compassion, justice, and respect for all humanity, that we may progress toward solving the current challenges.

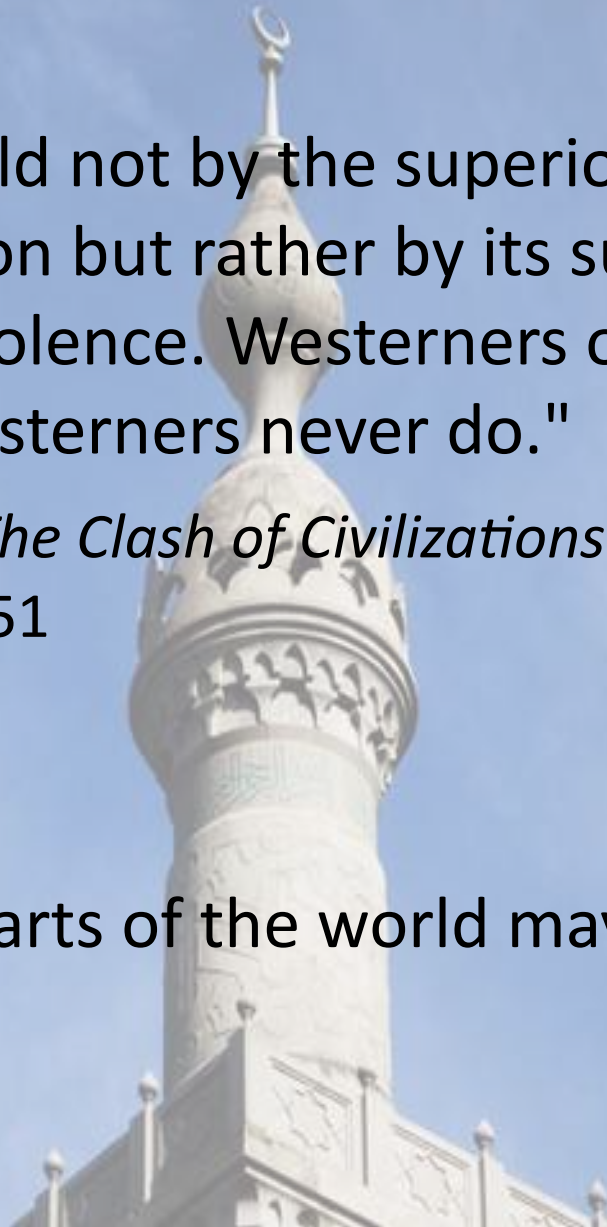


WHY DO THEY DO IT?

- "The West won the world not by the superiority of its ideas or values or religion but rather by its superiority in applying organized violence. Westerners often forget this fact, non-Westerners never do."

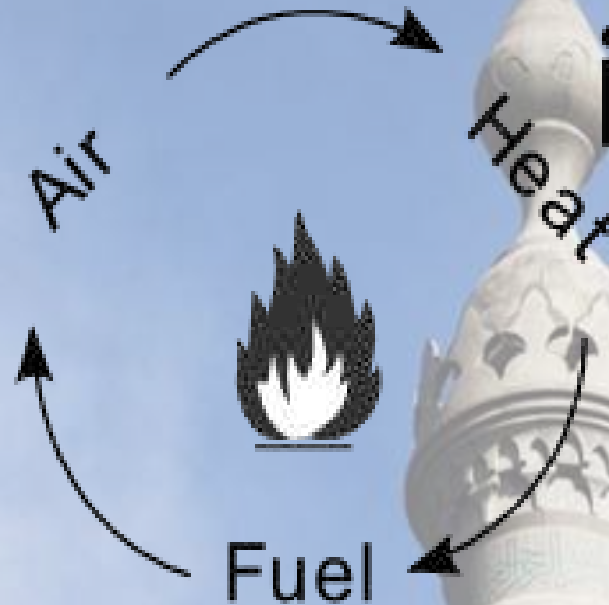
- Samuel P. Huntington ...*The Clash of Civilizations and the Remaking of World Order*, p. 51

- Some people in other parts of the world may resent this...



**Political
turmoil**

**Fanatical
ideology**



Suffering

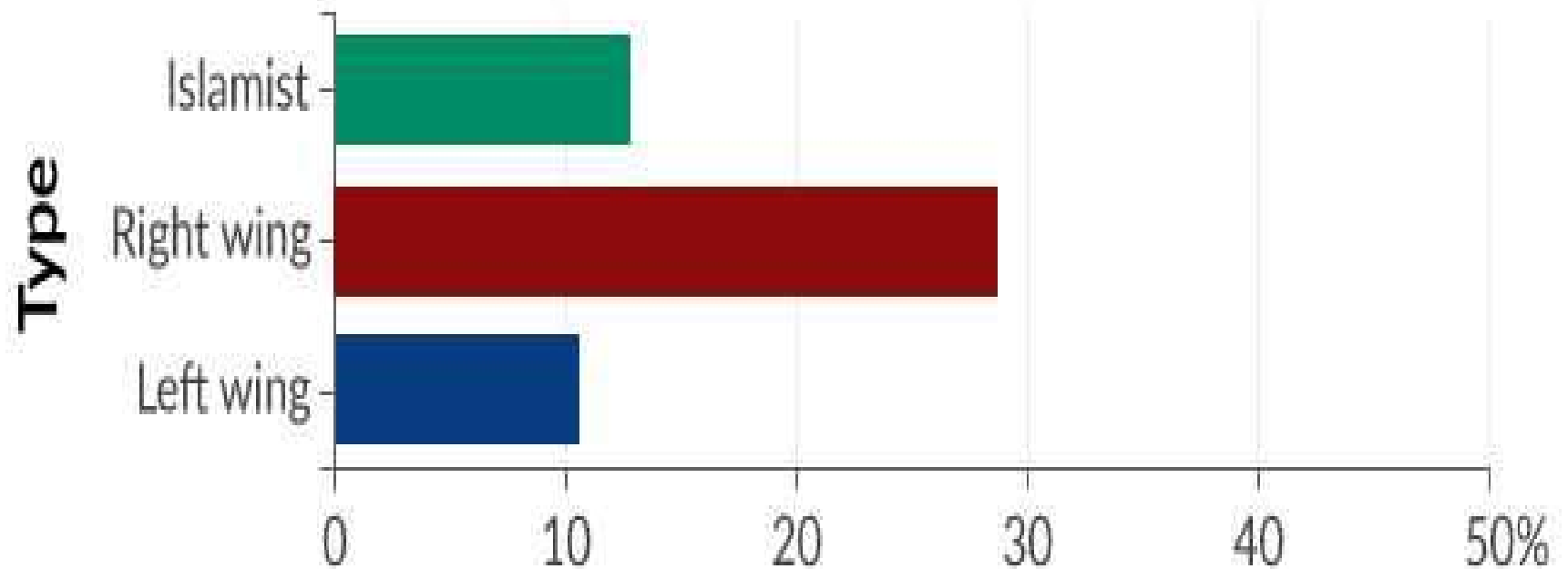
WHO ARE TERRORISTS?

SHOULD THE LABEL “TERRORIST” BE USED ONLY FOR MUSLIMS?



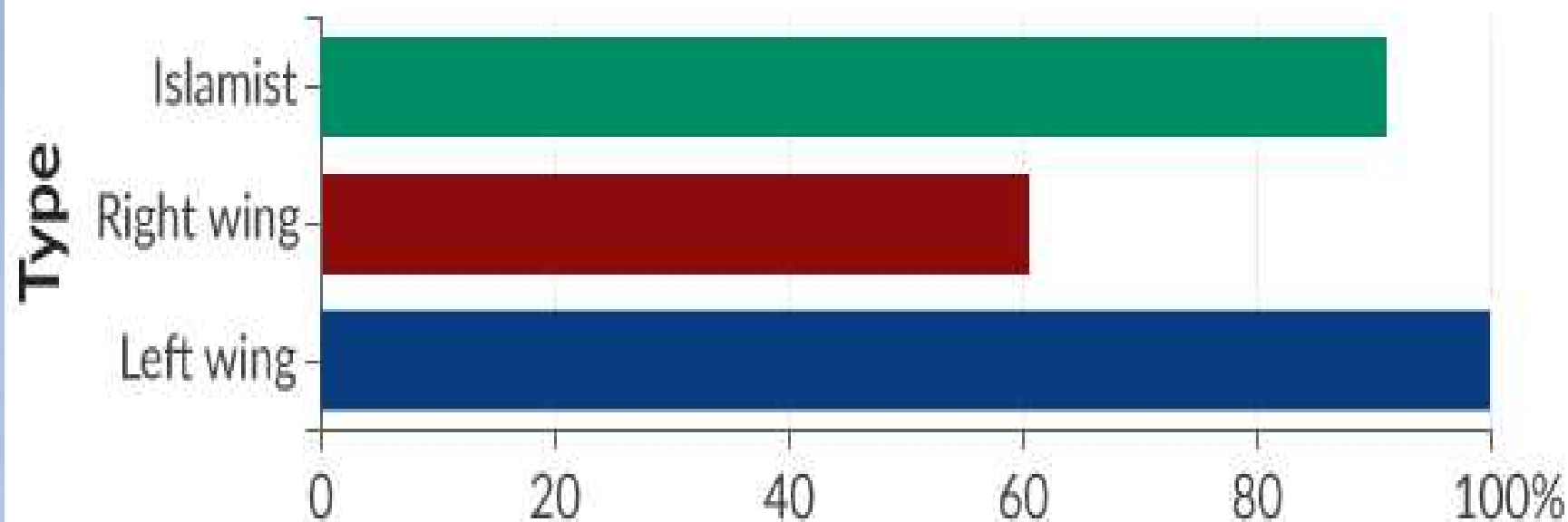
Percent of domestic terror incidents with fatalities

2008-2016



Percent of domestic terror incidents involving federal prosecution

2008-2016

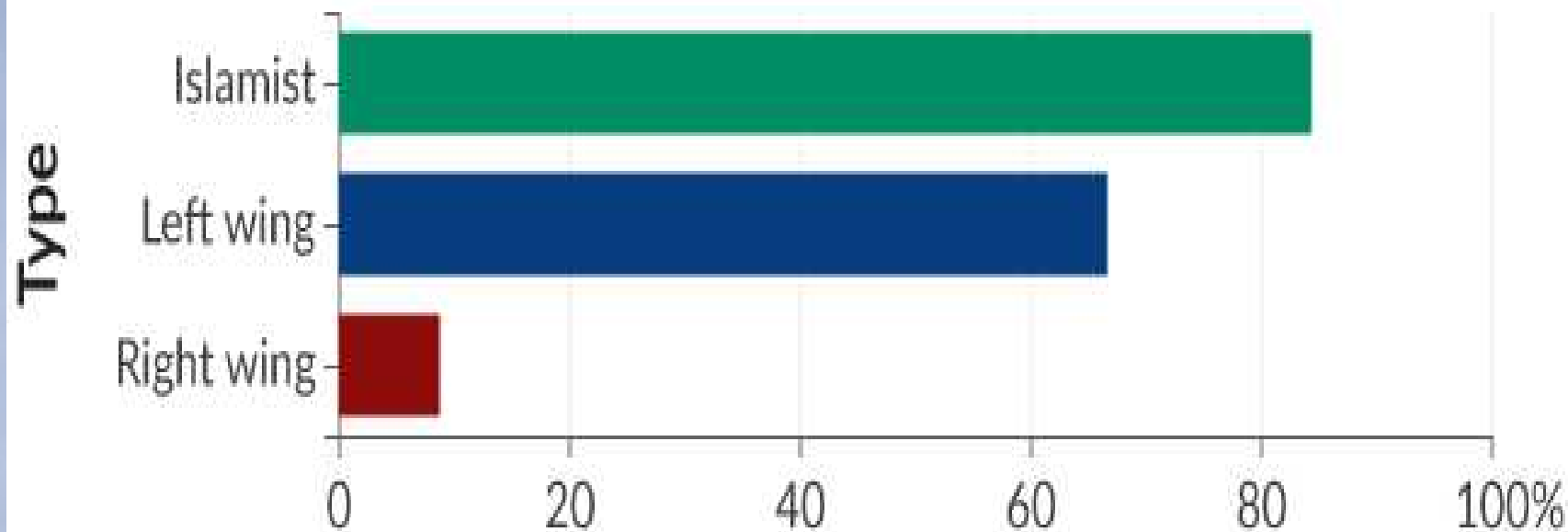


Data: The Investigative Fund

Graphic: Scott Pham/Reveal

Percent of domestic terror incidents in which terror charges were filed

2008-2016



Data: The Investigative Fund

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**NON-MUSLIMS COMMIT TERRORISM, BUT ARE NOT VIEWED AS
(RELIGIOUS) TERRORISTS
(WHY NOT?)**

- Timothy McVeigh blew up the Federal Building in Oklahoma City a number of years back was a Roman Catholic. Did anyone accuse the church for what he did? He claimed that the terrorist bombing was "morally equivalent" to U.S. military actions against Iraq and other foreign countries.
- Irish Catholics and Irish Protestants killed each other for more than 30 years, nominally over religious issues yet, the media never condemned their religions.

CHRISTIAN TERRORIST GROUPS ABOUND

USA

Christian Identity

Aryan Nations

Army of God

Phineas Priesthood

The Covenant

The Sword

Ku Klux Klan

Crusaders

FOREIGN

Anti-Balaka – Central African Republic

Eastern Lightning – China

National Liberation Front -- India

National Socialist Council – India

Marionite Christian Militias – Lebanon

Ilaga – Philippines

Lords Resistance Army – Uganda

Army of the Lord -- Romania

(More details at class website)

CHRISTIAN TERROR IN THE US

- **Eric Robert Rudolph member of Army of God terrorist group**, carried out the Centennial Olympic Park bombing in 1996, as well as subsequent attacks on an abortion clinic and a lesbian nightclub. **Army of God**
- **Charles Barbee, Robert Berry and Jay Merelle** belonging to “**Phineas Priests**”, member of a **Christian identity terrorist group**. In 1996 committed 2 bank robberies and bombings at the banks, a Spokane newspaper, and a Planned Parenthood office in Washington State. The men were **anti-Semitic Christian Identity** theorists who believed that God wanted them to carry out violence. Extreme violence against “race-mixers,” gays, abortionists, and others.
- **Shelley Shannon, a member of Army of God terrorist group**, shot and wounded Dr. Tiller, in 1993. Ms. Shannon later confessed to vandalizing and burning a string of abortion clinics in California, Nevada and Oregon -- in the name of Christianity.
- **Scott Roeder, member of Army of God terrorist group**. Killed Dr. George Tiller in his church in 2009, to protect unborn babies -- in the name of Christianity.

WHO ARE THE VICTIMS OF TERRORISTS?



- In cases where the religious affiliation of terrorism casualties could be determined, Muslims suffered between 82 and 97 percent of terrorism-related fatalities over the past five years.
- Muslim majority countries bore the greatest number of attacks involving 10 or more deaths, with Afghanistan sustaining the highest number (47), followed by Iraq (44), Pakistan (37), Somalia (28), and Nigeria (12).
- Afghans also suffered the largest number of fatalities overall, with 3,245 deaths, followed by Iraqis (2,958), Pakistanis (2,038), Somalis (1,013), and Nigerians (590).
- Muslims are seven times more likely than non-Muslims to be the victims of terror.

[The U.S. National Counterterrorism Center 2011]

VIDEO “AMERICAN MUSLIMS”

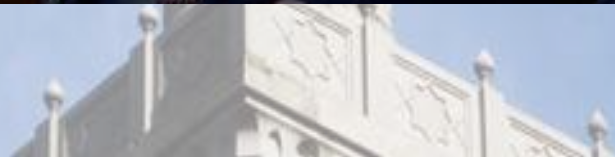


WHICH IS THE BIGGEST THREAT?

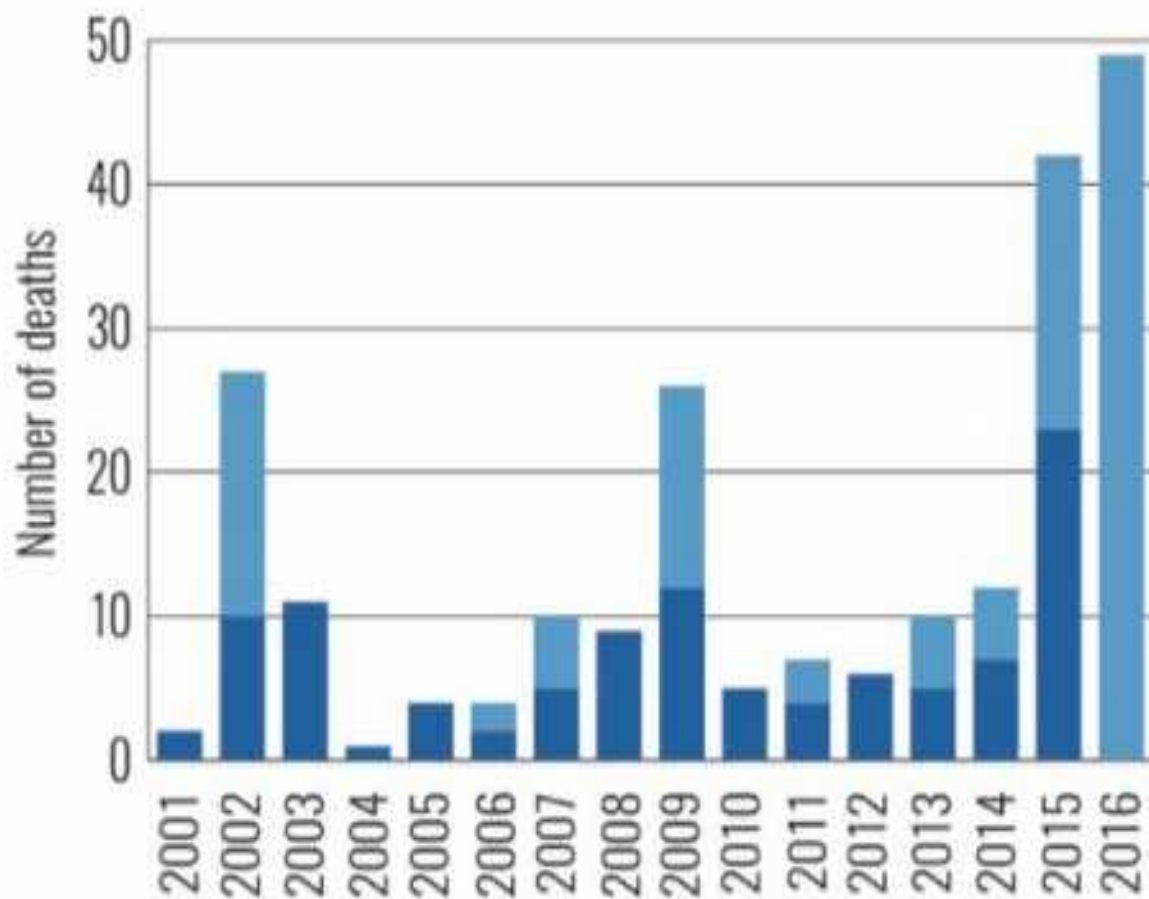
- **Dylann Roof, Charleston Church Shooting**, killed 9 people and injured 1. **White supremacist, Neo-Nazi, domestic terrorist and mass murderer. He was charged with hate crime; not terrorism!**
- **Wade Michael Page, Neo-Nazi and white supremasist**, killed 6 people and wounded 4 others in a mass shooting at a Sikh temple in Oak Creek, Wisconsin. He was a United States Army veteran -- thought they were Muslims.
- **Time magazine report:** The New America Foundation. 2015 study found that **white extremists were by far the most dangerous.**
- 48 people were killed by white terrorists, while 26 were killed by radical Islamists, since Sept. 11 to **today (does not include Orlando!)**

“Radical right wing terrorism is on the rise in our great country. And since 2008, terrorist attacks on the U.S. soil carried out by right-wing extremist groups, including white supremacists, outnumber those by Islamic jihadists by two to one.”

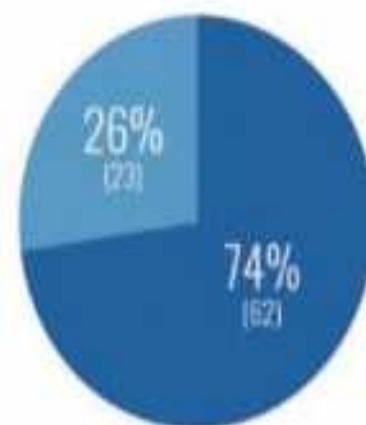
- CA SENATE LEADER KEVIN DE LEON



From Sept. 12, 2001, to Dec. 31, 2016, there were 85 attacks by violent extremists in the U.S. resulting in 225 deaths.



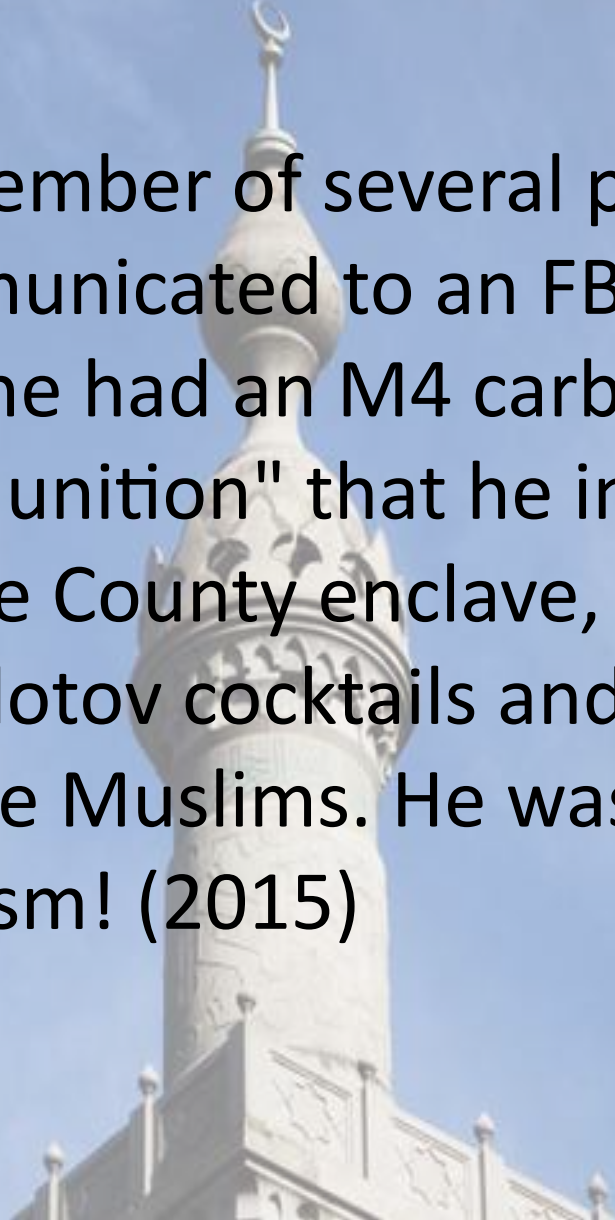
- Attacks by far-right violent extremists
- Attacks by radical Islamic violent extremists



TOTAL: 85

IS THIS TERRORISM?

- **Robert Daggart** a member of several private militia groups, communicated to an FBI source in a phone call that he had an M4 carbine with "500 rounds of ammunition" that he intended to take to a Delaware County enclave, along with a handgun, molotov cocktails and a machete to kill all the Muslims. He was not charged with terrorism! (2015)



A tall, white, ornate minaret with a crescent moon on top, set against a clear blue sky. The minaret features intricate carvings and a decorative band near the top. The text "ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS" is overlaid in the center of the image.

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS



Christians make a ring around Muslims so they could pray in peace during the Egyptian Revolution



Muslims protecting Christians in Egypt during mass.

ATTACK ON AMERICA

Bush vows to retaliate against 'evil'

TRAGIC VIEW: Looking like a large smokystack billowing in the distance, the World Trade Center burns out of control as four men watch the tragedy from Jersey City just before the collapse of the north tower.

Five men detained as suspected conspirators

Were driving similar van as 3 seen celebrating after attack

By PAULO LIMA

About eight hours after terrorists struck Manhattan's iconic skyscrapers, police in Bergen County detained one man on the suspicion that they are tied to the blasts.

The five men were stopped by East Rutherford police late Tuesday afternoon. As of Tuesday evening, they had not been charged with any crime, as authorities awaited a search warrant for the van the men were driving.

Source close to the investigation said the men said they are friends

able to confirm their identities. East Rutherford police did not release their names.

East Rutherford officers stopped the van along Route 1 about 4:30 p.m. Tuesday after the NJ State Police Field Office asked officers to watch for a white Chevrolet van, police said.

"We got an alert to be on the lookout for a white Chevrolet van with New Jersey registration and written in the side," said Bergen County Prosecutor John Schimkiz. "Three individuals were seen celebrating in Liberty State Park after the terrorist attacks. They said they were only looking

The East Rutherford officers summoned the county police bomb squad. New Jersey state troopers and FBI agents, who waited alongside the van as prosecutors from the U.S. Attorney's Office tried to obtain a warrant to search the van late Tuesday, Schimkiz said.

"They want to make sure this case is well-documented," Schimkiz said.

Schimkiz said the van was stopped as it headed east on Route 1 between the Hackensack River bridge and the Sheridan hotel. As a precaution, police shut down Route 1 traffic in both directions after the stop and evacuated a small residential street near the location.

Sources said the FBI alert, known as a BOLD or "Be On the Lookout," was sent out at 10:30 a.m.

"Vehicle possibly related to New York terrorist attack. White, 2000 Chevrolet van with New Jersey registration with Ultran Moving Systems sign on back seen at Liberty State Park, Jersey City, NJ at the time of first impact of jetliner into World Trade Center."

"Three individuals with van were seen celebrating after initial impact and subsequent explosion. FBI Newark Field Office requests that, if the van is located, hold for photos and detain individuals."

Business records show an Ultran Moving Systems with offices on West 30th Street in Manhattan and on East 18th Street in Weehawken. Telephone messages left at the business Tuesday evening were not answered.

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Business records show the owner as Donald Suter of Fair Lawn. A woman answering the telephone at Suter's home acknowledged he owned the company but refused to comment further. She also declined

to say whether Tuesday whether the van stopped in police is related to Suter's company.

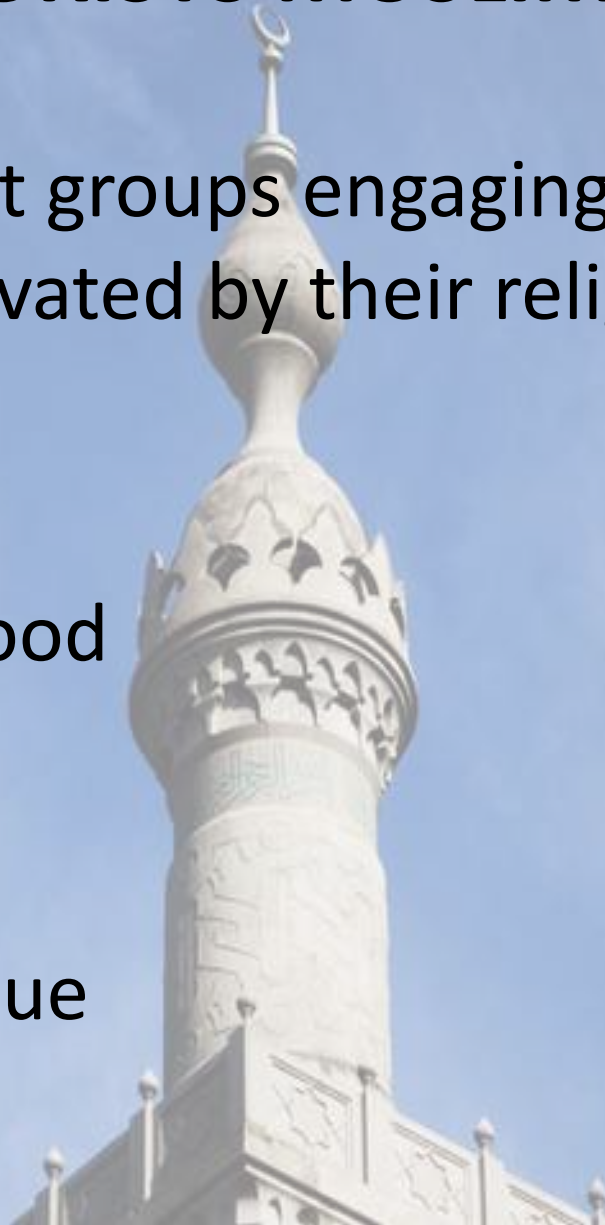
Bill Wray Park and a woman officer



ARE ALL TERRORISTS MUSLIMS?

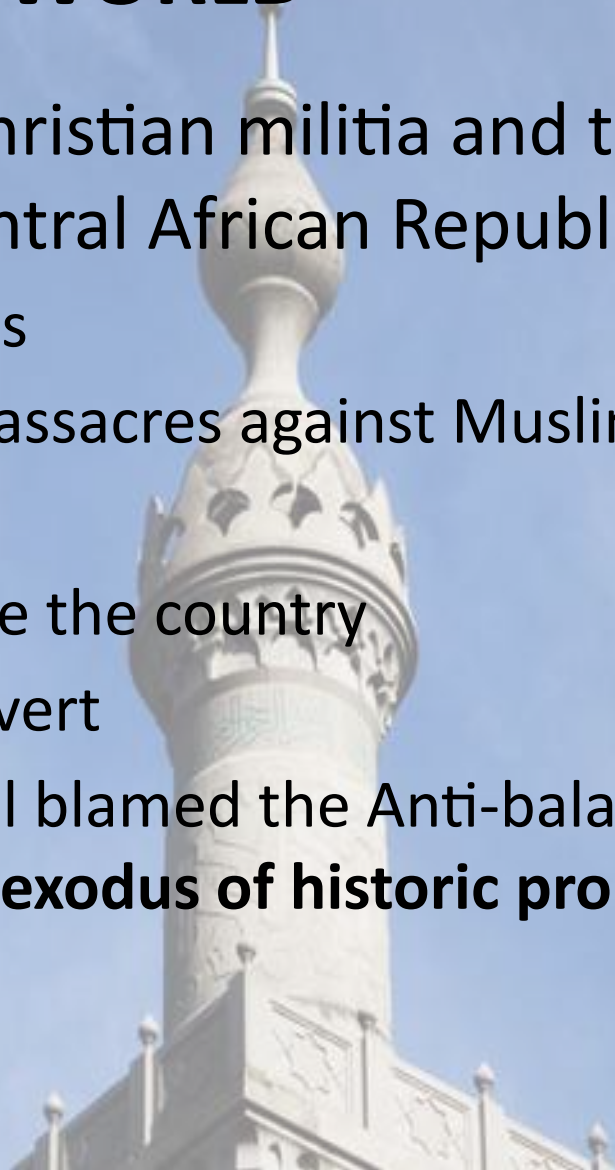
A partial list of terrorist groups engaging in terrorist violence motivated by their religious beliefs :

- Ku Klux Klan,
- The Phineas Priesthood
- Army of God
- Mormon extremists
- Jewish Defense League



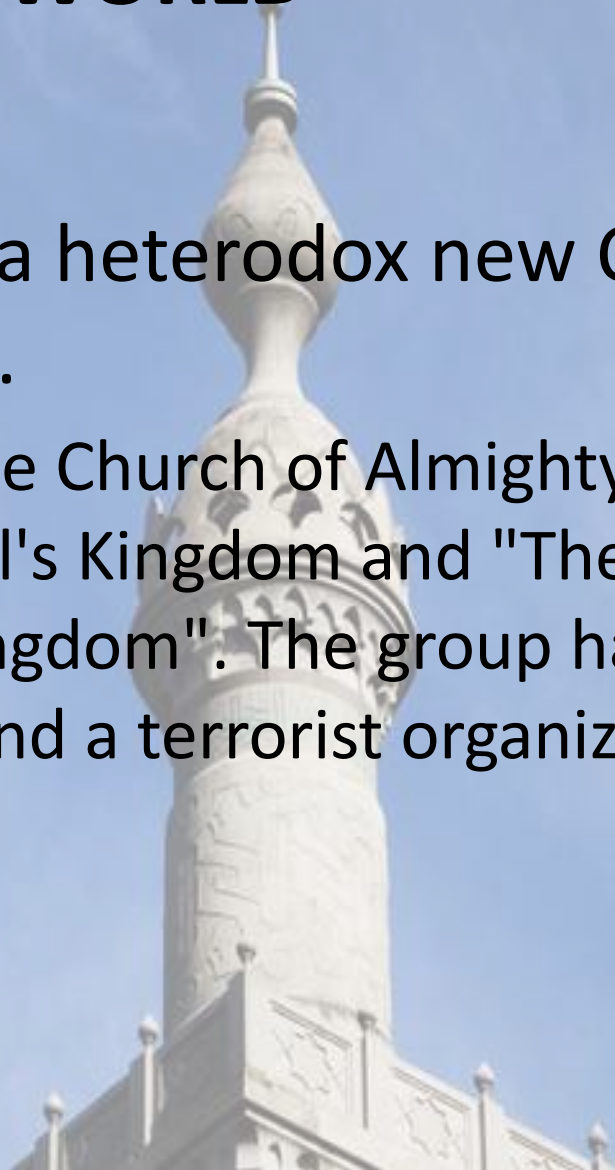
CHRISTIAN TERROR GROUPS AROUND THE WORLD

- **The Anti-balaka** are Christian militia and terrorist group based in the Central African Republic.
 - Destroyed all mosques
 - Committed several massacres against Muslim civilians
 - Cannibalized Muslims
 - Forced Muslims to flee the country
 - Force Muslims to convert
 - Amnesty International blamed the Anti-balaka militia of causing a "**Muslim exodus of historic proportions**"



CHRISTIAN TERROR GROUPS AROUND THE WORLD

- **Eastern Lightning** is a heterodox new Chinese Christian movement.
 - Its official name is the Church of Almighty God, or Church of the Gospel's Kingdom and "The Gospel of the Descent of Kingdom". The group has been described as a cult and a terrorist organization



CHRISTIAN TERROR GROUPS AROUND THE WORLD

- **The National Liberation Front** of Tripura, India -- armed militants supported by Baptist Church of Tripura; Forced conversions by any means, rape, killing, bombings, killing religious leaders
- **Nationalist Socialist Council** of Nagaland, India -- a nationalist militant group. Wants to establish a Christian State, trafficking drugs to Burma, selling smuggled weapons, kidnapping, assassination, extortion, forced conversion, and other terrorist activities

CHRISTIAN TERROR GROUPS AROUND THE WORLD



In Lebanon, Maronite Christian militias massacred Palestinians and Lebanese Muslims during Lebanon's 1975–1990 civil war.

The 1982 Sabra and Shatila massacre, which targeted **unarmed Palestinian** refugees for rape and murder, was considered to be **genocide** by the United Nations General Assembly.

CHRISTIAN TERROR GROUPS AROUND THE WORLD

A tall, ornate minaret of a mosque, likely made of light-colored stone or concrete, stands against a clear blue sky. The minaret features intricate carvings and a crescent moon at the top. The base of the minaret is partially visible, showing a square structure with decorative elements.

- **Ilaga is an anti-Islam Catholic Extremist** group based in southern Philippines; attacked and killed 100s of civilian Muslims in a mosque.
- **The Lord's Resistance Army**, a Christian guerrilla army, in Uganda and 3 adjacent countries, committing numerous crimes against humanity; including massacres, abductions, mutilation, torture, rape, and using forced child laborers as soldiers, porters, and sex slaves.

CHRISTIAN TERROR IN THE US

- **Christian Identity** is a loosely affiliated global group of churches and individuals devoted to a racialized theology which asserts that Northern European whites are the direct descendants of the lost tribes of Israel, making them God's chosen people.
- It has been associated with groups such as the **Aryan Nations, the Aryan Republican Army, the Army of God, the Phineas Priesthood, and The Covenant, The Sword, and the Arm of the Lord**. It has been cited as an influence on a number of terrorist attacks around the world, including the 2002 Soweto bombings.
- These groups are estimated to have 52,000 members in the United States, Canada and the rest of the Commonwealth of Nations.

CHRISTIAN TERROR IN THE US

- **The Ku Klux Klan (KKK):** Christian, White supremacy, white nationalism, anti-immigration, anti-black, Nordicism, anti-Catholicism and anti-semitism. Historically, the KKK used **terrorism**—both physical assault and murder—against groups or individuals whom they opposed. Between 1868-1871 alone, killed 20,000 African Americans. .

CHRISTIAN TERROR IN THE US



- **Robert Lewis Dear -- Army of God**, Colorado Springs; Planned Parenthood shooting, in which 3 were killed and 9 injured based on his Christian beliefs. 2015
- **Curtis Allen, Gavin Wright and Patrick Eugene Stein**, 3 Kansas militia men calling themselves '**Crusaders**' were arrested plotting a bomb attack and a mass shooting targeting an apartment complex home to a mosque and 500 Muslim immigrants from Somalia in 2016

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- ISIS was born in Iraq
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4yPTAxI8wTY>
 - How Torture leads to terror
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nwVMtrDeiO4>

How Drone attacks requirete more terrorists

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zvC2dWmJqi8>

- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LA45F5_kreo
- PBS documentary on ISIS

