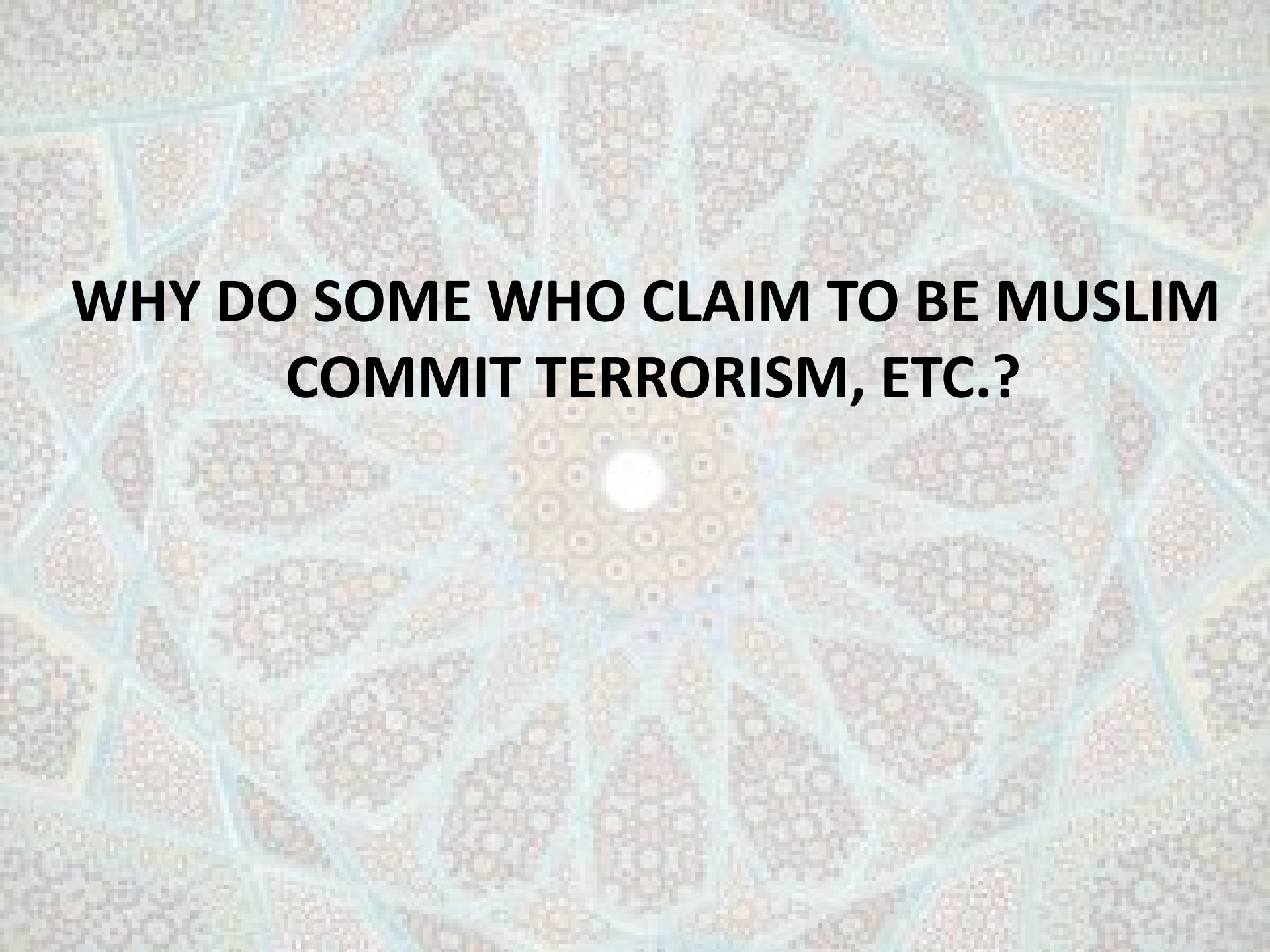


ISLAM EXPOSED : FACTS AND MYTHS

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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 (Understanding Terror Network) a former CIA Operations Officer
- Scott Atran (Talking To The Enemy) 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.**”*

NO JUSTIFICATION FOR TERROR

- Distorted religious ideology
- American foreign policy (e.g., Afghanistan, Iraq war)
- Personal attributes (e.g., recurring criminal activity)
- Personal disappointment/trauma
- Mostly radicalized online or in prison
- Socially isolated- disengaged
- A sense of persecution
- Mental illness
- Belief the U.S. military is committing atrocities in Muslim countries (FBI study)
- Moral outrage over conflict and torture in prison
- Issues of identity and belonging
- A need a sense of purpose and to attach themselves to an ideology or organization
- A craving for glory and purpose, action and adventure

WHY THEY DO IT?

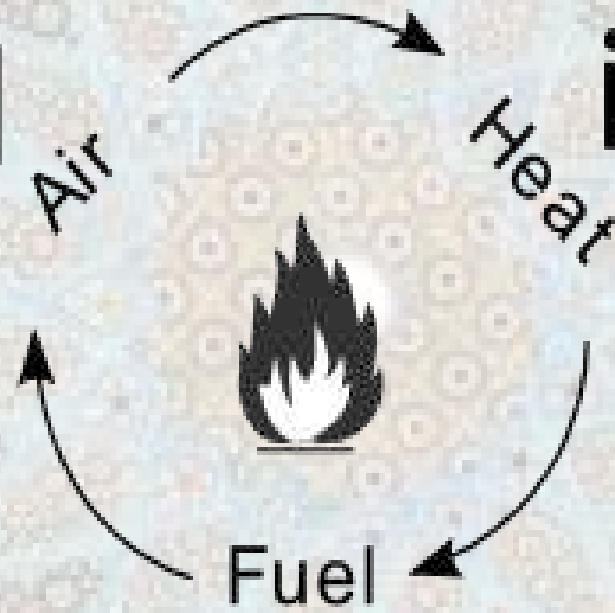
- Significant number are new converts and ex-criminals
- Some are driven by revenge (Abu Ghraib prison in Iraq, Camp Guantanamo Bay detention camp, Camp Bucca in Iraq)
- Revenge for drone attacks killing over 1400 civilians and over 200 children in Afghanistan, Pakistan, Yemen, Somalia

Violent movements do not emerge in a vacuum, but tend to develop in areas where there is

- 1) Fanatical leaders with a totalitarian ideology
- 2) A suffering and traumatized population by war
- 3) Political repression and instability, turmoil, and upheaval

**Political
turmoil**

**Fanatical
ideology**



Suffering

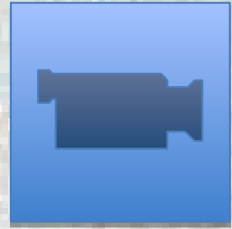
“COLLATERAL DAMAGE”



UNPROPORTIONAL FORCE



ISIS WAS BORN IN IRAQ



- ISIS was born 2011 – Islam was born 1400 years ago!?
- ISIS is an extreme reaction to an extreme political, economic, and social situation in mainly Iraq and Syria
- Terrorist movements manipulate religious rhetoric and re-purpose Islamic vocabulary to serve their own agenda.
- After decades of living under oppressive regimes and sanctions (which killed 227,000 Iraqi children between 1991–1998),
- With the 2003 invasion of Iraq, which had catastrophic consequences for the region. 3 years of the 2003 invasion reach almost as high as 700,000.
- Fallujah had 14 times as many radiation-related birth defects (from depleted uranium in munitions) than Hiroshima and Nagasaki combined. Many of the severe deformities afflicting newborn babies had previously never been encountered by physicians.

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...

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

- **Ku Klux Klan-no one condemn Christianity!**
- **Irish Catholics** and Irish Protestants killed each other for more than 30 years, nominally over religious issues yet, the media never condemned their religions.
- **Dylann Roof, Charleston Church Shooting,** killed 9 people and injured 1. **White supremacist, Neo-Nazi, domestic terrorist and mass murderer. He was not charged terrorism!**

WHY IS HE NOT A TERRORIST?

- **Robert Duggart, ordained Christian minister in the Christian National Church, a one-time congressional candidate from Tennessee, a member of several private militia groups, committed guilty to plan to attack a Muslim village in ISLAMBERG, New York. He stock piled an assault rifle, "500 rounds of armor piercing ammunition" a handgun, molotov cocktails and a machete to destroy the mosque and kill all the Muslims. He was not charged with terrorism! (2015)**

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



**The media has a long history of double standards when
it comes to covering terrorism**

ARE ALL TERRORISTS MUSLIMS?

CHRISTIAN TERRORIST GROUPS

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 IDENTITY TERRORIST GROUP

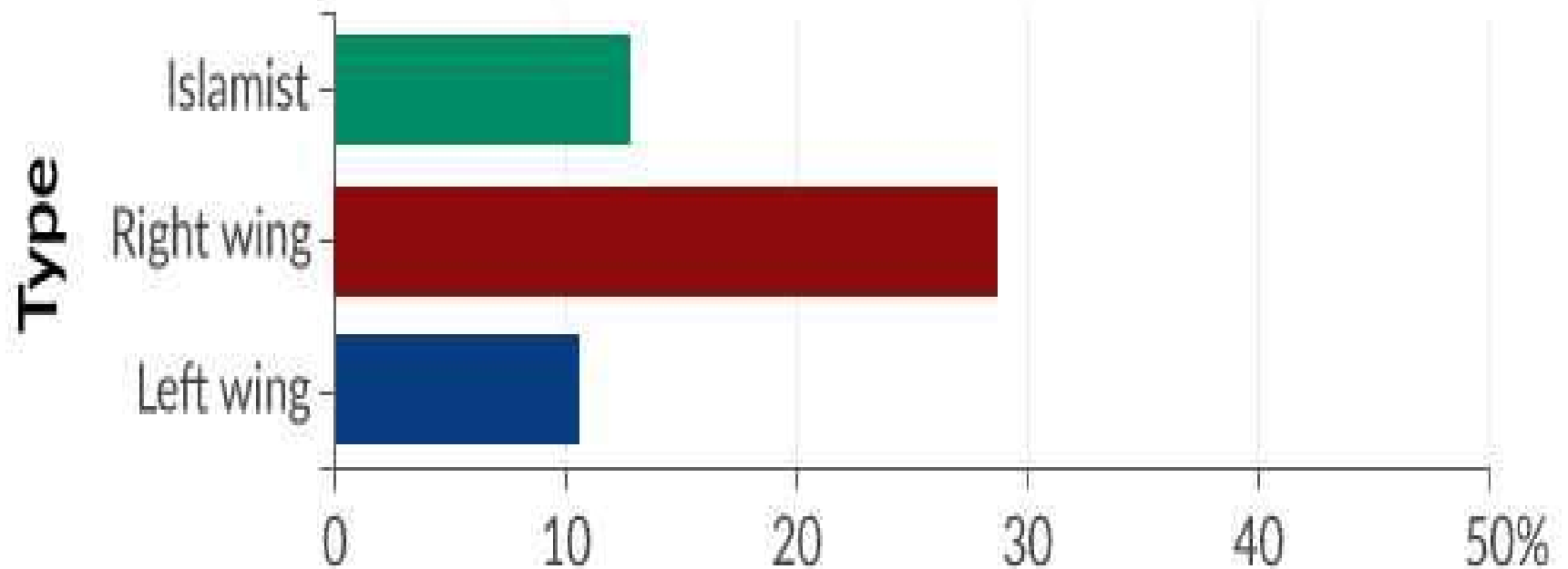
- **Eric Robert Rudolph member of Army of God terrorist group**, carried out the Centennial Olympic Park bombing in 1996, as well as subsequent attacks on an **abortion clinic and a lesbian nightclub. Army of God**
- **Charles Barbee, Robert Berry and Jay Merelle** belonging to “**Phineas Priests**”, **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.

DANGER OF FAR RIGHT IS GREATER

- **Time magazine report:** The New America Foundation. 2015 study found that **white extremists were by far the most dangerous.** Far-right extremists are **behind far more plots and attacks** than Islamist extremists.

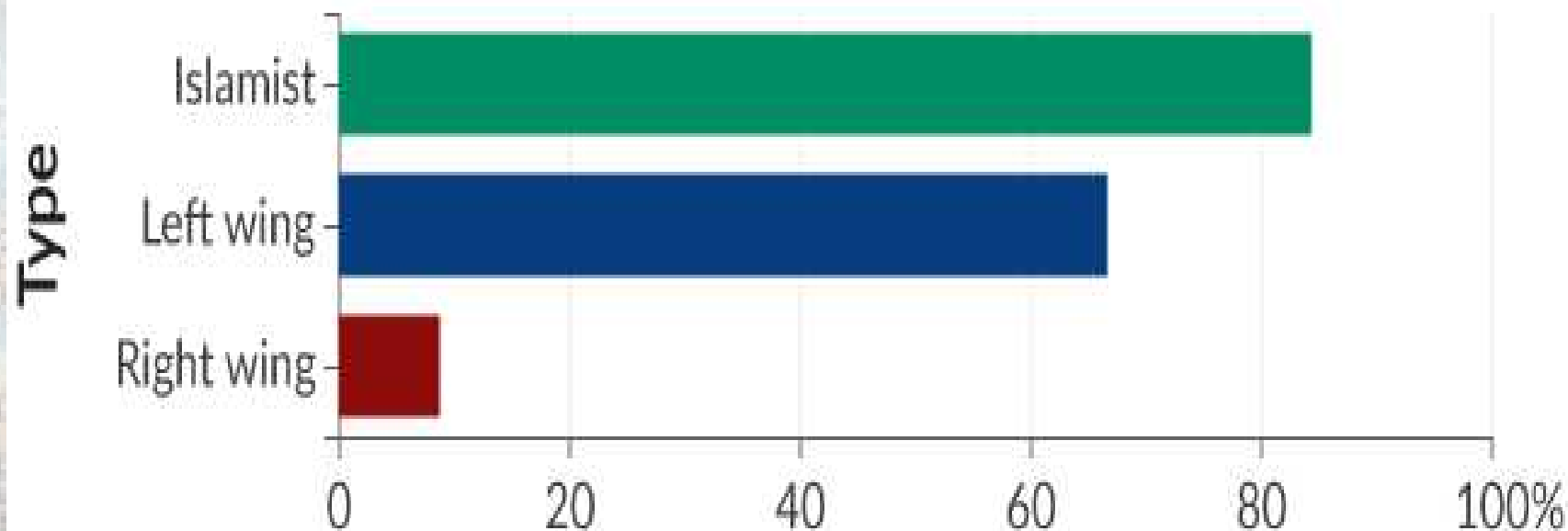
Percent of domestic terror incidents with fatalities

2008-2016



Percent of domestic terror incidents in which terror charges were filed

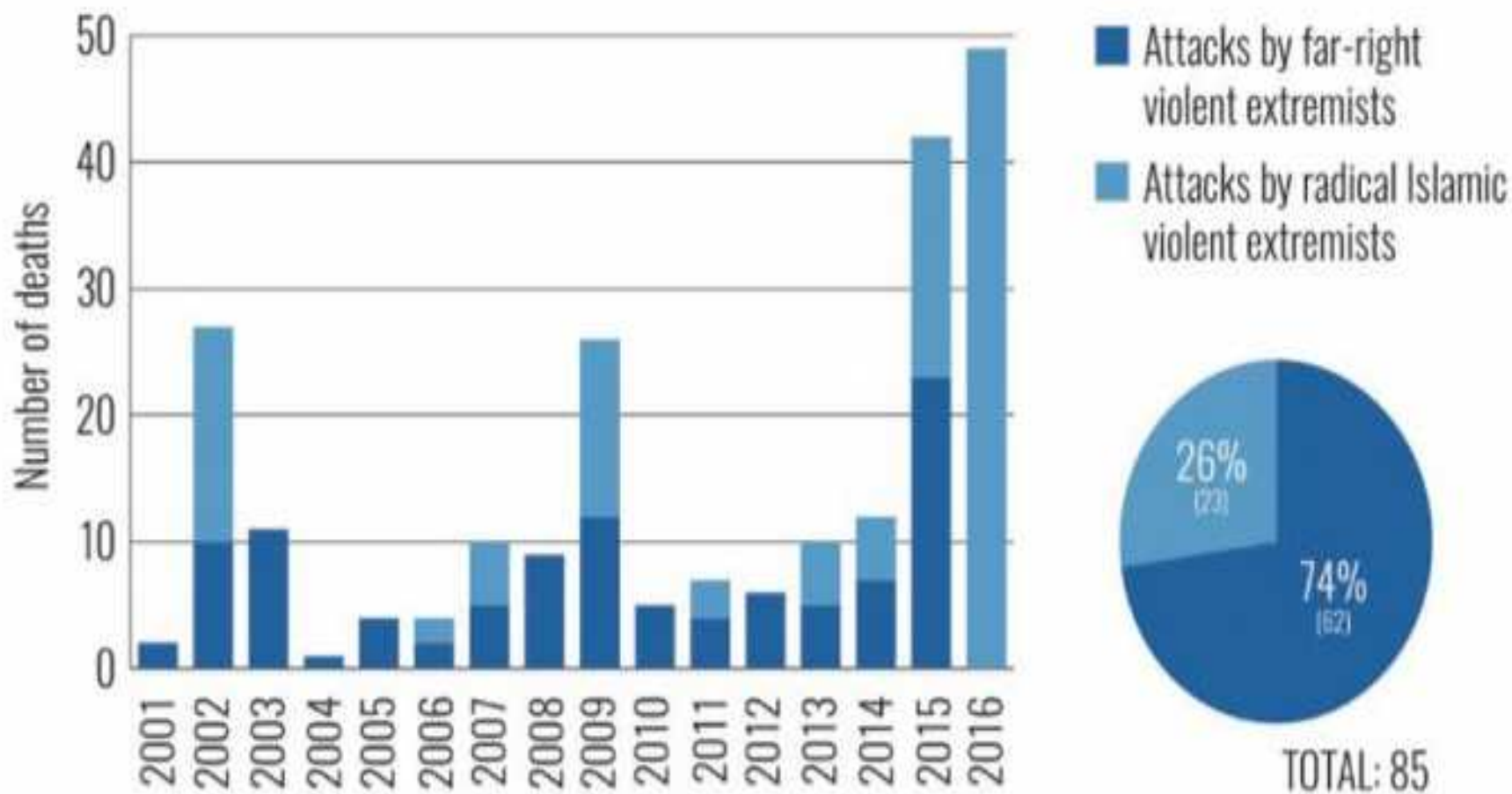
2008-2016



Data: The Investigative Fund

Graphic: Scott Pham/Reveal

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



“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



AVERAGE U.S. DEATHS IN LAST 5 YEARS



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TERRORISM



12.8

FOOTBALL



31.2

DOG ATTACKS



36.8

LIGHTNING STRIKES



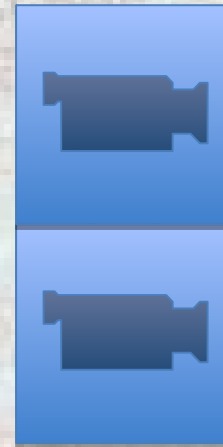
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DROWNING IN THE BATHTUB

* Source (from left to right): Global Terrorism Database, National Center for Catastrophic Sport Injury Research, National Safety Council, National Weather Service, National Safety Council

THE ISLAMAPHOBIA INDUSTRY

- Intro islamophobia
- Islamophobia is dangerous



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- [ACT for America](#)* (Washington, District of Columbia)
- American Freedom Alliance* (Los Angeles, California)
- American Freedom Defense Initiative* (New York, New York)
- American Freedom Law Center* (Ann Arbor, Michigan)
- American Public Policy Alliance (Washington, District of Columbia)
- American Security Rally of Montana* (Statewide, Montana)
- Americans for America (Englewood, Colorado)
- Bomb Islam (Phoenix, Arizona)
- Bureau on American Islamic Relations* (Irving, Texas)
- [Center for Security Policy](#)* (Washington, District of Columbia)
- Christian Action Network* (Forest, Virginia)
- Christians and Jews United for Israel (Hillsborough, New Hampshire)
- Citizens for National Security* (Boca Raton, Florida)
- Citizens for the St. Croix Valley (Hudson, Wisconsin)
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- Keep South Dakota Safe PAC (Aberdeen, South Dakota)
- Lincoln County Citizen Action Network * (Fayetteville, Tennessee)
- North Carolina Pastors Network (Morganton, North Carolina)
- Pig Blood Bullets (Priest River, Idaho)
- Political Islam* (Nashville, Tennessee)
- Proclaiming Justice to the Nations (Franklin, Tennessee)
- Radio Jihad/Global Patriot Radio* (Statewide, New York)
- Refugee Resettlement Watch* (Fairplay, Maryland)
- Religious Freedom Coalition* (Washington, District of Columbia)
- Secure Michigan (New Baltimore, Michigan)Fortress of Faith (Bellingham, Washington)
- Foundation for Advocating Christian Truth (Bronx, New York)
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Leading Islamaphobes

- **David Horowitz** In 1988, David Horowitz founded the Center for the Study of Popular Culture in Los Angeles to “establish a conservative presence in Hollywood and show how popular culture had become a political battleground.” In 2006, the center was rebranded the David Horowitz Freedom Center (DHFC) .
- **David Yerushalmi** His anti-Shariah model legislation has been adopted by several state legislatures, despite the lack of evidence of any threat to U.S. jurisprudence. In his own words “The Mythical ‘moderate’ Muslim ...
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- **Frank Gaffney Jr.** Grippled by paranoid fantasies about Muslims destroying the West from within, Gaffney believes that “creeping Shariah,” or Islamic religious law, is a dire threat to American democracy. In 1988, he founded the neoconservative turned anti-Muslim think tank Center for Security Policy .

Leading Islamaphobes (continued)

- **Pamela Geller** Currently one of the most flamboyant anti-Muslim activists in the United States. Far right.
- **Robert Spencer** One of the most prolific anti-Muslim figures in the United States. An incessant blogger, author, and activist, he insists, despite his lack of academic training in Islam, that the religion is inherently violent .
- **Roy Moore** Since he was first appointed as circuit judge in Etowah County, Alabama, in 1992, Moore has repeatedly used positions of authority to impose his own version of far-right Christianity while also serving as a public advocate for some of the most extreme anti-choice and anti-LGBT causes.
- **Lieutenant General William G. "Jerry" Boykin (Ret.)** He served two years as a commander of Delta Force and participated in some of its most high-profile missions, including the Iran hostage crisis in 1980 and the “Black Hawk Down” firefight in Mogadishu, Somalia, in 1993. .

SPLC DESIGNATED HATE GROUPS

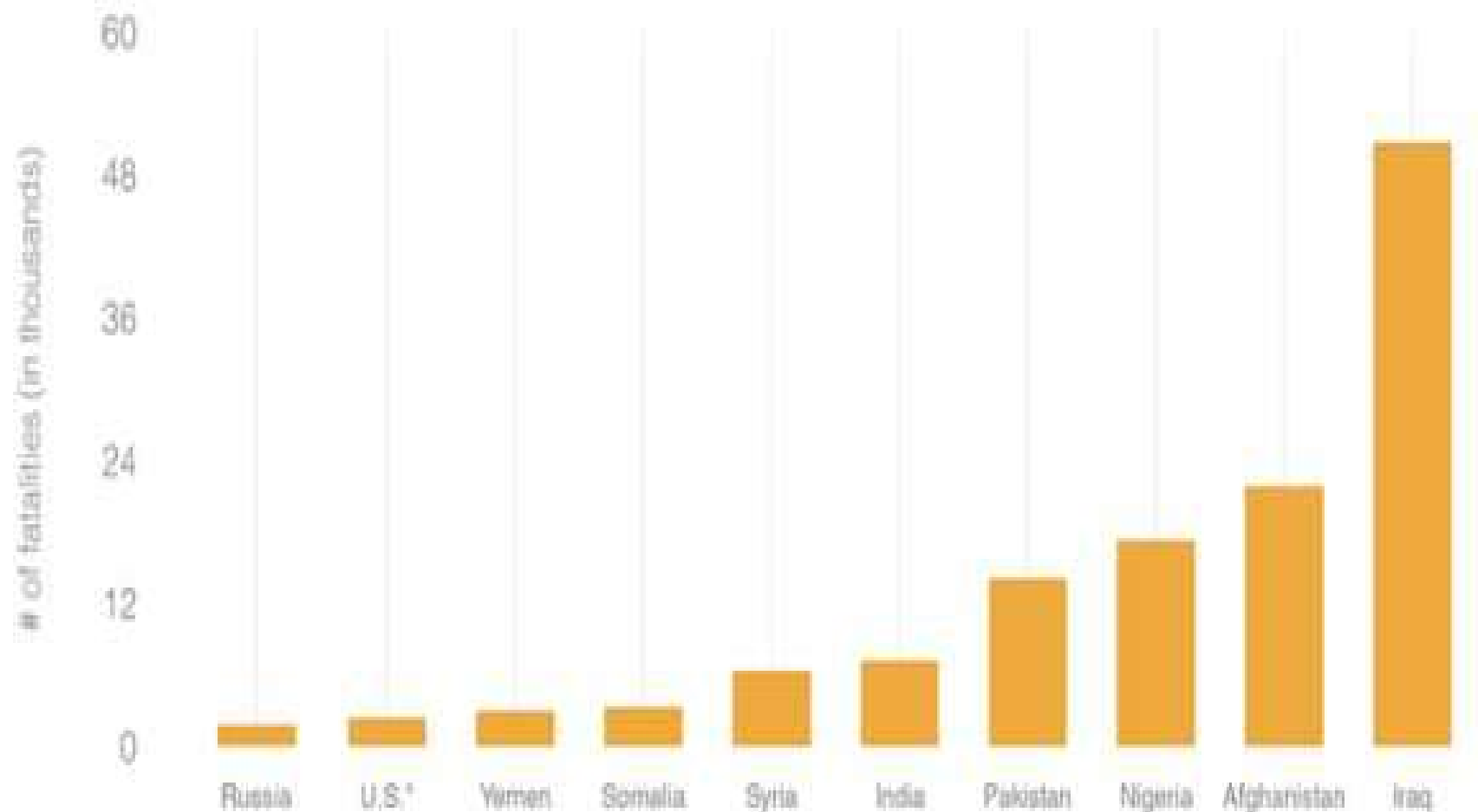
- **ACT for America**
- Brigitte Gabriel, born Hanan Qahwaji, claims ACT was launched as a response to the 9/11 attacks and “educates citizens and elected officials to impact policy involving national security and defeating terrorism.” ACT has stayed true to its mission by working to advance anti-Muslim legislation
- **Center for Security Policy**
- Known for its accusations that a shadowy “Muslim Brotherhood” has infiltrated all levels of government and warnings that “creeping Shariah,” or Islamic religious law, is a threat to American democracy
- **Family Security Matters**
- For example, a 2016 article on the FSM website stated bluntly , "Fighting and attacking others with knives and other sharp objects appears to be in the Muslim DNA." FSM's longtime president Carol Taber was also a vocal proponent of the racist "Birther" conspiracy theory.

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]

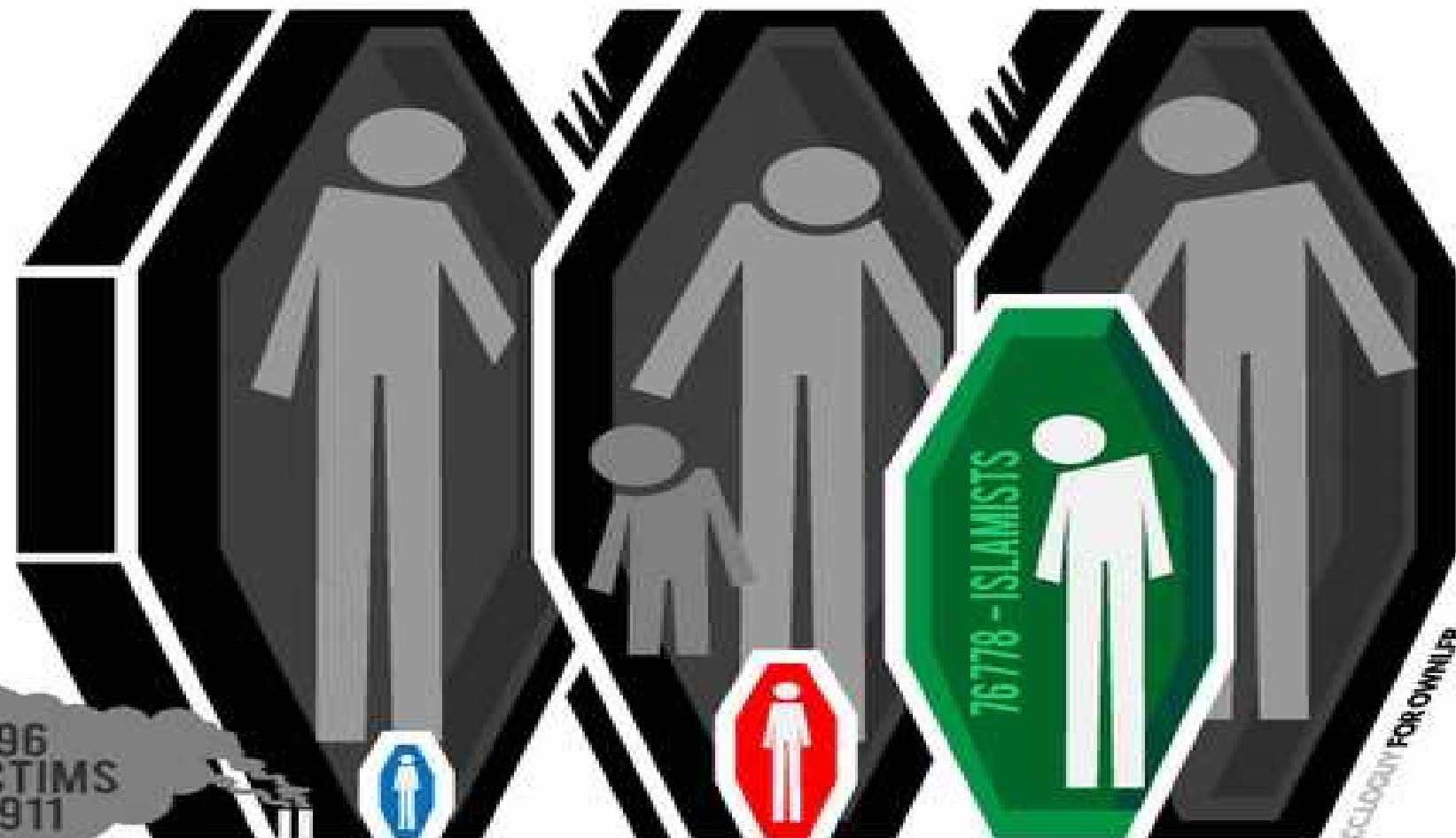
Top 10 Countries for Fatalities 2001-2015



*Note: 2,002 of these fatalities occurred on 9/11

CASUALTIES
OF WAR ON TERRORISM
SINCE 2001 IN IRAQ
& AFGHANISTAN

116 657
CIVILIANS



8975
US & CIE SOLDIERS

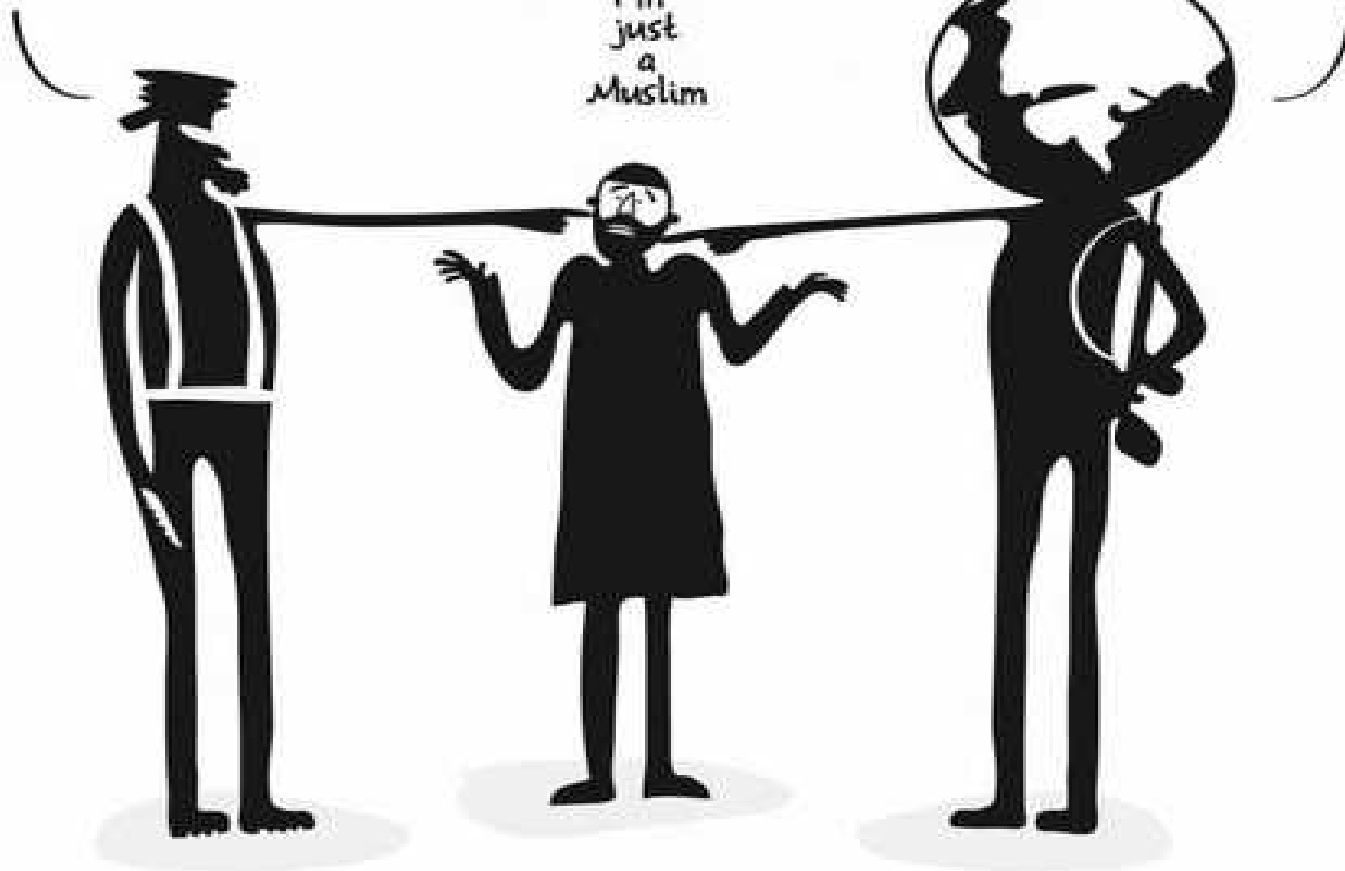
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the infidels!

you're with
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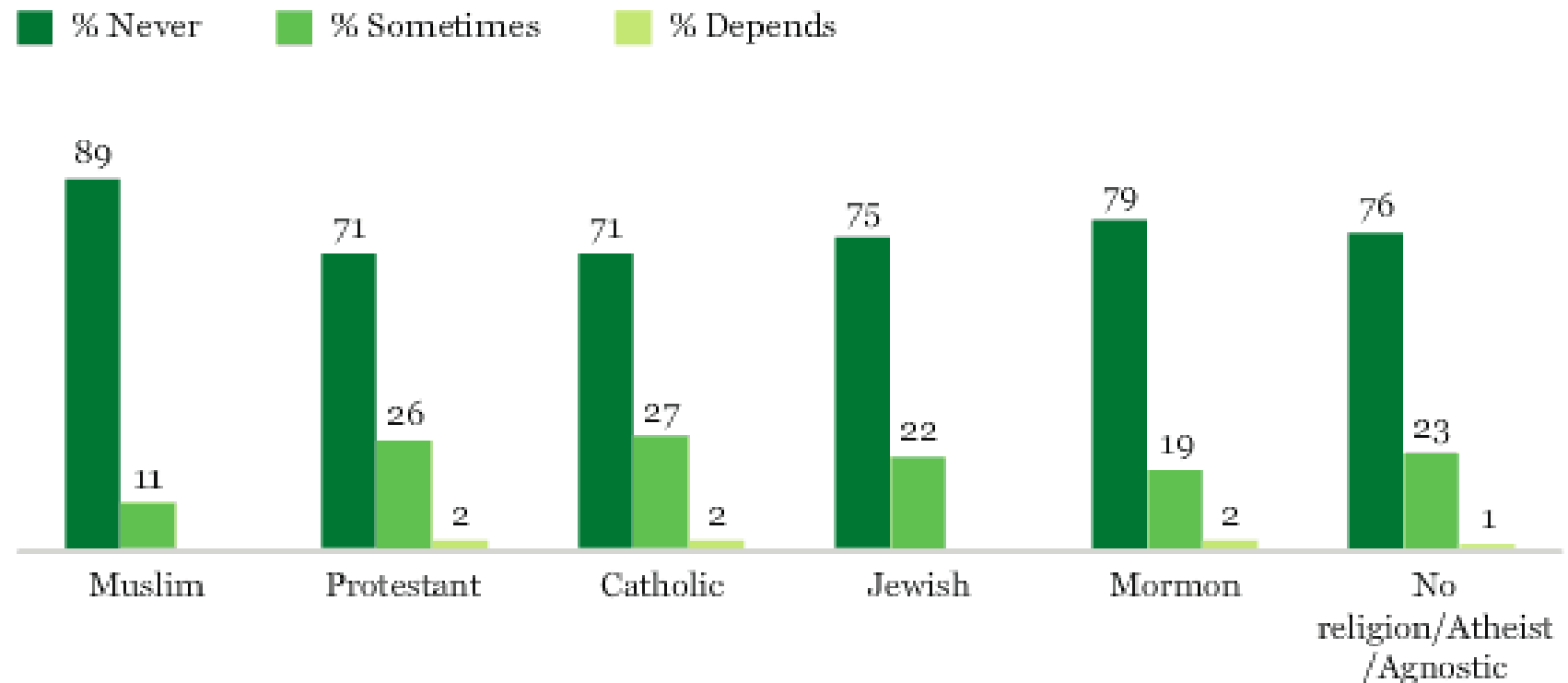
I'm
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Muslim



Khalid Albaih

MUSLIMS ARE MOST LIKELY TO CONDEMN KILLING CIVILIANS

Some people think that for an individual person or a small group of persons to target and kill civilians is sometimes justified, while others think that kind of violence is never justified. Which is your opinion?



Surveys conducted via Muslim American polls from Feb. 10-March 11, 2010, and Oct. 1-21, 2010.

MEET THE “CLOCK BOY”



Tweets Tweets & replies Photos & videos



President Obama @POTUS · 2h

Cool clock, Ahmed. Want to bring it to the White House? We should inspire more kids like you to like science. It's what makes America great.

RETWEETS 178,503 FAVORITES 160,651



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HATE CRIMES AGAINST MUSLIMS

- In October 2016, the FBI arrested a right wing “Crusaders” militia group in Kansas that had stockpiled firearms, ammunitions, and explosives with plans to launch an attack on local Muslim immigrants, believing “the only good Muslim is a dead Muslim.”
- In August 2016, an imam and his assistant in New York were leaving their mosque when they were suddenly shot in the head in broad daylight by a man who had previously described his hatred towards Muslims.
- In June 2016, a bomb was detonated outside a mosque in Perth, Australia while hundreds of worshippers were inside.
- In February, 2015, Craig Stephen Hicks, killed 3 young college students execution style in their apartment. Just because they were Muslims...!
- In 2011, Anders Behring Breivik "**savior of Christianity,**" **part of an order called the "Knight's Templar"** committed a mass killing of 77 people in Norway in order to draw attention to his manifesto outlining a Christian anti-Islam crusade, focusing on Islam as the greatest threat to Europe, and citing a well known American Islamophobe no less than 64 times.
- Muslim children are being singled out in public schools on account of their faith and Muslim women are being assaulted in public for wearing the headscarf, while mosques and community centers are routinely targeted by arsonists and vandals.



ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

ISLAMIC SECTS

- Sunni
 - Hanafi
 - Shafi
 - Maliki
 - Hanbali (Wahabism/Salafi) (Saudi, Qatar, UAE)
- Shia
- Sufi (Islamic mystics)
- ++++++++
- Baha'is (Originated from Islam, but not Muslims)
- Ahmadiyya (Debated)
- Druze (Not Muslims), Alevis and Alawis (debated)

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

- **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