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By Robert Spencer

“Islamophobia” or genuine concern?

The FBI reports that in 2016, there were “1,584 victims of anti-religious hate crimes,” and that “54.4 percent were victims of crimes motivated by their offenders’ anti-Jewish bias,” while “24.5 percent were victims of anti-Islamic (Muslim) bias.”

The figures are consistent with FBI hate crime statistics going back to the beginning of such reporting: anti-Semitic hate crimes are far more frequent than are hate crimes against Muslims. Yet, on campuses nationwide, “Islamophobia” is a far more common preoccupation of both the administration and student groups, and concern about jihad terror in the U.S. and around the world is often dismissed as mere prejudice against Muslims.

All attacks against innocent Muslims are reprehensible, and there is no excuse or justification for them whatsoever. However, it is short-sighted to ascribe all concern about jihad terror to “Islamophobia.” There is considerable reason to be concerned about Islam and jihad.

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What the Islamic texts say

Barack Obama lamented in March 2016 that “the conservative base had been fed this notion that Islam is inherently violent.” How could anyone get such an idea? Perhaps from the Qur’an, which, in many places, enjoins warfare against unbelievers:

“And kill them wherever you come upon them, and expel them from where they expelled you; persecution is more grievous than slaughter. But do not fight them by the Holy Mosque until they should fight you there; then, if they fight you, kill them—such is the recompense of unbelievers, but if they give over, surely Allah is All-forgiving, All-compassionate. Fight them till there is no persecution and the religion is Allah’s; then if they give over, there shall be no enmity save for evildoers.” (2:191-193)

“They wish that you would disbelieve as they disbelieve, and then you would be equal; therefore do not make friends with them until they emigrate in the way of Allah; then, if they turn their backs, seize them and kill them wherever you find them; do not take any of them as friend or helper.” (4:89)



“Then, when the sacred months are over, kill the idolaters wherever you find them, and take them and confine them, and lie in wait for them at every place of ambush...”

— THE QUR’AN (9:5)



Islamic State (ISIS) terrorists behead captured Middle Eastern Christians.

“When your Lord was revealing to the angels, ‘I am with you; so confirm the believers. I shall cast terror into the unbelievers’ hearts; so strike above the necks, and cut every finger of them!’” (8:12)

“Fight them till there is no persecution and the religion is Allah’s entirely...” (8:39)

“Make ready for them whatever force and strings of horses you can, to strike terror into the enemy of Allah and your enemy, and others besides them that you do not know; Allah knows them.

And whatever you spend in the way of Allah shall be repaid you in full; you will not be wronged.” (8:60)

“Then, when the sacred months are over, kill the idolaters wherever you find them, and take them and confine them, and lie in wait for them at every place of ambush. But if they repent, and perform the prayer, and pay the alms, then let them go their way; Allah is All-forgiving, All-compassionate.” (9:5)

“Fight those who believe not in Allah and the Last Day and do not forbid what Allah and His Messenger have forbidden, and do not practice the religion of truth, even if they are of the People of the Book—until they pay the jizya with willing submission and feel themselves subdued.” (9:29)

“Allah has bought from the believers their selves and their possessions against the gift of Paradise; they fight in the way of Allah; they kill and are killed. That is a promise binding upon Allah in the Torah, and the Gospel, and the Qur’an; and who fulfills his covenant truer than Allah? So rejoice in the bargain you have made with Him; that is the mighty triumph.” (9:111)

“O believers, fight the unbelievers who are near to you; and let them find in you a harshness; and know that Allah is with the pious.” (9:123)

“When you meet the unbelievers, strike their necks, then, when you have made wide slaughter among them, tie fast the bonds; then set them free, either by grace or ransom, until the war lays down its loads. So it shall be; and if Allah had willed, He would have avenged Himself upon them; but that He may try some of you by means of others. And those who are slain in the way of Allah, He will not send their works astray.” (47:4)

These and other verses give the clear impression that Muslims have an obligation to wage war against unbelievers. Islamic scholars throughout Islamic history have interpreted these verses of warfare as being normative for all time. Muhammad’s earliest biographer, the eighth-century Muslim Ibn Ishaq, explains that first, Allah allowed Muslims to wage defensive warfare. But that

was not Allah's last word on the circumstances in which Muslims should fight. Ibn Ishaq explains offensive jihad by invoking a Qur'anic verse: "Then God sent down to him: 'Fight them so that there be no more seduction,' i.e., until no believer is seduced from his religion. 'And the religion is God's,' i.e., until God alone is worshipped."

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The Qur'an verse Ibn Ishaq quotes here (2:193) commands much more than defensive warfare: Muslims must fight until "the religion is God's"—that is, until Allah alone is worshipped. The medieval scholar Ibn Qayyim (1292-1350) outlines the stages of Muhammad's prophetic career in a similar way: "For thirteen years after the beginning of his Messengership, he called people to God through preaching, without fighting or Jizyah, and was commanded to restrain himself and to practice patience and forbearance. Then he was commanded to migrate, and later permission was given to fight. Then he was commanded to fight those who fought him, and to restrain himself from those who did not make war with him. Later he was commanded to fight the polytheists until God's religion was fully established."

In other words, he initially could fight only defensively—only "those who fought him"—but later he could fight the polytheists until Islam was "fully established." He could fight them even if they didn't fight him first, and solely because they were not Muslim.

Nor do all contemporary Islamic thinkers believe that this command is a relic of history. According to a 20th century chief justice of Saudi Arabia, Sheikh Abdullah bin Muhammad bin Humaid, "at first 'the fighting' was forbidden, then it was permitted and after that it was made obligatory." He also

distinguishes two groups Muslims must fight: "(1) against them who start 'the fighting' against you (Muslims) . . . (2) and against all those who worship others along with Allah . . . as mentioned in Surat Al-Baqarah (II), Al-Imran (III), and At-Taubah (IX) . . . and other Surahs (chapters of the Qur'an)." (The Roman numerals after the names of the chapters of the Qur'an are the numbers of the Surahs: Sheikh Abdullah is referring to Qur'anic verses such as 2:216, 3:157-158, 9:5, and 9:29.)

Muhammad, the prophet of Islam, participated in battles and called upon his followers to wage war against unbelievers. A hadith depicts him as saying: "Fight against those who disbelieve in Allah. Make a holy war. . . . When you meet your enemies who are polytheists, invite them to three courses of action. If they respond to any one of these you also accept it and withhold yourself from doing them any harm. Invite them to (accept) Islam; if they respond to you, accept it from them and desist from fighting against them. . . . If they refuse to accept Islam, demand from them the Jizya. If they agree to pay, accept it from them and hold off your hands. If they refuse to pay the tax, seek Allah's help and fight them."

In another, he says: "I have been commanded to fight against people so long as they do not declare that there is no god but Allah, and he who professed it was guaranteed the protection of his property and life on my behalf. . . ." This means that one's property and life are not guaranteed protection if one does not become Muslim: a prescription for endless warfare against unbelievers.

Other kinds of violence

Besides all that, there is the misogyny. The Qur'an calls for the beating of women "from whom you fear disobedience": "Men are the managers of the affairs of women for that Allah has made one superior to the other, and for that they have expended of their property. Righteous women are therefore obedient, guarding the secret for Allah's guarding. And those from whom you fear disobedience, warn them, banish them to their couches, and beat them. If they then obey you, look not for any way against them; Allah is All-high, All-great." (4:34)



Muhammad adds in a hadith that women are "deficient in religion and intellect" and comprise the majority of those spending eternity in hellfire. Women are essentially slaves of men; they will be cursed by the angels for refusing their husbands sex: "If a husband calls his wife to his bed [i.e. to have sexual relations] and she refuses and causes him to sleep in anger, the angels will curse her till morning."

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There is much, much more, including the draconian punishments the Qur'an specifies for the vague crime of spreading "corruption" upon the earth: "This is the recompense of those who fight against Allah and His Messenger, and strive upon the earth corruption: they shall be slaughtered, or crucified, or their hands and feet shall



alternately be struck off; or they shall be banished from the land. That is a degradation for them in this world; and in the world to come awaits them a mighty chastisement." (5:33)

All this in the founding documents of a religion, and from its most revered figure, make for a culture of violence. And that culture is making its character increasingly obvious in the West.

Islam also mandates death for those who leave Islam. Muhammad is reported as saying: "Whoever changed his Islamic religion, then kill him." His word, in this and so much else, is law. That makes Islam, for untold numbers of people, a captor. There is no doubt that there are many people who are identified as Muslims who would leave the religion if they would not have to live in fear of being killed for doing so. When we refuse to criticize Islam, we are turning our backs on the millions of people who suffer from being forced to live under tyrannical Islamic regimes. Just as it was immoral to turn our backs on those oppressed by Communist governments during the Cold War, we betray our own values when we turn a blind eye to Muslim suffering and instead praise their oppressors.

Timeline: Radical Islamic Terrorism



November 14, 1979 — U.S. diplomats held hostage in Tehran, Iran.



October 23, 1983 — U.S. Marine barracks in Beirut, Lebanon, bombed.



Reality keeps breaking through

Even if the elites aren't on our side, reality is.

The situation in Europe today vividly underscores this. Germany, keen to alleviate the humanitarian crisis, opened its doors to the refugee influx of 2015. Other Western European states did as well. Yet, while there is no doubt that some of the refugees are grateful for the hospitality they have been shown, others clearly aren't. All of the Islamic jihadis who murdered 130 people in Paris in a series of jihad attacks in November 2015 were refugees who had recently been welcomed into Europe.

Muslim migrants in Europe have also been responsible for an appalling epidemic of rape, sexual assault, theft, petty crime, and looting. On New Year's Eve, December 31, 2015, Muslim migrants committed mass rapes and sexual assaults in Cologne, Stockholm, and other major European cities. But such assaults weren't limited to that day alone; Sweden has been called the "rape capital of the world" because of the notorious activities of Muslim migrants.



Even before the migrant influx, while on a speaking tour in Germany in 2011, I was told by the 16-year-old daughter of one of the event organizers that she was routinely harassed on the way to school: Muslims on the commuter trains would call her a "whore" and a "slut" because her hair and arms were not covered. This happened, she said, every day.

Every day!

And in the British town of Rotherham, Muslim gangs brutalized, sexually assaulted, and raped more than 1,400 young British girls, while authorities remained extremely reluctant to say or do anything in response, for fear of being labeled "racist."

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October 12, 2000 — USS Cole attacked by Al Qaeda while at port in Aden, Yemen.



September 11, 2001 — 2,977 civilians murdered in attacks on the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and on Flight 93.



Nothing to do with Islam? It is written in the Qur’an that a Muslim man may have sexual relations with the “captives of the right hand”—that is, captured non-Muslim women (4:3; 4:24; 23:1-6; 33:50; 70:30). The Qur’an also says that women should veil themselves so that they may not be molested (33:59), with the implication being that if they are not veiled, they may indeed be molested.

American and European liberals who are concerned about “Islamophobia” should consider the implications of that for their own daughters.

The real threat

The jihad threat is real and growing worldwide, as shown by the 30,000 jihad attacks that have occurred worldwide since 9/11. The website *thereligionofpeace.com* keeps a sourced and documented database of all those attacks, complete with the number of people killed and wounded in each. During each Ramadan, the site tracks the number of people killed by Islamic jihadis during the time when Muslims are supposed to redouble their efforts to please



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Allah. During Ramadan 2017, 161 jihad terror attacks left 1,483 people dead and another 1,557 wounded.

Those who have stigmatized everyone who calls attention to the jihad threat as “Islamophobic” are, ultimately, responsible for those attacks. And “Islamophobia” endangers us all in other ways as well.

“Islamophobia” endangers us all

Counterterror analyst Paul Sperry reported in April 2017 that the New York Police Department has “censored an anti-terror handbook to appease offended Muslims, even though it has

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February 21, 2002 — U.S. journalist Daniel Pearl kidnapped and murdered in Pakistan.



September 11, 2012 — U.S. Ambassador Chris Stevens murdered in the streets of Benghazi, Libya.

accurately predicted radicalization patterns in recent ‘homegrown’ terror cases.”

So it was demonstrated yet again: the stigmatization and marginalization of realistic counterterror analysis is endangering Americans, and it will continue to do so.

Here’s how: Patrick Dunleavy, former deputy inspector general of the New York state prisons’ criminal-intelligence division, noted that the discarded NYPD report “was extremely accurate on how the radicalization process works and what indicators to look for.”

Former FBI agent John Guandolo explained: “The FBI has its hands full with over 1,000 open cases on ISIS terrorist suspects already in the U.S., and it needs the help of well-trained eyes and ears on the ground at the local and state level. The bad guys know if police don’t know this stuff at the ground level, they win.”

And in December 2015 in San Bernardino, when the Islamic jihadist couple Syed Rizwan Farook and Tashfeen Malik murdered 14 people at a Christmas party, a friend of one of their neighbors

recalled that the neighbor had told him about suspicious activity at the couple’s home. “Sounds like she didn’t do anything about it,” the friend remembered. “She didn’t want to do any kind of racial profiling. She’s like, ‘I didn’t call it in ... maybe it was just me thinking something that’s not there.’”

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August 9, 2014 — U.S. journalist James Foley is beheaded by the Islamic State (ISIS) in Syria.



June 12, 2016 — Forty-nine people murdered in a shooting at a nightclub in Orlando, Florida.



had been force-fed the notion that to be suspicious of Muslims was “bigotry” and “racial profiling” —“Islamophobia”—and so she didn’t alert police to the strange activity at the home of Farook and Malik.

Fourteen people died so that politically correct niceties could be preserved and no one would incur any charges of “racism.”

This wasn’t a singular incident. The fear of “Islamophobia” charges has overridden, or threatened to override, concern about jihad terrorism for years.

“Should I call someone or is that being racist?”

One of the most notorious instances of this was the case of the Fort Dix Six. In January 2006, two Muslims asked a teenage clerk at a Circuit City outlet in New Jersey to transfer a VHS tape to a DVD. As he did the job, the young clerk grew increasingly alarmed: the video showed Muslims firing automatic weapons while screaming “Allahu akbar.”

The clerk was alarmed, but he had also been well-educated in



early 21st century sensibilities. He articulated his dilemma to a coworker: “Dude, I just saw some really weird shit. I don’t know what to do. Should I call someone or is that being racist?”

He decided to go ahead and be “racist,” and he reported the men to authorities. Because of this action, on December 22, 2008, five Muslims were convicted of plotting to enter the U.S. Army base at Fort Dix, New Jersey, in order to kill as many American soldiers as they could before they were themselves killed.

That the Circuit City clerk hesitated even for a moment before calling the police shows how successful the whole Islamophobia enterprise has been. How many other jihad massacres might have been stopped were it not for the potential informant’s hesitation to appear “Islamophobic”?

The threat remains

Yet for all of the attempts to ignore or downplay it, Islam continues to pose a threat. And so “Islamophobia”—understood not as vigilante attacks or harassment of innocent Muslims, but

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July 14, 2016 — 84 people murdered in a truck attack on Bastille Day in Nice, France.



May 22, 2017 — 22 people murdered in an attack at an Ariana Grande concert in England.



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as a sober and realistic appraisal of the nature of Islam and the ways in which it endangers free societies and free people—is not bigotry or racism, but simply a rational assessment of a genuine danger.

Yes, “Islam,” not “Muslims.” The Islamic religion contains numerous texts and teachings that jihadis use to justify violence to gain recruits among peaceful Muslims, and to oppress women and non-Muslims. As much as people on both the Left and the Right would like to deny that, it is a fact. That does not mean, however, that all Muslims are terrorists, oppressors, or hateful or violent people. The teachings of a religion are one thing, and the way any given adherent of that religion puts those teachings into practice, or



does not do so, is quite another. Every individual Muslim deserves to be treated with as much respect and courtesy as anyone else. And many Muslims are exemplary individuals whose magnanimity and generosity of spirit toward non-Muslims contrast sharply with the exhortations to violence against them in their holy book.

But the teachings of that holy book remain, and some Muslims do, indeed, take them literally.

Let us therefore review the ways in which Islamic jihad and Sharia pose a danger to various groups who typically consider themselves liberal, in the hope that these honest, well-meaning liberals may finally recognize that a threat to their freedom and safety does exist—and that it is not coming from “Islamophobes” like me, but from Islam itself:

- Islam is a threat to women because Islamic teachings allow for the beating of women “from whom you fear disobedience,” as well as the downgrading of a woman’s testimony and inheritance rights. The Qur’an sanctions polygamy, child marriage, and even the sexual enslavement of captive

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June 3, 2017 — Eight people are murdered in London Bridge vehicular and stabbing attacks.



August 17, 2017 — 14 people are murdered in double vehicular attacks in Barcelona, Spain.

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non-Muslim women. These are not just teachings that “Islamophobes” have discovered in dusty corners of the Islamic holy book that no Muslim today takes seriously. Women face all kinds of oppression throughout the Islamic world that the oppressors directly justify by reference to Islam. And while the West celebrates the hijab and castigates those who supposedly harass Muslim women who wear it, girls and women all over the world, including the U.S. and Canada, have been menaced, beaten, and even killed for not wearing it. And now other aspects of Sharia oppression of women, including female genital mutilation, are coming to the United States as well.

- Islam is a threat to gays because it mandates a death penalty for homosexuals that is not, unlike the one in the Old Testament, essentially a dead letter. States that enforce the fullness of Islamic law today, including Iran and Saudi Arabia, still routinely put gays to death, and as the Islamic State’s short-lived caliphate in Iraq and Syria demonstrated anew, whenever Islamic hardliners determine to implement the fullness of Islamic law, this death penalty reappears.
- Islam is a threat to Jews because, in all too many Islamic teachings and traditions, Jews are the villains. The Qur’an depicts Jews as inveterately evil and bent on destroying the well-being of Muslims. They are the strongest of all people in demonstrating enmity toward the Muslims (5:82); fabricating things and falsely ascribing them to Allah (2:79; 3:75, 3:181); claiming that Allah’s power is limited (5:64); loving to listen to lies (5:41); disobeying Allah and never observing his commands (5:13); disputing and quarreling (2:247); hiding the truth and misleading people (3:78); staging rebellion against the prophets and rejecting their guidance (2:55); being hypocritical (2:14, 2:44); giving preference to their own

interests over the teachings of Muhammad (2:87); wishing evil for people and trying to mislead them (2:109); feeling pain when others are happy or fortunate (3:120); being arrogant about their being Allah’s beloved people (5:18); devouring people’s wealth by subterfuge (4:161); slandering the true religion and being cursed by Allah (4:46); killing the prophets (2:61); being merciless and heartless (2:74); never keeping their promises or fulfilling their words (2:100); being unrestrained in committing sins (5:79); being cowardly (59:13-14); being miserly (4:53); being transformed into apes and pigs for breaking the Sabbath (2:63-65; 5:59-60; 7:166); and more.

Accordingly, Jews are threatened in Europe to an extent they have not been since the days of Hitler. And it’s getting worse by the day.

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- Islam is a threat to Christians, for it mandates that they must either convert to Islam, submit to Islamic hegemony, or be killed—the same three choices offered to Jews. In 2005, political and literary analyst Stephen Schwartz, himself a convert to Islam, declared that the subjugation of the People of the Book under the rule of Islam was “part of the Islamic past that is best left to the past.”

Unfortunately, Islamic jihadis did not cooperate. The Christian communities of the Middle East, some of which date back to the time of Christ, have been decimated, as jihad groups targeted Christians wholesale as symbols of the hated U.S. and the West.

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In response to this persecution of Christians, as violent and virulent as any since the time of Diocletian, Christian leaders in the West have begun various programs of “dialogue” with Muslims. These have, however, not saved a single Middle Eastern Christian from being murdered or a single church from being demolished.

- Islam is a threat to secular liberals because, although noting the fact will get one dismissed as a “far-right Islamophobe,” Islam really does have doctrines mandating the conquest and subjugation of non-Muslims. The major Muslim organizations in the United States really do behave as if they would like nothing better than the weakening and ultimate downfall of the U.S. government and free society. They oppose virtually all counterterror initiatives—polarizing American society by claiming falsely that Muslims are the victims of large-scale persecution and harassment in the U.S., and stigmatizing all those who call attention to the jihad threat and the devastation wrought in Europe by mass Muslim migration as “racists” and “hatemongers.”

Islamic groups aren’t going to overthrow the U.S. government. But they’ve already done a great deal in numerous ways to impede our resistance to jihad terror—by making decent people unsure whether there really is a jihad threat at all or just a problem with “Islamophobia.”

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to their new homes. Islam in all its traditional and classic formulations mandates a death penalty for someone who is sane, adult, and leaves Islam voluntarily. This discourages apostasy, obviously, but it also makes for untold numbers of silent apostates who live outwardly as Muslims while dissenting inwardly. Islamic hardliners target these people, when they find them, no less than they target open apostates.

Many came to America to be free of constant fears that they would be killed for living as their conscience dictated. They deserve better than to find that there is now no escape anywhere.

But there may not be. Because to create or try to preserve a safe space for those who do not wish to live under the oppression that Sharia mandates is “Islamophobic.”

If it is not resolutely rejected, this politically correct willful ignorance could mean nothing less than the death of free societies in the Western world.



Every year, YAF student activists on campuses across the country create memorial displays consisting of 2,977 American flags to memorialize those murdered by radical jihadists on September 11, 2001.

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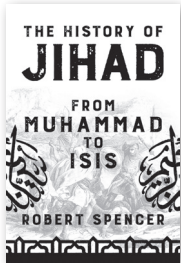
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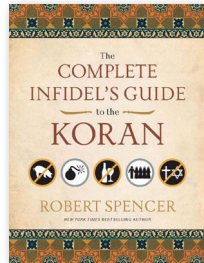
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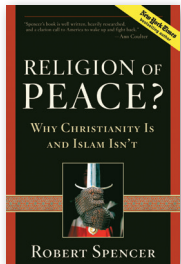
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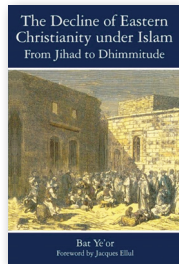
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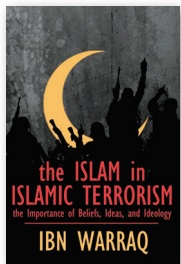
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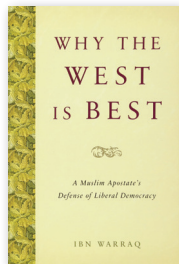
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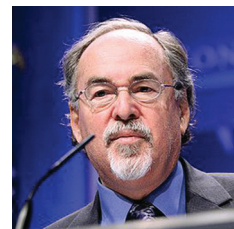
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