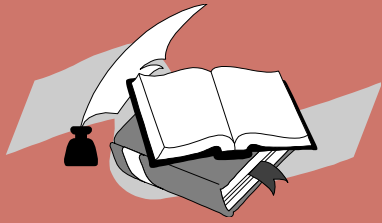


Behind the Veil

**The Fundamental Nature
of the Jihadist Cause**

By American Center for Democracy

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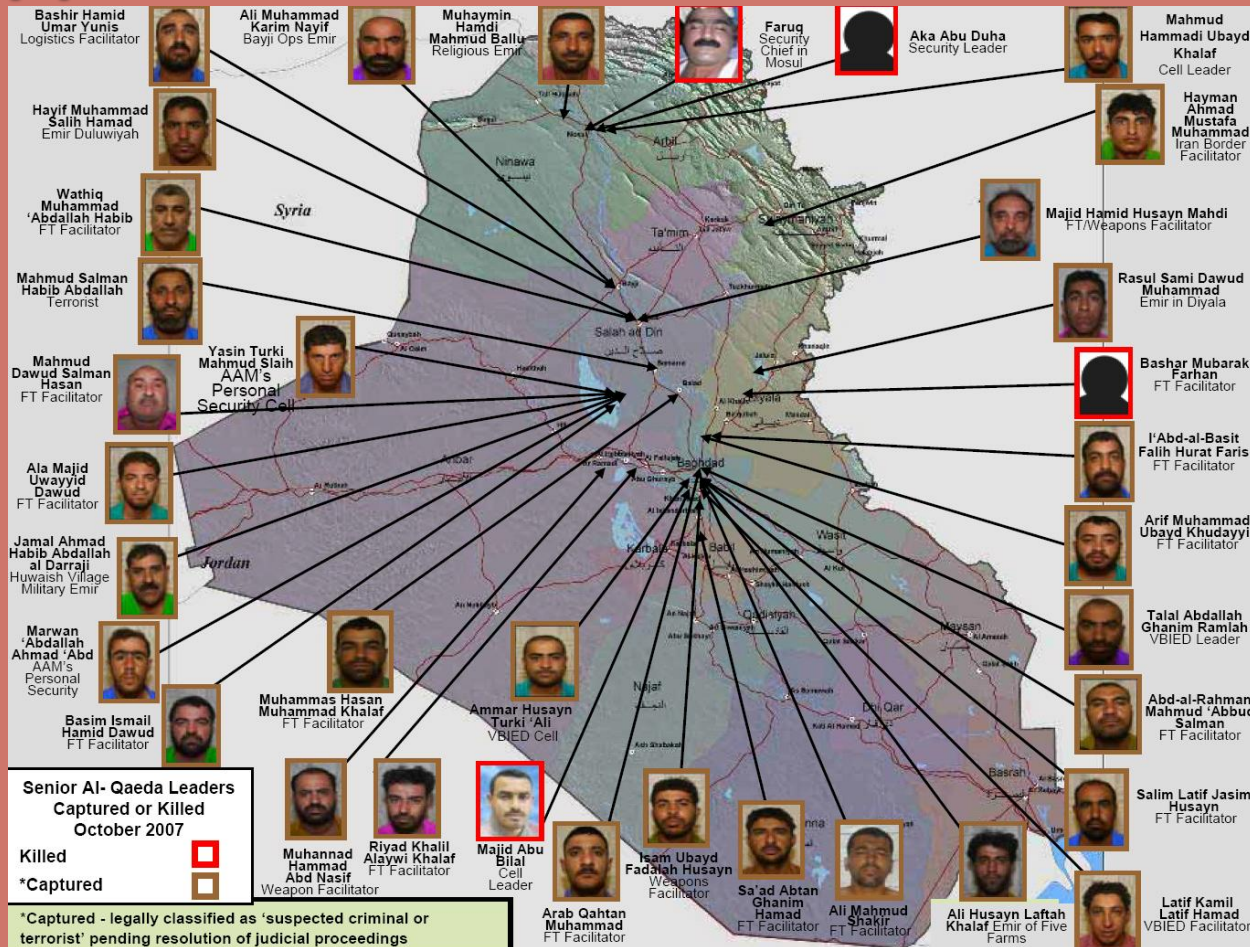


Characteristics of terrorism

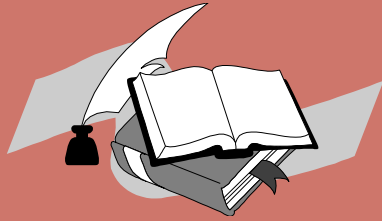
- Terrorism is a strategy of frustration, weakness, and cowardice that commits acts of horrible violence against those who are the least capable of defending themselves, especially children.
- Terrorism often tries to create legitimacy by pirating elements of some larger tradition.
- Because terrorism is weak, it seeks victory by causing the target population to take actions that will weaken and possibly destroy itself.
- Terrorism wins if we go bankrupt in securing every point of possible attack or forego the freedoms underpinning our way of life to ensure security.
- Terrorism, for the sake of efficiency and our economy, must be found and destroyed **at its source vice at the point of its attack.**



Example: At the source, senior Al Qaeda leaders killed or captured in Iraq prior to 2007



القاعدة



Understanding the origins of terrorism

- Terrorism involves violence and/or the threat of violence to achieve some ideological goal that has little to do with the violence itself.
- All terrorism is rooted in situations in which irrationally sought goals exceed the potential of the terrorist group to achieve them.
- Acts of terrorism are as old as human history.
- The term first appears in the English language in 1795 to describe brutalities by the Jacobins in post-Revolutionary France.
- The Ibn Saud dynasty came into power by way of brutal acts of terrorism carried out by its Wahhabi allies against other Muslims particularly those in the Hejaz region of the Arabian Peninsular.
- Understanding the origins of specific terrorism allows us to define its characteristics and, more importantly, to exploit its vulnerabilities.
- Concessions awarded to terrorists are viewed as signs of weakness and always increase the frequency and violence of their terrorist acts.
- Modern jihadi terrorism is a struggle for the control of the heart of Islam itself. Credentials of the jihadists are established by committing acts of terrorism against citizens and interests of the United States or its allies, particularly Israel. THE JIHADISTS SEE THEMSELVES AS WARRIORS IN THE GREAT BATTLE AGAINST INVASIVE WESTERN IDEAS AND CULTURES. IN TRUTH, THEY ARE NOTHING MORE THAN VIOLENT, EVIL CRIMINALS.





Face of jihadi terrorism...



Proxy state actors

- (Iran/Syria) Hizballah in Lebanon
- (Iran) Jaysch al-Mahdi in Iraq



Proxy cause actors

- (Sunni Islam) al-Qaida, Fatah, Hamas, and Muslim Brotherhood, Boko Haram
- (Shi' ai Islam) Hizballah and Jaysch al-Mahdi



الجهاد الإسلامي

The birthplace of much of the violence in the world is a crucible of anger known for...

الشرق الأوسط



- Generalized poverty juxtaposed to centers of opulent wealth
- Demeaning philosophies that deny human dignity to and economic contributions from women
- Corrupt and oppressive governments
- Divisive legacies and arbitrary boundaries
- Histories of violence and plunder
- Violent resistance to change and innovation
- Pervasive inhuman, mistreatment of others especially children and women
- Ancient and destructive ethnic, religious, and cultural hostilities

Fast Forward to 2014: Synopsis of Statements from Retiring DIA Director, Lt. Gen. Michael Flynn*

- Al Qaeda's leadership is being challenged by the offshoot Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant, also known as ISIS.
- The leader of ISIS Abu Bakr al Baghdadi was once in U.S. custody and is now declaring himself the "caliph" or the prophesized leader of all Muslims. A large number of young people in Africa and the Middle East are being sucked into ISIS and other similar Islamist terror groups.
- These organizations are growing rapidly. They are well-organized; they are well-funded; and they reach out to these young people and they pull them in.
- While many of the al Qaeda leaders have been killed, the newer generation of leaders of groups like ISIS and Yemen's Al Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula are more violent and more committed to imposing Sharia law and annihilating all non-Muslims.

*26 July 2014





Jhadi terrorists hide behind human shields....

- A Hamas “urban warfare” manual discovered by IDF forces in **Operation Protective Edge**,* confirmed that Hamas’ use of Gazan civilians as human shields was intentional and preplanned.
- The manual shows that the group knew that the IDF would attempt to limit civilian casualties even if that action resulted in forfeiture of a tactical advantage.
- The manual further suggested that the use of women and children would provide the “best” shields.

* The Israeli Defense Force (IDF) campaign to neutralize Hamas’ use of rockets to target Israeli citizens. July/August 2014



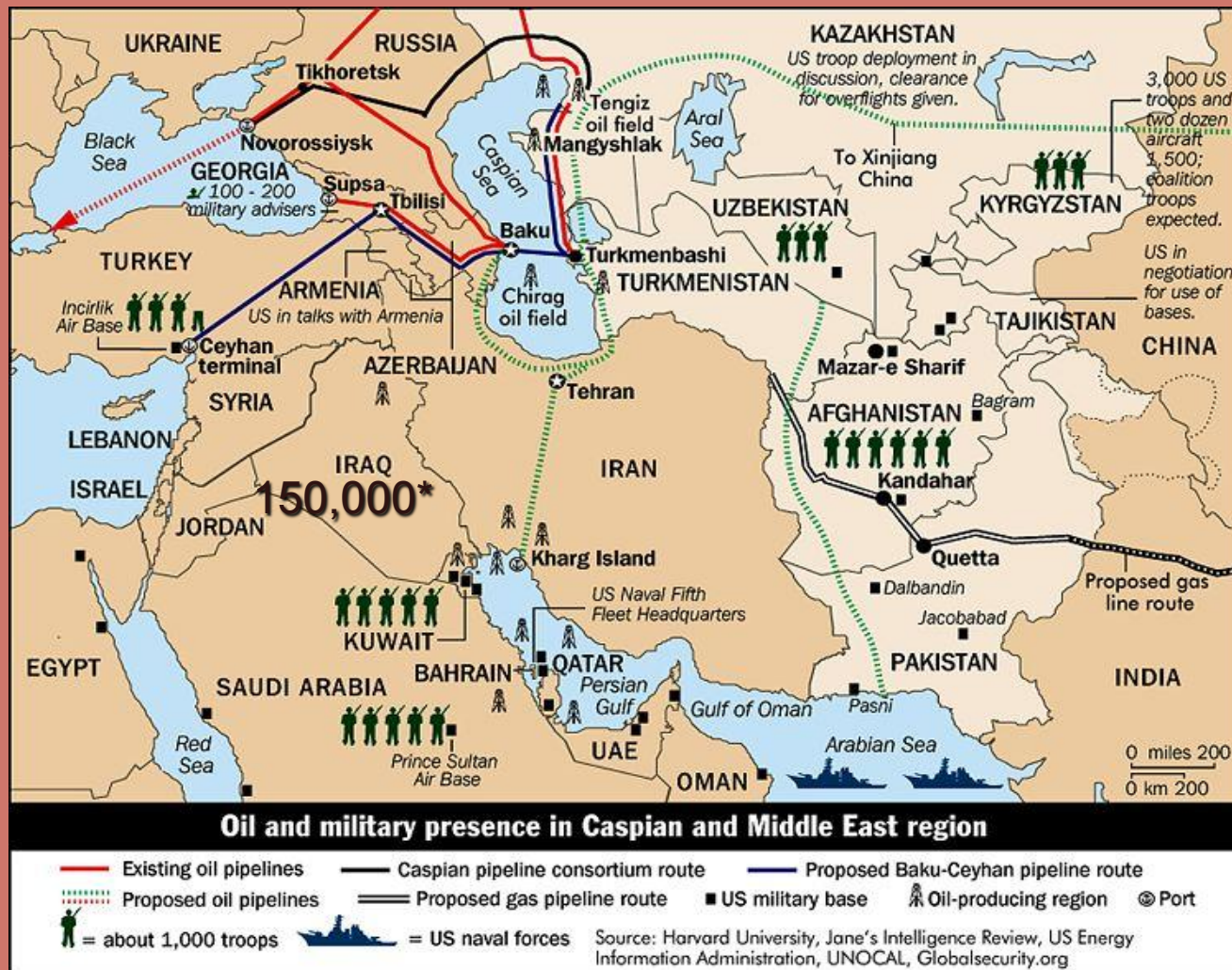
Historically terrorism fed on “local” issues

- Al Qaeda القاعدة
- Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL)
- Jaysch al-Mahdi
- Jama'atu Ahlis Sunna Lidda'awati Wal-Jihad (Boko Harām)
- Kashmiri separatists
- Frente Sandinista de Liberación Nacional (Sandinistas)
- Euskadi Ta Askatasuna (ETA) "Basque Separatists"
- Partiya Karkerên Kurdistan (PKK or Kongra-Gel)
- Irish Republican Army (IRA) (Oglaigh nah Eireann)
- Harakat al-Shabaab al-Mujahideen (HSM)
- Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) (Tamil tigers)



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..while sitting on enormous oil and gas infrastructure and reserves.

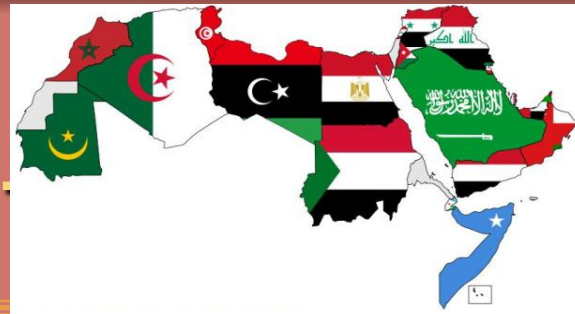


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* At the height of US and allied deployment



Specifics.....



The Arab League with 22 nations has a population of over 300 million, a land area larger than the US or all of Europe, and extensive oil and natural resources. In the distant past, this same area produced some of the most advanced and productive cultures in the world.

However today, the Arab League has a combined GDP smaller than half the GDP of California, translates less books than Greece; and has less scientific publications than 6 million Israelis. Today the area is plagued by cultural decline, inhumanity, corruption, warlordism, dysfunctional governments, increasing poverty, widening social gaps, rebellion, social violence, fanaticism, and general economic and demeaning degradation especially of women and children.

The majority in this region blames the current situation on the United States, Israel, Western Civilization, Judaism, and Christianity. This “blame-others” philosophy has been hijacked by jihadi terrorists to justify their violence and criminal actions that have further exacerbated conditions in the region.





The Sunni--/--Shi' a Divide

SUNNI

- Elders elected Abu Bakr as 'caliph' following death of Muhammad
- Number approximately 800 million worldwide
- Accepts "Sunnas" or "Hadiths," the oral tradition and interpretations of the Qu'ran
- Believe that all events happen because they predestined to happen
- Wahhabi are proponents of strict, severely enforced moral standards defined within the Qu'ran. Influential through control of Mecca and Medina

SHI' A

- Followers of Ali (Muhammad's cousin and son-in-law) and his son Hussein by Muhammad's daughter Fatima.
- Number ~100 million primarily in Iran and Iraq.
- Not recognized by Sunnis as being Islamic until 1959. More orthodox in strict reliance on the Qu'ran
- Created office of "Imam" who were direct descendants of Ali and deemed infallible. Twelve imams were recognized. The last imam, Muhammad al Mahdi (born 868), disappeared and "will return in the last days."
- The modern title "Ayatollah" (sign of god) is honorific without any established Qu'ranic basis



Muslim Distribution

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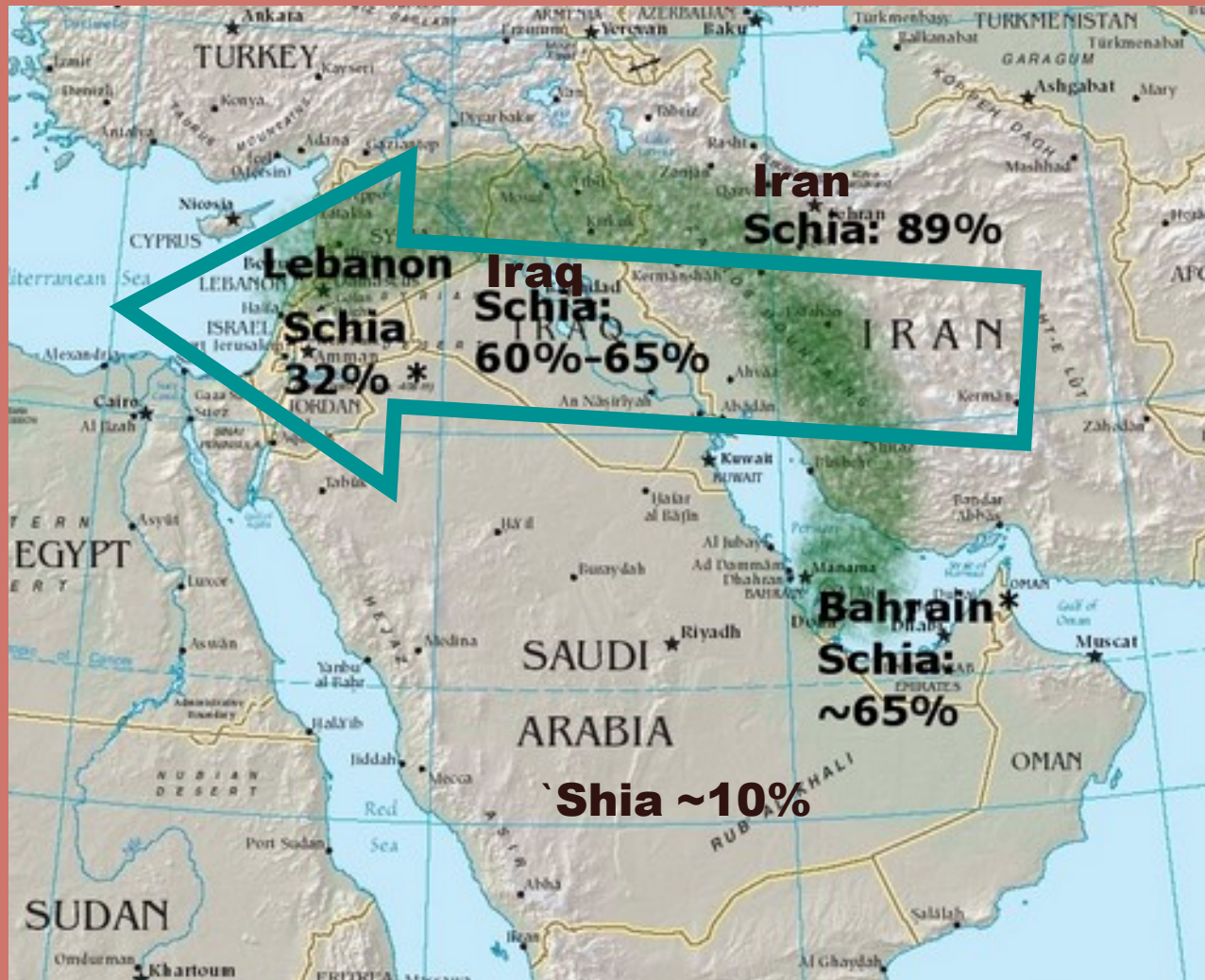
- Sunni
- Shia

Scale: 1:100,000,000 at Equator

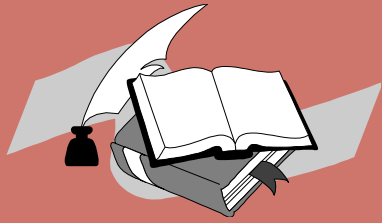
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Why is Syria important....

A Future Shi'a Corridor or Sunni Roadblock?



الشيعة



Usama bin Ladin's Fatwa



Killed by US Special Forces, Seal Team 6, operating near Abbottabad, Pakistan, 1 May 2011.

“ Killing Americans and their allies—civilian and military—is an individual duty for every Muslim who can do it in any country in which it is possible to do it.” Al-Quds al' Arabi 23 February 1998

الدين لله والرسول لله

Declared Basis of UBL Fatwa



- Americans have occupied the land of Islam in the holiest of places, plundering its riches, dictating to its rulers, humiliating its people, terrorizing its neighbors, and using its bases to fight other Muslim peoples.
- Americans aim to serve the Jews' petty state and divert attention from its occupation of Jerusalem and its murder of Muslims there.
- Americans have come to annihilate the Iraqi people and to humiliate their Muslim neighbors.
- American endeavor to fragment all states of the region into paper statelets.

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Succession....



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**Anwar al-2011
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**Ilyas 2011
Kashmiri**

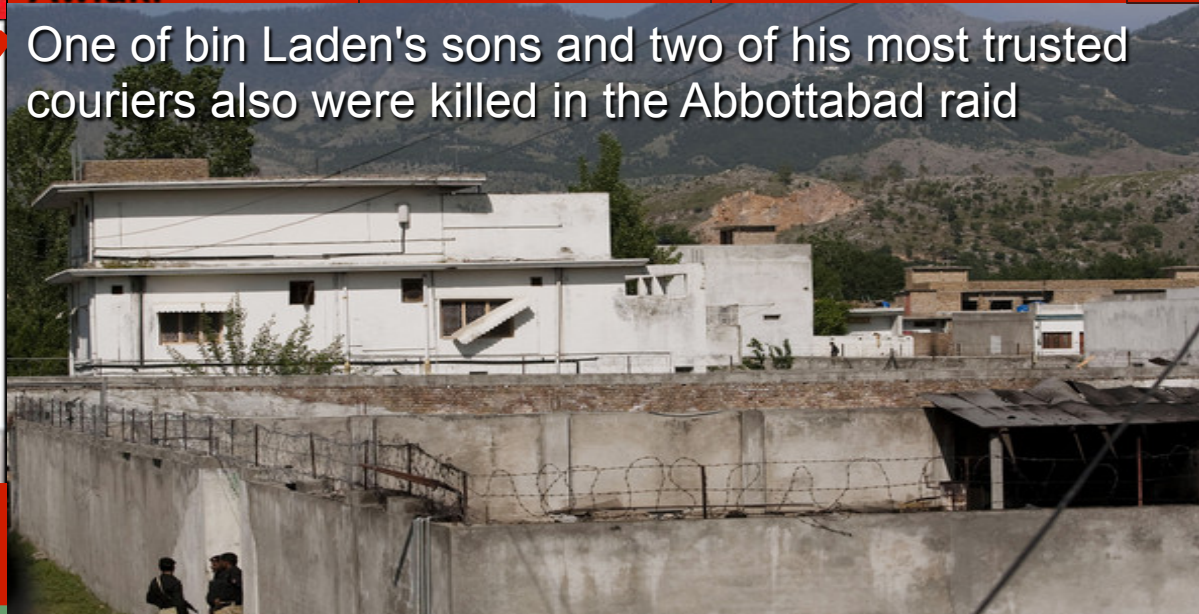


**Abu Yahya 2012
Al-Libi**



**Atiyah Abd
al-Rahman 2011**

One of bin Laden's sons and two of his most trusted couriers also were killed in the Abbottabad raid



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Additional eliminations.....

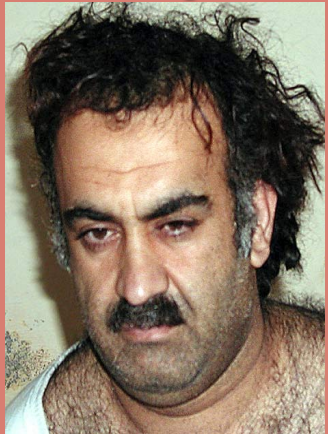


KILLED

Right to left: Abu Ayyub Al-Masri; Mustafa Al-Yazid; Baitullah Mehsud; Abu Qaswarah; Abu Laith Al-Bibi; Muharib Abul Latif Al-Jubouri; Muhsin Musa Matwalli Atwah; Amad Farooqi; Ali Qaed Senyan; Muhammad Atef

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Captured or remaining at large..



Captured: Khalid Shekh Mohammed (2003); Ramzi Bin Al-Shibh (2002); Abu Zubaydah (2002); Abd Al-Rahim Al-Nashsiri; Nazih Abdul-Hamed al-Ruqai (2013).



Ayman al-Zawahri



Azzam al-Amriki

Ayman al- Zawahri is thought to be somewhere in Pakistan and Azzam al-Amriki has been seen in Somalia



Jihadist Al-Zarqawi's view of world situation

America's ambitions are based on:



Abu Mus'ab al-Zarqawi

Al-Zarqawi claimed to lead all operations in Iraq and called for more attacks (FBIS Report 06 April 2004). He was killed by Coalition Forces near Baguba, Iraq, 7 June 2006.

1. Lust for the resources and treasure of this land
2. Fear of the rising Islamic trend and the song of jihad.
3. Hidden rancor, hostility and fanaticism nurtured by the Talmud.
4. Guaranteeing the security of its Israeli protégé.
5. Dismembering the big Arab Sunni states into weak sectarian states.
6. A belief that Sunni Islam is America's real enemy



Responding to The Call: Al Qaeda's American Recruits

- The Anti-Defamation League (ADL) examined the threat posed by terror groups like al Shabaab and al Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula, and documented efforts by individuals such as Anwar al-Awlaki, an American-born Muslim cleric living in Yemen, to recruit and radicalize Americans.
- According to ADL, since the 9/11 attacks, a growing number of American citizens and residents motivated by radical interpretations of Islam have been involved in plots and conspiracies against American interests at home and abroad such as the.....



Boston Marathon Bombing



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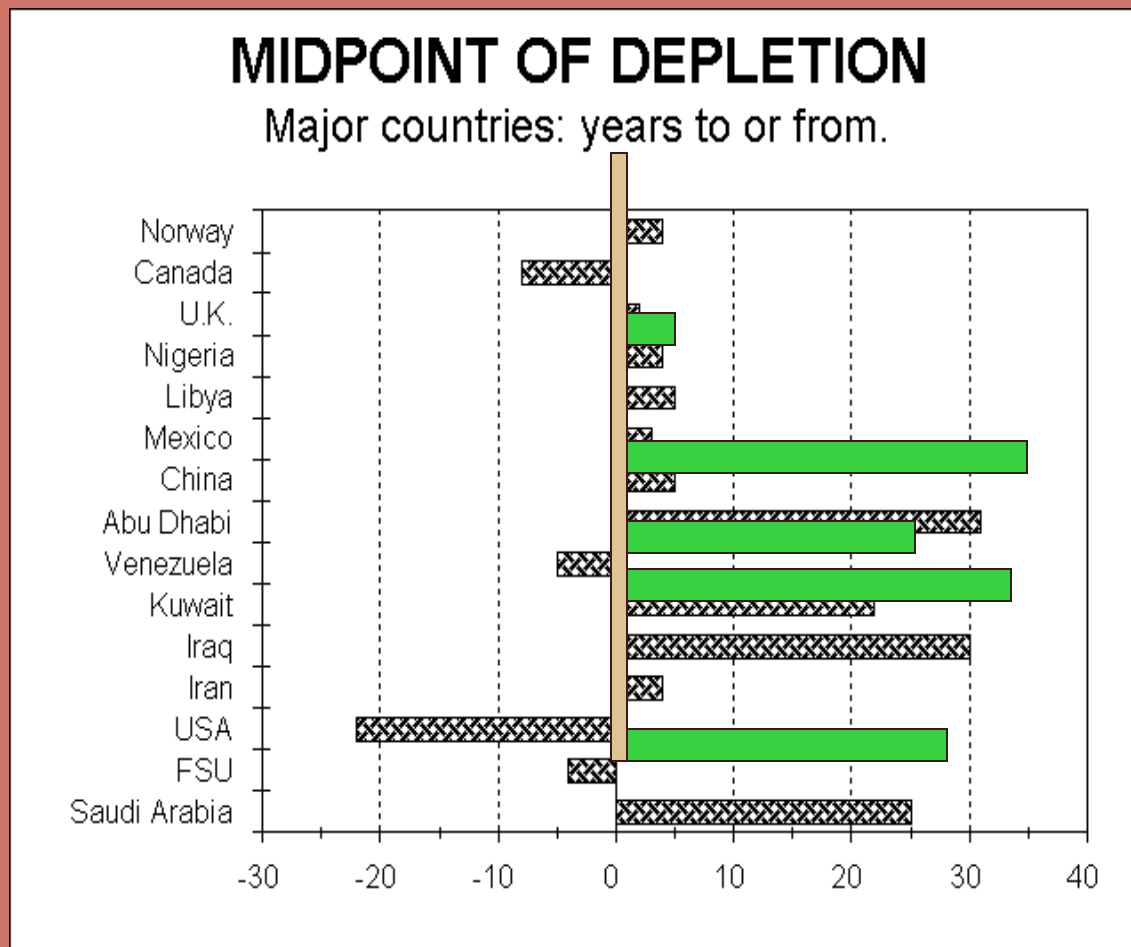
The Six Basic Flawed Jihadist Views

1. Lust for the resources residing within the Islamic world drives Western actions and interests.
2. The West fears of the rising Islamic trend and the song of Jihad
3. Rancor is nurtured by the Talmud
4. The United States is only committed to guaranteeing the security of its Zionist client
5. Dismembering big Arab Sunni states is the real goal of the Infidels (US and its allies)
6. America views Sunni Islam as its “real enemy.”



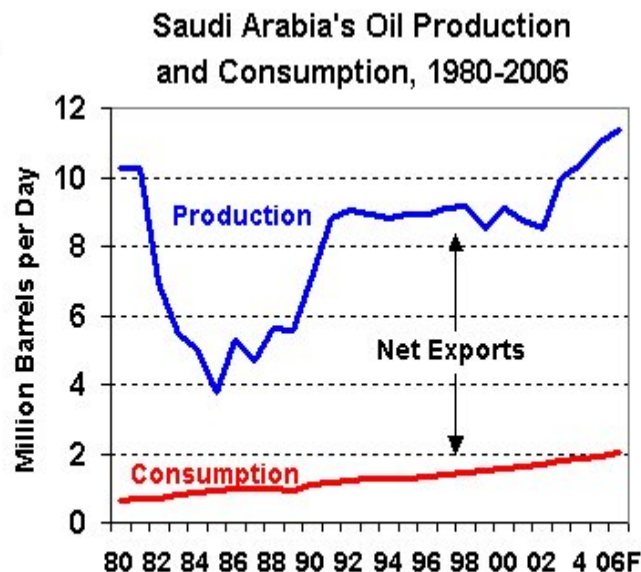
Jihadist view #1

Lust for the resources residing in within the Islamic World.....



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Petroleum has no intrinsic value in the ground; only when it is lifted and sold.



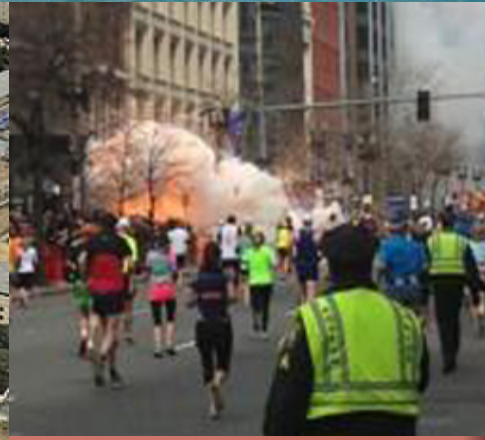
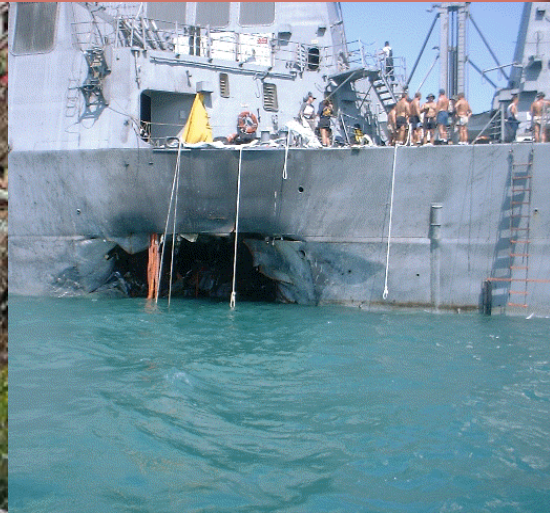
Note: Production includes crude oil, natural gas liquids, other liquids, and refinery gain.

- The industrial world does have a need for petroleum products produced in the Middle East.
- Saudi oil can be lifted for \$1.00 per barrel. Other Arab states have similar production costs.
- The profits realized directly relate to demand and not to cost of production.
- Some of that wealth has gone into funding jihadist activities.
- **FACT: Most of the wealth within the Arab world, including the wealth of the family of Usama bin Ladin, derives from the sale of oil.**

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Jihadist view #2

Fear of the rising Islamic trend and
the song of jihad.....



الجهاد الإسلامي

Fact: America normally deals with fear by first destroying and then reforming its causative source

- Following the burning of Washington, British forces under Major General Sir Edward Pakenham were destroyed in New Orleans and our frontiers were expanded to deny operational space for future threats, "The Manifest Destiny".
- In World War II, the Third Reich and Imperial Japan were destroyed and replaced as modern democracies.
- The jihadists normally should not expect any other outcome.
- FACT: An angry, awake America would be the worst threat jihadists could possibly confront.**



الدين الإسلامي هو الدين الحق

Rancor is nurtured by the Talmud...



Babylonian Talmud

The accepted view expressed on jihadist websites is that the Talmud denigrates Arabs as subhumans or animal. These same views expressed in the Talmud negatively influences American views of Arabs and Islamic peoples.



Fact: Most Americans have little or no knowledge of the Talmud or its contents.



■ The Talmud (the oldest section is called the Mishna) represents judicial rulings and understandings relating to the Torah.

■ The Talmud, like any written document, reflects the prejudices within the contemporary society that created it.

■ Hundreds of anti-Semitic Talmudic websites contain deliberate misrepresentations or absolute prefabrications.

■ **US policy is not derived from or influenced by the Talmud.**

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Jihadist view #4 Guaranteeing Israel's security...



“The United States is committed to guaranteeing the defense of its Zionist client. This commitment is driven by Zionist influences in the economic and political structures of the United States.” Since 1973, United States has provided approximately \$1.6 trillion to the defense of Israel. In the current US population, that amount is more than \$5,700 per US person or \$250,000 per Israeli.

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FACT: The relationship between Israel and the United States is based on mutual defense interests



U.S. Department of Defense & Israeli Ministry of Defense Joint Press Statement



The strong, strategic alliance between the United States and Israel reflects common understandings of the global security environment. In this cooperative relationship, the United States and Israel share information and consult on possible threats to U.S. and Israeli defense interests.



The relationship between the two states is based on a shared democratic tradition and regional and defense strategies.

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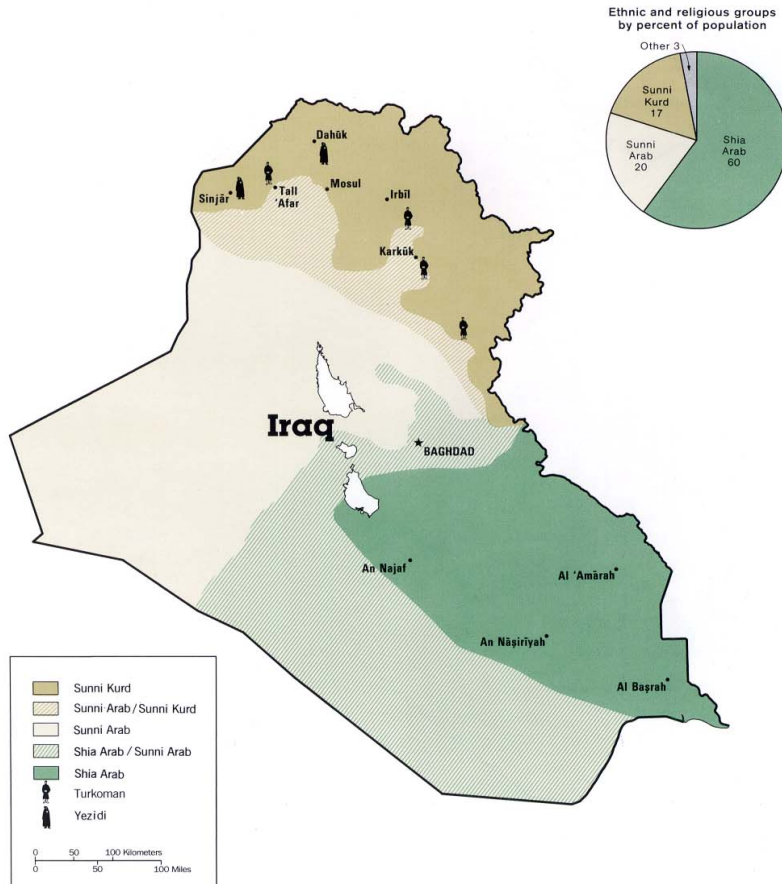
Gaza strip: potential or powder keg



الضفة الغربية
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Dismembering big Arab Sunni states...

Ethnoreligious Groups



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Since the dissolution of the Ottoman Caliphate, the West has subdivided the Islamic state into “manageable” political units to further the political and economic interest of the Crusaders.

Iraq represents the most recent example in which a Sunni state is being divided into Kurdish, Shi'a Arab, and Sunni Arab states with the oil wealth being vested in the latter two.

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FACT: Arab and Afghani fractionalization is not a goal of the United States but is the forced outcome of continued sectarian violence....



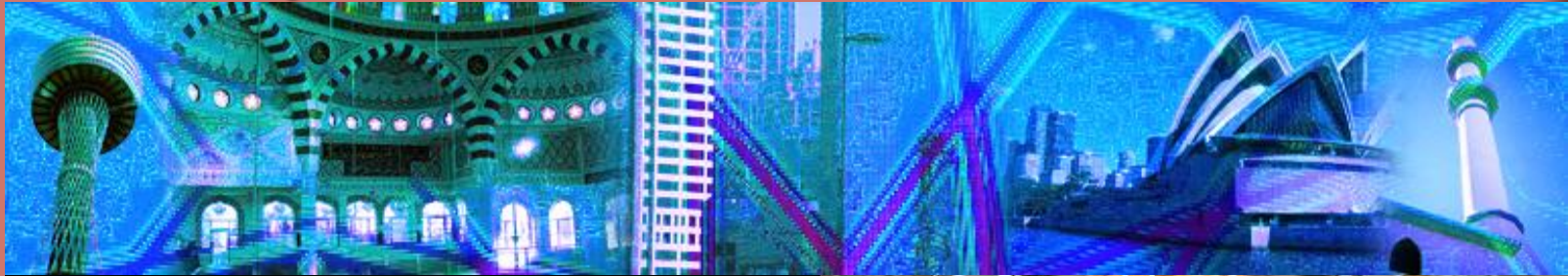
The United States opposes any fractionalization of Iraq that would weaken Iraq as an independent nation.

- Clashes and fractionalization between Arabs originate from factors that existed before the formation of the United States.
- Arab Sunnis fear that any greater autonomy for the Kurdish north and Shia south could compromise their share of revenues from those oil-rich regions. (Note: During the Hussein era, Sunnis diverted most of the oil wealth to their sectors.)
- Sunnis have correctly expressed concerns that allowing for federalism may lead to the creation of an autonomous Shia area in southern Iraq - like the Kurdish north but under Iran's influence.
- The Sunni insurgencies that have rocked Iraq directly encourages the dissolution of Iraq and the formation of a Shi'a corridor from Iran to Lebanon and the further bifurcation of Sunni Islam.**

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Jihadist view #6

America views Sunni Islam as its “real enemy”



الإسلام دين السلام

FACT: Which country in this map might consider itself surrounded ?



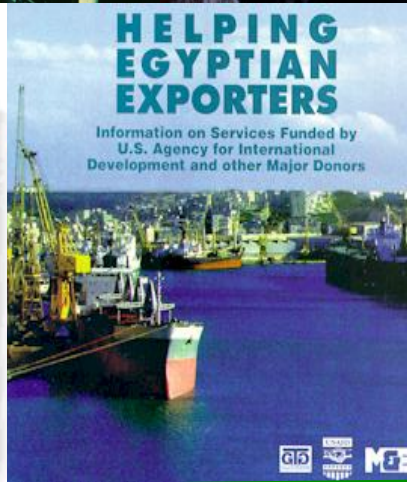
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FACT: America defines “enemy” as anyone or any organization that plots, attempts, or carries out attacks on its citizens, allies, or interests...the enemy is not people searching for peace



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FACT (continued): America has long established, mutually respectful and beneficial relationships in this important region.



الشرق الأوسط

Conclusions:

- The most disappointing failure of the Islamic community is that jihadists are not being challenged on their cruel and mindless violence directed against others, including many fellow muslims.
- Indeed, it is a fact that the vast majority of victims of jihadi terrorism are Muslims.
- Ignorance--when left unchallenged--is the primary source of self-destruction.
- Western nations are not the source of the anger of the Arab street but are definitely the target of it.
- The worst nightmare jihadi terrorists could face would be a radicalized, angry America.
- **AMERICA HAS NO OPTIONS OTHER THAN ABSOLUTE VICTORY BUT THAT REQUIRES EFFECTIVE, FOCUSED LEADERSHIP.**



Winning strategy.....

- Develop strategies to improve the lot and status of women
- Build bridges of understanding to people
- Demonstrate/celebrate positive differences
- Absolute denial of all terrorist sanctuaries
- Distinguish between religious and secular prerogatives
- Legal reform that recognizes the threats
- Define “new context” deterrence
- Betterment strategies that result is more effective and freer societies



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