

THE MYTHS AND REALITY

The Roots Of Islamic Radicalization

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Paper Question

Is there are a common reason/factor that we can find in each person that have been radicalized?

Approach

Historical – Political and legal

Myths

- **Economic** (Bin Laden & Bangladesh)
- **Education** (Mohamed Atta & Ayman El-Zawahari & Islam Yaken)
- **Family/social** (Mahmoud Hassan Mubark The Egyptian Bomber)
- **Dictatorship** (Oman v. Western countries)



Historical

*“His first group includes Indians, Persians, Chaldees, Greeks, Romans (including Byzantines and Eastern Christians), Egyptians, Arabs, and Jews. He regards the Chinese and the Turks as unlearned but worthy of respect for their achievements in other areas. The rest are dismissed as the northern and southern barbarians of Frankish Europe and of Darkest Africa.” Judge Ṣā‘id al-Andalusī, the Categories of Nations” **(711 and 1492)***

“The Muslims were the first peoples in the world to make a significant achievement by making a religious civilization beyond the limit of single race, region or culture.” LEWIS, B – What Went Wrong?

Historical

“(1) the traditionalists, (2) the modernizers, or the students of Muhammad Abduh, who tried to modify the tenets of Islam to the requirements of Western "modernizing" norms, and their logical end, the secularization of Islamic society; and, (3) the conservative reformers (1982)

The Islamic Caliphate was the ideal government, and the great age of early Islam served as a model of what the world should be (1982)

“Our mission is keep stand in the face of such civilization until it recedes from our land and our people recover from its plague. However, we are not standing at this point, but will hunt such civilization and bring them down in their land in their own backyard.” Hassan Al-Banna, our mission

Findings

- The Clash between Western and Islamic civilization;
- The dominating or the only ideas in the Muslim/Arab world is Islamism;
- Lack of liberal alternative discourse which can replace the Islamic worldview to Muslims.

Recommendations to Protect National Security

- United States must engage with the world (ideas and military if needed).
- Creating and helping liberal alternative.