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The Role of Religion and Belief in the Fight Against Terrorism 2002

Blood That Cries Out From the Earth James Jones 2008-04-11 As both a clinical psychologist and an authority on comparative religion, James W. Jones is uniquely qualified to address the increasingly urgent issue of religious terrorism. Research on the psychology of violence shows that several factors work to make ordinary people turn "evil." Authoritarian religion or "fundamentalism," Jones shows, is a particularly rich source of such ideas and feelings, which he finds throughout the writings of Islamic jihadists. Jones notes that not every adherent of an authoritarian group will turn to violence, and he shows how theories of personality development can explain why certain individuals are easily recruited.

Weapon of Peace Nilay Saiya 2018-08-01 Religious terrorism poses a significant challenge for many countries around the world. Extremists who justify violence in God's name can be found in every religious tradition, and attacks perpetrated by faith-based militants have increased dramatically over the past three decades. Given the reality of religious terrorism today, it would seem counterintuitive that the best weapon against violent religious extremism would be for countries and societies to allow for the free practice of religion; yet this is precisely what this book argues. Weapon of Peace investigates the link between terrorism and the repression of religion, both from a historical perspective and against contemporary developments in the Middle East and elsewhere. Drawing upon a range of different case studies and quantitative data, Saiya makes the case that the suppression and not the expression of religion leads to violence and extremism and that safeguarding religious freedom is both a moral and strategic imperative.

Freedom from Religion Amos Guiora 2009-09-28 Although many books on terrorism and religious extremism have been published in the years since 9/11, none of them written by Western authors call for the curtailment of religious freedom and freedom of expression for the sake of greater security. Rather, those terror-related debates have addressed what other civil liberties should be honored. Issues like torture, domestic surveillance, and unlawful detentions have dominated the literature in this area, but few, if any, major scholars have questioned the vast allowances made by Western nations for the freedoms of religion and speech. Freedom from Religion challenges the almost sacrosanct inviolability of these two civil liberties. By drawing the connection between politically-correct tolerance of extremist speech and the rise of terrorist activity, this book sets the context for its unique proposal that governments should introduce new limits on religious practice within their borders. To demonstrate the wisdom of this course, the author presents the disparate policies and security circumstances of five countries: the U.S., the UK, the Netherlands, Turkey, and Israel. The book benefits not just from the author's own counter-terrorism experience in Israel and the U.S. but also from an international advisory group of leading scholars from all five of the countries under review.

Religious Liberty Or Freedom the Power and the Role of the West Mushtaq Gill 2019-08-05 MESSAGE OF THE WRITER I have written this book primarily to explain that the faith based systematic discrimination is an evil and is a first assault on religious liberty and freedom, which is the religious persecution because it damages the both mind and body of the victim. And for a purpose of giving a message to the West why, where and when, their role to use power for the Word of God becomes needful; and where and when, to what extent, and for who, their role to use power for religious liberty and freedom is required. We are thankful for the U.S.A and the West for their use of the political power to save the world from terrorism and their earnest work for religious freedom. In this human world every man is in search of a life with liberty and without external repression, which is not feasible in this hostile world until someone endeavors for it. Everyone want respect and dignity of his rights, but it is also everybody's responsibility to endorse the respect and dignity of others' rights too. The consequential purpose of this writing is to highlight the roots of instigation for violation of the precious right of religious liberty and freedom, and also that harmful factors of religion which are for instigation to promote extremism and terrorism; and to assist the world authorities that they take timely their earnest steps to use political power for the removal of those basic harmful factors of a religion or a faith and of a non-religion or no faith, particularly which are in written form and mentioned in the sacred text of a religion. Those harmful factors are firstly the reasons of violation of religious liberty and freedom, and secondly are the reasons of promotion of hatred, violence, extremism and terrorism in the world, they are enemy of peace and love. Man has one life in this world which must be granted him to spend peacefully and no one be given right to take his life simply due to faith difference. We should all be support for those, who are suffering in jails due to faith, who are persecuted due to faith, who are suffering by systematic discrimination due to faith, with this purpose there are being genocide by their killing, forced conversion or forced exodus. I urge all religious, political and human rights leadership, please be a voice for those victims of violations and also collectively find a continuing solution by condemning those Perpetrators, who use their religion or faith as a tool for persecution of other religion or faith believers. 1 Peter 3:10-11 For he that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile: Let him eschew evil, and do good; let him seek peace, and ensue it.

The Cambridge Companion to Religion and Terrorism James R. Lewis 2017-07-31 There is currently much discussion regarding the causes of terrorist acts, as well as the connection between terrorism and religion. Terrorism is attributed either to religious 'fanaticism' or, alternately, to political and economic factors, with religion more or less dismissed as a secondary factor. The Cambridge Companion to Religion and Terrorism examines this complex relationship between religion and terrorism phenomenon through a collection of essays freshly written for this volume. Bringing varying approaches, from the theoretical to the empirical, to the topic, the Companion includes an array of subjects, such as radicalization, suicide bombing, and rational choice, as well as specific case studies. The result is a richly textured collection that prompts readers to critically consider the cluster of phenomena that we have come to refer to as 'terrorism,' and terrorism's relationship with the similarly problematic set of phenomena that we call 'religion.'

Terrorists and Freedom Fighters Sam Vaknin 2004-04-08 The history of four terrorist organizations in the Balkans and a general introduction to terrorism and freedom fighting. Also includes essays about religious co-existence in the Balkans and about pathological narcissism as a precursor to terrorism.

Bringing Religion Into International Relations J. Fox 2004-06-18 This book has several main themes and arguments. International Relations has been westerncentric, which has contributed to its ignoring religion; while religion is not the main driving force behind IR, international politics cannot be understood without taking religion into account; the role of religion is related to the fact that IR has evolved to become more than just interstate relations and now included elements of domestic politics. The book proceeds in three stages. First, it looks at why religion was ignored by IR theory and theorists. Second, it examines the multiple ways religion influences IR, including through religious legitimacy and the many ways domestic religious issues can cross borders. In this discussion a number of topics including but not limited to international intervention, international organizations, religious fundamentalism, political Islam, Samuel Huntington's 'clash of civilizations' theory, and terrorism are addressed. Third, these factors are examined empirically using both quantitative and case study methodology.

The Charlie Hebdo Affair and Comparative Journalistic Cultures Lyombe Eko 2019-11-14 The Charlie Hebdo terrorist attack of January 7, 2015 shook French journalism to the core and reverberated around the world, triggering a cascade of responses from journalists, media outlets, cartoonists and caricaturists from diverse geographies of freedom of expression and journalistic cultures. This book is a multifaceted case study that describes and explains sameness and difference in diverse journalistic conceptualizations of the Charlie Hebdo affair from a comparative, international perspective. It explores how different journalistic traditions, cultures, worldviews and styles conceptualized and reacted to the clash between freedom of expression and respect for religious sentiments in the context of terrorism, where those sentiments are imposed on the media and secular societies through intimidation, coercion and violence. The book analyzes the political and cultural clashes between the core human right of freedom of expression, and rite of respect for religious sentiments, which is situated on the outer periphery of the human right of freedom of religion. It also examines how media outlets, editors, and cartoonists from different politico-cultural contexts and journalistic cultures in Africa, Asia, Europe, the Middle East, and North and South America, addressed the delicate issue of Mohammed cartoons in general, and the problem of (re)publication of the controversial Charlie Hebdo Je Suis Charlie Mohammed cartoon, in particular.

Freedom From Religion Amos Guiora 2012-03 In Freedom From Religion, Amos N. Guiora invites readers to consider an unusual technique for curtailing the threat of new terrorist attacks: limiting freedom of religion and freedom of expression for religious extremists. Through concrete examples, Professor Guiora maintains that there exists a connection between politically-correct tolerance of extremist speech and the rise of terrorist activity, suggesting an even greater need for his unique proposal that governments should introduce new limits on religious practice within their borders. To demonstrate the wisdom of this course, Professor Guiora presents the disparate policies and security circumstances of five countries: the U.S., the UK, the Netherlands, Turkey, and Israel. In setting forth his analysis, he addresses Islamic, Christian, and Jewish extremism. This candid account of such a controversial subject matter convincingly clarifies the relationship between freedom of speech and terrorism.

Essentials of Terrorism Gus Martin 2008 "Essentials of Terrorism is an ideal anchor textbook for investigating the many aspects of terrorism, political violence, and homeland security. That it is easily adapted to these subjects means that instructors will be able to design a variety of instructional packages around it. In this way, the text is a versatile resource." -SirReadalot.org Essentials of Terrorism: Concepts and Controversies is a comprehensive yet compact package that provides a thorough introduction to many facets of the world of modern terrorism. This briefer, captivating version of Gus Martin's popular text Understanding Terrorism, Second Edition is an effective stand-alone textbook for undergraduate classes. It can also be used effectively in conjunction with other resources, such as Martin's collection of readings The New Era of Terrorism or with other supplemental books or journal articles for an upper-level undergraduate or master's level audience. Key Features • Provides a foundation for understanding terrorism: Extensive coverage in Chapter 1 helps readers grasp and define the concept of terrorism; each chapter includes extensive historical background. • Presents simple, helpful pedagogical aids to bolster learning: Chapter introductions, chapter perspectives, chapter summaries, discussion boxes, and a glossary bring key concepts to life for students. • Offers engaging coverage of cutting-edge issues: The author addresses contemporary topics, including gender-selective terrorism, media coverage of terrorism issues and related ethical issues, the Internet and terrorism, and religious terrorism. Martin provides additional coverage of the conflict in Iraq to illustrate its impact on international terrorism. • Includes stimulating illustrative aids: Maps and dramatic photos help show the locations of terrorist activity and the devastation caused by terrorist activity; tables and figures allow readers to conduct valuable comparison research and analysis. Ancillaries • A student study site is available containing introductions to journal articles, recommended Web sites, full-text journal articles tied to each chapter, e-Flashcards, Web exercises, and more. www.sagepub.com/martinesstudy • Instructors' Resources on CD-ROM provide professors with a test bank, maps, PowerPoint presentations, activity and lecture suggestions, and more. Intended Audience: This is an excellent text, either alone or with readings or other materials, for undergraduate and graduate courses in Terrorism, Homeland Security, International Security, Criminal Justice Administration, Political Conflict, Armed Conflict, and Social Movements in departments of criminal justice, sociology, and political science. It is also suitable for professionals who require instruction in understanding terrorism.

South Asia Shashi B. Sahai 1998 The author has critically described what we have gained and lost in the five decades after independence. How the dream of freedom turned into nightmare why the peaceful society is going on the path of terrorism and intelligentsia and sensible and soft hearted persons are described in a stimulating way. Author has neighbouring countries who have also gained freedom from clonal rule.

Modernity, Religion, and the War on Terror Richard Dien Winfield 2016-04-15 The war on terror cannot be truly understood without investigating the legitimacy of modernity, the challenge that religion presents to modernization, the inescapable conflicts attending the emergence and expansion of modernity, and the post-colonial predicament from which Islamist reaction arises. Richard Dien Winfield illuminates the war on terror in light of these issues, presenting an anti-foundationalist justification of the rationality and freedom of modernity, while assessing how religion can stand in opposition to modernity and why Islam has been a privileged vehicle of anti-modern religious revolt. Winfield shows that the privatization that religion must undergo to be compatible with modern freedom involves no capitulation to

relativism, but rather is a theological imperative on which the truth of religion depends. Exposing the limits of any purely secular modernization of Islam, Winfield shows how Islam can draw upon its core tradition to repudiate the oppression of Islamist reaction and become at home in the modern world.

The Racial Muslim Sahar F. Aziz 2021-11-30 Foreword / by John Esposito -- Introduction -- When American racism quashes religious freedom -- The color of religion -- Racialization of Jews, Catholics, and Mormons in the twentieth century -- From Protestant to Judeo-Christian : the expansion of American whiteness -- Social construction of the racial Muslim -- American orientalism and the Arab terrorist trope -- Fighting terrorism, not religion -- Officiating Islamophobia -- Criminalizing Muslim identity -- The future of the racial Muslim and religious freedom in America -- Conclusion.

Freedom from Religion Amos N. Guiora 2013-01-10 Although many books on terrorism and religious extremism have been published in the years since 9/11, none of them written by Western authors call for the curtailment of religious freedom and freedom of expression for the sake of greater security. Issues like torture, domestic surveillance, and unlawful detentions have dominated the literature in this area, but few, if any, major scholars have questioned the vast allowances made by Western nations for the freedoms of religion and speech. Freedom from Religion challenges the almost sacrosanct inviolability of these two civil liberties. By drawing the connection between politically-correct tolerance of extremist speech and the rise of terrorist activity, this book sets the context for its unique proposal that governments should introduce new limits on religious practice within their borders. To demonstrate the wisdom of this course, the author presents the disparate policies and security circumstances of five countries: the U.S., the UK, the Netherlands, Turkey, and Israel. The book benefits not just from the author's own counter-terrorism experience in Israel and the U.S. but also from an international advisory group of leading scholars from all five of the countries under review. This second edition includes significant new material analyzing the trial of Warren Jeffs, self-censorship in the face of religious sensitivity, religious extremism and violence in Israel, and the complicated tension in the Netherlands between speech and religion. In it, Guiora responds to public discussion and criticism provoked by the proposal presented in the first edition that governments impose limits on religious extremist practices and speech within their borders. In doing so, Guiora sheds new light on the existential and practical predicaments confronting civil democratic society: how much intolerance should the nation-state tolerate and to whom does government owe a duty.

Terror in the Mind of God Mark Juergensmeyer 2003-09-01 Completely revised and updated, this new edition of *Terror in the Mind of God* incorporates the events of September 11, 2001 into Mark Juergensmeyer's landmark study of religious terrorism. Juergensmeyer explores the 1993 World Trade Center explosion, Hamas suicide bombings, the Tokyo subway nerve gas attack, and the killing of abortion clinic doctors in the United States. His personal interviews with 1993 World Trade Center bomber Mahmud Abouhalima, Christian Right activist Mike Bray, Hamas leaders Sheikh Yassin and Abdul Aziz Rantisi, and Sikh political leader Simranjit Singh Mann, among others, take us into the mindset of those who perpetrate and support violence in the name of religion.

The Root Causes of Terrorism Mahmoud Masaell 2017-01-06 Fifteen years after the tragic events of 9/11, bombs are still exploding and innocent people are being killed by terrorist groups in both western and Islamic societies. Most of these sinisterly threatening events are motivated by religious claims, or are taking place in religiously affected places. Is religion the main cause of terrorism, or does terrorism still arise because of leaders who brainwash and coach future terrorists so that they kill under the banner of religion? The religious imagination seems to hold here an influential power in the creation of 'delusion' to orient the 'bigot' believers toward fulfilling their religious duty against those who are religious in a different way or are not religious at all. Religion, in this sense, is tightly allied with political aspirations. In spite of the religious justification of the act of killing, 'enlightened' religious leaders and religious-minded people believe and argue that religion is a source of love and affection. Therefore, the sacred texts of religious tradition must be read from a 'humanist' perspective because the ultimate message of religion is about the appreciation of the principle of humanity. This is a growing attitude among many religious people today who believe that God is merciful and compassionate, and never orders resentment, violence, and killing of innocent people. In addition, no true religious tradition appreciates self-serving interpretations promoting violence against others. If religion disregards love, affection, and compassion as its essence, it drops into the dire vortex of ideological dogma, as it is in the case for the Taliban, ISIS, Boko Haram, and Al-Shabab. Therefore, any interpretation that admits violence and killing would be a mere provincial reading of the religious texts agitated by purposeful intentions aimed at political goals. This book investigates and addresses the root causes of terrorism from a religious studies perspective. The themes analysed and discussed here mainly include a range of religious and philosophical issues such as religious violence in scriptural monotheism, radical interpretations of religious texts, militancy and sacrifice, apocalypticism and terrorism, and religious terrorism today. The book brings together new approaches adopted by the authors to not only trace the causes of terrorism in various religious interpretations and realms, but also reach a common definition of the main religious causes beyond diverse perspectives, and advance solutions against religious-inspired terrorism.

Terror in the Mind of God Mark Juergensmeyer 2000 A ground-breaking and inclusive study of the nature of religious terrorism discusses the latest examples of these acts and draw from interviews with religious zealots to theorize about the reasons for and roots of these actions.

Disinformation Tom Mihai Pacepa 2013 Asserts that there is a Russian-bred "science" of disinformation that is infecting the American psyche and body of knowledge.

Weapon of Peace Nilay Saiya 2018-08-23 This book shows that attempts to repress religion produce the very violent religious extremism that states seek to avoid.

Law and Religion in Public Life Nadirsyah Hosen 2011-04-27 With religion at centre stage in conflicts worldwide, and in social, ethical and geo-political debates, this book takes a timely look at relations between law and religion. To what extent can religion play a role in secular legal systems? How do peoples of various faiths live successfully by both secular laws as well as their religious laws? Are there limits to freedom of religion? These questions are related to legal deliberations and broader discussions around secularism, multiculturalism, immigration, settlement and security. The book is unique in bringing together leading scholars and respected religious leaders to examine legal, theoretical, historical and religious aspects of the most pressing social issues of our time. In addressing each other's concerns, the authors ensure accessibility to interdisciplinary and non-specialist audiences: scholars and students in social sciences, human rights, theology and law, as well as a broader audience engaged in social, political and religious affairs. Five of the book's thirteen chapters address specific contemporary issues in Australia, one of the most ethnically diverse countries in the world and a pioneer of multicultural policies. Australia is a revealing site for contemporary studies in a world afraid of immigration and terrorism. The other chapters deal with political, legal and ethical issues of global significance. In conclusion, the editors propose increasing dialogue with and between religions. Law may intervene in or guide such dialogue by defending the free exchange of religious ideas, by adjudicating disputes over them, or by promoting a civil society that negotiates, rather than litigates.

Faithonomics Torkel Brekke 2016 "Does anyone have a monopoly on God? Can religion be bought or sold? Why do we pay priests? How do we limit religious conflicts? And should states get involved in matters of faith? "Faithonomics" shows that religion should be analyzed as a market similar to those for other goods and services, like bottled water or haircuts. It is about religion today, but Brekke shows us that there have always been religious markets, all over the world, regulated to a greater or lesser degree. He argues that state "control" over religious markets is often the cause of unforeseen and negative consequences. Many of today's problems like religious terrorism or rent-seeking by religious political parties, are easier to understand if we think like economists. Religious markets work best when they are relatively free, and religious organizations should be left to sell their products without unnecessary restrictions. We have no good reason to grant any one of them special privileges, political or financial."--book jacket front flap.

Radical, Religious, and Violent Eli Berman 2011-09-30 Applying fresh tools from economics to explain puzzling behaviors of religious radicals: Muslim, Christian, and Jewish; violent and benign. How do radical religious sects run such deadly terrorist organizations? Hezbollah, Hamas, Lashkar-e-Taiba, and the Taliban all began as religious groups dedicated to piety and charity. Yet once they turned to violence, they became horribly potent, executing campaigns of terrorism deadlier than those of their secular rivals. In *Radical, Religious, and Violent*, Eli Berman approaches the question using the economics of organizations. He first dispels some myths: radical religious terrorists are not generally motivated by the promise of rewards in the afterlife (including the infamous seventy-two virgins) or even by religious ideas in general. He argues that these terrorists (even suicide terrorists) are best understood as rational altruists seeking to help their own communities. Yet despite the vast pool of potential recruits—young altruists who feel their communities are repressed or endangered—there are less than a dozen highly lethal terrorist organizations in the world capable of sustained and coordinated violence that threatens governments and makes hundreds of millions of civilians hesitate before boarding an airplane. What's special about these organizations, and why are most of their followers religious radicals? Drawing on parallel research on radical religious Jews, Christians, and Muslims, Berman shows that the most lethal terrorist groups have a common characteristic: their leaders have found a way to control defection. Hezbollah, Hamas, and the Taliban, for example, built loyalty and cohesion by means of mutual aid, weeding out "free riders" and producing a cadre of members they could rely on. The secret of their deadly effectiveness lies in their resilience and cohesion when incentives to defect are strong. These insights suggest that provision of basic social services by competent governments adds a critical, nonviolent component to counterterrorism strategies. It undermines the violent potential of radical religious organizations without disturbing free religious practice, being drawn into theological debates with Jihadists, or endangering civilians.

Securitization of Islam: A Vicious Circle Kathrin Lenz-Raymann 2014-12-31 Diverse Islamic groups have triggered a «revival of Islam» in Central Asia in the last decades. As a result, there has been a general securitization of Islam by the governments: not only do they combat the terrorist Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan but also outlaw popular groups such as the Gülen movement. However, strong repression of religion might lead to radicalization. Kathrin Lenz-Raymann tests this hypothesis with an agent-based computer simulation and enriches her study with interviews with international experts, leaders of political Islam and representatives of folk Islam. She concludes that ensuring religious rights is essential for national security.

Jihad and Terrorism Krishan Kumar Rattu 2002 Today, in the changing perspective the two big challenges that the world is facing are- the world wide spreading terror of terrorism and fanaticism in the name of Jihad. The watchmen of religious extremism and the political traders of religious fanaticism have thrown into the fire of terrorism and put the world on the verge of world war at the very onset of the new century. This book of Dr. Krishan Kumar Rattu draws our attention on some of these burning issues. This book has a contemporary significance because the explanation of the term Jihad, its historical background, its con texts and comments, all have been included in this book so that some new information may be inferred from them. This book brings those issues under discussion which expose the present human tragedy from which modern world is face to face today. So many facets of terror and Jihad have been included in this book. The present book is a document of that issues that is giving a new global philosophy of terrorism to the entire world and showing the path for the return to normal life. To which world tragedy is the religious war of Jihad pointing? Many questions related to terrorism and its horrors have been discussed in this book frankly and boldly.

Civil Liberties, National Security and Prospects for Consensus Esther D. Reed 2012-03-01 The idea of security has recently seen a surge of interest from political philosophers. After the atrocities of 11 September 2001 and 7 July 2005, many leading politicians justified encroachments on international legal standards and civil liberties in the name of security and with a view to protecting the rights of the people. Suggestions were made on both sides of the Atlantic to the effect that the extremism of terrorism required the security of the many to be weighed against the liberties of other citizens. In this collection of essays, Jeremy Waldron, Conor Gearty, Tariq Modood, David Novak, Abdelwahab El-Affendi and others debate how to move beyond the false dichotomy whereby fundamental human rights and international standards are conceived as something to be balanced against security. They also examine the claim that this aim might better be advanced by the inclusion in public debate of explicitly religious voices.

The Role of Religion in National Security Policy Since September 11, 2001 Jonathan Eberhardt Shaw 2011

State Security Regimes and the Right to Freedom of Religion and Belief Karen Murphy 2013 Based on the author's thesis (doctoral)--University College, Dublin, 2010.

Tolerating Intolerance Professor Amos N. Guiora 2013-12-13 Over the years, numerous tragic events serve as a reminder of the extraordinary power of extremism, both on a religious and secular level. As extremism confronts society on a daily basis, it is essential to analyze, comprehend, and define it. It is also essential to define extremism narrowly in order to avoid the danger of recklessly castigating for mere thoughts alone. *Tolerating Intolerance* provides readers with a focused definition of extremism, and articulates the tensions faced in casting an arbitrary, capricious net in an effort to protect society, while offering mechanisms to resolve its seemingly intractable conundrum. Professor Guiora examines extremism in six different countries: Germany, Israel, the Netherlands, Norway, the United Kingdom, and the United States through interviews with a wide range of individuals including academics, policy makers, faith leaders, public commentators, national security and law enforcement officials. This enables both an in-depth discussion of extremism in each country, and facilitates a comparative analysis regarding both religious and secular extremism.

World of Faith and Freedom Thomas F. Farr 2008-11-07 Most trouble spots have some sort of religious component, from Iraq and Afghanistan to Israel and Palestine. These conflicts are of great geo-political importance and of interest to the US. Yet, argues Farr, our foreign policy is handicapped by an inability to understand the role of religion in these places.

The War on Terrorism and the Terror of God Lee Griffith 2004 Uniquely relevant in a world shaken by recent acts of terror, this title calls people of faith to the way of peace, the Christian response to evil and violence.

The Great Leap-Fraud A. J. Deus 2011-08-12 Based on a reassessment of primary documents from the beginning of Judaism through to the Reformation, author A. J. Deus evaluates the Judaic scriptures of the Jews, the Christians, and the Muslims for their potential to stir hatred, violence, and terrorism. He searches for messages in the scriptures that may alter the economic behavior of societies. In this, the second volume of *The Great Leap-Fraud*, Deus exposes the frauds that overrun the Islamic faith. He focuses on the scriptural foundation of the Muslims and explains the status of terrorism, Jihad, and human rights in the historical context. Tying history to contemporary issues, Deus puts the evidence together that shows how the Jews used the doctrinal difference of the time to heave themselves into power and redeem Israel. He demonstrates how societies and economies have changed because of religion and shows the consequences of those who preach hatred against humanity. The findings in *The Great Leap-Fraud* are highly relevant to the crisis in the Middle East and the poor world: Intellectual framework and social norms in four Judaic religions Social organization in the industry of religion Interaction mechanism of violence and terrorism between believers and nonbelievers Economic development and religiosity The working of the secularization process In *The Great Leap-Fraud*, Deus argues that religious freedom poses the biggest threat to humanity, and he calls for the regulation of religion as an industry. He encourages citizens to look at religious history through unbiased eyes. See <http://www.ajdeus.org> for more information, previews and articles.

Jihad Or Freedom Of Belief?! Omer Elgarrai 2004 This book is not like hundreds of books written by Islamic writers denying any relation between Islam and terrorism. Nor is it like other books written by some Western writers who try by any means to connect between Islam and terrorism. Depending on the ideology of the Islamic reformer Mahmoud Mohammed Taha (1909-1985), that distinguishes between the spirit of Islam and the letter of Islamic laws (Shari'a), the book criticized the concept of Jihad as being a temporary branch and not a permanent origin of Islam. Islamic fanatic groups justified attacking the WTC and killing thousands of innocent people by the idea of Jihad. What if Muslims know that the prophet Muhammad did not even defend himself or his followers for the first thirteen years of his mission? During that period he was laying the original revelation in which people are free to be believers or disbelievers. God Said in the Qur'an: Say: the truth is from your Lord; so let whosoever will believe, ad let whosoever will disbelieve... (18: 29). But the Arabs at the seven century were not capable of enduring this standard and they conspired against the prophet to kill him. The standard of freedom of belief was abrogated by the standard of Jihad after the prophet migrated to Medina. I order for Muslims to be accepted by God they have to revive the origin of their religion that praises the human being and sustains he freedom of belief. This means abolishing Jihad because our modern society which accepted human rights will not comprehend forcing other into any kind of creed. Peace is the heart of Islam though it has been covered for a long time with the Shari'a which was suitable for that ancient society just as peace is suitable for our time. This book illustrates how and why the spirit of Islam should be revived for the benefit of humanity as a whole.

A Religion of Peace? Robert Spencer 2007-08-08 Christianity or Islam: which is the real "religion of peace"? Almost any liberal pundit will tell you that there's a religion bent on destroying our Constitution, stripping us of our liberties, and imposing religious rule on the U.S. And that religion is . . . Christianity! But Islam, however, the Left is silent--except to claim a moral equivalence between the two: if Islam has terrorists today, that's nothing compared to the Crusades, inquisitions, and religious wars in Christianity's past. But is this true? Are conservative Christians really more of a threat to free societies than Islamic jihadists? Is the Bible really "just as violent" as the Qur'an? Is Christianity's history really as bloodstained as Islam's? In *Religion of Peace? Why Christianity Is and Islam Isn't*, New York Times bestselling author Robert Spencer not only refutes such charges, but also explains why Americans and Europeans must regain an appreciation of our Christian heritage if we ever hope to defeat Islamic supremacism.

Thinking About Insanity, Religion, and Terrorism Edited by Ellsworth Lapham Fersch 2010-06-01 This volume provides a clear and compelling introduction to one of the most controversial topics in society. Focusing on the dynamic interplay among mental illness, religion, and terrorism, it directs attention to questions of criminal responsibility raised by the general reader and by students of law, psychology, religion, neuroscience, terrorism, and public policy. Questions and examples address: insanity defense basics and issues of legal responsibility, including the impact of neuroscience and psychology disputes about free will and determinism the balance among mental illness, religion, and law, including the two trials of the mother who drowned her five children the defense of men who killed abortion providers the relation among mental illness, religion, terrorism, and law, including possible defenses for the Army major who killed thirteen at Fort Hood motivations of other Islamic, Christian, and secular extremists the role of brainwashing and the effect of deprogramming, including their early use with the heiress who joined in terrorist crimes their influence on cult leaders and followers Varying responses address juror comments on their verdicts in two mock trials what the insanity defense standard should be whether guilty but mentally ill should be an added test what role standard, extremist, or individualistic religion should play in the law whether the insanity defense standard should be different for terrorists The extensive bibliography directs students and general readers interested in further material to the important world where psychology and law, religion and terror, and public policy interact. This brief and readable book is the first place to look for what most people want to know about this volatile mix in today's world.

Essays on Religion and Human Rights David Little 2015-03-26 This collection of essays by David Little addresses human rights in relation to the historical settings in which its language was drafted and adopted. Featuring five original essays, Little articulates his view that fascist practices before and during World War II violated the wrongfulness of deliberately inflicting severe pain, injury, and destruction for self-serving purposes and that the human rights corpus, developed in response, was designed to outlaw all practices of arbitrary force. He contends that while there must be an accountable human rights standard, it should guarantee latitude for the expression and practice of beliefs, consistent with outlawing arbitrary force. Little details the theoretical grounds of the relationship between religion and human rights, and concludes with essays on US policy and the restraint of force in regard to terrorism. With a foreword by John Kelsay, this book is a capstone of the work of this influential writer on religion, philosophy, and law.

Protecting International Religious Freedom United States. Congress. House. Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. Subcommittee on National Security 2014
Freedom of Speech in Universities Alison Scott-Baumann 2021-02-25 Freedom of speech and extremism in university campuses are major sources of debate and moral panic in the United Kingdom today. In 2018, the Joint Committee on Human Rights in Parliament undertook an inquiry into freedom of speech on campus. It found that much of the public concern is exaggerated, but identified a number of factors that require attention, including the impact of government counter-terrorism measures (the Prevent Duty) and regulatory bodies (including the Charity Commission for England and Wales) on freedom of speech. This book combines empirical research and philosophical analysis to explore these issues, with a particular focus on the impact upon Muslim students and staff. It offers a new conceptual paradigm for thinking about freedom of speech, based on deliberative democracy, and practical suggestions for universities in handling it. Topics covered include • The enduring legacy of key thinkers who have shaped the debate about freedom of speech • The role of right-wing populism in driving moral panic about universities • The impact of the Prevent Duty and the Charity Commission upon Muslim students, students' unions and university managers • Students' and staff views about freedom of speech • Alternative approaches to handling freedom of speech on campus, including the Community of Inquiry This highly engaging and topical text will be of interest to those working within public policy, religion and education or religion and politics and Islamic Studies.

Islamic Terrorism in France. An Analysis Charlotte Hüser 2019-12-20 Academic Paper from the year 2019 in the subject Politics - International Politics - Topic: Peace and Conflict Studies, Security, grade: 1,3, Interdisciplinary Center Herzliya, language: English, abstract: This paper is analyzing the terrorist's attacks of France since the proclamation of the caliphate and the refugee crisis in 2014. Focusing on the perpetrators and their reasons for the attacks in France - mainly on symbols of the French culture, like the national day, freedom of religion, freedom of speech as well as on state officials. The backgrounds of the attackers play an important role as well as the long-lasting and difficult relationship between France and the Muslim world mainly throughout their colonial history, their current interventions in wars as well as their inner state policies.

Terror in the Name of God Jessica Stern 2009-10-13 For four years, Jessica Stern interviewed extremist members of three religions around the world: Christians, Jews, and Muslims. Traveling extensively to refugee camps in Lebanon, to religious schools in Pakistan, to prisons in Amman, Asqelon, and Pensacola—she discovered that the Islamic jihadi in the mountains of Pakistan and the Christian fundamentalist bomber in Oklahoma have much in common. Based on her vast research, Stern lucidly explains how terrorist organizations are formed by opportunistic leaders who—using religion as both motivation and justification—recruit the disenfranchised. She depicts how moral fervor is transformed into sophisticated organizations that strive for money, power, and attention. Jessica Stern's extensive interaction with the faces behind the terror provide unprecedented insight into acts of inexplicable horror, and enable her to suggest how terrorism can most effectively be countered. A crucial book on terrorism, *Terror in the Name of God* is a brilliant and thought-provoking work.