

Nine Ways to Stop Terrorism

If We Want To Stop Terrorism, We Should Stop SUPPORTING Terrorists

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In the wake of the barbaric Paris terror attacks, everyone is arguing over what we should do to stop further terrorism.

Some say we need more war against Islamic countries ... or more spying ... or more crackdowns on our liberties.

In reality - despite what the talking heads may say - the methods for stopping future attacks are well known ...

I. Stop Overthrowing the Moderates and Arming the Crazyies

We know it's a difficult concept to grasp, but if we want to stop terrorism we should - wait for it - stop *supporting* terrorists.

Specifically, we're [arming the most violent radicals in the Middle East](#), as part of a [really stupid](#) geopolitical strategy to overthrow leaders we don't like (more details below). And see [this](#), [this](#), [this](#), [this](#) and [this](#). And - strangely - we're [overthrowing the moderate Arabs](#) who stabilized the region and *denied* jihadis a foothold.

Indeed, the U.S. and its allies are directly responsible for [creating](#) and [supplying](#) ISIS. As an internal Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) document produced recently shows, the U.S. knew that the actions of "the West, Gulf countries and Turkey" in Syria [might create a terrorist group like ISIS and an Islamic CALIPHATE](#).

Indeed, the former head of the DIA [explained](#):

It was a willful decision [by America] to ... support an insurgency that had salafists, Al Qaeda and the Muslim Brotherhood ...

If we want to stop terrorism, we need to [stop supporting the terrorists](#).

II. Stop Supporting the Dictators Who Fund Terrorists

Saudi Arabia is the [world's largest sponsor](#) of radical Islamic terrorists. The Saudis have [backed ISIS](#) and many other brutal terrorist groups. And the most pro-ISIS tweets allegedly [come from Saudi Arabia](#).

According to sworn declarations from a 9/11 Commissioner and the Co-Chair of the Congressional Inquiry Into 9/11, the Saudi government [backed the 9/11 hijackers](#) (see

section VII for details).

Saudi Arabia is the hotbed of the most radical Muslim terrorists in the world: the [Salafis](#) (both [ISIS and Al Qaeda are Salafis](#)).

And the [Saudis - with U.S. support - back](#) the radical “madrassas” in which Islamic radicalism was spread.

And yet the U.S. has been supporting the Saudis militarily, with [NSA intelligence](#) and in every other way possible for 70 years.

In addition, top American terrorism experts say that U.S. support for brutal and tyrannical countries in the Middle east - like Saudi Arabia - is [one of the top motivators for Arab terrorists](#).

U.S. and NATO-supported Turkey is also [massively supporting ISIS, provided chemical weapons](#) used in the jihadi’s massacre of civilians, and has been bombing [ISIS’ main on-the-ground enemy - Kurdish soldiers - using its air force](#). And some of the Turkish people also seem to be [unsympathetic to the victims](#) of terrorism.

The [U.S.-backed dictatorships in Qatar and Bahrain](#) also massively fund ISIS.

So if we stop supporting the tyrannies in Saudi Arabia, Turkey, Qatar and Bahrain, we’ll get a two-fold reduction in terror:

(1) We’ll undermine the main terrorism supporters

And ...

(2) We’ll take away one of the main motivations driving terrorists: our support for the most repressive, brutal Arab dictatorships

What a concept!

III. Stop Bombing and Invading When a Negotiated Settlement Is Offered

The U.S. [rejected offers by Afghanistan, Iraq and Syria to surrender](#) ... and instead proceeded to wage war.

Security experts - including both conservatives and liberals - agree that waging war in the Middle East *weakens* national security and increases terrorism. See [this](#), [this](#), [this](#), [this](#), [this](#), [this](#), [this](#) and [this](#).

For example, James K. Feldman - former professor of decision analysis and economics at the Air Force Institute of Technology and the School of Advanced Airpower Studies - and other experts say that foreign occupation is the *main cause* of terrorism. University of Chicago professor Robert A. Pape - who specializes in international security affairs - [agrees](#).

So negotiating peaceful deals will drain the swamp of terrorists created by war and invasion.

IV. Stop Imperial Conquests for Arab Oil

The U.S. has undertaken regime change against Arab leaders we don't like for six decades. We overthrew the leader of [Syria in 1949](#), [Iran in 1953](#), [Iraq twice](#), [Afghanistan twice](#), [Turkey](#), [Libya](#) ... and other oil-rich countries.

Neoconservatives planned regime change throughout the Middle East and North Africa yet again [in 1991](#).

Top American politicians admit that [the Iraq war was about oil, not stopping terrorism](#) (documents from Britain [show the same thing](#)). Much of the war on terror is really a [fight for natural gas](#). Or to force the last few hold-outs [into dollars and private central banking](#).

And the U.S. military described terror attacks on the U.S. as a "[small price to pay for being a superpower](#)":

A senior officer on the Joint Staff told State Department counter-terrorism director Sheehan he had heard terrorist strikes characterized more than once by colleagues as a "small price to pay for being a superpower".

We've fought the [longest and most expensive wars in American history](#) ... but we're [less secure than before](#), and there are [more terror attacks than ever](#) ([update](#)).

Remember, [Al Qaeda wasn't even in Iraq](#) until the U.S. invaded that country. And the West's [Iraq war](#) directly led to the creation of ISIS.

If we want to stop terrorism, we have to stop overthrowing Arab leaders and invading Arab countries to grab their oil.

V. Stop Drone Assassinations of Innocent Civilians

Top CIA officers say that [drone strikes increase terrorism](#) (and [see this](#)).

The CIA - the agency in charge of drone strikes - even [told](#) Obama that drone kills can increase terrorism.

If we want to stop creating new terrorists, we have to stop the drone strikes.

VI. Stop Torture

Top terrorism and interrogation experts agree that [torture creates more terrorists](#).

Indeed, the leaders of ISIS were [motivated by U.S. torture](#).

Once again, we have a very current example: Charlie Hebdo-murdering Frenchterrorist Cherif Kouchi [told](#) a court in 2005 that he wasn't radical until he learned about [U.S. torture](#) at Abu Ghraib prison in Iraq.

If we want to stop creating new terrorists, we have to stop torturing ... permanently.

VII. Stop Mass Surveillance

Top security experts agree that mass surveillance makes us [MORE vulnerable](#) to terrorists.

Indeed, even the NSA admits that it's collecting [too MUCH information](#) to stop terror attacks.

Stop it.

VIII. Stop Covering Up 9/11

Government officials agree that 9/11 was state-sponsored terrorism ... they just [disagree on which state was responsible](#).

Because 9/11 was the largest terror attack on the U.S. in history – and all of our national security strategies are based on 9/11 – we can't stop terror until we get to the bottom of what really happened, and which state was behind it.

Many [high-level American officials](#) – including [military leaders](#), [intelligence officials](#) and [9/11 commissioners](#) – are dissatisfied with the 9/11 investigations to date.

The Co-Chair of the congressional investigation into 9/11 – Bob Graham – and 9/11 Commissioner and former Senator Bob Kerrey are calling for either a “[permanent 9/11 commission](#)” or a [new 9/11 investigation](#) to get to the bottom of it.

The Co-Chair of the Congressional Inquiry into 9/11 and former Head of the Senate Intelligence Committee (Bob Graham) said that the Paris terror attack, ISIS, and other terrorist developments are a result of failing to stand up to Saudi Arabia and declassify the 9/11 investigation's report about Saudi involvement in 9/11:

The [9/11 chairs, Ron Paul, and numerous other American politicians](#) have called for declassification, as well.

Again, others have [different ideas about who was behind](#) 9/11. But until we get to the bottom of it, terror attacks will continue.

IX. Stop Doing It *Ourselves*

The director of the National Security Agency under Ronald Reagan – Lt. General William Odom [said](#):

By any measure the US has long used terrorism. In '78-79 the Senate was trying to pass a law against international terrorism – in every version they produced, the lawyers said the US would be in violation.

(audio [here](#)).

The Washington Post [reported](#) in 2010:

The United States has long been an exporter of terrorism, [according to a secret CIA analysis released Wednesday by the Web site WikiLeaks](#).

Wikipedia [notes](#):

Chomsky and Herman observed that terror was concentrated in the U.S. sphere of influence in the Third World, and documented terror carried out by U.S. client states in Latin America. They observed that of ten Latin American countries that had death squads, all were U.S. client states.

They concluded that the global rise in state terror was a result of U.S. foreign policy.

In 1991, a book edited by Alexander L. George [the Graham H. Stuart Professor of Political Science Emeritus at Stanford University] also argued that other Western powers sponsored terror in Third World countries. It concluded that the U.S. and its allies were the main supporters of terrorism throughout the world.

Indeed, the U.S. has [created death squads in Latin America, Iraq and Syria](#).

Some in the American military have intentionally tried to [“out-terrorize the terrorists”](#). As Truthout[notes](#):

Both [specialists Ethan McCord and Josh Stieber] say they saw their mission as a plan to “out-terrorize the terrorists,” in order to make the general populace more afraid of the Americans than they were of insurgent groups. In the interview with [Scott] Horton, Horton pressed Stieber:

“... a fellow veteran of yours from the same battalion has said that you guys had a standard operating procedure, SOP, that said – and I guess this is a reaction to some EFP attacks on y’all’s Humvees and stuff that killed some guys – that from now on if a roadside bomb goes off, IED goes off, everyone who survives the attack get out and fire in all directions at anybody who happens to be nearby ... that this was actually an order from above. Is that correct? Can you, you know, verify that?”

Stieber answered:

“Yeah, it was an order that came from Kauzlarich himself, and it had the philosophy that, you know, as Finkel does describe in the book, that we were under pretty constant threat, and what he leaves out is the response to that threat. But the philosophy was that if each time one of these roadside bombs went off where you don’t know who set it ... the way we were told to respond was to open fire on anyone in the area, with the philosophy that that would intimidate them, to be proactive in stopping people from making these bombs ...”

Terrorism is [defined](#) as:

The use of violence and threats to intimidate or coerce, especially for political purposes.

So McCord and Stieber are correct: this constitutes terrorism by American forces in Iraq. And American [officials have admitted](#) that the U.S. has engaged in numerous false flag attacks.

Indeed, many top experts – including government officials – say that America is the [largest sponsor of terror in the world](#) ... largely through the work of the CIA. And [see this](#).

Stop Throwing Bodies In the River

Defenders of current government policy say: “we have to do *something* to stop terrorists!”

Yes, we do ...

But we must also stop doing the 9 things above which *increase* terrorism. We have to [stop “throwing new bodies in the river.”](#)

But the powers-that-be don’t want to change course ... they gain tremendous power and influence through our current war on terror strategies.

For example, the military-complex grows rich through war ... so endless war is a [feature – not a bug](#) – of our foreign policy.

Torture was about [building a false justification for war](#).

Mass surveillance is about [economic and diplomatic advantage](#) and [crushing dissent](#).

Supporting the most radical Muslim leaders is about [oil and power](#) ... “a small price to pay” to try to dominate the world.

A leading advisor to the U.S. military – the Rand Corporation – released a study in 2008 called “[How Terrorist Groups End: Lessons for Countering al Qa’ida](#)“. The report confirms what experts have been saying for years: the war on terror is actually *weakening* national security (see [this](#), [this](#) and [this](#)).

As a [press release](#) about the study states:

“Terrorists should be perceived and described as criminals, not holy warriors, and our analysis suggests that there is no battlefield solution to terrorism.”

We, the People, have to stand up and demand that our power-hungry leaders stop doing the things which give *them* more power ... but are guaranteed to *increase* terrorism against us, the civilian population.

Postscript: It’s [not yet clear](#) whether any of the terrorists were “refugees”, and [some say](#) that [ISIS WANTS to stop all refugees from leaving](#) Syria and Iraq. However, we also take the [risk of infiltration of refugee groups by terrorists](#) very [seriously](#).

The bottom line is that we have to stop throwing new bodies in the river, so that we drastically reduce the amount of terrorists in the first place.

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