

# ISIS Recruits and Trains Children to Be Killers

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*Amply documented the ISIS is a US creation. A previous article discussed its use of children as suicide bombers. It explained CIA operatives teach ISIS recruits the fine art of committing atrocities, including beheadings, use of chemical and other banned weapons, along with an array of other lawless terror tactics.*

A London-based Quilliam counterterrorism think tank report explained how ISIS recruits young children, brainwashes and trains them for jihad.

London's [Guardian](#) discussed its findings, saying "(a) new generation of Isis recruits is being developed in the Islamic State's 'caliphate,' indoctrinated with religious concepts from birth, and viewed by its fighters as better and purer than themselves" – a scheme to "secur(e) the group's future."

Quilliam's report titled "Children of the Islamic State" discusses ISIS' plan to train young children as future fighters, spies, "executioners" and suicide bombers.

It says "(t)he organization...focuses a large number of its efforts on indoctrinating children through an extremism-based education curriculum, and fostering them to become future terrorists."

The current generation of fighters sees these children as better and more lethal fighters than themselves, because rather than being converted into radical ideologies they have been indoctrinated into these extreme values from birth, or a very young age.

These children are saved from (secular) corruption, making them stronger than current (fighters) because they have a superior understanding of Islam from youth and from school curriculum and are better and more brutal fighters as they are trained in violence from a very young age.

The scheme sounds like a plot to recreate the Hitler Youth, preparing German youths to serve the Fuhrer.

Or maybe create an army of human robots or so-called Manchurian candidates – brainwashed to become assassins, commit atrocities, or serve in other capacities, obeying orders on command.

Quilliam indicated ISIS forcefully recruits young children, abduction a common tactic. The UN Assistance Mission for Iraq estimates up to 900 children, aged nine to 15, affected – taught extremist Islamic ideology, weapons use and combat tactics, some earmarked to be suicide bombers.

[In a bitter irony, the President of Quilliam is Noman M. Benotman, a former leader of the Al Qaeda affiliated Libya Islamic Fighting Group (LIFG), [Gr. Editor].

Nonconforming children are harshly treated - "flogged, tortured or raped," according Quilliam's report.

Girls called "pearls of the caliphate" are taught to serve militants. The Guardian quoted the spokesperson for the Romeo Dallaire Child Soldiers Initiative (co-writing the report), saying ISIS control is "one of the gravest situations for children on Earth."

It is hoped that this report will provide a critical perspective on the plight of these children, that will then create essential reflections for policymakers, child protection agencies, governments, multilateral organisations, and those concerned with ending conflict in Iraq and Syria.

Washington bears full responsibility for creating ISIS and training its recruits to serve US imperial interests.

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