

The U.S. Is Engaged In a Religious War ... On the Side of “Islamic Jihadis”

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Backing One Side Against the Other In Someone Else’s Religious War Is Dangerous

*Preface: Americans would be disgusted if the might of the U.S. military and the riches of the U.S. treasury were used to support one Christian faith (say Methodists) in a shooting war against another faith (say Lutherans). We would be even more offended if the U.S. backed one Hindu sect in a war against a competing Hindu sect, or one school of Judaism against a competing school of Judaism in an armed battle. But that’s **exactly** what we’ve been doing ... backing one Islamic faith against another.*

We are not siding with one sect or the other. Nor are we claiming that all people of any particular sect are bad or violent people.

*What we’re saying is that the whole problem is that the U.S. is **taking sides** ... in **someone else’s** religious war.*

Many Americans assume either:

(1) The U.S. doesn’t take sides in religious wars

Or

(2) We are fighting a crusade against Muslims

Neither assumption is correct. In fact, we are fighting a religious war on the same side as the Muslim jihadis. Unfortunately – as shown below – this is neither wild-eyed conspiracy theory or breathless hyperbole.

Specifically, the U.S. has directly inserted itself into a sectarian war between the two main Islamic sects, backing the “Sunnis” and attacking the “Shiites” (also called “Shia”). See [this](#), [this](#) and [this](#).

For example, American political leaders have been very close to Saudi (i.e. Sunni) leaders for decades:



(Obama has been similarly close to the Saudis.)

Saudi Arabia is the center of the Sunni branch of Islam. It is also the center of the *most radical* sect of Islam ... the “Wahhabis” (also called “Salafis”), the most radical and terrorist-minded Sunni sect. But the U.S. has [long supported](#) the Madrassa schools within Saudi Arabia which teach radical Wahabi beliefs.

The U.S. has also supported the most radical and dangerous Sunni elements around the world.

For example, the U.S. National Security Adviser [admitted](#) that the U.S. created, organized and armed the Mujahadeen in Afghanistan to fight the Soviets. The Mujahadeen are predominately Sunni.

The Mujahadeen eventually morphed into Al Qaeda, which is a [Sunni organization](#).

During various times and places, the U.S. has also [backed the Muslim Brotherhood](#) ... another [Sunni group](#).

We supported Al Qaeda Sunni terrorists in [Libya and Mali](#),

We’ve long supported Sunni terrorists in [Chechnya](#).

We support MEK terrorists – who are Sunnis who target Shias – in [Iran](#).

We support the [brutal Sunni government](#) in Bahrain as it crushes its majority Shia population whenever it pushes for democratic reform.

We supported Al Qaeda Sunnis in [Bosnia](#).

The “rebels” in [Syria](#) who we’ve been supporting are [Al Qaeda and Muslim Brotherhood](#).

As the New York Times [reports](#) this week:

In Syria’s largest city, Aleppo, rebels aligned with Al Qaeda control the power plant, run the bakeries and head a court that applies Islamic law. Elsewhere, they have seized government oil fields, put employees back to work and now profit from the crude they produce.

Across Syria, rebel-held areas are dotted with Islamic courts staffed by lawyers and clerics, and by fighting brigades led by extremists. Even the Supreme Military Council, the umbrella rebel organization whose formation the West had hoped would sideline radical groups, is stocked with commanders who want to infuse Islamic law into a future Syrian government.

Nowhere in rebel-controlled Syria is there a secular fighting force to speak of.

Why should Americans care if our government is backing the Sunnis over the Shiites?

Because we are supporting the side which carries out *most of the terrorism*. Indeed, Sunni Muslims commit most of the terrorist acts worldwide.

For example, the [National Counterterrorism Center’s 2011 Report on Terrorism](#) found that:

Sunni extremists accounted for the greatest number of terrorist attacks and fatalities for the third consecutive year. More than 5,700 incidents were attributed to Sunni extremists, accounting for nearly 56 percent of all attacks and about 70 percent of all fatalities. Among this perpetrator group, al-Qa'ida (AQ) and its affiliates were responsible for at least 688 attacks that resulted in almost 2,000 deaths, while the Taliban in Afghanistan and Pakistan conducted over 800 attacks that resulted in nearly 1,900 deaths. Secular, political, and anarchist groups were the next largest category of perpetrators, conducting 2,283 attacks with 1,926 fatalities, a drop of 5 percent and 9 percent, respectively, from 2010.

Could our support for Al Qaeda terrorists all over the world come back to bite us?

Our backing of Al Qaeda in Afghanistan [led to 9/11](#).^{*} Top American government officials have also [implicated the Saudi government in the 9/11 attack](#).

Our backing of Sunni extremists in Chechnya [led to the Boston bombings](#).

Our backing of Sunni extremists in Libya led to attacks on our embassies in [Libya](#) and [Tunisia](#).

And McClatchy interviewed an Al Qaeda terrorist fighting against the Syrian government - with U.S. backing - as [saying](#):

When we finish with Assad, we will fight the U.S.!

Postscript: Not only have we been backing the Sunnis against the Shias, we have also [backed the Sunnis against secular leaders such as Saddam Hussein and Gaddafi](#).

** The question of whether 9/11 or the Boston bombings were [false flags](#) is beyond the scope of this post.*

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