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## **Modern Religious Wars: The Muslim Brotherhood's Trail of Terror and Destruction**

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**Dede Laugesen:** [00:00:13] Hello, everyone. Thanks for joining us today. I'm Dede Laugesen, executive director for Save the Persecuted Christians. Today's webinar is part of our ongoing webinar series focused on extreme discrimination, harassment and violence experienced by a record 380 million followers of Christ worldwide and other threats to religious freedom, prosperity and peace for people of all beliefs. A video of this webinar will be posted to SaveThePersecutedChristians.org within a day or so of the end of our program. Videos of our other webinars are also available. Please share these with your elected officials, friends, colleagues, and other networks. Subscribe to our Substack at [00:01:00] SaveThePersecutedChristians.Substack.com, and follow us on X at @PersecutedSave for news and updates. Our moderator today is Frank Gaffney. Frank is the president and CEO of Save the Persecuted Christians and president of the Institute for the American Future at USFuture.org. He's also the host of Securing America on Real America's Voice Network.

**Frank Gaffney:** [00:01:26] Thank you Dede and thank you to all of you for joining us for this very important program in this ongoing series of webinars sponsored by Save the Persecuted Christians. Christians, of course, are not the only people being persecuted. And some of the people who persecute Christians are persecuting people of other faiths. None, arguably more aggressively, more assiduously. And with more determination [00:02:00] than what I think is best described as Sharia supremacists. Those who embrace an Islamic code known as sharia, rooted in the texts of the faith,

but also very much a political document for conquest and rule, and arguably of those who adhere to Sharia and are determined to heed its requirement to faithful Muslims to engage in jihad to bring about the triumph of Islam worldwide is a group we will be focusing on in the course of this program. The Muslim Brotherhood. [00:03:00] The Muslim Brotherhood is a prominent fixture in the Muslim world and has been since the late 1920s. We'll hear more about it from our friend and colleague Robert Spencer, who has deeply studied. Well, Sharia and all that flows from it. In general, but also those who, like the Muslim brothers, are determined to implement it faithfully in an effort to follow the model of the perfect man, Muhammad, their prophet. We're going to be talking about various aspects of the threat that the Muslim Brotherhood represents, That's up to Americans, yes, but also to others around the world, notably, [00:04:00] of course, in Israel and in Europe.

**Frank Gaffney:** [00:04:05] We're also going to talk about the extent to which what they do and how they do. It rises to the level of international terrorism and should be designated as such. We will, in short, I hope, provide a comprehensive analysis of. The Muslim Brotherhood as an organization, what it has spawned in the way of others who share its commitment to Sharia and its willingness to use violent means to bring about its triumph. We're also going to, I think, hopefully impart to you a conviction that Muslim [00:05:00] Brotherhood, particularly in the United States, represents a tremendous peril. Properly understood in terms of both its agenda, its infrastructure and its domination of large numbers of Muslims, many of whom may not subscribe to Sharia, but are unwilling to risk literally life and limb to contest the brothers and their program. In short, we have a lot to cover, and I hope that it will be as impactful as any program that you've ever seen because the subject matter warrants that kind of impact. And I believe that the team that we've assembled for the purposes of imparting it will measure up to the job. And it's [00:06:00] not only introduced the program, but she's going to make some opening comments. She is, as she mentioned, the executive director of our Save the Persecuted Christians. And very much focused on this topic, as well as other threats to those who follow Jesus Christ.

**Dede Laugesen:** [00:06:17] Thank you Perry. Christians around the world are threatened with discrimination, harassment, violence, or even genocide. Communism, authoritarianism, and radical religious nationalism all contribute to the suffering of Christians in a record number of countries. More than 380 million Christians suffer high

levels of persecution and discrimination for their faith. In this year's Open Doors World Watch list. Top 50 countries alone 310 million Christians face very high or extreme levels of violence. That's a significant rise from the 215 million reported in 2018, [00:07:00] when Save the Persecuted Christians began to stick from the Open Doors report released in January. Is that nine out of the top ten countries where it is most dangerous to be a Christian, have a significant Muslim population and high levels of Islamic radicalism. Those countries are Afghanistan, Iran, Pakistan, Nigeria, where once again more Christians are killed for their faith in Nigeria than anywhere else in the world Eritrea, Sudan, Libya, Yemen, Somalia. And of course, the number one is North Korea, which is not an Islamic state. In truth, there are very few Muslim countries or countries with large Muslim populations where Christians can avoid intimidation, harassment, or violence. Sharia supremacism is the driving force for the persecution of Christians worldwide. [00:08:00] Indeed, we have seen the entire ancient Christian community of Iraq, nearly all of them down to about 150,000 remaining in Iraq uprooted since 2014. And those who remain in Syria are being threatened and even murdered. Their days appear numbered. What the United States need to be most concerned about is what the Brotherhood refers to as civilizational jihad.

**Dede Laugesen:** [00:08:26] Robert Spencer will speak more on this in a few minutes. But know this immigration, voluntary or forced, is the key to its success. The Brotherhood is the weaponized arm of the red green, pink axis of evil. As we go through today's panel, keep in mind that until the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1965, it was the long standing policy of the United States to preserve American homogeneity. Homogeneity. The Immigration and Nationality Act of 1965 marked [00:09:00] a radical break from the US immigration policies of the past. It is, in my opinion, an urgent need for President Trump and Congress to reform these policies to keep America and its citizens safe from demographic replacement, cultural annihilation, and ultimately, the loss of Western Judeo-Christian civilization. The Muslim Brotherhood is the driving force behind radical Islam in today's world. It is the root of the weed of persecution and the perpetrator of modern religious warfare, resembling the brutality of former ages, Christianity, and for that matter, Judaism, are increasingly threatened by our own loss of a vibrant culture of faith and the advent of radical secularism. The only true counter to these threats is a revival of faith in America, and a rapid return to our traditional principles, which form the moral fabric of our great nation. Thankfully, we are seeing

[00:10:00] reports that youth in the UK, France and America are returning to their faith and conservatism in droves. Hope is on the horizon, Frank. Thanks so much.

**Frank Gaffney:** [00:10:12] Thank you so much. This is an incredibly important introduction to the topic at hand. Let me just complete my introduction of Robert Spencer. He is the director of marvelous online resource Jihad Watch, a project of the David Horowitz Freedom Center. He's a Shulman Fellow of that center. The author, as I mentioned, I think of now 30 books. The 30th is at the press at the printers right now recent ones and very much relevant to today's topic is entitled Muhammad: A Critical Biography. Robert was unable to join us in person, but has given us a video on the general topic of Sharia, supremacism and [00:11:00] global conquest. The Muslim Brotherhood's agenda.

**Robert Spencer:** [00:11:05] Robert Spencer here for jihad watch. When we speak about the Muslim Brotherhood, in order to understand it, we first have to understand the Islamic concept of the Caliphate. The Caliph is the successor of Muhammad as the military, political and spiritual leader of the Muslims worldwide. According to traditional Sunni Muslim theology, there is no legitimate government other than the caliphate. The rule of the successor of Muhammad, that is, the international state to which all Muslims theoretically owe allegiance, and they should not give their allegiance to the government of, say, Syria or Egypt or Jordan or any other Muslim state. In the theological view of Islam, [00:12:00] which is inherently political. They owe their first and only political obedience to the Caliphate. There were caliphates all through Islamic history. The period of the first four caliphs after the death of Muhammad is called the period of the Khalifa Rashidun, the Rightly Guided Caliphs, and this is supposed to be some sort of golden age. Although when you look at the history of that period, it was actually quite bloody. The first caliph, Abu Bakr faced a large scale rebellion of people who were leaving Islam because Muhammad had died. According to Islamic tradition, in any case, and he fought what were known as the Ridda Wars or the Wars of Apostasy to force them back into Islam. Then several of the early caliphs were murdered. It was hardly really a golden [00:13:00] age in any sense that we would understand the term, but it's noteworthy that this violent and age that was full of turmoil would be called a golden age at all.

**Robert Spencer:** [00:13:11] In any case, the Caliph Mu'awiya, who became the caliph in the year 661 and is the first caliph for whom we actually have solid historical evidence. He made his son the Caliph, after him, and in other words, he made it for the first time a hereditary dynasty. And this was known as the Umayyad dynasty, which in the year 750 was overthrown by the Abbasid dynasty that carried on the Caliphate until the 13th and 14th centuries, when it was replaced by the Ottoman Caliphate, which cemented its claim to have the allegiance of all the Muslims in the [00:14:00] world when it conquered Constantinople, destroying the last remnants of the Roman Empire and the great Christian empire that had ruled so much of Europe, the Middle East and North Africa for well over a thousand years. And that was in 1453. After that, the Ottoman Caliphate advanced deeply into Europe. Of course, it was famously defeated at Vienna on the early in the early morning hours of September 12th, 1683. And that's the high water mark of Islamic expansion into Europe, at least until the 21st century, when the European rulers started inviting in the children and heirs of the Ottoman jihadis. The Caliphate, however, fell on hard times in the 20th century. The Caliphate of the Ottomans was officially abolished on May 3rd, 1924, by [00:15:00] the secular Turkish government of Mustafa Kemal Ataturk. And that was the end of the caliphate. Now the caliphate of the Ottomans, and for that matter the Abbasid Caliphate as well as the Umayyads. They never actually held the allegiance of all the Muslims in the world.

**Robert Spencer:** [00:15:20] The Ottomans in particular, they never had sway over Al-Andalus. The famous Mythically and falsely regarded as tolerant Muslim Spain. They never had the hegemony over Mughal India or many other Islamic states, but the dissolution of the Caliphate in 1924 is considered in the thinking of modern jihad groups to be a tremendous disaster for the Islamic world. This was according to [00:16:00] Al Qaeda. According to ISIS. According to Hamas groups of that kind, this was the great disaster that brought disunity into the Islamic world because they, in their mythology, the whole Islamic world, owed allegiance to the caliphate before 1924. And then after that, all the states are divided. They are colonized. The Western European governments have hegemony over the Islamic world. That's where all their troubles began. And this is a very early idea after the dissolution of the caliphate, such that in 1928, only four years after the caliphate was abolished, Hassan al-Banna, a Muslim leader in Egypt, founded the Muslim Brotherhood. And the idea was that the Muslim Brotherhood would restore the caliphate. It would work internationally to undermine [00:17:00] and destroy the existing governments of the world, or wherever and whenever it was possible to

undermine and destroy any existing government and replace it with one that was constituted according to Islamic law and would become part of the Caliphate once the caliphate was restored. So ever since then, the Muslim Brotherhood has grown into an international organization that works both in violent and nonviolent ways in order to establish sharia, Islamic law, to undermine existing governments, and to ultimately restore the caliphate in Gaza.

**Robert Spencer:** [00:17:48] The branch of the Muslim Brotherhood is known as the Islamic Resistance Movement, or Hamas in the United States. Every major [00:18:00] Muslim organization in the country is a member or linked to the Muslim Brotherhood. That includes the Council on American Islamic Relations, the Muslim American Society, the Islamic Society of North America. Really, any others that you wish to name? They are Muslim Brotherhood affiliates, and this is where it becomes Was extraordinarily important that the FBI, during its raid in 2007 of the Holy Land Foundation's offices, when the Holy Land Foundation, which at that time was the largest Islamic charity in the United States, was being investigated for funneling charitable contributions to Hamas. The feds found the Explanatory memorandum for the operations of the Muslim Brotherhood in the United States. And as many of you are well aware, that memorandum was essentially the program for [00:19:00] the Muslim Brotherhood in the United States. And it said, and I quote, the brothers must understand that their work in America is a kind of grand jihad in eliminating and destroying Western civilization from within and sabotaging its miserable house by their hands and the hands of the believers so that it falls and Allah's religion is victorious over other religions. Now, one thing I wanted to point out about that statement that the brothers are working then in the United States to eliminate and destroy Western civilization from within, to sabotage its miserable house. And then they say by their hands and the hands of the believers. So they're saying that the destruction of Western civilization will come by the hands of the Westerners, the non-Muslims, as [00:20:00] well as the hands of the believers.

**Robert Spencer:** [00:20:02] Now, this is a reference to the Quran, chapter 59, verse two, where Allah brings confusion upon his enemies such that they begin to destroy their own homes by their hands. He turns them, turns their minds to such confusion that they begin to destroy their own homes. So this is something that Muslims attach great significance to. After all, it's in the Quran. And when they see the Muslim brothers, as many others are going to now explain, as they see the Muslim Brotherhood groups

infiltrating into the US government and persuading American officials that counter-terror operations are Islamophobic. Persuading American officials that Islamophobia itself is an equal or greater concern than jihad terrorism, or that Muslims are the victims of [00:21:00] Islamophobia to a degree that is comparable to how Jews are victims of anti-Semitism. They see all that as the unbelievers destroying their house by their own hands, as prophesied in the Quran. So those who allow this infiltration, and those who work with Muslim Brotherhood organizations are unwittingly playing into the hands of the Muslim Brotherhood's core mythology about how all this is an eschatological situation that has been brought about by the unbelievers under the curse of Allah. And so it's extremely dangerous to fuel this perspective, because it only encourages further Muslim Brotherhood activity in the United States, which is actively subversive and designed ultimately to destroy the US government and replace it with a government that will become part of the global caliphate. Thank you very much.

**Frank Gaffney:** [00:22:00] Robert [00:22:00] Spencer. And let me just plug this very and very easily consumed explanatory memorandum of the general strategic goals of the group in North America, the Muslim Brotherhood playbook that Robert referred to. It's available. It can be downloaded for free, I believe, at the center for Security Policies. Site secure freedom. Org. I would very strongly commend it to you all because it is a kind of Rosetta Stone for understanding what it is we're up against in terms of the brothers operations and activities inside the United States. In fact, a number of their operations, the front groups that Robert alluded to are named that the number has grown dramatically since this was written in the early 1990s, of course. But the founders of the Brotherhood's [00:23:00] I call it infrastructure in our country are very clearly identified as their groups or organizations of our friends. We're going to turn next to a man who has been on both sides of the pond Upon watching this phenomenon of sharia supremacism. Originally from the United States, he made Aliyah to Israel some 30 years ago. His name is Rabbi Pesach Wolicki. He has been extraordinarily I think, clear eyed and courageous in describing what it is that both our friends in Israel and their friends in this country, and indeed Judeo-Christian civilization more generally, are being subjected to and what they will be subjected to if they don't [00:24:00] defeat these enemies in a decisive way. Rabbi Wolicki is the executive director of Israel 365 action. An Author or book title. Verses for Zion. And Cup of Salvation. He is a columnist for The Jerusalem Post, as well as a co-host of Shoulder to Shoulder, a very important podcast. We've asked him to talk about defining victory over Sharia supremacism. Why we must

rethink the goals of Israel's enemies and America's and how we must dismantle them now. Rabbi, the floor is yours. Welcome.

**Rabbi Pesach Wolicki:** [00:24:52] Well, thank you, Frank, and thank you, Dede, for hosting this important webinar. You know, it's currently about midnight here in Israel. And when Dede asked me [00:25:00] if this was too late, I was like, absolutely not. I stay up as late as I need to. This is such an important topic. I'm so happy you're discussing it. The, you know, the title of this webinar is Modern Religious War. And that brings up, I think, a very important point that is affecting everything that's happening, even in the headlines right now with these negotiations going on with Iran, although they're not our topic. The question of whether or not we, when I say we, meaning the West, realizes that we are in a religious war. And I don't think that most people in the West do realize that that's the war that we're currently in, that it actually is a religious war. And I'm not talking only about the kinetic war going on here in Israel, but I'm talking about the war that we're talking about on this webinar worldwide, that it is a religious war. And whether or not we recognize [00:26:00] that has real, real world strategic implications, it's not just a matter of nomenclature or spin or knowing the background, as Robert Spencer, you know, enlightened us and the, the there's a major Western mistake that we continue to make and that is not taking our enemies stated motives seriously. Westerners assume that our enemies are motivated by what motivates us. We almost view it as an axiom that economics economic well-being is more important than religious ideology because it's more important to most Westerners and the West, and I'm talking now specifically about the United States tends to base policy and how they engage in this part of the world.

**Rabbi Pesach Wolicki:** [00:26:51] And with bad actors who are motivated by religious ideology, they engage with them based on this false axiom that, for example, [00:27:00] economics is more important than religious ideology, and we just don't take them all that seriously when they talk about what they want to do, when they when they speak of taking down the West, we just wave it off and we don't take them at their word. And that's a major mistake. We don't understand that we're in a religious war. You know, there's you know, people tend to quote Sun Tzu as saying, you have to know your enemy. But the actual full quote of what he said or what he wrote is that is as follows. If you know yourself, but not the enemy, for every victory gained you will also suffer a defeat. The real fear is that we think that we've won. We think that our enemy is



deterred, or we think that we've been victorious in a particular conflict, when in fact we've lost. And a great example of that is right now, our war here in Israel with the Muslim Brotherhood branch known as Hamas, the war that we're [00:28:00] fighting that began on October 7th. Hamas has a name for this war. Israel also has a name for the war. Hamas is named for this war is the Al Aqsa flood.

**Rabbi Pesach Wolicki:** [00:28:12] Al Aqsa is, of course, the Muslim name for the Temple Mount in Jerusalem. And in the words of Hamas in their statement about the October 7th attacks, they said as follows, quote, the Israeli, that the reason for the October 7th attacks was a response, to, quote, the Israeli Judaization plans for the blessed Al-Aqsa Mosque, its temporal and spatial division attempts, and the intensification of the Israeli settlers incursions into the Holy Mosque. Now, if you ask your average Westerner what the war in Gaza is about, they're not going to say that it's about the Temple Mount in Jerusalem. But listen to your enemy understand that the Temple Mount is the focus of this war. For them, this is a spiritual war. This is a religious war that [00:29:00] they are fighting. And going back to what I said before quoting Sun Tzu and talking about the danger of not knowing what war we're in and not listening to our enemies, is that if we think that by setting up some sort of security measures and maybe taking a little bit of territory and beating them down for a bit and, and getting to some point where we feel that they're deterred and that our security needs are met, but without actually defeating them by on their terms. And, and we've set up our security needs, who cares what they think? But we will be kicking the can down the road and continuing to deal with this problem forever, unless we defeat them on their terms. That's the lesson of the defeat of Japan and of Imperial Japan and Nazi Germany and World War two, is that the defeat was unequivocal.

**Rabbi Pesach Wolicki:** [00:29:48] There was no way to spin it, not as defeat. The peoples of those nations understood it as defeat. And that's why hearts and minds changed so quickly. And both of those nations very quickly [00:30:00] rethought their ideology. And so understanding that we are in a religious war, that we're in a spiritual war is of critical importance geopolitically and strategically for the war. We are actually fighting. So how we define our war aims. How we define victory must include how our enemies define victory and defeat. Because the only way to change their thinking is for them to recognize it. Now, the ambivalence and the confusion that we're seeing on our side in America about this, about what's going on in the Middle East and what's going

on with the Muslim Brotherhood, is particularly due to a lack of understanding of what this war is really about. And I just want to add in where we are right now with the Muslim Brotherhood. And I know that that Doctor Wurmser is going to talk about this more about the United States designated the Muslim Brotherhood. Why they haven't designated them as a terrorist organization. But just in the last couple of weeks, it's [00:31:00] been very interesting to see that there was a fatwa issued by the International Union of Muslim Scholars, which is which is really an offshoot of the Muslim Brotherhood. It was founded by a bunch of members of the Muslim Brotherhood.

**Rabbi Pesach Wolicki:** [00:31:11] And they and they're based in Qatar and in Ireland. And they issued a fatwa. They represent about 95,000. So they claim Muslim scholars around the world, they issued a fatwa calling for global jihad against Israel. And what was interesting is that is that spokespeople and important thinkers from the UAE and also from Egypt, the mufti of Egypt, who is affiliated with Al Azhar University, which is really the most prominent academic institution in the Muslim world. And putting this fatwa and we also see along the same lines in Jordan, where the Jordanian government just arrested 16 members of the Muslim Brotherhood who were [00:32:00] who were building a rocket and drone factory. And to me, most notably, is not just that that event happened, that they arrested them, but that they publicized the fact that they arrested, identified them as Muslim. But maybe the events that are taking place in the Middle East are pushing in that direction, and that's something we can capitalize on. But it's so important that the narrative framing of what's going on in Israel, in the Middle East today be turned away from geopolitical concerns and away from national security concerns, where, especially in the America First movement, a lot of people are not hearing the argument and framing the argument as one of a religious war, a spiritual war, a threat to Western civilization, because that's actually what it is. And the only way we will achieve victory and we will actually defend our civilization, is if we understand that that's the war that we're fighting. Thank you.

**Frank Gaffney:** [00:32:57] This is an extremely important call [00:33:00] to action, and we're going to talk a bit more about what that action should be. I just hasten to add that one of the reasons I use the term sharia supremacism is, of course, there are Shia Sharia supremacists. It's not exclusively a phenomenon of the Sunnis, nor of the Muslim Brotherhood within Sunni Islam. And, of course, Israel is confronting very concerted

efforts by Iranian and Iranian proxy Shia Sharia supremacists who have exactly the same purpose as the Sunni ones, namely the destruction of Israel. Yes, but also the destruction of the United States and Western civilization more generally so as to achieve the triumph of Islam. We're going to turn next to Peter McKelvey now to get a sense of what is happening [00:34:00] in Europe at the moment. Much of it at the hands of the Muslim Brotherhood, and very much with a view to having the. Same ultimate result, the triumph of Islam in the countries of Europe Western Europe, most especially if possible Central and Eastern Europe as well, though the extent of the penetration and the influence operations and the subversion is evidently not as far advanced as it is in Western Europe. Peter is a staff member for a wonderful member of the House of Lords in the United Kingdom Lord Malcolm Pearson. They have come together as well to found a foundation in the United [00:35:00] Kingdom called Hearts of Oak. It is the name of their podcast, which they co-host as well. These are extraordinarily courageous men who are at the moment increasingly at risk from the rising tide of Sharia supremacism in their country and have a front row seat on watching what's happening elsewhere in Europe as well. We've asked Peter to talk to us about the United Kingdom. But, you know, hopefully a bit more broadly Europe as well. It's kind of a case study of Sharia supremacism and Muslim Brotherhood conquest. Peter joins us by video as well. Let's go to that now.

**Peter McIlvenna:** [00:35:53] It's wonderful to be with you. Sorry I couldn't be with you. Live. It's always an honor to join Frank [00:36:00] and the many wonderful guests he brings together. Now I want to touch on the Muslim Brotherhood in the UK. The UK is always an interesting proposition, and this is a battle that we face. Whether you're like me here in London, in the UK, or whether you're stateside or the European fight that is happening on this now. At the beginning of this year in the UK, the United Arab Emirates announced it was sanctioning 11 individuals and it rather obscure organizations for alleged connections to the Muslim Brotherhood. And the UAE proscribed the Muslim Brotherhood as a terrorist organization back in 2014. But all eight organizations that it referred to were based in the UK. Now, normally this is the other way around. The UK bans or sanctions entities elsewhere. Now having an Arab country, especially one we claim to be a friend. Do that in [00:37:00] reverse. Should set alarm bells ringing. Now, of course, there was a flurry of media activity and then it disappeared. In fact, last year Ken McCallum and I've made some notes, so I want to get all this right. But the director of MI5 said that 75% of the agency's counterterrorism

work arose from Islamist extremism, and that figure has been pretty constant over the last two decades. Now I want to touch on another issue that we have and then end off with the Muslim Brotherhood. And back in 2012, headlining one of our newspapers in the UK was radical Islamic sect has half of Britain's mosques in its grip.

**Peter McIlvenna:** [00:37:41] And I said the influence of the ultra-conservative Deobandi sect, which we know is from Southeast Asia, from India. So quite different, but very influential also in the UK characterized by as absolute rejection of Western values to the extent. And it now runs this [00:38:00] was back 12 years ago and the figure has gone up but 600 of Britain's 1300 mosques. Now we have around 2000 mosques. And that figure now is much higher. And the talk is that two thirds of the training seminaries for mosques, two thirds of them are actually run by Deobandis. So that is what is happening in our mosques. And in 2021, spectator headline The Deobandi sect and the Taliban's cheerleaders in the UK. And speaking on the BBC, the Islamic Sharia Council member Khula Hassan claimed that every single person that I know as a Muslim was celebrating the return of the jihadist group and that the problem that we don't give the Taliban a chance. We don't give them a chance. That's the problem is perhaps not surprising, though. The Taliban has its cheerleaders in the UK and the Taliban is, after all, a Deobandi regime. And there's a long history [00:39:00] in the UK. And now a lot of the funding came, I think in the UK, the Deobandi side from Saudi Arabia, it bankrolled expansion of a lot of Deobandi mosques and madrassas in the 80s in Pakistan, and that also has connected with the UK the Deobandi. It is a still a phenomenal large force in the UK and the in to give you the demographic oversight.

**Peter McIlvenna:** [00:39:32] The Muslim population has grown at 107% compared to the UK population as a whole, growing at 10.5%. So we are ten times in regards to the growth of the Islamic population. But we have the Deobandis basically running the schools. We also have there were two stories recently about Muslims running a number of the prisons. Now [00:40:00] the information has not come out which sect they are part of. But I know that chaplains have talked about in a report a couple of years ago a number of our chaplains talked about Deobandis actually running a lot of the Muslim groups within prison and a complete lack of management control in the UK now, 2014, David Cameron, the UK prime Minister, commissioned a review on the Muslim Brotherhood to get back the Muslim Brotherhood. And that report was 15 pages, didn't really shed a lot of light and shied away from really any engagement and any

outworkings. It was happy to comment on problems, but actually very little of the outworkings. But some snippets from that report found that the Muslim Brotherhood organizations associated with the Muslim Brotherhood were established in the UK and Europe over [00:41:00] 50 years ago, mainly from overseas students and exiles. And they work very closely with others now in the 1990s the Muslim Brotherhood and this is part of the concern and their associates established public facing and apparently national organizations in the UK to promote their view. None of these were actually openly connected with the Muslim Brotherhood.

**Peter McIlvenna:** [00:41:27] And that was allowed to happen and grew and grew. And for a number of years, the Muslim Brotherhood shipped different Islamic groups of the Islamic Society of Britain. They dominated the Muslim Association of Britain played an important role in setting up the Muslim Council of Britain. They've been behind all of those, and they were also politically active using Palestine as an issue and using Iraq as an issue. And the Muslim Council of Britain with that with Muslim Brotherhood behind them, they sought and obtained [00:42:00] dialog with the government. So this report came out, gave a lot of overviews, huge concerns of the number of charities that were connected to Muslim Brotherhood and across Europe. This is a whole networking across all of Europe. So they were let me let me scroll on to get some other comments. So again, unlike I open talking about the United Arab Emirates unlike the UAE and several other Middle Eastern states, the Muslim Brotherhood is not outlawed in Britain. And in the absence of specific intelligence, it is possible to actually corroborate the UAE's allegations. These individuals are involved in terror. That's what has come from the government. And now again, it's a huge concern of the Muslim Brotherhood focus in prison and in the mosque. So an example is probably the possibly the largest mosque in Europe, and that is in in Mulhouse [00:43:00] in France. It's a brand new mosque co-founded, co-financed by Qatari donations. And that's been there since 2019. And it brands itself as the leading Islamic center in Europe in terms of diversity and services offered.

**Peter McIlvenna:** [00:43:18] Now, this is hugely concerning because of the 10,000m<sup>2</sup> spread over three floors in Mulhouse, just outside Paris. The prayer room can accommodate 2000 people, but it's a cultural space. Classrooms, Rooms. Funeral center. Shops. Swimming pool. Parking lot. All of those are planned. In fact, the prayer room is only 13% of the mosque itself, and it claims it is open to everyone. And this is

really part of dawah. The whole of the building cost €19.5 million and most of [00:44:00] that coming from Qatar. So the issue is these projects, they make themselves open to the public, containing, I said, creches and funeral homes and everything in between schools, libraries, gyms, swimming pools. And their objective is to make clients out of not only the local Muslim population but everyone. And it is about decreasing their interaction with and the reliance on their state and social services. That is the. To me, that's the huge concern of how it is not just a prayer center that is contained in an area, but they begin to offer many other services to the local Muslims to bring them on board, but to the local people. And by doing that, they make themselves as a segregated community, but also, they make themselves as part of [00:45:00] the community in providing those so the state the government doesn't need. And this is what we have seen ruled out in terms of Sharia courts, because the government says, well, if you're going to run 85 Sharia courts, then we don't need to get involved and that saves us money.

**Peter McIlvenna:** [00:45:14] Islamic schools are going to save the government money. And this has ruled out in terms of shops and in terms of these mosques that provide a lot of these services. So that's where we are moving across Europe and across the UK and the, the Muslim Brotherhood as the Deobandis also. But the Muslim Brotherhood really had been central and part of this. And despite that government report done by the former Prime Minister David Cameron back in 2015, we still have not seen sanctions of the Muslim Brotherhood or restrictions on their activities. So that is what I can share with you from the UK and Europe, and how the Muslim Brotherhood has used many charitable organizations to operate [00:46:00] behind the scenes, without any open connections with the Muslim Brotherhood. And that is really how they have grown, how they have expanded in control. And to make sure that actually no one is concerned, to make sure their regulations are not imposed on them, make sure the charity commissions and government regulatory bodies actually turn a blind eye to what they do, and that is how they have expanded. So that is the frustrating story from Europe and the UK. And as I always say when I connect with the US audience on the issue of Islam, that this is an issue that you will face if you are not aware of that huge growth that we have had, not only the continent, not only the Deobandis, but Islam as a whole across Europe and across the UK. So thank you for your time.

**Frank Gaffney:** [00:46:52] Thank you for yours. Peter McIlvenna, this is a cautionary tale, to say the least. And unfortunately, what [00:47:00] we've been treated to in this case study is true of many other places in which this same trajectory can be traced. The objective is conquest. Make no mistake about it. And whether that is accomplished through stealthy means or through violent ones is secondary to the clarity we need to have as to the goal and the progress being made by jihadists. Notably in places like Europe. But as we'll be talking about here momentarily in more detail in the United States as well, we're going to take stock with one of our country's most formidable Middle East experts. His [00:48:00] name is Doctor David Wurmser about the character of the Muslim Brotherhood in the Middle East. Yes, but also in other parts of the world, including our own. David brings a wealth of experience to the topic. He has been a naval intelligence officer, rising through the ranks to that of a lieutenant commander. He has also served in senior positions in the US State Department and the office of the Under Secretary for Arms Control, if I'm not mistaken, as well as in the National Security Council staff working for the National Security Advisor and in the office of the Vice president, of course, for the Vice president. He is these days the director of the Mideast Program for the center for Security Policy. And [00:49:00] the topic we've asked David Wurmser to address is, is the Muslim Brotherhood a terrorist organization? And if so, why has it not yet been identified as such by the US government? David, we're delighted to have you with us, sir. The floor is yours.

**David Wurmser:** [00:49:17] Thank you. The question of why it is a terrorist organization or not, why it is designated or should be goes to some extent to its character. And so I'm going to go a little bit into the character that it's acting out here in the United States. The Muslim Brotherhood isn't just a religion. It's a or a religious attempt at conquest. It is a civilizational assault. And that's really the nature of Islam. It is a civilization. It's not only a religion. There was a radio program which was actually videotaped as well, in [00:50:00] New Jersey of a very popular program in the Muslim community about a week ago. And there were three Muslims sitting there, especially one guy who was really in charge of planning some of the new Muslim communities that are emerging in the country 2 or 3 of which alone are being built in Texas. And it was very interesting to listen in on their conversation because you really get a flavor for how they're operating here. The first thing was they said, listen, we can play with the West. We can do things in organizing these cities that we that that the West doesn't understand or that the Americans don't understand. Namely, they look at us as a religion. So if we introduce

religion into the discourse in organizing these towns and don't talk about the larger civilizational [00:51:00] assault or political assault, then the United States has laws protecting freedom of religion, and we can use those laws to essentially pursue a political and civilizational agenda.

**David Wurmser:** [00:51:13] So there's a very strong ability or there's a great tendency by the Muslim Brotherhood in the United States. To understand the finer points of the United States, the finer points of our value systems, and then use those value systems to paralyze and maneuver around us and essentially undo the very value systems that protect them. The second thing that emerged in that interview was, was how much was a deliberate attempt at dissembling. They were, as I noted, they were trying to trick us into believing that they weren't political and so forth, but there were other elements [00:52:00] they discussed. For example, how do you get mosques that become essentially the town's official mosque when you're in the United States, where the government can't fund a religious institution like that? And what they did was they said, well, you know, what we're going to do is we're going to have community fees and 90% of our community budget will be the mosque. And as a result, if you want to be part of the community, you have to pay for the mosque. And that essentially institutes the tax that Muslims impose on non-Muslims. In other words, if there are any non-Muslims in this community, then they have to essentially pay a tax for the maintenance of the mosque. So that's and they literally said that, that it's the jizya. That's how they do it in a secular American structure, how they can impose a tax on the non-Muslims to support Islam.

**David Wurmser:** [00:52:58] And they, they, they cast [00:53:00] it exactly that way. And they were quite satisfied with themselves how they were going to snooker Americans into this and use our own system against it. The third thing that emerged from that conversation was humiliation is validation. There was a certain happiness that even if they can't get quite away with it, there was a happiness in humiliating the United States and humiliating non-Muslim culture. Look how we're going to run circles around them. Look how we're going to trick them. Look how we're. And the reason for it is that getting away with the humiliation like that validates their sense of superiority. Frank, you call this Sharia supremacism? The core is a sense of supremacism. These are not people motivated by grievance or feeling that they've been wronged or anything like that. This is genuine supremacism that we've seen in different ages [00:54:00] and different



contexts. And humiliation, as in those other ages and contexts, was a very important element in showing who is in power and who has the favor of, in this case, Allah. So humiliation is also something that came out in that conversation. And the final thing that came out of that conversation is where I want to take this now, which is we don't understand how they think in terms of time and objective. They said, oh, you know, we're going to call one street by so and so name.

**David Wurmser:** [00:54:36] And, you know, it sounded innocuous enough. I mean, everybody, you know, we have streets in the United States, you know, Sir Walter Raleigh streets, whatever. We have streets of some of our great heroes. Well, the street they chose to say and laugh about and say, yeah, I'd love to see these. These non-Muslims get used to this street name. And it doesn't mean anything to most people. But I can tell you what it is. It's the name of the commander that [00:55:00] commanded the battle of the trench, and the destruction and annihilation and extermination of the Jewish community of Hibah. And they were going to name the main street in this town after the commander that that committed genocide on the Jews. In in in the seventh century, early seventh century under Muhammad. And that goes right up with what we see, the constant chance in these demonstrations we're seeing at Harvard, at Yale, in New York City. Everywhere is Haber. Haber, you know that that chant, we all hear it. It's basically Haber Haber, which is a reference to the Jewish community that was massacred to death. Estimated 10 to 20,000 Jews were killed, which in six 30s or six 20s is a very large number of Jews or a large number of anybody 10 to 20,000 were killed. So it's Haber, Haber. And then it goes on. The army of Muhammad is coming [00:56:00] again, which means we will finish you.

**David Wurmser:** [00:56:02] We will finish the remainder of the Jews. Now, this is what they're trying to evoke by bringing up this name that they were going to put as the main street in an American city. And of course, it's it goes back to the humiliation issue, but it also goes back to the very, very core issue, which is time. They see the continuity from Muhammad to now we will say, oh my God, they're really still thinking 1400 years ago. I mean, yeah, okay. It's kind of theoretical. We might call somebody, I don't know, Euclid Street or something, because Euclid was a great mathematician or something like that, but it isn't so innocuous. It is. It is an attempt to bring to life the mission of Islam from its inception. And that gets into the current moment and why there's such confidence. Because this is now brazen. Part [00:57:00] of it is in Europe. It's just numbers, the

demography. They're beginning to accumulate a critical mass that is going to be almost impossible to control anymore. In the United States, it's not quite that, but you still see a similar confidence. And I think it has something to do with this war. In October 7th, and specifically not just the war itself, which was a shot of invigorating adrenaline for Islamists because at least at the beginning, it worked. They drew Jewish blood in the thousands. It was the it was one of the greatest. It wasn't the greatest slaughter of Jews by Muslims since shaybah.

**David Wurmser:** [00:57:42] But it was a it was a very big slaughter of Jews since Shaiba. There were all in the golden age of Spain. There were slaughters of Jews Morocco on and on. This has been an ongoing theme of Islam, even in the golden age of Spain is to slaughter its Jews. But this was a big [00:58:00] one, and there was an adrenaline and happiness. They also took back territory, if only for a few hours. But they took back territory. But most of all, going back to that other thing, it was humiliation of the Jews. It was humiliation of the West. It was a humiliation of Islam's enemies, and that caused a great deal of adrenaline and a vigorous invigoration. However, the war has not gone so well for Hamas, and Israel is on the offensive, and eventually they're going to crush Hamas. But we're still seeing this confidence, this frenzy, this, this brazenness increasing. Now, why? And I think we're not appreciating what is going on in Damascus, the fall of Damascus to Islamists, when Robert mentioned the early caliphates, the four first caliphs, and so forth. It ended with Mu'awiya who was the first Umayyad caliph. [00:59:00] Well Mu'awiya was from Damascus. He took over in a coup against Muhammad, who was then in down in Mecca from Damascus. And established Umayyad Caliphate in Damascus. This is seen to be the pinnacle of Islamic expansion. The pinnacle of Islamic purity, the pinnacle of Allah favoring the Muslims because they were pure.

**David Wurmser:** [00:59:29] So it's the it's the reference point. It's the golden standard all Muslims seek to return to, to resume their, their expansion across the world. This early Umayyad Caliphate. Well, the return of an Islamist government to the seat of the Umayyad Caliphate. Damascus evokes the imagery of the return of Islam to its cradle, the [01:00:00] real cradle of Islam, which is Damascus in some ways. And we could get into that from a historical point of view, but the real cradle of Islam in terms of what we now know of Islam and what Islam is practiced in Sunni Islam, is Damascus. So to return it to its cradle essentially is a validation that Allah has now put an aura above

these Islamists and they will now succeed where others have failed. So I think you're seeing by the and by the way, it's a big delusion because of course, they took over from Assad, not because of some great Islamic purity or from the power of their arms. They took over because the Israelis had annihilated Syria's security structures and its key ally, Hezbollah and the IRGC of Iran, which was really the structure that held up the Syrian regime. So when Israel destroyed those, the Syrian regime essentially was powerless. [01:01:00] It had no assets left, really, to defend itself and in came into a vacuum. These Islamists. But that doesn't matter to these. These Islamists, because they feel that this is an act of Allah, and it's now the signal from Allah that the Great War, the apocalyptic war, is underway.

**David Wurmser:** [01:01:22] So this has given them a tremendous sense of power, adrenaline and momentum. One last thing before I turn it over to John is the all these things are usually whether it's Sunni versus Shia or Muslim Brotherhood. It is a form of organizing conflict in the Middle East. So the Muslim Brotherhood is also a political structure through which to organize conflict. And, of course, the one who understands that better than anybody, largely because they have the money to control it better than [01:02:00] anybody right now, is Qatar. So in many ways, the Muslim Brotherhood has now become an instrument of Qatar, and it's serving its strategic, political, religious objectives in the region. And Qatar is extremely dangerous if one doubts that they're not after a purist Islamist Salafi slash Muslim Brotherhood objective of taking over the West. You're kidding yourself that that is their objective. As small as they are, and they're and they're using the money to leverage Turkey, the Muslim Brotherhood structures. The final question about why then, isn't that a terrorist organization? The problem we have with that is it's amorphous. It is sort of like Nazism is for the Nazis. You could pin down the SS, you could pin down the various pieces of Nazism. But [01:03:00] how do you make an idea a terrorist organization? It's very difficult because it's amorphous.

**David Wurmser:** [01:03:07] And under American law. Then they start playing that they're a religious organization and not a political organization. So they. Oh, well, we're very hesitant to declare a religious organization illegal in any way. So they're playing again, they're playing in these, these gray zones in order to confuse us and paralyze us from reacting in the end. I suspect, though, that it's a funding structure. Funding structures, fund terrorism. It is an ideological incitement structure. Incitement kills. And it is an organizational structure for activity and operations structure, so to speak. And that

is classically a terrorist substructure. So I think in the end, we're going to sort of shear away these confusing elements and be forced to acknowledge that the Muslim [01:04:00] Brotherhood, as currently constructed, is indeed a terrorist organization. But it will take a bit of legal work and it will take a bit of clarity. And unfortunately, I think Pesach alluded to it. We don't have clarity even on the right in the United States about this threat. So it's we have a clarity about what's happening on the campuses and the use of Hamas. But I think in a more general sense, Qatar, the Muslim Brotherhood, I think there's a murkiness and unfortunately, there's a lot of money, there's a lot of influence. I'm not sure that the right is even fully on board and aligned on this issue. And that requires a lot of work. But I'll turn this over to John Willoughby.

**Frank Gaffney:** [01:04:44] Intercept the turnover. Thank you very much, David. So many important insights there. And particularly I think some of those at the end were central to what we're trying to communicate in this program. Finally, as advertised, [01:05:00] we have other of our very important freedom fighters a man who has, in the course of both public service and private sector probably done as much as anybody to raise awareness, situational awareness, as they say in our armed forces about the threats that we face from the Muslim Brotherhood and other Sharia supremacists. His name is John Guandolo. He graduated from the Naval Academy, went into the force recon elements of the United States Marine Corps, emerged from there to serve as a member of the Swat team of the FBI, and ultimately became its commanding officer. And in due course after nine over 11 migrate to the role of a special agent specializing in Terrorism. He knows a thing or two about the terrorists, especially those amongst us. John [01:06:00] has spent most of the years since he left the bureau training people around the country including and I think with considerable effect in his native state of Texas, which has been mentioned, is currently a scene where perhaps very cynically but very assertively Muslim Brotherhood elements are building communities. I think of them as incipient no go zones based on our experience with that phenomenon in Europe. John is very much conversant in the ways of the Muslim Brotherhood. And we've asked him to specifically address, what it is up to in the United States. We've gotten a little bit of that from some of our previous speakers. But to, to give us [01:07:00] a fuller assessment of the jihad that the brothers are waging in this country. And what it is most especially importantly, what it is we must be doing now to defeat the Muslim Brotherhood in this country.

**John Guandolo:** [01:07:20] Well, thanks, Frank. And I appreciate the opportunity to share for a few minutes with the audience as I was listening. First of all, I'm really grateful for each of the speakers that came before me. I was thinking about what there was a common thread there in between each of the speakers, and I'll kind of start at the end which is what is the Muslim Brotherhood's ultimate goal. And their goal is to establish, per their own bylaws, an Islamic state under Sharia. Well, that also happens to be the goal of Al Qaeda [01:08:00] stated goal. The stated goal of the Islamic State and the stated goal of the Islamic movements like Jamaat e Islami, Tablighi Jamaat and the other military Islamic Jihad organizations across the globe. And it's interestingly enough, over my time, I've had a chance to go through dozens of textbooks used to teach Muslim children about Islam in the Middle East and Europe and North America and elsewhere. And it's what the textbooks teach that the goal of Islam is to establish an Islamic state under Sharia. And then when you read Islamic law, authoritatively published Islamic law. You see that that's the stated purpose of Islam is to wage war against the non-Muslim community until Sharia is [01:09:00] established in the land and a global state is established under a caliph. So what's shocking to me is when all of this blossomed in my world, this understanding first of the Muslim Brotherhood and then the realization that their objectives are the exact same objectives as all the other Islamic movements and Islamic military organizations.

**John Guandolo:** [01:09:30] Because that's the objective of Islam. And that actually the very first page of the most widely used textbook in the United States to teach 12 year old Muslims about Islam says, and I quote, Islam is not a religion, comma, however, but a complete way of life. And it goes on to explain that this complete way of life comes from the Quran and the Sunnah, its [01:10:00] Sharia, and that it's obligatory that Muslims must work as hard as they're able to impose it on everyone on the earth. That jihad is one of the three duties they teach the children here in America, in Muslim schools, Islamic schools, and that the duty of Muslim citizens is to be loyal to the Islamic State. That's a quote. And that the Sharia is the law of the land. The basis for the legal and political system is the Sharia of Allah. Well, this is seditious treason. This is seditious teaching. But it's being taught in every Islamic organization. So what's shocking when you read barbaric Sharia, which belongs in no civilized nation. And we see these things happen. We see a pilot in a cage set on fire, and reporters [01:11:00] and others feign shock. Or maybe they're shocked. And we see a video emerge from a

mosque in Philadelphia where children are singing about the Army of Allah conquering the world and chopping off the heads of infidels.

**John Guandolo:** [01:11:19] And we're shocked. And yet the local police, the state police and the FBI, no investigations, no arrests. That mosque still operates. Still getting public money. Et cetera. Even though it's registered as a religious organization. And you've got all of these things laying before us nine over 11, where they killed nearly 3000 Americans. And because we have Muslim Brotherhood operatives working in the white House and advising the [01:12:00] leadership you get within days Mr. Bush speaking at the Islamic Center of Washington, a Saudi owned jihadi mosque with an al Qaeda guy, Khalid Saffari on one shoulder and a Hamas guy, Nihad Awad, on the other. And then he stands in front of a joint session and tells us that true Islam, this mystical version of Islam that's never been taught in any century or in any language in 1400 years to any group of Muslims as the true version of Islam is really peaceful. And so therein lies the problem is the Muslim Brotherhood is simply doing what, Islam commands. And they have been the lead element of the global Islamic movement. As several of the speakers have said for the last 100 years. And they're just they have taken the Islamic movement to a tremendous level. And I would agree with David's assessment [01:13:00] that they are very sophisticated in how they implement it. And they're very let me say this.

**John Guandolo:** [01:13:09] The Islamic movement is very good at self-analyzing and correcting itself to make sure they are as efficient as they could be. Secondly, from a command and control perspective, from the international level, from the OIC, it's the largest voting bloc in the UN working directly with the International Muslim Brotherhood. You know, down through the legal organizations Fiqh Council, AMG to the individual mosques across the United States, the command and control of the messaging is astounding from a military perspective. It's astounding. But the reality is we are in a war. We're in a real war. We're losing. And from their perspective, we're at the final stages of the war. [01:14:00] So I just want to make a couple points as it regards with regards to that. And then bring it home to Texas. Here at the international level, you've got the Islamic Movement, capital M and a communist movement, capital M, using Mao's political warfare model, working at the international level with nation states, using networks in the United States to wage war against the United States, as well as those entities actually operating against the United States from across the sea. So it's a real

war. We. In 24 years since nine over 11, still haven't identified the enemy that attacked us on nine over 11, even though the information is very clear. And I worked a lot of those cases and investigations and all that. That's very clear.

**John Guandolo:** [01:14:56] But what's the bigger issue is a massive war [01:15:00] by communists and jihadis is being waged against us. We haven't identified that. None of our leaders in six administrations have explained it to the American people. No. Governors in 30 years have explained it to the American people. And we're losing. And we're losing badly. And the point I want to make about that is, is this is currently we see what's going on in Europe. It's the final phase in Europe. England is not crumbling. England's gone. So I'm sorry to break it to my friends in the UK. The king is siding with the Islamic movement, the prime minister siding with the Islamic movement. London is being run by a jihadi, and the major towns of England are occupied by them. And there's, as I said in 2009 when I briefed some of the leaders there, there's no heart in the UK for victory there. There I saw some among the people but they're unarmed. So [01:16:00] the chance of them striking a revolution, which I've recently heard being recommended by some people I don't know unless they get outside help. I don't know how that's going to go. But Europe is in grave peril. And as Europe is crumbling to the Islamic movement and as Erdogan, who took charge of the Muslim Brotherhood in 2017, in the United States, as he is reestablishing and occupying places that the Ottoman Empire occupied and he's building military bases all while we sit.

**John Guandolo:** [01:16:36] Because what are we witnessing here in the United States? We're witnessing the culmination right now. The reason that jihadis aka Islamic scholars like Yasir Qadhi can stand in Texas and say, yeah, we're building these. Actually, in that whole area, there are seven communities being built. Epic city is the largest, over 400 acres. Yeah, we're going to [01:17:00] do it. You're not going to do jack about it. That's what they're doing. At the same time coordinated attacks are going on in France and the communist movement here vis a vis their judges or members of Congress, which I think last count, Trevor Loudon had over 80, which I concur, by the way, with his report, members of Congress that are, you know communists here it's all coming to fruition. And so we've been reporting and we've been putting out what we're seeing in our intelligence assessment is it's game on. It's the second French Revolution from the communist side and from the jihadi side. We are rapidly approaching zero hour where they will go fully kinetic. But the reason they're doing these things, and it was just

alluded to by David, is we can call it hubris. But in Sharia, the more that [01:18:00] our leaders take a knee to them, Sharia requires them to fight harder. And so you have the NYPD and the leadership in New York completely submitting to Islam, the whole leadership, the commissioner, the leaders of NYPD.

**John Guandolo:** [01:18:16] It's embarrassing. You've got political leaders, governors across the United States and all kinds of people. And, you know, the Trump administration is not immune to it. They invited a Hezbollah guy to the inauguration on the original schedule. He's appointed two jihadis to be in senior positions. I mean, it's a complete goat rope. And so the Islamic Movement sees this, their assessment. And I can tell you from our Intel here in the United States inside the movement it's no contest from their perspective. So the reason they're being so overt is because this is the culmination. This is the beginning of the takedown, and [01:19:00] they don't see anything changing. And our assessment from a counterinsurgency perspective here in the United States is the citizens. It's why we have spent almost all of our effort training citizens and local communities how to identify the leadership and the organizations in these networks and neutralize them lawfully in their communities. But this is going to go violent. There is no stopping it because of decades of our leaders rolling on their backs. Some of them out of ignorance, some of them out of cowardice. Some of them out of money. And more worried about their next paycheck than obliging their oaths of office. But it has to go violent. Because even if Mr. Trump does what people are advising him to do, and he designates the Muslim Brotherhood the first unit, the first tactical unit that goes into a mosque to serve, arrest and search [01:20:00] warrants are going to be met with gunfire because that is what has happened.

**John Guandolo:** [01:20:04] 100% of the time in the US, on the two occasions it's happened in Europe, on the several occasions it's happened, and in every mosque we went into in Iraq, Afghanistan actually, they started engaging us, our troops, before we even got in the doors. And of course, our attorneys, our traitorous, criminally negligent attorneys in the military and in the State Department who tried our people instead of the terrorists you know, tied the hands of our people. And it's the same thing's happening. So we're in a real war. We're losing badly. And so long as the talk centers around nuances, instead of the fact that the problem remains, as it always has, is Islam. And you might have a friend who's a Muslim, who's a great guy, or you think he's a great guy. That may be true, but the people leading the Islamic movement [01:21:00] are



Muslims who are hearing the Sharia, and they now have taken nations and they're controlling them because that's what Islam commands them to do. And every victory requires them to fight harder. So every day we allow it in Texas and in Oklahoma and everywhere else in the United States, which is my only concern now is another day that they're closer to launching the full operations here.

**Frank Gaffney:** [01:21:26] Thank you. This is a conversation with each of our speakers. And the temptation to change the channel or to discount what's been said as hyperbole, perhaps or surely an exaggeration, especially as it relates to the imminence of not just, you know, a sort of critical mass developing within the Muslim Brotherhood dominated Islamic [01:22:00] community, but actually going violent. So let's tease some of this out with some questions to those of you who are with us. And we can let you go afterwards if you need to get to some rest. But we appreciate you sticking around to talk a little bit further in the Q&A. I just wondered, as we've talked about sort of two case studies, one Israel and the Middle East and the other Europe, United Kingdom. In Israel at the moment much is being made or really has been for the years of the so-called peace process of the difference between the Palestinian Authority Yasser Arafat's old operation Fatah and all that on the one hand, and Hamas that has of course, now been [01:23:00] rather soundly thrashed in Gaza, but is apparently very active in and increasingly a threat to Judea and Samaria, the so-called West Bank. Would you talk about the degree of difference between the Sharia supremacism of Hamas, which wears it on its sleeve. And that of Arafat sold to the Palestinian Authority. And to the extent that there isn't much. Is it the Muslim Brotherhood that is calling the shots in basically both of these organizations, would you say?

**Rabbi Pesach Wolicki:** [01:23:49] Excellent question. Let's start with recent history. On July 23rd, 2024 Hamas and [01:24:00] Fatah signed an agreement, quote, and here's a quote from the agreement ending division and strengthening Palestinian unity. And per this agreement, according to the factions themselves, there's no longer any distinction between Hamas and the Palestinian Authority. So they signed a treaty essentially. And, you know, so that is, you know, and that and, you know, somehow that that is escaped the conscience and the conscience or the consciousness of Western powers. I don't know you know, because they still play the game of talking about the Palestinian Authority as having some sort of legitimacy. Now, what's happening now? You know, earlier on in the post October 7th world right after Trump got elected, Fatah started

fighting against Hamas in Judea and Samaria. [01:25:00] And it was sort of performative, although people on both sides were killed briefly, if the fighting didn't go on all that long but it was somewhat performative to show the Trump administration that the Palestinian Authority is the good guys and they're going to fight against Hamas. But then very quickly you know, that was they stopped doing that, and then Israel stepped in, and Israel is now just acting freely and pretty much ignoring the Palestinian Authority. And, and in every statement, Prime Minister Netanyahu adamantly refuses that the day after plan for Gaza is going to include the Palestinian Authority. It's a nonstarter. So there's definitely we should say this the final answer to your question. There's no real difference anymore. Although historically, the Muslim Brotherhood is not the source of Fatah. But functionally today [01:26:00] I don't think there's any there's any difference.

**Frank Gaffney:** [01:26:04] Could you also and I think we'll ask David Wurmser to talk about this, too. David spoke about Qatar and the role that it's been playing as a by the way, folks, a major non-NATO US ally.

**Rabbi Pesach Wolicki:** [01:26:21] Joe Biden's words.

**Frank Gaffney:** [01:26:23] Yeah. Another ally is, of course, Turkey, a NATO member state. Could you say a few words about this and then we'll ask David to do the same? The role that the Turks are playing both in supporting the Muslim Brotherhood and in acting out with the power of a major state, its agenda.

**Rabbi Pesach Wolicki:** [01:26:50] If you think back to what you know, putting together what David said and what Robert Spencer said you know, together what they said, that [01:27:00] the caliphate ends when Ataturk ends it. And if Erdogan is in the seat of power that it is inherited from Ataturk, you know, politically speaking, in terms of the structure, and he pronounces Is that you know, his goal is to reinstate the Ottoman Empire, which he has. Then, you know, he's, you know, and now, you see, you know, you're going and then going back to, you know, to what you know, to what David was saying about what happened in Syria and the significance of that. You know, obviously, you know, so Erdogan is, is, you know, and then Hamas, when they leave Qatar, taking up residence in Turkey and the Muslim Brotherhood in 2017, as was mentioned moving to Turkey, you know, this is you know, Erdogan right now is becoming, you know, he's the head of the snake. You know, that's you [01:28:00] know, we think of, you know,

definitely it serves Qatar's interest, as was mentioned. But you know, Erdogan is, you know, he's asserting himself.

**Frank Gaffney:** [01:28:10] Just so point of clarification. You said with the reconstitution of the Ottoman Empire. He has done that. Did you mean that he has rhetorically.

**Rabbi Pesach Wolicki:** [01:28:21] By rhetorically doing that and building the bases and with the statements he's been making about taking about getting to Jerusalem and calling for the destruction of Israel. And he's, you know, he's you can call it a caliphate or not call it a caliphate. It's functionally that's where this is going. How far along in the process we are? But that's the picking shape.

**Frank Gaffney:** [01:28:46] And the bases you're speaking of are those in Syria today?

**Rabbi Pesach Wolicki:** [01:28:50] Yeah. Turkey. This is what's going on right now. There's been a kind of a, you know, a diplomatic altercation, as it were, between Israel and Turkey. I'm sure I'd like to hear what you [01:29:00] know, what David has to say about this over these bases, that turkey over building bases in Syria. Yeah. I mean, this is this is what we're up against right now.

**Frank Gaffney:** [01:29:10] Serious stuff. Yeah. David, I did want to come to you on that point. And more generally on the Turkish role in this kind of axis with Qatar in helping well make possible, I guess, the Brotherhood's agenda at this moment in Syria and beyond. Your thoughts?

**David Wurmser:** [01:29:37] Yeah. It's a division of labor. Qatar has enormous amounts of money, enormous amounts of money. It's a tiny little country with huge amounts of natural gas. And it's turned that into just a powerhouse, this real superpower of funding of Islamism around the world. Of course, the big ally they have [01:30:00] is the country that has the people, but not the money, which is Turkey. Turkey is a more modern country for the Middle East. Turkey really should have been part of Europe. That was the big debate between Ataturk and then Erdogan basically pulled Turkey back into the Middle East. So we have to treat it now like a middle eastern country. And it's for a middle eastern country. Its economy is more modern, but it's a broke country. It's a country whose economies are really wheezing and limping. So you put together Qatari

money and Turkish manpower. And of course, Turkey also has huge assets in terms of civilizational influence over Turkic populations across Asia. And second of all, Turkic populations have been some of the most effective in controlling in bureaucratically and administratively adept [01:31:00] agents of power in the Middle East, the great empires that weren't Arab, whether it's the Seljuks or Mamluks or so forth. We're all Turkic. We're all we're all that ethnicity. So Turkey has this. Asset, which is people and talents. But it has no money and Qatar has money. So you put it together and you've got. Essentially a superpower. And yet they're on the same page because they're both informed by the same ideology. Qatar has no pretenses to be the caliph. It understands that that that lies in the hands of somebody like Erdogan. And, and Julani in Syria. So that's the sort of strategic combination. One point, though, about the Muslim Brotherhood.

**David Wurmser:** [01:31:50] Bernard Lewis wrote in 1979 an article in commentary called The Return of Islam. And it was really a misnomer, because what he was really arguing is even Arab nationalism [01:32:00] was veiled Islamism. You could see it with Yasser Arafat, the head of the PLO. He was he started out his life as a Muslim Brotherhood. But the Soviet Union taking over the Nazi subversive networks the Soviet Union turned it into this part of their global strategy of the nonaligned movement and Third World, post-colonial, anti-colonial behavior. So it became more of a nationalist movement, but at its soul, it remained a Sunni Islamic supremacist movement, and all its politics essentially flowed from that. It was used to suppress Shiites in Lebanon and Christians in Lebanon. It was used in Iraq to suppress Shiites and so on and so forth. So all along, this was there's an Islamic element to the PLO and the original founder, Hassan al-Banna, you could see both coming from the same stem. The second part of it that's very, very important is on October 7th PLO or specifically Hamas, [01:33:00] I mean, not Hamas Fatah faction units, Fatah, being the divisions that are under Abu Mazen's control, invaded on October 7th as well, and to this day Abu Mazen has not condemned, but he has praised what happened on October 7th. So the idea that he is some antipoda or antithesis to Hamas and what it did on October 7th. No, they disagree because each wants to be the prime dog in power. But in terms of opposing what happened, both I mean, Abu Mazen is probably he's more or less expressed admiration for what happened. So I think the differentiation is, is really a false one between Hamas and the PLO in terms of what their intentions are ultimately.

**Frank Gaffney:** [01:33:53] Yeah. Just a further thought. David there's a lot of history tied up in all of this. [01:34:00] You were talking about the high bar you know precedent and the incantations that refer to it. It does seem as though what we continue to try to obscure or ignore are the Mohammedan traditions and precedents that are operating here. And I think, as Robert Spencer has suggested, you know, the faithfulness to emulating Muhammad it has to inform everything that we are thinking is going to develop here especially and we haven't really talked about Iran. It's a little off topic for this purpose, But the idea [01:35:00] that the history of false treaties for example dating back to Muhammad's time is something that we in the West have very assiduously ignored at and I think not only our own peril, but very much that of Israel as well. Your thoughts on the history of it all and how it plays into all of this?

**David Wurmser:** [01:35:30] Yeah, I think you're absolutely right. There was an incident about not incident. I remember I was at a dinner about ten years ago, and there were a series of intelligence officers there from our intelligence who had been in Iraq, and they were laughing at the fact that al-Baghdadi, al-Baghdadi, who at the time was head of ISIS picked up a twig from the ground, a piece of a little twig, and he picked at his teeth with it and cleaned his teeth with it. And they were they were laughing at us, saying, look out! I mean, what a primitive [01:36:00] guy. Look how look who we're dealing with here. They didn't understand that in the Koran or not in Koran, in the hadith, that was what Muhammad did. And he even referred to the twig he picked up to clean his teeth. Muhammad did. And what Baghdadi was doing is evoking Muhammad in this speech, and this symbolism was entirely lost. Essentially, Islamic literacy among Muslims is very high. Islamic literacy among non-Muslims obviously isn't up, and we don't understand. There's this whole coded structure that is very clear. Once you break that code, once you read this and you want to read their history, this is all crystal clear. You know exactly what they're up to. But until you break it, these things don't make sense. I mean, so what? So a guy picks his teeth with a twig. He's kind of a barbarian. No, it is a deliberate signal to his troops that this is a, that he is essentially [01:37:00] filling the role of Muhammad.

**David Wurmser:** [01:37:01] He is now the caliph replacing Muhammad. So we have to learn this coded language. We have to learn their history. Islam never engaged in massive. We also feel that we're so technologically superior. How are they really going to beat us? We forget Islam never fought a massive frontal war where they conquered

Christian armies. In fact, the few big battles they had like that they lost against Charles Martel and so forth. It expanded essentially through subversion and through small engagements and raiding and weakening the economic and societal cohesion of the borderlands. And then they could flow into it and take it over. Even the Mediterranean was that way. They would constantly use piracy to weaken the coastal areas to the point where they had to pull people [01:38:00] off the coasts, which first of all silted up the coasts in Italy, and second of all led to the process of in Castellano, which is the putting up of castles about 10 to 20 miles inland from these pirates, which essentially then allowed the Muslims to gain a beachhead and take Sicily and southern Spain, and so on and so forth. So we have to learn their history. It's repeating itself right now. Their use of terrorism is exactly how they invade. And we consider terrorism to be a police problem, a current security problem, an irritant or something like that. We don't see terrorism as this, as the front vanguard of a strategic invasion. And that's a good example of how we have to watch and look at history.

**Frank Gaffney:** [01:38:45] History and the brotherhood especially we have heard a lot here about the zealotry of the Brotherhood and its commitment to Sharia. In [01:39:00] your remarks, you touched briefly at the end, I think, on the common cause that the brothers are making in this country, among other places, but especially here with people who not only share, do not share that that commitment to Sharia, but profess to be, you know atheists namely the communists. If we're thinking about a strategy for defeating the Brotherhood in our own country. And I want to just single out for special mention before we one of the best speeches, I think, by any politician, certainly in America on what the Islamic movement is up to under the influence principally of the Brotherhood was one that Donald Trump made I believe on the 15th of August in 2016, after he became [01:40:00] the Republican nominee for president. And he was, you know, getting into the of the 2016 campaign in Youngstown, Ohio, as I recall. And he talked very, very directly and pointedly to this idea of ideology. In fact, he called it radical Islamic terrorism, I think. Could you speak to how it is that the Muslim brothers are able to ignore, at least for the present moment the fact that they're making common cause with not only non-Muslims, but those who are professed to be disbelieving in any god and nonetheless, they're finding a basis for making, [01:41:00] as I say, common cause against us.

**John Guandolo:** [01:41:03] Sure. Thanks, Frank. That's a that's a good question. I think the easiest thing to start with is we have a lot of their doctrine. I mean, the Albatross raid in 2004, in Annandale, Virginia. That actually, my squad did. There was so much more than what's been made public, but a lot of the stuff is public and a lot of their strategic documents are published. But we also have books written by Muslim brothers, Muslim Brotherhood's Brotherhood leaders giving speeches interviews, things like that. And it's very clear they can work with national movements that are not Islamic. They can work with a number of other efforts so long as number one, it advances Islam. And number two, it doesn't contradict. [01:42:00] Or the Muslims partaking in it do not violate Sharia. And of course, as has been alluded to, but at the core of Islamic, the Quranic concept of war is deception. So Sharia mandates obliges Muslims to lie to non-Muslims if it advances Islam. So the verbiage in the law is it's obligatory to lie if the goal is obligatory. Well, waging jihad when you have the resources and capability to do it is obligatory. And so that that is the first and foremost thing I would point to. I mean, Robert Spencer has a saying that if it advances Islam, it's lawful in Islam.

**John Guandolo:** [01:42:52] And that is truly if you look at Sharia, that has always been the case. It's the easiest guide to what is and is [01:43:00] not lawful in Islam. So I think that's the that's the short answer to it is they can work with whoever they want. They can do whatever they want so long as the participants don't violate Sharia themselves, the Muslims. And they don't give the other people the upper hand in doing so. But they can deceive them. They can lie to them, tell them, hey, you know, we're all one big happy team. And I can tell you from an intelligence standpoint, I've had people that provide information to me that have been in these rooms where you've got Antifa, BLM you know, Hamas people all in the same room, and all the reports I get back are the same. They're like, they literally people will say, it's hard to tell who's who. You know, the communists are wearing pro-Hamas t shirts and garb and the jihadis are wearing, you know, Che Guevara t shirts. But [01:44:00] it's all a show from the Muslim's perspective. In the end, they'll kill the communists as well first, usually.

**Frank Gaffney:** [01:44:08] Probably the other way around if they get the first licks in. John. Thank you. It's been an enormously formative conversation, and we are a bit over time. But I did want to give the last word to Dede Lawson, who brought us in to stitch this together as it relates specifically to the challenge that we Christians are facing,

especially from the Sharia supremacists led in many ways in cases by the Muslim Brotherhood. Over to you, my dear Frank.

**Dede Laugesen:** [01:44:42] I won't take long. This has been an incredibly informative webinar. To help educate people of America what's going on around the world? I remember when I was a little girl and white of the Cold War in the early [01:45:00] 1980s, and I'm standing in the kitchen with my grandma, and I'm telling her about my concerns about the USSR and nuclear war. And I'm just a small child. We're doing the nuclear bomb drills and stuff in school then, and my grandma looks to me and she says, daddy, the war is not going to be based on this Cold war. It's going to be religious wars. And I know that that hit me hard at the time. And I thought about it, and I kept looking as I grew up and became who I am today. How could this be? B, but we saw it come to full fruition in 2014 when ISIS, when the ISIS caliphate started spreading and the whole world was shocked that I think that we need to really embrace the fact that Islam is not a religion or [01:46:00] a system of peace in any way, shape or form. And the American people are standing on the cliff right now. Thankfully, we have leadership in the white House that is putting America first. And I really am hopeful that with President Trump in office, we might see change here in the United States with regards to our national security and the immigration of Muslims into the United States. I know he tried it during his first term, but we need to get serious about this, Frank. We need to get very serious about what's happening and who's coming into this country. Thanks.

**Frank Gaffney:** [01:46:45] Thank you, Dede. And thanks to all of you for joining us for this program. As always, we very much hope that you will take the opportunity when the video is posted shortly to share it widely with family members, [01:47:00] friends colleagues and the like, but also with those who represent you at every level of government because this problem, which we've documented is intense and growing overseas, is also increasingly intense here, including but not exclusively in John Gwendolyn's native state of Texas. We appreciate the work that he is doing there to try to raise the alarm and educate and equip people to resist a lawful way. What is headed our way? And you can find more about all of that and visit with John about how your community can become situationally aware and better prepared at [JohnGuandolo.com](http://JohnGuandolo.com). [01:48:00] I want to thank everybody who's been with us. Robert Spencer of course. Peter McIlvenna David Wurmser the inimitable John Guandolo and of course, Pesach Wolicki, who stayed up in the wee hours of the night to be with us. Thank you, every



one of you. As well as, of course, for her leadership in this fight to save the persecuted Christians. God bless you all. God bless America. Back to you, Dede.

**Dede Laugesen:** [01:48:49] Thank you, Frank. And of course, we want to wish all of you a very happy Easter this weekend. A safe Easter. We are already hearing reports from around the world [01:49:00] that this is becoming a very bloody Holy Week in Nigeria. Islamic Jihad is raging and just keep everybody in your prayers this weekend as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We thank our friend, pastor Rabbi Wolicki for being here. A Jewish supporter of Christians. And we support him and we support Israel. A video of this webinar will be posted to [SavethepersecutedChristians.org](https://SavethepersecutedChristians.org) within a day or two of the end of our program. Please share this with your colleagues and other networks. We invite you to join us every month, generally on the third Thursday for more educational programs from Save the Persecuted Christians and help support this and other programs of Save the Persecuted Christians, a US registered educational nonprofit. Prayerfully consider making a monthly contribution to the work of our coalition and partner organizations. [01:50:00] From our website, or by becoming a paid monthly subscriber to our Substack at [SavethePersecutedChristians.Substack.com](https://SavethePersecutedChristians.Substack.com) For only \$5 a month. Follow us on X. at [@PersecutedSave](https://twitter.com/PersecutedSave). Thanks for being here again today. And bye-bye.