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## **NATIONAL SECURITY INFORMATION GUIDE**

“The President's power to defend the United States and the lives of its people must be understood in light of the Founders' express intention. Foremost among the objectives committed to by the Constitution of the United States of America is the security of the Nation. To that end, the first description of the powers of the President in Article 2 of the Constitution says:

‘The President shall be Commander in Chief of the Army and Navy of the United States, and of the Militia of the several States, when called into the actual Service of the United States;’ ”

- Supreme Court opinion on the powers of the President

### **INTRODUCTION**

While there are multiple threats to our nation's security, the one that stands out as the most dangerous is the one that threatens nuclear and other mass destruction attacks against our homeland, and that is the threat from global terrorist groups – about which there is much confusion. Consequently, this booklet will deal extensively with that singular threat, which many believe to be an existential one to the West. Why? If one or more of our cities is successfully attacked with a WMD, all the other important issues – whether domestic or foreign – will disappear as America struggles to deal with the shocking and horrific aftermath.

This 2009 National Security Information Guide will clarify this terrorist threat – its history, manifestations and the variety of ways it can hurt us. The Guide also will outline how the two political parties have acted to protect America from devastating attacks that could cripple our country in

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more ways than one. Finally, the Guide will give the reader answers to questions most politicians are hoping no one is willing, or even aware of, to ask.

## THE THREAT

Is it Islam or a Small Group of Fanatics Who Have Hijacked Islam?

There are many peace-loving Muslims the world over. They believe in Islam and have interpreted it to incorporate modernity by doing such things as living in non-Muslim lands and abiding by the laws of those lands. These Muslims are our compatriots, and are as repulsed by “radical Islam” as much as Westerners are. At the same time, there are other Muslims – a fast-growing group - who believe in the pure, 7<sup>th</sup> century interpretation of Islam (we call them “radicals” even though they are seeking to follow what they believe Islam teaches); and some of these believers declared outright war on America in 1996, with Osama bin Laden’s first fatwa (religious decree) against us. This fatwa was re-issued and published in the newspaper Al-Quds al-'Arabi, on February 23, 1998.

The history of Islam goes back to the 7<sup>th</sup> century, when it was founded by the Prophet Mohammed; it is this early version of Islam – some say the pure version, as its doctrine has never been challenged - that “radical” Muslims seek to practice. In the 7<sup>th</sup> century under Mohammed’s rule, Muslim armies spread from Arabia in every direction until they conquered areas from Morocco and Spain in the Atlantic, to Indonesia in the Pacific. Upon conquering these lands, people were forced to surrender to the Islamic state or, ultimately, to be eliminated. This explains how there was once a thriving Christian majority in most of what is now the Islamic world: North Africa,

Egypt, what is now the Holy Land, Asia Minor and Central Asia, for example. Now, there are very few Christians or Jews left in any of those areas.

## What is Islam?

- ❖ Islam is more than a religion: it is a doctrine of laws covering not just a religion but an entire way of life, including religious, political, economic, moral, intellectual, legal and social systems under which all Muslims must live. The law governing this way of life is known as Shari’a law.
- ❖ Shari’a law represents a legal system that is in many ways incompatible to America’s. As examples;
  - Shari’a dictates the integration of mosque and state (while Westerners believe in the separation of church and state);
  - it believes in the subjugation of women and minorities (while Westerners believe in the emancipation of women and minorities);
  - it promotes hatred of Christians, Jews and other religions (while Westerners believe in religious freedom) and
  - it is repulsed by Western free-spirited democracies (the basis upon which America was founded).
- ❖ Believers in the pure Islam seek to return to the religious, social and political ways of Islam as it was interpreted in the 7<sup>th</sup> Century, and want to bring not only all Muslims under this system, but the rest of the world as well.
- ❖ To force this, they are using two tactics: Jihad, or Holy War, and “Civilization Jihad”, which promotes the infiltration of “radical” Muslims into the West’s

political, social, governmental, civic, academic, media and other institutions until such populations are strong enough to influence greatly, if not change outright, our way of life in the West. The ultimate goal is to have Islam reign supreme in the West and throughout the world.

“Islam isn’t in America to be equal with any other faith, but to become dominant... [the Koran] should be the highest authority in America, and Islam the only accepted religion on earth.”

~ Council of American Islamic Relations (CAIR) chairman Omar M. Ahmad, July 1998

“The Ikhwan [the Muslim Brotherhood’s name for itself] must understand that their work in America is a kind of grand Jihad in eliminating and destroying the Western civilization from within and ‘sabotaging’ its miserable house by their hands and the hands of the believers so that it is eliminated and Allah’s religion is made victorious over all other religions.”

~An Explanatory Memorandum on the General Strategic Goal for the Group in North America”, 5/22/1991, Mohamed Akram

### **What is Jihad?**

What exactly is Jihad? We turn to Middle Eastern expert Daniel Pipes, founder of the Middle East Forum and author of “Militant Islam Reaches America”, for clarification:

“[J]ihad is ‘holy war.’ Or, more precisely: It means the legal, compulsory communal effort to expand the territories ruled by Muslims at the expense of territories ruled by non-Muslims.

The purpose of Jihad, in other words, is not directly to spread the Islamic faith but to extend sovereign Muslim power....Jihad is thus unabashedly offensive in nature, with the eventual goal of achieving Muslim dominion over the entire globe.”

### **How do they plan to accomplish this?**

First, to conquer Arab lands (such as Lebanon); second, to conquer Muslim lands (such as Afghanistan, Iraq and Palestine); third, to conquer lands that used to be Muslim (such as Spain); and fourth, to conquer the West.

This may sound like a crazy totalitarian dream, and so we may dismiss its danger. But in the 20<sup>th</sup> century, we also confronted two totalitarian dreams that sought global domination: the Nazi’s Thousand Year Reich and Communism’s World Communism. Neither was successful but tens of millions of people died in the effort to defeat them.

All Muslims are exhorted to take part in Jihad. Obviously not all of them do, but their growing numbers and fierceness is alarming.

### **What is the Muslim Brotherhood?**

A group that has great significance in the revival of Jihad is the Muslim Brotherhood, founded in Egypt in 1928 by Hasan al-Banna whose traditional Islamic education for males included violent Jihadi training. An admirer of Adolf Hitler, al-Banna’s motto for the Muslim Brotherhood, still used today, is:

“God is our purpose, the Prophet our leader, the Koran our constitution, Jihad our way and dying for God our supreme objective.”

Hamas, Hezbollah and Al Qaeda have all evolved out of the Muslim Brotherhood.

One of al-Banna's disciples was a writer and preacher named Sayyid Qutb, who traveled in the US in the 1960's and was repulsed by our culture and social morés. The ideas of democracy and freedom in America shocked Qutb. In his last book, Milestones on the Road (1965), Qutb argued that the Islamist movement had to separate itself from the infidels, which for Qutb meant not only all contemporary societies in the West - which he viewed as godless, wicked societies - but those in the Arab Middle East as well.

He believed this required a revolution – an armed revolution - and this thinking has contributed to the violence we see today in the Middle East, as well as the horror we saw on 9/11.

### **What is Wahhabism?**

A puritan form of Islam, Wahhabism was founded in the 18<sup>th</sup> Century by Muhammed ibn Abd al-Wahhab. Followers advocate a return to the strict teaching of the Koran and Hadiths (the reported sayings of Mohammed or his companions) and support the establishment of a Muslim state based on Islamic (Shari'a) law.

Wahhabism was adopted by the Saudi ruling family in 1744, and is the official religion of that country. In fact, it is the only religion allowed in Saudi Arabia: neither citizens nor visitors are allowed to possess religious articles of other faiths, let alone worship anything other than state-sanctioned Islam. The discovery of oil in Saudi Arabia in the 1930s enabled the Saudis to use their vast petrodollar

wealth to spread the influence of Wahhabism throughout the world and to control what others learn.

Here's how schoolchildren in America learn about Islam and the Middle East according to Stanley Kurtz, a fellow at the Hoover Institution:

“The United States government gives money – and a federal seal of approval – to a university Middle East Studies center. That center offers a government-approved K-12 Middle East studies curriculum to America's teachers. But in fact, that curriculum has been bought and paid for by the Saudis, who may even have trained the personnel who operate the university's outreach program. Meanwhile, the American government is asleep at the wheel – paying scant attention to how its federally mandated public outreach programs actually work. So without ever realizing it, America's taxpayers end up subsidizing – and providing official federal approval for K-12 educational materials on the Middle East that have been created under Saudi auspices. Game, set, match: Saudis.”

Not only do foreign nations fund educational materials for American (and other Western) schools, but they also fund materials for use in mosques in America and throughout the West. The religious edicts (fatwas) contained within should alarm us, for they go against the very ideas of freedom and tolerance that are the basis for American (and Western) society. Some of those edicts include:

- ❖ One who does not embrace Islam is an unbeliever (infidel) and therefore an enemy to Muslims, Islam and Allah
- ❖ Infidels must, by their very nature, be hated

- ❖ Infidels should never be greeted first or complimented; Muslims should never work for infidels or follow any of their customs
- ❖ Muslims who live in non-Muslim lands and accept any of their ways become unbelievers and therefore enemies to Muslims, Islam and Allah
- ❖ It is a Muslim's duty to prepare for Jihad in the name of Allah

### **The Challenges of Addressing these Threats**

Because of our Western way of thinking, there are a number of obstacles to our understanding the threat posed to America and the West by the pure interpretation of Islam:

- ❖ Tolerance: It's one thing to tolerate unpleasant behavior as long as it doesn't hurt anyone else. Yet tolerating practices that are antithetical to the American Constitution (such as stoning women to death for adultery, squelching our rights to free speech or separating men's and women's swimming pools or gyms), and accepting these practices in a land ruled by Constitutional law, is something else. Because we are a tolerant nation, however, many Americans are confused on this and thus do not know when to say, simply, "No, not in America."
- ❖ Multiculturalism: Multiculturalism is the idea that various cultures and groups can live together harmoniously, and America - above all nations - is proof of this concept. But the lofty goals of multiculturalism become perverted when a belief emerges that all cultures are equal: that there is no right or wrong when it comes to certain practices, even such as Islam's female castration, as long as they are under the heading of "cultural differences."

Multiculturalism is further perverted when certain groups do not wish to assimilate into mainstream America; this threatens to "Balkanize" America; in other words, to fragment it to the point where there is no longer something that binds us together as a nation...a single language or a single purpose. These perversions also confuse us and keep us from clearly stating that the practices of one culture, disallowed under our Constitution and laws for good reason, are anathema to America and will not be allowed here. Taken to its extreme, therefore, multiculturalism does not allow its followers to believe in anything.

- ❖ Political correctness: Political correctness, or PC for short, has swept Western nations by storm and has created an atmosphere where there is much confusion about whether the right not to be offended trumps our sacred free speech rights. Legitimate criticisms of Islam have therefore been branded as "racist" or "Islamophobic" by some, and the result is that serious debates and enlightenment about this extremely important issue are shut down.
- ❖ Western guilt: Some Westerners feel guilty for the wealth and high standard of living enjoyed in Western countries; this leads the guilt-ridden to apologize in order to appease the envious. Instead of holding certain despotic governments accountable for the misery of their peoples, guilt-ridden Westerners look to themselves, blaming everything from colonialism to oil greed for problems in other countries. Rather than to see clearly that the histories of Jihad and Wahhabism are based on a centuries-long-standing revulsion of Western ideals, the guilt-ridden think we must have done something terrible to have earned that hatred.

- ❖ **Illegal Immigration:** Until we do something about our borders and our broken immigration system, we run the risk of not only illegals defying our sovereignty and laws, but of terrorists who seek to destroy us from within (see Mohamed Akram, Muslim Brotherhood, quoted above).
- ❖ **Special Interest Groups:** Such groups and their members are usually quick to latch on to the ideas of tolerance, multiculturalism, political correctness and Western guilt to pervert them and confuse Americans into believing that their groups' efforts are benign. There is an abundance of such groups and people already operating within America. According to terrorism expert Steven Emerson, commenting on the famous Holy Land Foundation trial which sought to prove that an American Muslim charity was connected to terror groups, "The trial record conclusively demonstrated that Holy Land and several of its [300+] unindicted co-conspirators - including the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) - grew out of Hamas. Moreover, it showed that they spent the better part of 15 years deceiving government agencies and the media, hiding their true goals under a mask of work for charity and civil rights."
- ❖ **Energy Policy:** The primary source of money for al Qaeda is the American citizen who pays for oil to such regimes as those in the Middle East. Thus, we pay for putting our own lives at risk, and pay heavily for the privilege. Until we get serious about petroleum as our primary source of energy and until we find new sources of oil, including from our own continent, we will be held hostage to radical elements in the Middle East.

- ❖ **United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC):** The Organization of Islamic Conference (comprised of 57 Muslim States) challenged and successfully curtailed the Western concept of free expression when it forced through the UNHRC a resolution stating that any criticism of Islam would be considered abuse and an act of religious discrimination. Also under this resolution, any person or group, including news media, are to be reported if they characterize Islam unflatteringly.

### **The Nuclear Threat**

Most terrorism and counterterrorism experts agree, it isn't a matter of if there will be a WMD attack within the United States, but a matter of where and when.

In addition to the obvious devastation by a nuclear or large scale biological or chemical attack, we need to consider the realities that will be thrust upon us in the aftermath.

The carnage would be overwhelming. Hundreds of thousands, if not millions, of Americans will have been killed, some incinerated instantly, while others will die soon afterward from the effects of the weapons. Most in the United States would be affected by the loss of family or friends or businesses.

Large portions or all of the city or cities attacked would be rendered uninhabitable for years, perhaps even decades depending on the substance, the device used and the prevailing weather conditions at the time of the attack(s). This would trigger not only a health crisis from the disease that ensues directly after genocide, but a refugee crisis created by millions of displaced people looking for food, work and shelter.

Economic chaos would be unavoidable as commerce would be drastically affected. Communications would be severely interrupted. Unemployment levels and business failures across the nation would reach and perhaps eclipse those of the Great Depression. If the attack(s) included the targeting of our electric grid, large regions of America would be instantaneously plunged back into the 19th century. Americans would be forced into self-sufficiency for survival, with no electricity or running water for months, if not for years.

It is a sad and frightening fact that nuclear technology could all too easily be available to terrorists. The rogue regime of North Korea has tested a nuclear device and has strong and open ties to both Iran and Syria. Pakistan has nuclear weapons and is a Muslim nation with an unstable government and leadership. Iran is enriching uranium and pushing ahead with a domestic nuclear program. Any of these sources could easily provide nuclear materials or weapons to groups with sympathetic aims, either covertly or openly. After all, Iran already has a track record of providing weapons, training and resources to known terrorist groups such as Hezbollah.

This ominous situation has caused Secretary of Defense Robert Gates to announce in May 2008 that there will be "catastrophic" consequences for any state that provides nuclear weapons used in a terrorist attack on the United States. He further pressed the Air Force to give priority attention to its nuclear forces, while stating that the need for deterrence was not diminishing, but growing.

At the same time more than 7,000 facilities, from chemical plants to colleges, have been designated "high-risk" sites for potential terrorist attacks according to the Department of Homeland Security, yet the location of those sites will not be made public

The threat is real. We the People are the most potent hope, the most important component, in the quest to vanquish this evil. Are you ready to embrace your constitutionally-mandated civic responsibility to gather the facts and help to defend our nation?

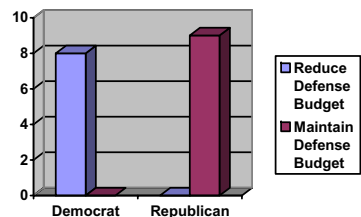
If so, the facts follow, and they will enlighten you about how, in the last presidential election, the candidates in our two political parties chose to confront this existential threat. Nothing is more important than the preservation of our nation's security. Without it, nothing else matters.

## THE NATIONAL/HOMELAND SECURITY PUBLIC RECORD

For the presidential election, FSM undertook a specific analysis of the voting records of each party's candidates on national security issues, and some very interesting facts emerged. The bar graphs below represent their known positions.

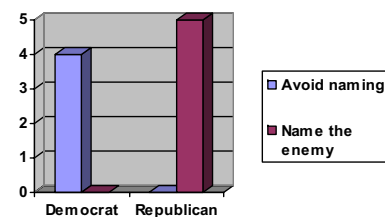
### Defense Spending

All Democrat Candidates gave estimates for "savings" from the Defense budget ranging from \$8Bn to \$60 Bn. None of the Republican Candidates wanted to take any "savings" from the Defense budget.



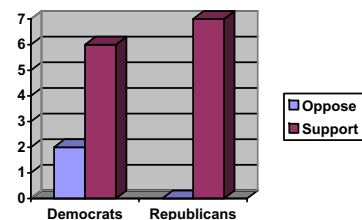
### Islamic Terrorism

During the 2008 presidential debate in the New Hampshire debates, when Candidates were asked how they would deal with the threat of "Islamic radicals", their replies showed a fundamental difference in their perspectives of the problem. All of the Democrat Candidates avoided any reference to Islamic terrorism. The 5 leading Republican Candidates used such terms as "Islamic terrorist", "Islamofascist", "Jihadist" and "radical Islam" no less than 22 times.



### Patriot Act

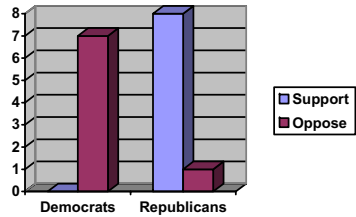
6 out of 8 Democrat Candidates supported the Patriot Act, 7 out of 7 Republican Candidates supported the Patriot Act





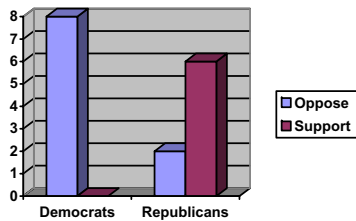
### Winning the Iraq War

7 out of 7 Democrat Candidates opposed staying in Iraq until the war is won, 8 out of 9 Republican Candidates supported staying in Iraq until the war is won



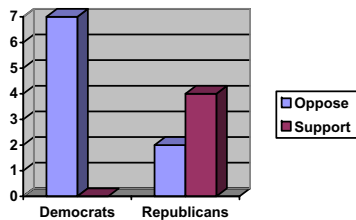
### Troop Surge

8 out of 8 Democrat Candidates opposed the Troop Surge, 6 out of 8 Republican Candidates supported the Troop Surge



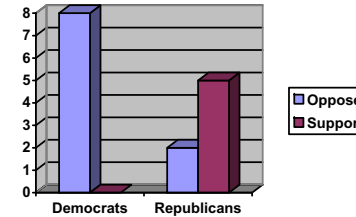
### Telecommunications intercepts

7 out of 7 Democrat Candidates opposed immunity for telecommunications firms which helped the President with telecommunication intercepts immediately post-9/11, 6 out of 6 Republican Candidates supported such immunity



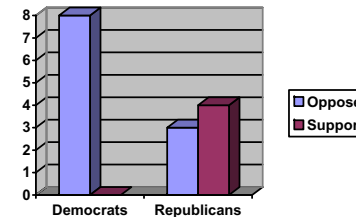
### Guantanamo

8 out of 8 Democrat Candidates opposed Guantanamo, 5 out of 7 Republican Candidates supported Guantanamo



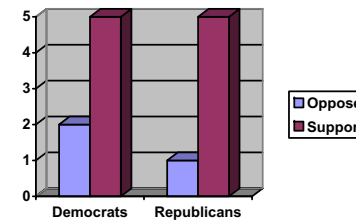
### Rigorous Interrogation

8 out of 8 Democrat Candidates opposed the use of rigorous interrogation of high level terrorists, 4 out of 7 Republican Candidates supported rigorous interrogation



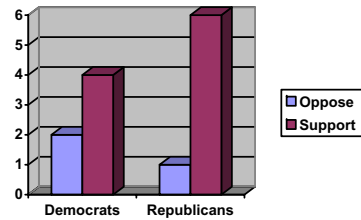
### Iran/Sanctions

5 out of 7 Democrat Candidates supported sanctions on Iran, 5 out of 6 Republican Candidates supported such sanctions



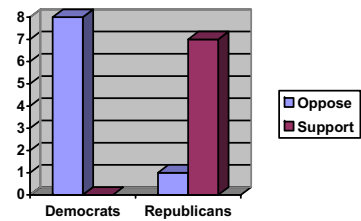
### Iran and Military Action

4 out of 6 Democrat Candidates supported military action as an option, 6 out of 7 Republican Candidates supported it



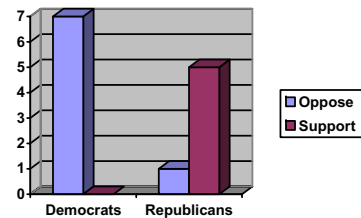
### Missile defense

8 out of 8 Democrat Candidates opposed the missile defense program. 7 out of 8 Republicans supported it



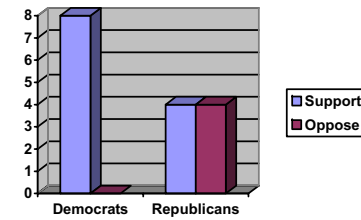
### Space based weapons

7 out of 7 Democrat Candidates opposed the space based weapons program, 5 out of 7 Republicans supported it



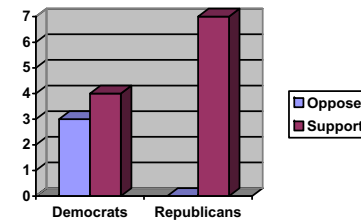
### Immigration/ Citizenship Path for Illegal Aliens

8 out of 8 Democrat Candidates supported a Citizenship path for illegal aliens, 4 out of 8 Republican Candidates opposed it



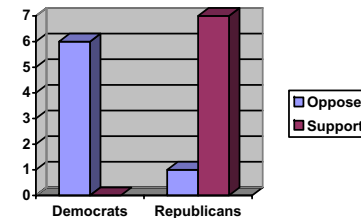
### Border Fence

4 out of 7 Democrat Candidates supported a Border Fence, 7 out of 7 Republican Candidates supported a Border Fence



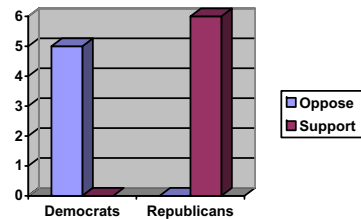
### Energy/ANWR Drilling

6 out of 6 Democrat Candidates opposed ANWR drilling, 7 out of 8 Republican Candidates supported it



## Energy/Kyoto Treaty

5 out of 5 Democrat Candidates supported the Kyoto Treaty, 6 out of 6 Republican Candidates opposed it



## Summary

According to Dr. Walid Phares, Director of the Future Terrorism Project at the Foundation for the Defense for Democracies and the author of *The War of Ideas: Jihadism against Democracies*:

“A first objective is to show that the future is very much about the past. The future of America depends on our understanding of the historical roots of Jihadism. This is not a war with an enemy with whom governments can sign peace treaties or establish new frontiers. The free world is facing forces that link directly to ancient and modern history. Their ideology was born decades ago, but was inspired by doctrines from the Middle Ages. America has never engaged in a conflict with deeper roots in the past. Today’s terrorists see the world with different eyes and minds from all Americans – and from most communities worldwide. To fully understand their mindset, we must learn about the terrorists’ history and their reading of history. The future of U.S. national security, international relations, and world stability lies in the hands of those who are first to learn about the terrorists’ relevant history. That is the key to their code, but it is not a secret one.

“The outcome of the conflict will be decided by how well citizens understand the threat. The Islamic Fundamentalists’ jihadist strategies are not fully centered on classical state warfare. The resources of regimes have been merged with the capabilities of networks. The jihadists’ presence is fluid and their actions are stealthy until the final stages of an operation. But ironically, jihadists emerge, grow and develop almost entirely in the open. If we look at their public manifestation and thinking, whether in chat room conversations or in media like al Jazeera, we can begin to understand their objectives. And if we learn about their past and deeper history, we can understand their current and future strategies.

“There should be a global effort to educate the West about past mistakes in judgment that led to the terrorist advances. But perhaps more importantly, from what we know has really happened, and what we know could have happened, comes a terrifying picture of what could happen around the world if the appropriate policies and measures are not taken.”

## Sources:

<http://www.caucus4priorities.org/scorecard.php>

This presidential score card allows you to see how each of the 2008 candidates stand with regard to defense spending and national security. Priorities Action Fund is a non-profit 501(c)4 organization dedicated to educating the public about the inequities of our current federal budget.

<http://www.2decide.com/table.htm>

This is an at-a-glance spreadsheet showing what stance each of the leading candidates has taken on a wide range

of issues. 2decide.com is a non-partisan, volunteer-run website.

### **Additional resources:**

Our website at [www.familysecuritymatters.org](http://www.familysecuritymatters.org) contains a vast amount of fact, history and analysis of this subject written by a large number of experts from all backgrounds and fields. Please visit and search for additional background reading. You can also subscribe to get updates on the latest information relating to all security issues.

We also strongly encourage you to have a look at the following:

### **Movies:**

**Obsession: Radical Islam's War Against the West** is an award-winning, eye-opening documentary that allows us to enter the minds of radical Islamists - to hear and see what they think about us in the West. Using actual footage from Arabic TV rarely seen in the West, and interviews with former terrorists, **Obsession** documents the call for world domination and global jihad that are made by Islamic leaders daily. You do not have to read between the lines here – their message is loud and clear. The undercover footage shows suicide bomber initiations and the indoctrination of young children into hate and violence. **Obsession:** <http://www.obsessionthemovie.com/index.php>

### **Audio book:**

**Understanding the Threat of Radical Islam** is the first in a series of educational and informative audio CDs from [BasicsProject.org](http://BasicsProject.org) that provides a basic overview of the threat posed by those who adhere to radical Islamist

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ideology. Each track of this 80 minute CD addresses a different aspect of radical Islam. From the definition of terrorism to radical Islam's "end game", each track is comprehensive enough for the classroom, yet compact enough for download to your MP3 player or iPod.

To order:

[http://www.basicsproject.org/educational\\_cd\\_series.htm](http://www.basicsproject.org/educational_cd_series.htm)

### **Books by Steve Emerson:**

<http://www.steveemerson.com/books.php>

Steven Emerson is an internationally recognized expert on terrorism and national security and a best-selling author.

### **Books by Bernard Lewis:**

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Category:Books\\_by\\_Bernard\\_Lewis](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Category:Books_by_Bernard_Lewis)

Professor Bernard Lewis has, for 60 years, helped interpret the world of Islam to the West. In addition to authoring more than two dozen books, including *What Went Wrong* and *The Crisis of Islam*, Professor Lewis has advised government officials and policymakers in the United States, the United Kingdom and the Middle East on the intricacies of the relationships between Islam and the West.

### **Books by Walid Phares:**

[www.walidphares.com](http://www.walidphares.com)

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Atlantic University (FAU) from 1993 to 2006. He is a senior lecturer on the War on Terror at the LLS Program of FAU. His books include The War of Ideas and Future Jihad – Terrorist Strategies Against America.

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