

Western-Islamic World View Conflicts



Western Constitutional / Democratic / Capitalistic Ideology

- There are a diversity of religions and beliefs in society.
- There must be a separation of church and state and government must not support any one religion.
- Tolerance of diversity of religions and cultures is required for peace and order.
- Debate, compromise and accommodation must be promoted in the face of plurality of values.
- Individual rights of life, liberty, and property must be protected by constitution and law from government interference.
- Governments receive their legitimacy from the consent of the governed.

Struggle of Narratives



Traditional Islamic Beliefs

- Divine authority is required for all human actions on earth.
- There is only one morality, the morality of the Koran.
- There can be no compromise with those who do not believe (infidels).
- Governments are instruments of God.
- Religious requirements must be implemented by God's governments.
- Consent of the governed is not relevant under God's government.

Struggle of

Narratives

Militant Islamic Beliefs

- Jihad is the "revolutionary struggle to seize power for the good of all humanity" and "in the last resort" "an armed struggle".
- Universal Jihad against the modern Jahiliyyah (ignorant barbarism) is required.
- Western governments contain the possibility of "evil, oppression, and tyranny".
- Democracy (in which the people usurp God's rule) is Jahiliyyah.
- All Westernized forms of government usurp God's authority.
- Secular so-called Muslim rulers (e.g., Nasser) have departed from God and God's law.
- Muslims are "duty-bound to overthrow every corrupt secular dictators.
- Jihad against corrupt Muslim rulers is necessary.

Militant counterattack

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