

Islamist Psychopathologies

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On the subject of "psychopathic personality disorders", Nonie Darwish in her new book "Now They Call Me Infidel" offers a fascinating insight into the Arab/Islamic mindset, from the perspective of someone who grew up in that world.

Essentially she points out that the entire culture and mindset is "shame-based", which is a tremendous dysfunction to begin with. However she also points out that what grows from this is an entire culture that is based and indoctrinated with deceit and deception, both of self and others, as well as a need to conquer or to tear down anyone or any country doing better than them. Add to that the Qur'an-ic blessings upon being "untruthful to infidels" if it suits your need, and the general view that openness and honesty are weaknesses inviting exploitation, and you wonder how we can ever hope to deal with such people at all, ever.

Her point is that not only is a hatred for the West in general (and Jews in particular) indoctrinated into the Arab/Islamic mind from birth, but that the obvious material and spiritual successes of the Westernized, non-Islamic world are a deep and profound embarrassment to the Islamic psyche, one which must be obliterated at any cost - not by building up Islamic societies and culture, which deny any responsibility for their predicament, but by destroying, conquering, and assimilating the successful Western ones.

In their view, since we're so successful, we MUST actually be Islamic (since Islam can only be perfect and successful), we're just too misguided to know it. It's therefore up to them (the jihadists) to bring us to a recognition of our place in the "one true religion" of Islam.

PsyOps and "propoganda" campaigns are not currently held in much esteem, but one begins to see where they must be seriously embraced in the future phases of this most modern "crusade" against jihad (hey, if they can have jihad, we can have crusades - unless they are infidelophobic, or something ... ;-))

The difference being, that the "propoganda" of the past that we've all learned to have such dis-regard for is founded in untruths and distortions. I don't think we have to lie to oppose the Islamist worldview and uphold freedom. We just need to do a much better job of defining and communicating that ethic of freedom, why it's worth supporting, and why it's a far better thing than what they're embracing now.

You probably won't convince the "true believers" - but you can work on those in the middle that simply gravitate toward the "winning" side (Islam after all has always equated military success with divine blessing).

As for the true fanatics, let's increase their opportunities to die for their beliefs (or in the paraphrase of Gen Patton, ".. It's not the job of the American soldier to die for his country ... it's the soldier's job to make the other dumb bastard die for his ..")

Maybe if the "Arab street" starts to figure out that they are only so much cannon fodder for leaders who are themselves obviously in no particular hurry to go meet Allah, no matter how many virgins are waiting, they might begin to re-think their support for those leaders and their calls for "jihad".

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