France: Deradicalization of Jihadists a "Total Fiasco"

by Soeren Kern

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Translations of this item:

- French Italian
- GermanPortuguese
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 - By housing Islamists in separate prison wings, they actually had become more violent because they were emboldened by "the group effect," according to Justice Minister Jean-Jacques Urvoas.
 - "Deradicalizing someone does not happen in six months. These people, who have not been given an ideal
 and who have clung to Islamic State's ideology, are not going to get rid of it just like that. There is no
 'Open Sesame.'" Senator Esther Benbassa.
 - "The deradicalization program is a total fiasco. Everything must be rethought, everything must be redesigned from scratch." Senator Philippe Bas, the head of the Senate committee that commissioned the report.

The French government's flagship program to deradicalize jihadists is a "total failure" and must be "completely reconceptualized," according to the initial conclusions of a parliamentary fact-finding commission on deradicalization.

The preliminary report reveals that the government has nothing to show for the tens of millions of taxpayer euros it has spent over the past several years to combat Islamic radicalization in France, where 238 people have been killed in jihadist attacks since January 2015. The report implies that deradicalization, either in specialized centers or in prisons, does not work because most Islamic radicals do not want to be deradicalized.

The report, "Deindoctrination, Derecruitment and Reintegration of Jihadists in France and Europe" (Désendoctrinement, désembrigadement et réinsertion des djihadistes en France et en Europe) — the title avoids using the word "deradicalization" because it is considered by some to be politically incorrect — was presented to the Senate Committee on Constitutional and Legal Affairs on February 22.

The report is the preliminary version of a comprehensive study currently being conducted by a cross-party task force charged with evaluating the effectiveness of the government's deradicalization efforts. The final report is due in July.

Much of the criticism focuses on a €40 million (\$42 million) plan to build 13 deradicalization centers — known as Centers for Prevention, Integration and Citizenship (*Centre de prévention, d'insertion et de citoyenneté*, *CPIC*) — one in each of France's metropolitan regions, aimed at deradicalizing would-be jihadists.

The original plan, which was unveiled with great fanfare in May 2016, called for each center to host a maximum of 25 individuals, aged 18 to 30, for periods of ten months. The government said that 3,600 radicalized individuals would enter these deradicalization centers during the next two years.

The government's first — and, until now, only — deradicalization center, housed in the Château de Pontourny, an isolated 18th-century manor in central France, opened in September 2016.

When Senators Esther Benbassa and Catherine Troendlé, both of whom are leading the task force, visited Pontourny on February 3, they found only one resident at the facility. That individual has since been imprisoned for committing "acts of domestic violence."

After just five months of operation, Pontourny is now empty, even though it employs 27 people, including five psychologists, a psychiatrist and nine educators, at an annual cost of $\in 2.5$ million (\$2.6 million).



The Château de Pontourny "Center for Prevention, Integration and Citizenship," in France. (Image source: 28 minutes - ARTE video screenshot)

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One of the residents was a 24-year-old jihadist named Mustafa S., who was arrested during a counter-terrorism operation near Strasbourg on January 20, 2017. Police said he has links to one of the authors of the November 2015 jihadist attack on the Bataclan Theater in Paris. Mustafa S. was arrested while on leave from Pontourny: He was allegedly on his way to join the Islamic State in Syria.

Another one of the residents of Pontourny was a 24-year-old pregnant woman named Sabrina C., who lived in the facility from September 19 to December 15. She revealed to a local newspaper that she has never been radicalized but took advantage of Pontourny to escape her "family cocoon" and get some "fresh air":

"At no time did I feel interested in any religion whatsoever. My family is Catholic, non-practicing, we go to church from time to time, but no more. My boyfriend wanted me to wear the headscarf, but I always refused."

Sabrina's mother said the deradicalization facility "was an opportunity for our daughter to attend vocational training, to learn cooking, to be near the animals." Sabrina added that her stay there was a nightmare: "I wept every night, I did not feel in my place. In Pontourny, they treated me like a criminal." She speculated that the only reason she was allowed into the facility was because the government needed "to make the numbers."

The government has also failed in its efforts to stamp out Islamic radicalization in French prisons. In October 2016, the government reversed a policy to house radicalized prisoners in separate units after an increase in attacks on prison guards.

The original idea was to isolate Islamists to keep them from radicalizing other inmates, but Justice Minister Jean-Jacques Urvoas admitted that by housing them in separate prison wings, the Islamists actually had become more violent because they were emboldened by what he called "the group effect."

The report also denounced the emergence of a "deradicalization industry" in which associations and non-governmental organizations with no experience in deradicalization have been awarded lucrative government contracts. "Several associations, seeking public funding in times of fiscal shortage, turned to the deradicalization sector without any real experience," according to Senator Benbassa.

Benbassa said that the government's deradicalization program was ill-conceived and rushed for political reasons amid a growing jihadist threat. "The government was in panic as a result of the jihadist attacks," she said. "It was the panic that guided its actions. Political time was short, it was necessary to reassure the general public."

French-Iranian Sociologist Farhad Khosrokhavar, an expert in radicalization, told France 24 that the government's only option for dealing with hardcore jihadists is to lock them up:

"Some people can be deradicalized, but not everyone. It's impossible with the hardcore jihadists, those who are totally convinced. These types of profiles are very dangerous and represent about 10% to 15% of those who have been radicalized. Prison might be one of the only ways of dealing with these die-hard believers."

In an interview with L'Obs, Benbassa said the government has also failed to address prevention:

"Young candidates for jihadism must be socialized. We must teach them a profession, professionalize them and offer them an individualized follow-up. This involves the help of the family, imams, local police officers, educators, psychologists and business leaders, who can also intervene....

"I also think that our political leaders should adopt a little sobriety and humility when approaching this complex phenomenon. The task is extremely difficult. 'Deradicalizing' someone does not happen in six months. These people, who have not been given an ideal and who have clung to Islamic State's ideology, are not going to get rid of it just like that. There is no 'Open Sesame.'"

Senator Philippe Bas, the head of the Senate committee that commissioned the report, described the government's deradicalization program this way: "It is a total fiasco. Everything must be rethought, everything must be redesigned from scratch."

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Jay Bertram • Feb 27, 2017 at 14:31

27/2/17 Melanie Phillips article in the Times highlights the complete supplication of Mrs May to Islamists as she and her government ignored Mr Clarke's report about the takeover in schools in Birmingham by Islamic parents who want to dominate the education process. This report was also unwelcome in Whitehall as the author was intimidated and much evidence was left out.

So now it is happening in Oldham and probably elsewhere. The report shows how Mrs May has no spine and has capitulated. It also says that Michael Gove tried to do something but was stopped.

So our UK politicians are shown, yet again, to be willing to submit to Islamic indioctrination. May has also sided with those who intimidated a gymnast, Mr Smith who was threatened.

I really despair.

Reply->

obi • Feb 27, 2017 at 09:57

A Muslim boy living in a nice suburb in France is taught all his life by his father, his uncles and his Imam (with corroboration from the Koran and the Sunna) that he is part of an Islamic occupation army that has come to win France for Allah and when he comes of age and begins to take actions to exercise what he considers what he considers to be his God-given rights over the French Infidels.

The authorities say he has been 'Radicalized' and the then try to 'deradicalize' him. That is utter nonsense.

They (the Muslim immigrants) are having a great time watching the French government waste it's resources on them! Deradicalization is a MYTH! A true Muslim can never be a loyal citizen of France or any other nation except one that is Shariah adherent. A Muslim is required to give total and unshaking loyalty to Islam and to the Muslim ummah (the body of Muslims) that there is none left to offer any other entity.

But you might ask what then about the friendly Muslim family that has been living near you for 10 years, law abiding and all, and my answer is this: They have never been in a position where they have to choose between allegiance to Islam or to their adopted country.

If they're devout, they will choose Islam EVERYTIME! Every serious/devout Muslim sitting under an Imam, in a Mosque anywhere in the world is a bomb with a slow fuse. They do not get Radicalized, they just decide to follow the commands of Allah and of Mohammed, to the letter! It's NOT the people. It's their FAITH!

Over here in Africa, we've understood this. These people can bear any hardship and even regularly DIE for their religion! You Europeans are not as religious as we Africans and so you refuse to accept that they hate you and want to kill you because their God says to.

Well, you guys can keep living in a dreamworld until they rack up enough numbers to vote in Muslim presidents and parliamentarians across Europe. Maybe when Shariah becomes French law and they start chopping off French limbs for stealing or stoning French women for adultery, that's when the French and pretty much all of Europe will realize they made a tragic mistake in rolling out the red carpet for Islam.

It's a catastrophe in the making and we all have ringside seats.

Reply->

Mary M robi • Mar 2, 2017 at 14:43

Thank you for your comment, obi, you have put it in a nutshell! Unfortunately, it is difficult to be so frank here in Europe, even if one understands the problem as you do, because of the misunderstandings and ignorance about Islam and other cultures.

Just last summer I noticed a group of young Turkish boys (born here in Austria, no doubt) who seemed to be displaying exactly that attitude you refer to: "Our time has come, and now we are the lords of the land" was what their body language was expressing. And these were children, between about 8 and 12. I instinctively buttoned up my cardigan, despite the hot weather, and moved out of their way. They headed towards an older man also standing at the tram stop, who had evidently just bought some bottles of fruit juice or lemonade. The boys started harassing the man, taking away his drink bottles and throwing them on the ground. The boys then marched off, jeering insolently.

It reminded me that I used to teach the children of a very devout Muslim family near that tram stop. They had about 13 children at the time, the youngest was the only boy. The father refused to shake my hand, and the mother was never seen. I have also spoken to Muslims who believe in honour killings. Despite having been educated in Austria. There is a whole "Muslim underground" in the country that most citizens are not even aware of.

But I can't tell that to most people, they don't want to believe it because it doesn't fit in with what they have been taught. Quite apart from my not wanting to be accused of being "racist" or "xenophobic" or "intolerant" etc.

P.S.: Do you mind if I quote your comment?

Reply->

Frank J. Verderber • Feb 26, 2017 at 16:54

The French humanist Republic is a good example of what the Bible states in the Book of Romans and in 2 Thessalonians; "Because that when they knew God they Glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools..." [Rm.1:21-22]. "And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie..."[2Thess.2:11].

For the French to believe that a child that has been raised from infancy to hate everyone but a Muslim could now be simply straightened out by bureaucratic sessions for normalcy recovery - psychologically, emotionally and spiritually in a few months, is like asking a pedophile to stop erotically loving children just because! Have the French never read, "Raise up a Child in the way that he should go, and in the end he will not depart" [Prov.22:6]!

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The problem with Orthodox Islamic radicalism is a demonic stronghold. Only the power of the Word of God preaching the Gospel can deliver from satanic darkness in the minds of Muslims. The Holy Spirit makes the change when the Word of God is received with faith for salvation and transformation. Those secular programs are a failed sham.

Reply->

Michael S Paul Fishman • Feb 26, 2017 at 17:31

Paul Fishman, you are EXACTLY correct.

Our minds are good computers; but they have to be fed the right data in order to come up with proper results. They also need an operating system that connects with objective reality. The Bible is such an OS, connecting with mankind, God and the Universe over a span of some 6000 years. It comes with a "spell" checker, that lets the believer know when the prince of darkness is trying to put him under a spell.

The unfortunate thing about our minds, is that our bodies obey them; and it they're on the fritz, like the minds of unbelievers, they can lead the sufferer and others into the craziest situations -- including nuclear war, which we are likely to see in just a few years.

Shalom shalom :-)

Reply->

Gene Taglia • Feb 26, 2017 at 14:57

The de-radicalization program is nonsense and a waste of money, but isolating Muslims in prisons is necessary. It isn't going to reduce violence, but it will prevent them indoctrinating others, and spreading the jihadist disease. If they use violence against guards, use greater violence against them.

Nor, can adoption of radical Islam be prevented. People and propaganda promoting it are not only in particular mosques, or organizations, but everywhere -- and many weak-minded people are susceptible to the message. This problem can be dealt with only by destroying the people and sources of funding that spread it. There is no "civilized" remedy for barbarism -- it is force, and can only be defeated by greater force.

Reply->

Lyn Gautier • Feb 26, 2017 at 14:57

Radical Islam is a curse for regular Muslims, if there are still any. De-radicalisation is very unlikely to work as has been shown in many attempts. These people are far too indoctrinated, almost from birth, to be violent, to hate anyone other than a fellow Muslim, and even some of them.

The only solution for Europe is to put them all on sealed trains to a Muslim nation where they can be released to integrate with their ilk. Army back-up would be required for safety's sake. If there are no trains then use coaches, a Hercules aircraft, whatever, it doesn't matter as long as the west can be rid of them. Also, what about some sealed borders? Most countries have an army that spends most of its time on exercises so why not make this a training exercise and put them on patrolled-border duty - well armed of course prepared to shoot to kill - a few untimely deaths could put a stop to a great deal of grief. The west is so weak, doesn't understand that if you have a strong enemy you have to be that much stronger and become even stronger according to the strength of your enemy.

If the west is not willing to stand up and defeat these bullies then it must accept the consequences without complaint.

Reply->

kikorikid Lyn Gautier • Mar 3, 2017 at 20:58

Durkheim, in "The Elementary Forms of Religious Life" states

that the "strength" internal cohesiveness, etc of a religious form

may be found in the correlation: Belief v. Ritual.

The greater the amount of required ritual the stronger the belief.

The Muslim, in Islam, is smothered in ritual. Five times a day they interrupt "Living". Sharia itself, imposes an infinite amount of ritual.

No, they cannot be "deradicalized". Islamic Jihad Terrorism can only be stopped by Force.

Patricia Canon • Feb 26, 2017 at 14:41

Why can't European leaders acknowledge that these people have a profoundly different culture and worldview? Many Muslims who came to the West in past decades came to escape Islam and Sharia. They are great citizens. But now Western leaders are importing Islamic culture, which is inherently hostile to non-Muslim groups. These young men should be fighting the Islamic State at home. They should be liberating their own countries. More likely, though, if they are sent home they will join the Islamic State. There is no solution but to return them to their native cultures -- if not to their home countries, than to neighboring countries. They do not belong in the West. There are fabulously rich Muslim countries which have not helped even one refugee. It is about time they start. Many of the migrants now live on the streets of Paris, which are being turned into a slum. That is no life for anyone. That is no future for Paris. What is Europe offering these men? They would fare better in a world they can understand. The situation is very cruel for everyone, but the megalomaniacal rich who seek to force it upon us. I pray they are forced from power this year.

Reply->

Michael Waugh • Feb 26, 2017 at 14:07

Surely deradicalization, or whatever the stupid word is, should continue in prison until the "person" was cured. If they resist they rot in prison. The prison costs will be offset by those avoiding the need to go to prison, ie to leave the civilised West.

Reply->

Jean • Feb 26, 2017 at 13:29

"Although France is home to an estimated 8,250 hardcore Islamic radicals, only 59 people have inquired about going to Pontourny since its opening".

If France knows who these 8,250 hardcore Islamic radicals are, they can simply deport them back to their own countries, and stop taking in any more.

A warning can be given that if any of the radicals attempt to re-enter France, they will be put into solitary confinement.

Reply->

Michael S • Feb 26, 2017 at 12:20

I think the Western World has simply gone off its rocker. A few examples:

- 1. Apparently, the French government believes that you can "deradicalize" Jihadis by housing them with other Jihadis, crazier than themselves. Golly, that's smart! It's like taking green dye off an Easter egg, by dipping it in more dye! Wow! Why didn't I think of doing that?
- 2. (connected with this article, only by its craziness) Pres. Trump's new National Security Advisor, H. R. McMaster, says "there is no connection between terrorists and Islam". This comes out of a man, apparently sane, who served in Iraq. Who did he think the enemy were? Quakers? When they cried out "Allahu Akbar" as they slaughtered "heretics", were they proclaiming the name of their hairdresser, "Allahu"?

I thought President Trump would drain the swamp, and get rid of the idiots and lunatics in Washington, so we wouldn't become blithering idiots like the French. I'm starting to think I was wrong.

Reply->

Poliwatch • Feb 26, 2017 at 11:51

It's embarrassing to see a leader of a western nation, in particular Hollande, bend over backwards trying to do the impossible. First of all, he doesn't understand Islam or the Muslims that follow Islam. Next to Belgium, he of all leaders should know every idiosyncrasy about Muslims. He's been surrounded by them for decades. Hence, he should know they will not, nor can they be redeemed. It's a cop-out on his part just to be seen as 'trying'.

If his intent is to de-radicalize them, he shouldn't allow them in, in the first place. DON'T LET THEM IN. Period! However, as we all know, EU leaders HAVE let them in.

It's beyond reason to bring them in and then conclude that they need to do something about the 'radical Muslims' now that they are in the country. No Planning. No 'what if's'. No research on the consequences of allowing them in.

So here they are spending millions, if not billions of Euros to de-radicalize them. As if the cost of having radicals in the midst of French citizens isn't bad enough. Now the financial cost is showing it's ugly head. And then to add insult to injury by allowing these renegades to target the Jewish Community.

SHAME ON HOLLANDE and leaders of all western nations (except President Trump) for allowing themselves to be used and abused. Not one of them is of leadership quality. In fact, they are more a detriment to their nations than a value.

Reply->

Sandra B Borr • Feb 26, 2017 at 11:44

Just one more nail in the coffin of the now defunct and deceased Europe. Any hope to turn back time would require the same miracle that supposedly raised Lazarus from his grave. All that we can do at this time is to simply mourn its death.

Reply->

Dean • Feb 26, 2017 at 11:23

ha, ha, ha, ha...what are they going to teach them? Christianity, Judaism, Buddhism, Hinduism, Atheism...? They can't because just like in the Obama era (which carries on into the Trump era unfortunately), it is politically incorrect and against the law and protocol from governments to connect Islam to terrorism, Islam to prejudice against others and against sects within Islam that are not quite so parochial, and Islam must always be made to seen a religion of peace or else they scream at us that we are Islamophobes, bigots, red-necks, racists, etc.

So these programs are merely widow-dressing and free holidays for terrorists and well-paying jobs for for those who work there.

The best antidote to terrorism is knowledge, truth and a willingness to call them out for what they are rather than pretend that it is all hundreds and thousands of one-off murders brought on by anger towards right-wingers.

Reply->

Harvey • Feb 26, 2017 at 11:18

Integration? I used to read articles where the Muslim immigrant population of violence was blamed on France for not integrating the immigrants. Then I began to believe that it was the immigrants who were at fault for not integrating into French society. Now the real reason is the French who are at fault for not integrating into a Muslim Islamic society that wants to be a world Caliphate. This is the mission of All Muslims for world dominance. To think otherwise is like the plan to Democratize the world. There is no tolerance amongst Muslims whether you consider calling one moderate the other radicalized.

Reply->

FrancisXavier • Feb 26, 2017 at 11:04

The death penalty for those who try to foist their backward 7th century views (aka Sharia) on human beings particularly women through violence and terrorization also works - perhaps it is time to try this out in Europe instead of timid solutions

Reply->

Juanita Skelton • Feb 26, 2017 at 10:31

When you wish to "de-radicalize" someone, you are dealing with an individual whose experience of life is from radical EXISTENCE, radical survival modality, ghetto danger, high-risk adrenalin-junkie interpersonal-relationships, and socialization into criminalization. That is a big set of coefficients to attempt to change or influence.

I would also like to present the idea that your presumptive thinking about solving the domestic terror issue, starts at a misconception, therefore the process just continues "to attempt" from error. The error is that YOU, FRENCH CULTURE, think you have something these people actually WANT!(key word) What you DO HAVE is something they NEED (another key word)...like a bad tasting medicine they have to take to continue to survive, period!!! NOT a climate conducive to socialization. It is NOT YOUR FAULT!!!

What do they WANT? They want to be recognized, feared and permitted to power. In their Islamic jihadist culture they have a type of order and structure based around exciting high risk heroic actions...like children dressing up and playing X-Men or Superman...most of which comes from the personality distortions that occur with drugs or alcohol.

France, Germany, Sweden, and Denmark are trying so hard to deal with these people in their standard, democratic, political, humane, secular, institutional, bureaucratic, problem-solving fashion...laudable but not working.

Stop, look, listen, and BREATHE, but more importantly, think outside of your standard box. Then, these glorious nations will find the answers, I PROMISE you! Working from high pressure political anxiety will cause you to overlook something profound. During your learning curve, feel free to apply the French legal systems PENALTIES and stop feeling sorry for who you are thinking are"victims"!

Reply->

Gomer Wumphf • Feb 26, 2017 at 10:14

Hmmm ... if they are "deradicalized" will they still be able to vote government by Sharia in? Well duh!

Reply->

sara • Feb 26, 2017 at 09:45

I am French. This is just another stupid program by the idiot Hollande to try to make him able to run in the upcoming elections. Another waste of my tax money and more proof that weakness and singing national anthem does not stop radical Islamists. A leader of Nov 2015 slaughter in jail refuses to answer questions and fires his no charge avocats! Must show government strength so solution is to deport the radical AND his entire family--mother, father, sisters, brothers, wife, children, in laws. He learned hatred at his mother's breast so to stop them send them all back to the cradle of Islam or Syria or anyplace outside of France! Death penalty for entire family might also be deterent by Human Rights Watch would protest. Forget EU rules protect us legal residents and citizens of France that is the primary job of any government!

Reply->

Edward Cline • Feb 26, 2017 at 09:16

France's failed deradicalization program of jihadists is much like treating the symptoms of the Bubonic plague with cough syrup and aspirin, and hoping the subject will get better.

Reply->

Bill Harnist • Feb 26, 2017 at 08:49

Do you think a plan to "deradicalize" Christians would work?

Reply->

David • Feb 26, 2017 at 08:45

As a Schengen signatory, France has little control of its borders. An EU passport allows Jihadists to freely move from one EU nation to another. After you let them in, you have only two choices, submit or die. CONTROL YOUR BORDERS. EXIT THE EU.

Reply->

Lemuel Gulliver • Feb 26, 2017 at 08:27

This whole concept of "deradicalisation" shows a total, and probably wilful, misunderstanding of Islam. How can you teach Muslims to remain Muslim but not follow Islam? It doesn't make any sense. Basically these types of programmes are trying to tell Muslims to ignore large parts of the Koran and the ahadith and call Allah and Muhammad a liar. it would be more effective to actually ban the Koran and ahadith as terrorists handbooks; close all Mosques and proscribe Islam as a terrorist movement and criminal enterprise. This course of action would obviously have its problems too but it would be a definite demarcation of what the state will accept. It would probably deter more Islamic immigration. There is no easy solution to this

self inflicted wound, and no peaceful way out of the predicament. But knowing the problems Islam does cause and is causing it is far more honest and beneficial to ban it completely, as one would any other problematic and criminal organisation and ideology.

Reply->

Vincent Fisher • Feb 26, 2017 at 08:27

As observed in Europe the left wants everyone to simply go along with the socialist agenda. Pay one's taxes, embrace the collective and go along for the joyful ride. Islam is not about any of that crap. The true Islamic radicals are the ones called moderates. These people pay lip service to Islam by observing the rituals and avoiding the violent parts (slightly over 100 passages advocating violence against unbelievers). Followers of the Muslim Brotherhood, ISIS and other such groups are true believers who are not about equality or embracing our common humanity. They're about spreading Islam, the true word of Allah, by any means.

Reply->

Albert Reingewirtz • Feb 26, 2017 at 08:09

The USSR, China, Vietnam have all had programs like this "de radicalization in France. Socialist France of course would opt for a Socialist way of dealing with the problem. Next? Opponents locked in psychiatric facilities for "re- education. One program they don't have anymore is to re educate anti- Semites. There is a good reason for this. Most of the France leadership is also, as usual anti-Semitic. Jews! Get out of France while you still can, please!

Reply->

Hanna • Feb 26, 2017 at 07:32

Of course it is a total fiasco --- it was never meant to be anything else. When one lets in millions of barbarians, just like that, without any vetting, without any papers, and above all --- without any thinking --- THIS IS WHAT ONE GETS --- BARBARISM!!! As for hoping that these barbarians will deradicalize, that is a joke --- they (the barbarians) will get their heads off just for thinking such a thing. The French people should have thought about all that before --- now it is too late. My advice to the French --- find another place to live!!! Of course the French people accomplished one thing --- they got rid of their Jews. Thank you Soeren Kern and Gatestone.

Reply->

Jeff Page • Feb 26, 2017 at 06:59

What a waste of time and money! Muslims will never assimilate or fully integrate. Their "prophet" has promised, "72 Virgins" when they enter "paradise" using the basic sexual instincts of Muslim men as the ultimate prize. Here in the West, our politicians have yet to grasp this reality fully. There is no greater driving force! Then there is the Imams who have put into the heads of Muslims that it is their right to take from Western women, what they want and to feel no guilt for doing so.

As far as Western politicians are concerned, this is a price worth paying, in order to make Europe a more "diverse" society. Of course, should the same rapes and attacks befall their own female family members, then they would soon reconsider their policies. But because it is ordinary people who are the victims of Muslim attacks, it doesn't matter to them!

I've just been watching a politics programme where Laila Naraghi, a Swedish MP was denying there are problems with Muslims in Sweden, Crazy!

The press has been persecuting Trump for mentioning Sweden the other day. Well, he was right! Sweden does have a terrible problem with Muslim immigrants and the media in every European country has been hiding the true story, just as CNN and other media outlets are doing in the US.

The more the media try to keep the truth from the public the worse things will be in the long run. The media has to stop being cowards and tell the people the truth, or they will regret it in the end!

Reply->

Kenneth Smith • Feb 26, 2017 at 06:33

Dust off Madame Guillotine - it ensures they don't do it again.

PS: Treat the edge of the blade with lard - then there won't be any paradise or 72 virgins.

Reply->

Mark Chambers • Feb 26, 2017 at 06:27

As cited by this article, Muslim prisoners become more radicalised by group affect. But it is this effect being played out globally. Muslims can see that their ummah is the equivalent of gang culture but on a intercontinental scale. Muslims attack in gangs, they tend to rape in gangs and their answer to criticism is to attack in gangs. Money pours into this gang from non violent members but the outcome is the same. Jihadists are celebrated, their families honoured and their activities revered in mosques closed to the prying eye of the public. Islam is not just another religion, it was born in war and exists and expands specifically through war. It has cleverly used human rights and the law to paint itself as the victim whilst denying the same rights to those in spheres it controls. It is openly anti female, anti homosexual, anti Christian and extremely violent and genocidal. Its acts of obscene violence are well reported and yet the Left hold aloft its leaders. Whilst the West continues to deny the existential threat posed by Islam, it dangers and threat will continue to grow.

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Anat Hochberg • Feb 26, 2017 at 05:49

Since the word "deradicalization" is politically incorrect (at least for some people), perhaps medical terms of "disinfection" and "detoxification" could be used?

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af Anat Hochberg • Feb 26, 2017 at 10:47

How about the big picture rethink? Force all of them out of France, back to where they came from, and don't keep importing poison into the country? It's NOT just in France, it's everywhere in Europe that the migrants come into, and their children (second generation).

Thank God HRC lost the election, or she would have had hundreds of thousands of these people imported into the US.

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Jeff Page • Feb 26, 2017 at 05:29

What a total waste of time and hardworking people's taxes. Muslims are Muslims, there is no other religion as far as they are concerned. Why bother trying to help those who have no intention of assimilating into society but would rather confine themselves to their own communities!

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