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A Brief Guide to Profiling Domestic Jihad Terrorists

Javier Jordán & Fernando M. Mañas of the University of Granada have written an academic analysis of "External Signs of Radicalization and Jihadist Militancy", and posted a link at <u>Jihad Monitor</u>. It seems like pretty common-sensical stuff, but most of it falls into the category of "profiling", and therefore the politically correct amongst us will cry foul.

It should be noted that most of these "signs" would be better understood as "changes". For example, a young Muslim male who seemed assimilated but then suddenly began to change his appearance and behavior. Also, none of these "changes" would be a definitive indicator of impending jihad. Like all "profiling", they are simple shortcuts to help put likely suspects on the radar screen. A much more careful look at an individual would be needed before one could conclude that they were a threat.

You'll note that one of the signs is "it is frequent that they spend dozens of hours each week visiting and reading websites, forums and downloadable files (text, audio, and video) of an openly jihadist nature."

Here is a summary of the report's key findings.

Physical Appearances:

*Growing of the beard--at times shaving only the moustache

- *Cutting the hair very close to the head
- *Very short fingernails
- *Traditional Islamic dress like turban, hat, or *jelaba*--wide pants
- *Pants don't reach to feet, or pinning of the pants up.
- *Refusing to wear shorts, even for sports
- *Small callous on forehead (sign of devotion)
- *Sudden weight loss

*MOST DANGEROUS: After a considerable length of "devoutness" in appearance, a sudden switch to Western style dress and look.

Behavioral Changes:

- *Scrupulous attention to that which is permitted (halal) and that which is forbidden (harem)
- --often accompanied by frequent inquiries to religious leaders on what is permitted
- *Tensions with family over new-found religious purity
- *Withdrawal and social polarization, especially from the non-believer (kafir)
- *Increase use of *religious* rhetoric when speaking of *political* events
- --often using Quranic quotes, and especially telling would be frequent quotes from the hadiths and sunna (sayings of the Prophet and stories of his life)
- *Selective exposure to media
- --especially visits to Islamist websites and forums
- *Interest in early years of Islam
- *Increasingly aggressive nature

In addition to these individual behaviors, the paper also recognizes that certain group behaviors might also indicate impending acts of terrorism. <u>Read</u> the rest. Thanks to Nancy for the tip.

By Dr. Rusty Shackleford at March 8, 2007 01:13 PM Comments



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1 ARRGGG!!! I'm a filthy jihadi!!!! I answered yes to 11. But is yes the right answer if I pay scrupulous attention to harem always avoiding halal? And what if I selectively expose myself only to anti-islamic media?

Posted by: John Galt at March 08, 2007 04:11 PM

2 Forget the analysis...all muslims are potential terrorists and fascists. It goes hand in hand with their set of beliefs. Deport them all from the west and let them wipe each other out.

Posted by: Jester at March 08, 2007 04:18 PM

3 Jester ... everyone is a potential terrorist. Islam currently poses a global, and existential threat, true! Don't think that marxism isn't breeding monsters in your home town just because Islam gets most of the sunshine! Your counter-marxists are also casually described as potential terrorists because they scare the left so much, so what are you going to do? Don't persecute people. Uphold those All-American values and encourage others to embrace them. But it's still Ok

to profile the guys who wear swastika's, or praise bin Laden in clever, yet legal ways. Or people in Che' shirts.

USA, all the way!

Posted by: Michael Weaver at March 08, 2007 06:04 PM

4 I've never persecuted a muslim or any group. It is the muslim who has persecuted me with their insistence on changing the society I love to meet their own twisted needs. I couldn't care less about Marxism it has never encroached on my life the same way Islam has. I'm not American and have my own values to uphold which may be similar to yours but also different. My kin shed blood fighting the Japs and the Nazis and I hate the swastika. Don't get me wrong I'm far from perfect but can't see any merits to Islam and I detest all it stands for. Live among the muslim and see the scum they are. We fought for our nation, they arrived here, freeload and want to change everything on the back of our taxes and tradition. The bastards were even pro-Nazi during WW2. What good has Islam done for the UK?.....NOTHING. UK all the way!

Posted by: Jester at March 08, 2007 06:37 PM

<u>5</u> "... or jelaba - wide pants" The mall near my house is full of 15 year old terrorists.

Posted by: slug at March 08, 2007 09:43 PM

<u>6</u> Everyone should listen to Jester's comment. It's true you know. Even if you know one who is posing as a nice neighbor. OUTLAW ISLAM

Posted by: greyrooster at March 09, 2007 12:30 AM

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