

Defining our Enemy – Fighting the War on Islamic Fascism

The United States is at war with Islamic Fascists.

The biggest issue facing our country and our children's future is war caused by aggressors. Not, as so many describe it, the War on Terror.

- This is no more a War on Terror than World War II was a war on blitzkrieg. Blitzkrieg is a tactic; it's not our enemy.
- Our enemy's ideology uses religion to defeat everything Americans believe in.
- Our enemy loves death more than he loves life – and he is doing his utmost to kill us, because of who we are, wherever we are, at home or overseas.

This war is not between two morally equivalent sides; it's a war between brutal totalitarian fascism and freedom.

- This war is not simply an attempt to create fledgling democracies in Iraq and Afghanistan.
- Iraq and Afghanistan are battlefields in a much broader war, which now includes every continent except Antarctica.
- Islamic fascists have been waging this war against us for a very long time. It did not suddenly erupt on a sunny September day in 2001.

The keystone of the Islamic fascist structure is Iran.

- Islamic fascism is a complex mosaic, stretching across the world, but Iran is the central piece, touching all the others in one way or another.
- Iran not only supports these organizations – it created Hezbollah and Islamic Jihad, and is the driving force behind Hamas – but it is a threat to the civilized world all by itself.
- This is no secret. Iran is at the top of the State Department's list of countries that support international terrorism, and we Americans know that with great sadness.
- An Islamic Fascist Iran cannot be permitted to build an arsenal of atomic weapons.

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Winning the Struggle between Freedom and Terror in the Middle East

On Islamic Fascism:

- Our enemy is a radical network of terrorists, and every government that supports them.
- The terrorists practice a fringe form of Islamic extremism that has been rejected by Muslim scholars and the vast majority of Muslim clerics—a fringe movement that perverts the peaceful teachings of Islam.
- The terrorists' directive commands them to kill Christians and Jews, to kill all Americans, and make no distinction among military and civilians, including women and children.
- We are not deceived by their pretenses to piety. We have seen their kind before. They are the heirs of all the murderous ideologies of the 20th century. By sacrificing human life to serve their radical visions—by abandoning every value except the will to power—they follow in the path of fascism, and Nazism, and totalitarianism.
- This is not, however, just America's fight. And what is at stake is not just America's freedom. This is the world's fight. This is civilization's fight. This is the fight of all who believe in progress and pluralism, tolerance and freedom.

On our enemy's goals/strategy:

- They want to overthrow existing governments in many Muslim countries, such as Egypt, Saudi Arabia, and Jordan. They want to drive Israel out of the Middle East. They want to drive Christians and Jews out of vast regions of Asia and Africa.
- Its goal is remaking the world—and imposing its radical beliefs on people everywhere.
- These terrorists kill not merely to end lives, but to disrupt and end a way of life. With every atrocity, they hope that America grows fearful, retreating from the world and forsaking our friends. They stand against us, because we stand in their way.

Source: President George W. Bush, September 20, 2001, Address to a Joint Session of Congress and the American People