

WELCOME TO WORLD RELIGIONS

w/ Mr. Radcliff

Thursday,
September 10th, 2020

Class starts at 11:45.
Enjoy A-Lunch!!



Upcoming:
Religion & 9/11 today!!
Trump & Christianity on Monday
America's Demographics on Wednesday

This Semester:
Eastern Religions!!

The Burning Question:

Was 9/11 a religious attack?

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What cultural violence led to the direct & structural violence surrounding 9/11 & its aftermath?

Today's Agenda

- No Kickstarter
- Quick Write - Christianity
- Examine - Religion's Role in 9/11
 - Explore - Sources
 - Write - Your Claim
 - Discuss - With Groups & Class
- Briefly Explore - Cultural Violence & Peace after 9/11
- Final Word



HW: None.

No Exam This Unit!
You're Welcome

Weekly Schedule

- **Tuesday (17)** – Intro / Religious vs Spiritual / Establishment Clause
 - HW – None!!
- **Thursday (19)** – Basic Vocab / Situated Perspectives / Misunderstandings
 - HW – Start *Worldview Autobiography* (Due 8/28)
- **Monday (24)** – Galtung's Typology of Violence
 - HW – Finish *Worldview Autobiography!* (Due 8/28)
- **Wednesday (26)** – Deep Story & Narrative
 - HW – Finish *Worldview Autobiography!* (Due 8/28)
- **Friday (28)** – Religion in the News
 - HW – None!!
- **Tuesday (1)** – Religion in the Supreme Court
 - HW – Finish *Supreme Court Presentations!*
- **Thursday (3)** – Religion in the Supreme Court Part II
 - HW – Finish *Your Reflection Journal*
- **Tuesday (8)** – America's Religious Calendar
- **Thursday (10)** – September 11th & Religion
- **Monday (14)** – Donald Trump & Christianity
- **Wednesday (16)** – America's Religious Demographics
 - Religious quiz from last year's 9/11 slides

Take
Attendance

KICKSTARTER

Ain't Nobody
Got Time
For Dat




Answer on Schoology

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Attendance

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Let's see
the results



Answer on Schoology

Something to Ponder:

Is Christianity
inherently
violent?

Something to Write About

“Phineas Priest” [sic] is a unique concept within Christian Identity. Phineas Priests believe they have been called to be **“God’s Holy Warriors” for the white race**. The term “Phineas Priest” is derived from the Biblical story of Phinehas (Book of Numbers, Chapter 25), which adherents interpret as justifying the killing of interracial couples.

But many Americans wouldn’t attribute this violence purely to Christianity. Why?

My Answer:

Many Americans know lots of Christians who aren’t violent - so the evidence doesn’t match the theory.

Not as many Americans know lots of Muslims. So the theory is challenged less often.

**You should
split screen
between Zoom
& Religion &
9/11 (on Schoology)**

Let’s take notes as we learn & reflect - we’re going to write a reflection that answers: “Is it accurate to say 9/11 was a religious attack? Why or why not?”

Before We Go Into This:

There are ~1.8 billion Muslims.

We are going to be talking about a very specific set.

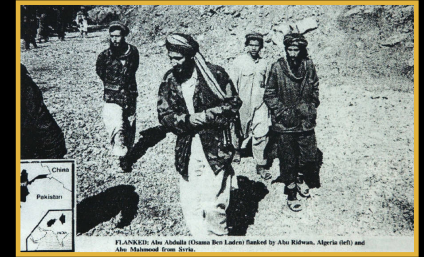
Questions:

How would this be considered religious?

How would it be considered secular?

- ♦ 1978 - Communist revolution in Afghanistan
- ♦ 1979 - Soviets provide support & troops for Communists.
- ♦ Jihadists (Mujahideen) fight back (w/ US support - Operation Cyclone)
- ♦ 1989 - Jihadists push Russia out. Many of them go on to form Al-Qaeda. Osama Bin Laden is named their leader.

Al-Qaeda



Al-Qaeda members are from many different branches of Islam. There's no central agreed upon doctrine or denomination.

In 1998, Al-Qaeda issued a fatwa that said: "We -- with God's help -- call on every Muslim who believes in God and wishes to be rewarded to comply with God's order to kill the Americans and plunder their money wherever and whenever they find it. We also call on Muslim ulema, leaders, youths, and soldiers to launch the raid on Satan's U.S. troops and the devil's supporters allying with them, and to displace those who are behind them so that they may learn a lesson."

1998 - Fatwa



Fatwa - non-binding legal opinion on an important topic

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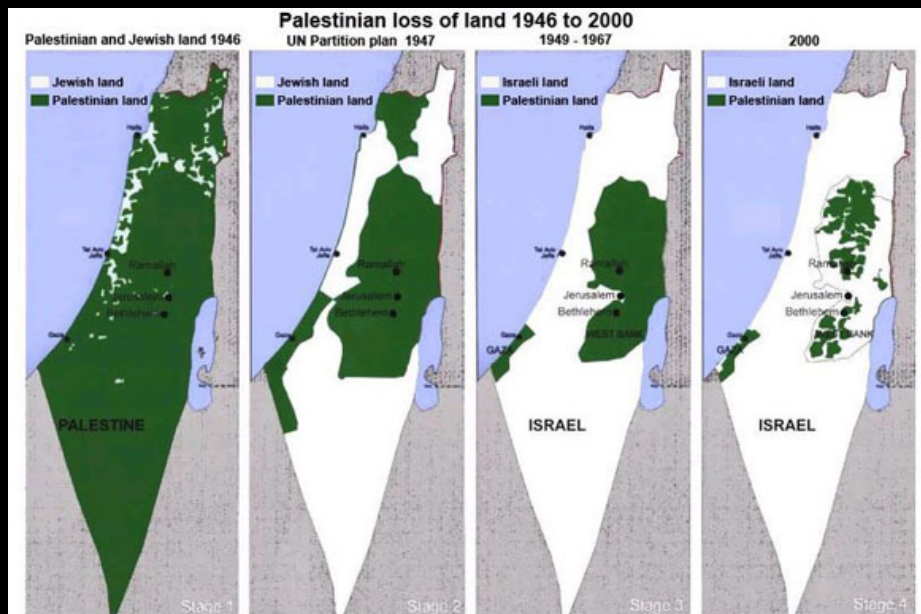
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Stated Reasons for the 9/11 Attacks

Israel & Palestine



"The expansion of Israel is one of the greatest crimes, and you are the leaders of its criminals. And of course there is no need to explain and prove the degree of American support for Israel. The creation of Israel is a crime which must be erased. Each and every person whose hands have become polluted in the contribution towards this crime must pay its price, and pay for it heavily."

American Support of Israel



Source:
Bin Laden's 2002 "Letter to the American People"

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“The second thing we call you to, is to stop your oppression, lies, immorality and debauchery that has spread among you. (a) We call you to be a people of manners, principles, honour, and purity; to reject the immoral acts of fornication, homosexuality, intoxicants, gambling's, and trading with interest.”

American Immorality



Source:
Bin Laden's 2002 "Letter to the American People"

Iraq & Kuwait



“despite the great devastation inflicted on the Iraqi people by the crusader-Zionist alliance, and despite the huge number of those killed, which has exceeded 1 million ... despite all this, the Americans are once again trying to repeat the horrific massacres, as though they are not content with the protracted blockade imposed after the ferocious war or the fragmentation and devastation. ... On that basis, and in compliance with Allah's order, we issue the following fatwa to all Muslims: The ruling to kill the Americans and their allies—civilians and military—is an individual duty for every Muslim ...”

Sanctions Imposed Against Iraq



Source:

Al Qaeda's 1998 Fatwa

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Iraq & Kuwait



"for over seven years the United States has been occupying the lands of Islam in the holiest of places, the Arabian Peninsula, plundering its riches, dictating to its rulers, humiliating its people, terrorizing its neighbors, and turning its bases in the Peninsula into a spearhead through which to fight the neighboring Muslim peoples.”

In a later interview, bin Laden said that Americans were too near to Mecca, and that should be considered a provocation to the entire Muslim world.

Presence of US Military in Saudi Arabia



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Write Your Answer:

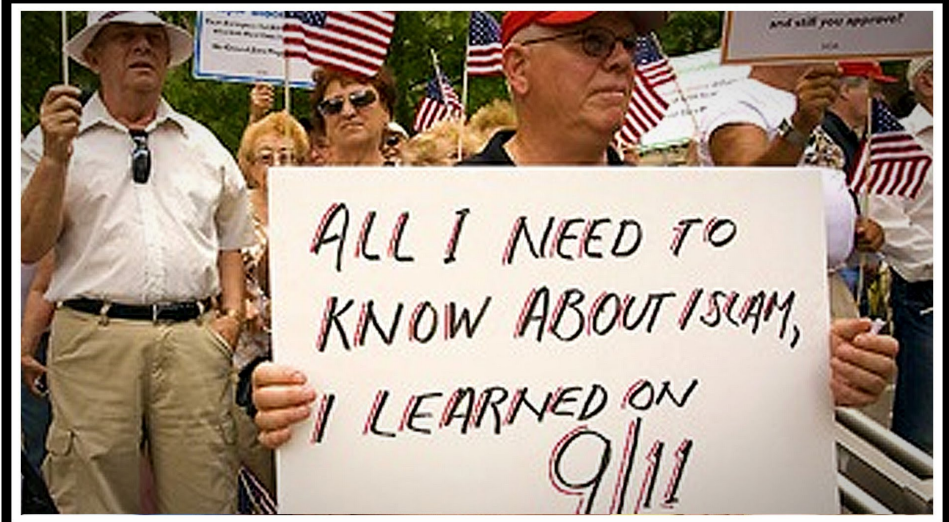
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Digitally: 9/11 - Religious or Not?

Something to Do:

Let's Discuss as a class

Religious Backlash After September 11th



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Islamophobia

TV & Movies reflected/ reinforced the fear/ anger by frequently using Middle Eastern Muslims as the “bad guys”



The Riz Test

A test developed to measure how Muslims are portrayed on TV

If the film/show stars at least one character who is identifiably Muslim (by ethnicity, language or clothing) - is the character...

- ✦ Talking about, the victim of, or the perpetrator of terrorism?
- ✦ Presented as irrationally angry?
- ✦ Presented as superstitious, culturally backwards or anti-modern?
- ✦ Presented as a threat to a Western way of life?
- ✦ If the character is male, is he presented as misogynistic? or if female, is she presented as oppressed by her male counterparts?

If the answer for any of the above is Yes, then the Film/ TV Show fails the test.



Which one is Muslim?



Which one is Muslim?



Sikh

Muslim

Hindu

Balbir Sigh Sodhi

'People Saw Only A Turban And A Beard': Reflecting On A Post-Sept. 11 Death

Liyna Anwar Cameron Jenkins September 14, 2018



Rana Sodhi (L) and Harjit Sodhi hold a photograph of their late brother, Balbir Singh Sodhi, who was shot and killed at 52. Since his death, the brothers have been involved in educating others about Sikhism and the discrimination their community faces in the U.S.
Mia Warren/StoryCorps

click for audio clip

Some More Facts About the Case (from CNN)

Balbir's killer, Frank Roque, told the police: "I'm a patriot and American. I'm American. I'm a damn American."

Balbir considered himself a patriot, too. An hour before he died, he had driven to a nearby Costco to purchase plants for new landscaping at the gas station. On his way out of the store, he emptied his wallet, donating \$74 to the 9/11 victims' fund. Then he called Rana and asked him to bring a few American flags to display.

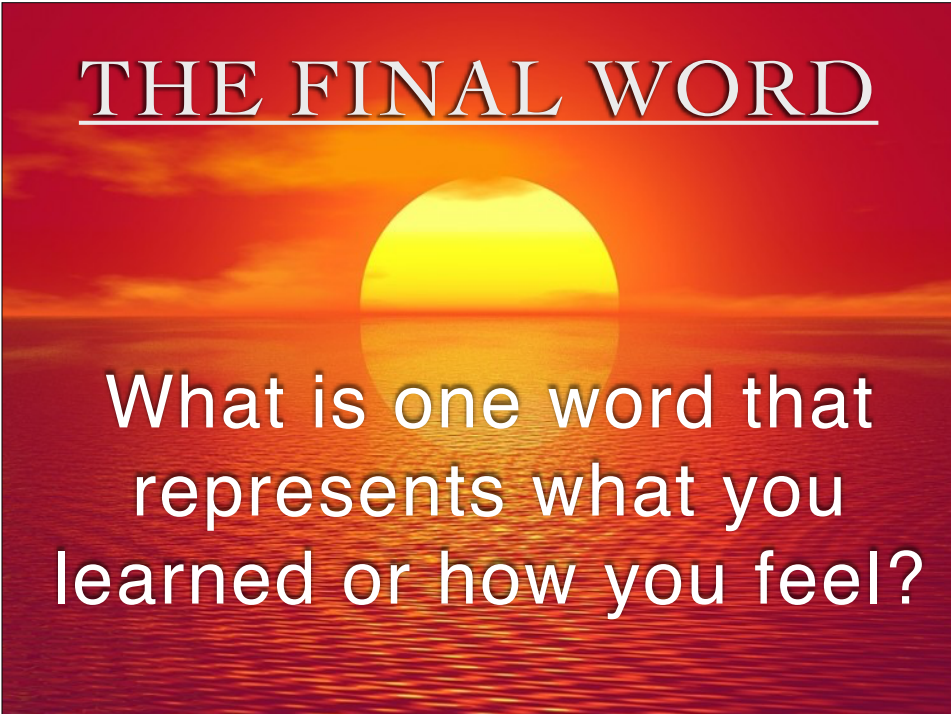
Attempts at Peace Building



Something to Think About:

**How was
this cultural
peace?**

THE FINAL WORD



What is one word that
represents what you
learned or how you feel?