

Islamists' Fear of Females

The Roots of Gynophobic Misogyny among the Taliban and Islamic State

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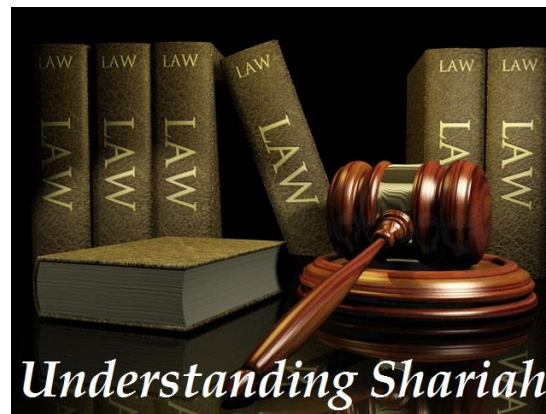


Concepts and Beliefs

- **Gynophobia**
- **“Original Sin”**
- **Temptations (to commit sexual sins)**
- **Wahhabism/Salafism (foundations of Taliban & IS Ideology)**
- **Islamism and Shari’ah**
- **Takfir, Honor, Purity**



Abd al-Wahhab



Head coverings worn by Muslim women



Burka

Full body, covers entire face, a mesh screen covers the eyes



Niqab

Veil for the face, eyes remain visible



Hijab

Square scarf covers head and neck



Chador

Full-body cloak



Shayla

Long scarf, wrapped around the head



Al-Amira

Two-piece headscarf



Khimar

Cape-like, covering hair, neck and shoulders

Afghan Taliban & the Islamic State (IS)

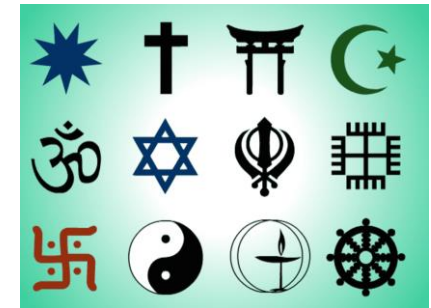
- The Madrassa Culture (Islamic Seminaries)
- Taliban History and Gender Segregation
- The Islamic State



Raqqa, Syria

Other Misogynist Religious Cultures/Beliefs

- Christianity – Southern Baptists (Pres. Carter’s Commentary: <https://www.voanews.com/a/jimmy-carter-issues-call-to-action-to-stop-abuse-against-women/1881894.html> 11:00-12:51)
- Orthodox Judaism
- Hinduism
- Buddhism



CONCLUSION

- **Islamist extremists FEAR females because they are seen as sources of sexual temptation**
- **Islamist extremism is not unique in its gynophobic misogyny**
- **The Taliban have a unique history with gender segregation that has influenced their fear of females**
- **The Islamic State has taken this fear-based misogyny a step further**
- **It will be harder to counter such ideologies since they are cloaked in religion**

