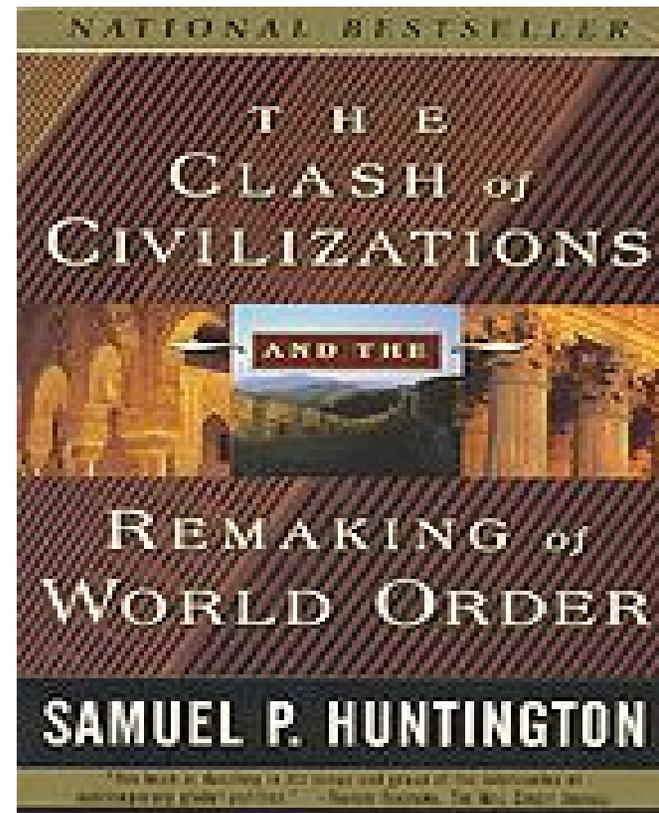
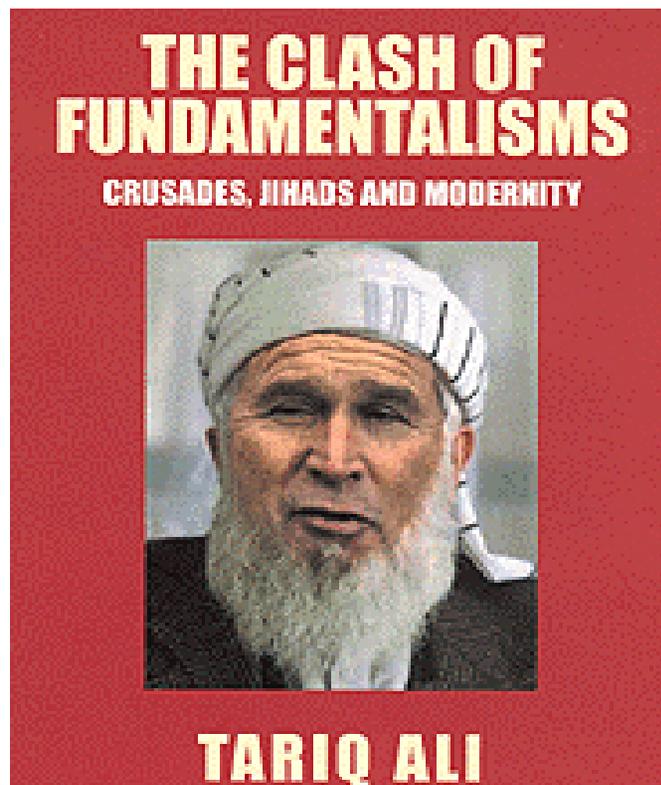
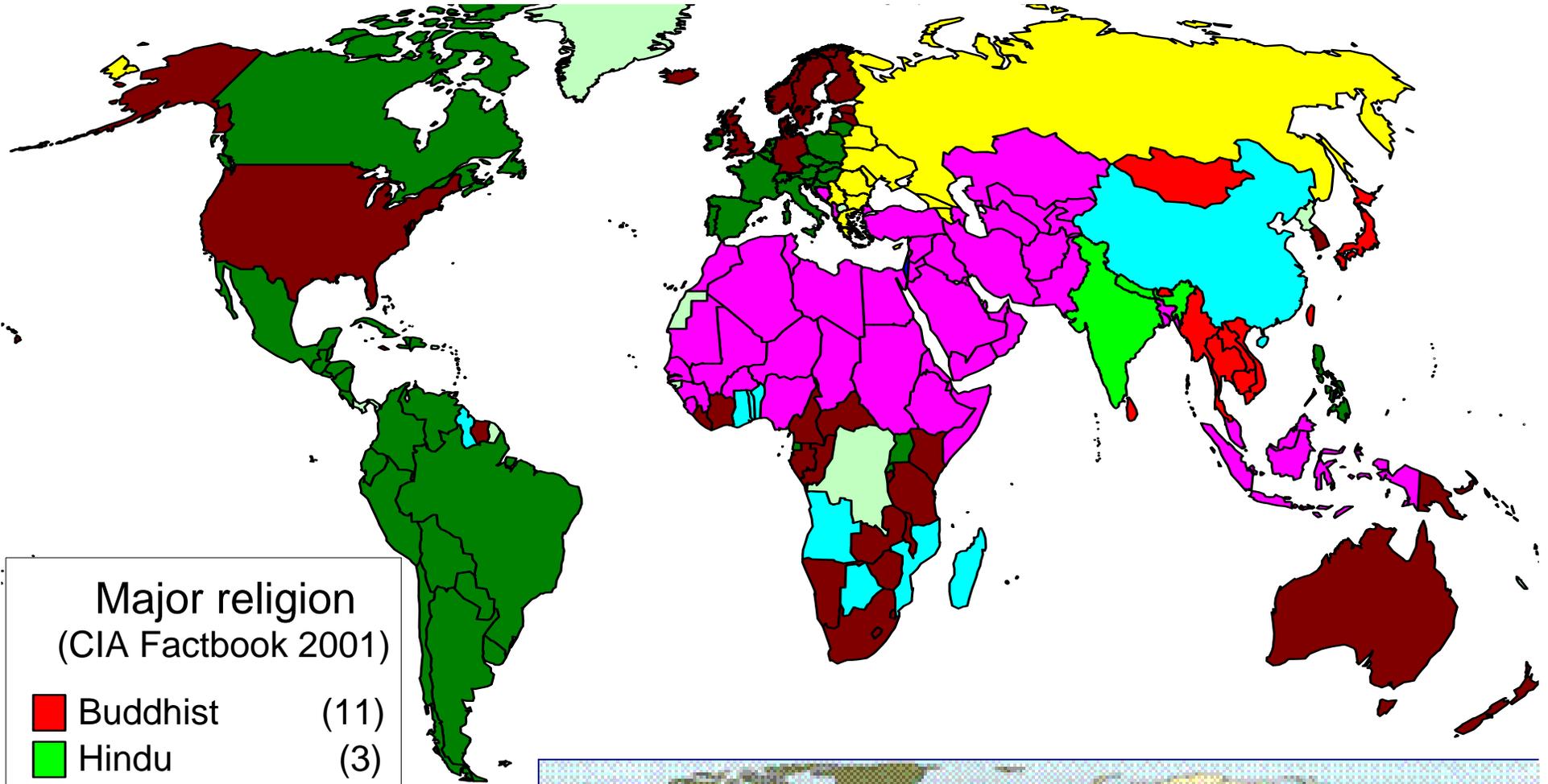


Lecture 21

Civilization Conflict and Terrorism





Major religion
(CIA Factbook 2001)

	Buddhist	(11)
	Hindu	(3)
	Jewish	(1)
	Muslim	(49)
	Orthodox	(11)
	Other	(9)
	Protestant	(46)
	Roman catholic	(56)



1. The differences among civilizations are real and basic – different views on the relationship between God and man, between individual and the group, the relative importance of equality and hierarchy etc.
2. Increasing interactions between civilizations intensify civilization consciousness and awareness of differences between civilizations.

3. Economic modernization and social change means that people lose their *local* identities and become bound into larger wholes – bound together, for example, by a common religion.
`In most countries and most religions, the people active in fundamentalist movements are young, college-educated, middle-class’
4. The power of the West provokes anti-Western reaction.

5. Cultural characteristics are more deeply ingrained than political or economic ones. `A person can be half-French and half-Arab and simultaneously even a citizen of two countries. It is more difficult to be half-Catholic and half-Muslim.
6. Economic regionalism (e.g. the E.C) may require, for its success, cultural commonality. Isolation of Japan?

Are these good reasons?

It is true that conflict along the fault-line between Western and Islamic civilizations has been going on for 1,300 years

It is also true that the perpetrators of September 11 were young fundamentalist who regarded themselves as engaged in a war between civilizations.

BUT.....

Has Huntington offered a correct explanation of the conflict of civilizations?

Is there a deeper explanation?

Difficult but important questions

Inter-civilizational Relationship

- Friendly Relationship:
 - Sinic and Africa; Slavic and Hindu
 - Neutral Relationship:
 - Sinic and Latin America
 - Hostile Relationship:
 - Islamic and the West/ Islamic and the Rest?!
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- **The Bush Question:**
 - Why do they hate us so much?
 - **Huntington: “Islam has bloody borders.”**

The Huntingtonian Concept of “Fault Lines”

- Fault lines = borders between different civilizations that are likely to clash
- Sinic Vs Hindu Civilization:
 - The Tibetan Plateau
- Sinic Vs Western Civilization:
 - Hong Kong?!
- Western Vs Islamic Civilization:
 - Where? Geographical Fault Line?
 - Invisible Fault Line = 911?

Alignments shape civilizational conflicts

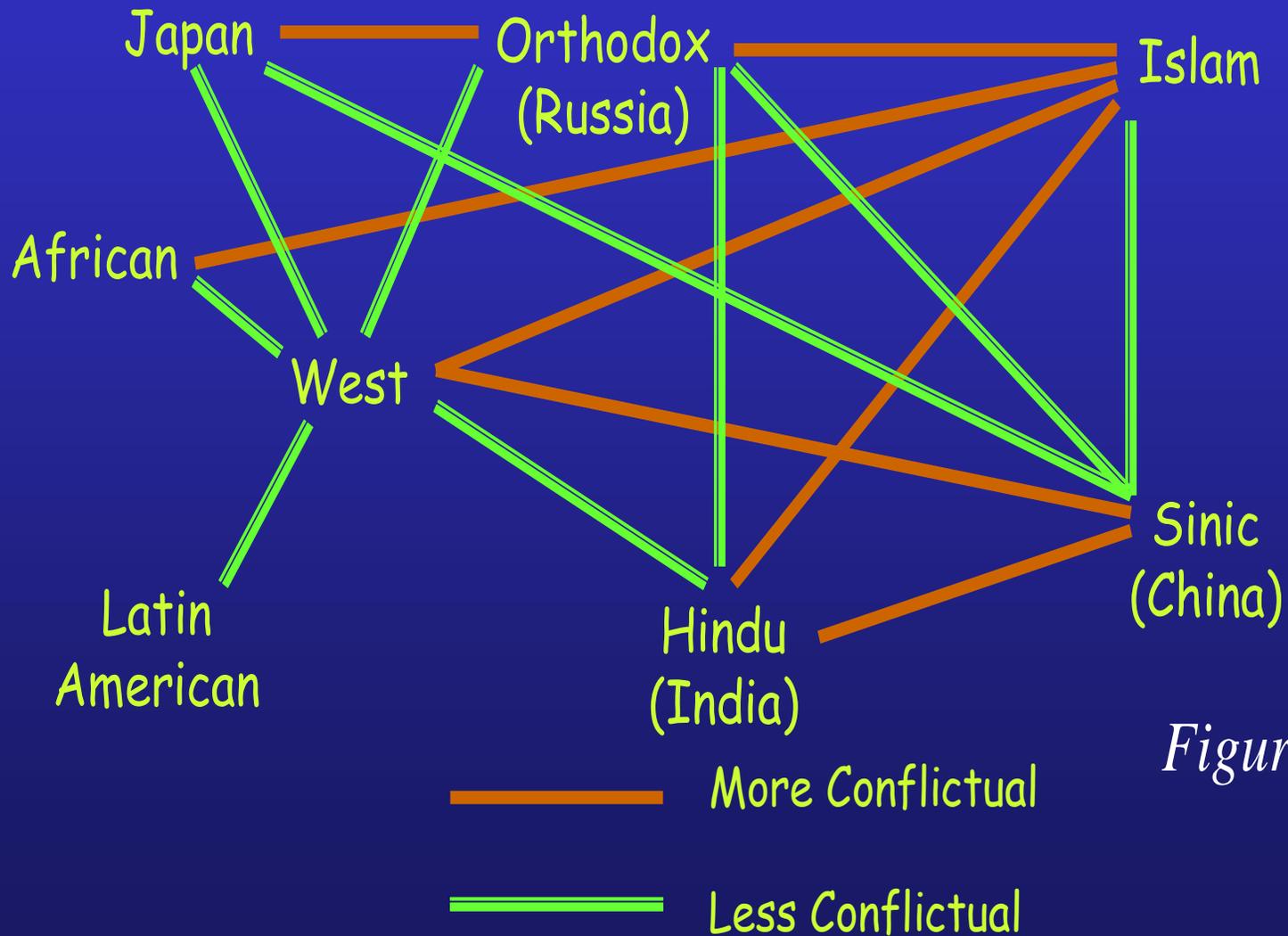
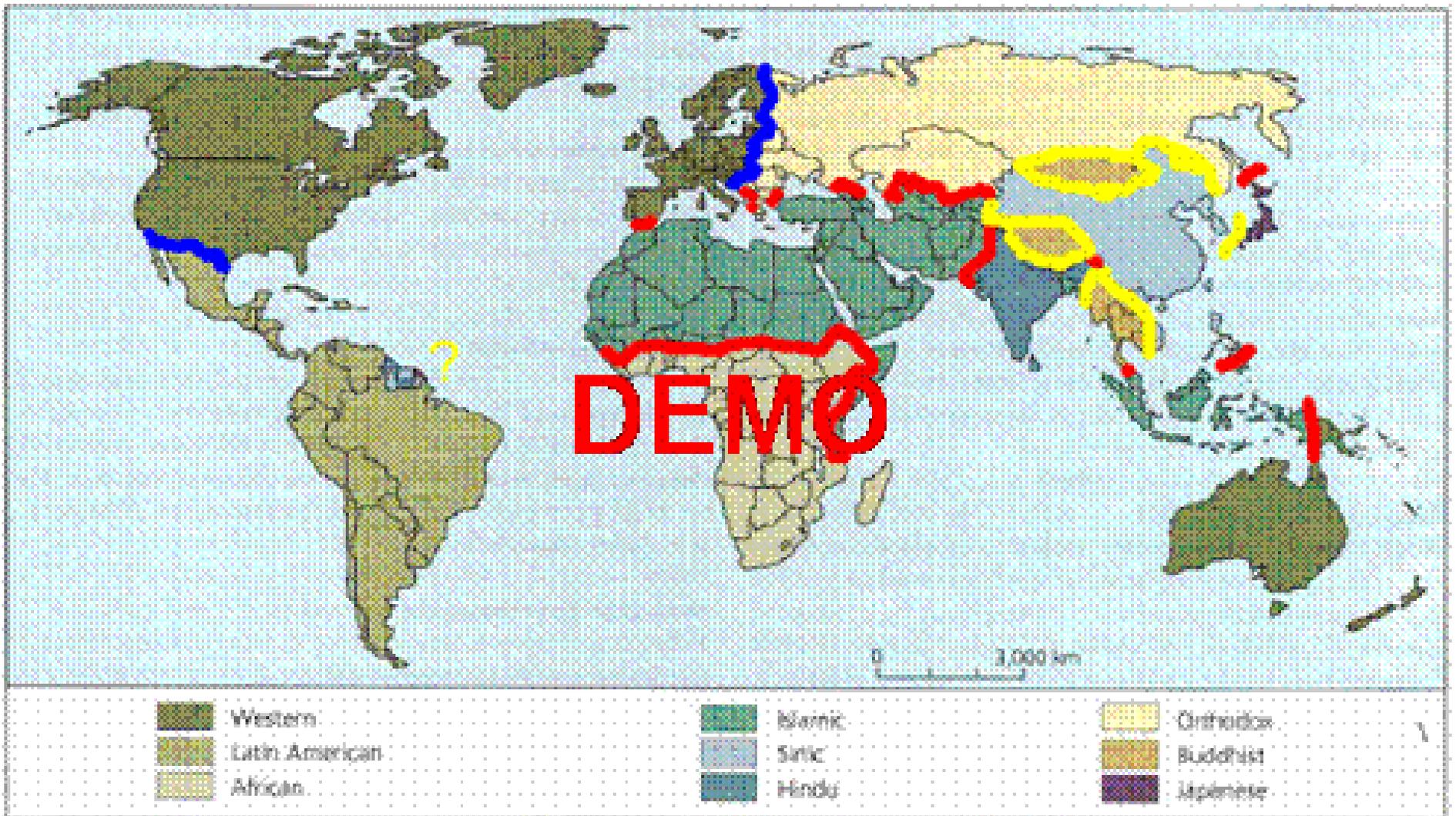


Figure 2.1

Fault Lines” = Conflict

Compare Map 19: “Classic” Geopolitics



Huntington Says:



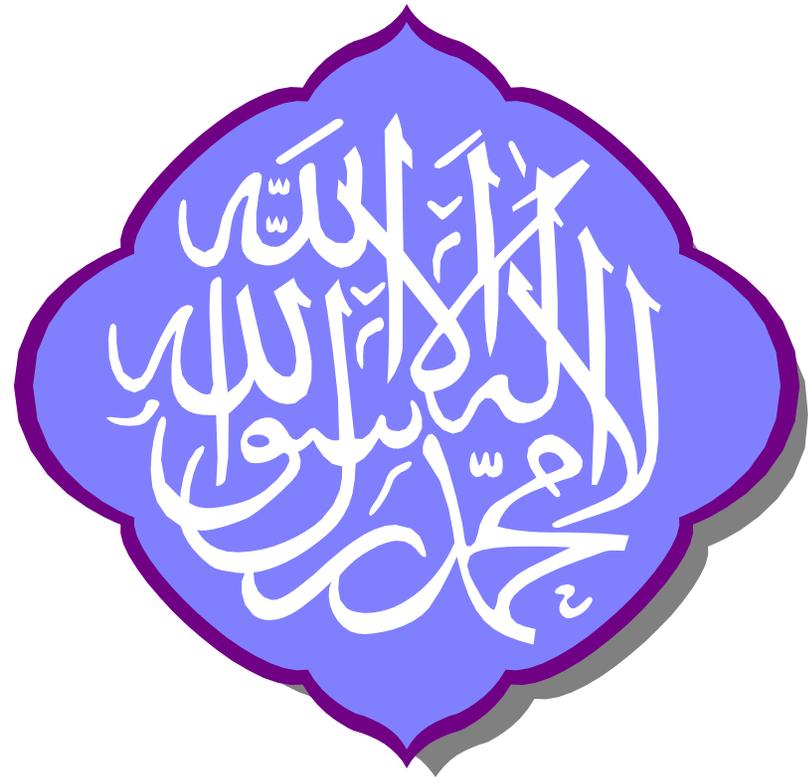
- 911 is an example of the Clash of Civilizations between Islamic and Western
- Not single in history
- More “Islamic against the Rest” to come
- Current issues in Russia, India, Palestine, Indonesia, etc... can prove his theory

Christianity vs. Islam ?

- In this section, we will briefly consider some of the reasons why Huntington believes that the future hold great conflict between Christian and Muslim societies.

WHAT IS ISLAM?

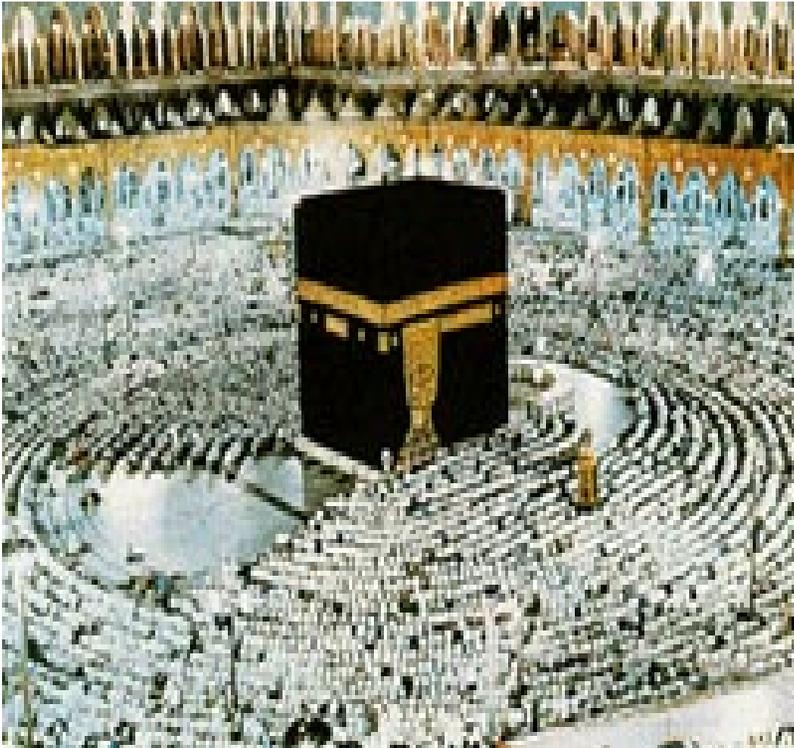
- ❖ The word “**Islam**” means “submission” (to the will of Allah).
- ❖ The word “**Muslim**” means “one who submits.”



BASIC TENETS: General

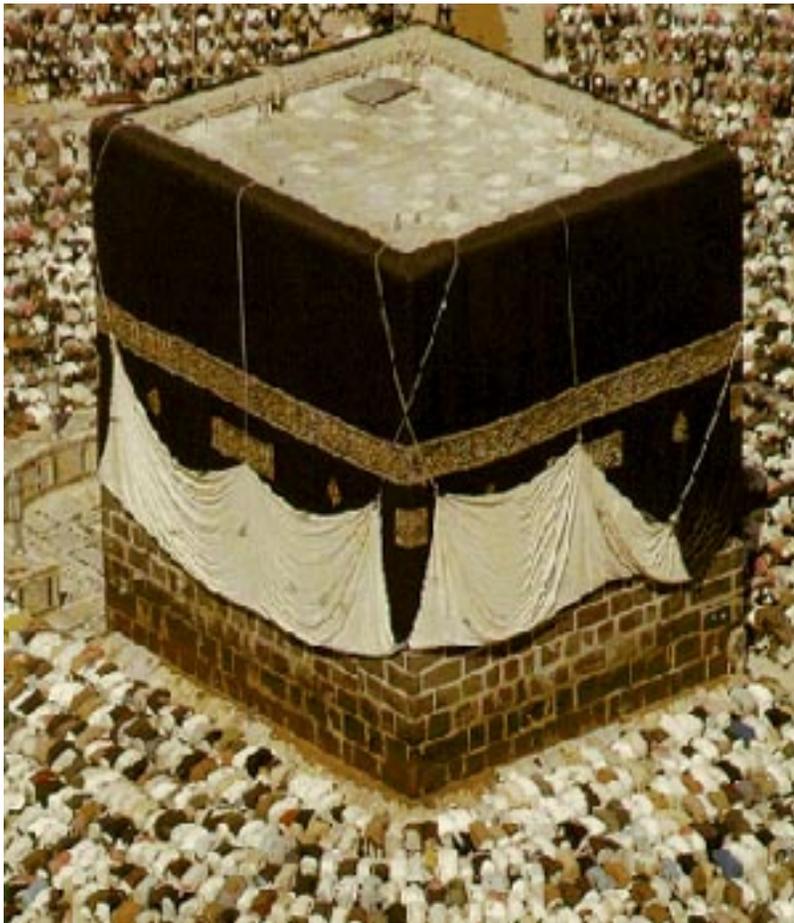
- Islam means: Peace & Self-surrender to the Will of God
- A universal message - confirms preceding Divine revelations. Prophet Mohamed is God's messenger sent to complete & compliment previous revelations:
- Abrahamic religion: "... it is the belief of your father Abraham. It is He (God) Who has named you Muslims, both before and in this (Revelation)" 22:78
- 6 pillars of faith and 5 pillars of religion

ISLAMIC HOLY PLACES



- **Saudi Arabia considers itself to be the caretaker of Mecca, the most holy place in Islam.**
- **It allows no Christian missionaries to enter it and no Christian churches to be built on its soil.**

ISLAMIC HOLY PLACES

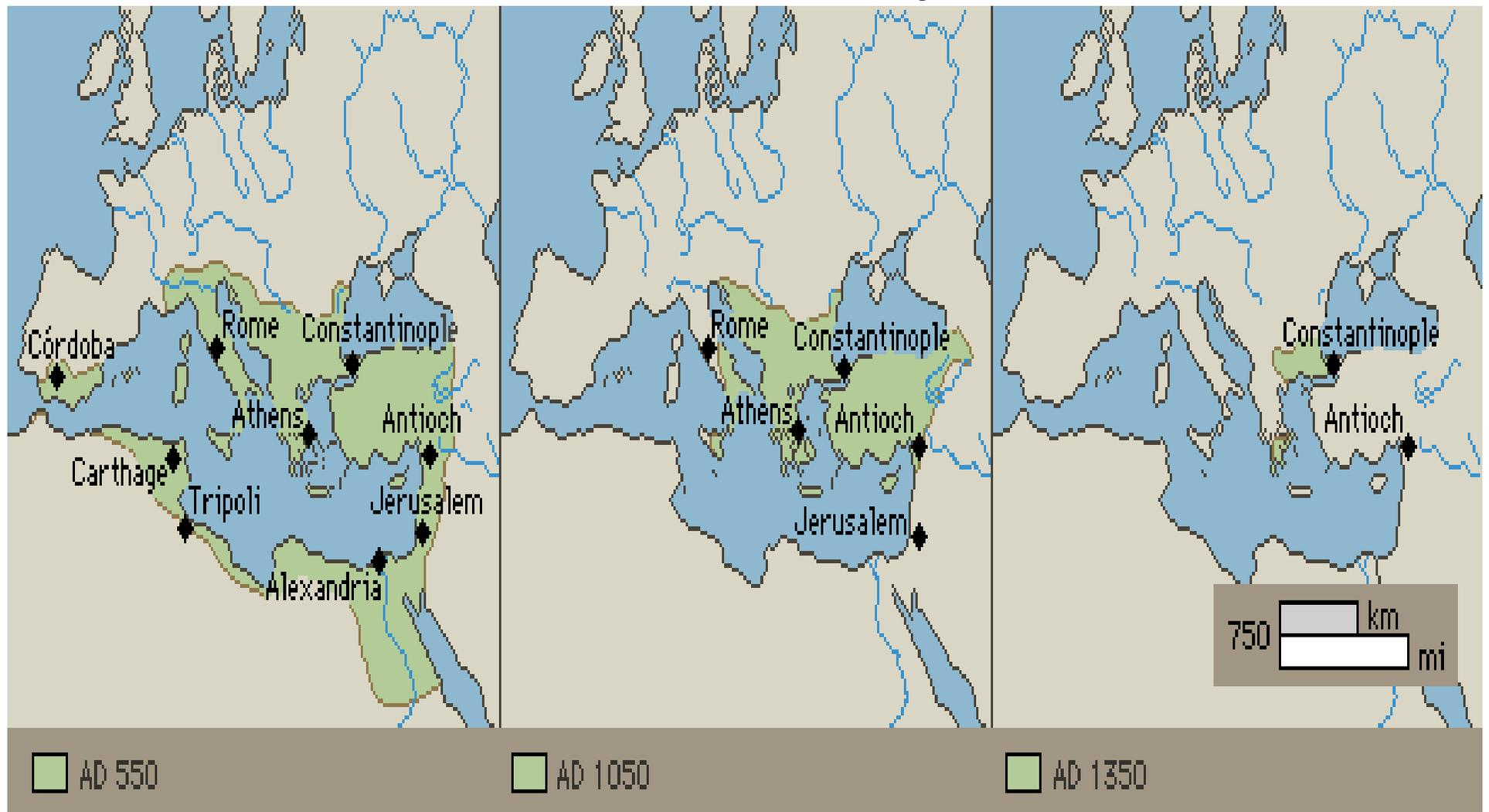


- It is the sacred duty of every Muslim to make a *hajj*, or pilgrimage, to Mecca once in their lifetime.
- A triumphant Muhammad purged the ka'aba of idols. Today pilgrims circle it seven times, reciting prayers and the Quran.

The Early Muslim Empire Spread Rapidly



The Clash Between Islam and Christianity





The Massacre of the Christian Prisoners

The Crusades

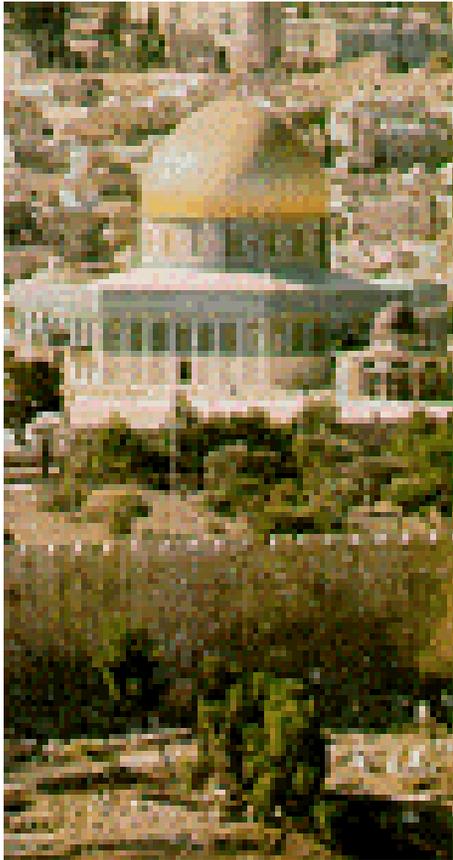


The “Crusades” were never successful for long, and the Muslim general Saladin became famous by recapturing Jerusalem in 1187.

The land of Palestine remained under Islamic control until the establishment of the modern nation of Israel in 1948.

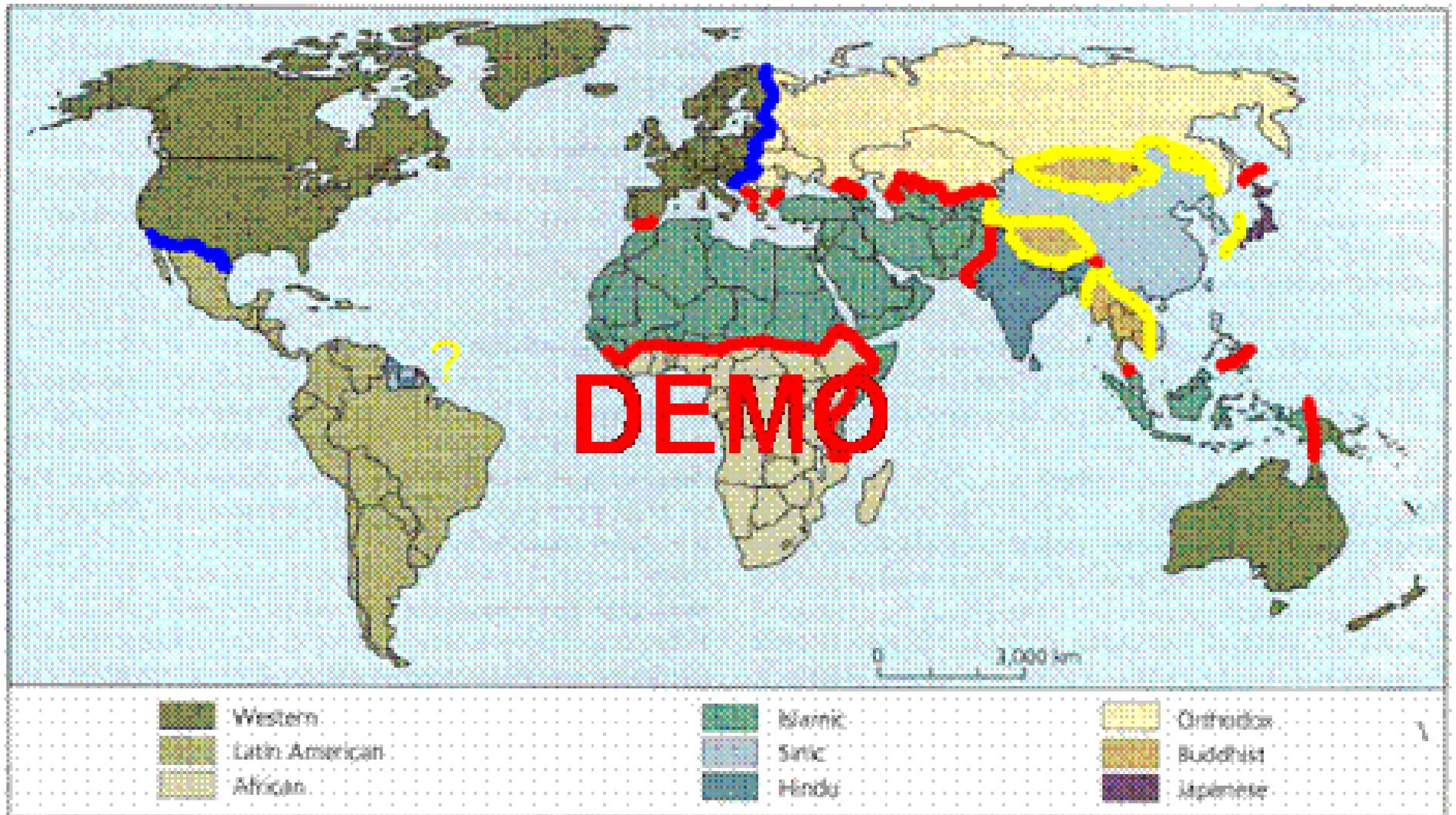
The Crusades left an enduring legacy of deep bitterness and a still-vivid sense of grievance among Muslims toward the West.

ISLAMIC HOLY PLACES



- ❖ According to Jewish tradition, this same place marks the location where Abraham attempted to offer his son Isaac in response to God's command.
- ❖ And, according to Christian history, it is only a stone's throw from Calvary, where Jesus was crucified.
- ❖ You can see why it is one of the most fiercely contested pieces of real estate on earth! The fact that now a Jewish nation now controls Jerusalem is a source of bitter grievance to Muslims.

“Islam Has Bloody Borders” ?



Internal Military Disputes: Is Islam Prone to Intra-Civilization Violence?

Table II. Tests of Hypotheses Regarding Frequency of Militarized Disputes Within Civilizations, 1950–92

<i>Variable</i>	
CONTIG	3.62 (0.19)***
ALLY	-0.39 (0.21)*
CAPRATIO	-0.06 (0.05)
DEM _L	-0.05 (0.01)***
DEM _{HH}	0.03 (0.01)***
DEPEND _L	-3.33 (6.71)
WESTERN	-1.08 (0.31)***
SINIC	2.83 (0.34)***
ISLAMIC	0.26 (0.22)
HINDU	-0.56 (0.54)
ORTHODOX	-0.38 (0.58)
LATIN	-0.28 (0.38)
AFRICAN	0.12 (0.26)
BUDDHIST	1.64 (0.43)***
Constant	-6.06 (0.15)***
<i>N</i>	269,181

* $p \leq 0.05$, ** $p \leq 0.01$, *** $p \leq 0.001$; one-tailed tests.

Table reveals:

- West = more internal peace
- Sinic = less internal peace
- Buddhist = less internal peace
- Others, including Islam, unrelated to rate of intra-civilization disputes

Which civilizations fight the most?

Islamic civilization has plenty of conflicts....

...but other civilizations have more “civilizational” conflicts!

Cold War era

Post-Cold War era

Civilisation	Cold War era			Post-Cold War era		
	Total number of conflict years	% of all conflict years	% civilisational	Total number of conflict years	% of all conflict years	% civilisational
Western	183	11.09	56.28	70	11.29	45.71
Confucian/Sinic	227	13.76	11.45	25	4.03	72.00
Slavic-Orthodox	20	1.21	50.00	48	7.74	52.38
Latin American	144	8.73	16.67	48	7.74	0.00
Hindu	143	8.67	19.58	42	6.77	50.00
Islamic	452	27.39	35.18	221	35.65	38.46
African	347	21.03	22.19	139	22.42	16.55
Indigenous	102	6.18	0.00	20	3.23	0.00
Mixed	32	1.94	0.00	7	1.13	0.00
Total	1650	100.00	33.77	620	100.00	38.50

ISLAMAPHOBIA: Does Islam preach violence against non-Muslims as infidels in the name of 'Jihad'?

Jihad

- The word means ‘striving’ or ‘struggle’
- Often used in the sense of personal striving in the path of God.
- According to Islamic law there are two domains
 - Dar al-Islam, the house of Islam
 - Dar al-Harb, the house of War

Jihad

- “The more common interpretation, and that of the overwhelming majority of the classical jurists and commentators , presents jihad as armed struggle for Islam against infidels and apostates.”

(Bernard Lewis, professor of Near Eastern Studies, Princeton University)

Jihad and Non-Muslims

- (9:5) “Fight and slay the pagans wherever you find them, and seize them, beleager them, and lie in wait for them in every stratagem.”
- (9:29) “Fight those who believe not in Allah nor the Last Day, nor hold that forbidden which hath been forbidden by Allah and His Prophet, nor acknowledge the religion of Truth, (even if they are) of the People of the Book, until they pay the jizyah with willing submission, and feel themselves subdued.”

Jihad and Non-Muslims

- (47:4-7) “When you meet unbelievers, smite their necks, then, when you have made wide slaughter among them, tie fast the bonds; then set them free, either by grace or ransom, till the war lays down its loads...And those who are slain in the way of God, He will not send their works astray. He will guide them, and dispose their minds aright, and He will admit them to Paradise, that He has made known to them.”

Myth: Islam condones violence against non-Muslims

Aggression is a vice in Islam

- The Prophet defined the Muslim as one causing no verbal or physical harm to others
 - Islam's greeting to everyone is "peace be upon you"
 - Murder of one person or causing devastation of any form is equated with killing all humanity
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- "Jihad": Striving to do good for the sake of God - A broad concept
 - Coming from a battle the Prophet said to the Muslims: "You came from the minor 'Jihad' back to the major 'Jihad'" Asked to explain, he replied: "Inner self 'Jihad'"

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Even in cases of war

- General: “Don’t fight those who don’t declare war on you for your faith or don’t attempt to take over your homeland” 60:8-9
- “Fight for the sake of God (ie not for economic or political gain) those that fight you and do not attack first” ”
- If the other side want peace then make peace 4:90, 8:61
- If a member of the other side seeks asylum award it & ensure safety 9:6
- Forbidden to kill the elderly, women, children, animals or to cut a tree

Myth: Islam condones violence against non-Muslims

Religious Tolerance most fundamental to Islam

- “No compulsion in religion, Truth stands out clear from Wrong” 2:255-256 - Applies to Muslims & Non-Muslims
- Christians & Jews called “People of the Scriptures” - under an Islamic state are regarded as “protected subjects” with complete autonomy
- The Prophet’s Charter to the Monks of Sinai
- Christians & Jews never persecuted for their beliefs in Islamic empire. Then & now Christians keep customs, start schools, visited by missionaries

Defining Terrorism

“Premeditated, politically motivated violence perpetrated against noncombatant targets by sub-national groups or clandestine agents, usually intended to influence an audience.”



Purpose of Terrorism

- Organizations or groups have a **dispute** with another group, or nation, and plan a way to implement change, usually with violence.
- **Terrorism as theatre:** make a big show for many to see and contemplate.



Ruins of Pan Am 103,
Lockerbie, Scotland, 1988.
(AP Photo/Dave Caulkin)

Strategies of Terrorists

- Terrorists usually strategize their actions by planning the amount and type of violence to achieve desired goals
- Terrorists are usually weaker than those they are up against, thus violence, destruction, and fear is a way of creating power.



Strategies of Terrorists cont.

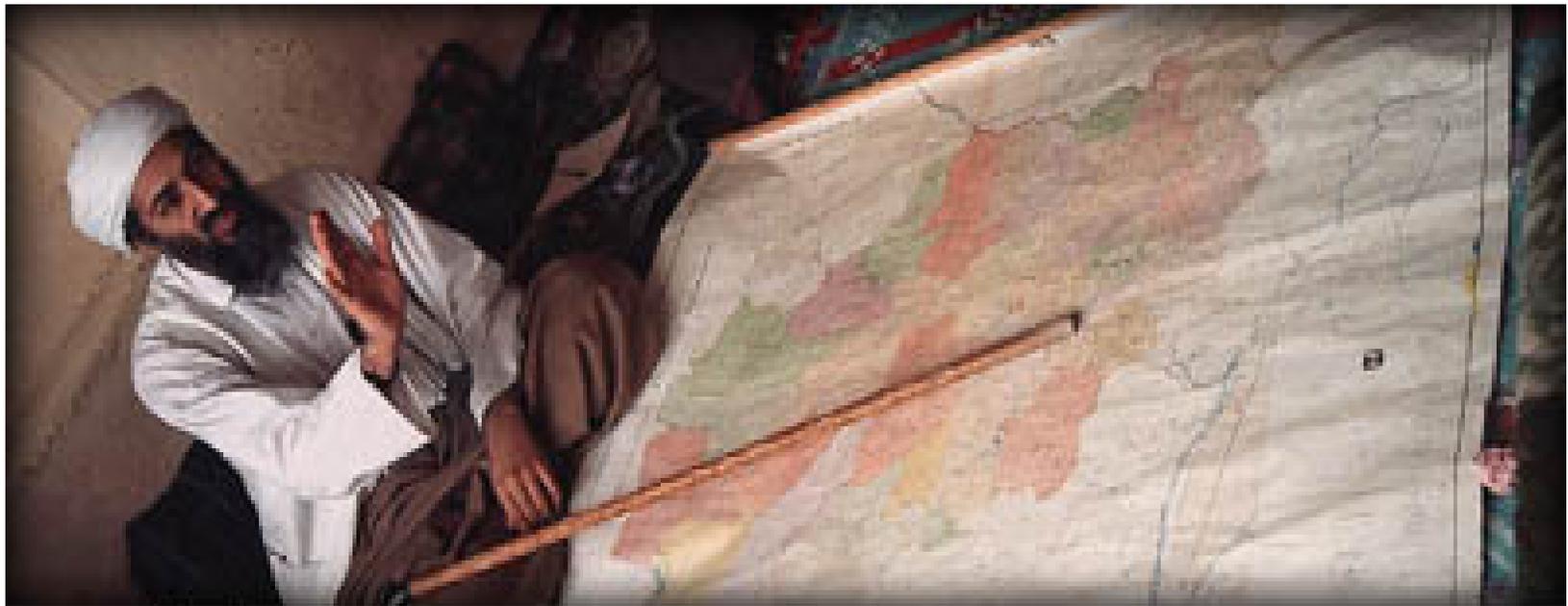
- Use enough shocking violence to bring attention to a cause felt to have been neglected, but limit scales of violence that might turn domestic and foreign audiences against the cause.
- Terrorists *usually* want a lot of people watching, not a lot of people dead

Osama Bin Laden

- Why is he and his followers in conflict with the U.S., Saudi Arabia, and Israeli?
- What are his goals?



In 1998 Osama bin Laden declared that his work was a continuation of the struggle against “infidel” Crusaders of the Middle Ages.



osama bin laden

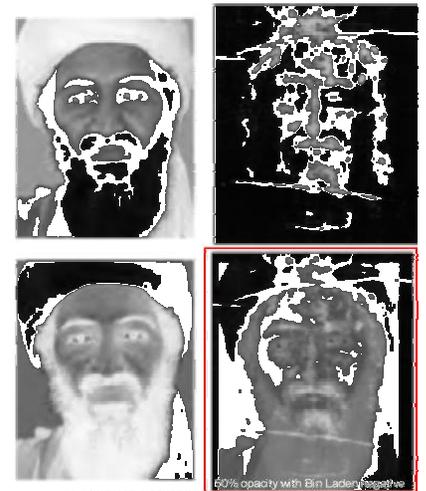
Who is Osama Bin-Laden?

- Born in 1957, was the 7th son of 50 brothers and sisters.
- Osama was exposed to many things at an early age.
- Lost his father at the age of 13.
- Married at the age of 17, who was a relative. Father became a billionaire during the oil boom of the 1970's (construction)
- Has four wives and 15 children
- Osama grew up religiously



Osama Bin-Laden

- Had a degree in public administration in 1981.
- Started forming Islamic responsibility at an early age.
- In 1986, Osama decided to have his own camps inside Afghanistan.
- In April 1991, Osama send a letter to his brother telling him he was not coming back and apologized for letting down the royal family.
- In early 1994, he was regarded as a Saudi opposition.
- His assets were frozen between 1992 and 1994.



Osama Bin Laden

- In 1996 bin Laden issued a fatwa, a formal religious decision calling on Muslims to kill American troops in Saudi Arabia.



Osama Bin Laden

- 1998 Fatwah
 - “...to kill Americans and their allies—civilians and military—is an individual duty for every Muslim who can do it in any country in which it is possible...”
 - “...to liberate the al-Aqsa Mosque” and to remove their armies from the lands of Islam.



Osama Bin Laden

- Three complaints
 - Americans in the holy land
 - Oppression of Iraq
 - American support of Israel



Al-Qaeda: What is it?



- Al-Qaeda in Arabic means, “the base.”
- In 1989, Bin Laden and Muhammad Atef founded Al Qaeda.
- Dedicated to opposing non-Islamic governments with force and violence.
- Principle goal is/was to drive the U.S armed forces out of Saudi Arabia and Somalia by violence.

The Rise of al-Qaeda

- Established headquarters for al-Qaeda in Khartoum, Sudan.
- Al-Qaeda worked with forge alliances with other radical groups.
- These groups included:
 - The al-Jihad group
 - The Islamic Group
 - And other Jihad groups in other countries.

The rise of Al-Qaeda (continued)

- Under pressure from Saudi Arabia and the U.S., Sudan in 1994 expelled Bin Laden, who then moved his base to Afghanistan.

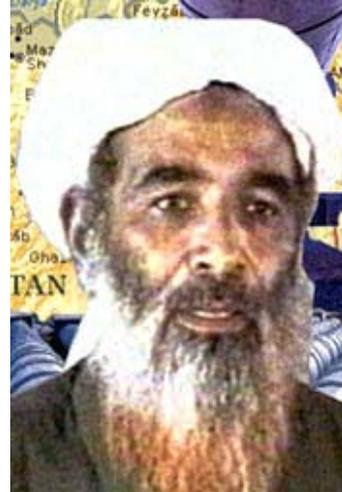


Leadership and Structure

- Bin Laden does not run the organization single-handedly.
- Dr. Ayman al-Zawahiri and Muhammad Atef are two of the other leaders in al-Qaeda.



Dr. Ayman al-Zawahiri



Muhammad Atef

Links with U.S. Government?

- “Fahrenheit 911” by Michael Moore presents facts about U.S. oil and money interests in the Middle East, and ties between top politicians and powerful people in Saudi Arabia.

