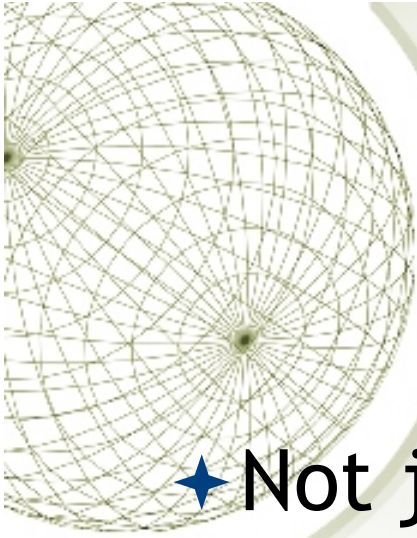


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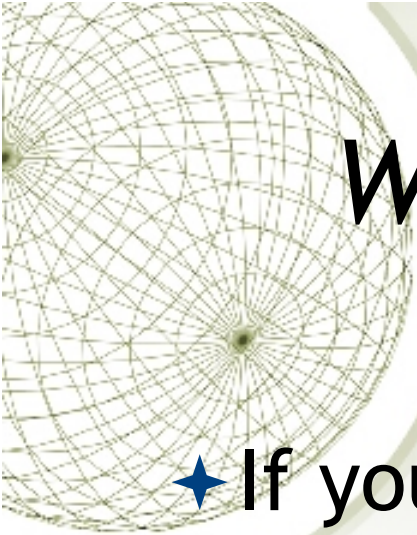
Contemporary Moral Issues

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# *Why Islamic Terrorism?*

- ★ Not just how individuals become radicalized
- ★ Historical, sociological, anthropological question, not merely psychological
- ★ Must focus on terrorist movements, groups, organizations



# *Why Understanding Islamic Extremism is Important*

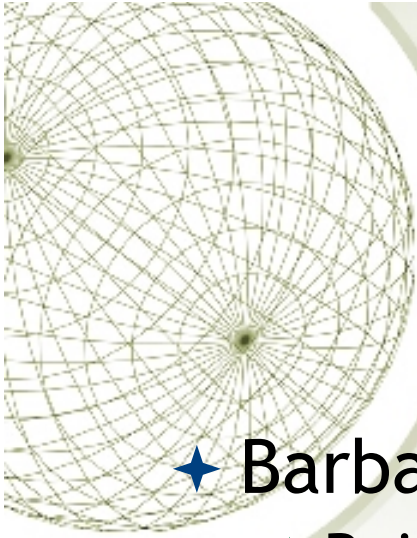
- ★ If you don't know your enemy, you can't properly defend against them
  - ★ 911 Report: "They were at war with us, but we weren't at war with them."
  - ★ Iraq Occupation
  - ★ Major Hasan
  - ★ FBI's weak response to Russian warnings
  - ★ Benghazi



# *Historical Background*

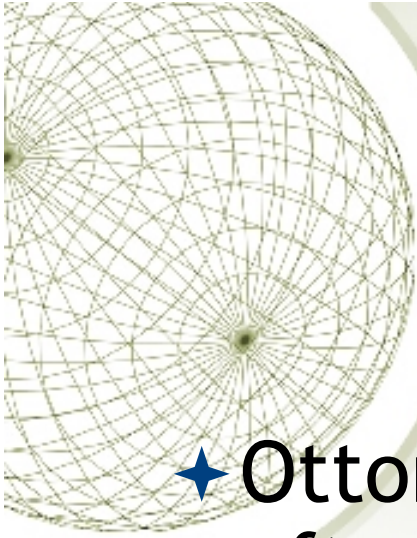
- ★ Rapid expansion of the Umma (Muslim community) or Caliphate (territory under Muhammad's successor) Arabian peninsula
- ★ 1st Three Crusades by Christian West - Islamic defeat then victory under Saladin (1095-1192)
- ★ Expansion of Ottoman Empire (1354-1529)
- ★ Siege of Vienna fails





# *Historical Background*

- ★ Barbary pirates (16th - 19th Century)
  - ★ Raids on European and later American ships
  - ★ 1 million+ slaves taken
  - ★ New U.S. Navy and Marines helped defeat (“from the shores of Tripoli...”)
- ★ Europe pulls ahead in wealth and technology under modernity, classical liberalism
- ★ Middle East flounders under theocracy, ban on usury fails to embrace “Christian” ideas, ban on usury



## *Historical Background*

- ★ Ottoman empire carved up by allies after WWI, secular revolution in Turkey
- ★ Post WWI Middle East flounders under Arab socialism, military dictatorships (except Israel)
- ★ Late 30s: Oil provides wealth, modernizes, consolidates power of despots



# *Terrorist Groups*

- ★ Muslim Brotherhood (1928, Sunni - local MB groups in some countries may be publicly condemn violence)
- ★ PLO (1965, adopted Islamic ideology after pan-Arab beginnings)
- ★ Islamic Jihad (1982, Lebanon, Palestine, Yemen)
- ★ Hezbollah (1982, Shia, Lebanon)
- ★ Hamas (1987, Sunni, Palestine)



# *Terrorist Groups*

- ★ 1988 Al-Quaeda (“The Base,” Sunni)

- ★ Founded by Osama Bin Laden
- ★ Loosely affiliated movement
- ★ Responsible for Embassy attacks in Nairobi and Tanzania, 9/11 London 7/7 train bombings)

- ★ Note: Islamic law forbids harming non-combatants (esp. women and children)