

NOT YOUR TRADITIONAL VOTER'S GUIDE.

Unlike voter guides you may have seen in the past, this one does not focus on a specific race, nor does it promote one candidate over another. Its purpose is to educate YOU about one of the most crucial issues facing America: the rising influence of Islam.

It's called a "voter leadership guide" because it will help you to discern which leaders, now or in the future, are speaking wisely about how Americans should respond to Islam. Several of the examples we've chosen are high-profile political leaders, but the "Ten Questions" you'll find on the back of the guide can be used to analyze any leader—whether on a county council, school committee, talk show...even a church missions board.

YOUR ROLE.

Truth For Muslims intends this guide to be a powerful TOOL for you as you seek to be a good citizen. Please use it to encourage your leaders—local, state, and national—to understand and then speak the truth about Islam in America. And if you see one who's already doing a good job—congratulate him.

Together, we can change the face of leadership in America.

The Ideal Candidate

TRUE LEADERSHIP.

In any position of political, cultural, social, or church leadership, the ideal candidate is one who will provide true leadership by understanding, honestly addressing, and then decisively acting on difficult issues. Truth For Muslims contends that Islam is one of those issues.

Insofar as Islam is concerned, the ideal candidate ("TIC") will be one who knows history and understands Islam in its historical context over time. He readily sees that Islam is incompatible with the United States Constitution, Biblical Christianity, and basic Western democracy.

RELIGION AND THE STATE.

Furthermore, he understands the role of religion in life and its relationship to the U.S. form of government. He believes in the United States and values the American way of life. He doesn't cave in to cultural pressure to be politically correct, but rather is firm in taking a stand against any ideology that undermines justice or liberty.

The ideal candidate is one who leads the national discussion about confronting Islam in our generation and articulates the reasons why Islam is incompatible with the U.S. Constitution. He never defends Islam (a system which provided little to no influence on the founding of the American government or its principles of freedom) nor is he an apologist for Islam. He never tries to convince the American people that Islam is good.

He may wish success on those "moderate" Muslims who want to reform Islam into something other than what it has been for 1,400 years (perhaps a new form of Islam as a religion which is compatible with the U.S. Constitution), but he himself does not advocate or promote any form of Islam whatsoever.

Realizing that (a) Islam-as-a-religion should be extended the same freedoms as any other religion, but also that (b) Islam is more than a religion, and makes demands on politics, culture, and every other aspect of life, the leader understands where the lines are to be drawn in limiting the influence of Islam on American society.

THE ISSUES.

He understands that there are a few key issues regarding Islam which need to be addressed and directly confronted in our generation:

- Freedom of Religion vs. the Law of Apostasy
- The Preeminence of the Constitution vs. Sharia Law
- The reality of Islam's determination to rule the world (and the tactics it uses)



ABOUT TRUTH FOR MUSLIMS

Truth For Muslims began as a project of Spear Ministries, Inc. in 2004. The core purpose and mission of Truth For Muslims is to bring a "comprehensive, biblical response to Islam in America." This includes three elements:

- Evangelism — telling the Truth of the Gospel to Muslims in America—because Christ is the only one who can truly change hearts and minds. TFM works to equip the church in how to evangelize Muslims.
- Apologetics — teaching the church how to "give an answer" and make a defense of the Faith. TFM's apologetics training focuses specifically on contrasting the teachings of Islam with those of the Bible.
- Accountability — holding leaders accountable for what they say about Islam. These could be political, cultural, or religious leaders.

Resources

Truth For Muslims has developed several projects and resources to meet this objective. These include:

- Publishing this Guide, which will be updated annually.
- Promoting the principles of the Charter of Muslim Understanding to hold Muslim leaders accountable.
- Distributing the 16-language JESUS DVD to Muslims.
- Quarterly Truth Messenger informational newsletter
- Articles published in other venues
- 12 hours of modular training classes and educational seminars for churches, etc.
- The Children of Terrorism Rescue Fund
- World Christian Weekend in NYC
- Distribution of books, tracts, pamphlets, and Afghan-language Bibles
- Multimedia production (video and audio)
- Blogs and online social networking

For more information, visit www.truthformuslims.com,

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

- Send a donation to Truth For Muslims.
- Send TFM the names of others who should receive this guide (it's free).
- If you received postcards with this guide, addressed to Barack Obama, John McCain, and Newt Gingrich, mail them. If you didn't, write and ask for some.
- Pray:
 - For the conversion of Muslims to Christianity
 - For the leadership of America
 - For the work of Truth For Muslims

TEN QUESTIONS TO ASK YOUR LEADERS

- What do you know about Sharia law, and do you believe it has any place in American courts?
- What is your view on the Islamic "law of apostasy?"
- Does Islam permit the free & equal practice of diverse form of religious expression?
- Does the fact that many Muslims are non-violent, peaceable citizens automatically mean that Islam is a religion of peace?
- What do you know about the history of Islam?
- Should churches which promote hatred, bigotry, and the violent overthrow of the government be protected as religious establishments?
- Is a mosque only a religious house of worship?
- Does the Constitution protect those who choose to express a negative opinion about Mohammed?
- What is your response to foreign governments that fund home-grown insurgency against America?
- What is your stance towards multiculturalism?

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Issues

The Preeminence of the Constitution vs. *Sharia* Law

Islamic law contradicts the U.S. Constitution and denies many basic freedoms and equalities which Americans value. Moreover, because *Sharia* claims to be supreme, it cannot be made to coexist with any other code of law. At present, **virtually none** of our political leaders are speaking out about the clear distinctions between *Sharia* Law and the U.S. Constitution. Instead, by their silence or through their words of accommodation, they are helping to foster a social climate which allows the principles of *Sharia* to eventually sprout and be cultivated. In many Western nations (England and Canada are prime examples) Muslim minorities are openly pressing for the implementation of *Sharia* Law. In America, Muslim leaders are using "tolerance" and American civil-rights laws as a means to sway the hearts and minds of the public toward accommodating Islamic practices. While some of these practices are innocuous in themselves, the goal of the trend is first to make *Sharia* reasonable in certain cases (such as disputes between Muslims), and then broadly *accepted*, and finally *supreme*. It's a gradual progression over time, even several generations. But Islam is patient.

The Reality of Islam's Determination to Rule the World

Islam wants to rule the world and all Muslims want to see that happen eventually. [Different kinds of Muslims](#) are using different approaches to reach the same goal. Many Muslims are using tactics which are viewed as benign by non-Muslims. These include:

- increasing the Muslim segment of the population through high birth rates and by *hijra* ("migration"—a tactic [used to promote global jihad](#))
- devoting wealth to build mosques and establish Islamic centers
- influencing cultural, social and civic institutions such as [academia](#), media, politics, and law
- employing outright deception and lying (another Islamic tactic used in *jihad*, and known as *taqiya*)

Our political leaders seem to see only one tactic to address: outright violent acts of war against America by Muslim militants. They otherwise are supporting and advancing the influence of Islam by insisting that "Islam means peace." They fail to recognize that Islam **fully intends to rule the world** and that the assimilation of America is part of that multi-generational plan.

Freedom of Religion vs. The Law of Apostasy

The law of apostasy in Islam is clear. Muslims who leave Islam ("apostates") are given the death penalty. There are many examples of former Muslims being threatened and killed—even in the United States. The Muslim leadership in America has never denounced this unconstitutional and unethical law of apostasy. Unfortunately, our political leaders have had virtually nothing to say about this issue. As a religion, Islam ought to receive the benefit of American freedom of religion. However, the truth is that Islam is *more* than a religion: it is a system which dictates every aspect of life: political, social, judicial, military—even artistic. This system inherently denies freedom of religion. Thus, [Islam is incompatible](#) with the American mode of government. The law of apostasy has no place in America, and neither does the *system* of Islam.

Equal Rights for Minorities

America has followed a course of extending more and more protection to minorities throughout its history. It has welcomed immigrants and generally treated them well.

The Statue of Liberty: "Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free." (Emma Lazarus)

Bible: "You shall not wrong a sojourner or oppress him, for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt." (Exodus 22:21)

"...there shall be one statute for you and for the stranger who sojourns with you, a statute forever throughout your generations. You and the sojourner shall be alike before the Lord." (Numbers 15:15)

Quran: "O Prophet! Strive against the disbelievers and the hypocrites! Be harsh with them. Their ultimate abode is hell, a hapless journey's end." (*Surah* 9:73)

Women

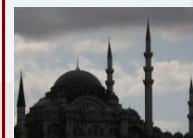
The Bible and the Quran have very different views of women and their roles, and both differ from the current Western mindset. The present culture says "women are men's equals in everything" and acknowledges no distinction of roles. The Bible and the Quran do believe in roles, but the Bible focuses on complementarity, self-giving, and love, while the Quran sees everything in terms of dominance and submission.

Bible: Men and women are both created in the image of God and have equal worth. "So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them." (Genesis 1:27) Husbands are *servant-leaders* who are to treat their wives with sacrificial love: "Husbands, love your wives as Christ loved the Church, and gave Himself up for her." (Ephesians 5:25)

Quran: "Men are in charge of women, because Allah hath made the one of them to excel the other.... So good women are the obedient, guarding in secret that which Allah hath guarded. As for those from whom ye fear rebellion, admonish them and banish them to beds apart, and scourge them. Then if they obey you, seek not a way against them. Lo! Allah is ever High, Exalted, Great." (*Surah* 4:34)

"I have seen that the majority of the dwellers of Hell-fire were you (women).... I have not seen anyone more deficient in intelligence and religion than you...." (words of Mohammed from the Hadith, [Bukhari 1.6.301](#))

Mosques



First Amendment: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof."

Churches are places of religious worship and fellowship. While Christianity should have a marked cultural impact, churches have never prospered as centers of political power or top-down social change.

Mosques are the command and control centers of Islam. Beyond their religious function, they also have educational, legal, military, social, and judicial roles.

Assimilation

Being an American is unique. Americans are those from virtually every tongue and tribe and nation who have assimilated into a general national Western & Judeo-Christian worldview, and agreed to live as citizens of the U.S.A. **Quran:** "O ye who believe! Take not the Jews and the Christians for friends. They are friends one to another. He among you who taketh them for friends is (one) of them. Lo! Allah guideth not wrongdoing folk." (*Surah* 5:51)

John McCain

McCain seems to understand the need to confront violent *jihad* against America. He realizes that the jihadists are determined to use Afghanistan and Iraq to fight for their cause and is committed to their defeat on those battlefields. However, he doesn't seem to understand that Islam is a decentralized system that doesn't require violence to make advances, nor that Muslims are already using oil wealth, our immigration system, and the Western culture of tolerance to advance the cause of Islam in America—to eventually achieve the same goal for which the violent jihadists are fighting. He understands that it's a battle of ideas, but not that the dangerous ideas occur even in mainstream Islam.

Quotes:

"[This is] a fight between a just regard for human dignity and a malevolent force that defiles an honorable religion by disputing God's love for every soul on earth. It's a fight between right and wrong, good and evil." ([RNC Speech, Aug. 30, 2004](#))

"Violent Islamic extremists would have us believe that there is only one acceptable religious practice, and that those who diverge from it are not entitled to life or liberty. They are wrong; very, very wrong." ([Speech to Christians United for Israel](#))

"Just as America must be prepared to meet and prevail against any adversary on the field of battle, we must engage and prevail against them on the **battleground of ideas**. In so doing, we can and must deprive terrorists of the converts they seek and ~~counter~~ their teaching of the doctrine of hatred and despair." ([www.johnmccain.com](#))

Joseph Biden

Sen. Biden must be highly commended for realizing his ignorance about Islam and making an effort to educate himself. ([April 4, 2006](#)) Unlike many of our leaders, he is seriously trying to grapple with the issue. However, most of his information is coming from [Jonah Blank](#), an academic with a modern, evolutionary view of Islam. Blank has spent time with the Daudi Bohras of India, a peaceable Islamic cult or sect which affirms tolerance and has adopted much Western technology and thinking. But mainstream Islam cannot be watered down into anything like this—at least, not soon enough to forestall the fundamentalist *jihadis*. If Biden's policies are shaped by naively-optimistic ivory-tower hopefulness like Blank's, they will not be robust enough to counter the threat of Islam to America.

Hillary Clinton



In 1996 Mrs. Clinton opened the White House to Muslim leaders for Ramadan celebrations. She proudly proclaimed in a video presentation shown in Saudi Arabia, "Now Muslim children also know that their religion has a place in their president's house." The Muslim leaders Mrs. Clinton invited to the White House were supporters of terrorist organizations such as Hamas and The Muslim Brotherhood. In the past, she has said that much of her knowledge about Islam came from her daughter Chelsea, who apparently studied the religion with interest. Recently, however, she has been almost completely silent on the topic.

People

George W. Bush

Bush is the first President who has faced the challenge of Islamic terrorism as a large public question. His initial response in the wake of 9/11 was to declare "war on terror"—a firm stance, but against an unnamed enemy. In later years he used words like "Islamofascism"—an imperfect term, but one which did make clear that the foe was in fact Islamic. However, he still differentiates between the "radical" Jihadists and Islam as a "religion of peace"—a distinction which mainstream Islam itself fails to make.



Quotes:

"These acts of violence against innocents violate the fundamental tenets of the Islamic faith.... The face of terror is not the true faith of Islam. That's not what Islam is all about. Islam is peace." ([Remarks at the Islamic Center of Washington, DC, Sept. 17, 2001.](#))

Newt Gingrich

Newt is one of the few who "gets it."

Quotes:

"...the enemy in the Long War [is] the 'Irreconcilable Wing of Islam.' [It] believes in a strikingly different world than the one we believe in ... an uncivilized and barbaric world that cannot be reconciled to a civilized one. ... Their views on the role of women, on the application of medieval religious law (the *Shari'a*) and religious intolerance (persecuting Christians) make them **irreconcilable** with civilization in the modern age." ([Oct. 19, 2005](#))

"—When you see the Taliban kidnap 22 Christian South Korean missionaries who are there to help the people of Afghanistan, and nobody gets up and says this is despicable. ... —When you see a 12-year-old boy in Pakistan saw off a man's head on videotape—where is the condemnation? ... —When you know that the Iranian government ran a cartoon last year, for children, aimed at recruiting 10-year-olds to be suicide bombers, on public television—at what point do you have to say enough? —When you're lectured by the Saudis about being 'respectful,' when they do not allow any Jew or any Christian to practice their religion in Saudi Arabia—and we *tolerate it*? —When do you draw a line?"

"Nobody in this society has yet given a speech to outline the scale of this problem, in terms of senior leadership. It's very hard for secular elites to understand this. Religiously driven people do things that don't calculate in nice academic faculty surroundings, and they don't calculate at the State Department, and they don't calculate in a rational way in most of our bureaucracies. *We are in trouble*, and somebody had better start talking about it in a blunt way." ([National Press Club, Aug. 7, 2007](#))

Barack Obama

Obama spent a significant amount of time in his childhood living in an Islamic context in Indonesia. He is therefore *uniquely* qualified to compare and contrast Islam with the U.S. Constitution. Yet he is virtually silent on the issue. Why?

Is Obama a Muslim?

The evidence says that he (a) was born into a nominally Muslim family, (b) went occasionally to mosque with his father, and (c) studied some form of Islam at school in Indonesia. However, he now claims to be a Christian, and he appears to have given up his weak association with Islam in favor of an Afro-centric version of Christianity—though he is still unwilling to say anything negative about Islam.

Quotes:

"...there has been a shift in Islam that I believe is connected to the failures of governments and the failures of the West to work with many of these countries, in order to make sure that opportunities are there, that there's bottom-up economic growth." ([CNN Exclusive: Obama on Foreign Policy, July 13, 2008](#))

Nancy Pelosi



Speaker of the House Pelosi made a controversial visit to Syria in April 2007, during which she donned an Islamic-style headscarf and *abaya* robe. The trip was widely criticized; President Bush [has called Syria "a state sponsor of terror."](#) Pelosi's comments urging "dialogue" between Israel and Syria have, however, earned her the praise of a number of known terrorists.