

A MODERN QUR'ANIC KAMPF AGAINST THE JEWS



An English Translation of Late Al-Azhar University Grand Imam
Muhammad Sayyid Tantawi's *Banū Isrā'īl fī al-Qur'an wa-al-Sunnah*,
"The Children of Israel in the Qur'an and Traditions"

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***"Grand Imam Tantawi and Al-Azhar University's
80-Year Jihad Against Israel and the Jews,"***

an introduction to his new book,

"A Modern Quranic Kampf Against The Jews,"

Presentation slides available as a pdf download at my website,
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[a.co/d/9ouURQA](https://www.amazon.com/dp/B090URQA) (Amazon)

Pioneering Yale investigators Kaplan & Small from 2006 (analyzing ADL 2004 Euro data)

- Anti-Israelism/Antizionism predicted Extreme Antisemitism* (*ADL scale)
- Euro Muslims were ~ 8-FOLD MORE LIKELY to harbor extreme antisemitism vs. Euro Christians

TABLE 3			
Multifactor Logistic Model Predicting the Probability a Respondent Reports an Anti-Semitic Index Exceeding 5 from the Anti-Israel Index, Controlling for Country of Residence, Age, Religion, Income, Gender, Contact with Jews, Commonality with Other Races/Religions, and Attitudes toward Immigrants			
Predictor	Odds Ratio	95% Confidence Interval	
		Lower	Upper
Religion (Relative to Christianity)			
Islam	7.80	4.69	12.98

Edward H. Kaplan. Charles A. Small. “Anti-Israel Sentiment Predicts Anti-Semitism in Europe,” *JOURNAL OF CONFLICT RESOLUTION*, Vol. 50 No. 4, August 2006 548-561
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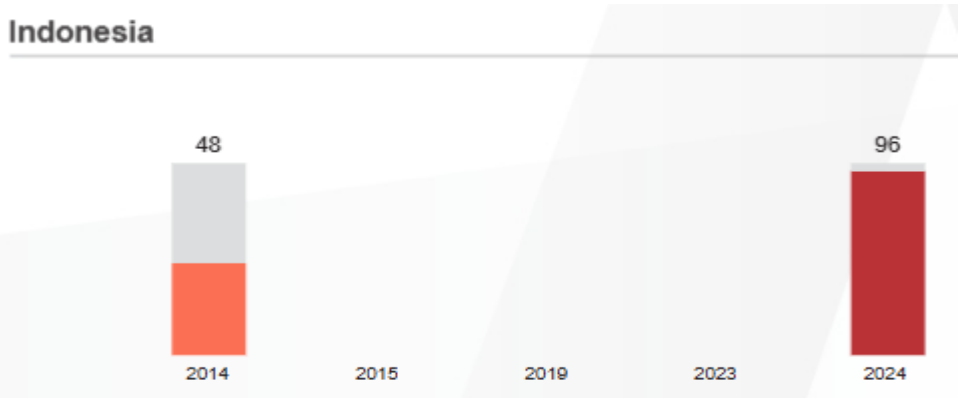
ORIENTATION: DATA REVEAL THE PANDEMIC OF MUSLIM “EXTREME ANTISEMITISM”—
2024 ADL 100 Global Survey Data, Released 1/14/25:
Grossly Disproportionate Muslim Nation Jew-Hate Persisted (c/w 2014 ADL Global 100 Data)

Percent agreement with at least 6/11 Antisemitic stereotypes (= “Extreme antisemitism”)

Middle East & North Africa	
97%, Kuwait	84%, Egypt
97%, West Bank/Gaza	83%, Tunisia
95%, Bahrain	81%, Algeria
94%, Oman	82%, Libya
92%, Saudi Arabia	77%, Iraq
91%, Jordan	72%, Sudan
91%, UAE	70%, Morocco
86%, Lebanon	64%, Qatar

Asian Muslim Countries & Turkey	
96%, Indonesia*	
79%, Turkey	
75%, Malaysia	

N. American & W. European Countries	
13%, France	
12%, United Kingdom	
9%, Germany	
9%, United States	
8%, Canada	



From: “ADL Measuring Antisemitism Global 100 Score,” released 1/14/25 <https://www.adl.org/adl-global-100-index-antisemitism>
58,000 adults from 103 countries surveyed using nationally representative probability sampling in each country or territory, with a margin of error of ±4.4% for sample size 500 (the vast majority of countries [n~90?]) and ±3.2% for sample size 1,000 [n~13?]; All interviews conducted 7/23 to 11/13/2024.

ADL data, 2015-2019:*

Disproportionate (2-4X ↑) extreme antisemitism in Western Europe, by religious affiliation with Islam

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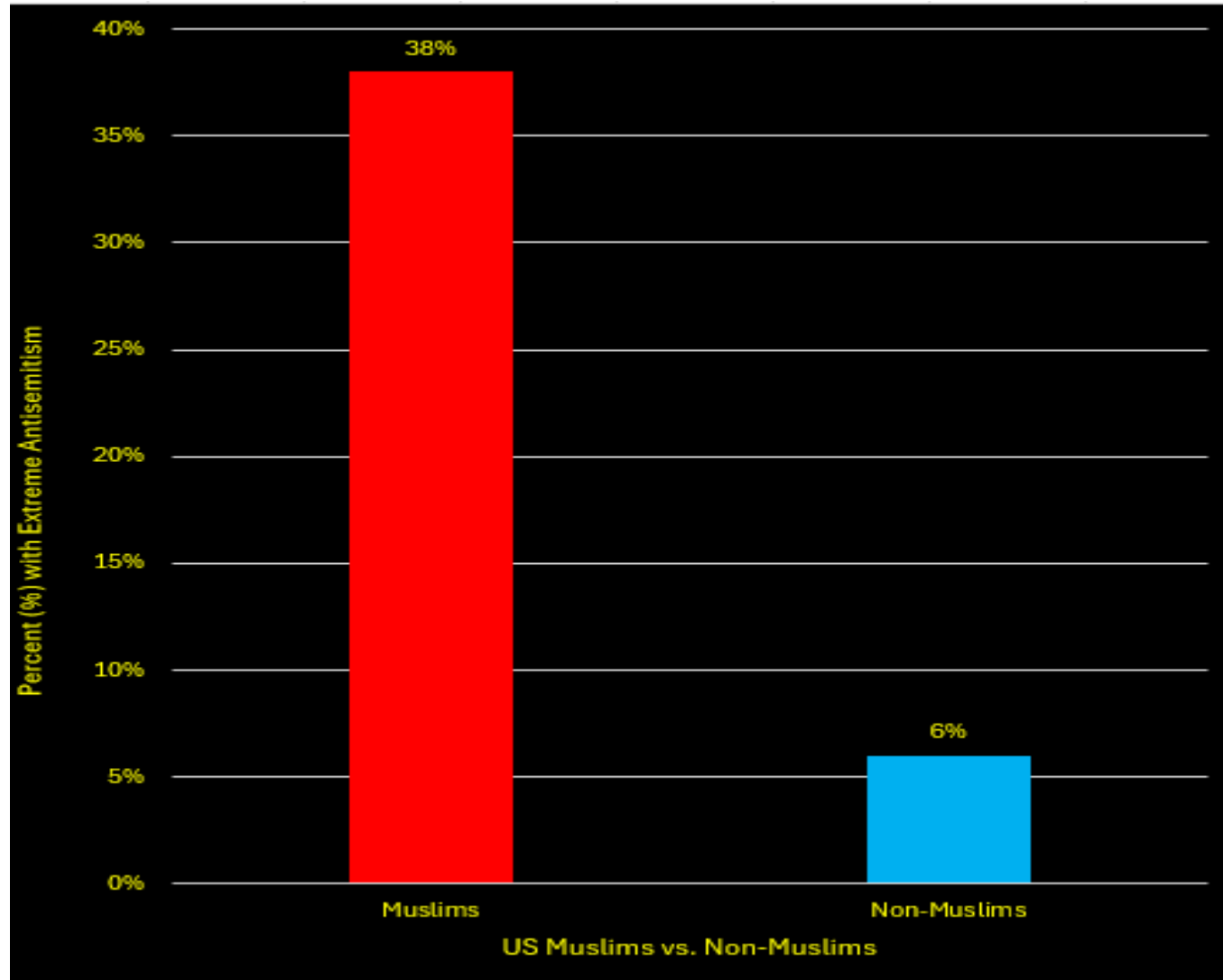
Country	Muslims	Christians	None	Overall
Belgium	58%	22%	16%	24%
United Kingdom	54%	11%	8%	11%
Germany	49%	14%	12%	15%
Spain	46%	27%	25%	28%
France	45%	19%	11%	17%
Italy	43%	18%	20%	18%
Total Averages	49%	19%	15%	19%

***Sadly, these ADL data have been at least temporarily purged from the ADL 100 website**

<https://global100.adl.org/map/weurope;>

Prevalence of Extreme Antisemitism Among U.S. Muslims vs. Non-Muslims

(2017 ADL Survey Data From a Sample of n=3600 U.S. Non-Muslims, and a U.S. Muslim Oversample of n=805)*



*Data published by G. Jikeli in:

Religions 2023, 14, 412; p. 32 of 43)

<https://www.mdpi.com/2077-1444/14/3/412>

(Extreme Antisemitism = agreeing with **at least 6** antisemitic stereotypes)

Muslims (38%) were 6.3-fold more likely to harbor Extreme Antisemitism, vs. Non-Muslims (6%)!

Consistent with these 2017 antisemitism data:

Between 9/11/2001 & December 2019—so well before 10/7/23—there were 22 planned Muslim/jihadist attacks on U.S. Jews/Jewish institutions. 16 were thwarted, **but 6 were “successful,” resulting in 8 deaths & 7 serious injuries**

<https://andrewbostom.net/2019/12/jihad-and-jew-hatred-in-america-incessant-muslim-targeting-of-u-s-jews-post-9-11-a-tabulation/>

Nexus Between Contemporary Polling Data & Contemporary Animating Religious Ideology

1988 Hamas Charter/Covenant Features:

- First statement, even before the Preamble, is **Qur'an 3:112**, a sacred Islamic religious justification for the **permanent degradation of the Jews** (which became a feature of the Sharia, Islamic Law) because of their alleged **“transgressions”** (incl “prophet killing”—which extends in the hadith to poisoning Muhammad)
- Preamble extols the Muslim Brotherhood, & Hamas' connection to it
- Article 7 features a canonical tradition of Muhammad, where he claims the Jews must be annihilated to usher in the messianic age
- Article 15 summons the global Muslim community (“umma”) to join Hamas in waging a jihad to destroy Israel as a political entity

Unique 2011 polling data by Stanley Greenberg et al querying agreement with these key elements of articles 7 & 15 in the Hamas Charter. 1,010 Palestinian Muslims in the West Bank & Gaza, were polled, face to face in Arabic.

Results:

- ***“When given a quote from the Hamas Charter about the need for battalions from the Arab & Islamic world to defeat the Jews (Article 15), 80% agreed.”***
- ***“73% agreed with a quote from the charter (and a hadith, or tradition ascribed to the prophet Muhammad, in Article 7) about the need to kill Jews hiding behind stones and trees.”***

References: The Hamas Covenant <https://www.memri.org/reports/covenant-islamic-resistance-movement-%E2%80%93-hamas>;

Qur'an 3:112 <https://corpus.quran.com/translation.jsp?chapter=3&verse=112>; Sahih Muslim 2922; Sahih Muslim Vol. 7, Book of Tribulations and Portents of the Last Hour, Hadith 6985

<https://amrayn.com/muslim:2922>; Greenberg survey, 2011 <https://www.jpost.com/Diplomacy-and-Politics/6-in-10-Palestinians-reject-2-state-solution-survey-finds>

Sunni Islam's "Vatican," Al-Azhar University, & Its Grand Imam "Papal Equivalents"

Leader of World Islam Begins A Historic Tour of America

By Constance D'au Vin Washington Post Staff Writer

The Washington Post (1974-); Nov 25, 1977; ProQuest

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Sunni Islam, ~90% of Muslims: ***Al-Azhar University, founded in the 10th century & Sunni Islam's "Vatican", since the 13th century Mamluk era, with its Papal equivalent Grand Imams spiritual leaders***

Al-Azhar Grand Imam Abdel Halim Mahmoud, in 1977



When then Al-Azhar Grand Imam Abdel Halim Mahmoud visited North America in 1977, the *Washington Post* headline announced, "Leader of World Islam Begins Historic Tour of America," and the story opened with these lines: ***"The man most widely recognized as the spiritual leader of Islam arrived in Washington (D.C.) last week, the first stop on a historic North American tour. 'It is for the first time that an incumbent of this high post visits the New World,' announced (Washington, D.C.) Islamic Center director Dr. Mohammad Rauf, as he presented His Eminence Dr. Abdel Halim Mahmoud, Sheikh [Grand Imam of] Al-Azhar..."***

Sunni Islam's "Vatican," Al-Azhar University & Its Grand Imam "Papal Equivalents"—Promote Global Jihad Against Israel, & "Sacralized" Islamic Antisemitism (I)

Al-Azhar Declarations of Jihad Against *All Jews* of Historical Palestine Since 11/29/1947 UN Partition Plan

1947: (upon announcement of Partition Plan for Historical Palestine)

1948: (at outset of Israel Independence War)

1956: (~9-mos before Sinai War)

1967: (at outset of Six-Day War)

**1968: (worldwide Muslim conference on jihad & Jew-hatred)*

1973: (at outset of Yom Kippur War)

**2000: Al-Azhar Grand Imam Tantawi's declaration of jihad during 2nd Intifada*

“*Jihad* in the path of Allah is a virtue that binds Muslims at all times, & it is an obligation on everyone who is able to carry it out, & tens of Qur'anic verses narrate the virtue of *Jihad* in the path of Allah, as well as tens of prophetic Hadiths [traditions]...It is obligatory for the entire Ummah [global Islamic community]... to support them [the Palestinian Muslims] in their *Jihad* against what is called 'Israel.'”

**2023: (after 10/7/23, on 10/18-19/23)*

Sunni Islam's "Vatican," Al-Azhar University & Its Grand Imam "Papal Equivalents"—Promote Global Jihad Against Israel, & "Sacralized" Islamic Antisemitism (II)

1968 Al-Azhar Conference in the aftermath of the 1967 Six-Day War debacle

Assembled prominent Muslim theologians not only from the Middle East, but Asia, Africa, & Europe. This seminal Conference, marked the formal abandonment of pseudo-secular "Arab Nationalism," in lieu of jihadism & Islamic Jew-hatred, as guiding ideological rationales for the simmering conflict with Israel.

6 key recurring themes, as summarized by late historian, David Littman:

- 1) "Jews are frequently denoted as the 'Enemies of Allah'"
- 2) "Jews manifest in themselves an historical continuity of evil qualities...as described in the Qur'an"
- 3) "The Jews do not constitute a true people or nation"
- 4) "The State of Israel is the culmination of the historical and cultural depravity of the Jews...It has to be destroyed by a Jihad"
- 5) "The superiority of Islam over all other religions is brandished as a guarantee that the Arabs will ultimately triumph"
- 6) "It is outrageous for the Jews, traditionally kept by Arab Islam in a humiliated, inferior status, and characterized as cowardly, to defeat the Arabs, have their own State, and cause the contraction of the 'abode of Islam'"

Littman's extracts from, & analysis of, the 935 pp. Conference Proceedings in 1971, published as "Arab Theologians on Jews and Israel," concluded Al Azhar was promoting ideas which,

"lead to the urge to liquidate Israel, politicide, & the Jews, genocide. If the evil of the Jews is immutable & permanent, transcending time and circumstances, & impervious to all hopes of reform, there is only one way to cleanse the world of them—by their complete annihilation."

That 1947-1968 Milieu Produced Muhammad Sayyed Tantawi's Al-Azhar PhD Thesis, *Banu Israil fi al-Qur'an wa al-Sunna*, "The Children of Israel in the Qur'an and Traditions"

Chronology of Important Milestones in Tantawi's Biography: Focus on Religious Milestones

- Born 10/28/1928 in Sohaj Governorate, Upper (Southern) Egypt
- Displayed "his brilliance" as a **Hafiz** in elementary school
- Attended the Azhar Institute in Alexandria at age 16 in 1944
- MEd from The Faculty of Theology at Al-Azhar in 1958/59
- Preacher for the Egyptian Ministry of Waqf (Islamic charitable endowments), early 1960s
- Al-Azhar Ph.D. in tafsir & Hadith in 1966*, for the thesis, *Banū Isrā'īl fī al-Qur'ān wa-al-sunnah* ("The Children of Israel in the Qur'an and Traditions"), published in 1968 [***Qutb executed in 1966**]
- Taught at Al-Azhar Faculty of Theology through 1972, until his appointment as a lecturer at the University of Asiyut, becoming a Professor & Dean there in 1976
- Appointed Egypt's national Mufti upon just having been elected Al-Azhar Dean of Faculty of Islamic & Arabic Studies, in late Oct 1986
- Editor of the major Qur'anic commentary, "*The intermediate [balanced] interpretation of the Qur'an*," ~1986-1991
- Appointed Grand Imam of Al Azhar University March 17, 1996, a position he held until his sudden cardiac death on March 10, 2010

The inaugural 2009 issue of ***The 500 Most Influential Muslims in the World***, produced by the Amman, Jordan Royal Islamic Institute of Strategic Studies, created as **a bastion of mainstream, moderate Islam**, succinctly encapsulated his expertise, & the standard apologetic narrative of his tenure as both Egyptian Mufti, & Al-Azhar Grand Imam. Under a section labeled, "**Key Commentator on the Qur'an**," *The 500* states:

*"Tantawi's ability to talk about Islam and his scholarly influence are founded on the Islamic practice of tafsir, that is, commentary on the Qur'an. **His current influence is seen in his close participation with the creation of the first online tafsir database (www.altafsir.com)**."*

Tantawi: Liberal Moderate Muslim, or Illiberal Muslim Traditionalist?

Tantawi as “Liberal”/ “Moderate”

(An image promoted uncritically by journalists, diplomats, & academics, but abhorred by Muslim traditionalists/ The Muslim Brotherhood)

- Proud of his physician daughter
- Opposed niqab for Muslim women
- Opposed FGM despites its broad application in Egypt as mandated by Egypt’s predominant Shafi’ite School of Islamic jurisprudence
- Openly enjoyed the music of popular Egyptian singers

Tantawi as “Illiberal”/ “Traditionalist”

(Ignored or minimized by journalists, diplomats, & academics, but celebrated by Muslim traditionalists/ The Muslim Brotherhood*)

- Sanctioned the destruction of Israel by a global jihad of the Muslim umma, including the use of jihad terror homicide bombing “martyrdom operations” against all Israelis (openly supportive of the latter as Grand Imam, beginning in 1996, & even after the gruesome Netanyahu Passover March 2002 bombing; Supported homicide bombings against U.S. troops in Iraq, as well)
- Gave broad juridical support to jihad warfare (incl terrorizing the “enemy” & jihad martyrdom) for the imposition of Islamic Law (Shari’a) worldwide in his complete commentary on the Qur’an (see glosses on Q 2:191, 8:60, 9:5, 9:29, 9:111, & 47:4; **see James Reston Jr. interview journalistic whitewash**)
- Used the Qur’anic epithet “apes & pigs” (per Q 5:60) for Jews in public
- Vociferously opposed “normalization” with Israel (see his 1997 meeting w/ Israel’s Chief Rabbi, Israel Meir Lau, & aftermath)

(* The Muslim Brotherhood so admired Tantawi’s 1968 thesis they re-published it after he became Egypt’s Mufti in 1986)

Synopsis of “The Children of Israel in the Qur’an & Traditions” (I)

- Our translation used the 1997 re-publication 766 pp Arabic edition of his 1968 thesis, which included Tantawi’s introduction, 8 chapters, & a conclusion
(I uploaded the 1997 Arabic edition here: <https://archive.org/details/tantawi-ph-d/mode/2up>)
- Just over 14-months after becoming Al Azhar Grand Imam, Tantawi’s May 29, 1997, brief introduction to this re-publication included these words, reiterating its underlying **pejorative** purpose:

“My main goal for choosing the topic of my dissertation ‘The Children of Israel in the Qur’an and the Sunna [Traditions]’ is to reveal- to Muslim youth in particular and to the rational, reasonable and fair-minded people in general the state of the Children of Israel (i.e., Jews), their history, ethics, lies, depravity and immorality, relying on what has been mentioned about them in the Holy Qur’an, the Sunna and the correct and unequivocal historical facts.”

Synopsis of “The Children of Israel in the Qur’an & Traditions” (II): Tantawi’s own summary, chapters 1-5

- **“In Chapter One, I talked about the history of the Jews and their conditions ever since they immigrated to Egypt until the second destruction of Jerusalem at the hands of the Romans in the year 70 AD... I concluded this chapter by talking about the history of the Jews of Arabia and their social, economic and religious conditions.”**
- **“In Chapter Two, I talked about the method displayed in the Noble Qur’an to invite the People of the Scriptures to Islam. I have also shown its fair, tolerant and sympathetic approach to them.”**
- **“In Chapter Three, I talked in detail about the ways the Jews used to conspire against Islam and Muslims to entrap them. I discussed 10 devious and cunning methods they employed to plot against Islam and Muslims. I concluded this chapter by showing the position of the Messenger (Muhammad) concerning them.”**
- **“As for Chapter Four, I talked about the confrontations (meetings of the sword) between the Muslims and the Jews: The Battle of Banu Qaynuqa, the Battle of Banu Nadir, the Battle of Banu Qurayza, and the battle of Khaybar. I also talked about the murder of some of the Jewish leaders such as Kaa’b Bin El- Ashraf and others.”**
- **“In Chapter Five, I detailed the blessings that Allah granted the Children of Israel and their position concerning these blessings. I showed how their ingratitude and ungratefulness would lead to bad and undesirable consequences in this world and in the next.”**

Synopsis of “The Children of Israel in the Qur’an & Traditions” (III): Tantawi’s own summary, chapters 6-8, & the conclusion

- **“In Chapter Six, I talked at length about the vices of the Jews as depicted by the Noble Qur’an. I investigated in detail many of the issues on which interpreters have differed” (i.e., minutiae/esoterica).**
- **“In Chapter Seven, I talked about their false and deceitful claims as demonstrated in the Noble Qur’an, and how the Qur’an responded to their false claims in a way that shuts their mouths, arrests their tongues and shows their lies and deception.”**
- **“In Chapter Eight, I mentioned the numerous penalties with which Allah inflicted punishment on the Children of Israel for their injustices and immorality in accordance with what has been mentioned in the verses of the Noble Qur’an.”**
- **“In the Conclusion, I talked about Palestine and the Zionist invasion of Palestine at its various stages. I finally showed the most important reasons that led to the catastrophe that has befallen Palestine as well as the most important strategies that if we- as Muslims- follow, will restore Palestine to us.”**

Synopsis of “The Children of Israel in the Qur’an & Traditions” (IV): Focus on Tantawi’s keystone 4th of “5 points of emphasis”

4- “When I explained these (Qur’anic) verses (i.e., about the Jews), I investigated other commentators and chose the most appropriate amongst them explaining the reasons for my choice. Consider, for example, our interpretation of the Almighty’s: “And We warned the Children of Israel in the Scripture, ‘You will certainly cause corruption in the land twice, and you will become extremely arrogant.’” [Q 17:4]

A Revealing Academic Misrepresentation of “The Children of Israel in the Qur’an & Traditions” (I)

Dr. Suha Taji-Farouki (in 1998*) did provide an apt characterization of the structure and antisemitic bent of Tantawi’s thesis acknowledging the academic heft of Tantawi’s methodology:

*“In a weighty exposition of seven hundred pages, he lists Qur’anic verses and hadiths addressing various aspects of his subject. A detailed discussion of these verses and hadiths is offered, incorporating extracts from various commentaries which are cited to substantiate and confirm his understanding of them. **While his preference is for the classical commentaries including, for example, those of al-Zamakshari [d. 1143], al-Tabari [d.923], al-Razi [d. 1210], al-Qurtubi [d. 1273], and Ibn Kathir [d. 1373], he occasionally refers to the modern commentary al-Manar by Rashid Rida [d. 1935] (& Muhammad Abduh [d. 1905]).** In places he lists the opinions of several commentators in turn, ending with his own conclusions.”*

Taji-Farouki also recognized that, *“as might be expected in the case of a study carried out under the supervision of specialists in exegesis at al-Azhar,”* the *“style and presentation (of) Tantawi’s work **deviates little from traditional Islamic exegetical scholarship.**”* However, offering no evidence, i.e., specific comparative glosses from the classical commentators she acknowledges Tantawi cites (or any other evidence), Taji-Farouki nevertheless claims, **“in insisting only on the negative characteristics of the Jews, however, it deviates significantly from traditional exegesis.”**

* Suha Taji-Farouki. “Jews in the Qur'an: A Review of Muhammad Sayyid Tantawi's Banu Isra'il fi al-Qur'an wa al-Sunna & Afif Abd ai-Fattah Tabbari's Al-Yahud fi al-Qur'an.” In *Muslim-Jewish Encounters: Intellectual Tradition and Modern Politics*, edited by Suha Taji- Farouki & Ronald L. Nettler, pp. 15-37. Newark, N J, Harwood Academic Publishers. 1998.

A Revealing Academic Misrepresentation of “The Children of Israel in the Qur’an & Traditions” (II)

Tantawi’s “point 4” of his “5 points of emphasis” introductory statements about “*The Children of Israel...*,” provides a testable challenge to al-Farouki’s unsupported claim.

I compared Tantawi’s gloss on Q 17:4 (combining Q 17:4-8, especially 17:4 & 17:8, for added contextualization) with those of the classical Muslim exegetes Farouki acknowledges are featured in “The Children of Israel” — Zamakshari, Tabari, Razi, Qurtubi, & Ibn Kathir [the commentary al-Manar, by Abduh and Rida, was never completed & had no interpretation of sura 17].

In addition, I have juxtaposed Tantawi’s interpretation of Q 17:4/8 in “The Children of Israel” to his own exegesis in “*The intermediate [balanced] interpretation of the Qur’an*,” and the glosses of two other seminal modern Qur’anic exegetes, one Sunni (by Muhammad Shafi [d.1976], former Grand Mufti of Pakistan & author of *Maariful Quran*, the most authoritative modern Indo-Pakistani commentary) and the other Shi’ite (by Muhammad Husein Tabatabai [d. 1981], the greatest modern Shi’ite exegete and “philosopher,” / “theosopher,” after whom Allamah Tabatabai University was named, i.e., the largest specialized state social sciences university in Iran & the Middle East)

A Revealing Academic Misrepresentation of “The Children of Israel in the Qur’an & Traditions” (III)

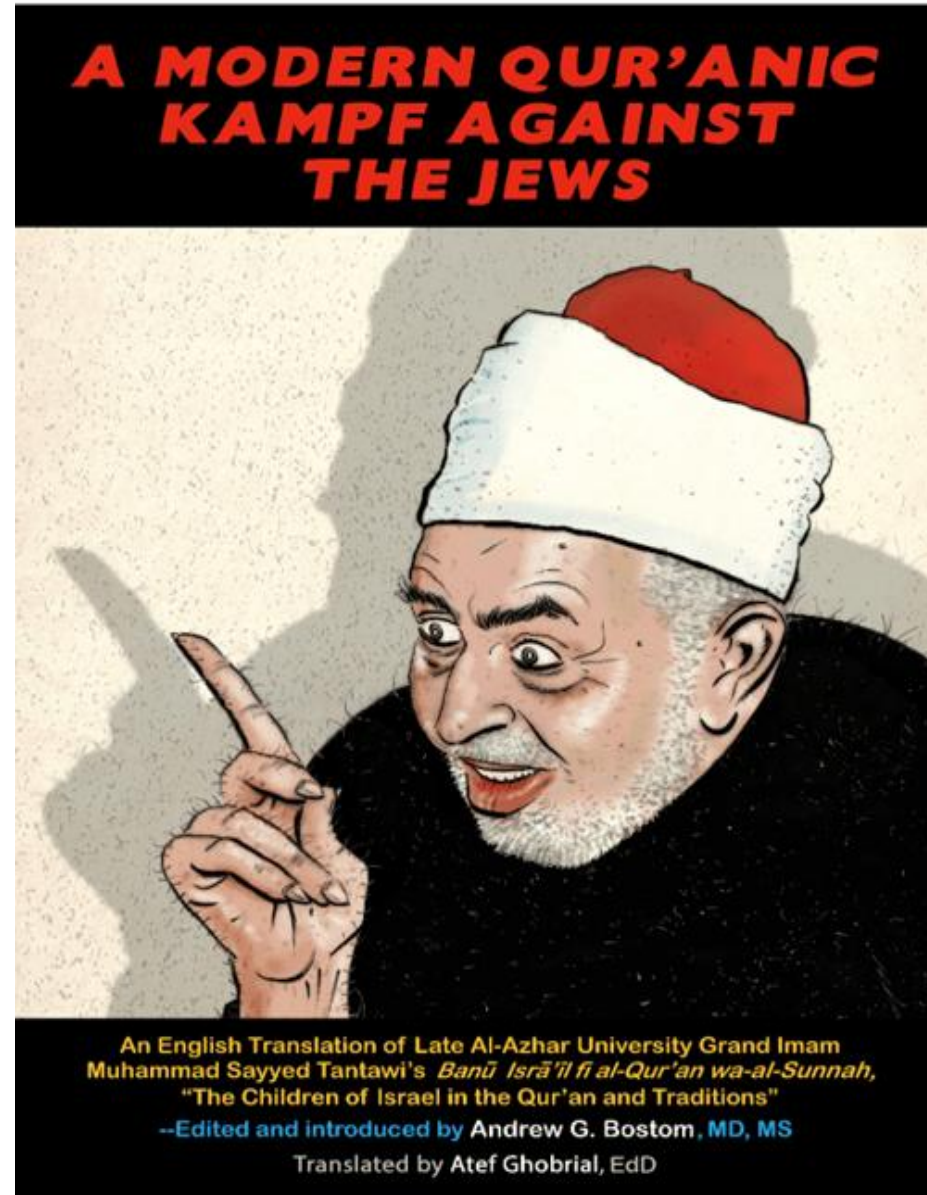
- **Any objective assessment of all these glosses on Q 17:4/8—classical and modern—reveals they emphasize, uniformly, indelible pejorative characteristics of Jews who therefore deserve worldly devastating humiliation, and Hellfire in the Afterlife.**
- **This hard evidence debunks Taji-Farouki’s glib, unsupported assertion that Tantawi’s exegeses somehow “deviate(d) significantly from traditional exegesis.”**
- **Even Tantawi’s truculent remarks in his thesis commentary on Q 17:4/8 regarding modern Jews and their conflict with the “Muslims of Palestine” are mirrored by former Pakistani Grand Mufti Shafi in his influential contemporary commentary *Maariful Qur’an*. Indeed, Shafi’s gloss calls for a global Muslim “purely Islamic Jihad” to destroy Israel and reimpose Sharia governance on all of “Palestine.”**

Tantawi from “*The Children of Israel*,” 1968:

*“The reader of the Noble Qur’an will clearly see that it has depicted many of the inappropriate conducts, despicable manners and cunning and crooked behaviors that the Children of Israel indulged in. It has branded them with disbelief (Q4:46), ingratitude (Q 45:16-17), egotism (Q 2:87, 2:41), cowardice (Q 2:96, 59:13), deceit (Q 2:74), rebellion (Q 5:24, 5:64), transgression (Q 5:62), cruelty (Q 2:74), deviance (2:135), hastening to transgression and aggression (Q 5:70-71), unjustly consuming people’s wealth (4:161), and many more of the vices that are recorded in the Noble Qur’an. They therefore earned Allah’s displeasure, were stripped of Allah’s mercy and compassion, and they were stricken with disgrace and misery (Q 2:61, 3:112). **These vices that the Noble Qur’an recorded can be clearly seen anywhere and throughout the ages. The passage of time has only made these vices more ingrained and rooted in them.**”*

When an Egyptian television series “dramatization” validating *The Protocols of The Elders of Zion* was broadcast during Ramadan, 2002, Tantawi gave it his tacit endorsement, commenting:

“I assume that the series contains criticism of some of the Jews’ traits, or that it presents these traits. But this is no reason to make such an artificial uproar....The charge of antisemitism was invented by the Jews, as a means of pressuring the Arabs and Muslims and with the aim of implementing their conspiracies in the Arab and Muslim countries. It should be disregarded.”



Unpacking & Summarizing Tantawi's Overall Method

A central focus of my analysis in *A Modern Qur'anic Kampf Against The Jews*

How the canonical Islamic antisemitic motifs Tantawi elaborates at great length from the Qur'an, seminal Qur'anic commentators, and traditions of Muhammad—the vast preponderance of the contents of the thesis—are very briefly interwoven with, indeed form the basis for, an authoritative Islamic understanding of, modern, non-Islamic antisemitic sources, such as:

- The Czarist Russian forgery, “The Protocols of the Elders of Zion”
- Benjamin Franklin's factitious “prophecy” * about the alleged “danger” posed to the nascent United States by its infinitesimal Jewish minority (* see also, Tantawi's tragi-comical “sourcing”)
- The Jew-hating fulminations of Karl Marx, and Adolph Hitler.

Tantawi's "The Children Of Israel In The Qur'an And Traditions": Voluminous (~625pp), Scholarly 1968 Version of the (~12pp) 1988 Hamas Covenant ?

Identical Featured Usage of Key Qur'anic Verses

- Describing the Jews' Rightful, Permanent Humiliation For Repeatedly Transgressing The Will of Allah (**Q 3:112**)
(*"They have been put under humiliation [by Allah] wherever they are overtaken, except for a covenant from Allah and a rope from the Muslims. And they have drawn upon themselves anger from Allah and **have been put under destitution. That is because they disbelieved in the verses of Allah and killed the prophets without right. That is because they disobeyed and [habitually] transgressed.**"*)
- The Qur'an's Central Conspiratorial Jew-Hating Motif of the Jews As Spreaders of Corruption & Discord (**Q 5:64**)
(*"And that which has been revealed to you from your Lord will surely increase many of them [the Jews] in transgression and disbelief. And We have cast among them animosity and hatred until the Day of Resurrection. Every time they [the Jews] kindled the fire of war [against you], Allah extinguished it. **And they strive throughout the land [causing] corruption, and Allah does not like corrupters.**"*)

—Q 5:64 as anticipating, & being validated by, for example, the Czarist Russian forgery, *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion*

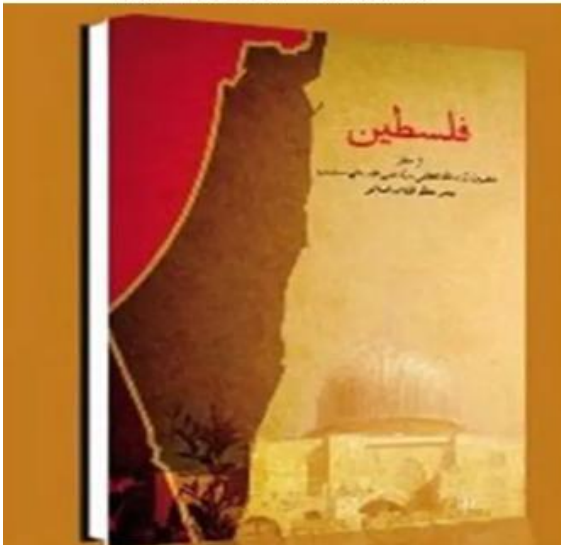
Identical Featured Notion of The Eternal Jihad Against The Jews

- A Real World Jihad War of Conquest/ (Reconquest) & (Re-) Submission to The Shari'a/Imposition of Dhimmitude
(see Q 9:29 esp.)
- An Eschatological Jihad War of Jew-Annihilation to Usher in the Messianic Age
—The canonical "rocks & trees hadith" of Bukhari & Muslim is featured by Tantawi & The Hamas Covenant

The Late Ayatollah Khamenei's Jihadism & Qur'anic Jew-Hatred Were The Same as Late Grand Imam Tantawi's/Al-Azhar's Qur'anic Jihadism & Jew-Hatred



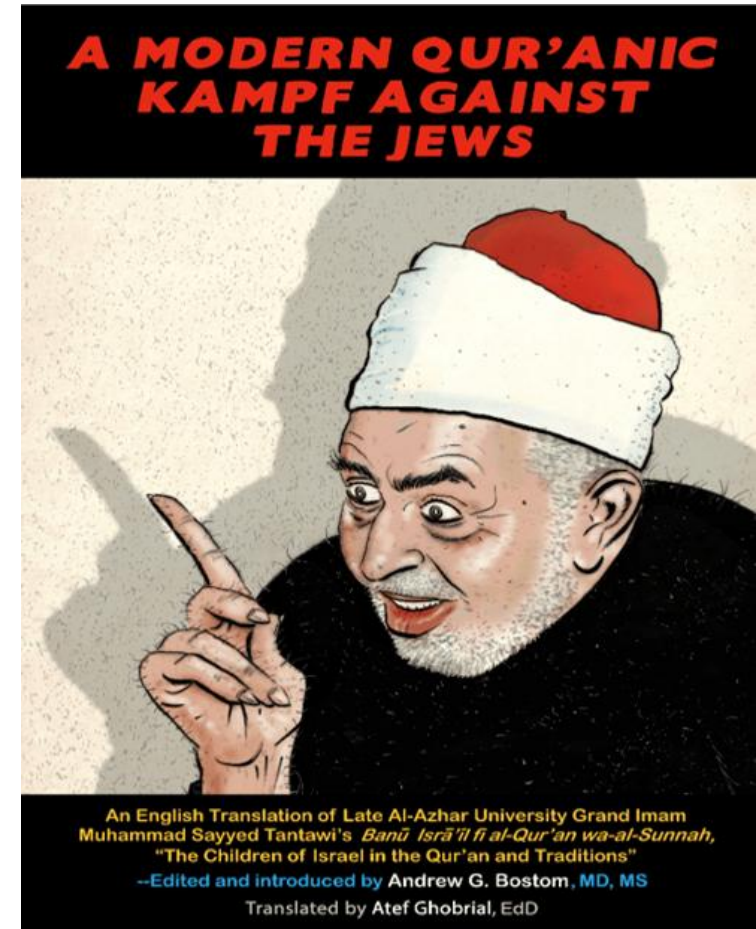
Khamenei's "Palestine"



—Both supported an annihilationist jihad against Israel by the entire global Muslim umma to restore the territory to the historical Dar-ul Islam

—Both invoked the same Jew-hating Qur'anic verses depicting Jews as:

- Refusing to follow Allah's path & incurring his anger (Q 1:7)
- Transgressing against Allah's will & doomed to rightful chronic humiliation (Q 2:61, 2:90, 3:112, etc.)
- Inveterate sowers of strife & corruption (Q 5:64)
- Deserving of repeated bouts of annihilation, including at the hands of the Muslims, & consigned to Hell (Q 17:4-8)



Current (since 2010) Al-Azhar University Grand Imam al-Tayeb

Ahmad al-Tayeb, former mufti of Egypt, Al-Azhar President, & since 2010, Grand Imam of Al-Azhar.

- Sanctioned homicide bombing against all Israeli Jews in 2007
- Claimed in 2014 & 2018 the internecine strife in the Muslim world caused by ISIS & other jihad terror groups, was a Zionist plot
- In 2018 he further insisted the “Zionist entity” will “march on the Kaaba [central stone structure in Islam’s holy mosque in Mecca] & on the Prophet’s mosque [in Medina]. This is on their minds & in their hearts.”
- Nonetheless, he also stated in 2018, “the issue of antisemitism is a lie that continues to deceive nations to this day.”
- Duplicitous messaging after beheading of French school teacher Samuel Paty in 2020 who showed 3 Hebdo cartoons during a classroom discussion of free speech—Tayeb “condemned” beheading but equated it with “painful insults to Islam & Muslims,” & invoked Q 9:24 reminding Muslims they must sacrifice their souls, their family, & all that is precious to them in order to defend Muhammad because love for Allah, Muhammad, & jihad must exceed their love for family & possessions
- 11/29/2024, representing Al-Azhar, on the 77th anniversary of the 11/29/1947 United Nations Partition Plan, re-affirmed its REJECTION of that early iteration of “The Two-State Solution.”
- 12/10/24, following the collapse of Syria into a jihadist morass, denounced “Zionists/Zionism” (whom/which he routinely conflates with all Jews/Judaism) as a “cancer” that must be prevented from “spread” into “the Arab Muslim body...limb by limb”



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Al-Azhar clerics' commentary on the Oct 7, 2023 jihad carnage

- On Oct 7, 2023, Al-Azhar celebrated the brutal jihad carnage of Hamas as *“the resistance efforts of the proud Palestinian people.”*
- By Oct 19, 2023, Al-Azhar issued a formal “fatwa,” or religious edict, declaring that “Zionist settlers,” i.e., **ALL** Israeli Jews, were legitimate targets of jihad, and referred to Israel as a “a cancer in the heart of the Islamic Arab nation.”

**Al-Azhar Fatwa Center: The classification
of “civilians” does not apply to Zionist
settlers**

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Al-Azhar International Center for Electronic Fatwa

Al-Azhar University & Its Mosque “Celebrate” Ramadan, 2025

Al-Azhar & its mosque “celebrated” the “7th night of the blessed month of Ramadan” (Thurs. 3/6/25) by reciting a central Antisemitic verse from the Quran, 5:82, which tells Muslims ***“You will surely find the most intense of the people in animosity toward the believers (Muslims) [to be] the Jews”***

The video was placed at Al-Azhar’s X account



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Conclusions

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- **Al-Azhar's Continued Inculcation of Virulent Antisemitic Themes From Islam's Core Texts, & a Global Muslim Jihad Against Israel—Views Representing Authoritative, Institutional Islam—Must be Widely Shared, Recognized, & Discussed, Without Censorship**
- **Islam Desperately Requires Vatican II/ Nostre Aetate-Like, Mea Culpa-Based Wrenching Reforms of its Central, Jew-Hating Theology**
—(And Jews Need MANY Persons Like Jules Isaac to Come Forth & Demand Such Reforms!)

Thanks for your attention to this dry & forbidding material!

2004 ADL Questionnaire used to determine ADL Index Score* of Extreme Antisemitism**

- [1.] Jews don't care what happens to anyone but their own kind.*
- [2.] Jews are more willing than others to use shady practices to get what they want.*
- [3.] Jews are more loyal to Israel than to this country.*
- [4.] Jews have too much power in the business world.*
- [5.] Jews have lots of irritating faults.*
- [6.] Jews stick together more than other citizens. (of respondent's country of residence)*
- [7.] Jews always like to be at the head of things.*
- [8.] Jews have too much power in international financial markets.*
- [9.] Jews have too much power in our country today.*
- [10.] Jewish business people are so shrewd that others do not have a fair chance to compete.*
- [11.] Jews are just as honest as other business people.* (*frequency of respondents that disagreed with this)*

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“Attitudes Toward Jews, Israel and the Palestinian-Israeli Conflict in Ten European Countries.” April, 2004. 34pp.

https://www.adl.org/sites/default/files/documents/assets/pdf/israel-international/european_attitudes_april_2004.pdf

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- 5) Jews have too much control over global affairs.
- 6) People hate Jews because of the way Jews behave.
- 7) Jews think they are better than other people.
- 8) Jews have too much control over the United States government.
- 9) Jews have too much control over the global media.
- 10) Jews still talk too much about what happened to them in the Holocaust.
- 11) Jews are responsible for most of the world's wars.



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Yehoshafat Harkabi (d. 1994), former chief of Israeli military intelligence from 1955-1959, & later Professor of International Relations & Middle East Studies at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, From 1965
(*Plus ça change...*)

On the eve of Rosh Hashanah 5726 (Fall 1965), I published an article in the newspaper, *Ma'ariv*, entitled "Arab Antisemitism." My purpose was to alert the Israeli public's attention to the fact that a large number of antisemitic books had been published in the Arab countries. Furthermore, what gave these books greater significance was that many of them were officially sponsored by governmental publishing houses.

Certain circles within the Israeli public were not pleased with this revelation and the reaction to the article was first and foremost one of anger. To me this seemed strange: it seemed that while antisemitism in a distant country is intolerable and Israelis protest against it bitterly, for some reason, in the Arab countries it is tolerable and to be passed over in silence. What was personally even more upsetting was to discover that in Israeli and Jewish circles there was a tendency to self-deception, to ignore Arab antisemitism as I described it, despite all the evidence I specified, and even to deny its very existence. I was especially upset since such a tendency to gloss over the Arab position involved, at least in my opinion, a distortion of the truth and of reality. I was also grieved to see how Israelis unwittingly abet Arab propaganda by such a stand.

Sunni Islam's Vatican, Al-Azhar University Hails 12-Year-Old "Prodigy" Who Recites Qur'anic Condemnation of Jews and Christians (Qur'an 1:7) at Al-Azhar Mosque During Ramadan, 2026

Al-Azhar posted the following on March 18, 2026:

"12 years old...Surah Al-Fatiha recited by a prodigy from the prodigies of Al-Azhar's Quranic reciters, Omar Ali, a first-year preparatory student at the Azharite school, the rising star in the sky of Egyptian recitation, and the youngest to lead the worshippers in prayer at Al-Azhar Mosque during the month of Ramadan."



- Islam's prophet Muhammad, in a tradition, explained to one of his early followers that this brief opening sura (chapter) of the Qur'an (sura "Al-Fatiha," "The Opening," chapter 1/sura 1, [verses [1-2-3-4-5-6-7](#)]) was the *"greatest sura in the Qur'an."*
- Another canonical tradition of Muhammad instructs Muslims, *"It Is Obligatory to Recite Al-Fatiha in Every Rak'ah"*; There are 17 Rak'at in the 5 required daily prayer sessions
- Muslims are directed on their appropriate, righteous path, i.e., Islam, by "merciful Allah", as set forth in the fatiha's initial 6 verses but they are cautioned, sternly, at concluding verse [7](#): *"The path of those upon whom You have bestowed favor [Islam], not of those who have evoked [Your] anger or of those who are astray."*
- Muhammad, in yet another **canonical tradition** clarified plainly, for Muslims, it is the Jews who evoked Allah's anger, and the Christians who went astray. This clarifying interpretation is reinforced with rare exceptions by over **thirteen centuries** of authoritative classical and modern Qur'anic commentaries which have glossed verse 1:7.

Muhammad Sayyed Tantawi on Qur'an 1:7

Tantawi was one of the 10/11 modern sages whose commentary reiterated Muhammad's traditional understanding of Qur'an 1:7, stating:

*“Those who have incurred Allah’s anger are the Jews, and those who are misguided are the Christians. **This interpretation comes from Muhammad**, in a tradition narrated by Imam Ahmad (ibn Hanbal) in his Musnad and Ibn Habban (al-Busti) in his Sahih. **Some exegetes [commentators] say those who have incurred Allah’s anger [the Jews] knew the truth but departed from it out of stubbornness and denial.** As for the misguided [the Christians], they are those who lack knowledge and remain in error without finding the straight path.”*



Muhammad Tantawi (d. 2010) on Quran 9:29: Grand Imam of Al-Azhar University, Sunni Islam's Vatican, from 1996-2010, & pre-eminent modern Sunni Quranic commentator.

“The reasons for the order to fight them are: they do not believe in Allah & the Last Day, they do not prohibit what Allah and His Messenger [Muhammad] have prohibited, and they do not adopt the religion of truth (Islam)...The meaning is fight those who have these attributes from among the People of the Scripture **until they pay the Jizya willingly and submissively (while) they are humbled, humiliated and subservient to your rule over them...**Taking the Jizya (Quranic poll tax) from them...is also a way of contributing to the advancement and prosperity of the Islamic state....It is an acknowledgement on their behalf to submit to the instructions of this state...**Those who do not adopt the religion of truth [i.e., Islam] as their religion, deserve humiliation and ignominy in this world. As for the afterlife, their torture would be excruciatingly painful and everlasting.**”

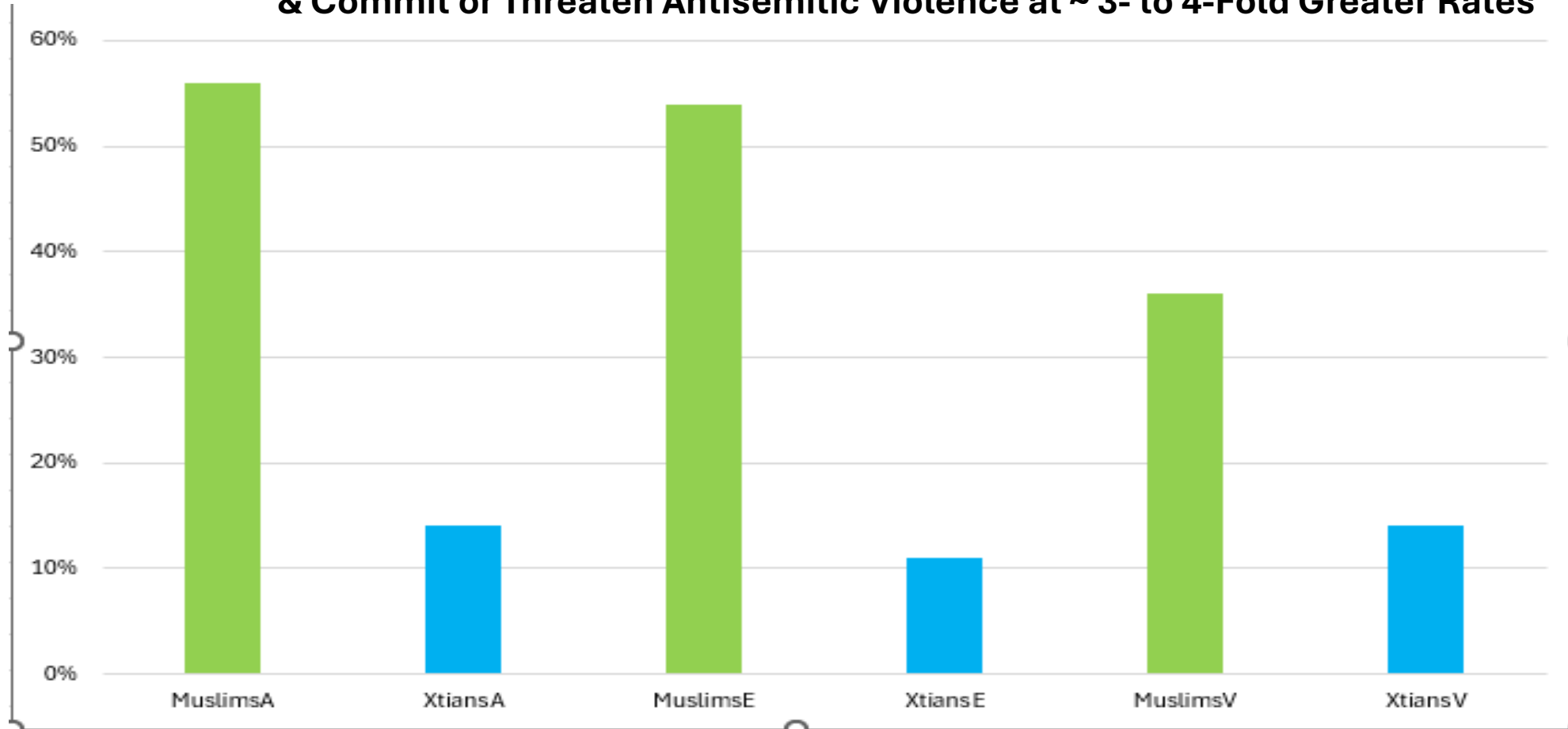


Muhammad Tabatabai (d. 1981) on Quran 9:29: Theologian-philosopher (“Theosopher”) and pre-eminent modern Shiite Quranic commentator, after whom the Islamic Republic of Iran’s largest specialized social sciences university is named.

“Regarding their characteristics that necessitate fighting them, as mentioned in the beginning of the verse, followed by them giving the jizya to uphold their protection [i.e., from renewal of the jihad war against them!], **it informs [us] that the purpose of humiliating them is their submission to an Islamic lifestyle and to a righteous religious government within an Islamic society. They shall not be equal to Muslims nor stand out against with them as an independent identity, free to express anything their souls feel like, nor to publicize the doctrines and activities invented by their lunacies that corrupt human societies.** This all relates to them handing over money from their hands out of a contemptible position. So the meaning of the verse (and Allah knows best) is: Fight the People of the Book who do not [truly] believe in Allah or in the Last Day, with a faith that is acceptable and uncorrupted from being proper, and who do not forbid what is forbidden in Islam namely those [crimes] that, when committed, corrupt human society, and who do not abide by a religion that conforms with the divine creation. **Fight them and persist in fighting them until they are humbled among you and submit to your rule.**”

Data Reported 2017-2019:

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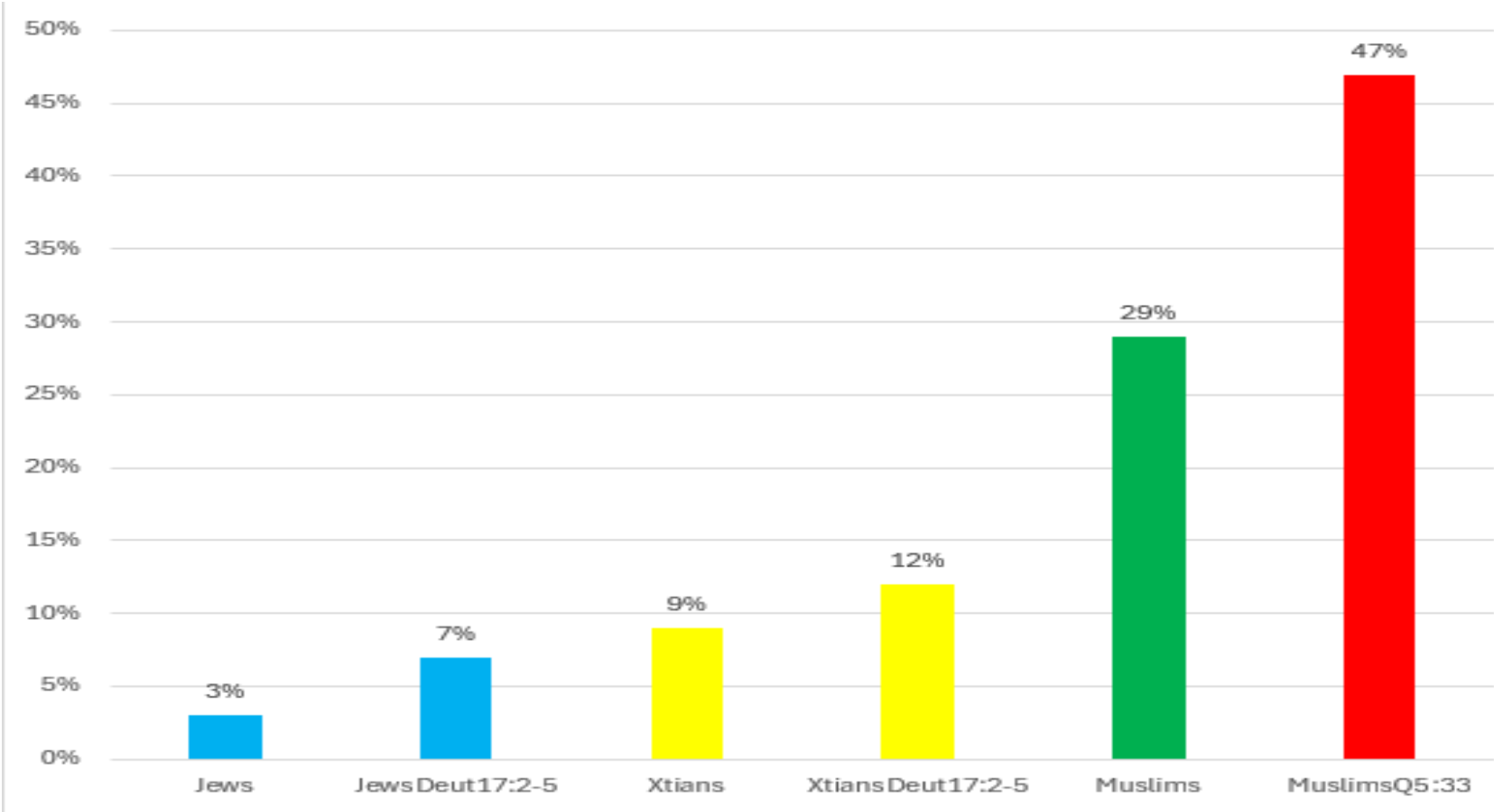
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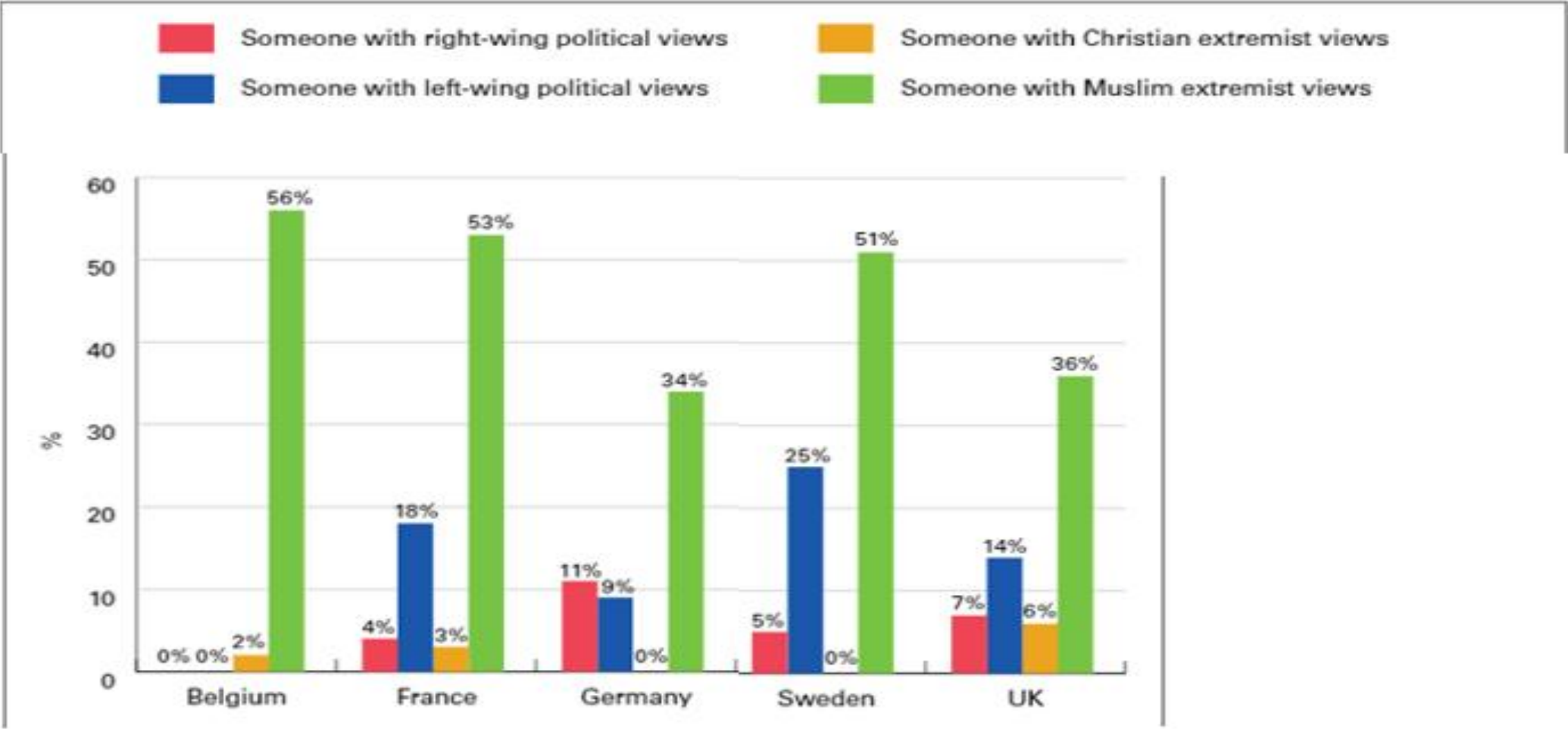
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Koopmans et al. “Scriptural legitimation and the mobilisation of support for religious violence: experimental evidence across three religions and seven countries,” *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*, 47:7, 1498-1516, DOI: 10.1080/1369183X.2020.1822158

>5-fold excess occurrence of non-lethal violence, or violent threats against Belgian, French, German, Swedish, & British Jews, by Muslims (“extremists”), relative to non-Muslims, collectively, who held designated, “right-wing” or “Christian extremist” views, as identified by their Jewish victims.



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