**Requirements:**

* **You must write 500 words to address each question (a total of 2000 words)**
* **Must be well-written**
* **You must read and understand the materials that I provided to have a well-thought answer for each question**
* **You must use the resources that I provided only**
* **MLA Format, 12 font, single-spaced, one-inch margins.**

**Question 1:** Why is theological terminology (e.g. “jihad”) not useful in understanding/analyzing the Al-Qaeda or ISIS terrorism? Do we need a new term instead of “jihad”?

**Q1.** **Resources:**

* Lesley Hazelton. 2011, Jan 5. ”A ‘Tourist’ Reads the Koran.” TED. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3Y2Or0LlO6g>
* John Esposito. 2002. Unholy War. Pp 26-35 (The book provided)
* Thomas Hegghammer. 2014. “Jihadi-Salafis or Revolutionaries? On Religion and Politics in the Study of Militant Islamism” In Global Salafism: Islam's New Religious Movement, Roel Meijer (Ed.). Oxford.

<https://hegghammer.files.wordpress.com/2019/07/hegghammer-jihadi-salafis-or-revolutionaries.pdf>

Why the “Sacred” Is a Better Resource Than “Religion” for Understanding Terrorism

<https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/09546553.2014.976625>

**Question 2:** To what extent, the historical events including artificial borders, colonial past, the Arab-Israeli war, and Western military deployment in the Muslim countries, would suffice to create enough impetus for recruitment into jihadi-militant groups?

**Q2. Resources:**

* John Esposito. 2015. Islam and Political Violence. Religions, 6, 3, 1067-81. DOI:10.3390/rel6031067. (pp. 1071-1073 is more relevant to this Question 2).

<https://www.readcube.com/articles/10.3390/rel6031067>

* John Esposito. 2002. Unholy War. Pp 71- 83 (The book provided )
* Bernard Lewis. 2002, January. “What Went Wrong?”. The Atlantic.

<https://www.theatlantic.com/magazine/archive/2002/01/what-went-wrong/302387/>

**Question 3:** What are the most important concepts used by a majority of jihadist scholars in constructing the theological framework of the jihadi-terrorism doctrine? What are the challenges and dilemmas they face in devising the doctrine about indiscriminate killing?

**Q3. Resources:**

* Shiraz Maher. 2016. “Applying Jihad in Salafi Thought”, Ch. 3, Salafi-Jihadism: The History of an Idea, Pp. 41-70.
* Brynjar Lia. 2008. “Doctrines for Jihadi Terrorist Training,” Terrorism and Political Violence. Pp 518-537.

<https://www.researchgate.net/publication/251259246_Doctrines_for_Jihadi_Terrorist_Training>

* John Esposito. 2002. Unholy War. Pp 39- 68 (The book provided)

**Question 4:** What factors explain the emergence and (relative) robustness of the Islamist proto-states out of the chaos of the civil wars (in Afghanistan and Somalia)?

**Q4. Resources:**

* Perspectives on Terrorism Vol. 9, No. 4, Special Issue on the Islamic State (August 2015), pp. 31-41

<https://www.jstor.org/stable/26297412?seq=11#metadata_info_tab_contents>

* (6:23, Afghanistan: why the Taliban can't be defeated | The Economist)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sEtYN70okug>

* (21:05Taliban Country 2020)

<https://www.pbs.org/wgbh/frontline/article/why-a-u-s-taliban-peace-deal-could-strengthen-isis-in-afghanistan/>