

Resource Sheet: How Israel's Enemies Threaten the Entire World

Double-sided



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Common Q&A's

What is the nature and scale of the Islamic extremist and far left threats?

Both are utopian ideological movements, with various wings, factions, and allies, that threaten the entire world.

Why do extremist movements with such wildly different ideologies ally with one another?

Both view the values and institutions of the world's classical-liberal democracies as their primary rival and enemy.

What can be done to fight back?

By exposing how the Islamic extremist and far left movements threaten the entire world, it will be possible to mobilize the broadest possible defensive political coalition.

Key Takeaways

- ☑ Both Islamic extremism and the far left seek to impose their own utopian ideologies wherever they rule and, eventually, over the entire world. For the far left, the collapse of the Soviet Union sped up the decline of the traditional grand economic utopia (communism), while increasing the importance of ideological hatred of the West and its traditional values and institutions.
- ☑ Both view “Western-style,” classical liberal values and institutions—including the rule of law, individual rights, well-functioning market economies, democracy, meritocratic education, and neutrality and excellence within professions—as their primary ideological rival. Therefore, they both seek to weaken or destroy such values and institutions, along with the moderate (center-left and center-right) political ideologies, movements, and parties that continue to support them.
- ☑ Not surprisingly, then, Islamic extremism and the far left tend to support each other's efforts—especially where they are not close local competitors. Even where they are close local competitors, they often see each other as preferable to classical-liberal moderates.
- ☑ Both view the United States and Israel—the “Great Satan” and the “Little Satan”—as their greatest global enemies, for the same reasons. The United States is the most influential exemplar and greatest power center of the “Western” or classical liberal world. Israel is an ideologically and practically convenient scapegoat to isolate and destroy as part of a wider divide-and-conquer strategy.