

Review of: "Religiously motivated terrorism: a systematic review exploring causal pathways"

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This article addresses an issue of great, and increasing and ongoing, significance. It provides a comprehensive overview of all recent scholarship considering religiously motivated terrorism and, more importantly, provides a summary of the approaches that governments might take in order to eliminate and/or ameliorate its causes and consequences. What the results may identify is a gap in the empirical literature around the place of law and liberal rights discourse in the causes of such terrorism or in its prevention. Clearly, there is a great deal of interest in Shari'a law and some of the political and economic rights, but it seems that a more thoroughgoing analysis of the wider import of liberal law and liberal rights is necessary in order better to understand religious fundamentalism and the way in which that may be deployed with respect to terrorism. This article provides an excellent grounding in the methodological literature, with a view to developing new studies that will address the range of socio-cultural factors, including liberal law and liberal rights discourse.