

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

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- Religiously motivated terrorism is a very useful study on Islam, radicalization and terrorism. The study was conducted with a higher spirit of neutrality and objectivity.
- Determining the casual pathways/terrorism remains a very difficult task. Plethora of factors, and contexts. This led the authors to the following: “rather than seeking to understand the nuance regarding causal links for apparent religiously inspired terrorism, resource would be better placed in understanding how vulnerable individuals can be prevented from joining such networks.... ”
- The study eligibility criteria was designed for : 1- Empirical evidence validating or refuting the concept of religiously motivated terrorism, and if validating, what factors explain causal pathways into such activity. The strategy included terms relating to 'violence', 'radicalisation' and 'religion.' One wonders why these terms led only to Islamically driven ideologies and excluded all other forms of religious violence/terrorism (See for example Terrorism Index in Myanmar **averaged 4.49 from 2002 until 2019, reaching an all time high of 5.92 in 2017-copied**).
- The title should have been: Islamically motivated terrorism: a systematic review exploring causal pathways. Since the only religious groups examined in this study are Muslims in different parts of the world.