The True Nature of the Jihadi Threat

The war which we fight is primarily defined by the enemy as INFORMATION WARFARE, which manifests itself in our system as political warfare, influence operations, espionage, counterintelligence, propaganda, and subversion of our foundational institutions: political, educational, religious, and media. The enemy’s primary focus is to control the narrative in this war.

Yet, the entire U.S. government is focused on kinetic war – shootings, bombings, kidnappings and other acts of “terrorism.” The U.S. is not only NOT winning in the information battlespace, the U.S. is not even engaged in that space because American leaders do not understand it is the enemy’s self-identified Main Focus of Effort. Where the U.S. does attempt to engage in the information battle-space, it is off the mark because no military or civilian agency has stopped to learn the enemy doctrine (sharia). Jihadi plans for violence here in the U.S., as well as the wars in Iraq, Afghanistan, Syria and elsewhere, are important to the enemy, but secondary to Information Warfare/Controlling the Narrative.

Islamic leaders have convinced American civilian and military leaders Islam does not support the kind of action taken by the Islamic State, Al Qaeda, and other violent jihadi organizations at the same time Islamic elementary schools around the world teach exactly what the Islamic State and Al Qaeda teach their fighters. America’s failure to understand this threat and know the enemy doctrine (sharia) cripples our ability to engage the enemy where he fights his main battle. The Islamic State, Al Qaeda, and other violent jihadi groups fight to (1) implement Islamic Law and (2) re-establish the global Islamic state (Caliphate). The Muslim Brotherhood was created in Egypt in 1928 to (1) implement Islamic Law worldwide and (2) re-establish the Caliphate. The Islamic State and Al Qaeda have the same objectives as the Muslim Brotherhood - they differ only in timing and tactics.

The Muslim Brotherhood’s Creed is: “God is our objective; the Koran is our law; the Prophet is our leader; jihad is our way; and death for the sake of Allah is the highest of our aspirations.”

Documents entered into evidence in the largest terrorism-financing and Hamas trial ever successfully prosecuted in American history - US v Holy Land Foundation for Relief and Development (HLF), Northern District of Texas (Dallas) 2008 - reveal nearly every major Islamic organization in the United States is a part of a massive Islamic Movement containing thousands of organizations in all 50 states primarily controlled by the Muslim Brotherhood, including but not limited to: Council on American Islamic Relations (CAIR), Islamic Society of North America (ISNA), Islamic Circle of North America (ICNA), North American Islamic Trust (NAIT), Muslim American Society (MAS), Muslim Students Association (MSA), International Institute of Islamic Thought (IIIT), Fiqh Council of North America, and hundreds of others. Evidence in the HLF
trial reveals HLF was one of four organizations created by the U.S. Muslim Brotherhood’s Palestine Committee, which was Hamas in the United States. Hamas is a designated foreign terrorist organization. Yet, U.S. government agencies, including the FBI, rely on Muslim Brotherhood leaders to “advise” them on Islamic issues.

Islam defines itself as a “complete way of life” – social, cultural, military, religious, political – all governed by Sharia (Islamic Law). Islamic Law is real law. It is the basis for constitutions in Muslim nations around the world. Islamic Law requires jihad as "warfare against non-Muslims" until the world is claimed for Islam. There has never been any other definition of “jihad” in Islamic Law. Under Islamic Law, non-Muslims must ultimately convert or submit to Islam, or be killed. In Islam, the entire world is divided into the Dar al-Islam (house of Islam) and the Dar al-Harb (house of war). Jihad is a permanent state until the Dar al-Harb is eliminated and the entire world is brought under the Dar al-Islam, ruled by Islamic Law (sharia). Current Islamic sources teach Islamic Law is diametrically opposed to the U.S. Constitution. This is not a First Amendment issue, and it is NOT a “religious” issue. The enemy seeks to impose foreign law (sharia) in the U.S. challenging Article 6 of the U.S. Constitution which states “This Constitution... shall be the supreme law of the land.”

MB organizations conduct outreach to the government, law enforcement, media, religious community, and others for one reason - to subvert them in furtherance of their objective to implement sharia. Current publications of Islamic Law clearly allow for “obligatory lying” to non-Muslims when the objective is obligatory - jihad for example. Therefore, when studying this issue, it is critical to read published Islamic law written by Muslim authorities, for the benefit of Muslim audiences. In this information war, a principle goal of the Muslim Brotherhood is to keep the West from studying authoritative Islamic Law. Individuals charged with duties in the National Security realm, especially the leadership, who have sworn an oath to the Constitution, must undertake a concerted effort to learn and understand the factual basis of the threat doctrine that includes a self-proclaimed reliance on Islamic Law. Arguably, failure to do so makes the development of a counter-strategy impossible, and notably constitutes malfeasance on the part of the National Security professionals.