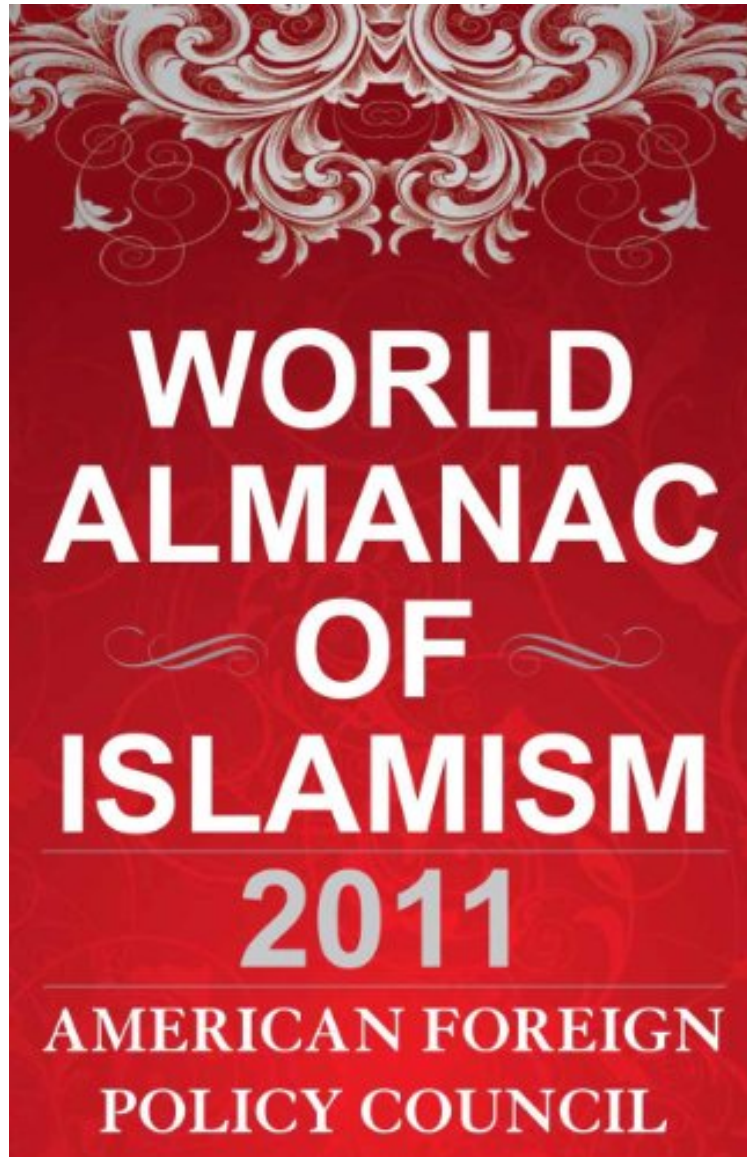


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From Western Europe to Asia, from the Middle East to the Horn of Africa, societies are finding themselves under growing assault from radical Islamist forces. In some countries, such as Spain and France, the challenge posed by

radical Islam is still limited in scope and embryonic in nature. But in others, including Somalia and Pakistan, it poses a mortal danger to the future of the existing state. The World Almanac of Islamism is the first comprehensive reference work to detail the global reach of Islamism across six continents. Each country study, written by leading subject-matter experts, examines the full scope of the Islamist phenomenon, from the activities of radical Islamist groups to the role of Islamist actors and ideas in society to the response or complicity of the local government. An additional series of movement studies explores the global reach, ideology, and capabilities of the world's most powerful transnational Islamist movements. Finally, Almanac includes regional summaries and a global overview designed to provide context and strategic insights into current and emerging trends relating to Islamism the world over. This collection makes a major contribution toward properly defining the Islamist threat and paving the way for the implementation of more effective strategies to counter the rise of radical Islamism by the United States and its allies. It provides policymakers, the news media, scholars, and students with a more comprehensive understanding of the threat we now confront from Islamic extremism. Additionally, the full Almanac is available electronically in database form. It can be accessed online at [almanac.afpc.org](http://almanac.afpc.org).

From Booklist Islamism is defined here by the American Foreign Policy Council as movements, groups and individuals which harness religious values and ideals to serve a larger political agenda aimed at spreading or imposing Islamic law, either locally, regionally or internationally. Divided into geographic regions, such as North America or East Asia, this almanac provides a brief overview of Islamism in each region, followed by detailed reports for selected countries. The country reports all follow the same format, with sections on Islamist activity there; Islamism and society; and Islamism and the state. The latter two sections discuss, respectively, the place Islamists have within the greater society and the response to or support of Islamism by the country's government. Concluding the work are reports on a few of the larger Islamist groups, such as Hezbollah and the Muslim Brotherhood, that all include descriptions of the groups' history and ideology, global reach, and recent activity. All the reports are written by an expert on that country or group. No other reference work brings together so much historical and statistical information and analysis on global Islamism. The Historical Dictionary of Islamic Fundamentalist Movements in the Arab World, Iran, and Turkey (1999) is geographically more limited and was published more than a decade ago. The Dictionnaire gopolitique de l'islamisme (2009) may be inaccessible to some on account of language. It should be noted that the World Almanac of Islamism, 2011 is not a neutral reference source. It regards Islamism as a global threat, particularly to the West and liberal democracies, and aims to provide a better understanding of that threat and to inform policy decisions to counter it. Highly recommended for academic and large public libraries. --Christopher McConnell

The massive volume (just short of 900 pages) provides a good deal of useful information and many findings about the political and extremist elements of Islam in almost every corner of the globe. (Religion Watch) Attempting to present a comprehensive guide to radical Islam and terrorism around the world, this volume provides entries on 57 countries across North America and seven other regions as well as a Global Movements section with background on al-Qaeda, Hezbollah, Lashkar-e-Taiba, Taliban, Muslim Brotherhood, Hizb ut-Tahrir, and Tablighi Jamaat. (Library Journal) This is the inaugural edition of the World Almanac of Islamism, a comprehensive and thorough resource dedicated to tracking the rise and decline of radical Islam and its ideology at the national, regional, and global levels. The almanac's primary focus is on the contemporary Islamist threat and the current activities of radical Islamist movements. As with many American Foreign Policy Council publications, this new work is timely and extremely insightful in its topical analysis. It is very suitable for all levels of readership. Organized by global region and subsequently subdivided by country, the volume provides demographic statistics for each country/nation, followed by three distinct sections titled "Islamist Activities," "Islamism and Society," and "Islamism and the State." It concludes with extensive bibliographic information. Readers will find this work very well organized, insightful, and easy to use and comprehend. Summing Up: Highly recommended. Lower-level undergraduates and above; general readers. (CHOICE)

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