

Letter

Video Blog: War of Ideas

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- Letter to Sean Hannity April 29, 2007
- This letter accompanied a copy of *Confessions of a Recovering Preppie*
- Letter stated that terror war is war of ideas
- I would like to expand on this thought.

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War of Ideas

- The war of ideas is a contest between Western values and seventh century theocracy.
- The war is complicated by the fact that most Islamic countries are not free.
- Islamism and democracy, while diametrically opposed, are both expansionist philosophies.
- A nation can defeat a more powerful foe with ideas.
- The 1789 French Revolution was a spread of the idea of democracy from America to Europe.

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Islamism

- Islamic terrorists understand the value of ideas.
- Terrorist propaganda contains a philosophy that must be defeated.
- Jihadi propaganda promotes the rule of Sharia law in an Islamic theocracy.
- Jihadists want to create a caliphate or empire that includes southern Asia, the Middle East and Europe.

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Western Values

- Western values include the rule of law, liberty and democracy.
- Western values also include philosophies worked out in the Enlightenment.
- Sometimes it is necessary to fight to protect these ideals.
- Many people in the Muslim world do not even know of these values.

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Postmodernism and multiculturalism

- A new school of thought called postmodernism suggests that there are no truths.
- Multiculturalism suggests that Western democracy is no better than Islamic theocracy.
- These philosophies believe that Western values are not worth fighting for.
- Postmodernism and multiculturalism are highly influential among academics and writers.
- This can weaken our will to fight the expansion of Islamic theocracy.

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Media

- It is necessary to explain and promote Western values.
- Western values must be taught in our schools, explained in our literature and assumed in our media.
- Jihadi values are promoted in Islamic media such as al Jazeera as well as through terrorist websites and videos.
- Media in the Islamic world give airplay to al Qaida propaganda while Western media fails to promote liberal democracy.
- Defeating the Nazis required the production and dissemination of US propaganda.
- A similar effort is necessary to deal with jihadis.

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War

- The struggle against jihadis is a war that we could lose with devastating consequences.
- Our culture, values, and way of life are worth fighting for.
- Europe could fall to Islamism within our lifetimes if Islamic immigrants are not assimilated.
- We must be as determined and ruthless as we were during World War II, and as patient as we were during the Cold War.
- This struggle will define an American generation.

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