The phenomenon of extremism in religion in Muslim life: An analysis of its roots, causes and nature

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Abstract

This paper strives to analyze the roots, causes and nature of extremism in Muslim life from a contemporary Muslim perspective. Its scope is limited to historical, ideological and psychological roots of contemporary extremism among Muslim individuals and organizations, regardless of whether they live as the majority or minority in their countries. It examines the qualitative method focusing on content analysis of the writings of Muslim scholars and observations of extremist activities that lead to terrorism or extremism in their minds and deeds. It is hoped that this will awaken Muslims from their ignorance and make them conscious of the history to enable them to correct themselves from their flaws or errors should they reason to any extremist tendencies in their interactions, interpretations, actions, articulations, analyses, speeches, sermons, dialogues, debates and writings on teachings, either consciously or unconsciously, whether it is a clash on social or political or religious or interfaith discourses. Lastly, it provides a conclusion and remain mandates.

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