

How should the civilized world counter Islamic militants?

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Islamic militancy has replaced Communism as the scourge of civilization, and the recent massacres in Paris and California, by Islamic militants, remind us of the spirit underlying the attacks of 9/11.

Our discussion of this topic will continue the theme of international policy from the prior two meetings. We will especially discuss the roles of Iran, ISIS, Russia, and the U.S. in the Near East.

Complementing this topic, we can ask how much chance there is that civilization could come to be dominated by Islamic states holding values opposed to the values of western civilization.

Meeting format

I will seed the discussion with a number of ideas, and then we will discuss all ramifications of the topic of interest to the participants. However, this topic has the potential of stimulating so many ideas as to lose focus, so we will focus first on the threat of ISIS since ISIS is currently the primary threat to civilization.