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 **TODAY'S "SHORT TOPIC"**
**FEAR OF TERRORISM:
You Say It's Just a Matter
of Perspective..... Have
You Suspended
Consciousness?**



By Stephen L. Bakke  March 29, 2016

Here's what provoked me:

Denying the seriousness of the growing international radical Muslim threat to America requires that one suspend all consciousness! Yet, one writer desperately tried to convince us that we aren't afraid of terrorism in general – just the Muslim brand, in particular!

Here's my response:

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Have You Suspended Consciousness?**

A writer on March 24 made several points about terrorism in "Vigilance and fear, action and realism – fine lines." The letter is loaded with false equivalencies:

- Almost as many people died at Sandy Hook Elementary as in Brussels.
- Those who want increased caution re: Muslim immigrants are the same ones who bemoan increased gun security.
- McVeigh's Oklahoma City bombing killed more people than died in Brussels.
- Britain lived through IRA terrorism and Israel isn't "shutting down" because of their problems.
- Preventable gun and auto deaths in the U.S. have many more victims than terrorism.

The writer sums it up by suggesting it's just a matter of perspective – we're afraid only of Muslim terrorists. This seems to echo what Representative Keith Ellison recently stated: "[T]he greater majority of domestic terrorist attacks are not by Muslims at all.....[there are] various ideologies that drive it."

Fort Hood, San Bernardino, Paris, Brussels, Pakistan – hundreds killed by radical Muslim terrorists. A Catholic priest is crucified on Good Friday.....on and on back in time. The Wall Street Journal's editorial board stated it correctly: "Mass-casualty terrorism has become an almost daily occurrence."

The Washington Post's Peggy Noonan has estimated there are approximately 160 million with serious potential to become radical Muslims – admittedly a tiny portion of the world's Muslim population, but..... Denying the seriousness of the growing international radical Muslim threat to America requires that one suspend all consciousness!