



Iran vs. Saudi Arabia: Gallup Poll Shows Americans Prefer Terrorist Nations Over Iran. Why?

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A February 17th Gallup Poll [showed](#) that Americans prefer the chief nation that sponsors international terrorism, when given a choice between that terrorist-sponsoring nation and Iran. The disapproval shown of Iran is 79%; the approval is 14%. Back in 2014, the disapproval / approval [were](#) 84%/12%. At that time, Saudi Arabia had figures of 57%/35%. Iran was seen by Americans as being even more hostile toward Americans than Saudi Arabia.

Americans are profoundly misinformed about international relations – and there’s a reason for this: the deep corruption within the American Establishment (the people who shape American political opinions).

Here are the [facts](#): 92% of Saudi Arabians approve of ISIS. That country’s leadership – both the Saud family who own the country, and their clerics – [teach them this way](#).

Fifteen of the nineteen 9/11 hijackers came from Saudi Arabia, and the bookkeeper/bagman who had collected, in cash, every one of the million-dollar-plus donations to al-Qaeda up till 9/11, said under oath, in US court-testimony which Western news-media have hidden from the public: virtually all of the Saudi Princes, and many of their close friends (each of which individuals he identified by name) were \$1M+ donors to the al-Qaeda organization; and, without those funds, any attacks such as 9/11 would have been simply impossible for them to do.

The bag-man and bookkeeper for Osama bin Laden was captured by the United States and was sent to a maximum-security US prison where he is unable to speak to anyone, but before that, he named many of the leading Saudi Princes and their closest friends as having been the people who had provided the funds. And he said: «*Without the money of the – of the Saudi, you will have nothing*» of al-Qaeda.



Here's one exchange:

Q: To clarify, you're saying that the al-Qaeda members received salaries?

A: They do, absolutely.

The royals' 'charity' that pays not only al-Qaeda but ISIS and other such organizations, is from the donors, to their warriors; the warriors are being paid by those 'charitable donations'. That's what pays their salaries. Jihadist organizations are religious charities - whose aim is to spread the Islamic faith (which is why the mullahs or 'holy men', who are also being paid by that same Saud family, approve of the Saudis to be the rulers).

Here's another exchange:

Q: What - what was bin Laden's attitude towards the Saudi ulema [the religious scholars, the clerics]?

A: It was of complete reverence and obedience. [It was like a Roman Catholic's attitude] toward the Pope.

Among the mega-donors that he could remember off the top of his head were Prince [Waleed bin Talal al-Saud](#), Prince [Turki al-Faisal al-Saud](#), Prince [Bandar bin Sultan al-Saud](#) (affectionately known in the US as «Bandar Bush» (he was Saudi Arabia's US Ambassador at the time of 9/11; he later became Chief of Saudi intelligence).

The bagman explained:

The Saudi government is – they have two heads of the snake, they have the Saudi, like Al Saud, and the Wahhabi [clerics] were in charge of the Islamic Code of the Islam [the lawmakers and judges] – or Islamic power in Saudi Arabia, okay, and that’s why they have the name ‘Wahhabi’, okay, okay. So the Saudi [the Saud royal family] cannot keep [the Executive or ruling] power in Saudi Arabia without having the agreement, okay, of the Wahhab, the Wahhabi, the scholar [the clerics, who interpret the Quran, the nation’s real [Constitution](#)], okay.

One might reasonably wonder, then: why do Americans hate and fear Iran, over and above even the nation – the royal family and their clerics – that were actually behind 9/11? Might it be, perhaps, because the Shia clerics of Iran are as fundamentalist as the Sunni ones in Saudi Arabia? Not at all; but, yet, Americans seem to assume that that’s the case.

The American public are duped by lying ‘news’ media, which don’t let them know the reality – the American people are kept in the dark.

The Saudis, the one family who owns Saudi Arabia, hate the Iranian public, just as much as they [hate](#) the American public; and they do so because they (the Saud family) intend ultimately (their descendants) [to conquer and rule](#) over both, and over the entire world. But first, they need to kill all Shiites (and Iran is ruled by Shiites), because otherwise even the Islamic world itself won’t be united. Without a united Islam, how could they have a chance ultimately to conquer the non-Islamic world? It wouldn’t even be possible – and they know this. In fact, their nation [was created](#) in 1744 by a mutual oath between Muhammad ibn Saud and Muhammad ibn Wahhab that embodied it.

The US aristocracy has been allied with the Saudi royal family for decades. When John Foster Dulles and Allen Dulles had [Kim Roosevelt](#) – Teddy Roosevelt’s grandson – organize the 1953 CIA overthrow of the progressive democratic secular freely elected Iranian Prime Minister Mohammad Mosaddegh, and install there the barbaric Shah and his torture-chambers, it sparked the Iranian public to hate Americans, who had brought this hell to them.

Then, in 1979, came the Iranian revolution installing not a Mosaddegh-type secular democracy such as America overthrew, but instead a Shiite clerical dictatorship, to replace the American fascist one, which had been entirely alien to Iran (though this alien regime used a local dictator, the Shah, as its figurehead, who answered to Washington). In succession now, Mosaddegh’s two enemies – first the US aristocracy, and now the Shiite clergy – have replaced an alien, US, dictatorship by a native one. But that native one (after 1979, the Shia clergy) has no international-jihadist ideology. Though Shia clerics hate the apartheid Israeli regime and fund Hezbollah to fight it, there is otherwise nothing that’s even remotely comparable to jihadism, in the Shia branch of Islam. Jihad (global conquest) is strictly a Sunni phenomenon, and it centers around the Saudi government, which is owned by the Saud family, and whose laws are made by the Wahhabist (the Saudis’ extremely fundamentalist Islamic) clergy, which is financed by the Saudis and by the subjects that the royal family own – the ‘citizens’ of Saudi Arabia. This is why 92% of the Saudi public think that ISIS is good. (By contrast, in the multicultural nation of Syria, which is allied with Iran and Russia and is ruled by a decidedly non-sectarian and secular government that’s composed mainly of Shia, and which has been invaded by Wahhabist-Salafist foreign

fighters who are financed by America's jihadist allies, 78% of the population [disapprove](#) of ISIS, and 82% blame the US as being the chief power behind ISIS.)

The original sin that has shaped America's role in the Mideast (other than our siding with the apartheid nation of Israel and so being widely despised around the world by Muslims) occurred when America's aristocracy took over Iran in 1953, for their oil companies. But Americans hate Iranians as a *result* of that original sin, which was done by the Dulleses to Iranians on behalf of US oil-company friends, which include the Saudis. The American people are getting the blowback from the American aristocracy's international crimes abroad.

And, now, as Gallup is consistently finding, Americans hate the Iranians. That's because the Iranians have called America «the great Satan» because that's what America (our aristocracy and its agents) had actually been *to them* – *to the Iranian people*. Iran's public are right, even though the clergy that rule over them are wrong – but Americans don't know that distinction, and condemn the Iranian nation.

Meanwhile, the Saudis, from whom the American public have suffered 9/11 and so much else, are 'American allies' according to the duplicitous US press. They are not allies actually of the American public, but of the American aristocracy, which the American press don't even expose to the public: this country, after all, is ([not](#)) a '[democracy](#)'.

And our government won't prosecute, nor attempt to prosecute, the people who actually fund terrorism – not even the terrorism that hits here, never mind in Europe etc. That refusal to prosecute the people who were behind the 9/11 attacks is also what [the expurgated 28 pages](#) in the US Senate's 9/11 report are all about.

Instead, our lying politicians, who are empowered (in both Parties) by money from the same people, constantly call Iran the major backer of international terrorism, though they know that the allegation is rabidly false. Hillary Clinton [says](#), «*We have a lot of other business to get done with Iran. Yes, they have to stop being the main state sponsor of terrorism*». But actually, she and the other agents of America's aristocracy are the ones who have to stop their constant lying, because there are plenty of American suckers who believe their lies – and it ends up showing in the Gallup and other opinion-polls, and ultimately in the people that the thus-deluded American public *vote for* to serve in Congress and the Presidency. Americans are deluded by their aristocracy's constant lies.

After all, it's not hard for any authentic news-reporter to prove that Hillary herself is aware that what she said there was false – that her remark was a lie, not merely a slip-up. When she was the US Secretary of State, one of the first things she did (after [assisting](#) the fascist junta that had taken over in Honduras on 28 June 2009 to stay in power) was to send [a cable](#) to the US Ambassadors in all of the capitals where the donations to al-Qaeda, ISIS, and other terrorist groups, were coming from, requiring those Ambassadors to the local aristocracy to tell them to stop doing that; these were the Ambassadors only in fundamentalist-Sunni-run countries: Saudi Arabia (the center of it all), Qatar, UAE, Kuwait, and Pakistan. In that private cable, she even said things like:

«Donors in Saudi Arabia constitute the most significant source of funding to Sunni terrorist groups worldwide».

«Qatar's overall level of CT [Counter Terrorist] cooperation with the US is considered the worst in the region».

«Kuwait ... has been less inclined to take action against Kuwait-based financiers and facilitators plotting attacks outside of Kuwait. Al-Qa'ida and other groups continue to exploit Kuwait both as a source of funds and as a key transit point».

«UAE-based donors have provided financial support to a variety of terrorist groups, including al-Qa'ida, the Taliban, LeT and other terrorist groups, including Hamas».

Those are our 'allies'? She knows that al-Qaeda and ISIS received no money from Shia. She knows that al-Qaeda and ISIS are Sunni-only groups, which [hate all Shia](#) - they want to defeat Iran, they don't represent Iran.

Garbage like what Hillary said there against Iran makes it into Presidential candidates' debates; and none of the 'press' says the person was either lying or else incredibly ignorant for saying such a thing. A statement like that poisons the well of US-Iranian relations, even more than a half-century after it had already been poisoned big-time, back in 1953. Why is this poisoning so persistent?

This lie that Hillary Clinton and so many other American politicians spout, is one of many lies that our 'news' media can't expose, because to do that would also expose themselves - that the media themselves have deceived the American public by not pointing out that the politicians are lying about these major, determinative, issues. In this regard, it's similar to [the lie](#) that Bush didn't lie but merely had been mistaken about «Saddam's WMD»: how could the press now acknowledge that Bush had lied, when they refused to even examine his lies while they were being made, which is when it counts? And that's why politicians such as Clinton can get away with their lies about Iran.

America is now piling up with lies, which the nation's 'news' media can't expose without exposing themselves as being part of the deception of the American public. (After they had stenographically reported George W Bush's lies about 'Saddam's WMD', they could never admit how rotten the US press [were](#) - and [still are](#). They have to hide that, too.) This piling-on of lies is now becoming extremely dangerous, even to the very possibility of restoring democracy to America. Without an honest press, democracy is impossible. Without an honest press, democracy won't be restored in America.

There is nothing that the US press is as dishonest about as Russia and its traditional allies, such as [Ukraine](#), [Syria](#), and [Libya](#). And this nest of subjects includes the entire topic of jihadism, which America's aristocracy secretly back (and use as a tactic against Russia and its allies) but which Russia's aristocracy and public both oppose, consistently - and not only by tokens such as killing al-Qaeda's leaders, but by [getting done](#) the entire ugly job that needs to be done (which was described there with a remarkable lack of bias, in a recent issue of the New Yorker magazine, by Joshua Yaffa, headlining «Putin's Dragon»). There is no way to defeat jihadism without destroying the jihadist culture itself. Instead, the US has been and is allied to it. Not just in Saudi Arabia, but also in the other Arabic Sunni oil-kingdoms: Qatar, Kuwait, and UAE - and, more recently, also in the resurgently-Sunni NATO 'ally': Turkey. So, our 'press' must lie big-time, and with only very few exceptions of honesty, about these matters.

That's what is merely being reflected in Gallup's latest, and prior, polls about the opinions that Americans have regarding Iran. It is a severe, worsening, and dangerous, sickness of the American 'press'. And nobody seems to have any solution for it. How can the people of a

nation boycott its corrupt press? How can they even know that they should? How can they ever know that they are «being had» – that they are being governed by lies?

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