



# الائتلاف الأردني للمعارضة

## The Jordanian Opposition Coalition

### Proposed Resolution Designed to Define The Terms Radical, Fundamentalist and Radical Islam

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**Title:** Defining the term “**Radical, Fundamentalist and Radical Islam**”

**Problem:** The terms “**Radical, Fundamentalist and Radical Islam**” are not defined in law, and as such, it hurts the world’s ability to properly create public policy that confronts and eliminates the roots of terrorism.

**Example:** Many political leaders have come to believe or promote that Islam is an evil religion. In reality, the problem stems not from Islam itself, but how it is interpreted.

**Solution:** Define the terms “**Radical, Fundamentalist and Radical Islam.**”

**Support:**

- 1) Law enforcement
- 2) Military and Security Professionals
- 3) Those impacted by terrorism Socially or Economically
- 4) Religious Groups, including Islamic

**Opposition:**

- 1) Groups with Constitutional arguments like the ACLU
- 2) Fundamentalist and Islamist groups

**Arguments in Support:**

- 1) Discussing and then defining these terms will help everyone get on the same page at every level of government – internationally, nationally, statewide and locally;
- 2) This resolution will help properly focus time, energy and money on fighting terrorism and its roots;
- 3) Establishing these definitions does not harm any race of people, rather it helps focus the light on those are really at fault;
- 4) Resolutions carry little ‘weight of law’ and as such, this resolution simply helps to establish “conversational or operational policy”;
- 5) There are no penalties associated with this measure;
- 6) This will help create a ‘core discussion group’ all aimed at fighting terrorism wherever it stems from.

**Arguments in Opposition:**

- 1) Resolutions do not carry the weight of law, and are thus useless;
- 2) Taking a position on this measure will not benefit our government or people;
- 3) We do not have the money to support the introduction, passage and enactment of this resolution and its principles.

**Fiscal Effect:**

- 1) In the short term, there will be no fiscal outlays because of this measure other than its costs for introduction, hearings, passage and enactment. Even so, over the long run, we expect to see a savings in operational dollars because funds to fight terrorism will be used more judiciously and focused.

**Proposed Language:**

**WHEREAS**, The term “**Radical Islam**” has not been defined by the International Community; and

**WHEREAS**, There are no universally accepted definitions of the term “**Radical Islam**” that are in use by governments around the world; and

**WHEREAS**, The terms “**Terrorism**” and “**Radical Islam**” have unfortunately become connected in the hearts and minds of millions around the world; and

**WHEREAS**, Because of the lack of a definition, instead of focusing the time, energy and financial resources on fighting terrorism and its roots, without a definition, we are now targeting an entire group of people in the hopes that it will eliminate the problem, and in this day and age, that group tends to be Muslims; and

**WHEREAS**, Because the **Jordan Opposition Coalition (JOC)** has taken a leadership role in the creation of a testimonial paper that helps define the term and is now working with the leadership in a variety of Islamic countries to establish a definition of the term, as well as provide important information on how to overcome “**Radical Islam**”; and

**WHEREAS**, The establishment of these definitions, even in principle, will impact the world and how it sees and handles terrorism, Islam and peace; and

**WHEREAS**, It has become very clear to millions of people that “fundamentalists favor a strict, literal and very taken-out-of-context interpretation of the primary sources”; and

**WHEREAS**, With respect to “Radical Islam”, Islamists who adhere to this belief, also seek to eliminate what they perceive as corrupting non-Islamic influences from their lives through the use of an ongoing and escalating campaign of fear, disinformation and violence; and

**WHEREAS**, When anyone identified as a “**radical**” twists their beliefs (especially religious), to justify the use of any type of violence of that is specifically designed to deprive others of their rights to enjoy life, worship as they choose, live in peace or simply put food on the table, its wrong, and in the case of Islam and Muslims, it is against the Quran’s main principles; and

**WHEREAS**, The basic tenants of Islam as expressed in the Torah, New Testament and Quran are clear: there shall be no compulsion or violence in religion; and

**WHEREAS**, Legislative bodies around the world have heard the thoughts, feelings and ideas from their constituents; and

**WHEREAS**, The International Community is looking for a way to effectively define, identify and deal with this subject; and

**WHEREAS**, Any identified problem(s) must not only be discussed and vetted, but come with corresponding solutions that effectively alter the landscape and thus bring peace; Therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the definition of the term “**Radical**” is: anyone advocating for drastic political, economic or social change based on representing or supporting an extreme section of thought, usually through a cause or political party; and Be It Further

**RESOLVED**, That the definition of the term “**Fundamentalist**” is: anyone who is part of a religious movement that characterizes itself by using a strict interpretation of religious texts to not only support their claims, but also justify their violent actions; and Be It Further

**RESOLVED**, That the definition of “**Islam**” is anyone who is a believer or follower of the Quran and the teachings of the Prophet Mohammad; and Be It Further

**RESOLVED**, That at the definition of “**Radical Islam**” be as follows: While professing unwavering faith in a transcendent deity, “**Radical Islam**” is a militant, politically activist ideology whose ultimate goal is to create a worldwide community, or caliphate consisting of Muslim believers, and whom choose to do so by violence and/or the denial of civil, social or economic rights to others; and Be It Further

**RESOLVED**, That it is known that “**Islamic fundamentalists**” favor a strict, literal and very taken-out-of-context interpretation of the primary sources of Islam, and then use them as guidance in their actions, which clearly seek to eliminate what they perceive as corrupting non-Islamic influences from their lives; and Be It Further

**RESOLVED**, By the international community, that there are at least 7 basic causes for the establishment and rise of “**Radical Islam**” in the world, and they are:

- 1) The Perversion of Quranic verses;
- 2) The Perversion of “Hadeeth’ Context and Meanings;
- 3) The creation of Terroristic Constitutions and Mission Statements by Groups (for example the Muslim Brotherhood and Hamas Constitutions);
- 4) Rulers and dictators who use the Quran to justify their actions; and promote radical ideology to deter their subjects from acting against them by making them hate and fight Western and non-Muslim nations;
- 5) The Lack of employment and economic opportunities in their homelands;
- 6) Traditional Societal and Sociological development;
- 7) Ignorance and lack of education throughout the Islamic world. And Be It Further

**RESOLVED**, That once we identify the root causes of “**Radical Islam**”, we must also identify and discuss any possible solutions which will help us spend precious resources (time and money), more effectively; and Be It Further

**RESOLVED**, that the following solutions to the rise of “**Radical Islam**” have been identified and should be worked on to help stop both the creation and expansion of “**Radical Islam**”:

- 1) The creation of a regional international redevelopment program as identified in the plan **Operation Promising Future**;
- 2) Help create more schools and universities that are open to men AND women of all ages;
- 3) Help create libraries filled with world literature, thus exposing the population to diversity and allowing them to learn more about us, while we learn more about them;
- 4) Support legislation designating groups like the Muslim Brotherhood, Hamas, ISIS and Hezbollah as terrorist organizations;
- 5) Require despots who receive international aid money to be transparent in terms of the way the money is spent. No longer should terrorist governments line their pockets with aid dollars designed for others that will never reach those for whom it is intended;
- 6) Support election monitoring and at the same time push for universal bans on radicals like the Muslim Brotherhood, thus, helping Muslims create civil and terror-free functional democracies.

7) Encourage, warn and push Arab regimes to ban Islamists or disallow groups like the Muslim Brotherhood from running for public office by designating them as terrorist organization; and Be It Further

**RESOLVED**, That the definition outlined in this resolution be used by the International Community when addressing terrorism and what appears to be cases of **“Radical Islam”**