



# The Missing Martyrs: Why There Are So Few Muslim Terrorists

By Charles Kurzman

[Download now](#)

[Read Online](#) 

## The Missing Martyrs: Why There Are So Few Muslim Terrorists By Charles Kurzman

Why are there so few Muslim terrorists? With more than a billion Muslims in the world--many of whom supposedly hate the West and ardently desire martyrdom--why don't we see terrorist attacks every day? Where are the missing martyrs? In this startlingly counterintuitive book, a leading authority on Islamic movements demonstrates that terrorist groups are thoroughly marginal in the Muslim world. Charles Kurzman draws on government sources, public opinion surveys, election results, and in-depth interviews with Muslims in the Middle East and around the world. He finds that young Muslims are indeed angry with what they see as imperialism--and especially at Western support for local dictatorships. But revolutionary Islamists have failed to reach them, as can be seen from the terrorists' own websites and publications, which constantly bemoan the dearth of willing recruits.

Kurzman notes that it takes only a small cadre of committed killers to wreak unspeakable havoc. But that very fact underscores his point. As easy as terrorism is to commit, few Muslims turn to violence. Out of 140,000 murders in the United States since 9/11, Islamist terrorists have killed at most three dozen people. Of the 150,000 people who die each day, worldwide, Islamist militants account for fewer than fifty fatalities--and only ten per day outside of the hotspots of Afghanistan, Iraq, and Pakistan. The real bulwark against Islamist violence, Kurzman finds, is Muslims themselves, who reject both the goals of the terrorists and their bloody means. With each bombing, the terrorists lose support among Muslims.

Incisive and authoritative, *The Missing Martyrs* provides much-needed corrective to deep-seated and destructive misconceptions about Muslims and the Islamic world. The threat of Islamist terrorism is real, Kurzman shows, but its dimensions are, so far, tightly confined.



[Download The Missing Martyrs: Why There Are So Few Muslim T  
...pdf](#)



[Read Online The Missing Martyrs: Why There Are So Few Muslim](#)

[...pdf](#)

# The Missing Martyrs: Why There Are So Few Muslim Terrorists

By Charles Kurzman

## The Missing Martyrs: Why There Are So Few Muslim Terrorists By Charles Kurzman

Why are there so few Muslim terrorists? With more than a billion Muslims in the world--many of whom supposedly hate the West and ardently desire martyrdom--why don't we see terrorist attacks every day? Where are the missing martyrs?

In this startlingly counterintuitive book, a leading authority on Islamic movements demonstrates that terrorist groups are thoroughly marginal in the Muslim world. Charles Kurzman draws on government sources, public opinion surveys, election results, and in-depth interviews with Muslims in the Middle East and around the world. He finds that young Muslims are indeed angry with what they see as imperialism--and especially at Western support for local dictatorships. But revolutionary Islamists have failed to reach them, as can be seen from the terrorists' own websites and publications, which constantly bemoan the dearth of willing recruits. Kurzman notes that it takes only a small cadre of committed killers to wreak unspeakable havoc. But that very fact underscores his point. As easy as terrorism is to commit, few Muslims turn to violence. Out of 140,000 murders in the United States since 9/11, Islamist terrorists have killed at most three dozen people. Of the 150,000 people who die each day, worldwide, Islamist militants account for fewer than fifty fatalities--and only ten per day outside of the hotspots of Afghanistan, Iraq, and Pakistan. The real bulwark against Islamist violence, Kurzman finds, is Muslims themselves, who reject both the goals of the terrorists and their bloody means. With each bombing, the terrorists lose support among Muslims.

Incisive and authoritative, *The Missing Martyrs* provides much-needed corrective to deep-seated and destructive misconceptions about Muslims and the Islamic world. The threat of Islamist terrorism is real, Kurzman shows, but its dimensions are, so far, tightly confined.

## The Missing Martyrs: Why There Are So Few Muslim Terrorists By Charles Kurzman Bibliography

- Sales Rank: #956416 in Books
- Published on: 2011-07-25
- Original language: English
- Number of items: 1
- Dimensions: 6.40" h x .90" w x 9.50" l, 1.05 pounds
- Binding: Hardcover
- 256 pages



[Download The Missing Martyrs: Why There Are So Few Muslim T ...pdf](#)



[Read Online The Missing Martyrs: Why There Are So Few Muslim ...pdf](#)

## Download and Read Free Online The Missing Martyrs: Why There Are So Few Muslim Terrorists By Charles Kurzman

---

### Editorial Review

#### Review

"[A] hard-headed empirical approach to an issue so often locked in emotion-fueled back and forth...a must read." - *Mother Jones*

"Kurzman's book is a contribution to the study of Al Qaeda and Islamism." - *New York Times Book Review*

"Kurzman provides a significant answer to a question that needs to be addressed: in a world of more than a billion Muslims, why are there so few Muslim terrorists? So much attention is given by policy makers and media experts to the small number of extremists that Kurzman's crucial question is too often ignored. For anyone interested in reducing the threat of global terrorism, this study is required reading." -John Voll, Professor of Islamic History, Georgetown University

"The best scholarship asks uncomfortable questions, and then attempts to provide trenchant answers. Charles Kurzman has asked: why does fear of terrorism persist, despite the meagre number of actual casualties caused by those who claim to be Islamists or violent jihadi warriors? His answer is as bracing as it is counterintuitive: media need to tune down the obsession with violent episodes, but the American public also needs to clamor for an open, honest debate about terrorism. This book is a hard-headed manifesto, calling for a return to pragmatism, with more reliance on academics and less on interest-driven think tanks engaged with Middle East politics." -Bruce B. Lawrence, co-editor, with Aisha Karim, of *On Violence: A Reader*

#### About the Author

**Charles Kurzman** is a professor of sociology at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. His books include *Democracy Denied* and *The Unthinkable Revolution in Iran*.

### Users Review

#### From reader reviews:

##### Quentin Ryan:

Here thing why this The Missing Martyrs: Why There Are So Few Muslim Terrorists are different and trusted to be yours. First of all reading a book is good nonetheless it depends in the content than it which is the content is as tasty as food or not. The Missing Martyrs: Why There Are So Few Muslim Terrorists giving you information deeper since different ways, you can find any publication out there but there is no reserve

that similar with The Missing Martyrs: Why There Are So Few Muslim Terrorists. It gives you thrill examining journey, its open up your current eyes about the thing this happened in the world which is might be can be happened around you. You can bring everywhere like in park your car, café, or even in your approach home by train. In case you are having difficulties in bringing the paper book maybe the form of The Missing Martyrs: Why There Are So Few Muslim Terrorists in e-book can be your option.

**Mildred Ortiz:**

Nowadays reading books become more and more than want or need but also work as a life style. This reading routine give you lot of advantages. The huge benefits you got of course the knowledge the rest of the information inside the book which improve your knowledge and information. The details you get based on what kind of guide you read, if you want send more knowledge just go with education books but if you want feel happy read one with theme for entertaining including comic or novel. The actual The Missing Martyrs: Why There Are So Few Muslim Terrorists is kind of guide which is giving the reader erratic experience.

**Keven Peterson:**

Reading a book being new life style in this calendar year; every people loves to learn a book. When you learn a book you can get a lots of benefit. When you read textbooks, you can improve your knowledge, simply because book has a lot of information upon it. The information that you will get depend on what types of book that you have read. If you need to get information about your review, you can read education books, but if you want to entertain yourself look for a fiction books, such us novel, comics, and soon. The The Missing Martyrs: Why There Are So Few Muslim Terrorists offer you a new experience in looking at a book.

**Leonard Bartow:**

A lot of reserve has printed but it differs. You can get it by internet on social media. You can choose the top book for you, science, amusing, novel, or whatever through searching from it. It is identified as of book The Missing Martyrs: Why There Are So Few Muslim Terrorists. You'll be able to your knowledge by it. Without leaving behind the printed book, it could possibly add your knowledge and make you happier to read. It is most important that, you must aware about book. It can bring you from one location to other place.

**Download and Read Online The Missing Martyrs: Why There Are So Few Muslim Terrorists By Charles Kurzman #8EGADT6SX1N**

# **Read The Missing Martyrs: Why There Are So Few Muslim Terrorists By Charles Kurzman for online ebook**

The Missing Martyrs: Why There Are So Few Muslim Terrorists By Charles Kurzman Free PDF d0wnl0ad, audio books, books to read, good books to read, cheap books, good books, online books, books online, book reviews epub, read books online, books to read online, online library, greatbooks to read, PDF best books to read, top books to read The Missing Martyrs: Why There Are So Few Muslim Terrorists By Charles Kurzman books to read online.

## **Online The Missing Martyrs: Why There Are So Few Muslim Terrorists By Charles Kurzman ebook PDF download**

**The Missing Martyrs: Why There Are So Few Muslim Terrorists By Charles Kurzman Doc**

**The Missing Martyrs: Why There Are So Few Muslim Terrorists By Charles Kurzman MobiPocket**

**The Missing Martyrs: Why There Are So Few Muslim Terrorists By Charles Kurzman EPub**

**8EGADT6SX1N: The Missing Martyrs: Why There Are So Few Muslim Terrorists By Charles Kurzman**