

## Tucker Blames the West for Islamic Terrorism

### THE LIE

Islam is a religion of tolerance and diversity. Western colonialism is the real source of Islamic terrorism.

### THE TRUTH

Islam is a violent and authoritarian religion by design, not because of Western intervention.

### BACKGROUND

- In a September 10, 2025 interview on The Michael Waddell Podcast, Tucker Carlson argued that Islamic countries governed by Sharia law are tolerant, diverse, and thriving, while Western colonialism is to blame for anger and terrorism in the Muslim world. ([The Michael Waddell Podcast](#))
- “Those people are happy,” he said, speaking of Islamic countries. “They’re welcoming of others. They’re tolerant of diversity. Like always tolerant of diversity. There’s none of that here.” He added that the UAE, Qatar, and Saudi Arabia have a “welcoming attitude.”
- Tucker specifically singled out Saudi Arabia, which he noted is “a Muslim country governed by Sharia Law,” as particularly welcoming towards Christians.
- Anger and terrorism in the Muslim world, he said, is the fault of Western powers: “You notice like with ISIS or al-Qaeda or like the Muslim extremists, they’re all from like collapsed, pathetic societies dominated by colonial powers. They’ve been degraded and that’s why they’re so angry.”
- He also claimed that “not a single Western city is thriving” today.
- Clips of Tucker’s comments resurfaced on social media on March 23, 2026.

### TRUTH EXPLAINED

- Sharia law is not “tolerant” or “diverse.” It mandates the death penalty for leaving Islam, corporal punishment for alcohol consumption, and requires non-Muslims to pay a special tax simply to practice their faith. ([DOJ](#)), ([Quran](#)), ([Quran](#))
- Qatar, a Sharia-governed regime that Tucker cited as welcoming to Christians, criminalizes Christian proselytizing, bans churches from displaying crosses, and confines all public Christian worship to a single government-controlled compound. ([US State Department](#))
- Open Doors’ World Watch List ranks Saudi Arabia — Tucker’s other example of a Christian-friendly Islamic regime — among the 50 worst countries on earth for Christians. ([Open Doors](#))
- As Muslim communities expand in Western cities, so too does Islamic intolerance. In British cities with large Muslim populations, British flags are regularly torn down while Palestinian flags are raised. In Dearborn, Michigan, the Muslim mayor told a Christian resident he was “not welcome” for protesting the renaming of streets after an Islamic terrorism supporter. The intolerance Tucker claims doesn’t exist in the Muslim world is now appearing in America’s backyard. ([Daily Mail](#)), ([Fox](#))
- The world’s most prolific exporters of jihadist ideology are wealthy Gulf states. Qatar, for example, finances Hamas, while Iran finances Hezbollah and the Houthis. ([Washington Institute](#)), ([Mideast Journal](#)), ([Washington Institute](#))
- While the world as a whole has grown more peaceful in recent decades, the Muslim world has not. Most active armed conflicts are concentrated in Muslim-majority countries, many with no significant colonial history. If Western colonialism is the root of Muslim violence, why is the violence concentrated in places the West never dominated? ([Research and Politics](#))

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- Muslim migration has driven explosive crime increases across Europe. In Germany, for example, Muslim migrants commit crimes at up to 56 times the national average. Sweden, following large-scale Muslim migration, went from one of Europe's safest countries to one of its most violent. ([Remix](#)), ([CNBC](#))
- Muslim migration has degraded free speech and expression across Western Europe. Quran burnings and drawings of Muhammad have triggered killings and widespread riots. Western citizens can no longer freely exercise constitutionally protected speech in their own countries without risking their lives because Islamism is enforced through violence. ([MCC](#))
- Not a single Muslim-majority city appears in any top-ten global liveability ranking. Western cities dominate every such list. Tucker says the West isn't thriving, but the entire field of urban quality-of-life research disagrees. ([Forbes](#))

### QUOTES

- "In Islam, in the verses, you are allowed to lie, you are allowed to deceive in front of God as long as it advances the aims and goals of Islam. It's a foreign concept to those of us as Christians. Because what is the ultimate value claim of Christianity? It is truth...Truth is not the ultimate Islamic value. It is not. It is power. It is domination, subjugation, conquer, conquest." – Charlie Kirk
- "They believe in the prophet Muhammad. One of the reasons they tend to be a violent people is because their Prophet was a very violent person." – Charlie Kirk

### TAKEAWAY

Tucker Carlson blames America and the West for Islamic terrorism while Islamic regimes bankroll jihad across the globe. He declares Western civilization failing and defends Sharia Law as tolerant and diverse. Whatever is driving this patently false narrative, the effect is a deliberate betrayal of the Western values he once claimed to defend.