

Rep. Fine Is Right That Islamist Terror Is Real - And the Record Proves It

THE LIE

Rep. Randy Fine (R-FL-6) is fearmongering and stoking Islamophobia.

THE TRUTH

Fine's posts were a direct response to a confirmed Islamist terrorist attack at Berlin Pride on July 26, 2026 -and is based on a two-decade, two-continent record of Islamist attacks confirmed by Western intelligence agencies and Europol.

BACKGROUND

- On July 26, 2026, a man with known Islamist ties rammed a van into Berlin's Pride festival in Tiergarten Park, killing 1 woman and injuring at least 29 others, then attacked bystanders with a machete. German authorities officially classified it an "Islamist terrorist attack." The suspect had been previously detained over Islamist ties and was known to police.
- Hours after the Berlin attack, Fine posted: "Islam is not a religion of peace. Until we accept this simple truth, we will never solve this existential threat to Western Civilization." ([Randy Fine, X Jul 26, 2026](#))
- The New York Times was widely criticized for describing the Berlin Pride attack as "a car plowed" into the crowd - omitting the words "terrorist," "Islamist," or any ideological context from its social media framing ([New York Times](#))

TRUTH EXPLAINED

- The Berlin attack is not an isolated incident. Major Islamist attacks on the United States since 9/11 include: **San Bernardino** (2015, 14 killed - perpetrators pledged loyalty to ISIS), **Orlando Pulse nightclub** (2016, 49 killed - Omar Mateen pledged allegiance to the Islamic State during the attack), **New York City truck ramming** (2017, 8 killed - attacker shouted "Allahu Akbar"), and **New Orleans New Year's** (2025, 14 killed - ISIS flag flown from attacker's truck).
- The phrase "Allahu Akbar" has been the declared battle cry in dozens of these attacks. "Praise Jesus" and "Baruch Hashem" carry no comparable pattern in modern mass-casualty terrorism. That asymmetry is real. ([Wikipedia](#))
- Europe's Islamist death toll from 2015 to 2026 spans: **Paris Bataclan** (2015, 130 killed), **Nice Bastille Day truck attack** (2016, 86 killed), **Brussels** (2016, 32 killed), **Berlin Christmas market** (2016, 12 killed), **Manchester Arena bombing** (2017, 23 killed), **London Bridge** (2017, 8 killed), **Barcelona La Rambla** (2017, 13 killed) - and now **Berlin Pride** (2026) ([Wikipedia](#))
- → The 2026 Annual Threat Assessment of the U.S. Intelligence Community, released by DNI Tulsi Gabbard in March 2026, found that **lone wolf attackers inspired by extremist ideologies pose the most likely terrorist threat to the U.S.** homeland ([Fox News](#))
- The Europol 2026 Annual Report confirmed that **Islamic jihad remains the top terror threat across Europe** - not white nationalism, not domestic extremism. ([Europol 2026 Annual Report](#))
- The Washington Institute for Near East Policy defines Islamism as "a political ideology that strives to derive legitimacy from Islam" - not a form of Muslim faith or piety. Conflating Islam (the religion of 1.5 billion people) with Islamist ideology is analytically imprecise and can alienate the Muslim moderates and reformers who are the most effective opponents of jihadist recruitment. The defensible version of Fine's argument targets the ideology, not the faith ([Washington Institute](#))
- Fine is not a simple culture-war actor on this issue. In March 2026, he called Tucker Carlson "a danger to Jews" in House floor remarks, condemning right-wing extremist rhetoric by name. His primary opponent, Dan Bilzerian, has been documented feuding with Carlson-aligned figures over podcast access, and ran on an explicitly anti-Israel platform - context that shapes why Fine frames Islamist ideology as an existential rather than abstract threat. ([Jewish Insider](#))

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QUOTES

- "If someone yells 'Praise Jesus!' - you'd smile. 'Baruch Hashem?' You might not even know what it means. But if someone screams 'Allahu Akbar!' - everyone runs for their lives. Fear of Islam is rational and we have to stop pretending otherwise." - Rep. Randy Fine, U.S. Representative (FL-6), July 28, 2026 ([X](#))
- "Islamism is not a form of the Muslim faith or an expression of Muslim piety; it is, rather, a political ideology that strives to derive legitimacy from Islam." - Washington Institute for Near East Policy, Muslims vs. Islamists

TAKEAWAY

The fear Fine describes is not bigotry - it is a conditioned response to a documented, two-decade pattern of mass-casualty attacks confirmed by German authorities, Western intelligence agencies, and Europol. His critics have not disputed a single attack on the record. The honest debate is whether "fear of Islam" and "fear of Islamist ideology" are the same thing - and that distinction matters both for accuracy and for effective counterterrorism strategy. Denying the pattern has costs. The media outlets calling Fine an Islamophobe are the same ones describing van-and-machete terrorist attacks as "a car plowed" into a crowd.