Attitudes Toward Political Violence:
Introduction

Today we're going to talk about the relationship of Islam to terrorism. And for many of us, we're very familiar with this. We dealt with Osama bin Laden and Al-Qaeda. We've seen terrorist actions committed, not only in the United States but in Europe and across the Muslim world.

What I'd like to talk about and what I'd like to address, is the relationship of religion to terrorism, in general, and the relationship of Islam to terrorism, in particular. And we'll be looking at the question of Al-Qaeda. The ideer of global terrorism, the spread of terrorism, what are the causes of this kind of terrorism? How representative is this terrorism of the belief of most Muslims? What do most Muslims have to say about terrorism? What does Islamic law have to say about terrorism?