Coding Instrument 2019

The following question are intended to capture the identities of groups that the Islamic State/Al Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula considers to be enemies, as well as the themes that these organizations use to frame its conflict with these outgroups.

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Item Identification Number

Cope the unique Item Identification Number for this item that you were given when you were assigned to code it.

Your answer

Publication

Choose the magazine you are coding.

- ◯ Dabiq
- ◯ Inspire
- ◯ Rumiyah
- ◯ Other:

Issue Number

Select the issue number for the issue of Dabiq/Inspire you are coding. This can usually be found at the top of the cover page.

- ○ Issue 1
- ○ Issue 2
- ○ Issue 3
- ○ Issue 4
- ○ Issue 5
- ○ Issue 6
- ○ Issue 7
- ○ Issue 8
- ○ Issue 9
- ○ Issue 10
- ○ Issue 11
- ○ Issue 12
- ○ Issue 13
- ○ Issue 14
- ○ Issue 15
- ○ Issue 16
- ○ Other:

Name of Item Author

If this item is an article with an identified author, write their name in the space provided below. If the author is not named or the question is not applicable, write "N/A".

Your answer

Title of Item

If this is an article with an identifiable title, write the title in the space provided below. If there is no clear title or if the question is not applicable, write a brief description, e.g. "Cover Page". (Note: Article divided into multiple sections with names like "Part 1", "Part 2", etc. count as a single item.)

Your answer

First Page

Write the page number for the page this item begins on in the space provided below.

Your answer

Last Page

Write the page number for the page this item concludes on in the space provided below.

Your answer

Total Pages

Write the number of total pages this item fills (rounded to the nearest one fourth of a page) in the space provided below.

Your answer

Countries

Did the item you read specifically identify any of the following nation-states or intergovernmental organizations (to include their leaders, components, or subsidiary agencies) as enemies of the Islamic State (if coding Dabiq) or Al Qaeda (if coding Inspire)? Check all that apply.

- [ ] Afghanistan
- [ ] Algeria
- [ ] Australia
- [ ] Bahrain
- [ ] Belgium
- [ ] Burundi
- [ ] Cameroon
- [ ] Canada
- [ ] Chad
- [ ] China
- [ ] Denmark
- [ ] Egypt
- [ ] European Union (EU)
- [ ] France
- [ ] Germany
- [ ] India
- [ ] Iran (“Persia,” “Tehran”)
- [ ] Iraq
- [ ] Israel
- [ ] Jordan
- [ ] Kuwait
- [ ] Lebanon
- [ ] Libya

- [ ] Morocco
- [ ] Netherlands
- [ ] Niger
- [ ] Nigeria
- [ ] North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)
- [ ] Oman
- [ ] Pakistan
- [ ] Palestinian Authority
- [ ] Qatar
- [ ] Russia
- [ ] Saudi Arabia
- [ ] Syrian Arab Republic (Assad regime)
- [ ] Tunisia
- [ ] Turkey
- [ ] United Arab Emirates
- [ ] United Nations (UN)
- [ ] United Kingdom
- [ ] United States (“America,” “Washington, DC”)
- [ ] The West
- [ ] Yemen
- [ ] Other:

Militant Organizations

Did the item you read specifically identify any of the following militant organizations or factions (to include their leaders, components, or subsidiary agencies) as enemies of the Islamic State (if coding Dabiq) or Al Qaeda (if coding Inspire)? Check all that apply.

- [ ] Al Qaeda (including regional franchises such as Al Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula [AQAP] and Al Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb [AQIM]). (Note: Only use this option when coding items found in Dabiq.)
- [ ] Free Syrian Army (FSA)
- [ ] Hamas
- [ ] Hezbollah
- [ ] Houthis ("Ansar Allah")
- [ ] Islamic Front
- [ ] Jabhat al-Nusra (Al-Nusra Front, “Jawlani Front”)
- [ ] Kurdistan Workers Party (PKK, Turkish Kurdish fighters)
- [ ] People’s Protection Units (YPG, Syrian Kurdish fighters)
- [ ] Peshmerga (Iraqi Kurdish fighters)
- [ ] Taliban
- [ ] Islamic State (Note: Only use this option when coding items found in Inspire)
- [ ] Other:

Religions

Did the item you read specifically identify any of the following religious communities as enemies of the Islamic State (if coding Dabiq) or Al Qaeda (if coding Inspire)? Check all that apply.

- [ ] Ahmadi Muslims
- [ ] Alawites ("Nusayris," subset of Shias, check for variant spellings)
- [ ] Atheists
- [ ] Bahais
- [ ] Buddhists
- [ ] Christians ("Cross worshippers")
- [ ] Druze
- [ ] Eastern Orthodox Christians
- [ ] Hindus
- [ ] Jews/Judaism
- [ ] Non-Muslims
- [ ] Polytheists
- [ ] Protestant Christians
- [ ] Roman Catholic Christians
- [ ] Shia Muslims (various pejorative terms)
- [ ] Sufi Muslims ("Safawis," check for variant spellings)
- [ ] Sunni Muslims
- [ ] Yazidis
- [ ] Zoroastrians
- [ ] Other:

Ideologies

Did the item you read specifically identify any of the following political or ideological movements as enemies of the Islamic State (if coding Dabiq) or Al Qaeda (if coding Inspire)? Check all that apply.

- [ ] Anarchists
- [ ] Baathists
- [ ] Centrists
- [ ] Communists
- [ ] Conservatives
- [ ] Democrats (i.e. supporters of democracy)
- [ ] Fascists
- [ ] Imperialists
- [ ] Islamists (e.g. Muslim Brotherhood)
- [ ] Liberals
- [ ] Marxists
- [ ] Moderates
- [ ] Monarchists
- [ ] Nationalists
- [ ] Radicals
- [ ] Secularists
- [ ] Socialists
- [ ] Other:

Individuals

Did the item you read specifically identify any individuals as enemies of the Islamic State (if coding Dabiq) or Al Qaeda (if coding Inspire)? Enter their names in the space provided.

Your answer

Additional Terms

Did the item you read apply any of the following terms to the enemies it identified? Check all that apply.

- [ ] Abandoners of jihad
- [ ] Ahlul-bida'
- [ ] Apostates
- [ ] Constantinople
- [ ] Crusaders
- [ ] Devil worshippers
- [ ] Dogs
- [ ] Dogs of hellfire
- [ ] Enemies of the religion
- [ ] Filthy
- [ ] Heretics
- [ ] Impure
- [ ] Innovators
- [ ] Kuffar/Kufr
- [ ] Murtadd Party (check for variant spellings)
- [ ] Mushrikin (check for variant spellings)
- [ ] Rafidis (check for variant spellings)
- [ ] Rome/Romans
- [ ] Safavids
- [ ] Tawaghit (check for variant spellings)
- [ ] Tawa'if Mumtani'ah
- [ ] Terrorists
- [ ] The false messiah
- [ ] Traitors

- [ ] Treacherous agents

Apocalypse

Did the item you read argue that the reader was obligated to fight against the enemy or enemies it identified because the end of history is near?

- ○ Yes
- ○ No
- ○ Unsure
- ○ Not applicable (no enemy identified)

Apocalyptic Terminology

Did the item you read mention any of the following terms? Check all that apply.

- [ ] Prophecy
- [ ] Judgement Day
- [ ] The Hour

Aggression

Did the item you read accuse the enemy or enemies it identified of committing unjustified military aggression against true Muslims?

- ○ Yes
- ○ No
- ○ Unsure
- ○ Not applicable (no enemy identified)

Destruction

Did the item you read highlight examples of death or material destruction resulting from the actions of the enemy or enemies it identified?

- ○ Yes
- ○ No
- ○ Unsure
- ○ Not applicable (no enemy identified)

Violence

Did the item you read accuse the enemy or enemies identified of engaging in any of the following practice? Check all that apply.

- ☐ Assassination of Muslim leaders
- ☐ Massacres or large-scale killing
- ☐ Rape or other sexual violence
- ☐ Torture
- ☐ Unjustified imprisonment

Prisons

Did the item you read reference the existence of any of the following detention facilities? Check all that apply.

- [ ] Abu Ghraib, Iraq
- [ ] Bagram Theater Internment Facility, Afghanistan
- [ ] Camp Bucca, Iraq
- [ ] Guantanamo Bay, Cuba
- [ ] Secret prisons operated by the CIA
- [ ] Other:

World Domination

Did the item you read indicate that the Islamic State (if coding Dabiq) or Al Qaeda (if coding Inspire) is destined to conquer the whole world?

- ◯ Yes
- ◯ No
- ◯ Unsure

Conquest

Did the item you read predict that the Islamic State (if coding Dabiq) or Al Qaeda (if coding Inspire) will one-day control Europe and/or North America?

- ◯ Yes – Europe
- ◯ Yes – North America
- ◯ Yes – Both Europe and North America
- ◯ No

Sharia

Did the item you read condemn the enemy or enemies it identified for failing to implement or for opposing the implementation of Islamic law (sharia)?

- ○ Yes
- ○ No
- ○ Unsure
- ○ Not applicable (no enemy identified)

Democracy

Did the item you read condemn democracy as being un-Islamic?

- ○ Yes
- ○ No
- ○ Unsure

Islamic Law

Did the item you read emphasize that the laws and punishments employed by the Islamic State (if coding Dabiq) or Al Qaeda (if coding Inspire) are derived from the Quran and/or Islamic tradition?

- ○ Yes
- ○ No
- ○ Unsure

Immorality

Did the item you read condemn the enemy or enemies it identified for currupting the morals of true Muslims?

- ○ Yes
- ○ No
- ○ Unsure
- ○ Not applicable (no enemy identified)

Sexual Immorality

Did the item you read accuse the enemy or enemies it identified of engaging in any of the following sexual practices? Check all that apply.

- ☐ Adultery (extra-marital sex)
- ☐ Fornication (pre-marital sex)
- ☐ Homosexuality (“sodomy”)
- ☐ Incest
- ☐ Pedophilia
- ☐ Pornography use
- ☐ Prostitution
- ☐ Excessive polygamy (i.e. more than four wives)

Intoxicants

Did the item you read accuse the enemy or enemies it identified of using any of the following substances? Check all that apply.

- [ ] Alcohol
- [ ] Narcotics (e.g. heroin, hashish)
- [ ] Tobacco

Other Immorality

Did the item you read accuse the enemy or enemies it identified of engaging in any of the following illicit practices? Check all that apply.

- [ ] Blasphemy or lèse-majesté
- [ ] Dancing
- [ ] Failing to observe proper gender roles
- [ ] Gambling
- [ ] Idolatry (“shirk”)
- [ ] Listening to or performing un-Islamic music
- [ ] Lying or deceit
- [ ] Murder
- [ ] Oppressing the poor
- [ ] Theft
- [ ] Violating Islamic standards of dress (e.g. females going unveiled)
- [ ] Violating Islamic standards of grooming (e.g. males failing to grow out their beards)
- [ ] Usury (taking interest on loans)

Time

Approximately how long did it take you to read and code this item?

- ◯ Less than 20 minutes
- ◯ 20-39 minutes
- ◯ 40-59 minutes
- ◯ 60-79 minutes
- ◯ 80-99 minutes
- ◯ 100-119 minutes
- ◯ 120 minutes or more

Terminology

Were there any terms or concepts that were unfamiliar to you? If so, please list them in the space below. Otherwise, just put "N/A".

Your answer

Comments

Describe any relevant features of this item which you feel were not adequately captured by the above questions in the space provided.

Your answer

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