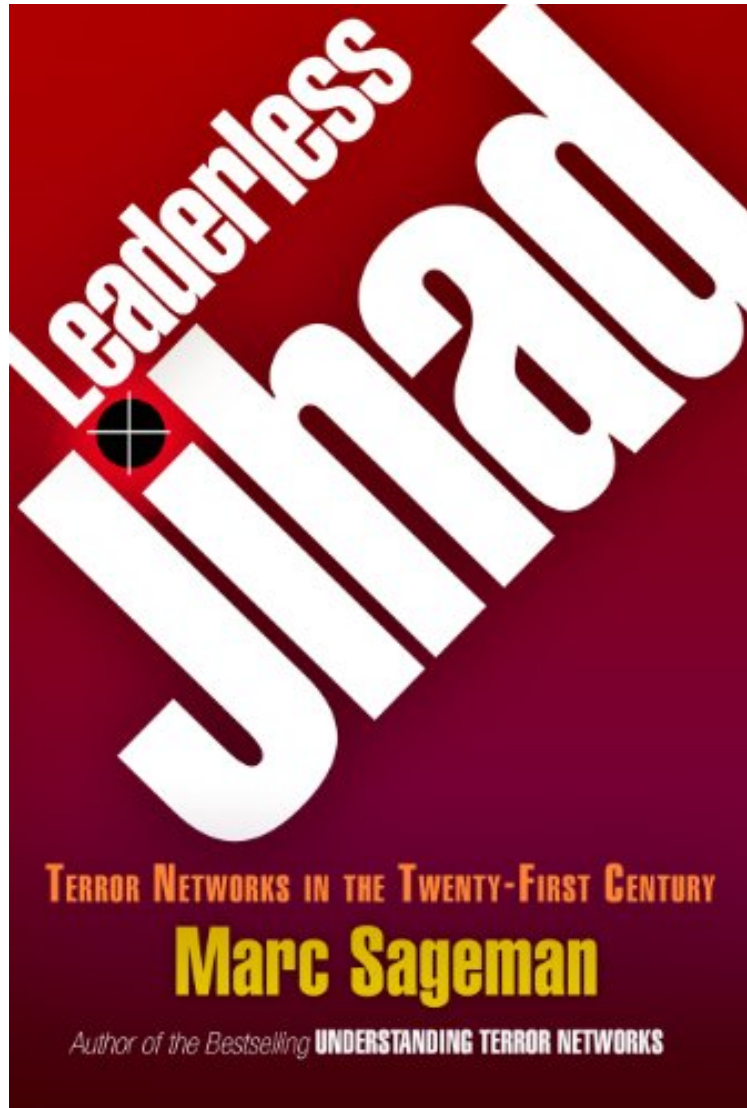


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**Marc Sageman : Leaderless Jihad: Terror Networks in the Twenty-First Century** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Leaderless Jihad: Terror Networks in the Twenty-First Century:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Must-read background for terrorism research; benefits from audioBy Eric Vought"Leaderless Jihad" is cited frequently in terrorism research, so it is more or less required reading for context. It is also worth reading in its own right: well-written and organized, clear, insightful, good notes and citations, should be approachable to the lay-reader. His conclusions are backed by statistics and illuminated with anecdote (as

opposed to the other way around) In many places, Sageman appears almost prescient, hitting exactly the values and dangers of social media to terrorism which many others miss. His description of how social media would evolve for terrorist recruiting could be read as a report of how ISIS is operating today, 10 years later (say, from Vidino and Hughes 2014). Sageman, having been a forensic psychologist, a researcher, CIA (involved with the Mujaheddin during the Soviet invasion), and worked with law enforcement, takes a multi-disciplinary approach to terrorism research; his text and his thesis benefit greatly from that perspective. This is the first hybrid, text/audio book I have purchased from and I was well-pleased with the experience. I was able to listen to the audio to absorb the gist of the text. When I stopped playback, it dropped me exactly in the right place in the book so I could go through key passages in more detail, highlight, take notes, follow his footnotes, copy citations into my research notebook, etc. I could then start playback back up from a specific point in the text. It ended up being a very efficient way to take in complex material. The audio synced locally to the device (after a bit of a download) and was therefore accessible on-the-go without a solid network connection. (unlike, say, Barnes and Noble) still makes it easy to cut-and-paste as needed from their e-books, an unimportant feature in light fiction reading, but a \*must\* in technical works such as this. Cutting proper names, short quotes, copying citations from the footnotes, etc., are all straight-forward operations. Dual-format page numbers (kindle location and paper-copy numbering) facilitates navigation and proper citation. The quick index of highlighted passages (at least on Android) makes it easy to follow your notes back into the original text later, quickly locating the original passage. I could quickly get spoiled of my stacks of highlighted-and-sticky-noted paper texts. 44 of 44 people found the following review helpful. Critical for Understanding the Current Terrorist Threat By Joseph F. Birchmeier The author once again provides an easily read and understood book about the current terrorist threat. He first provides us with a history of global terrorism and then explains how the current terrorist threat differs from terrorist threats that the world has seen in the past. He then discusses the radicalization process that creates terrorists - this was incredibly interesting as was his explanation as to why there currently is a greater terrorist threat in Europe than the U.S. based on this radicalization process. Further, he discusses how terrorists have been forced to use the internet as one of the primary ways to get around increased surveillance and border protection around the world. He then explains how this evolution in terrorist communication and interaction has created a "leaderless jihad" that we now face. Finally, he concludes with well thought out recommendations concerning ways that the U.S. should consider moving forward to combat this evolving terrorist threat. Overall - an outstanding book - a must read for anyone interested in the terrorist threat that the U.S and the world now faces. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. analytical discussion of Global Muslim Jihad By gt surber This book is copyrighted in 2008, before America left Iraq, before the death of Osama bin Laden, before the Afghan war went into full swing, and long before the Boston Bombers. Thus, while this dates the book a little, the analytical approach using the tools of the soft sciences of which Marc Sageman is a practitioner yields interesting, but controversial conclusions, opinions, and recommendations. Those who want quick ready answers to the complex questions of Terrorism will be disappointed. Marc Sageman states he has prepared detailed analysis of over 500 Muslim Jihadist, and he does state his opinions and conclusions to not apply to other varieties of terrorism. He has categorized these 500 Jihadists into three waves, differing in origin, motivation and style. Sageman finds fine distinctions between various of the Islamic Terrorism groups, reflecting the complexity of the issues. This book is a summary of Sageman's findings, opinions and recommendations for handling Global Islamic Jihadism. At times the book is hard to read, with a detailed argument being made as to the nature of Sageman's three waves of Islamic Jihadism and necessary counters to each. But most of the book is straight forward and fairly easy to follow. The writing style is less dense than one would expect from an academic of Dr. Sageman's employment. The opinions, conclusions and recommendations of Dr. Sageman are rather controversial, and as Dr. Sageman states, will not be acceptable to the right wing of American Politics, but are probably the real final answers. The biggest danger Dr. Sageman warns of is casting all of Islam into one image, that of the radical Jihad, and thus turning all of the Muslim world against the West. Dr. Sageman repeatedly calls for working with the moderate, peaceful, vast majority of Muslims and assisting them in controlling their right fringe. Otherwise, if the West angers all of Muslim, the West will find itself far outnumbered and soundly beaten by the Muslim world. The details of how this could easily come about, and how to prevent it from happening are the message of this book. Whether or not one agrees with Dr. Sageman, this is a position that should be understood by all individual involved in making policy decisions, and a happening that should be watched and guarded against.

In the post-September 11 world, Al Qaeda is no longer the central organizing force that aids or authorizes terrorist attacks or recruits terrorists. It is now more a source of inspiration for terrorist acts carried out by independent local groups that have branded themselves with the Al Qaeda name. Building on his previous groundbreaking work on the Al Qaeda network, forensic psychiatrist Marc Sageman has greatly expanded his research to explain how Islamic terrorism emerges and operates in the twenty-first century. In *Leaderless Jihad*, Sageman rejects the views that place responsibility for terrorism on society or a flawed, predisposed individual. Instead, he argues, the individual, outside influence, and group dynamics come together in a four-step process through which Muslim youth become radicalized. First, traumatic events either experienced personally or learned about indirectly spark moral outrage. Individuals

interpret this outrage through a specific ideology, more felt and understood than based on doctrine. Usually in a chat room or other Internet-based venues, adherents share this moral outrage, which resonates with the personal experiences of others. The outrage is acted on by a group, either online or offline. Leaderless Jihad offers a ray of hope. Drawing on historical analogies, Sageman argues that the zeal of jihadism is self-terminating; eventually its followers will turn away from violence as a means of expressing their discontent. The book concludes with Sageman's recommendations for the application of his research to counterterrorism law enforcement efforts.

"Marc Sageman is an extraordinarily thoughtful and creative analyst of the complex patterns of Islamic radicalization taking place within our integrated global culture. His work challenges the way we think about terrorism and offers important insights about what should be done to prevent or contain such violence." Steve Coll, author of *Ghost Wars: The Secret History of the CIA, Afghanistan, and Bin Laden, from the Soviet Invasion to September 10, 2001*

"Leaderless Jihad discredits conventional wisdom about terrorists by eschewing anecdotes and conjecture in favor of hard data and statistics." Aryn Baker, *Time*

"This book belongs at the top of the list for anyone seeking to understand the nature of radical Islamic terrorism, its future, and the effective ways that Western countries can counter its destructive appeal." Lawrence Wright, author of *The Looming Tower: Al-Qaeda and the Road to 9/11*

"Leaderless Jihad provides new analysis and important insights. . . . Sageman's data-driven approach is all too rare in a field dominated by informed (when we're fortunate) opinion." *The American Interest*

"What distinguishes his new book, *Leaderless Jihad* is that it peels away the emotional, reflexive responses to terrorism that have grown up since Sept. 11, 2001, and looks instead at scientific data Sageman has collected on more than 500 Islamic terrorists to understand who they are, why they attack, and how to stop them." David Ignatius, *Washington Post*

"It might be comforting to think that angry young Islamists are crazed psychopaths or sex-starved adolescents who have been brainwashed in malign madrassas. But Mr Sageman, a senior fellow at the Philadelphia-based Foreign Policy Research Institute, explodes each of these myths, and others besides, in an unsettling account of how Al Qaeda has evolved from the organisation headed by Osama bin Laden into an amorphous movement—a 'leaderless jihad.'" *The Economist*

"Sageman's incisive observations based on carefully examined evidence, astute insights, and scholarship make *Leaderless Jihad* the gold standard in Al Qaeda studies." *Washington Times*

"Politicians who talk about the terrorism threat . . . should be required to read this new book. . . . It stands what you think you know about terrorism on its head and helps you see the topic in a different light." *Washington Post*

"[an] important, face-the-facts book . . . Sageman is deservedly one of the best-known academics working on terrorism." *Spectator*

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