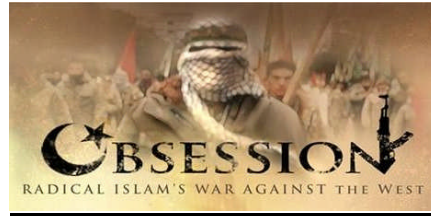


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Obsession: Radical Islam's War Against the West

MEET THE CREATORS

Wayne Kopping ***Director, Editor, Co-Writer***

Wayne Kopping is best known for his film and television work in South Africa, where he is featured both in front of and behind the camera. Kopping has also produced several commercials, music videos, corporate films, and an award-winning short documentary about Nelson Mandela. Wayne previously co-directed & edited the documentary *Relentless: The Struggle for Peace in the Middle East*, a film about the failure of the Oslo Peace Accords.



Raphael Shore ***Co-Producer, Co-Writer***

Rabbi Shore is from London, Ontario, Canada. He graduated cum laude from the University of Toronto, where he focused on the study of film. Rabbi Shore is currently the Director of Program Development for HonestReporting. An expert in Jewish history, in particular the history of anti-Semitism, Rabbi Shore developed the " *Why the Jews?* " seminar. Rabbi Shore is also the former director of the Jerusalem Fellowships, a programme to increase knowledge of the Middle East amongst young people. He previously worked as co-producer and writer with Wayne Kopping on the documentary film *Relentless: The Struggle for Peace in the Middle East*.

Q. Is there really a war going on?

A. Absolutely, as far the radicals are concerned. When we interviewed Daniel Pipes and Caroline Glick, they both said the same thing: It's a world war. It's hard for us to recognize, because it's not like WWII, or other conflicts, with armies going head to head against one another. A lot of what's going on is much more insidious. And we're not at all accustomed to the tactics. We're not accustomed to an enemy that's scattered everywhere. So, yes, it is a global conflict. It is a war. It's just not like any we've encountered before.

Q. Why does this story need to be told?

A. People need to be woken up to the threat. Radical Islamist violence is rising every year. Bernard Lewis said that Europe will be Islamic by the end of the century. Why is that? Why the transformation? (Leaving politics, and the European-Arab Dialogue and similar threads aside) for years and years, people have not stood up what for what they believed. Ie: for the core values of their civilization. (Assuming they've taken the time to question what those values are, and why they're important). The Islamists have.

Q. Are you suggesting we need to stand up to Radical Muslims because of their beliefs?

A. We need to stand up for what we believe. Understandably, we don't want to be intolerant. We've seen what happened in Europe and America, with the hatred and prejudice that came from one group claiming to be superior to everyone else, going back to the Crusades and the Inquisition, to slavery and Jim Crow. But, in our struggle to be respectful for different cultures, it's almost as if we've confused multi-culturalism with basic morality. If we don't stand up for what we believe, in the face of a group of people who are very committed to what they believe, we'll lose them. Hitler almost succeeded. Imagine what the world would look like today if the Nazis had won. Really think about that for a minute. These guys are well on their way. We hope the film will inspire people to spend some time thinking about their beliefs, and commit to them, and fight for them.

Q. Is there really a crisis?

A. When we see material in over 80 percent of the Saudi-funded mosques in the United States teaching hatred of Christian and Jews, when we see a generation of children being taught that violent jihad will help solve the world's problems, it's reasonable to say there's a crisis. Daniel Pipes has said that an estimated 10-15 percent of Muslims around the world are Radical. That's well over 150 million. And the numbers are growing. The Iranians are serious when they say that when they get nuclear weapons, they will use them against Israel, and distribute the technology to others. And this is less than two years away, by most estimates. If Al-Qaeda acquires these weapons, they will use them.

Q. Are you anti-Muslim?

A. We are not anti-Muslim. I think most Muslims share many of our values, and hate what they see going on around them, as much as we do. What we are against is the indoctrination, being promulgated by the Radical element that is brainwashing many people in the Islamic world to hate. We are against the indoctrination that is inciting many of the people in the Islamic world to destroy us. We are against the Radical Islamists who want to impose their violent, oppressive world view, with little value for life and the manifold pleasures within.

Q. What are you hoping people will walk away with, after they see this film?

A. We're hoping they'll spend some serious time thinking about what are the values that are important to them, and why are they important. We're also hoping people will speak out against what's happening. But the biggest defense against something like this, because of the ways it's infiltrating our various societies, is to stand strong, and be as proud of our heritage, as they are of theirs. We should be equally as zealous as a suicide bomber, to choose to *live* a life of truth and meaning. We want people to walk away from the film knowing that sometimes you can stand up and say there is a right and a wrong, and that's okay, and you're not being intolerant or narrow-minded.