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### **Geopolitics and culture: From British-sponsored Zionism to American-sponsored Jihadism**

This paper examines two cases in which Britain and the United States worked with other states to promote facets of ‘Judaism’ and ‘Islam’ as war cries to excite, recruit, radicalize, and deploy alien Jews and Muslims to different geographical settings in order to achieve complex geopolitical goals.

The conceptual framework assumes that ‘geopolitics’ focuses on understanding and predicting the dynamics of inter-state coalitions. It also assumes that states and state coalitions remain the primary actors in geopolitics.

First, I outline how Britain invented Jewish Zionism (<http://faculty.indstate.edu/melyassini/The%20Non-Jewish%20Origin%20of%20Zionism2.pdf>), occupied Palestine for 30 years and handed it over to world Jewry in order to achieve geopolitical goals involving rivalries with Russia, France, and Germany over the Eastern Question, Afghanistan, and the Suez Canal.

Second, I examine how the United States worked with Israel, Saudi Arabia, and Pakistan to reinvent Islamic Jihadism to achieve geopolitical goals involving US-Soviet rivalries over Soviet Jews and Afghanistan.

Third, I further examine how the United States worked again with Israel, Turkey, and Saudi Arabia on Jihadism redux in Libya, Syria, Iraq, and Yemen.

Fourth, I conclude that British-sponsored Zionism and American-sponsored Jihadism were rooted more in geopolitics and less in Jewish or Islamic teachings. They are at the core of the ongoing Middle East proxy wars pitting US and Israel against Iran and Syria over the Palestine-Israel conflict.

I assume that a scholarly understanding of the geopolitical genesis of Zionism and Jihadism could shift the global debate away from cultural extrapolations to geopolitical explanations of most post-1914 wars.

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