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### 91596 Demonstrate understanding of ideological responses to an issue

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## RESOURCE BOOKLET

Refer to this booklet to answer the questions for Social Studies 91596.

Check that this booklet has pages 2–9 in the correct order and that none of these pages is blank.

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# THE WAR ON ISLAMIC STATE

## INTRODUCTION

Islamic State in Iraq and Syria (ISIS) started as an al-Qaeda splinter group in 2004 under leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi.

Fighters are destroying holy sites and valuable antiquities even as their leaders propagate a return to the early days of Islam.

Text (adapted): <http://edition.cnn.com/2014/08/08/world/Isis-fast-facts/>

## IDEOLOGIES

**Global security:** “The peaceful interaction of all nations for ... societal well-being and quality of life and, the actions taken by nations to guarantee ... safety, and continuity that challenges mutual security.”

<http://tinmore.com/security-def.php> (adapted)

**Globalism:** The attitude or policy of placing the interests of the entire world above those of individual nations.

<http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/globalism>

**Humanitarianism:** Humanitarianism drives people to save lives, alleviate suffering, and promote human dignity in the middle of natural disaster or a man-made disaster such as war or other armed conflict.

[http://www.revolv.com/main/index.php?s=Humanitarian%20principles&item\\_type=topic](http://www.revolv.com/main/index.php?s=Humanitarian%20principles&item_type=topic)

**Religious extremism:** A person or group taking the position that if others do not follow their ways, they will be damned. Members of this group will often employ violent means to spread their message or achieve their goals. The beliefs, attitudes, feelings, actions, and strategies of individuals or groups with this ideology are far outside the (acceptable) mainstream attitudes of society.

Dr Peter T. Coleman and Dr Andrea Bartoli, *Addressing Extremism*, pp. 3–4.

## RESPONSES AND IMPACTS

### Foreigners flock to Syria to join ISIS

It has been reported that as many as 30 000 foreigners from more than 100 countries have crossed into Syria and Iraq to join the ranks of ISIS between late 2014 and September 2015, double the number of recruits from the year before.



**Australian citizen Mohamed Elomar fighting for ISIS in Syria.**



“The number of foreign fighters in that area, the number of foreign fighters including those from the UK who could try to return to the UK, is a real threat to our country,” he said.

Text (adapted):

[http://m.nzherald.co.nz/Isis-islamic-state/news/article.cfm?c\\_id=1503746&objectid=11559125](http://m.nzherald.co.nz/Isis-islamic-state/news/article.cfm?c_id=1503746&objectid=11559125)

<http://nymag.com/daily/intelligencer/2015/09/Isis-has-recruited-as-many-as-30000-foreigners.html>

<https://pjmedia.com/trending/2015/12/8/Isis-not-contained-foreign-fighters-have-doubled-in-syria-iraq-this-year>

<http://english.alarabiya.net/en/News/middle-east/2014/06/17/PM-says-foreign-fighters-in-Iraq-Syria-most-serious-threat-to-UK.html>

Image: [http://m.nzherald.co.nz/Isis-islamic-state/news/article.cfm?c\\_id=1503746&objectid=11559125](http://m.nzherald.co.nz/Isis-islamic-state/news/article.cfm?c_id=1503746&objectid=11559125)

### Schoolgirls feared dead

In February 2014, three British schoolgirls – “straight-A students” –

The three girls, all aged 16, flew to Turkey together in February before crossing the border into war-torn Syria.

where a number of buildings linked to ISIS have been destroyed.

Image and Text (adapted):

<http://english.alarabiya.net/en/perspective/2015/05/13/British-teen-girls-who-joined-Isis-are-now-running-from-the-militants.html>

<http://www.news.com.au/lifestyle/real-life/news-life/families-of-Isis-schoolgirls-fear-they-have-all-been-killed-in-wartorn-syria/news-story/4105de4116095c0ac288598e429d6377>

### Father who rescued son from Syria says he’s helping other families

After receiving little help from Belgian authorities when his teenage son became radicalised

Dimitri Bontinck (right), succeeded in rescuing his son Jehoen (left) from jihadists.

He said government proposals to strip British fighters of their passports would backfire and “radicalise even more people”.

Image and Text (adapted):

<http://globalnews.ca/news/1758867/father-who-rescued-son-from-syria-says-hes-helping-other-families/>  
<http://www.thesundaytimes.co.uk/sto/public/article1478765.ece>

### ISIS confirm 'Jihadi John' has been killed

The Islamic State group has acknowledged the death of the masked militant known as 'Jihadi John',

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Some of the responsibility for this can be laid at the feet of 'Jihadi John'.

<http://www.stuff.co.nz/world/middle-east/76063933/Isis-confirm-jihadi-john-has-been-killed>

### ISIS grows stronger

By the end of 2014, 80 000 fighters had either joined the cause, or been forced to become part of it. Six years ago, ISIS consisted of just 1 000 armed militants.



<https://medium.com/matter/Isis-as-start-up-explosive-growth-highly-disruptive-super-evil-4c7f7d3d99e5#.jomhv7ibl>

**ISIS goes global: Over 70 attacks in 20 countries since June 2014**



<http://edition.cnn.com/2015/12/17/world/mapping-Isis-attacks-around-the-world/>

**Where ISIS has made territorial gains and losses during 2015**

**January 2015**

**December 2015**



<http://www.bbc.com/news/world-middle-east-35231664>

## 'Get some guts and join the right side' – John Key

In February 2015, the New Zealand Prime Minister, Mr Key announced he was sending a non-combat training mission to Taji Camp, 



Defence Minister Gerry Brownlee said the total estimated cost of a two-year deployment was \$65 million, though some costs had not yet been finalised.

Text and image: [http://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/news/article.cfm?c\\_id=1&objectid=11407112](http://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/news/article.cfm?c_id=1&objectid=11407112)

### ISIS/Daesh: the military response in Iraq and Syria

A coalition of 65 countries is engaged in international efforts to counter ISIS (also known as Daesh, ISIL or Islamic State).

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Those personnel on the ground are not combat troops.

<http://researchbriefings.parliament.uk/ResearchBriefing/Summary/SN06995>

### Bombing Syria may please allies, but will have little effect on ISIS

British jets joining US and French bombing strikes on their own will achieve very little in the fight against ISIS.

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Air strikes appear little more than a risk-free, politically driven, exercise.

<http://www.theguardian.com/news/defence-and-security-blog/2015/dec/03/bombing-syria-may-please-allies-but-will-have-little-effect-on-Isis>

### Social media plays a significant role

While in the past jihadist groups operated in secretive online forums, ISIS spreads its message



“Their online material shows capturing territory, establishing states, beheading enemies: they show that they are the sexiest jihadi group on the block.”

Text: <http://time.com/3270896/Isis-iraq-syria-western-fighters/>

Image: <http://townhall.com/political-cartoons/2014/11/04>

### Anonymous destroys ISIS Twitter accounts

In 2015, ISIS was dealt a huge blow after computer hacker group Anonymous destroyed thousands of Twitter accounts linked to the terror group.



Anonymous-linked accounts regularly send Twitter lists of problem accounts to be suspended and taken down.

<http://www.express.co.uk/news/world/620184/Isis-anonymous-paris-attacks-ISIL-IS-islamic-state-Abdelhamid-Abaaoud-scott-terban>





