Iraqi teens stoned to death for wearing 'emo' clothes

By msnbc.com staff and news services

BAGHDAD -- At least 14 youths have been stoned to death in Baghdad in the past three weeks in what appears to be a campaign by Shiite militants against youths wearing Western-style "emo" clothes and haircuts, security and hospital sources say.

Militants in Shiite neighborhoods where thestonings have taken place circulated lists on Saturday naming more youths targeted to be killed if they do not change the way they dress.

The killings have taken place since Iraq's interior ministry drew attention to the "emo" subculture last month, labeling it "Satanism" and ordering a community police force to stamp it out.

"Emo" is a genre of punk rock music that originated in the United States in the 1980s. Fans are known for their distinctive dress, often including tight jeans, T-shirts with logos and distinctive long or spiky haircuts.

At least 14 bodies of youths have been brought to three hospitals in eastern Baghdad bearing signs of having been beaten to death with rocks or bricks, security and hospital sources told Reuters under condition they not be...
identified because they were not authorized to speak to the media.

Nine bodies were brought to hospitals in Sadr City, a vast, poor Shiite neighborhood, three were brought to East Baghdad's main al-Kindi hospital and two were brought to the central morgue, medical sources said.

Six other young people, including two girls, were wounded in beatings intended as warnings, the security sources said.

"Last week I signed the death certificates of three of those young people, and the reason for death I wrote in my own hand was severe skull fractures," a doctor at al-Kindi hospital told Reuters. "A very powerful blow to the head caused these fractures which totally smashed the skull of the victim."

Other sources put the "emo" death toll much higher. Hana al-Bayaty of Brussels Tribunal, a nongovernmental organization dealing with Iraqi issues, said the current figure ranges "between 90 and 100," Arabic-language newspaper Al Arabiya reported on its website.

A leaflet distributed in the Shiite Bayaa district of east Baghdad seen by Reuters on Saturday had 24 names of youths targeted for killing.

"We strongly warn you, to all the obscene males and females, if you will not leave this filthy work within four days the punishment of God will descend upon you at the hand of the Mujahideen," the leaflet said.

Another leaflet in Sadr City bore 20 names. "We are the Brigades of Anger. We warn you, if you do not get back to sanity and the right path, you will be killed," it said.

In a statement last month the interior ministry said it was monitoring "the 'emo' phenomenon, or Satanism" which it said was spreading through schools, particularly among teenage girls.

"They wear tight clothes that bear paintings of skulls, they use school implements with skulls and wear rings in their noses and tongues as well as other weird appearances," it said.

After reports of the stonings circulated on Iraqi media, the interior ministry said this week that no murders on its files could be blamed on the reaction to "emo".

"Many media have reported fabricated news reports about the so-called 'emo' phenomenon -- stories about tens of young people killed in various ways, including stoning," the ministry said in a statement on Thursday.

"No murder case has been recorded with the interior ministry on so-called 'emo' grounds. All cases of murder recorded were for revenge, social and common criminal reasons."

Clerics denounce killings
Iraq's leading Shiite clerics have condemned the stonings.

Abdul-Raheem al-Rikabi, Baghdad representative for Iraq's most influential Shiite cleric, Ali al-
Sistani, called the killings "terrorist attacks."

"Such a phenomenon which has spread among young people should be tackled through dialogue and peaceful means and not through physical liquidation," Rikabi told Reuters.

In a response to questions on his website on Saturday, Muqtada al-Sadr, a Shiite cleric whose followers dominate Sadr City, described "emo" youths as "crazy and fools," but said they should be dealt with only through the law.

"They are a plague on Muslim society, and those responsible should eliminate them through legal means," he said.

Abu Ali al-Rubaie, a leading Sadr aide in Sadr City, said the cleric's followers had nothing to do with the killings.

"In this issue and in all such problems we always use peaceful and educational methods to correct any wrongdoings. We are not connected in any way to those groups allegedly responsible for killing those young people."

Another revered Iraqi cleric, Ayatollah Mohammed al-Yakoubi, said in a statement on Friday that the killings of "emo" teens in the country was exaggerated and aimed at tarnishing the image of those who are religious and have problems with the current government. "Media outlets have published some news on the killing of 'Emo' teenagers in Baghdad and other provinces but did not confirm the authenticity or the correctness of neither the news nor the numbers mentioned," he said, according to Al Arabiya.

In the years after the fall of Saddam Hussein, most of Baghdad's neighborhoods were under the firm grip of Sunni and Shiite religious militias which enforced strict dress codes.

Today, the militias have largely disappeared, Baghdad is far more peaceful and many youths experiment with Western styles, although much of Iraqi society remains conservative.

On the streets of Baghdad, people said they had heard of the killings through the media. Many expressed disapproval of the "emo" style, but said murder was no way to respond.

"I saw them a couple weeks ago ... a bunch of girls, high-school aged, walking together, dressed in black. They had long black eye makeup and bracelets with skulls and chains on their handbags with skulls," said Abdullah, 31.

"If they are close friends who have something in common, that's all right. If other things we hear about them are true, like sucking each other's blood or worshipping the devil, that is not accepted in
our society. But I think this is just a trend to imitate the West."

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Holt Crap! Is this really the 21st century??.

Not there.

"If other things we hear about them are true, like sucking each other's blood or worshipping the devil, that is not accepted in our society." WTF?

It's about the fifth century over there.

Comment collapsed by the community
**Jim-769408**

What ever. How many gays are beaten to death or driven to suicide in the US?

#1.4 - Sat Mar 10, 2012 1:31 PM EST  
29 votes

**bigbenalaska**

Those darn westerners ....

#1.5 - Sat Mar 10, 2012 1:33 PM EST  
7 votes

**tontosh-2444879**

This is why we should stay away and let them do whatever they want, it is not our business, we have plenty of our own s.h.t to handle.

#1.6 - Sat Mar 10, 2012 1:37 PM EST  
26 votes

**mimi jacques**

DEVIL WORSHIP GONE WRONG It is presumed that the stoners are Shiites, but deciphering language the word Brigades and Mujadideen are used by Sunnis - especially by Saudi Arabian wahhabi/salafist imams. Stoning and beheading are the trademarks of Wahhabists. Saudi Arabia after almost 20 years opened just lately its embassy in Baghdad and in Iranian papers: and Asian papers it was out of the ordinary and why? Al Arabiya is like Al Jazeera - exaggeration and biased reporting can cause illiterate people to believe anything, what they see on TV and hear on radio. Gothic clothing-rings on ears, tongues and noses with black kohl on eyes, black lipstick and nail polish and the hair styles - where did they get their garb- The stoning, beating, killings is unacceptable and since Iraq is in UN and has signed on Human Rights - it is about time for the Iraqi g’ment to step up to the plate.

#1.7 - Sat Mar 10, 2012 1:39 PM EST  
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**durt_bagg**

CC: George Bush on this, after all he invade Iraq to "free" them of tyranny ... or was it just oil.

Fox News -- Greenspan: Oil the Prime Motive for Iraq War 
America's elder statesman of finance, Alan Greenspan, has shaken the White House by declaring that the prime motive for the war in Iraq was oil. 
http://tinyurl.com/2726hs

Bush gives new reason for Iraq war 
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In Iraqi War Scenario, Oil Is Key Issue 
U.S. Drillers Eye Huge Petroleum Pool 
http://tinyurl.com/ygckzh8

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**ido**

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So much for this, and previous administrations, bent on changing the ME countries to a rule of Democracy.

Next......MORE suppression of women’s rights.

durt_bagg......

You double and triple postings are AGAINST News vine rules. Hope you enjoy your month away from the computer

http://worldnews.msnbc.msn.com/_news/2012/03/10/10634539-iraqi-teens-stoned-to-death-for-wearing-emo-clothes
postings after a moderator's review and sentencing.

#1.9 - Sat Mar 10, 2012 1:49 PM EST
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saxon
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we have brought our country into bankruptcy, for what; the corporations that made billions over the body's of our dead soldiers and 10,s of thousands crippled for life; all because a President wanted to avenge his fathers mistake, and a vice-president wanted his friends to make billions; Congress a grammar school debating society !

#1.10 - Sat Mar 10, 2012 1:49 PM EST

piglizard420
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A little like dragging someone behind a truck because they were black (recent) or beating someone to death because they were gay (also recent). We have our share of the illiterate, violent, and hateful in our society. We also have our share of those with societal influence that encourage such activity.

#1.11 - Sat Mar 10, 2012 1:51 PM EST

ldo
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Jim-769408...."What ever. How many gays are beaten to death or driven to suicide in the US??"

Might want to check the statistics in the ME countries on this one. The totals might be alarming.

#1.12 - Sat Mar 10, 2012 1:52 PM EST

stupified-1351097
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Holt Crop! Is this really the 21st century??

I don't know, seems that even in America we have crazies fighting Satan.

http://educate-yourself.org/ps/satanismamericatoday14jul01.shtml

#1.13 - Sat Mar 10, 2012 1:53 PM EST

Mike S.-2262427
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AHHH Don't the militants know how emo kids work? You tell them to just act like everyone else and they do the exact opposite. O.O If you wanted them to go back to being your version of "normal" you should have started dressing "emo" yourselves. That would've made them stop. :)

#1.14 - Sat Mar 10, 2012 1:53 PM EST

Geturheadoutofurazz!
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AMEN to all on this blog who raise the insanity of what the f'ck the U.S. thought it was doing in Iraq! Up until now, all the neo-cons and their supporters liked to claim that Saddam was a bad guy, killed his own people, etc. and therefore we had to get rid of him. Too bad he wasn't a clear and present danger to the U.S. or its allies; those old standards for committing the U.S. to war just didn't work anymore.

So what do we have now? The direct result of our actions is the rise of the Shiites to control of Iraq, along with the regional influence of Shiite Iran. Prior to that, both were kept in check by Sunni Iraq. This situation was in the U.S. and the West's best interests, not to mention Saudi Arabia.

So, the whole Iraq war was an unmitigated foreign policy disaster for the U.S., and cost us TRILLIONS OF DOLLARS (and you thought it was poor, irresponsible homeowners that caused the financial meltdown), and left almost 5,000 U.S. war dead and tens of thousands wounded and scared for life.

COMING SOON TO A THEATER NEAR YOU: IF YOU LIKED IRAQ, YOU'LL LOVE IRAN!!!
JS in SD

These are the people we spent a fortune and sacrificed thousands of American lives "liberating." They go around killing teenagers because of the way they dress in the name of their perverted view of Islam. Even their top religious leaders are speaking out against these killings, but that is not likely to stop them. These fanatics see it as their duty to go out and kill anyone who does not follow their rules about how you should live. If the government of Iraq really wanted to put a stop to this they would start arresting these Mujahideen and charging them with murder. Unfortunately, the government is scared of these religious nuts and the unrest that would result from taking any action against them, so these killings will likely continue. Even as the government and religious leaders publicly condemn these killings, behind the scenes they are just as happy to see this counterculture crushed. This is because this liberal minded counterculture represents a threat to their rule. These young kids who are embracing this freedom to express themselves are not going to go along with a society whose rules are based on a backwards, repressive interpretation of Islam. If their ranks are allowed to grow it would represent a serious threat to the current government. This is why despite the public condemnations of these killings, no real action will be taken to put a stop to them.

romilio

John-541517 actually, in the 5th century they were doing better, at that time they were not Muslims yet, but we got rid off secular Saddam.

mj899

Gee a good 45 hand gun in the pockets of the 14 year olds may be of help.

I know if people were out to stone me to death for wearing what I want, I be packing

troop

@ jim.....not near enough

OnesDark

@John-541517 The 5th century was more civilized than these savages.

bicfj

Thanks George and Dick...

You really solved the problem there in Iraq.

Jensen-576947

If the world was full of Emos, there probably wouldn't be any wars, so that makes people who love peace -- emos -- right? Jesus, in 00 girl jeans -- just couldn't resist the temptation -- sorry....
AMEN to all on this blog who raise the insanity of what the F*ck the U.S. thought it was doing in Iraq! Up until now, all the neo-cons and their supporters liked to claim that Saddam was a bad guy, killed his own people, etc. and therefore we had to get rid of him. Too bad he wasn’t a clear and present danger to the U.S. or its allies; those old standards for committing the U.S. to war just didn’t work anymore.

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I think it just goes to prove that every time we get involved in ME affairs we wind up screwing it up somehow.

Those kid dress weird but women wearing head to toe bee keeper outfits that make them look like little black cousin its is gods will? Glad our religious nuts stick mostly to god said no electricity and horse good car bad insanity. Marx was right about one thing. Religion is truly the opiate of the masses.

Yes this is the twenty first century. But the twenty first century to one person looks a lot different than the twenty first century to another person. The world isn’t the same. Lifestyles aren’t the same.

My X father in law was stationed in the middle east during WW2, he told me that the people there S#!t in there baggy tied at the ankel pants then spread it around to fertilize the earth, My be thats why, There not doing there part?. Cant S#1t your pants in Jeans And spread it out, To messy . ha ha ha ha

Well, that ain’t nothing. We get a hell of a lot more stoned to death every day in the US. Although, generally by choice … poor though it may be. They got their stupid. We got ours.

Stoning teenagers to death is definitely not cool!!!!

This is what happens when religious zealotry runs amok. Certain regions/countries on this planet need dictators in order to function. Tragic. Makes one wonder what’s going to happen to Iraq when Muqtaddah al Sadr’s Mahdi gang take over and take over they will AFTER the civil war. The the west will have Iran AND Iraq to deal with.
latekate
The Gorilla cult of Islam is on a killing rampage again. Do they enjoy the screams of their beloved children?

#1.30 - Sat Mar 10, 2012 4:01 PM EST

BigAl Las Vegas
Their own Interior Minister calling for a crack down on kids acting like kids. This is what happens when religion gets a strangle hold on a civilization. All you Evangelicals out there should pay close attention to this story because this is what you've been pushing so hard to get in America ......... RELIGIOUS INTOLERANCE AND BIGOTRY.

#1.31 - Sat Mar 10, 2012 4:20 PM EST

JK from PA
Thank you GW Bush!!! Thousands of US military lives, tens-of-thousands of Iraqi civilian lives, and about $1 trillion US taxpayer dollars, and Iraq is back into the stone age.

Notice American voters, this is EXACTLY what you get electing the GOP: Whoring the US military for Big Oil profits, at middle class taxpayer expense.

#1.32 - Sat Mar 10, 2012 4:20 PM EST

Mickey-1983943
I wonder if our embassy in Iraq is aware of this and, if so, what if anything they are doing about it. Shouldn't they at least be filing some sort of complaint against the Iraqi government for human rights violations or something? We spent millions of dollars to build the world's largest embassy there. What are they doing?

#1.33 - Sat Mar 10, 2012 4:32 PM EST

Kannin
JK - That made absolutely no sense at all ...

#1.34 - Sat Mar 10, 2012 4:38 PM EST

denver bill 2
Soft-core punk runs into hard-core Islam. Not too tough to pick the winner in that fight.
**Torch-3648418**
We need to get out of this God forsaken country. It and Afghanistan are on their way back to the stone age. Most of them are there already.

**Mogul218**
We are out of Iraq. Did you miss that memo? Agree with you on Afghanistan though.

**Torch-3648418**
We still have advisors, etc. I mean totally out.

**Jensen-576947**
The Chinese will end up "owning" the Middle East, and they won't have to fire a shot.

**Patrick-444702**
Too late, boys and girls. Now they are HERE in good old USA. If things continue to take their course, Shia law will be part of our culture. I just love religions who continue to say they are a religion of love.

**Tea Tarded**
I feel all warm and fuzzy at the mere thought of organized agonized religion.

**RummyTub**
"organized religion"??
Afraid you might leave a disaster of brown and yellow in your drawers if you mentioned (gulp) Islam?

**nutgrape**
Sorry Rummy, but you just might wish to educate yourself. While Islam is the oppressive flavor of the moment, this is about organized religion and ignorant populations. Not even 100 years ago there were morals police here. They would measure women's exposed skin at the beach, censor our media, sterilize those they felt were unworthy & put you in jail for not observing the sabbath or using contraception. If you really made them mad they would lynching you. We have only recently gotten their jackboot off of our throats and are still struggling with them and their attempts to impose their morality and world view upon us. Don't fool yourself into thinking we are superior to these people. We are just farther along the road and if enough people here forget it, we will be back under the jackboot faster than you can believe. After all, fighting for freedom we have to win all the battles, they only have to win one to drag us back.
Wallace J.

Well said. Unfortunately the religious extremists in the USA are holding on like a pit bull. I sadly believe there is no hope to open the eyes of most people. Generations of brain washing are almost impossible to repair.

#4.3 - Sat Mar 10, 2012 2:38 PM EST

7 votes

Sara M

Thanks for your post.

Americans are cluelessly uninformed how less than a hundred years ago, people were thrown in jail in the U.S. of A. for just DISCUSSING how to prevent pregnancy. Doctors and nurses were legally prohibited from discussing this "indecency".

All the while, mothers were dying by the thousands from the horrible physical effects of having too many children, inability to get medical care, or attempting self-inflicted abortions because they did not have enough food to feed the mass of children they already had. (And yes, it was CONSERVATIVE REPUBLICANS who pushed for these type of laws.)

It took the courage of one woman- Margaret Sanger- to stand up for this nonsense. Courage she got from watching women die, leaving children motherless. She was jailed and had to leave the country more than once. But, common sense prevailed and she began the first clinic in the birth control clinic in our nation. (This organization later became known as "Planned Parenthood".

Now, of course the "American Talibans" want again to push their own ideology on the rest of us.

Religion and politics do not mix.

#4.4 - Sat Mar 10, 2012 2:49 PM EST

8 votes

pishaw

He's a witch! BURN HIM!!

#4.5 - Sat Mar 10, 2012 3:19 PM EST

5 votes

east coast

Don't fool yourself into thinking we are superior to these people.

Oh, really? So when's the last time you knew someone to be killed due to sexual orientation, religious choice or what the wore (FFS!) by a religious group AND their actions were backed by the government? That's the kind of thing that is growing in the middle east.

And don't tell me what happened 100-some years ago. No one who had any doings then are alive today. Guilt shouldn't be waved over the decedents of the guilty any more than power and authority should be passed on from generation to generation by matters involving blood lines. That kind of crap simply doesn't work in my book.

#4.6 - Sat Mar 10, 2012 3:36 PM EST

5 votes
Steve358

Worth every billion and every drop of blood! <sarc> We deserve to be broke.

#5 - Sat Mar 10, 2012 1:13 PM EST

Gordon900

WE or our politicians. Both, but we had believed everything that our government told us, unfortunately our country has strayed far from what the founders envisioned for us.

#5.1 - Sat Mar 10, 2012 4:13 PM EST

Highspeeddirt

Replaced a dictator with the Shi'ite majority. Lets take Iran and Syria next. Islam and Democracy does not work.

#6 - Sat Mar 10, 2012 1:13 PM EST

US citizen-701707

Islam the peaceful tolerant religion? Kill, kill, kill, Allahu Akba, kill, kill, kill!!!!!

#7 - Sat Mar 10, 2012 1:13 PM EST

Jack-1522032

Way past time for every American and every European to accost every single muslim and force them to read and acknowledge this article! And it's also past time for this story to be put onto posters and used to picket every single mosque here and in Europe. This cruel, hate filled muslim culture cannot be allowed to continue, and we must demand and force all these American and European muslims to take action now! Or perhaps we should practice the same? Stone to death these muslims who dress and act differently from us????

#7.1 - Sat Mar 10, 2012 1:43 PM EST

xvet

Jack-1522032: How can you condemn this behavior and promote it at the same time?

#7.2 - Sat Mar 10, 2012 3:45 PM EST

retired40

archstanton; You ignorant piece of shit! Who really give a shit about the innocent Iraqis who died. What I care about is our Americans who lost their lives in that piece of crap country. Is people like you that should have been in their place.

#7.3 - Sat Mar 10, 2012 4:35 PM EST

Plantagenet

As the world hemorrhages on every quarter perhaps it is time to apply a little triage. Let those who cannot be saved bleed out...
World News – Iraqi teens stoned to death for wearing ‘emo’ clothes

and die.

#8 - Sat Mar 10, 2012 1:17 PM EST

Wexy

Spoken like a true terrorist. :)  

#8.1 - Sat Mar 10, 2012 1:26 PM EST

4 votes

pjam09

Wexy - Letting ignorant, incompetent, fools die is Darwinism not terrorism.

Spoken like a true idiot. :)  

#8.2 - Sat Mar 10, 2012 1:56 PM EST

7 votes

torngenes

Is our "humanity" more humane? Trying to save children everywhere around the world without a corresponding attempt to educate them at the same time is a population disaster in the making. We have already stretched resources to the breaking point.

How is education funding doing in your neck of the woods? Not every patient can be saved.  

#8.3 - Sat Mar 10, 2012 4:25 PM EST

andy the z

aren't you glad we spent billions of dollars there and lost thousands of our boys and girls defending these sick backwards bastards?  

#9 - Sat Mar 10, 2012 1:17 PM EST

pjam09

Who were we "defending" them from? You've swallowed the public-relations "we've helped and saved these poor good people" message far too much. We went in and killed tens of thousands of them and demolished what traces of civilization they had scraped together... and this behavior is exactly why we should have finished the job and turned the whole place into a parking lot.  

#9.1 - Sat Mar 10, 2012 2:02 PM EST

1 vote

Geturheadoutofurazz! Comment collapsed by the community

Georghai

Yeah, if we had done nothing, Saddam (Iraq's Stalin) would have continued his reign of torture and murder - which accounted for hundreds of thousands of deaths. Kurd's, Iranian's, Kuwaiti's, Shiite's, etc, were all victim to his terror. It's proven that he wiped out whole Kurdish villages with chemical weapons. He was a danger, yet a lot of the folks here ignore this to blame oil and politicians. (I am not saying that politicians and oil companies do not have their agenda's, by no means). However, America is a land of immigrants from all over. We have our issues and yet we have always pulled together to become better. The world is a much smaller place and with terrorism and weapons of mass destruction, any tyrant with the money and power can reach out and touch their enemies. We must stop it before hundreds of dead become thousand become millions. Hopefully that was done in Iraq. Iraq will take many years to get it's act together and recover from Saddam and the wars that ousted him. It will hopefully get better the way America has and still needs to. Remember America has also had moments of shame - racism, slavery, religious persecution, etc. The American's who have given their lives in Iraq and Afghanistan to fight tyranny are noble, while the cowards who sit here and spit poison deserve the next Stalin, Hitler, Hussein, Assad, Gaddafi, Kony.  

#9.3 - Sat Mar 10, 2012 2:57 PM EST

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So it's extremely horrible to burn a book. Book made from trees, and ink from dyes. Then the book burnings cause mass riots and killings. Which for some is justification. But if someone is expressing themselves through the clothes they wear, the music they make or listen to, or by the art they may create, condemns them to death. I thought the middle ages were over, and that reason and logic were supreme.

I think I should start a Dictionary burning to see how many English students get angry.

The peaceful loving muslims. This is 2012. How many US soldiers have died so these ragheaded scum can live in their now free country? You can't shine shi##. They can stay in their caves or tents and tend to their goats, sheep and camels in a way only they know how.

That's their culture. Like living in crappy tenement apartments, riding the bus, and stuffing your fat face with burgers before watching reality TV is such a better way of life? Because like it or not, that's how a lot of America lives.

It appears that Iraq will always have mainstream vigilantism. The problem is, that type of behavior is culturally acceptable. What a shame.
And to think, Jerry Falwell, his "moral majority" and the so-called "christians" were trying to be allowed to do the same thing to other people they thought were "immoral" in the early 80's. These idiots are no different than the American ones - ours just has better hygiene.

Plantagenet

You are over dramatizing in order to draw parallels between something that has happened and something that didn't happen. Two and two does not equal five.

Huh?What?

Actually Scott has a point. Both religions' extremist have the same end goal in mind, the only differences are the means of attainment.

RonHickman

yo Plantagenet, if you add one it does

RummyTub

What is really idiotic is comparing murder with free speech. Hard to tell the difference, eh?

Plantagenet

Religion is always a convenient excuse to kill off the opposition.

RRuin

Listen to the right wing rhetoric in the US where people like Santorum compare gay relationships to bestiality, where the move is on to deny women their reproductive rights, the preaching of the need to run the US by the Bible. They are a Christian Taliban and if you think some of them wouldn't like to stone to death people they think of as "evil" you're hiding your head in the sand. It's not a comparison of murder to free speech. Murder has been done in our own country in the name of religion. Gay Americans are denied rights, bashed and murdered by the Bible's true believers. We may not be stoning teenagers to death, but the Christian Taliban is on the same continuum as radical Islam.

east coast

RRuin, You're really trying to equate not having the government foot the bill for contraception with the murder of teenagers for what they wear? Wow. Just wow. I really don't understand where the disconnect in logic happened at for most people but it's just amazing to see it.

And these are the same people like to claim that they're smarter than everyone else!!!
I am understanding why Sadam acted as he did. Faced with barbarians he had no choice and Iraq was a better place for it.

Our desire for freedom of religion does not understand what happens when the religion in question is barbaric and wrong so we are incapable of acting correctly where the Islamic types are concerned.

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Same thing with Gaddafi. Gaddafi cracked down hard on Al Queda and any organized murderous thugs that were not his own, that is the only way you can govern and control stone-aged people who do nothing with their lives but try to fulfill the desire to make everyone else follow their backwards blood-thirsty beliefs.

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Just think how tolerant the Muslims are with their own children? What do you think they will do to Israel when they get the BOMB????

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Which is why the Israeli government is going to stop them. But, someday they will probably succeed in developing a bomb, and then there will be a nuclear conflagration in the middle east. I hope will be dead by then.

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A fine and shining example of the kind of "democracy" we spent trillions of dollars taking to Iraq. The stonings were promoted by the interior ministry there.

Although I may be among a minority here in the US, it has been a tremendous waste of money and lives and not something we can feel like we got our money's worth out of...
Ron Hickman

actually you are not a minority, there are millions of lizards in America.

#16.1 - Sat Mar 10, 2012 1:58 PM EST

Ellis Baumgarner

Correct, putting the religious extremist in control set Iraq back 70 years. Definitely a waste of lives and money.....Bring our troops in the middle east home, NOW.

#16.2 - Sat Mar 10, 2012 2:11 PM EST

Geturheadoffurazz! [Comment collapsed by the community]

east coast

Iraq didn't cost trillions. Try to get within an order of magnitude if you're going to try to discuss numbers.

#16.4 - Sat Mar 10, 2012 3:47 PM EST

Stop The Hypocrisy

Talk about your fashion victims.

#17 - Sat Mar 10, 2012 1:24 PM EST

msgfromme

All this being done by the "holy people" who bang boys in secret!

#18 - Sat Mar 10, 2012 1:25 PM EST

leroy brown

Ain't god belief great?

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Plantagenet

God is only an excuse, when humans kill humans it is most usually done for sport.

"Go team!"

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Toasty McGrath

Whenever an apologist tries to tell you that religion doesn't cause any real harm, remember this article.

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Plantagenet

Religion is usually an excuse.

The communists didn't need religion to murder the millions they knocked off.

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Jerry-1646021

There doing this because of there belief system (aka, there religion). Calling religion an excuse in a case like this is just plain ignorance in the face of reason. The Nazi party was also founded on religious beliefs so yes, they actually did need religion to become what they did. As an example, if this wasn’t true then why were they targeting Jews (a religion)? If they weren’t doing it on religious grounds then what did it matter if they were Jewish or not?

Much like the Nazi’s they are doing this because they see our culture as a stain upon the world there imaginary friend created.

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Plantagenet

Who brought up the Nazis?

I mentioned communists. Nazis aren’t communists and they scapegoated the Jews because as a group they generally live apart from the whole and are successful. Just look at all the anti Jew paranoia in the world today, hovering around money and power rather than religion.

When a society needs to rally the troops it will use whatever works in order to do that.

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xvet

We can only hope these reports are exaggerated, but sadly they may not be. How can some of these people be so fearful of change?

xvet

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Jim-769408

Ask those that are against gay marriage

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JohnnyZap

Isn’t it grand that we, the USA, assisted Iraq to emerge from the dark ages of 15th century barbarians to the 21st century of enlightened barbarians.

Oh, those wacky moooslims, sh*ties, and Mujadreams

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Raymond-1126037

MASS MURDER of the young for these reasons are crimes against humanity. The most severe consequences against these people must be put in place by all means possible.

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JD4U

So let me see, in this country that would be akin to, “God told me to kill this man because he is evil.”

They would be sent to a psycho ward, no?

What about “Revenge is mine”, says the Lord.

Of course Islam stole their religion from the Jews, stole their temple mount, call Jesus a mere prophet and their guy, sorry, I can't recall his name, rose to heaven. So they stole Jesus as well.
In case you aren't aware, Islam came about 600 years after the death of Christ.

Very convenient for them. The Jews are hated by them so take their religion and pervert it to fit their means.

Anyone who is not Islamic is an infidel and should die. (of course, this includes the Jews from whom Islam stole their religion.) So now it is God that says all Jews should die.

Interesting, no?

Huh? What?

If this article doesn't fill your stoning quota you should try the old testament.

That should do it.

RonHickman

yo Huh? What?,

that was then, this is now, huh? what is the time frame difference?

hate everyone

Thank God. I always thought that muppet was the Devil

LoriB-1166417

"stunned"

isn't that a little...extreme?? regardless of culture, gender, religion... kids will always be kids- experimenting with clothes and music like any teenagers the world over.

Plantagenet

It is a predatory response. You dress up as a rabbit and venture into a tiger cage unless you have a death wish.
World News – Iraqi teens stoned to death for wearing 'emo' clothes

RonHickman

yo Plantagenet,

You do not have to dress up as a Rabbit and enter Tiger cage, just go in as you are. Besides I do not think a Tiger can catch a Rabbit.

Plantagenet

OK, How about dressing up as a cheesburger and fries at a fat man convention.

Rabbits are pretty good preditory cat bait.

?man

Yo, Mr. Plantagenet Palliser: tell that to the blacks who sat at Woolworth's counter and did the Freedom Rides. Moron.

RonHickman

yo LoriB-1166417,

we all should not be stunned about what they will do, they kill their daughters for what our girls do that is the daily norm. It is a matter of having respect for what your parents tell you not to do or what to do. If you refuse to obey, you will die because my friends will not respect me if you do not obey me. In our society we take away your cell phone or put a bullet through your Laptop. I am sure it played out like this: a member of the iraqi government has a son or daughter that behaves and dresses this way and is showing this child what will happen to them if they do not stop, by causing the deaths of these children.

RonHickman

Plantagenet

i could go for that, i don't need to dress up, i already look like a cheeseburger and fries.

RonHickman

?man,

you called this writer a Mr, heck this writer could be someone's sister for all you know

Steve the dog man

Good News!! The Muslims have come up with yet another reason to slaughter each other.

The character of Islam remains predictable.
@ RonHickman: it's a literary reference.

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Plantagenet

@ RonHickman

It is not the same thing unless the emo Iraqis were protesting for the right to be emo. What a sad thought.

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?man

Who is to say they are not? Would you like to live in a political culture that allows being stoned to death for wearing a Pixies T shirt? I understand what you are saying: don't confuse recklessness (bravery without intelligence) with courage. But your point is at least controversial.

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Plantagenet

Humans are not as advanced as we would like them to be.

People choose up sides based on gut reaction as much or more than real facts, and they allow others to lead them by the nose down the path of servitude on the promise of something unattainable.

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