

Pakistan: From Radicalism to Terrorism – a historical journey by Saima Jasam

In September 2010 Newsweek published an article by Ron Moreau titled 'Pakistan is the most dangerous country in the world'. Although much has been written about the varying but progressively deepening religious drifts combined with traditional cultural settings, it is imperative to deconstruct the Pakistani State and Society's journey from radicalism to terrorism by examining the political, social and ideological factors that led to this transition. This analytical description looks at the political parties and periods that fuelled radicalization in Pakistan. At the ideological level, it limits itself to addressing the issues relating to the educational system and the media, as these were the intrinsic key players in diffusing hatred and intolerance towards other religions and the smaller sects within Islam.

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