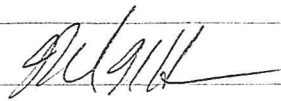


Question: What was your motive on November 5?

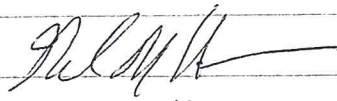
I was defending my religion. It is one thing for the United States to say "we don't want sharia^h (God's) law to govern us" but it's not acceptable to have a foreign policy that tries to replace sharia^h law for a more secular form of government. Fledgling Islamic states like Afghanistan need help to better govern their people under sharia^h law. We are imperfect Muslims trying to establish the perfect religion of All-Mighty God.



Nidal Hasan SA

Question: Representatives of the Muslim community have criticized your actions on November 5 as going against the teachings of Islam because you broke your covenant (oath of office). Please comment.

Many reputable scholars in the legal field like Frances Boyle have clearly explained why the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan are illegal and unconstitutional. So I would argue participating in these wars breaks one's oath of office not the other way around. At best you could argue I broke a law. My brief on the defense of others can help explain this ~~in~~ in more detail.



Nidal Hasan SOA

Question: What was your relationship with Anwar Al-Awlaki?

He was my teacher and mentor and friend.
May All-Mighty Allah accept him as a martyr.
We are imperfect Muslims trying to establish
the perfect religion of All-Mighty Allah as supreme
on the land.



Nidal Hasan SoA

Is Preferring an American Democracy Over Sharia'h (Islamic Governance) Permissible?

In the name of Allah, the Most Gracious, and the Most Merciful.

The answer is simply No.ⁱ There can be many commonalities between Islamic governance and the governance by an American democracy.ⁱⁱ This is especially true in areas that the Holy Qur'an and our beloved prophet Muhammadⁱⁱⁱ have not specifically touched upon. However, there is an inherent and irreconcilable conflict. American democracy places the sovereignty of man over the sovereignty of All-Mighty God. In other words, in an American Democracy "we the people" govern according to what "we the people" think is right or wrong^{iv}; even if it specifically goes against what All-Mighty God commands.^v In Islam, our leaders are expected to govern by what All-Mighty God has determined to be right or wrong,^{vi} and judge by His rules and injunctions,^{vii} or else those leaders are referred to as unbelievers,^{viii} transgressors^{ix}, and/or defiant.^x Muslims are expected to completely submit to All-Mighty God.^{xi} They are also taught not to compromise their religion for the whims and desires of disbelievers (like trying to separate church and state) to get along with them.^{xii} The religion of Islam was brought to prevail over all other religions not to be co-equal with them and certainly not to be subservient to them.^{xiii} So, the sovereignty of man should never be seen as a desired acceptable alternative to the sovereignty of All-Mighty God. It is akin to associating partners to His rule and is thus not acceptable and All-Mighty Allah knows best.^{xiv}



Nidal Hasan S.A

ⁱ *I'm not an Islamic scholar but the Qur'an makes this clear.

ⁱⁱ A Democracy can lead to the formation of a government that tries to rule according to the injunctions of All-Mighty God. This occurred in the Gaza strip under Hamas and may be realized in Egypt. However, no other alternative would have been acceptable to God. Actually, giving the people that choice could lead to a secular government which would not have been consistent with the teachings of the Qur'an. Similarly, Egypt was able to use the democratic process to secure an Islamic majority in the government but will likely need to compromise in order to survive. May All-Mighty Allah forgive us. One should also not confuse Americas support for the democratic process as support for Islamic governance. American foreign policy makes clear that Sharia'h law is not what it wants.

ⁱⁱⁱ Peace and blessing be upon him.

^{iv} *Chapter 23 verse 71: And if the truth had been in accordance with their desires, verily, the heavens and the earth, and whosoever is therein would have been corrupted! Nay, we have brought them their reminder, but they turn away from their reminder.

^v *Chapter 17 verse 9: Verily, this Qur'an guides to that which is most just and right and gives glad tidings to the believers...

*The current American democracy (Sovereignty of man) can make the divinely forbidden permissible and the divinely permissible forbidden. The separation of church and state is just one example. But, other examples includes areas in which the government deals with the extent that freedom of speech is allowed, polygamy, gay marriages, parental rights, gambling, interest, spousal relationships, corporal punishments, etc. These all have or can have potential disagreements with Islam teachings.

Freedom of Speech: The current interpretation of what free speech is or the extent free speech is allowed can be problematic. In Islam freedom of speech does not extend to insulting Islam, All-Mighty God, or His prophets. It's

interesting that in some western countries it's okay to deny the existence of God but denying the Holocaust is punishable by law.

Polygamy: Currently a man can't marry more than one wife without getting arrested but that same man can marry another man and have multiple mistresses without fear of being arrested.

Family: The law allows a 12 year old (or perhaps even younger) to have sexual relations in middle school with multiple partners and in some cases the state provides free forms of "protection". However she can't get married with the permission of her parents. Also, a man cannot justly discipline his wife but the state can discipline its citizens (men and women) with force if need be and is especially apparent in the prison system.

Punishment: It would be considered "cruel or unusual punishment" to punish a person by a punishment that All-Mighty God has ordained like the flogging of a fornicator or severing the hand of a thief.

^{vi} *Chapter 22 verse 41: Those (Muslim rulers) who, if we give them power in the land, (they) enjoin Iqamat-as-Salat (prayers), to pay the Zakat (charity) and they enjoin Al-Ma'ruf (i.e. Islamic Monotheism and all that Islam orders one to do), and forbid Al-Munkar (i.e. disbelief, polytheism and all that Islam has forbidden) [i.e. they make the Qur'an as the law of their country in all the spheres of life]. And with Allah rest the end of (all) matters (of creatures)."

5:49- ... And so judge (you O Muhammad...) among them by what Allah has revealed and follow not their vain desires, but be aware of them lest they turn you (O Muhammad...) far away from some of that which Allah has sent down to you...

5:50- Do they then seek the judgment of (the days of Ignorance?) And who is better in judgment than Allah for a people who have firm faith.

2:213- ...He [Allah] sent down the scripture in truth to judge between people in matters wherein they differed...

6:114- [Say (O Muhammad...)] "Shall I seek a judge other than Allah while it is He Who has sent down unto the Book (the Qur'an), explained in detail..."

^{vii} Chapter 13 verse 37: And thus have We sent it (the Qur'an) down to be a judgment of authority in Arabic where you (O Muhammad...) to follow their vain desires after the knowledge which has come to you, then you will not have any Wali (protector) or Waq (defender) against Allah.

Chapter 5 verses 48: ... So judge among them by what Allah has revealed and follow not their vain desires, diverging away from the truth that has come to you. To each among you, We provided a law and a clear way.

^{viii} See Chapter 5 verse 43-44 of the Qur'an: ... And whosoever does not judge by what Allah has revealed, such are the Kafirun (i.e. Disbelievers...)...

^{ix} See Chapter 5 verse 45 of the Qur'an: ... And whosoever does not judge by what Allah has revealed, such are the Zalimun...

^x See Chapter 5 verse 47 of the Qur'an: ... And whosoever does not judge by what Allah (then) such (people) are the Fasiqun (the rebellious i.e. disobedient...)...

^{xi} See Chapter 2 verse 208: "O you who believe! Enter perfectly in Islam (by obeying all the rules and regulations of the Islamic religion) and follow not the footsteps of Shaitan (Satan)..."

^{xii} Note: This does not mean that Islam does not tolerate other religions (Christianity and Judaism). Islam tolerates these religions as outlined in the Qur'an via Jiyza.

Chapter 68 verse 9: They wish they you should compromise (in religion out of courtesy) with them so they (too) would compromise with you.

Chapter 17 verse 73-75: Verily, they were about to tempt you away from that which We revealed (the Qur'an) unto you (O Muhammad...), to fabricate something other than it against Us, and then they would certainly have taken you a Khalil (an intimate friend)...

3:118- O you who believe! Take no as (your) Bitanah (advisors...) those outside your religion... since they will not fail to do their best to corrupt you...

3:149- O you who believe! If you obey those who disbelieve, they will sent you back on your heels, and you will turn back (from faith) as losers.

Note: "What is said about residence (staying) in the land of Ash-Shirk (polytheism i.e. the land where polytheism is practiced). Narrated Sumurah bin Jundub... Allah's Messenger said: "Anybody (from among the Muslims) who meets, gathers together, lives, and stays (permanently) with a mushrik (polytheists or disbelievers...) and agrees to his ways, opinions and (enjoys) his living with him Mushrik) then he (that Muslim) is like him (Mushrik). (This hadith

indicates that a Muslim should not stay in a non-Muslim country, he must emigrate to a Muslim country, where Islam is practiced.) [The Book of Jihad, Abu Dawud]"

2:120- "... And if you (O Muhammad...) were to follow their (Jews and Christians) desires after what you have received of knowledge (i.e. the Qur'an), then you would have against Allah neither any Wali (protector or guardian) nor any helper"

2:145- "...Verily, if you follow their desires after that which you have received of knowledge (from Allah), then indeed you will be one of the Zalimun (polytheist, wrong doers)."

6:56- "... Say (O Muhammad...)... I will not follow you vain desires. If I did, I would go astray..."

6:116- "And if you obey most of those on the earth, they will mislead you far away from Allah's Path. They follow nothing but conjecture, and they do nothing but lie."

^{xiii} See Chapter 61 verse 9: "He it is Who has sent His Messenger (Muhammad...) with guidance and the religion of truth (Islamic Monotheism) to make it victorious over all (other) religions even though the Mushrikun (polytheists...) hate (it)."

^{xiv} The constitution of the United States can be seen as a man made God competing with the All-Mighty Allah's sovereignty.