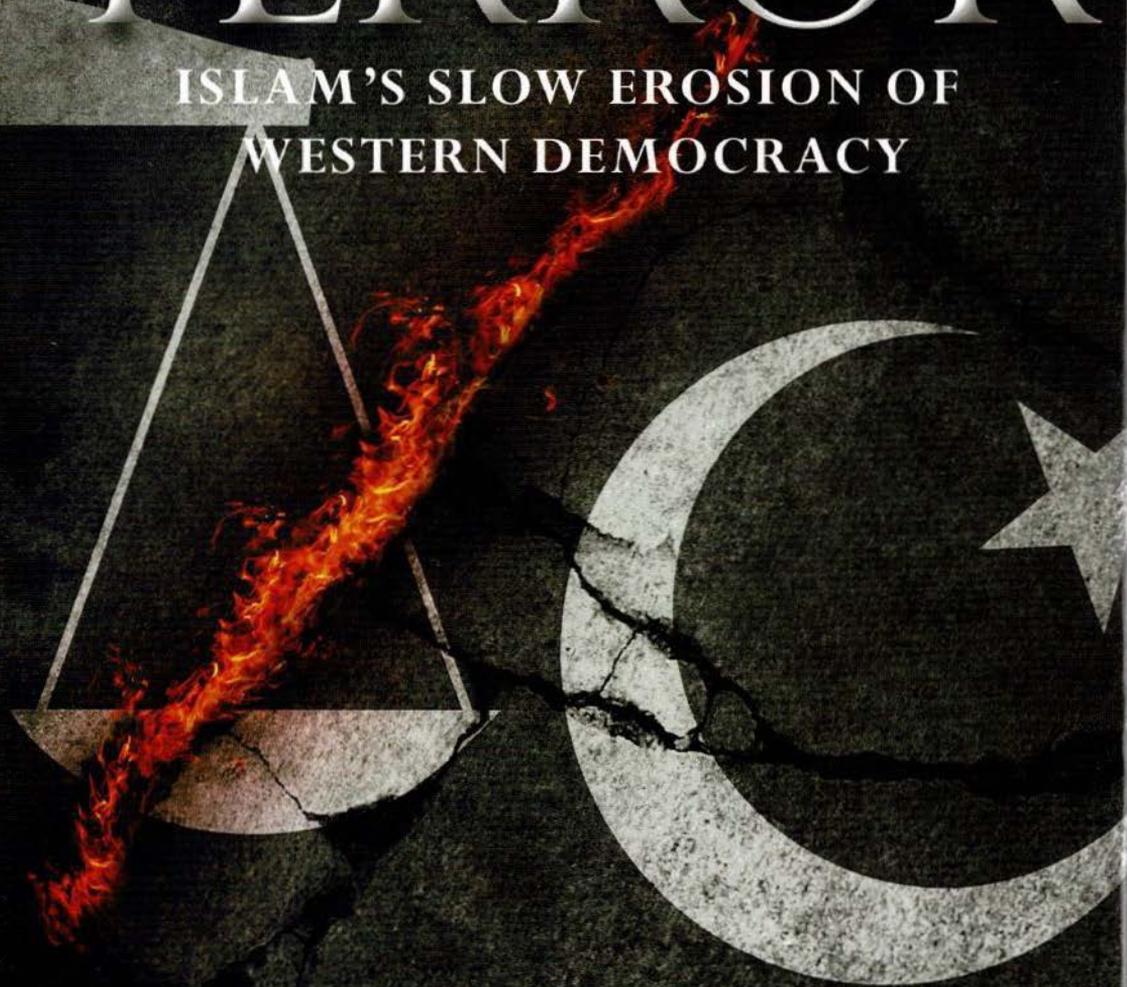


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FOREWORD

By Daniel Pipes

EVERY EUROPEAN COUNTRY with an advanced Islamist problem has a political party in parliament focused on dealing with this challenge – except one, the United Kingdom. This absence of what I call a *civilizationist party* (because it seeks to save Western civilization) has profound implications; it means the British have no way to enact legislation against the Islamist threat nor do the existing parties feel pressure to pay attention to it. For this reason, “Londonistan” has the bleakest prospects of any Western country.

Anne Marie Waters, author of the book in your hands or on your screen, is one of the few who can fill the gap. As *Beyond Terror: Islam’s Slow Erosion of Western Democracy* amply shows, she has the biography, skills, knowledge, and will to found a civilizationist party. Indeed, she initiated the process in late 2017 by establishing For Britain, a party “for the forgotten majority.”

Seen in this light, *Beyond Terror* serves the triple purpose of self-introducing Waters to the public, documenting the civilizational problem, and laying out her policies.

The self-introduction emphasizes her and the Left’s mutual disaffection; it shows how criticism of Islamism rendered her

longstanding political home no longer hospitable. I found her insider's views illuminating, especially how pro-Islamism has become integral to the Left's world view and program. It's reached the point, Waters explains, that "the modern political Left will turn on its comrades if they fall out of favour with Islam." Strangely, opposing "a far-Right religious extremism that openly discriminates and condones violence against women, executes homosexuals, and punishes dissenters with the sword" gets one in big trouble.

This could only happen because "the modern Left has adopted a whole new set of priorities. No longer concerned with the rights of the working classes or protecting vulnerable minorities, the new university-educated middle-class Left is an ideological beast." In other words, economics is now secondary to identity politics. Workers, make way for the academics. Goodbye Marx, hello Gramsci.

"Far Right" is what *The Economist* calls Waters and what *The Times of London* calls For Britain; but this adjective outrageously distorts both their political identities. Waters comes from a strictly leftist background, having been a member of the Labour Party for about 10 years. Her political activism began in favour of keeping the socialist National Health Service. She served as both a trade union representative and as a board member of the National Secular Society. She calls herself a second-wave feminist and a near-free-speech absolutist.

Following her clash with the Left, her outlook now contains centrist qualities: She believes in personal liberty, in limited state intrusion, government accountability, low migration, and Christian- and secular-based Western civilisation. She favours the free market along with a strong public sector. She is a nationalist who opposes mass migration. In keeping with this profile, For Britain is neither Left nor Right, much less far Right, but represents what it calls "the decent majority."

Waters is shy about providing specifics on her travails in starting the party (did you not wonder why this very British-oriented book is published in the American Midwest?) and discussing future tactics. I look forward to more information from her on these topics.

The second part surveys outrages of the Islamist scourge, knowledgeably covering twelve Western countries (with special attention to the United Kingdom and the United States) and lightly touching on several Muslim-majority countries. She documents the ravages of the combined Islamist-Leftist machine on such topics as freedom of speech, homosexuality, and school instruction.

The final part offers Waters' prescriptions. She begins by noting that, when it comes to the twin issues of immigration and Islamization, the parties which dominate the British House of Commons, four in number, "are entirely inseparable" in their agreement on a "deliberate sanitisation of Islam." She portrays this collusion as an elite arrogance that views the voting public as "completely stupid."

Fortunately, if free speech "has dramatically decreased among our leaders," it "still exists in some form among ordinary people." And so, paraphrasing George Orwell, Waters turns to those ordinary people: "Hope lies with the proles." A populist surge is needed, and now: "The only way Islamism will be defeated, or even confronted, is through the power of the people. We must use our vote and our right to stand for political office in order to unseat complicit MPs."

She outlines a program consisting of five steps:

1. Restore accountable government by returning power from international institutions (i.e., the European Union) to the nation-state.
2. Teach children positively about their country.
3. Apply one law to all, thereby ending "harmful Islamic practices."
4. Take control of immigration and deport immigrant criminals.
5. Keep a close watch on Islamic institutions for signs of Islamism.

These are unarguably sensible policy prescriptions, though I would add a #6: "Marginalize Islamism and help strengthen moderate Islam."

Waters understandably does not include such a recommendation. She writes: "I do not believe that Islam and Islamism are distinct. ... Islamism is merely the political implementation of the doctrines of Islam." In contrast, I hold the two are distinct: Islam is the entire faith, Islamism is one (extremist) interpretation of it. For Waters, Islamism represents the only true form of Islam; for me, it is just one way of implementing Islam and other, more benign interpretations exist and are equally valid.

This matter has profound importance: Waters disbelieves, and I do believe in a moderate Islam. She has no hopes for changes in Islam; I argue that radical Islam is the problem and moderate Islam is the solution. Among other benefits, my approach offers the possibility of cooperating with anti-Islamist Muslims, something I hope For Britain will make a priority.

Despite our disagreement on the nature of the enemy, Anne Marie Waters and I stand in the same trench, fighting the same opponents. I therefore hope this manifesto will contribute to creating the UK's urgently needed civilizationist party, that For Britain will soon enter parliament, and once there, it will help shape the country's future.

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