

## American Think Tanks on Muslims: An Overview of the Activities of Rand Corporation

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### Abstract

This paper endeavors to give an overview of the attitude and activities of American Think Tank "Rand Corporation" towards the Muslim Ummah. It finds that Rand Corporation has an agenda explicitly against the interests and rights of the Muslims. About its activities it is clearly said that assisting secularists and modernists should be an important part of US foreign policy about the Muslim world. It should be US priority to provide support for their educational and cultural activities. Special attention should be given to the reform of madrassas and mosques. The curriculum of the madrassas should be revised according to modern requirements. Modernist scholars should be given full access to print and electronic media. Their ideas should be incorporate into the curriculum of Islamic countries. In short Rand Corporation suggests and promotes divisions between different Muslim sects and countries for US interests.

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## Introduction

Rand Corporation is an international think tank and a private company of the non-profit US Government. It was founded by Douglas Air Craft Company immediately after World War II. Its primary purpose is to prepare research and analytics reports for the US government and military entities.<sup>2</sup> To achieve these goals, the US government receives funding from private companies and various international charities and welfare organizations. Its scope of research extends to governments, religions, cultures, nations and communities of different countries of the world, and their interests, ambitions, goals, causes, causes and effects to the United Nations, and especially to the United Nations and the American people. Michael D Pitch is currently its President and Chief Executive. About 1,700 employees in the Rand Corporation are employed in various fields. Of these, 1300 researchers are employed, while 26 are Nobel Laureates, who still carry out their work. It has offices in various US cities, such as Nata Monica, California, Arlington, Virginia, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Boston and CCP.<sup>3</sup> Its operating offices and personnel are operating in countries outside the US, such as Europe, Australia and Asia. The organization was founded on May 14, 1948, shortly after World War II. In the Second World War, it has been proved that the effects of research

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<sup>2</sup>Rand Corporation, "History and Mission.", Accessed March 14, 2018. Boston

<https://www.rand.org/about/history.html>

<sup>3</sup>Angel Rabasa, Cheryl Benard, Lowell H. Schwartz and Peter Sickle, "Building Moderate Muslim Network.", Accessed March 14, 2018.

[https://www.rand.org/content/dam/rand/pubs/monographs/2007/RAND\\_MG574.pdf](https://www.rand.org/content/dam/rand/pubs/monographs/2007/RAND_MG574.pdf)

and development in the field of nation and country technology are profound and long-lasting. At the end of the war it became clear that complete and lasting peace was not guaranteed. The debate on scientific research and development began in the field of war, and it was felt that there should be a private institution that covers the purpose of military planning and its success and impact.<sup>4</sup> As a result, a bridge between military, government, industry and universities has been established. Major General Curtis Lemay, General Lars Normstedt, Assistant Chief of Air Staff and others, along with the United States Government. Recent projects involving the planning, Edward Bowles of Misty CP Institute of Technology, Donald Wiggles President Douglas Air Craft Company, Arthur Raymond, Chief Engineer of Douglas and Franklin L Bohm established the first project in 1946, the Rand Project Prelim. Design of an Experimental World-Circling Spaceship-Potential Design The methodology for using a man-made satellite was discussed. A year later, the RAND project was moved from the Douglas plant to the new offices in Santa Damonica. The RAND project also organized a symposium in New York aimed at expanding the scope of our efforts in social studies.<sup>5</sup> By the beginning of 1948, Project Rand's staff had grown to more than 200, including experts from different walks of life. These included mathematicians, engineers, physics, chemistry, economics and psychologists. In its second annual report, Project Rand emphasized that if problems are compounded and they encompass different aspects of life,

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<sup>4</sup>Lowell Schwartz, interview with Gene Sosin, April 2005, 134.

<sup>5</sup>Angel M. Rabessa, *The Muslim World after 9/11* (USA, Arlington: The Rand Corporation 1776 Main Street), 5.

then cooperation, balance and positive efforts will be accelerated by industry backwardness to the university's academic circles. Efforts should be devised. The RAND staff is very serious about this kind of teamwork.<sup>6</sup> There are several Rand Graduate Schools operating under the auspices of the RAND Corporation. There are about three new public-level THD level programs related to public policy. The largest PhD campus is operating in Santa Monica. Unlike other new universities, the undergraduate school provides students with scholarships to cover their educational expenses and helps them to remain active in research. Rand has been running a number of internship and fellowship programs. Many of these programs are short-term and do research under the guidance of various students and staff.<sup>7</sup> The RAND project also publishes the *Rund General of Economics*, with approximately 32 Nobel Laureates dedicated their services to the Rund Corporation. Project Rand: Gen. Henry II, commander of the United States Army, laid the foundations for Project RAND, which was intended for long-range planning of future weapons. In March 1946, the Douglas Company was awarded a contract to inspect intercontinental devices. In May 1948, Project & Douglas was separated from the company and became an independent non-profit organization. At the end of 1947 it was realized that even if Project Rand was already operating in an unbiased way, it would still have to be separated from the Douglas Air Craft Company. In 1948, the new Chief of Staff of the United Assistant Air Force wrote a letter to the president of the Douglas Air Craft Company. H. Rown Gaither. Jr., a prominent San Francisco attorney

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<sup>6</sup> Angel M. Rabessa, *The Muslim World after 9/11*, 68.

<sup>7</sup> Lowell Schwartz interview with Gene Sosin, April 2005.

general who later served as president and chairman of the Ford Foundation, was appointed Legal Counsel to oversee Project Rand's independent work.<sup>8</sup> On May 14, 1948, the Rand Project was registered as a non-profit corporation under the laws of the State of California. For scientific, educational, and charitable purposes, the corporation was granted the status of a public welfare and security institution in the United States. The Ford Foundation issued a loan to Rand Corporation on a private bank guarantee under a contract. One million dollars was funded to make the work of the corporation effective. Four years later, a sponsoring company provided regular funding to strengthen Rand's research program. On November 1, 1948, the regular Project Rand contract, Douglas Air Craft, Transferred from the company to Rand Corporation.<sup>9</sup> This paper gives an overview of the activities of Rand Corporation.

### **Early achievements**

In 1996, David Jar Ditty, a research scholar at the Carnegie Meleneiverity, reviewed and compiled a list of Rand's early achievements and achievements. Randyke's highest support for the American Government in making military decisions was recently included. Among these achievements are the most important efforts related to space systems, including the foundation of the US government's space program, digital computing and artificiality Includes programs for developing intelligence. Researcher Paul Byrne's work on packet switching is fundamental to the current Internet and technology, the creation of RAND staff and the

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<sup>8</sup> Angel M. Rabessa, The Muslim World after 9/11, 69.

<sup>9</sup> Angel M. Rabessa, The Muslim World after 9/11, 74.

creation of the world's first computer. The power of decision making in uncertain situations and the ideas and procedures of Rand Corporation researchers gained worldwide attention. And they uncover new and unique approaches to Gain theory and revolutionary programming Mathematically modernly and simulation network theory and cost analysis. Jar Dent introduces a special kind of mythological approach, which uses its decision-making power and various priorities in decision making in combat matters This helps to increase your ability to choose one. As Rand's scope grew and the importance of the US government began to decline, Jardine writes about the importance of systems such as social police planning, and thirdly, backwardness, poverty, health, education, and The topic of effective municipal services operations, such as efficiency, success and failure, also discusses the topic. Rand's early work outlines how to analyze major social policy issues. Like the US, improving the healthcare system and managing affordable housing colonies for low-income families. Rand improved planning, programming, and budgeting. Secretary of Defense Robert T. McNamara of the 1960s Whiz vides in the early years. Named all over the United States under the Federal Government, as President London Johannes declared in 1965, the federal standard required everyone. During the Cold War confrontation with the Soviet Union, Rand's initial defense agenda, which consisted of various topics, took on greater importance, such as space, economy, social and political issues related to other countries, and government to solve social and economic issues. Role-in-the-Rand Corporation is a research organization that offers solutions to the challenges facing the public. Various computers around the world help to

become safer, better and more prosperous. Rand is a non-profit, non-partner and public welfare.<sup>10</sup>

### **Rand as a Think Tank**

Nathalie Crawford was an American housewife who later spent half of her home state of California. There is no picture of a family member in Nathalie Crawford's office while raising and training her children, but there are numerous photographs, credentials, a token of friendship with Pilot Will and numerous letters and documents reaffirming her commitment and commitment. In her combat uniform, she vows to fight the US Air Force men and says that I will fight hard to gain their consent. As an engineer in the sixties, she created a new weapon for the Air Force. Nowadays Nathalie Crawford is the Director of the Air Force Project.<sup>11</sup>

People who recognize this corporation as a partner in America's political arena who make their achievements adorn their offices. This is called the trophy wall. Or they write the phrase I love u wall. One person is a National Security Advisor or Secretary. Standing in front of a picture of Defiance says that I am proud of you. But it is not clear at the Rand Corporation offices whether the owner of such wall is going to discriminate or is being discriminated against. Who has been famous or admired when Nathalie Crawford meets the Air Force Chief of Staff? Who will find out?

### **Nuclear Tests in the Basement**

A few thousand miles east of Rand's Washington office, what's that? Over Rand's more than 50 years, Rand has published a list of twenty such employees and advisors. The true character and nature of the work

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<sup>10</sup> WWW.rand .org ( USA: <https://www.rand.org/pubs.html>)

<sup>11</sup> Angel M. Rabessa, The Muslim World after 9/11, 207.

remains questionable even today, including Nobel Laureates. Donald Rumsfeld has been the director of Condo Lease Rice and Paul Rand and Henry Kessinger, James, Salksinger and Dunn Rice were its advisors, Ken Arrow, Willard Liebe, Robert Solo and William Sharp Rand were employed by Arnd Corp. Is a private consulting agency whose development is possible only because of the United States, and reviews politics on a daily basis. Ranked and in deep contact with Penta Gon. But at the same time, it is also a question mark for the most part. It is supported by the Government and the private sector for research work. But it is always proud of the corporation as an isolated entity, On the slogan of being free and neutral. They throw dust into the eyes of their customer-obsessed readers, a tale that is rooted in the years of the Cold War and the streets of Santa Monica, California, and it seems a lie to Washington.<sup>12</sup> Even the symmetric layout of the hallways and office makes any escape impossible. The small lobby in the lobby testifies to the secrets of the very high-level ideas and experiences hidden in the White House's curtains in the White Walls. There are chemicals in the building that contain cancer and birth. They are, of course, a nuclear test that is carried out to the basement in the basement. Or are there more tests and CIA procedures that can affect the straightforward people of Santa Monica? Years ago, they staged a loud protest outside the building.

### **Need for Demand Driven Change**

The achievement of the Peace Act of 2009 that the United States should have a balanced, dignified and multilateral wish-based strategy based on the goals that exist throughout Pakistan, Yes, there is a happy future in

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<sup>12</sup> T Angel M. Rabessa, The Muslim World after 9/11, 209.

terms of policies made in the past about Pakistan and a great effort towards strengthening public institutions. A broader strategy is needed that will strengthen Pakistan and its neighbors. As the only solution for this, make sure that the country's runners are the rulers, rather than military rulers or occupiers.<sup>13</sup>

While many areas of the Peace Act 2009, including those of the National Parliament, political parties, other public institutions, public government, should also focus on ensuring that the policies adopted by the United States for the promotion of peace in the country. And directly influence policymaking factors so that Pakistan can protect its neighbors and in particular the interests of the US. (1) Demand changes. (2) According to Pakistani priorities, the United States needs to revise its policies. (3) Pakistani police need to play effective role in tackling security concerns. (4) Pakistan needs to stand on its own feet. (5) The need to make Pakistani institutions accountable for continuing US assistance.

Many suggested ways of strengthening the Pakistani people and military capabilities need to be redesigned. Without effective coordination for change, such changes are suspicious of Pakistanis who are effective partners who can influence change, finding such assistants for change, while some suggest specific ways for the Pakistani and the democratic. If you think of the aggression of the nations, then it is impossible to achieve riots. One of the most difficult aspects is the education of Pakistan's system, where there is a clear indication of improving it. This will be strongly opposed by the fans. Particularly, Pakistanis are concerned that

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<sup>13</sup> Abdurrahman Wahid, "Right Islam vs. Wrong Islam." *The Wall Street Journal*, December 30 (2005):179.

the United States is against the anti-Islamic system of education. Experts and scholars working under the World Bank have concluded that private schools offer better results than public schools, although expensive.

Similarly, American aid for Madrassa reforms should be given to institutions and madrassas who are already ready or trying to reform, under the religious and international education system so that they can develop religious scholars. Along with Pakistan, more and more, such aids prove to be a straw in the context of the fact that madrassas in Pakistan are not delivering positive results in any way in the market, 70239 in government schools and 30 percent in private schools. The full-time education of madrassas is very effective in terms of effectiveness.<sup>14</sup>

These examples are merely descriptive and explanatory of the Collective Laws' educational recommendations. Such recommendations also require reform of the judiciary. What is lacking in practical steps is the consultative approach to Pakistan's assistance. In which the role of US allies in the reform of Pakistan Existing strategic dialogue is neither strategic nor dialogue. Improving reform requires a strong asterisk dialogue, which will prove to be the backbone of US assistance. However, such constructive approaches have rarely been fruitful. Without these Pakistani interests and commitments, these funds cannot be proven.<sup>15</sup>

#### **Four classes of Muslims and Strategies to deal with them**

These Rand Corporation reports were viewed as a conspiracy theory and plan ten years ago, but now it is a mirror in which we can see our face and

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<sup>14</sup> Angel M. Rabessa, The Muslim World after 9/11, 225.

<sup>15</sup> Angel Rabessa, Islam and Development in Indonesia (USA: Indonesia Society press ), 82.

our position. Who are behind them and the changes that are happening or happening around us and what some of their leading people and faces are using as weapons. The American Think Tank Rand Corporation has a major role in shaping US policy through its research reports, in 2003 its eminent scholar, Sheryl Bernard, presented a research paper that still exists on the Rand Corporation website. It is titled Civil Democratic Islam- Partners, Resources & Strategies, Civil and Democratic Islam: Participants, Resources and Strategies.<sup>16</sup> It provides guidelines for American policymakers regarding Islamic countries and Muslims. It classifies the Muslims into four groups and gives strategies to deal with them

### **Fundamentalist**

It is a group that has adopted jihad as the strategy of domination of Islam. It is a denial of democracy and all western ideas and gives priority to the Islamic system over all systems. It wants to establish a religious state where it can enforce its extremist views on Islamic law and morality - they are the common enemy of the West and America in particular - and there are two types: a Scriptural Fundamentalist group adopts a method that conforms to Islamic sources and does not justify suicide attack. And the second group, the Radical Fundamentalist, is the most dangerous group that considers suicide attacks legitimate. The group includes the Taliban, Al-Qaeda, Hamas.<sup>17</sup>

### **Traditionalist**

This group adheres very strongly to Islamic culture and traditions. It is the

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<sup>16</sup> Arvind Mandair , *Secularism and Religion-Making*, AAR *Reflection and Theory in the Study of Religion Series* (USA: Oxford University Press, 2011), 275.

<sup>17</sup> Author's interview with Ahmad Syafii Maarif ( Jakarta: June 2002.), 47.

most trusted and largest group of Muslims. It consists of scholars, seminaries and religious people.

### **Secularist**

It adheres to Islam privately, but does not agree to interfere with religion in other matters of life.

### **Modernist**

This group presents the modern construction of Islam and considers Islam a liberal religion; it is against the old teachings of Islam and has been striving for a harmonious and modern Islam.<sup>18</sup>

Assisting secularists and modernists should be an important part of US foreign policy about the Muslim world. It should be our priority to provide support for their educational and cultural activities. These groups should be disbanded. Special attention should be given to the reform of madrassas and mosques. The curriculum of the madrassas should be revised according to modern requirements.<sup>19</sup>

### **Support the Modernist first**

Modernist scholars should be given full access to print and electronic media. Identify modern-minded Muslim scholars on the Web site explaining solutions to everyday life problems and presenting modern interpretations of Islamic law. Encourage them to write for the public and especially for young people. Incorporate their ideas into the curriculum of Islamic countries. Provide them public platforms. Introduce their interpretations of fundamental religious issues to the public rather than to

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<sup>18</sup> Angel M. Rabessa, The Muslim World after 9/11, 238.

<sup>19</sup> Muhammad Ali, Liberal Islam Network:

(<https://escholarship.org/uc/item/8v03h3dm>)

the fundamentalists. Present secularism and modernism as an alternative culture and ideology against Islam in front of Muslim youth. Create as much awareness and interest in the media and curriculum of Muslim countries as before the non-Muslim history of Islam. Cooperate closely with NGOs to bring forward NGOs. Encourage secular cultural institutions and programs.<sup>20</sup>

### **Support the Traditionalists against the Fundamentalists.**

Put the backs of the traditionalists (the clerics and common denominators associated with the mosques) against the fundamentalists. Discourage unity between the traditionalists and the fundamentalists. This is a danger to us all along with the fundamentalists. You may be surprised, therefore, exaggerate the criticism of the traditionalists against the radical behavior of the radicals and the differences between the traditionalists and the radicals. Strike the fundamentalists in full force, sharply target the weak aspects of their Islamic and ideological foundations; explain their views in such a way that they are neither attractive to the young, nor to the traditional masses. Reassure them, Identify the flaws in their corruption, barbarism, ignorance, prejudice, intolerance and compliance with the principles of Islam and make them believe that they are not capable of government and leadership.<sup>21</sup>

### **Summary of historical reports**

Rand Corporation of Marica said of an address. This was to be said by the Ummah thinkers, devotees and wise men. The thing is, this American think tank has identified the classes of charms in our community to guide

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<sup>20</sup> Angel M. Rabessa, *The Muslim World after 9/11*, 251.

<sup>21</sup> Angel M. Rabessa, *The Muslim World after 9/11*, 282.

the crusaders. For those crusaders who are just fighting the global war on terror in the universe, Rand Corporation's report is as follows:

The first category consists of those women who finished writing papers and documents in the synagogue on their own. In every other sense, they are secular. (Note that these Western strategists have also used the word secular as anti-Muslim.) So there is no danger of such women and gentlemen. The second type is those Muslims who are only required to fast their prayers. They just want so much ... Mullah allowed to prostrate in India, So they are allowed. There is no danger of any kind to these people. The third type is that of the scholars and atheists. They offer five-time prayers. From time to time, people also teach the Qur'an and Hadith in public, Addressing Eid twice a year and once a week on Fridays. Be it a public gathering, say a seminar, say a symposium, say a conference or training course - an invitation to attend an immigrant is required, and no pass is required. Announcements are made in advance, no posters are placed or no banners are organized to hold these gatherings. What is amazing, though, is that there is a time limit for attending these programs. All participants wash, wear new or clean clothes, wear hats, apply perfume and often hold their children's finger. Women are also involved in some mosques and places of worship. This section is particularly dangerous, but not as dangerous as it may be in the future. If the next class becomes aware of its power, and instead of being a leader of the far-right, they gain the knowledge of the whole religion and hold on to the leadership of the nation, then a significant number of the Ummah use their leadership five times a day. , They will have to follow them. They

can be extremely dangerous.<sup>22</sup>

The fourth category is that of the most dangerous class of Muslim scholars and scholars who believe in the complete system of life of Islam. These people are knowledgeable of political Islam. They want to implement and dominate the teachings of Islam which belong to the society as a whole and to society as a whole. This class of Muslims is the number one enemy of secularism. Our war is only with these last two classes. Without them, this (crusade) war cannot be won.<sup>23</sup>

### **11/9 Report**

The RAND Corporation has prepared different brief and detailed reports about the Muslims and Muslim countries to the US Government. One of these reports is 11/9 report. The purpose of this report is to analyze the "aftermath of the Muslim world after 9/11" as to what are the motivations that are causing a change in the religious and political rhetoric of the Muslim world. The thing is, there is also a world of policy makers and a broader educational and policy community that can guarantee the interests and security of the United States.<sup>24</sup>

### **Conclusion**

Different reports and remarks about the activities of Rand Corporation can be the conclusion of our overview about its agenda. It is said that assisting secularists and modernists should be an important part of US foreign policy about the Muslim world. It should be our priority to

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<sup>22</sup> Angel M. Rabessa, *The Muslim Worl after 9/11*, 296.

<sup>23</sup> Lucas Scott, *Freedom's War: The American Crusade against the Soviet Union* (New York: New York University Press, 1999), 19.

<sup>24</sup> Angel M. Rabessa, *The Muslim Worl after 9/11*, 341.

provide support for their educational and cultural activities. Special attention should be given to the reform of madrassas and mosques. We should discourage unity between the traditionalists and the fundamentalists. Modernists should be given full access to print and electronic media. They should be encouraged to write for the public and especially for young people. Their ideas should be incorporated into the curriculum of Islamic countries. They should be provided public platforms. Secularism and modernism should be presented as an alternative culture and ideology against Islam in front of Muslim youth. The criticism of the traditionalists against the radical behavior of the radicals and the differences between the traditionalists and the radicals should be exaggerated. Fundamentalists should be stroked in full force and their Islamic and ideological foundations should sharply be targeted. Muslim world is divided into different schools in terms of its political, social, governmental system, law, etc. The majority of the world's Muslim population is Sunni, but the Shiite population, which accounts for about 15% of the population, is of paramount importance. Shiites have a dominant majority in Iran. The Shi'ite population can be very helpful in promoting a coalition agenda to achieve its independence. If used properly, these elements can reduce Iranian influence in the Middle East and substantially secure the US interests and ambitions.<sup>25</sup>

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<sup>25</sup> Wahid, "Right Islam vs. Wrong Islam.", 47.