

Morocco, Muslims, Murder and Media Mischief

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As you might be aware, a week before Christmas two Scandinavian students were murdered while hiking in the Atlas Mountains in Morocco. They were: 28-year-old Norwegian Maren Ueland and 24-year-old Dane Louisa Vesterager Jespersen. The horrific deaths (including decapitation) were videotaped by the Islamists and images of it were sent to parents of one of the girls.

But as has now become the norm, much of the mainstream media in the West has put its own spin on the story. Thus we are once again left to get the actual facts from the alternative media. And there are several issues here which need to be addressed.

The main one has to do with the nature of Islam. There is nothing unusual about these murders for the devout Muslim. It is all covered in, and approved by, the main Islamic religious texts. Beheading the infidel is simply par for the course. I document this here in some detail: billmuehlenberg.com/2014/08/27/beheading-and-islam/

But as usual the leftist MSM seeks to downplay any Islamic connection. Any excuse will do, as long as Islam gets a free pass. As one headline puts it concerning this story, "Swedish National TV under fire for 'censoring' murder on tourists and saying 'it has nothing to do with Islam'."

The state broadcaster SVT's coverage of the double murder of 24-year-old Louisa Vesterager Jespersen and 28-year-old Maren Ueland by Islamists in Morocco has sparked a fury of criticism. Besides running an article that the savage murder of the two Scandinavian girls "had nothing to do with Islam", they also pushed the narrative that sharing of the graphic video of the murder is illegal, warning Swedes not to share the video as that is punishable with up to four years imprisonment.

Scores of viewers complained that SVT was more concerned by people sharing the video of the killing, than they were with the horrific murders, themselves. As well, they failed to mention the ISIS style execution by

beheading, instead reported the murder from “neck wounds”.

voiceofeurope.com/2018/12/swedish-national-tv-under-fire-for-censoring-murder-on-tourists-and-saying-it-has-nothing-to-do-with-islam/?fbclid=IwAR2C38kGKBU-hMfLRzqgZop1TeswqLzAscc96W0dnB_0B2AvteDLC4S2-as

Bruce Bawer gives us some more of the details that we did not get from the MSM:

On Monday morning, December 17, Ueland and Jespersen were found dead in an “isolated area” in the Atlas Mountains of Morocco. Specifically, they were found “near Imlil, on the way to Toubkal, north Africa’s highest peak and a popular hiking destination.”

As the week wore on, the news media offered updates on the case. Although neither Ueland nor Jespersen had ever been in Morocco and were not familiar with the territory, they had been backpacking alone. On the last evening of their life, they pitched a tent in which to spend the night. The next morning, a French couple, also tourists, found them dead – one of them in the tent, the other just outside. Both had been subjected to “brutal rape” and then “hacked to death.” One or both of them (sources differ) had been beheaded. The killings have been described as “slaughter” and as having been performed “ISIS style.”

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And the Left bears plenty of responsibility for all this. The left in general, along with the lamestream media in particular, have been apologists for Islam for decades now. Making excuses for Islamic crimes has become a specialty for both. Thus we now have university-educated women evidently completely clueless about Islam and the risks it poses. Bruce Bawer again:

Why, then, were those two young women so unaware of the dangers they were courting? They seem to have set out on their adventure thinking that the mountains of Morocco were no less menacing than the mountains of Telemark. How can this be? They were in their mid to late twenties, no longer children. They had lived through 9/11 and all the major jihadist acts that have occurred in Western Europe in the years since then. Surely they had heard of ISIS. Surely they knew that Morocco is an Islamic country (although a supposedly “moderate” one). And yet they both decided that it was a good idea for them to spend their Christmas holiday hiking, unescorted, in the Atlas Mountains in Morocco and sleeping, just the two of them, unarmed, in a tent, in the middle of nowhere.

To say that these poor young women were ignorant is not to criticize them but to point a finger at the people who shaped their image of the Muslim world. Both of them grew up in countries where, in the wake of every deadly act of jihadist terrorism, news reporters and politicians were quick to avoid, or deny, the connection of those atrocities to Islam. Throughout their formative years, the TV channels available to them were full of upbeat programs, and the newspapers and popular magazines on sale at their grocery-store checkouts full of cheery profiles, celebrating the wonderful contributions made to their societies by Muslim immigrants. All that brainwashing plainly had an impact. Brainwashing indeed. And Robert Spencer also pointed out the culpability of the Left here:

The world is justly sickened by this animal barbarity on the part of the three Islamic State jihad murderers who were arrested shortly thereafter. However, it must also be noted that Jespersen and Ueland are not just victims of the Islamic State (ISIS). They are also the latest casualties of the Left's fantasy world. The responsibility for their deaths lies not just with ISIS, and their deaths are not simply a result of their own poor judgment. The deaths of Louisa Jespersen and Maren Ueland are also a consequence of the Leftist world in which they moved and lived. Leftist leaders constructed this fantasy world, because Leftist ideas are dead on the drawing board without it. What were they doing, two young women alone, camping in Morocco?...

It obviously did not even occur to them that what they thought they knew about Morocco's religion and culture might be inaccurate and designed to whitewash Islam, leaving them ill-informed about a threat that they actually did end up facing.

Louisa Jespersen and Maren Ueland no doubt learned in whatever Scandinavian universities they attended, since those universities were no doubt as saturated as universities everywhere else in the Western world with moral relativism and contemptuous of absolutes, that there is no dispute between people that can't be settled by mutually respectful "dialogue," and that the troubles in the world today are primarily the fault of the U.S. and Israel. So why should two girls from Scandinavia have anything to worry about in Morocco?

Jespersen and Ueland no doubt also learned that Islam is a religion of peace, and that only racist, bigoted "Islamophobes" think otherwise. So why should they have had any reason to be concerned about hiking in a Muslim country such as Morocco?

If they heard any dissenting views regarding Islam, there is no doubt also that those views were subjected to furious and concerted demonization. They were likely taught, if they heard anything at all about people who do

not believe that Islam is a religion of peace, that such people were "bigots," "racists," and "Islamophobes," and should be regarded with disgust and contempt....

Now they are dead, murdered in a gruesome fashion, and second only to the horror and tragedy of their murders is the great pity of the fact that no one among their peers is likely to learn the true lesson of their deaths. And some among them are certain to repeat their mistake. The Islamic State will be waiting, and can thank the Left for providing its jihadis with a continual supply of victims.

www.jihadwatch.org/2018/12/robert-spencer-scandinavian-women-murdered-in-morocco-were-victims-of-the-left?fbclid=IwAROM9QIAny31a52qFcZrNE1JwqWhLHqNb6gPwknHy9FeesdLEekS-V9DKRA

But we need not rely only on noted international commentators to get some clear thinking on this. Anyone who is even slightly able to think for themselves and is not a MSM zombie should be able to connect the dots. For example, a humble housewife and friend of mine on the social media who prefers to remain anonymous said this about the entire episode:

Apparently the women who were murdered in Morocco by Muslims were sympathetic to Muslims. I watched the beheading video of Maren Ueland. I have always refused to watch these clips for obvious reasons but decided to watch this one. There is no horror movie that compares and I'm not even talking about the physical violence in the clip.

Everyone sympathetic and in denial to what Islam and Muslims are, should watch it. This is Islam. They don't want to play kissy kissy with you. They want to conquer and destroy. Just because you've met a nice Muslim person once, it doesn't invalidate what an evil religion Islam is and what their objectives are. Suburbia won't protect you anymore. We have to wake up. Maren and Louisa died because they were naive like so many Westerners. You are protected from the harshness and barbarity of the other death cultures in the world. They went to a Muslim country and thought they could conduct themselves there like in their Homeland because they made the grave mistake of making our cultures equal. They aren't.

In the clip, after Maren dies from the blood gushing out of her neck, these men didn't react normally. The blood seemed natural to them. It was nothing. And there was no mercy. She cried out for her mother. It's like they didn't hear her. None of it meant anything to them. The scariest part of the film was the mercilessness. And when she died, I was relieved. She went limp. It was over. I felt relieved for her in that particular moment. Because of her fear and her suffering. They brutalised her.

I am frustrated because almost everyone around me just doesn't care. They're too busy going to concerts and wasting all of their time on useless crap. And their passivity impacts on people who are trying to be informed and who are trying to stop this. It's so frustrating.

It sure is frustrating. The simple but sober truths are these:

- Islam hates the West and intends to destroy it.
- Most Westerners are too focused on amusing themselves to death to give a damn.
- As a result, more such attacks will take place.

Unless and until we get these facts straight, we are all toast.