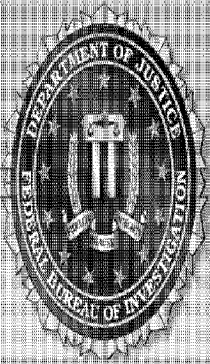


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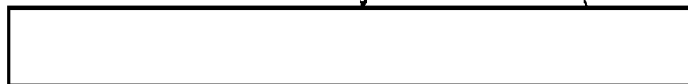
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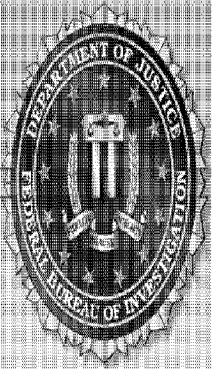
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Deobandism

Madrasahs: Some- not all- have extremist ties

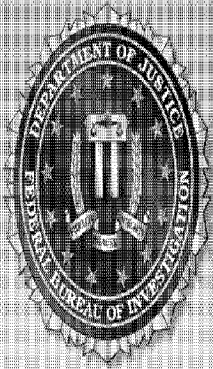
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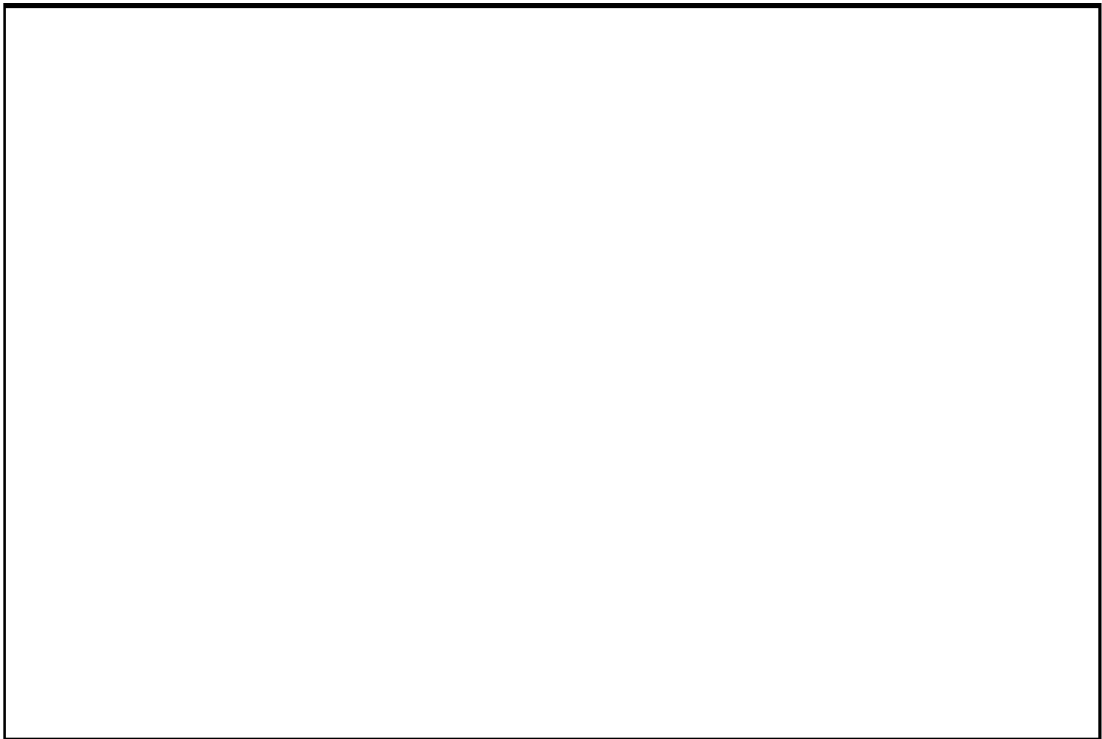
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supports FBI Headquarters, field offices, Legal Attaches, and other government agencies



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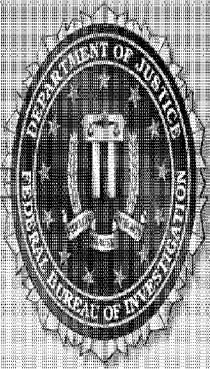
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What is the threat from Pakistan?

Al-Qa'ida

Pakistani Militant & Tribal Groups

Individuals Trained at Terrorist Training Camps

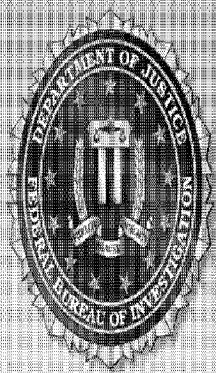
**Deobandi Madrassas as a path to
radicalization and extremism**

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What is Deobandi?

A "traditional" or "neo-fundamentalist" branch of Sunni Islam which is committed to a literal interpretation of Islam

Believe in the Sharia-based Islamic state and the primacy of Islam in the world.

One of five main principles is jihad

Puritanical (but more moderate than Wahabbis)

Focus on personal behavior through the study of the Sharia
(Taliban took to extremes)

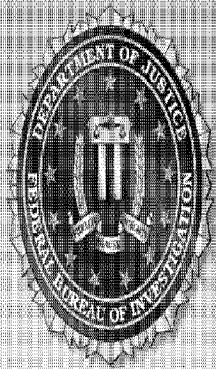
Purge Islam of Western influence and institutions

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Madrassas: Not the Root of All Evil

Not all madrassas have extremist leadership

10,000-20,000 madrassas in Pakistan of varying size --- 1.5 million students

8,500 Deobandi madrassas in Bangladesh --- 1 million students

Madrassa enrollment is <1% of total student population

One study notes that there is "no compelling evidence that militants are overwhelmingly coming from madaris."

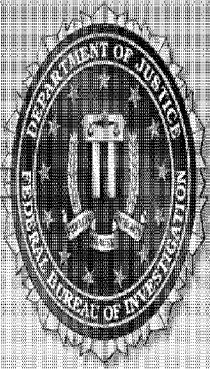
No clear evidence of al-Qa'ida using religious cover to move operatives

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Madrassas: What Do We See?

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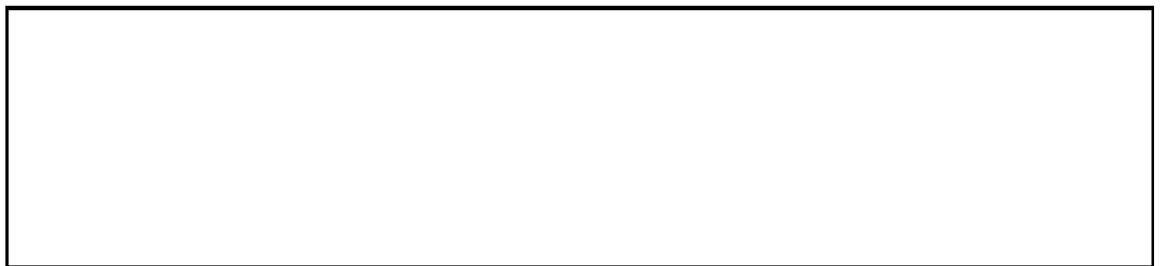
Study found that



Musharaff: "Their weakness is that they generally impart religious education only, and a few of them get involved in terrorism and extremism."

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Some teach militant anti-Western and anti-American values.

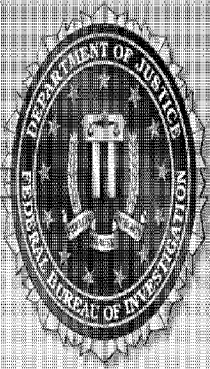


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Madrassas: What Do We See?

Some radical Deobandi leaders have sought to develop networks

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Madrassas can serve as *Ideological Choke Points* - [REDACTED]

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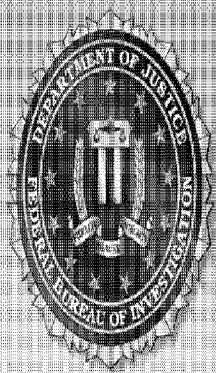
Some leaders, mosques, madrassas, and governing bodies are positioned as radicalizing agents

President Musharraf has pledged to crack down on more extremist madrassas, although there is little concrete evidence that he has done so.

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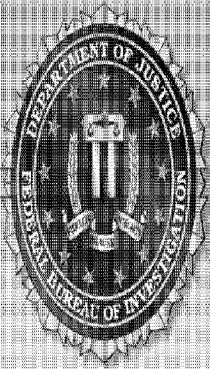
Two Sides to Every Story

No institution is 100% extremist- there will be two sides

Public face of the La Masjid (Red Mosque) in Islamabad, Pakistan

- Well respected mosque and affiliated madrasas and Kashmiri
- Facilitated over 100 training camps, Afghanistan and Kashmir
- Large number of students including many from US and UK interests
- Investigated by the Pakistani government, but never closed
- Closely tied with Taliban, al-Qa'ida, and militant leadership
- Sources report few, if any, extremist ties
- Conduit for passing equipment to al-Qa'ida

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What does this mean to the US?

Some Pakistan-based radical Deobandi leaders are seeking opportunities to develop mirror networks in the US

Approximately 500,000 Pakistanis in the US today



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The networks into the US would be designed to:



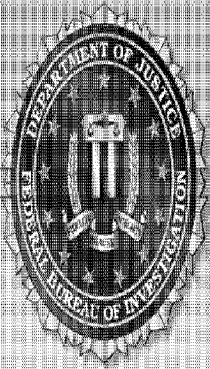
Could be manipulated to plan, facilitate, or carry-out terrorist acts

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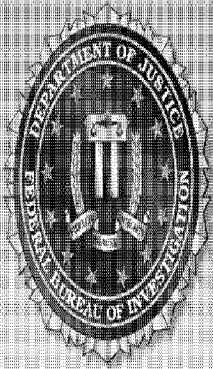
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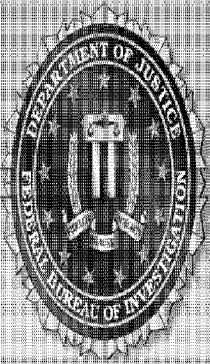
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