

# **Religious Violence: A Human Induced Disaster**

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# Religious violence

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- **Religious violence** is a term that covers phenomena where religion is either the subject or the object of violent behavior. Religious violence is, specifically, violence that is motivated by or in reaction to religious precepts, texts, or doctrines. This includes violence against religious institutions, people, objects, or events

# CRUSADES

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- The Crusades were a series of religious wars sanctioned by the Latin Church, a subdivision of the Catholic Church, in the medieval period. The most commonly known Crusades are the campaigns in the Eastern Mediterranean aimed at recovering the Holy Land from Muslim rule, but the term "Crusades" is also applied to other church-sanctioned campaigns.

# Disaster

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- The campaign commenced in 1095 and ended in 1291. There were 9 crusades in all and the last 5 were not effective.
- An estimate of around 200,000 in all the campaigns seems close to the real number of casualties.

# SPANISH INQUISITION

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- The "Spanish Inquisition" may be defined broadly, operating in Spain and in all Spanish colonies and territories, which included the Canary Islands, the Spanish Netherlands, the Kingdom of Naples, and all Spanish possessions in North, Central, and South America. According to modern estimates, around 150,000 were prosecuted for various offenses during the three centuries of duration of the Spanish Inquisition, out of which between 3,000 and 5,000 were executed.

# European wars of religion

## 16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> century

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- The European Wars of Religion were a series of religious wars waged in Europe from 1524 to 1648, following the onset of the Protestant Reformation
- The conflicts ended with the Peace of Westphalia recognizing three separate Christian traditions in the Holy Roman Empire: Roman Catholicism, Lutheranism, and Calvinism, otherwise known as the Reformed tradition.

Lowest estimate	Highest estimate	Event	Location	From	To	Duration	Main opponents*	character
0,000	11,500,000	Thirty Years' War	Holy Roman Empire	1618	1648	30 years	Protestants against Catholics	began as religious war; quickly became French-Habsburg political clash

# Afghan War

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- **21,000:** estimate number of Afghan civilians killed since 2001 as a result of “crossfire, improvised explosive devices, assassination, bombing, and night raids into houses of suspected insurgents,” according to the website **Costs of War**



# MIDDLE EAST

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- Palestine Question
- Sectarian Violence
- Rise of Al-Qaida
- Rise of ISIS

# Religious violence in Nigeria

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- **Religious violence in Nigeria** refers to Christian-Muslim strife in modern Nigeria, which can be traced back to 1953. Today, religious violence in Nigeria is dominated by the Boko Haram insurgency, which aims to impose Sharia on the northern parts of the country.

# India

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- Violence in Partition
- Gujarat Pogrom.
- Sikh Riots
- Pandit Exodus from Kashmir.
- Kashmir.

# Pakistan

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- **State of Human Rights in 2010',... 418 people have been killed in various attacks on Muslim sects, including 211 in suicide bombing in 2009.**
- **86 people were killed and more than 120 were injured in nearly simultaneous attacks against two places of worship of the minority Ahmadiya community.**

# STATISTA PORTAL SURVEY

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- More than 2 lac people have died because of religious terrorism from 2006-2017

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