

Chapter 6: Religion

Key Issue 4: Why Do Territorial Conflicts Arise Among Religious Groups?

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1. Define fundamentalism:

2. Fundamentalism is increasing in the world today and its growth contributes to conflicts. Why is it increasing?

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3. In what ways did the Taliban government of Afghanistan raise conflicts with Western/modern ideas after it took control of the country in 1996?

4a. What aspect of Hinduism has clashed with Western/modern ideas?

4b. What western groups criticized this aspect? Why?

4c. How has the Indian government responded to this issue?

5. In Russia/Soviet Union, how did each of the following attempt to limit the influence of religion, specifically the Eastern Orthodox Church?

a) Czar Peter the Great:

b) Communism:

6. What happened, and is continuing to happen, in each of the following regions of the Russian Empire/Soviet Union since the fall of communism in the 1990s? Complete the table below by adding THREE more countries to each category and then describing what is going on at the present time in that region.

| Historic Catholic Regions                   | Historic Muslim Regions            |
|---|------------------------------------|
| Croatia, Czech Republic, Hungary, Lithuania | Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan |
| Currently...                                | Currently...                       |

7. How were and are each of the following detrimental to Buddhism in Southeast Asia?

a) Vietnam War:

b) Communist regimes:

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8. Describe in detail the conflicts occurring in the following locations. Minimum of five pieces of historical information for each side.

| Middle East                | Ireland         |
|----------------------------|-----------------|
| Groups/countries involved: | Groups involved |
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