Adoption of Jihadi Ideology by Islamic Clerics

Abstract
Islamic clerics with limited educational networks are more likely to adopt militant Jihadi ideology.

Theory
Extensive network → Expediency → Not Jihad
Limited network → Insider career

Insider career → Expediency → Credibility

Cleric writings
internet
scrape
clean and stem
model text

Measurement
Cleric score × 91

modified naive Bayes classifier

Apostasy
Jihad
The worship
Narrated by

Word Frequency
aa
a

Jihadi
Not Jihadi

Findings
1. The clerics who ultimately adopted Jihadi ideology had a more limited educational network.

2. Career paths are correlated with ideology. Non-Jihadi clerics have more prestigious appointments. Jihadi clerics spend more time in prison.