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Your View

It's the Christian victims who need defending

Wes Gardner's article blasting Trump for suggesting Mosques be monitored for potential signs of terrorism would have been better had he quit after quoting the First Amendment, which would have sufficed.

Not only did he later reveal a considerable amount of naïveté about the vast scope of Islamic-related violence around the world, but somehow he found it helpful to drag Christianity into the fray by arguing we need to "not forget the gruesome terror attacks that have been orchestrated by Christians as well."

Gee, which ones Mr Gardner?

And why save the word "gruesome" just for Christian behavior?

This is akin to the ridiculous comment by Obama at the National Prayer Breakfast when he was pressed about the horrific ongoing persecution of Christians worldwide!

Obama circumvented the issue by saying Christians shouldn't forget their own history, as he referred back to the Crusades.

Just how does bringing up such ancient or obscure recollections offer a helpful perspective, let alone solutions, to the present horror repeatedly done by terrorists in our day?

Over the past 15 years we have seen all sorts of "gruesome" things not done by Christians but by groups with the very same worl-

dvview-planes flown into buildings, planes and buses blown up, churches / synagogues / mosques blown up, suicide bombings, people at work and concerts being machine-gunned, pedestrians run down or knifed, beheadings, crucifixions, a human slave trade, school girls kidnapped en masse, forced conversions, honor killings, etc.

Rather than rushing to speak up for Islam and arguing that these frequent modern atrocities are not worse than what some Christians have done in an undefined past time, Mr Gardner (as well as our president) should be speaking up for persecuted Christians and facing the issue that has the world by the throat.