

ISIS or ISIL (pick your flavor) is challenging America and Europe's very survival by attacking its cultural traditions with an effective use of combining the military and information instruments of traditional power in a novel way. They've engaged in political persuasion to compel the change they foster by the art and science of Culture Jujitsu! Perhaps it's just a more refined version of Guerrilla warfare but I describe this practice as 'the subversive use of a culture's base principals and best practices against itself to diminish its influence while subtly replacing it with another'. Perhaps the description could use some refinement itself but it is the practice of leveraging an opponent's cultural traditions and strengths by finding their inherent weaknesses and exploiting them.

'Western Culture' has a rich tapestry of varying views and practices, but the traditions are basically founded from a core root of common values. Most Western cultures possess strong inclinations towards some form of unfettered thought and public speech; a robust tolerance to the open practice any religion; and an aversion towards controlled individual movement within a country's borders. These are but a few of the values that molded the policies and laws that promoted Western economic, military and political dominance over the past 200 years. But now with the clever use of Culture Jujitsu, its 'practitioners' are using West's cultural strengths against itself to advance a foreign culture over its own.

Our passionate belief in one's freedom of speech and thought rigidly enforces public tolerance for the Culture Jujitsu practitioner to openly advocate the destruction of western culture. This is done within the very centers and capitols of the societies that share the western culture. Reports are common of 'practitioners' marching through democratic cities, safeguarded by state supported security forces as they chant "With Allah's help, we shall conquer you!" They have unfettered public access to recruit and condition new followers while verbally neutering their opponents in the market place of public opinion. If opponents of these activities attempt to restrict and dampen their speech, our culture will castigate them as racist, bigots, or 'Nazis'. The clever Jujitsu practitioner can claim they are being singled out by an unjust and prejudicial society by asserting such restrictions demonstrate that freedom of speech only applies to those that openly support a particular view. This in turn gives greater credence to their claims of western decadence and contributes more sympathy to their cause by disgruntled social outcasts. If this divisive speech is not restricted, then the self-promotion eventually leads towards greater awareness and sympathy for their cause and a growth in followers. Cultural strength turned into weakness – Culture Jujitsu!

The history of Western culture is replete with such destructive internecine religious conflicts that the surviving culture promoted a domineering inclination for unrestricted tolerance towards the free practice of all religions. The capable Cultural Jujitsu practitioner is able to unbalance this cultural strength by freely practicing the prejudicial religious aspects of its own religion. From within the mosques they can openly condemn western cultural traditions and values and freely advocate its replacement with their own more restrictive religious laws. Western

culture values a separation of political laws from religious practices, however the Jujitsu artist's easily introduces it's own more restrictive laws (Sharia) by wrapping them around their religion; the two are indistinguishable from the other. Their religion is a form of political governance which, when implemented, subverts the laws of the land by replacing western society's laws with its own. But because it is a 'religion', the very culture it aspires to replace protects its subversive practices. Any restriction against these 'religious' practices goes against western culture's core principals and as such results in internal conflict and division within the society. Further, it reinforces the 'practitioners' message of the superiority of it's own religion by demonstrating that its laws can predominate even within the West's cultural centers. Failure to curtail the governance aspects of Sharia courts strikes at the heart of American values that all people are entitled to equal Rights proscribed in the US Constitution. The mere presence of an additional layer of court systems for some of the population is divisive in that all people are no longer equal under the law of the land. This is an example of another cultural strength turned against itself - Culture Jujitsu!

After the West evolved away from the servitude relationships between serf, vassal and Lord, the right to freely move throughout the country's political bounds has been passionately protected. Such advocacy has directly lead to the freedom of movement within EU's Schengen Zone and ability to move throughout the US's 50 states without interference. Furthermore, liberal advocacy of this value has facilitated weak policies for policing its own boarders. The Culture Jujitsu practitioner adeptly leverages this value by easily positioning equipment and forces to achieve their illegal aims. If special laws are legislated to inhibit their freedom of movement the clever Jujitsu practitioner highlights the inequities in the application of the laws by claiming that they are being unfairly targeted. Such restrictive laws result in societal rifts as citizens struggle to find a balance between their security and the free exercise of their cultural values. Culture Jujitsu is at play leveraging the rifts and resulting discourse to promote their own cause.

A nightly watching of the news illustrates many other examples of how our cultural practices and principals are being used against the West; speech, religious preference and movement are but a small sampling. Regrettably, our leaders have proven impotent in devising strategies to adequately address the ongoing cultural war. Perhaps the solution we need is Faith. The Cultural Jujitsu practitioners attempting to destroy their cultural and religious rivals have such faith in their cause that they will stop at no ends to achieve their aims. They will literally die to promote their values. Regrettably, we have become a self absorbed and indulgent society to the point where we hold no value above the value of self. Until we can lead ourselves out of this self-destructive stupor and once again have faith that our culture is worth protecting, our way of life will continue to erode by forces cleverly leveraging our strength against us.