

Josh Earnest: "The Leaders Of Islam Say As Much"

Earnest said there is no question that radical ideologues around the globe have sought, and in some cases succeeded, in infiltrating some elements of the Muslim world to propagate their ideology and to try to distort that religion to justify their terrible acts of violence.

"At the same time they would love nothing more than for the US or the West to engage in a religious war with them. But the fact of the matter is, that is not what this is. **This is not a religious war. This is not a war on Islam. And those individuals do not represent Islam; the leaders of Islam say as much.** And there are a variety of ways that we can assess this," Earnest said.