

Summary of Jihad Is a Collective Duty
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This is a very short section. The section simply states that offensive Jihad is permissible only under the Khalifah's direction. The article justifies defensive jihad which is simply self-protection. Most Americans believe in self-defensive and defending family, friends, acquaintances and strangers from danger. This is one of the major reasons why well over half of the American populace own a gun and why millions have CCWs. A Muslim has the inherent right to protect themselves and their families from a Kufir or another Muslim.

Offensive Jihad is very touchy subject among the Ummah's scholars. There are many so-called moderate Muslims scholars who deny the existence of offensive Jihad and numerous books written to support this untenable position. Hizb forcefully argues that offensive Jihad is Shar' ia but uniquely claims that it is not an individual responsibility but a collective responsibility only under the Khalifah's guidance. Hizb stances differs greatly from some insurgency/terror groups like Al-Qaeda. Bin Laden has clearly declared Jihad on the non-Muslim world and regenerate Muslim world without the guidance of a Khalifah. (1) Hizb, at least privately and publically, condemns offensive Jihad which is not guided by a Khalifah. Of course, Hizb's denial could be tayiqqa and is tactical rather than ideological.

Nevertheless, as you learned in "The Obligation of Jihad" offensive Jihad is a matter of sufficiency. This means that if the Khalifah calls for offensive Jihad against the Kufir the call is not obligatory for every Muslim. If the call is sufficiently answered by conscripts or volunteers who had prepared themselves for Jihad specifically then the call for Jihad is fulfilled for the entire Ummah.

1) <http://www.mtholyoke.edu/acad/intrel/news/osama.htm>

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