

Newt Gingrich: Deport Muslims Who Believe in Sharia

During an interview Thursday night with FOX News Channel's Sean Hannity, former Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich said radical Muslims bent on Sharia law to the U.S. are a threat to national security that must be addressed.

While discussing the implications of the terrorist attack in Nice, France, Gingrich told the host he had just visited France last week, and said the Islamic attacks on Jews is the "worst it's been since the Nazis." He warned Hannity and his viewers his comments were going to be "blunt" and "direct."

"Western civilization is in a war," he said. "We should frankly test every person here who is of a Muslim background, and if they believe in Sharia, they should be deported. Sharia is incompatible with Western civilization.

"Modern Muslims who have given up Sharia, glad to have them as citizens. Perfectly happy to have them next door. But we need to be fairly relentless about defining who our enemies are.

"Anybody who goes on a website favoring ISIS, or Al Qaeda, or other terrorist groups, that should be a felony, and they should go to jail. Any organization which hosts such a website should be engaged in a felony. It should be closed down immediately.

"Our forces should be used to systematically destroy every Internet-based source. And frankly if we can't destroy them through the internet, we should destroy them with kinetic power, using various weapons starting with Predators, and frankly just killing them.

"I am sick and tired of being told that the wealthiest, most powerful civilization in history, all of Western civilization,

is helpless in the face of a group of medieval barbarians who, for example, recently burned 20 young women to death—burned them to death—because they wouldn't have sex with them. A group which beheaded recently in the Philippines two Canadian businessmen.

"And we're told to be reasonable, to be passive, to not judge. Well I just want to tell you tonight, everybody who watches this video, this is the fault of Western elites who lack the guts to do what is right, to do what is necessary, and to tell us the truth, and that starts with Barack Obama."

Hannity, who said he agreed with the assessment, said Gingrich's comments were "powerful." But, he did ask the former speaker how such a testing system would potentially work in the U.S.

"Look, the first step is you have to ask them the questions," he said. "The second step is you have to monitor what they're doing on the Internet. The third step is—let me be very clear—you have to monitor the mosques.

"I mean if you're not prepared to monitor the mosque, this whole thing is a joke. Where do you think the primary source of recruitment is? Where do you think the primary course of indoctrination is? You've got to look at the madrasas. If you're a school which is teaching Sharia, you want to expel it from the country.

"We have to understand—we are behaving as though we are insane. We're like sheep wondering why the wolves keep killing us. These people are opposed to our way of life. They are opposed to our value system. They are opposed to our various religions. They're opposed to the whole concept of freedom, and they're very honest about it. They tell us what they want to do."