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## Letters to the Editor

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Dear Sir,

A year or so ago I read a book on the war in Algeria. As a matter of policy, the insurgents engaged in repeated acts of terrorism, the more senseless and barbaric the better, in hope that the French would react violently. The objective was to make the French and Arab communities in Algeria hate each other, and thus motivate the larger Arab community to support the drive to throw the French out. It all worked out exactly the way the insurgents hoped. I worry that ISIS is using the same playbook, and, worse, that Trump is responding exactly the way ISIS wants him to. The same scenario seems to be playing out in France and Germany. We have to distinguish ISIS from Islam.

Sincerely,

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