The sooner the United States can get its fiscal house in order, the sooner it will be able to fund programs that support human rights and development worldwide. Moreover, the human rights records of the countries that have their own human-rights skeletons in their closets.

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The Rise of Female Radicals in Indonesia

The role of women in Indonesia's extremist groups is changing. In the past, they have operated mostly on the sidelines, building bridges and helping to make connections in new places. While Indonesia's female extremists are not as active as their male counterparts, they are beginning to play a more significant role.

A look at some Facebook pages, including that of Jamash Ansharut Taulih, the hard-line group founded by convicted terrorist Abu Bakar Bashir, reveals young women participating in radical and violent discussions. Some say that Indonesian police are ineffective at stopping these conversations.

A look at the movements in Indonesia shows the extent to which women are influencing the traditional roles of women in society. How are they accepted in the historically male-dominated society? How might their shift to more active roles change the nature of terrorism? How can we challenge this change?

Could we see a world where women are leading radical movements? Perhaps in the future, we will see women leading the way in efforts to counter terrorism.

These women are young, impatient, highly susceptible to radical influences—and they want to make a difference.

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