

What does this mean for Indonesian-Canadian relations? Certainly in terms of education, one can do a lot. In this regard there are two things about terrorism that are important to keep in mind. One is to come back to this original idea of distinguishing and being a lot more sophisticated about our understanding here in Canada – policy-makers, media, and so forth – about Islam and to make sure we don't equate any extreme terrorist activities with seeing an Islamic threat. I think to a large extent this needs to continue to be pursued. In the context of Indonesia being so successful in the recent election, I think we do have Indonesia as a great example of how Islam, moderation and democracy go together. That's the point that needs to continually be emphasized.

The other problem that might have some relation with the issue of education is with how we define terrorism. So far, within Indonesia there has at times been a fine line, and certainly there is a not-so-fine line in some statements made in policy circles about who are terrorists. It is very counterproductive to point fingers to organizations like the Free Aceh Movement or, for that matter, the Moro Islamic Liberation Front in the Philippines to say they are all terrorists and to wrap them together with the Jemaah Islamiya and to say that is all basically the same thing. This doesn't help and it is counterproductive in terms of understanding the rise of these movements and what kind of base they have. We need to be much more sophisticated and careful in terms of whom we call terrorists and focus on the methods used, rather than the organizations.

Finally, Canada does have an enormous amount of expertise in constitutional issues, institutional issues, federalism, asymmetric federalism, symbols relating to national unity, to two nations, to multiple nations, to multiculturalism. I think we have a huge richness of thinking about these issues that could be particularly helpful to thinking about issues of national unity. This could be especially helpful to Indonesians who might want to think about various political solutions for Papua and Aceh. I am sure there will be a huge reservoir of knowledge from Canada to help address these issues. Thank you.

DISCUSSION

Q: From my recent discussions with those involved in anti-terrorism activities in Indonesia, a recurring theme has been that the terrorists are so driven by their hatred of America, due their