Does fear drive people to extremes?

**Talking points**

1. What is Sage Stossel saying about some Americans in his cartoon?
2. What is Matt Wuerker saying about how U.S. political rhetoric affects people in other lands?
3. How do demagogues manipulate their followers by playing on their fear and anger?
4. Have you grown more afraid in recent weeks? Why or why not?
5. Does fear make people act irrationally and ignore facts?
6. Can you find examples of how fear has triggered violent conflict or repressive measures?

**Between the lines**

“This is really the voice of a lynch mob. It’s helping ISIS recruit people. He’s creating an us versus them.” - Jawad Khaki


**Additional resources**

More by Sage Stossel

http://editorialcartoonists.com/cartoon/browse.cfm/StossS

More by Matt Wuerker

http://editorialcartoonists.com/cartoon/browse.cfm/WuerkM

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