**III. Arabia and Iraq Today**

1. Religious Traditions

* **90%** -
* Islam shapes many parts of daily life
* Not all Muslims follow the same religious teachings

B. Fundamentalism

* The vast majority of Muslims reject the use of violence and terrorism
* **Fundamentalism –**
* Reject all modern teachings of Islamic scripture
* Small minority of fundamentalist support the use of violence to attack Westerner
* **Jihad –**
* Small minority of Muslims see the word jihad as a holy war

C. Trying to Diversify

* Money from the sale of oil has been the driving force behind the economies
* This is good as long as oil prices remain high and the oil doesn’t run out
* **Diversify –**

D. Traditional Culture

* Many Middle East people are adopting western ways of life
* Examples

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* Many fear that this lose of tradition is coming at a heavy price
* Women in these countries have restricted rights
* In Saudi Arabia women are not allowed to gather with unrelated men or drive cars or bikes
* Prevents many women from having jobs
* Men are allowed to have up to four wives