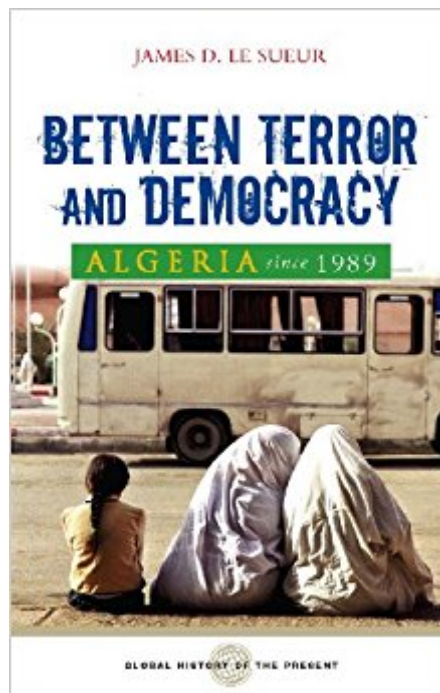




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Connects the dots between Algerian independence and 1990s radical Islam. Clear, good for undergraduates too.

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