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Congressman Todd Akin, at a hearing Wednesday, on the findings of the Department of Defense Independent Review Relating to Fort Hood, raised concerns that political correctness is blinding the review panel and the Department of Defense from correctly assessing the threat of radical Islam.

Akin asked witnesses at the hearing why their report contained no mention of the role of radicalized religion in the Fort Hood shooting. He also inquired as to whether the witnesses perceived the shooting as an act of terror or a workplace crime. The hearing was held by the House Armed Services Committee, of which Akin is a senior Republican member. The witnesses were The Honorable Togo West and Admiral Vern Clark, USN (ret.), the co-chairs of the DoD Independent Review Related to Fort Hood.

The exchange between Akin and witnesses is available at:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ylj7f5fAq2o>

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Hearing information can be found on the Armed Services Committee website here:

http://armedservices.house.gov/calendar_this_week.shtml

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A copy of the Independent Review Panel report can be found on the DoD's website:

<http://www.defense.gov/>

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