



Problem Statement:

Persecution on religious grounds, so prevalent in the Middle East and Africa, is rooted in the perceived differences between particular religions and must be directly addressed in exactly those terms. Decades of interfaith dialogue and campaigns to impact “hearts and minds” have simply failed to change the status quo. If anything, religious freedoms are more at risk today than a century ago.

Addressing the underlying religious or causation factors would therefore be exceptionally useful. For Americans, the constitutional separation of church and state necessitates DOS/NGO partnerships capable of satisfying both the religious and diplomatic factors. Trac5’s paradigm-shifting model addresses this need.

Traditional tracks of engagement have historically included: (i) political, (ii) diplomatic, (iii) military and (iv) economic. Missing is an interpersonal, religious/spiritual component, or “5th track” that is of critical importance, especially as it relates to religious freedoms.

Through more than 25 years of scholarly research and field application, Trac5 has developed new and compelling interfaith common ground that has been structured in a functional model. This model is flexible and has produced positive results in a diverse range of circumstances.

The World Food Program (“WFP”) reports that 60 percent of hunger is attributable to conflict perpetrated primarily among the Abrahamic faiths and the subsequent death or starvation represents the ultimate human oppression.

Our shared goals can be achieved through “boldline” partnerships to improve upon existing strategies for eradicating interfaith conflict and oppression. However, multi-sector collaboration will be essential to marshal available resources into efficient and feasible operations.