

Countering Violent Extremism

COMMUNITY AWARENESS BRIEFING

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VIOLENT EXTREMISM HAS MANY FACES



THERE IS NO ONE PROFILE



OBJECTIVES

UNDERSTAND THE PROCESS OF RADICALIZATION TO VIOLENCE

MOTIVATIONS FOR JOINING A VIOLENT EXTREMIST MOVEMENT

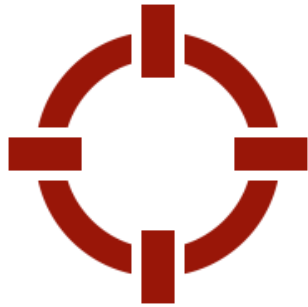
HOW VIOLENT EXTREMISTS RECRUIT

THE ROLE OF SOCIAL MEDIA IN RECRUITMENT

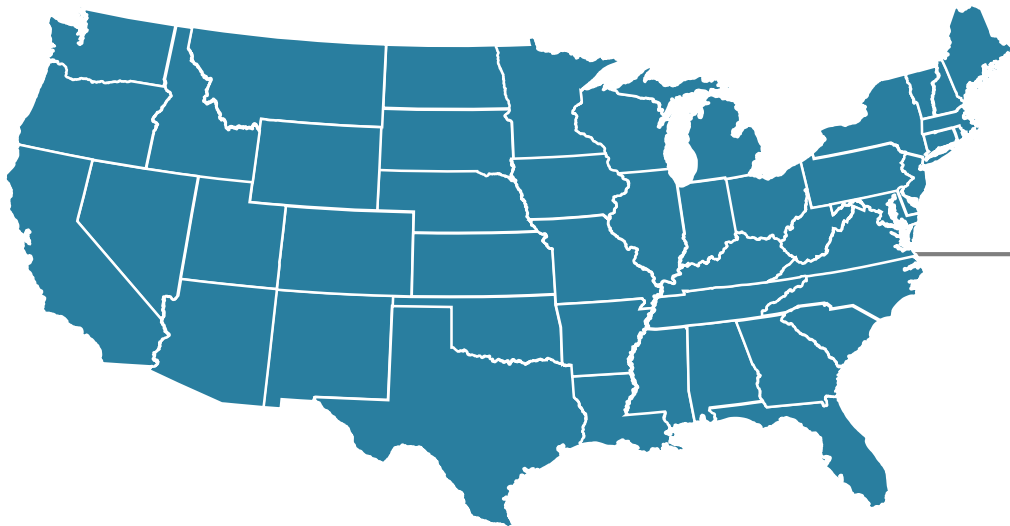
WHAT YOU CAN DO TO PREVENT RADICALIZATION TO VIOLENCE

WHO YOU CAN CONTACT SHOULD YOU HAVE CONCERNS

WHAT IS VIOLENT EXTREMISM?



"Violent extremism" refers to violence committed in the name of ideology to further a political or social agenda.



In the **United States**, ideology, regardless of the cause it supports, is protected; force or violence on its behalf is not.

VIOLENT EXTREMISM

MILITIA VIOLENT EXTREMISM

SOVEREIGN CITIZEN VIOLENT EXTREMISM

ANARCHIST VIOLENT EXTREMISM

WHITE SUPREMACY VIOLENT EXTREMISM

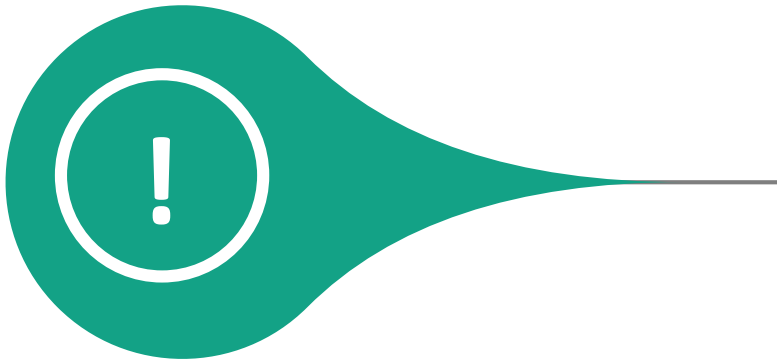
ANIMAL RIGHTS & ENVIRONMENTAL VIOLENT EXTREMISM

ABORTION VIOLENT EXTREMISM

BLACK SEPARATIST/IDENTITY VIOLENT EXTREMISM

AL-QA'IDA & ISIS-INSPIRED VIOLENT EXTREMISM

RADICALIZATION



Radicalization is the process by which individuals come to believe their engagement in or facilitation of non-state violence to achieve social and political change is necessary and justified.

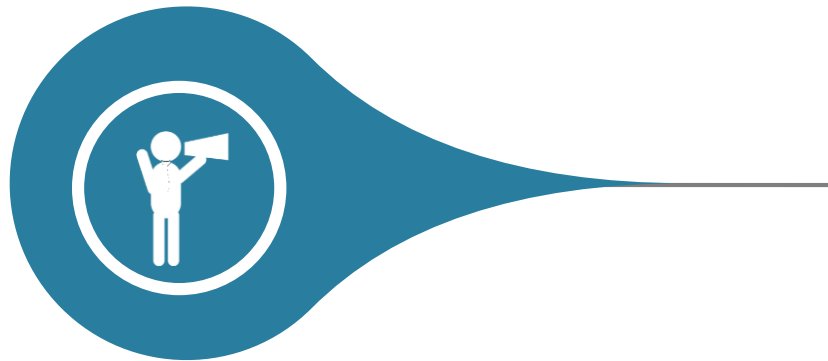


Anyone can become radicalized, there is no single profile.

MOBILIZATION

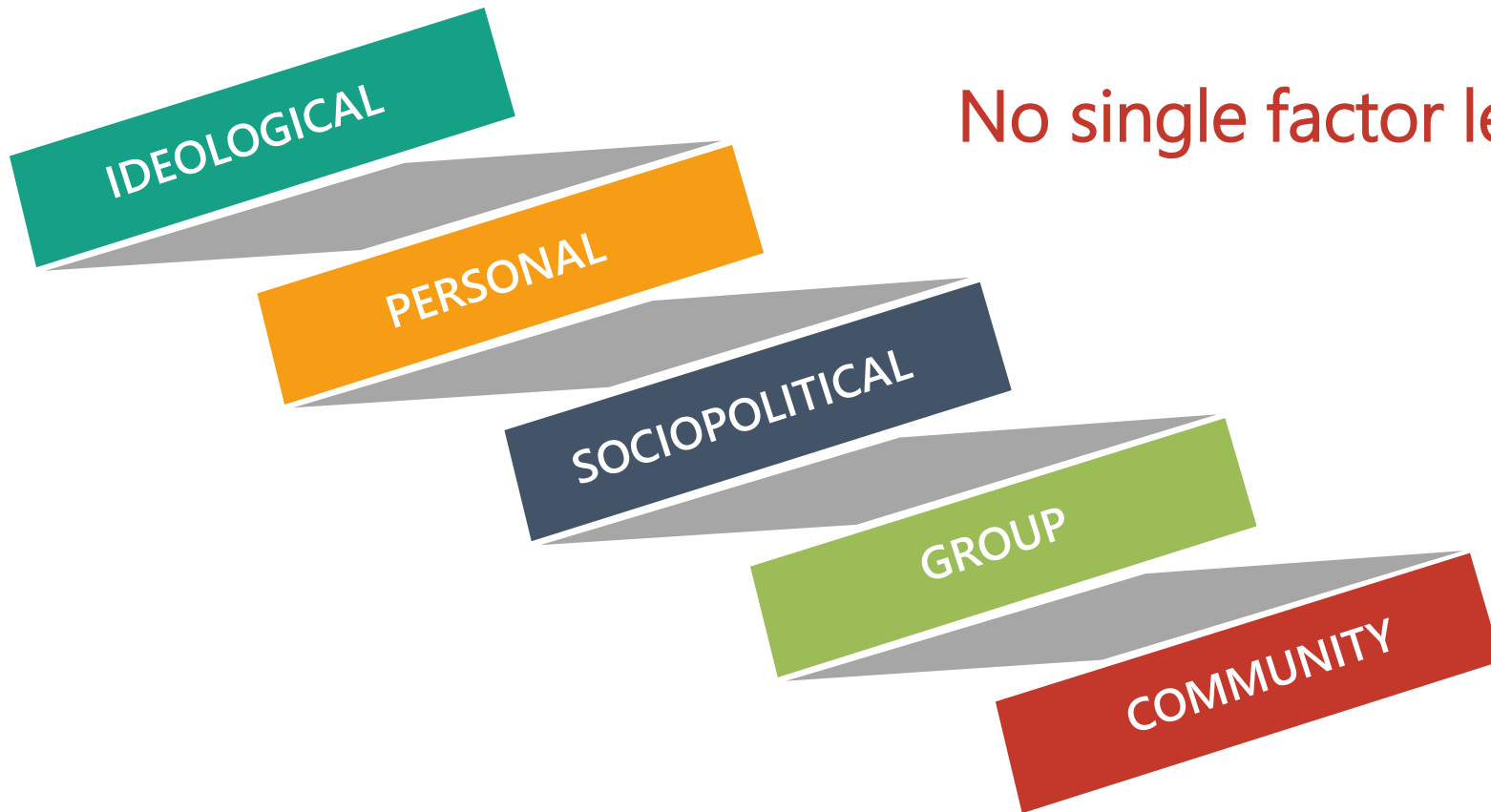


Mobilization is the process by which individuals take action to prepare for or engage in violence or material support of violence to advance their cause.



The majority of people who radicalize **do not** mobilize.






DRIVERS OF RADICALIZATION TO VIOLENCE



No single factor leads to radicalization

An individual may possess some or all of these factors and not radicalize to violence.

SIMILARITIES AMONG VIOLENT EXTREMIST GROUPS

- ❖ LOOK FOR VULNERABILITIES  +
- ❖ FOCUS ON GRIEVANCES  +
- ❖ PROVIDE A COLLECTIVE IDENTITY  +
- ❖ HOLD POLARIZING NARRATIVES  +
- ❖ PROMOTE VIOLENT ACTION AS THE ONLY SOLUTION  +

EXTREMIST NARRATIVES ARE POLARIZING

01



"We are part of a vast community"
"The government has brought ruin and disgrace to us"
"We are the target of government aggression"

Therefore...

"The government is at war with us"

VS

02

03



"We must counter this
with violence"

VIOLENT EXTREMIST NARRATIVES

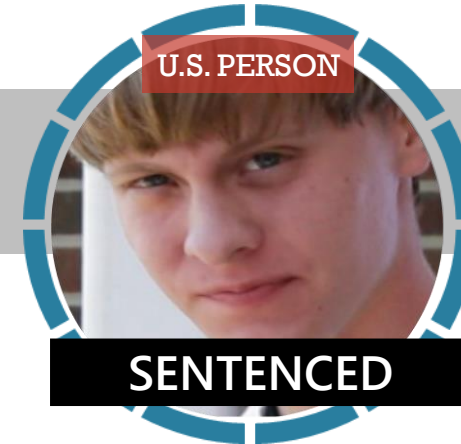


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AMERICANS MOTIVATED BY EXTREMIST IDEOLOGIES



BRUCE DOUCETTE



DYLAN ROOF



GAVIN WRIGHT, CURTIS ALLEN, PATRICK STEIN



DANA WEST

AMERICANS MOTIVATED BY EXTREMIST IDEOLOGIES



WALTER BOND



ROBERT LEWIS DEAR, JR.

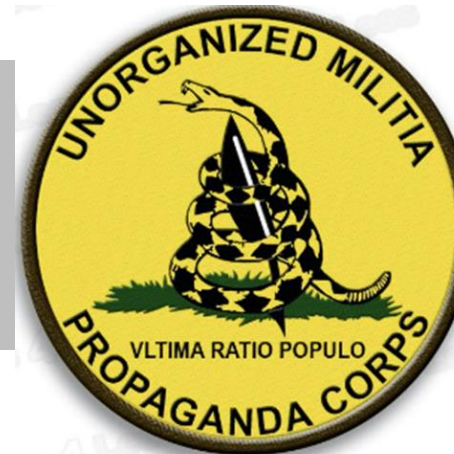
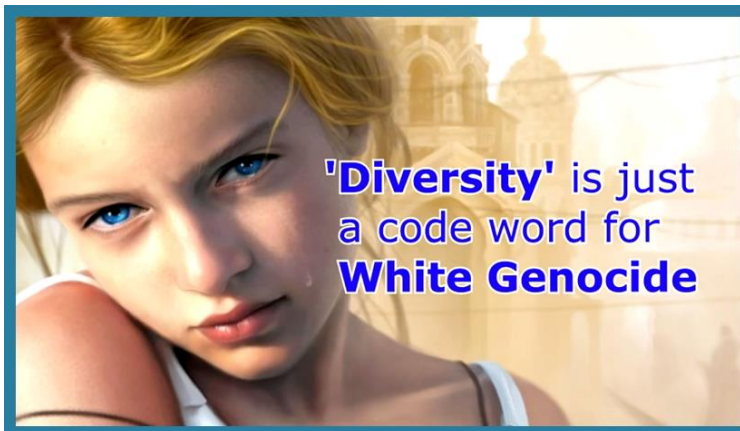


MICAH XAVIER JOHNSON

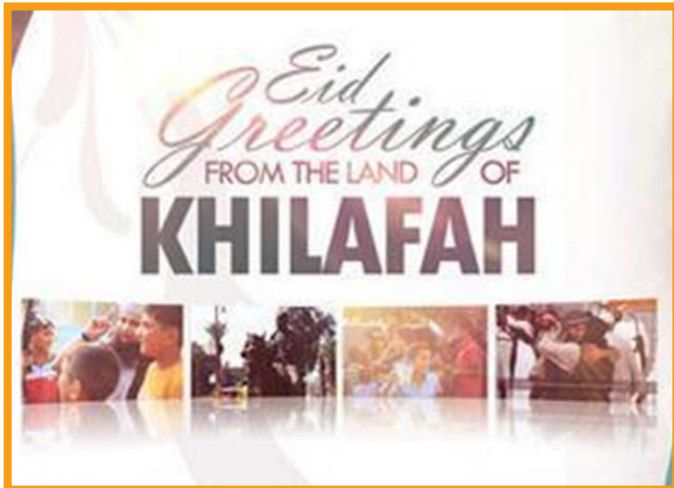


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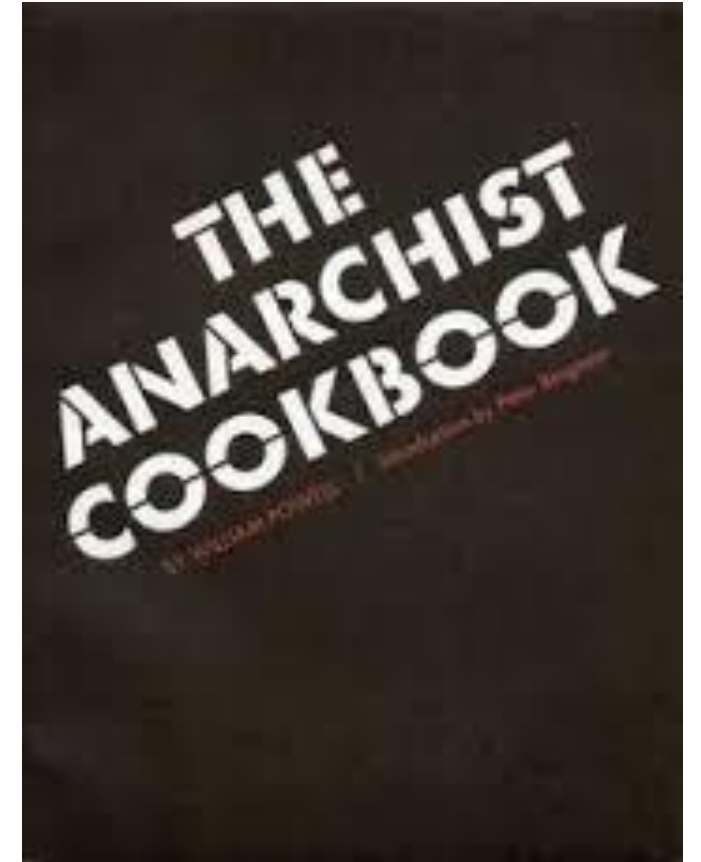
DOMESTIC EXTREMIST MOVEMENT RECRUITMENT THEMES



ISIS RECRUITMENT THEMES



OPERATIONAL INSTRUCTIONS ONLINE



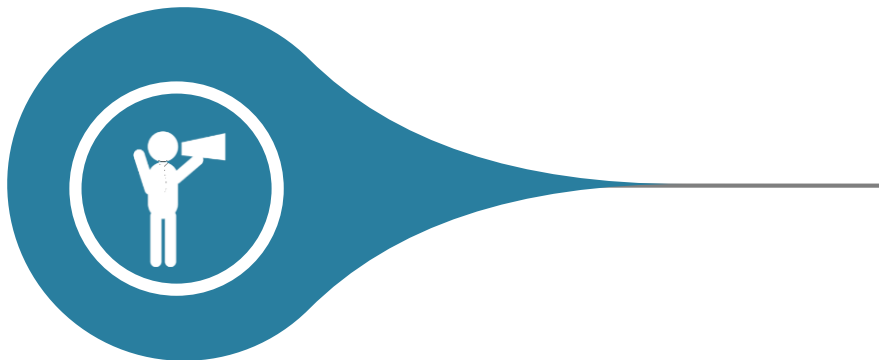
MESSAGING PLATFORMS



RETALIATION & HATE CRIMES



Bias motivated crime is a criminal act against a person or property that is motivated by an offender's bias against an individual's or a group's:



DPD has a bias motivated investigative unit and hate crimes hotline.

PREVENTION

COUNTERING THE TACTICS OF ALL VIOLENT EXTREMISTS

1

Address vulnerabilities and
increase community resilience

2

Be conscious of grievances

3

Provide a community of interest

4

Promote civic engagement as a solution

5

Be alert to violent polarizing narratives

WHAT CAN YOUR COMMUNITY DO?

Create community-based
intervention programs

Develop local programs
based on violence
prevention models

Challenge violent
extremist narratives

Host community
awareness events



RESPONDING TO THE SIKH TEMPLE SHOOTING



WHAT CAN YOU DO?



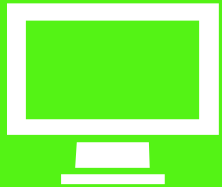
STAY SAFE ONLINE

HAVE OPEN
COMMUNICATION

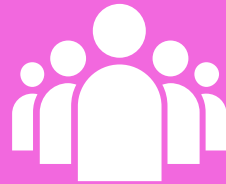
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KNOW YOUR
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COLORADO
RESILIENCE
COLLABORATIVE



SAFE2TELL
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CENTER FOR
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QUESTIONS?