

Summary of Research on Radicalization in the U.S.

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Caveat Emptor

- This presentation includes a review of selected articles and books by academics, policy researchers, and members of the U.S. intelligence community.
- Unfortunately, the vast majority of the research in the U.S. focuses solely on radicalization and recruitment to such terrorist organizations as the Islamic State.
- In the academic literature and governmental reports, there are few, if any, direct connections made to any relationship to or similarity with cult phenomena – but occasionally there is some mention in the mass media.
- There is little recognition of other types of extremist radicalization, for example, of Far-Right or other hate groups or dangerous cults.

Some Basics

- There is general agreement on the following:



Possible Motivations



- Unfortunately, per Marc Sageman (one of the best known in this field): these individuals are far from being brainwashed – his evidence: some have families and/or went to college or graduate school.

One View of Radicalization: Data from Americans Who Went to Syria or Iraq (Hughes)



Recruitment of Children



Brainwashing Children



Qur'an:8:39 "Wage war on non-muslims and kill them until they submit and the only religion is Islam."



Radicalization via the Internet

Recruitment & Training: Examples

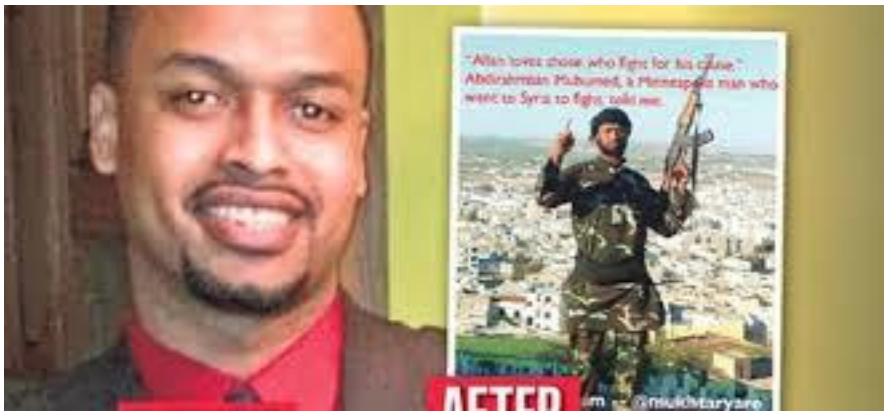
TalibanOnline: <http://www.jwebs.org/mpn>

- English-language

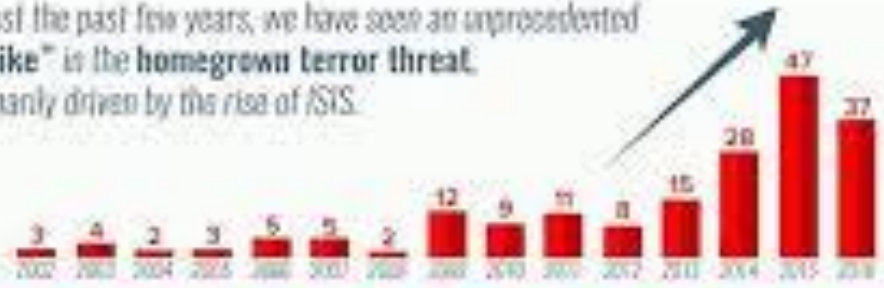
"The Taliban told me that they can fight against Army of Disbelievers by the help of Almighty Allah, but they know that their position in media is so week [sic]. All over the world the Jewish controlled media is brainwashing Muslims and non-Muslims who want to know the truth. That's why I, as a Computer

Engineer, dedded to use Internet, most powerful tool, to convey the message to all Muslims."

Radicalization of U.S.-Foreign Fighters

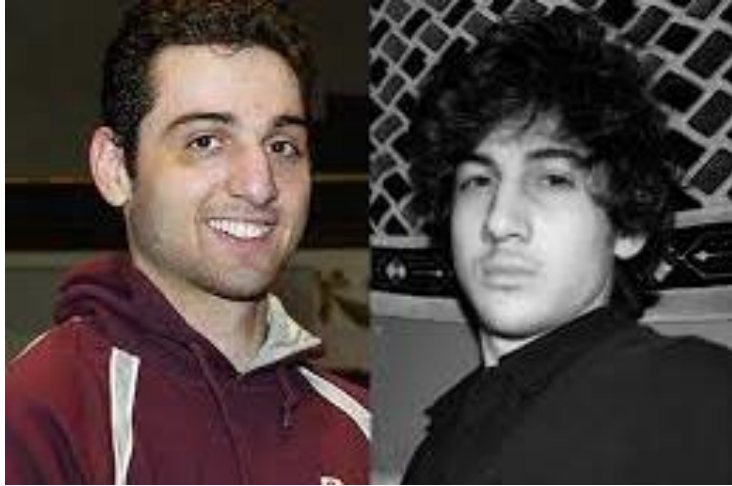


In just the past few years, we have seen an unprecedented "spike" in the homegrown terror threat, primarily driven by the rise of ISIS.



...at this rate the forecast for 2017 looks alarming.

Policy Notes for Trump Administration: Executive Summary (Wash. Inst. For Near East Policy)



Formerly C/VE
Recommended P/CVE
But no.....
Now per Trump:
Countering Radical Islam



Policy Notes, continued

- Recommendation: Identify the extremist ideologies – from jihadism to white supremacy to leftist-inspired ethnocentric movements as a key driver of radicalization and mobilization to violence.



Policy Notes on Community Efforts

THE VOICE OF THE NATION'S LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMUNITY



As Seen In the March 2010 Issue

Muslim Outreach Operation Underway

The Los Angeles Sheriff's Department has assigned two of its Muslim officers to do outreach to other Muslims living and working in the southern California county.

Sergeant Mike Adams and Deputy Sheriff Mostafa are part of the Muslim Community Affairs Unit, an outreach program established in August 2007 to address issues including hate crimes and discrimination facing the Muslim community.

"We are from the community," Deputy Mostafa explained. "We understand the issues that matter to the community, and we provide a voice for the community."

The Muslim Community Affairs unit now includes a training program for the Muslim community on law enforcement issues, including domestic violence, gang and identity theft.

The unit also trains department members about Islam and Muslims, teaching mistakes such as beliefs and customs.

Academy recruits also receive a brochure about the Muslim culture and background as part of the relevant awareness training program.

And the learning goes two ways. "It's become an informational tool where the community can educate law enforcement as well," Mostafa says.

The new LASD unit, established by Sheriff Lee Baca, has joined a Young Muslim American Leaders Group to engage and educate young Muslim professionals in the Los Angeles Area. The group meets weekly.

Deputy Mostafa says mem-

bers of the Muslim Community Affairs Unit are available for the community. "We're here if you need us," he says. "Having this partnership with the community allows the signs that surround (municipal) communities."

For more information go to: www.lasd.org or MuslimOutreach@lasd.org.



The best way to prevent violent extremism is to work with the Muslim American community.

— Barack Hussein Obama
Security & Counterterrorism Speech
National Defense University
May 23, 2013

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if you SEE SAY something something

We all play a role in keeping our community safe.
Report suspicious activity to local authorities.

Call 888-123-4567 (888-XXXXXXX) or dial 9-1-1

Conclusion



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