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THE PERSONAL, THE NARRATIVE &
THE SOCIAL OF RADICALISATION
DO NOT TALK TO ME OF PAIN. SHOW ME WHAT TASTING IT TAUGHT YOU INSTEAD...
IT BECAME HARD TO TELL IF MY ‘DISABILITY’ MADE ME DIFFERENT OR UNDESIRABLE

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START POINT...

BEING DIFFERENT IS OKAY UNTIL YOU GET NOTICED . . .

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IDENTITY, BELONGING & LOYALTY - KEY FACTORS & ISSUES

▸ Who am I?
▸ Where do I Belong?
▸ How do I Fit In?
▸ How Can I prove that I Belong?
▸ Are There Others like Me?
▸ What is My Purpose?
IN MANY WAYS WHAT GOES ON BEFORE RADICALISATION IS SO IMPORTANT TO UNDERSTAND.
WHAT DOES RADICALISATION ACTUALLY CONSIST OF?

- Process or Processes?
- Changes in Behaviour or Changes in Ideas?
- Formation of Identity or Change in Identity?
- Definite Feelings or Confused Feelings?
- Influences or Incidents?
- Rejection or Acceptance or Both?
DIFFERENTIATING BETWEEN LANGUAGE, PERSONALITY AND CONTEXT
LOOKING BEYOND TERMINOLOGY TO GET TO THE ‘INDIVIDUAL ECOLOGY’
KNOW WHO YOU ARE DEALING WITH BECAUSE ‘THEY’ KNOW WHO THEY ARE DEALING WITH

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CONTEMPORARY RADICALISATION IS A NEW PARADIGM

- The Jilted Believer
- The Selfie Seeker
- The Group Photo Seeker
- The Situation Seeker
- The Story Seeker
- The Glory Seeker
- The Known Unknown
CONTEMPORARY RADICALISATION IS A NEW PARADIGM

- If no two personal journeys are the same...
- Then rigid and inflexible assessment of risk is dangerous
- To reduce vulnerability to ideological narratives, what will we replace the problem ideology with?
- The element of vulnerability is only dependent on the level of intention and certain motivational factors
- Remaining open to the idea of safeguarding the person and not labelling them as radicalised without detailed insight
Contemporary Radicalisation is a New Paradigm

- Identity is lucid and dynamic nowadays
- Ideology has always been lucid and dynamic
- Narratives are the new ‘Belonging’
- The personal reality of a person is often impossible for them to separate from their social/digital/virtual reality
- Knowing the difference between religious conservatism and ideological extremism
- Mental Health versus the Age of Celebrity
‘HE HATES THE U.S AND ISLAMAPHOBIA, BUT LIKES MARVEL AND GAME OF THRONES’

Mr Anybody Ali
‘HE HATES REFUGEES AND SHARIAH LAW, BUT LIKES CURRIES AND CAB DRIVERS’

Mr Anybody Adams
THE MASS MEDIA REPRODUCE DOMINANT IDEOLOGIES AND LEGITIMATE CONSENSUS...
IF CRITICAL THINKING IS THE KEY, THEN WHAT DO WE DO WITH SOMEONE WHO THINKS A LITTLE TOO CRITICALLY FOR OUR LIKING?

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THE TRADITIONAL CHALLENGES WERE AROUND:
- INTEGRATION
- RESPECT FOR RULE OF LAW
THE ‘NEW’ CHALLENGES ARE:
- INSTANT GRATIFICATION LIFESTYLE
- DESENSITISED MINDSETS
- THE NEED FOR THE OTHER

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THE ‘NEW’ CONTEXT IS:
- WE WANT AGENCY
- WE DEMAND ATTENTION
- WE THINK WE HAVE ASPIRATION

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THE DAILY ANALYSIS WE HAVE CONDUCTED ON SOCIAL MEDIA SUGGESTS THAT THE MILLENNIAL GENERATION NO LONGER JUST WANT A CERTIFICATE FOR ‘TAKING PART’. THEY WANT TO WIN, BUT AT WHAT COST?

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