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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...**

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**IT BECAME HARD TO TELL IF  
MY 'DISABILITY' MADE ME  
DIFFERENT OR UNDESIRABLE**

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START POINT...

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**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.**

**A Random Practitioner**

## 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

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**LOOKING BEYOND  
TERMINOLOGY TO GET TO THE  
'INDIVIDUAL ECOLOGY'**

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**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...**

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FOR YOUR REVIEW...

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**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**

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**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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