

Community Awareness Briefing

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Why are we here?

We want to talk about violent extremism, which takes many forms

We want to build awareness of how people become radicalized to violence

We want to ensure our communities are protected

And, most importantly, we need your help

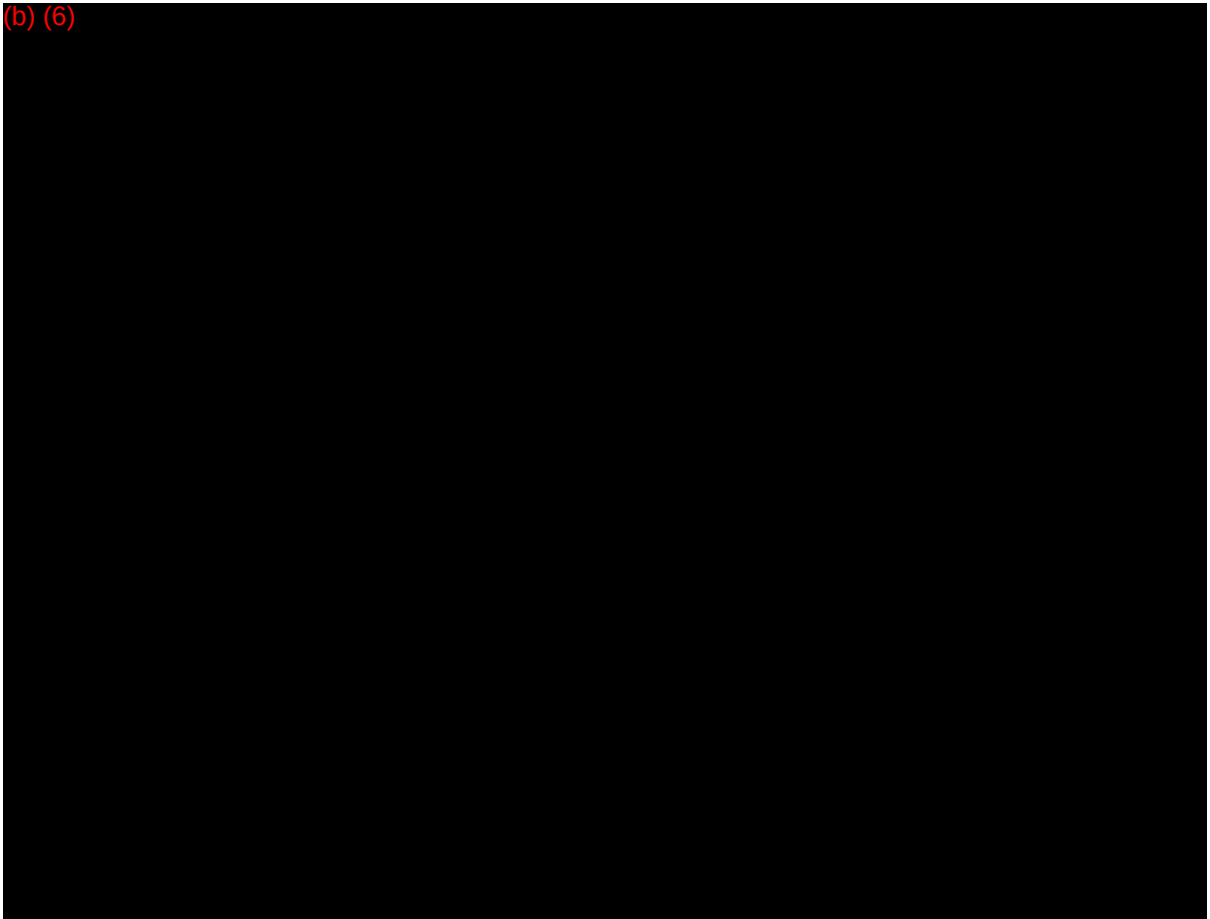
Violent Extremism

A wide range of threats...

- White Supremacists
- Eco-terrorists
- Neo-Nazis
- Al-Qa'ida or ISIL-inspired groups



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<http://www.fbi.gov/houston/press-releases/2014/katy-man-charged-with-multiple-crimes-including-possession-of-explosive-materials>



All Violent Extremist Groups

- Look for vulnerabilities
- Focus on grievances
- Provide a community of interest (in-person or online)
- Promote violent action as solution
- Hold a black and white narrative

Why would someone join a violent extremist group?

Ideological

Personal

Sociopolitical

Group

Community

Some individuals have some or all of these factors, and
In the United States, thoughts are protected,
No single factor leads to radicalization
No matter how extreme,

Forming the Black and White Narrative

Element	Generic Message	Al-Qa'ida's Version
Decline	My world has gone wrong...	Islam has been brought to ruin and Muslims are exploited and oppressed...
Two Camps	... because of the actions of a villain.	... by the United States and other Western powers.
Crisis Point	Now is the time...	Now is the time...
Method	... when using violence will prevent total catastrophe for us.	... only violence will work to end their war on against us.
Danger of Contamination	If we let no one dissuade us...	If we do not let anyone dissuade us from our righteous course...
Reward	... we will prevail.	... we will liberate our followers and reestablish a righteous society.

Scene Setter: This slide outlines the six elements of any violent extremist narrative, and highlights how they apply to Al-Qa'ida's narrative. Also highlighted are ways to weaken the narrative by deconstructing one or more of its elements.

Example of the Narrative



1) Mohamoud Ali Hassan: (top left) killed in September 2009 in Mogadishu.

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3) Burhan Hassan: (top right) killed in 2009.

4) Abdisalan Hussein Ali: (bottom left) killed in October 2011 in Mogadishu.

5) Jamal Bana: (bottom middle) killed in July 2009 in Mogadishu.

6) Troy Kastigar: (bottom right) killed in September 2009.

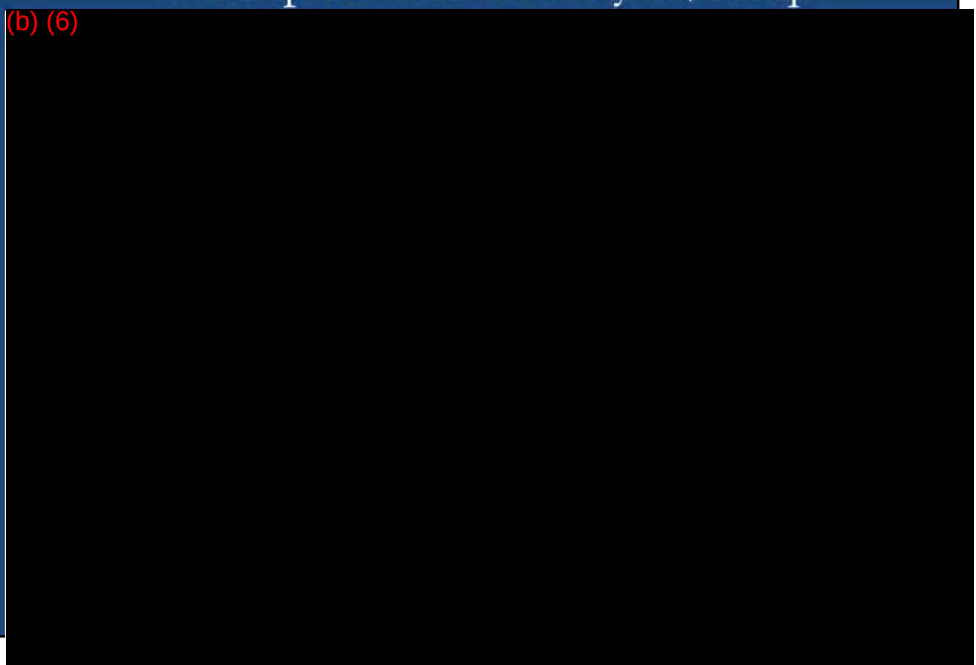
Recent Trends



Example of the ISIL Narrative

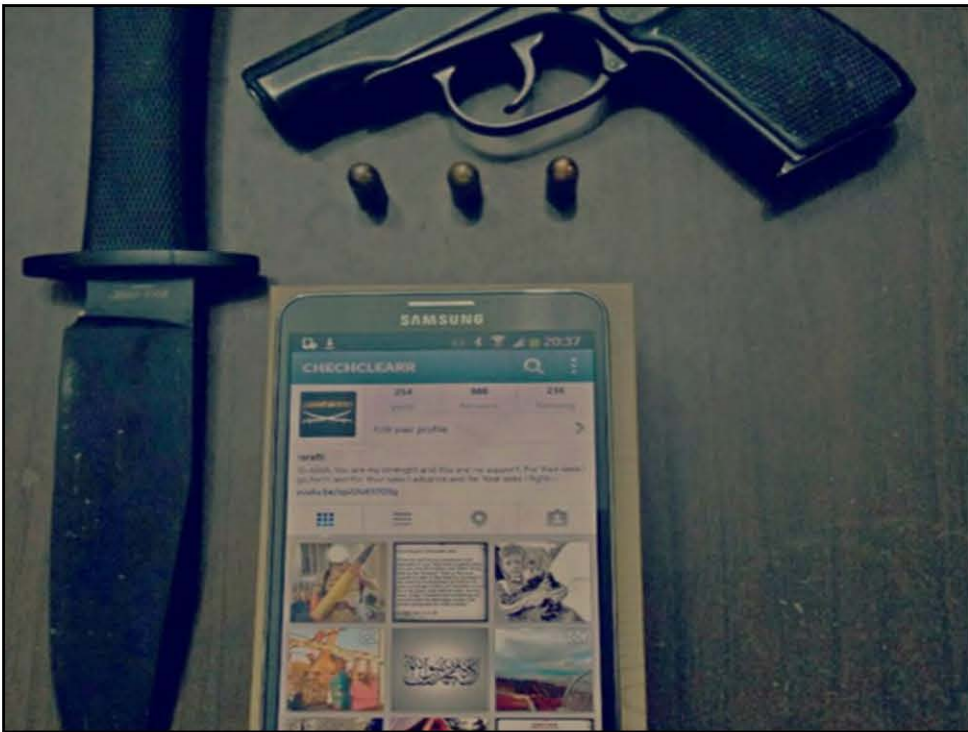
Attempted Travel to Syria/Iraq

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ISIL's Use of Social Media

- Tailored messaging to Americans in English
- Sophisticated use of Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, Kik, Ask.fm, WhatsApp, Tumblr, Flickr, Snapchat

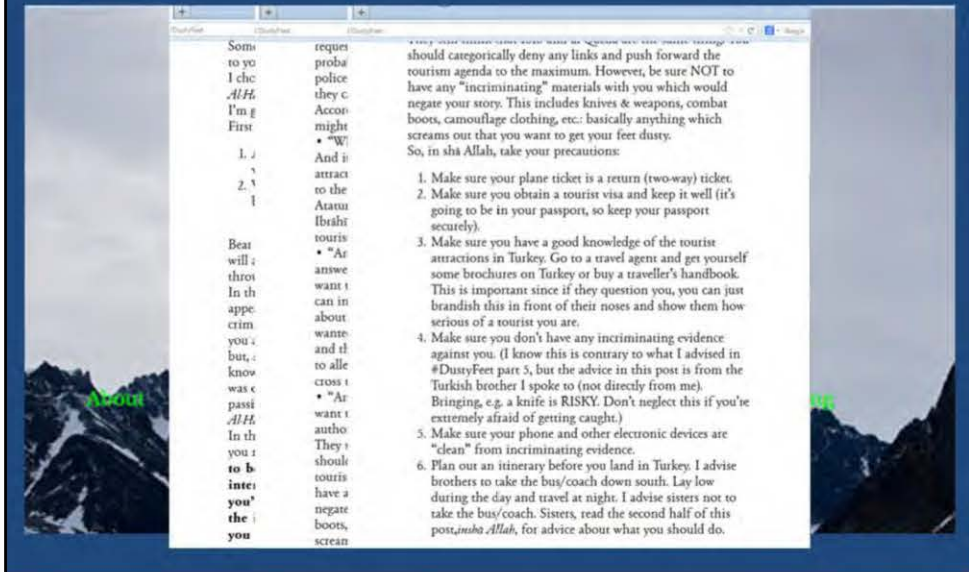


“Dawn of Glad Tidings” App

- App allowed ISIL to tweet on others accounts
- 40,000 tweets per day by ISIL
- 72 retweets of every tweet
- 10,000 uses of ISIL hashtag per day by others



Operational Instructions Online





Abu Fulan al-Muhajir @Fulan2weet
Bitad al-Sham
A stranger. Currently fighting in Syria, to make the word of Allah the highest!

673 answers **673** likes **0** gifts
[Follow](#)
[Make a gift](#)

Ask me a question

300

Ask

answers

R the bathrooms clean
Yes. But they don't become clean by themselves. We need to clean them
2 days ago
4 people like this

How can I convince my family please help me
daawa. Talk to them. Tell them to imagine them being in Syria and nobody wanted to help them
2 days ago
3 people like this

are martyrdom operations allowed in islam
Yes. But of course there are certain conditions
2 days ago
1 person likes this

Moner Mohammad Abusalha

- Grew up in a gated community in Florida
 - *"He was a nice kid ... Everyone got along with him."*
- Outgoing and funny, loved basketball
 - *"He'd play basketball with any hoop anywhere he could find one."*



Moner's Last Words

How does this happen?



Community Responses

Minnesota's Somali community acts to counter ISIL recruiters

Program developed with Justice Department aims to encourage vulnerable teens to stay in school and reject extremism

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Somali community leaders in Minneapolis are working with U.S. authorities to develop a program inspired by gang-prevention methods to steer disaffected youths away from extremist groups overseas.

The program — a mix of mentorship, psychological care and after-school programs — has been developed to give more opportunities to mostly young Somali-American men in Minnesota, home to the largest population of Somalis in the United States.

What can you do?

- Stay safe online
 - Know who your kids are talking to online and what sites they are visiting
- Have open communication
 - Talk with your kids about what is happening in the world
- Look for behavior changes
 - Have a conversation with your loved ones; find out what might be upsetting them
- Speak out
 - Let your voice be heard through public and civil discourse

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