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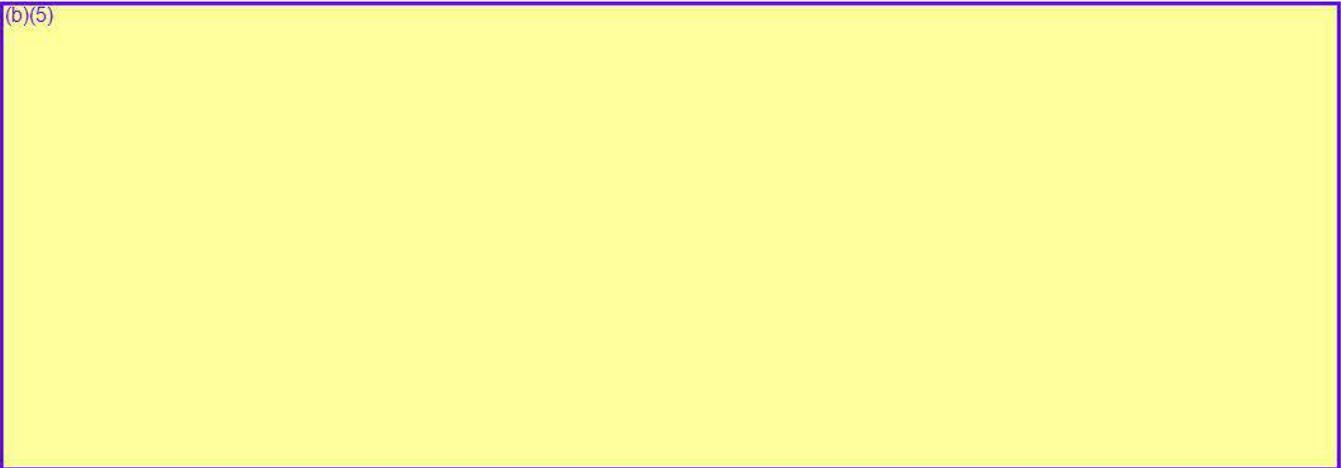
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particularly point out students with Arabic sounding names and a particular faith; and 3) it will curb learning and discussion of ideas, silencing speech, so as to not be identified as "at risk."

They have told us that, unfortunately the correspondence from the FBI has been classified as confidential and not for public consumption. The FBI revealed the website to the Committee's Legal Director in an 20 minute presentation, no other documentation was provided. Its direct line of contact, communication, and correspondence has been with Brian Murphy, Section Chief of the FBI - CVE Section

Attached you will find the Committee's request submitted with support from other civil liberties organization to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights - background on the CVE paradigm – programs, legislation, and practice/policies with infiltrating schools in Somali community in Minnesota.

Here is also the NCTC report on the "risk factors" for radicalization which provides foundation of how the "Don't Be a Puppet Program" risk factors identified in the web exercises. You will see that these risk factors are broad and over inclusive, including risk if parents are not actively involved in child's education (so all children of single parents, or working-poor parents)

<https://www.documentcloud.org/documents/1657824-cve-guide.html>

As stated there is nothing that show that there are terrorist/violent extremist clubs or recruits in the classrooms of our schools.

Have you all seen this program? If not, can you ask to see it?

Any insight appreciated!

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