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(U) Key Findings

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(U) This report was prepared by the National Counterterrorism Center (NCTC) and Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI); and was coordinated with CIA, DHS, DIA, FBI, and NSA. Comments and queries are welcome and may be directed to the Chief, Radicalization and Extremist Messages Group, NCTC on [REDACTED] secure or Chief, Behavioral Analysis Unit I, Critical Incident Response Group, FBI on [REDACTED]

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(U) Key Terms

(U) Radicalization: The process by which individuals come to believe that engagement in or facilitation of nonstate violence to achieve social and political change is necessary and justified.

(U) Mobilization to Violence: The process by which radicalized individuals prepare for or engage in violence or material support for violence in support of their beliefs.

(U) Bystander(s): Individuals—such as family members, peers, authority figures, and strangers—whose relationship and level of interaction with a person of concern enables them to witness or to become aware of activities or behaviors that may indicate radicalization or mobilization to violence. Some bystanders made attempts to counter concerning behaviors by persons of concern and thus were not simply onlookers or spectators, as the term *bystander* traditionally implies.

(U) Disengagement: The process by which an individual ceases violent extremist behavior and moves away from

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opportunities to participate in or support violence.⁶

(U) Disruption: An action that stops individuals from pursuing or engaging in criminal or terrorist activities; such individuals (often violent extremists) either have been arrested by law enforcement or have been killed while engaging in or supporting terrorism abroad.

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(U) Graphic source notes.⁷⁸⁷⁹

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- (U//~~FOUO~~) Amplifying stories of how extremist violence damages family members—such as the Women Without Borders’ documentary *Your Mother*, a film portraying British, French, and Palestinian women whose children have committed acts of violent extremism

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