

Promoting Safe and Resilient American Communities

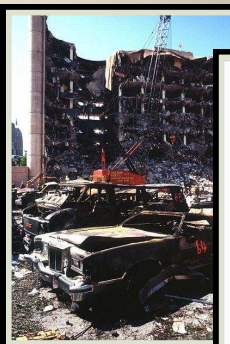


COUNTER VIOLENT EXTREMISM GROUP
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Our communities face a wide range of violent threats ...

- Right-wing Violent Extremists
- Left-wing Revolutionaries
- Eco-terrorists
- Neo-Nazi and Racist-based Groups
- Other Extremist Groups
- Gangs
- Drugs
- Sexual Predators



This brief focuses on the threat of
Al-Qa'ida and Allied Groups (AQAG)

Presentation Goals

Share information on the threat of terrorist recruitment in the U.S.

Garner the perspectives and insights of community members.

Foster discussion on ways we can work – together and independently – to protect youth and at-risk individuals from extremist radicalization efforts.

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Violent Extremist Narratives: An Example

The radical narrative shapes how violent extremists view the world around them

- Muslims are part of a global community
- The U.S. has brought ruin and disgrace to Islam
- Muslims are the target of U.S. aggression

U.S. is at war with Islam

Muslims must counter this threat through violence"

Violent extremists in their own words...

Anwar al-Awlaki

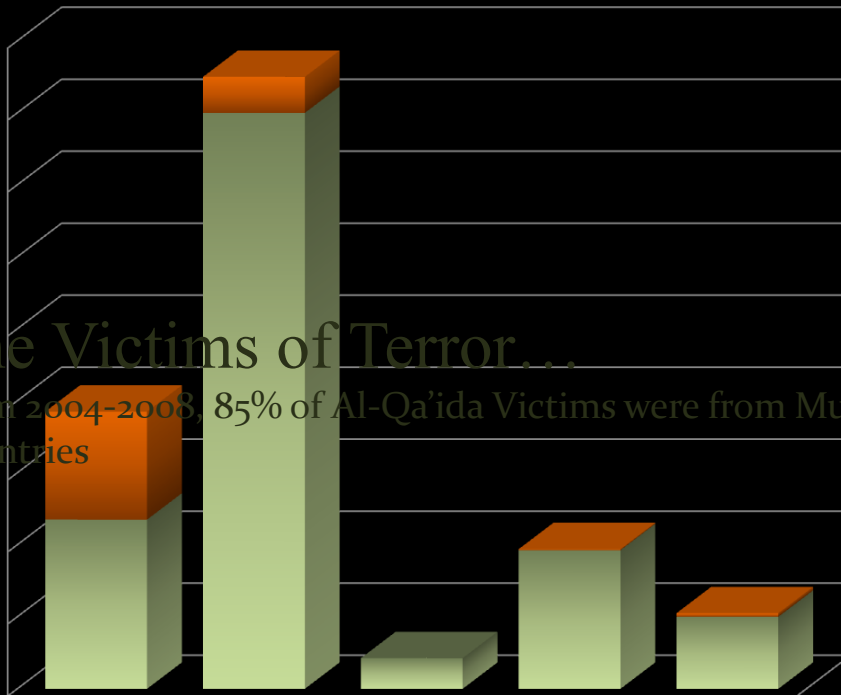
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Al-Qa'ida Victims 2004-2008

The Victims of Terror...

From 2004-2008, 85% of Al-Qa'ida Victims were from Muslim-majority Countries



Violent extremists in their own words...

Omar Hammami

aka "Abu Mansour al-Amriki"

Statement Released February 2009

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Mohammed Sidiq Khan

London Transit Bomber

July 7, 2005

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Martyrdom Video Released September 1, 2005

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oc8IZvJWKwg>

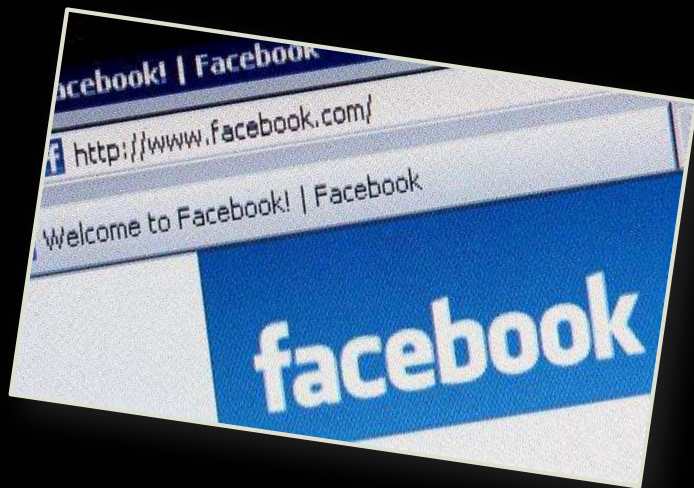
Violent Extremist Use of the Internet



Recent events demonstrate how violent extremists increasingly prefer the Internet, not only for communication, but also for recruitment.”

Colleen R. LaRose
aka “Jihad Jane”

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The YouTube logo, featuring the word "You" in black and "Tube" in white inside a red rounded rectangle.

Other attempts to recruit Westerners...

Al-Qa'ida in the Arabian Peninsula and Inspire

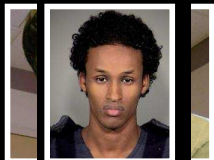


Responding to the Challenge:

How do we build safe and resilient communities?



Ongoing Community Actions



Community Cooperation with Law Enforcement



Grassroots Initiatives



Interfaith Efforts

What can we do?

A U.S. Government Perspective of the Division of Labor

What can Communities do?

- ✓ Lead effort to counter violent narratives
- ✓ Ask for support when needed
- ✓ Reach out to vulnerable individuals, especially youth

What can the Government do?

- ✓ Do not securitize or demonize communities
- ✓ Prevent and prosecute illegal behavior
- ✓ Support communities in countering violent narratives and terrorist recruitment

Possible Community Actions

- Remain active members of American civil society.
- Channel energy resulting from frustrations and grievances into positive action.
- Create a curriculum highlighting the dangers of violent extremism and terrorist recruitment.
- Talk to your children frankly about the positive and negative influences on the internet.
- Go online and challenge violent narratives.



...But the best ideas will come from communities...

The View From the White House...

President Barack Obama

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September 10, 2010