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MEDIA REPORT

White House Countering Violent Extremism Summit

Coverage: Events on February 17-18, 2015

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The White House
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TEXT: [Remarks by the President at the Summit on Countering Violent Extremism | Feb 19.](#)

VIDEO: [President Obama Speaks at the Summit on Countering Violent Extremism.](#)

TWITTER: @WhiteHouse: "When people are oppressed and human rights are denied...when dissent is silenced, it feeds violent extremism" —President Obama #CVESummit



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February 18, 2015

TEXT: [Remarks by the President in Closing of the Summit on Countering Violent Extremism | Feb 18.](#)

VIDEO: [President Obama Speaks at the Summit on Countering Violent Extremism.](#)

BLOG: [President Obama on the Causes and Antidotes to Violent Extremism.](#)

BLOG: RE: LA Times Op-Ed: President Obama: "Our Fight Against Violent Extremism".

FACT SHEET: [The White House Summit on Countering Violent Extremism.](#)

Los Angeles Times

[President Obama: Our fight against violent extremism](#)

February 17, 2015, 11:03 p.m.

"In the face of this challenge, we must stand united internationally and here at home. We know that military force alone cannot solve this problem. Nor can we simply take out terrorists who kill innocent civilians. We also have to confront the violent extremists — the propagandists, recruiters and enablers — who may not directly engage in terrorist acts themselves, but who radicalize, recruit and incite others to do so."



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VIDEO: [Summit on Countering Violent Extremism, Secretary Jeh Johnson Remarks](#)

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The New York Times

U.S. Muslims Take On ISIS' Recruiting Machine

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“Imam Magid, speaking upstairs at his Muslim center while a team of Muslim girls pounded out a basketball game below, said that real prevention meant programs that give young people as much purpose and inspiration as extremists promise. Once young Muslims buy into the ideology, he said, it is very hard to pry them loose. “You have to reach them before it happens,” he said.”



Obama proclaims: 'We are not at war with Islam'

February 19, 2015

““We are not at war with Islam. We are at war with people who have perverted Islam," Obama said during his remarks, adding later that Muslim leaders "need to do more to discredit the notion that our nations are determined to suppress Islam.”



LA's Counter-Extremism Efforts Highlighted at CVE Summit

February 19, 2015

“In Los Angeles, groups like the Muslim Public Affairs Counsel have already implemented programs namely, the Safe Spaces Initiative - aimed at reaching at-risk young people. The Department of Homeland Security and the FBI have also been working with LAPD to deter radicalization since the Fall of 2014.”



Twin Cities Delegation Attends Washington Summit to Discuss Terror Recruiting

February 19, 2015

“Richard Thornton, head of the Minnesota FBI, spoke at the summit and put it plainly: Minnesota has a problem. Young Somali men and women are leaving the state to join two specific terrorist groups: al-Shabaab or the Islamic State. He said he’s not trying to scare anyone but that this is a fact.”

The New York Times

Obama: Countering Violent Extremism Depends on Muslim Support

February 18, 2015

“Muslim leaders need to do more to discredit the notion that our nations are determined to suppress Islam,” Obama said, referring to the narrative from Islamic militants that Western nations are in a war against Islam.”

The New York Times

Obama: US at War With Those Who Have Perverted Islam

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“While putting the blame on IS and similar groups — Obama said the militants masquerade as religious leaders but are really terrorists — the president also appealed directly to prominent Muslims to do more to distance themselves from brutal ideologies. He said all have a duty to “speak up very clearly” in opposition to violence against innocent people.”

The New York Times

Faulted for Avoiding ‘Islamic’ Labels to Describe Terrorism, White House Cites a Strategic Logic

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“But Mr. Obama said that “we must never accept the premise that they put forward, because it is a lie.” The operatives of Al Qaeda and the Islamic State, also known as ISIS or ISIL, “are not religious leaders — they’re terrorists,” he said.”



RONAN FARROW DAILY

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VIDEO: Battling Hometown Terror

“As the White House takes on terror with a new counter-extremism summit, two attendees join us - including one Somali-American City Council Member from Minneapolis who’s seen homegrown radicalization firsthand.”

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Obama: We're Fighting Violent Extremism, Not a Religion

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““Groups like al Qaeda and ISIL promote a twisted interpretation of religion that is rejected by the overwhelming majority of the world’s Muslims. The world must continue to lift up the voices of Muslim clerics and scholars who teach the true peaceful nature of Islam,” he wrote. “We can echo the testimonies of former extremists who know how terrorists betray Islam. We can help Muslim entrepreneurs and youths work with the private sector to develop social media tools to counter extremist narratives on the Internet.””



Minnesota Officials, Imams Talk up Community Outreach at White House

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“Minnesota law enforcement, politicians and Muslim leaders gathered Wednesday at the White House to tout a nascent, community-backed program as a model for attempts to prevent youths from being swept away to fight with jihadist groups abroad. Sharing a stage with authorities from Paris, Boston and Los Angeles at the White House Summit on Countering Violent Extremism, the Minnesota leaders stressed the early successes of the new pilot project.”



Minnesota's Anti-terror Efforts Draw White House Interest

February 18, 2015

““What my community, the Somali-American community, needs today is no less than a Marshall Plan tailor-made to the community's employment challenges,” Minneapolis City Council Member Abdi Warsame said as he described the poverty and lack of upward mobility that help drive radicalization.”



Obama: We are not at war with Islam

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“Obama also painted the campaign against radicalization and extremism as "ultimately a battle for hearts and minds" in an opinion piece published Wednesday in the Los Angeles Times. He added that the focus of the summit would be on ways to empower local communities.”

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