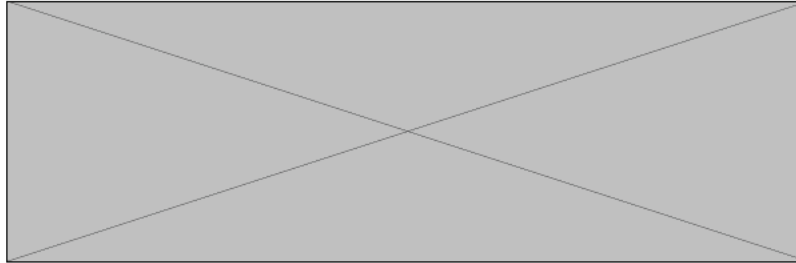


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Releases Report on Status of U.S. Countering Violent Extremism Strategy

The George Washington University [Center for Cyber and Homeland Security](#) today announced the establishment of the [Program on Extremism](#), a first-of-its-kind initiative aimed at providing analysis on and solutions for countering violent and non-violent extremism.

The program will focus on various forms of extremism, mainly in the U.S., with the goal of conducting groundbreaking research and developing solutions that resonate with policymakers, civil society leaders and the general public. The new program will bring together a [team of experts](#) including government officials, scholars, former extremists and counter-extremism practitioners who will provide firsthand assistance to families grappling with radicalization. The program will be led by Lorenzo Vidino and Seamus Hughes.

"The current terrorist climate calls for a dedicated and sustained effort grounded in empirically based research," said Frank Cilluffo, director for the Center for Cyber and Homeland Security. "I simply cannot think of two stronger scholars and practitioners than Lorenzo Vidino and Seamus Hughes to lead this program and ensure we respond more effectively."

"Washington, DC, has long needed an academic program specifically dedicated to the study of extremism

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and radicalization," said Bruce Hoffman, director of Georgetown University's Center for Security Studies. "With the establishment of precisely such a program in George Washington University's renowned Center for Cyber and Homeland Security, this gap has finally been redressed."

The Program on Extremism's first report, *Countering Violent Extremism in America*, seeks to provide a primer on U.S. and European approaches to countering violent extremism (CVE). First, it analyzes the status quo of CVE in America, detailing the latest initiatives and the challenges they face. Secondly, it summarizes the current trends in various European countries, where authorities have implemented ambitious strategies for over a decade, and whose experience can inform the U.S. approach. Finally, the report provides a series of recommendations including the need for U.S. officials to build a carefully crafted system for interventions as a potential alternative to prosecution.

Background of the Program on Extremism Team:

Dr. Vidino is director of the program. Dr. Vidino is an expert in terrorist networks in the West and governmental counter-radicalization policies. He is the author of various books, including "The New Muslim Brotherhood in the West," published in 2010 by Columbia University Press. Dr. Vidino is a graduate of the University of Milan Law School and Tufts University's Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy.

The program's deputy director is Seamus Hughes. Hughes previously worked at the National Counterterrorism Center (NCTC) and the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee focusing on issues related to terrorism and countering violent extremism.

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