

The Prevent duty, 'extremism' and 'radicalisation'

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<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/un-uk-nhs-landlords-immigration-hostile-environment-special-rapporteur-brexit-a8347481.html>

Ms Achime said "national panic" over terrorism was driving Islamophobia and called for the government's Prevent counter-extremism programme to be suspended and reviewed. The rapporteur argued that Prevent's forces "civil servants, social workers, care-givers, educators and others, to make life-altering judgments on the basis of vague criteria in a climate of national anxieties that scapegoat entire religious, racial and ethnic groups".

'Official' counter-terror document slammed as 'political propaganda masquerading as public safety information'

Mohamed Elmaazi

<https://www.thecanary.co/exclusive/2018/05/25/official-counter-terror-document-slammed-as-political-propaganda-masquerading-as-public-safety-information/>

Win over the women if you want to halt extremism says MI6 chief as he raises the 'critical role' mothers have in tackling terrorism

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<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-5698097/Mothers-critical-role-tackling-terrorism-says-MI6-chief.html>

Gendering Counterterrorism: How to, and How Not to – Part I

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<https://www.justsecurity.org/55522/gendering-counterterrorism-to/>

Save the date

Public Event in Slough "Have Your Say on Prevent"

6th July 2018 @ The Curve by Slough Prevent Advisory Group

Tackling Extremism within Higher Education Institutions: Preserving Academic Freedom and Fighting Intolerance

Wednesday, 5th September 2018, London

<http://www.publicpolicyexchange.co.uk/events/II05-PPE>

Research request

I am looking at FoI refusals about the Prevent programme issued by local authorities and other relevant public bodies to see if any pattern can be identified in these refusals. If you have any FoI responses you are willing to share it would be great to have a look at them. Names of people who have submitted these Fols will not be used. I can be contacted on 07966 145098 or at dianeltaylor@btconnect.com.

Government

Where is civil society in the U.N.'s counterterrorism efforts?

Eric Rosand

<https://www.brookings.edu/blog/order-from-chaos/2018/05/15/where-is-civil-society-in-the-u-n-s-counterterrorism-efforts/>

Administrator's Remarks: Second Global Meeting on Preventing Violent Extremism

Achim Steiner

http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/news-centre/speeches/2018/administrator_s-remarks--second-global-meeting-on-preventing-vio.html

Reports and Papers

Identifying potential terrorists: Visuality, security and the Channel project

Thomas Martin

<http://journals.sagepub.com/doi/full/10.1177/0967010618770070>

Book

The BBC, The 'War on Terror' and the Discursive Construction of Terrorism: Representing al-Qaeda

Jared Ahmad

<https://www.palgrave.com/gp/book/9783319766072>

01.05.18

Home Office forced by Netpol to release 'counter-radicalisation' training materials

NETPOL

<https://netpol.org/2018/05/01/home-office-wrap-training-prevent/>

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02.05.18

Anti-frackers branded 'domestic extremists' like jihadists & Neo-Nazis in Prevent program

<https://www.rtt.com/uk/425657-anti-fracking-prevent-extremism-netpol/>

03.05.18

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05.05.18

Society asks more of schools than it did a generation ago, Education Secretary says

Camilla Turner

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/education/2018/05/05/society-asks-schools-did-generation-ago-education-secretary/>

06.05.18

Mothers play 'critical role' in steering children away from extremism, says head of MI6

Camilla Turner

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2018/05/06/mothers-play-critical-role-steering-children-away-extremism/>

07.05.18

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Notts charity boss warns of children living through 'epidemic of self-loathing' due to social media

<https://www.nottinghampost.com/news/local-news/notts-charity-boss-warns-children-1559147>

12.05.18

Former Guantanamo Bay prisoner didn't pay for nephews' radicalization with British gov \$

Sydney Smith

<https://www.imediaethics.org/former-guantanamo-bay-prisoner-didnt-pay-for-nephews-radicalization-with-british-gov/>

20.05.18

Prevent police 'tried to recruit asylum seeker as mosque informant'

Amandla Thomas-Johnson

<http://www.middleeasteye.net/news/prevent-police-tried-recruit-asylum-seeker-mosque-informant-1523500739>

21.05.18

Britain struggles to stamp out extremism in prisons

Alicia Buller

<http://www.arabnews.com/node/1306411/world>

22.05.18

Growing number of young people in the West Midlands receiving support from new counter-terrorism group

Rhea Turner

<https://www.burtonmail.co.uk/news/burton-news/growing-number-young-people-west-1492809>

Fearing radicalization UK send extremist prisoners to cure centers

<https://pakobserver.net/fearing-radicalization-uk-send-extremist-prisoners-to-cure-centers/>

23.05.18

How 'Prevent' training fosters racist paranoia

Robert Cross

<https://www.socialistparty.org.uk/articles/27402/23-05-2018/how-prevent-training-fosters-racist-paranoia>

Prevent: Work with us and you won't get deported

Ahmad Jomaa

<https://www.islam21c.com/news-views/prevent-work-with-us-and-you-wont-get-deported/>

Teen on trial for terrorism says 'discrimination' a factor in her radicalization

<https://www.rt.com/uk/427552-terrorism-radicalization-is-trial/>

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25.05.18

"No evidence that PREVENT actually prevents terrorism" – UN Special Rapporteur slams UK's Counter-terrorism strategy

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<https://mend.org.uk/news/no-evidence-prevent-actually-prevents-terrorism-un-special-rapporteur-slams-uks-counter-terrorism-strategy/>

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‘Moderate’ Muslims in sync with British values - Ifty Rafiq

Nick Gullon

http://www.thenorthernecho.co.uk/news/16256109.In_sync_with_British_values/