

The Prevent duty, 'extremism' and 'radicalisation'

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http://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/treatybodyexternal/Download.aspx?symbolno=CRC%2fC%2fGBR%2fCO%2f5&Lang=en

The Committee is concerned that:

(b) Counter-terrorism measures do not enjoy public confidence due to the lack of transparency and they are widely perceived to have a discriminatory or stigmatizing effect on children, in particular Muslim children.

The UN Committee recommends the government:

Strengthen the oversight mechanism, including regular independent reviews, to assess and ensure that the implementation of the counter-terrorism and counter-extremism measures, including the Prevent Strategy (2011), will not have a discriminatory or stigmatising impact on any group of children

PUBLICATIONS AND RESEARCH

Journal of Education for Teaching: special issue on fundamental British values

<http://www.tandfonline.com/toc/cjet20/current>

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http://ec.europa.eu/education/library/publications/2016/communication-preventing-radicalisation_en.pdf

NEW FACEBOOK DISCUSSION GROUP: A Counter Narrative to UK Prevent

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/counteringprevent>

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New 'highly discriminatory' terror law is dangerous and divisive and risks breeding more radicals

<http://www.policeprofessional.com/news.aspx?id=26296>

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Prevent: v-cs 'under pressure' to stay silent

Jack Grove

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Prevent isn't just a failure – it hurts

Rabbil Sikdar

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Christian fundamentalist schools teaching girls they must obey men

Siobhan Fenton

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Alberto Nardelli

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Lorraine Caballero

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Ben Glaze

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Alix Robertson

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Joe Lepper

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Moazzam Begg

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What to do about Prevent?

Atif Imtiaz

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Stronger EU action to better tackle violent radicalisation leading to terrorism

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Alex MacDonald

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Alison Scott-Baumann and Hugh Tomlinson QC
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Does the Orlando Attack have *something* to do with Liberalism too

Maajid Nawaz?

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Glen Greenwald

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Teachers are referring FIVE pupils a day to anti-radicalisation programmes in a bid to stop them turning to terror

Steph Cockroft

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Smita Jamdar

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Dan Bloom

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Our personal prejudices are blinding us to the rise of far-right terrorism

Maria Norris

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Hannah Thomson

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Ajay Nair

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Catherine Solyom

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Raffaello Pantucci

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Sahar Aziz

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Richard Spillett

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