

The Prevent duty, 'extremism' and 'radicalisation'

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MUST READS

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Focus on Islamist terror plots overlooks threat from far right – report

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Prevent isn't making anyone safer. It is demonising Muslims and damaging the fabric of trust in society

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CAMPAIGNING RESOURCES

PREVENT: A Statement from UoM Staff and Academics

<http://manchesterstudentsunion.com/articles/prevent-a-statement-from-uom-staff-and-academics>

Prevent resources and training materials (Leak of Prevent training resources by CAGE)

<http://www.preventresources.com>

UK PARLIAMENT COMMITTEES

Supplementary written evidence submitted by David Anderson Q.C. (Independent Reviewer of Terrorism Legislation) to Home Affairs Committee

<http://data.parliament.uk/writtenevidence/committeeevidence.svc/evidencedocument/home-affairs-committee/countering-extremism/written/27920.pdf>

Joint Committee on Human Rights launches a sharply focused inquiry into the Government's counter extremism strategy

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/joint-select/human-rights-committee/news-parliament-2015/counter-extremism-launch-15-16/>

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Sadiq Khan: Failure to stop radicalisation leaves London vulnerable to terror

<http://www.standard.co.uk/news/mayor/sadiq-khan-failure-to-stop-radicalisation-leaves-london-vulnerable-to-terror-a3169841.html>

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Anisa Mustafa

<http://discoversociety.org/2016/02/02/what-is-prevent-really-preventing/>

Google to point extremist searches towards anti-radicalisation website

Ben Quinn

<http://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2016/feb/02/google-pilot-extremist-anti-radicalisation-information>

Reading, Writing, Rejecting Terrorism: French Schools Change Their Lesson Plans

Willa Frej

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/france-education-rejecting-terrorism_us_56796204e4b0b958f657e6cb

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Andrew Gilligan and Neoconservative Extremists' Campaign to Undermine fight against Draconian PREVENT

Coolness of Hind

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Explainer: what happens to people who are suspected of being 'radicalised'?

Sarah Marsden

<https://theconversation.com/explainer-what-happens-to-people-who-are-suspected-of-being-radicalised-53652>

Terrorism watchdog calls for 'independent review' of Prevent strategy

Mend

<http://mend.org.uk/terrorism-watchdog-calls-for-independent-review-of-prevent-strategy/>

VICE News Reveals the Terrorism Blacklist Secretly Wielding Power Over the Lives of Millions

Namir Shabibi and Ben Bryant

<https://news.vice.com/article/vice-news-reveals-the-terrorism-blacklist-secretly-wielding-power-over-the-lives-of-millions>

Cameron's own anti-terror advisor Maajid Nawaz is on a terrorism blacklist

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Can I fail Ofsted if a child I teach goes to fight in Syria?

Liam Collins

<http://schoolswweek.co.uk/can-i-fail-ofsted-if-a-child-i-teach-goes-to-fight-in-syria/>

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Richard Adams

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Yahya Birt

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Jahangir Mohammed

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Steve Rose

<http://www.theguardian.com/technology/shortcuts/2016/feb/10/radicalised-goat-hell-bent-on-jihad-fbi-new-anti-isis-video-game>

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Trust and suspicion under 'policed multiculturalism'

Francesco Ragazzi

<https://www.opendemocracy.net/digitaliberties/francesco-ragazzi/trust-and-suspicion-under-policed-multiculturalism>

Cage leaks training materials for Prevent anti-extremism strategy

Randeep Ramesh

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Preventing Prevent: Opposing Islamophobia on Campus

Sai Englert

http://www.huffingtonpost.co.uk/sai-englert/preventing-prevent-opposi_b_9209468.html

Mandating doctors to attend counter-terrorism workshops is medically unethical

Derek Summerfield

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UK counter-terrorism laws 'harming aid efforts of Islamic charities'

Patrick Wintour

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As a doctor, I refuse to spy on my patients

<http://cageuk.org/article/doctor-i-refuse-spy-my-patients-0>

IHRC dismayed by government response to Prevent advice

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The answer to radicalisation is radicalisation, says Christian charity leader

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UK government considers single secure jail unit for Islamist terrorists

Alan Travis

<http://www.theguardian.com/society/2016/feb/12/government-considers-single-supermax-jail-islamist-terrorists>

UK considering 'British Guantanamo' for 'extremist' prisoners

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Brian Farmer

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Teen girl at risk of radicalisation 'should watch more TV'

Hannah Al-Othman

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Police quiz teen over Palestine badge

Josh Boswell and Sian Griffiths

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The Beginning of the End of PREVENT

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Teachers, share your thoughts and experiences of the Prevent agenda

Rebecca Ratcliffe

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UK doctors urged to boycott 'unethical' anti-extremism programme

Simon Hooper

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London Orthodox Jewish schools 'removing images of women and the mention of Christmas'

Jonathan Owen

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Steve Chalke calls for positive radicalisation

Sam Hailes

<http://www.premier.org.uk/News/UK/Steve-Chalke-calls-for-positive-radicalisation>

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Anti-Muslim hatred from the margins to the mainstream

Joe Mulhall

<https://opendemocracy.net/can-europe-make-it/joe-mulhall/anti-muslim-hatred-from-margins-to-mainstream>

"I feel like a despised insect": Coming of age under surveillance in New York

Jeanne Theoharis

<https://theintercept.com/2016/02/18/coming-of-age-under-surveillance-in-new-york/>

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5 Pillars

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Trojan Horse scandal: Teacher appeals indefinite ban claiming 'Islamophobia'

Sophie Scott

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Researchers: speak up now or risk being muzzled on government policy

Bob Ward

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I won't stop offering a platform to so-called 'hate speakers'

Julius Weinberg

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What This Leaked Training Manual Tells Us About the Government's Counter-Terrorism Strategy

Wail Qasim

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Justice Minister warns school children can be radicalised 'very quickly' (Australia)

Neil McMahon

<http://www.smh.com.au/entertainment/tv-and-radio/ga-recap-justice-minister-warns-school-children-can-be-radicalised-very-quickly-20160223-gn0rkw.html>

US military paper describes wearing hijab as “passive terrorism”

Murtaza Hussein

<https://theintercept.com/2016/02/23/departement-of-defense-white-paper-describes-wearing-hijab-as-passive-terrorism/>

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Academics' ability to lobby government under threat from new funding clause

Peter Scott

<https://theconversation.com/academics-ability-to-lobby-government-under-threat-from-new-funding-clause-55333>

Meet The Baptist Minister Who Wants To Tackle Extremism With Radicalisation

<http://www.teachwire.net/news/meet-the-baptist-minister-who-wants-to-tackle-extremism-with-radicalisation>

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How the changing media is changing terrorism

Jason Burke

<http://www.theguardian.com/world/2016/feb/25/how-changing-media-changing-terrorism>

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Hampshire school calls police after pupil looks at UKIP website

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-hampshire-35671519>

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University lecturers warn Government anti-terror strategy could criminalise Muslim students

Charlotte Dobson

<http://www.manchestereveningnews.co.uk/news/greater-manchester-news/university-lecturers-warn-government-anti-10959056>

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Boy, 15, is quizzed by anti-extremist police after deputy headteacher caught him looking up Ukip's website at school

Alexander Robertson

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3468162/Furious-father-reveals-son-15-quizzed-police-tracking-extremists-looked-UKip-s-website-school.html>

Online retail boom helping criminals smuggle guns into UK, says police chief (Note police comments at end of report)

Vikram Dodd

<http://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2016/feb/28/online-shopping-boom-criminals-smuggle-guns-uk-police-chief>

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Prevent Watch worried over the number of young people accused of being extremists

Rahila Bano

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