

# The Prevent duty, 'extremism' and 'radicalisation'

## PRESS AND COMMENTARY DIGEST, March 2016

### MUST READS

#### **Remind me, Mr Cameron: what am I trying to 'Prevent'?**

Academics Anonymous

<http://www.theguardian.com/higher-education-network/2016/mar/04/remind-me-mr-cameron-what-am-i-trying-to-prevent>

#### **Muslim parents 'fear being reported for talking about terrorism': UK watchdog**

Simon Hooper

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Ben Quinn

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#### **The Astonishingly Crap Science of 'Counter-Extremism'**

Nafeez Ahmed

<https://medium.com/insurge-intelligence/the-astonishingly-crap-science-of-counter-extremism-65810f8ac8e6#.43fwrjvrw>

#### **The west's Islamophobia is only helping the Islamic State**

Arun Kundnani

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#### **Mother of "cucumber, not cooker bomb" toddler, in her own words**

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#### **Exclusive: School anti-terror referrals surge amid 'climate of fear'**

Eleanor Busby

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**When my school received Prevent counter-terrorism training, the only objectors were white. That says it all**

Rob Price

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**From Brighton to the battlefield: how four young Britons were drawn to jihad**

Mark Townsend

<http://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2016/mar/31/brighton-to-battlefield-how-four-young-britons-drawn-to-jihad-syria>

## **GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS**

**Prevent Duty: catalogue of training courses**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/prevent-duty-catalogue-of-training-courses>

This catalogue has been produced by the Home Office to highlight some of the training courses to help individuals covered by the requirements of the Prevent Duty, contained in Section 26 of the [Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015](#).

The courses within this catalogue aim to support frontline staff in increasing their understanding and awareness of radicalisation and how it can be prevented.

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**Prevent programme review call from terrorism legislation reviewer**

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-35697713>

**Terror watchdog warns Prevent scheme "not transparent"**

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**The Ayaan Hirsi Ali problem: why do anti-Islam Muslims keep getting promoted as "experts"?**

Wardah Khalid

<http://www.vox.com/2016/3/1/1139272/muslim-pseudo-experts>

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**Scottish Muslim leader says UK's counter-terrorism strategy prevents open discussion and makes it harder to find and root out extremists**

Mark McLaughlin

<http://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/news/scottish-news/scottish-muslim-leader-says-uks-7478636#shrCfGIDzus2AUqZ.97>

**Father's fury at school who called in social services because son, eight, said he wanted to 'fight terrorists' after seeing Syrian refugees on the news**

Amanda Williams

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3472655/Father-s-fury-school-calls-social-services-son-8-told-teachers-wanted-fight-terrorists-watching-news-report-Syrian-refugee-crisis.html>

**Counter-terrorism scheme 'should be independently reviewed'**

PA

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/wires/pa/article-3471763/Counter-terrorism-scheme-independently-reviewed.html>

**Boy, 8, reported by UK school for saying he wanted to 'fight terrorists'**

Simon Hooper

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**Wirral parents' shock over school 'terrorism' grilling after eight-year-old child's comment**

Catherine Murphy

[http://m.wirralglobe.co.uk/news/14311731.Wirral\\_parents\\_shocked\\_over\\_school\\_terrorism\\_grilling\\_after\\_eight\\_year\\_old\\_child\\_s\\_comment/?ref=mr&lp=7](http://m.wirralglobe.co.uk/news/14311731.Wirral_parents_shocked_over_school_terrorism_grilling_after_eight_year_old_child_s_comment/?ref=mr&lp=7)

**The FBI Has a New Plan to Spy on High School Students Across the Country**

Sarah Lazare

<http://www.alternet.org/grayzone-project/turning-high-schools-panopticons-heres-fbis-new-plan-spy-students-across-country>

**Why Does Radical Islam Appeal to So Many Young Men?**

Mahmood Fazal

[https://www.vice.com/en\\_uk/read/how-people-become-monsters](https://www.vice.com/en_uk/read/how-people-become-monsters)

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**PREVENT-Related Child Abuse: Renowned Solicitor Slams PREVENT Activities as "Plain Unlawful"**

Coolness of Hind

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**Man removed from UK flight over 'prayer' message on phone**

Haroon Siddique

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**Why both sides are wrong in the counter-extremism debate**

Julian Hargreaves

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Shohana Khan

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## **'Unbelievably awful': Jeremy Corbyn reacts after hearing seven-year-old Muslim girl 'felt like she had to explain herself' in school**

James Morris

<http://www.islingtongazette.co.uk/news/crime-court/unbelievably-awful-jeremy-corbyn-reacts-after-hearing-seven-year-old-muslim-girl-felt-like-she-had-to-explain-herself-in-school-1-4443902>

## **Like Sadiq Khan, Muslims in public life are being branded as extremists**

Miqdaad Versi

<http://www.independent.co.uk/voices/like-sadiq-khan-muslims-in-public-life-are-being-branded-as-extremists-a6912056.html>

## **'Focus on helping us drive up school standards', Bradford Council leader urges Ofsted chief**

Claire Wilde

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## **Why the US military thinks the hijab is 'passive terrorism'**

Arun Kundnani

<http://www.thenational.ae/opinion/why-the-us-military-thinks-the-hijab-is-passive-terrorism>

## **Six-year-old Muslim boy Syed Adam Ahmed still flagged on anti-terror no-fly list**

Matt Broomfield

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/six-year-old-muslim-boy-still-on-anti-terror-no-fly-list-a6913651.html>

## **School demands detailed holiday plans from parents to tackle extremism and radicalisation**

Freddie Whittaker

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**Head fighting radicalisation demands full details of pupils' term time holiday plans**

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Owen Bowcott

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Megan Cornwell

<http://www.thetablet.co.uk/news/5257/0/cardinal-nichols-government-s-prevent-strategy-alienates-people>

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**Witnesses: David Anderson QC, UK Independent Reviewer of Terrorism Legislation, and Lord Carlile of Berriew QC, CBE**

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**Cardinal Nichols: Government counter-terror plans 'could go seriously wrong'**

Dan Hitchens

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Simon Hooper

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<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p03m5jh9>

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Ben Quinn

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**Nursery 'tries to send Asian boy, 4, to DE-RADICALISATION programme after he draws picture of knife and cucumber**

Rachel Bishop

<http://www.mirror.co.uk/news/uk-news/nursery-tries-send-asian-boy-7541330>

**Nursery tries to send Asian boy aged FOUR on a 'deradicalisation' programme after he drew a picture of a large knife chopping a cucumber - and staff thought he called the fruit a 'cooker bomb'**

Lucy Willgress

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3487947/Boy-4-referred-social-services-mispronouncing-cucumber-like-cooker-bomb-drawing-man-large-knife-chopping-one.html>

**Four-year-old who 'mispronounced the word cucumber' threatened with counter-terrorism measures**

David Barrett

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Aftab Ali

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Paul Peachey

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Tal Fox

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Sean Coughlan

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Sarah Lazare

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## **Deradicalising Britain: the activists turning young Muslims away from extremism**

Rachel Shabi

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Simon Hooper

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Josh Halliday

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## **The attack on American Muslims**

Chase Madar & Wadie E. Said

<https://www.jacobinmag.com/2016/03/wadie-said-interview-muslim-surveillance/>

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BBC 5 Live Investigates

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## **Rise in counter-terror referrals due to "climate of fear"**

5Pillars

<http://5pillarsuk.com/2016/03/21/rise-in-counter-terror-referrals-due-to-climate-of-fear/>

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**Alienation and extremism – report from Wadham College Human Rights Forum roundtable discussion**

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**Tony Blair says 'flabby liberalism' is helping terrorists because elite feel too 'guilty' to take on the extremists**

Eleanor Harding

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**The west's Islamophobia is only helping the Islamic State**

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**The West will never be safe from terrorism until it stops trying to impose its will on others**

Haroon Moghul

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**Mother of “cucumber, not cooker bomb” toddler, in her own words**

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**Muslims like me are asked the same questions after any terrorist attack. For the record, here are our answers**

Miqdaad Versi

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Rowena Mason

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Javier Espinosa

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/education/12203389/Teachers-to-call-for-safe-space-for-children-to-discuss-radical-views.html>

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Melissa Davey

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Eleanor Harding

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Lazar Stankov

<https://theconversation.com/brussels-attacks-why-do-family-members-commit-terrorism-together-56800>

**Terrorists in the Family**

Benjamin Wallace-Wells

<http://www.newyorker.com/news/benjamin-wallace-wells/terrorists-in-the-family>

**Brussels attacks: We must not allow terrorists to gain control over our minds**

Ian Robertson

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Engy Abdelkader

<http://time.com/4270539/fear-extremism/>

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**Prevent Strategy 'Used To Target Young Muslims'**

John Craig

<http://news.sky.com/story/1666675/prevent-strategy-used-to-target-young-muslims>

**Prevent Strategy Is 'Used To Target Young Muslims', Teachers' Union Motion Claims**

Sarah Ann Harris

[http://www.huffingtonpost.co.uk/entry/prevent-strategy-target-young-muslims-teachers-union-motion-claims\\_uk\\_56f4f68fe4b0ca3c7feb0b07](http://www.huffingtonpost.co.uk/entry/prevent-strategy-target-young-muslims-teachers-union-motion-claims_uk_56f4f68fe4b0ca3c7feb0b07)

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Press Association

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## **Teachers 'more likely to report children as potential terrorists than police'**

Javier Espinosa

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Aaron James

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Freddie Whittaker

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## **Schools have 'moral obligation' to protect students from extremism, says union head.**

Ruth Gledhill

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Simon Hooper

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## **Teachers warn extremism policy prevents open debate**

Sean Coughlan

<http://www.bbc.com/news/education-35907831>

## **Teachers want to scrap the government's Prevent strategy that requires them to monitor children for signs of extremism**

Eleanor Harding

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Richard Adams

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Richard Garner

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### **Fears of being branded a terrorist 'stopping children from talking about current affairs' at school**

Mark Ellis

<http://www.mirror.co.uk/news/uk-news/fears-being-branded-terrorist-stopping-7642276>

### **Withdraw the Prevent anti-terror strategy from schools, say teachers**

Eleanor Busby

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### **Teachers vow to AXE 'British values' classes because 'it promotes cultural supremacy'**

Charlie Peat

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Niamh Ni Mhaoileoin

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### **When my school received Prevent counter-terrorism training, the only objectors were white. That says it all**

Rob Price

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### **Fixing the 'Prevent' strategy in UK education**

Daniel Giraldo

<http://www.e-ir.info/2016/03/30/fixing-the-prevent-strategy-in-uk-education>

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### **From Brighton to the battlefield: how four young Britons were drawn to jihad**

Mark Townsend

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