



# What is extremism and radicalisation?

- **Extremism**

- The holding of extreme political or religious views

- **Radicalisation**

- is a process by which an individual or group comes to adopt increasingly extreme political, social, or religious ideals and aspirations that (1) reject or undermine the status quo or (2) reject and/or undermine contemporary ideas and expressions of freedom of choice.

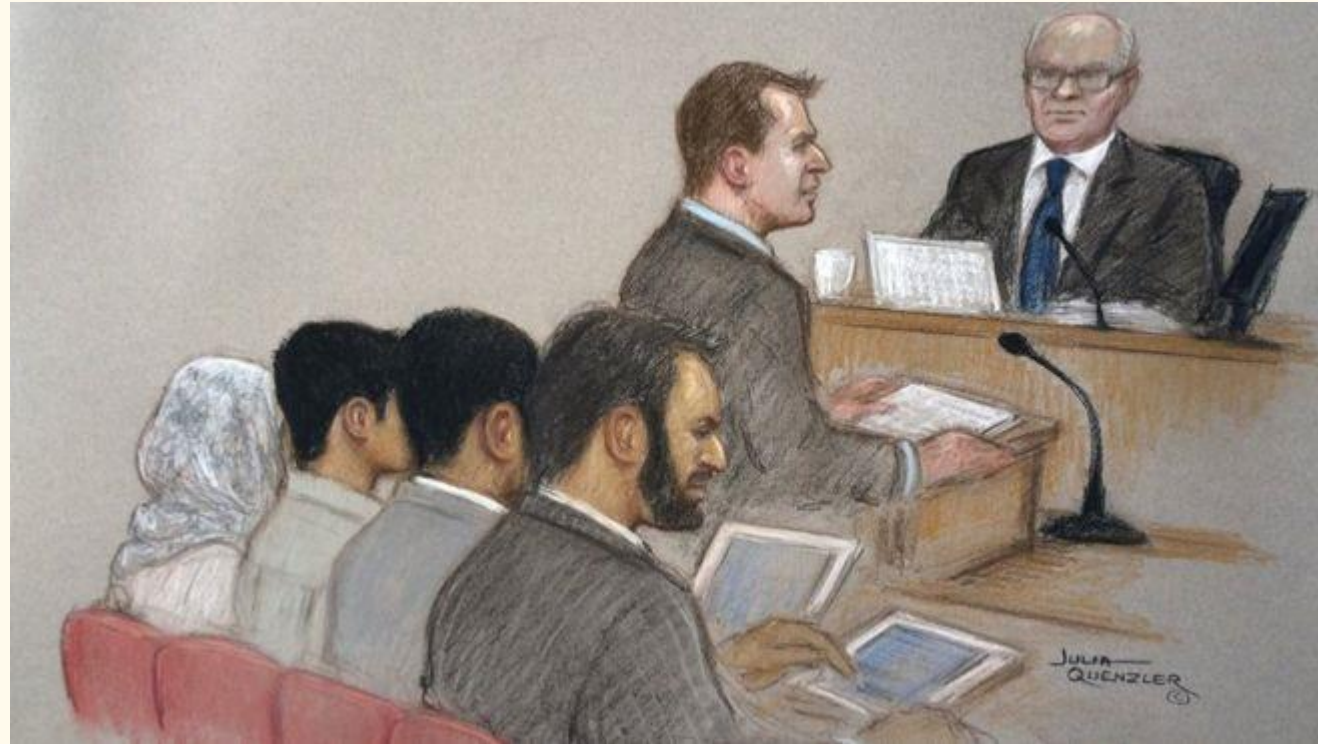
# Newswatch

**Watch the Different News clips about examples of people who have been radicalised and taken extreme actions.**

**What do they have in common?**

**What do you think led to them becoming radicalised?**

# Blackburn boy used smartphone to plan Anzac terror plot



# Three UK schoolgirls 'travelling to Syria'

43 British women and girls in Syria, say police



At least 700 people from the UK have travelled to support or fight for jihadist organisations in Syria and Iraq



# Signs that someone is at risk of becoming radicalised.

There is no catch-all description, or foolproof signs that parents can look out for. However there are factors which mean a young person may be more vulnerable to those seeking to radicalise them, including;

- A conviction that their religion or culture is under threat and treated unjustly.
- A tendency to look for conspiracy theories and distrust of mainstream media.
- The need for identity and belonging.
- The need for more excitement and adventure.
- Being susceptible to influence by their peers/friends.
- Mental health issues can exacerbate other vulnerabilities mentioned above

## Worrying behaviour

There are behaviour changes which may indicate that someone has been exposed to extremist influences and are at risk of acting upon their new beliefs;

- Have they become more argumentative and domineering?
- Are they quick to condemn those who don't agree, and do they ignore viewpoints which contradict their own?
- Do they express themselves in a divisive 'them and us' manner about others who do not share their religion or beliefs?
- Has their language changed? Have they asked inappropriate questions, or expressed themselves in a way that sounds scripted? Have they used derogatory terms such as 'kaffir' or 'rafidi', or terms such as 'dawlah' or 'khilafah'?
- Has their circle of friends changed, including on social media, and are they distancing themselves from friends they were previously close to?
- Do their friends express radical or extremist views?
- Have they lost interest in activities they used to enjoy?
- Are they spending increasing amounts of time online, and are they overly secretive about what they are doing?
- Have they expressed sympathy with violent extremist groups such as ISIS, condoning their actions and ideology?
- Have they expressed sympathy or understanding for other young British people who have joined these groups?



# What should you do if you have any concerns?

- **Content you have seen on the internet**
- **Internet searches and FB 'likes' of friends or family**
- **Extreme views of friends or family**
- **Concern over actions of friends or family**

**Talk to a Child Protection Officer**

***Mr Quaintance, Mrs Holroyd and Mrs Keeley***

**Want to know more or still feeling confused?**

**Talk to your teachers, friends and family.**

Other News Stories that highlight examples of how people have been radicalised.

- [Far Right extremist – Anders Breivik – Norway Masacre](#)

