

Countering Violent Extremism in Aotearoa New Zealand

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Overview

- 1. What do we mean by “violent extremism”?**
- 2. What is the threat of violent extremism in NZ?**
- 3. How has violent extremism been responded to and dealt with elsewhere?**
- 4. What are the main challenges and problems with PCVE approaches?**
- 5. What do we actually know about violent extremism and how to counter it?**
- 6. What is the NZ approach and will it be effective?**

What do we mean by “violent extremism”?

- + The evolution of the language of Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism – PCVE**
- + The War on Terror context**

What is the threat of violent extremism in NZ?

- + The challenges threat evaluation**
- + A varied, idiosyncratic, low but growing threat**

How has violent extremism been responded to and dealt with elsewhere?

- + Hard versus soft approaches**
- + De-radicalisation versus disengagement approaches**

What are the main challenges and problems with PCVE approaches?

- + Conceptual-theoretical problems**
- + Evidentiary-scientific problems**
- + Practical-consequential problems**

What do we actually know about violent extremism and how to counter it?

- + What we know about the causes of violent extremism:**
 - Individual level**
 - Group level**
 - Social and international levels**
- + What we know about dealing with violent extremism**

What is the NZ approach and will it be effective?

- + A strategy still under construction**
- + Some things to watch out for**

Conclusion

- + **Violent extremism as a symptom of society**
- + **The need for “positive radicalisation”**
- + **Focusing on anti-violence**