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Home Office

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/independent-review-political-violence-and-disruption>

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Home Office

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/operation-of-police-powers-under-the-terrorism-act-2000-quarterly-update-to-december-2020/operation-of-police-powers-under-the-terrorism-act-2000-and-subsequent-legislation-arrests-outcomes-and-stop-and-search-great-britain-year-ending>

**Letter from William Shawcross to the Prevent Network**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/letter-from-william-shawcross-to-the-prevent-network/letter-from-william-shawcross-to-the-prevent-network-accessible-version>

**The Commission for Countering Extremism – Three Years on**

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<https://extremismcommission.blog.gov.uk/2021/03/31/the-commission-for-countering-extremism-three-years-on/>

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**A moral education? British Values, colour-blindness, and preventing terrorism**

Christine Winter, Charlotte Heath-Kelly, Amna Kaleem, China Mills

<https://doi.org/10.1177/0261018321998926>

**The EU’s Counter-Terrorism measures continue to perpetuate institutional discrimination with serious impacts on racialised groups**

European Network Against Racism

<https://www.enar-eu.org/STATEMENT-The-EU-s-Counter-Terrorism-measures-continue-to-perpetuate>

**Project Hunter: The UK Programme Exporting its Border Abroad**

UK exporting CVE to Xinjiang in China “where residents are subject to some of the most pervasive surveillance in the world”

<https://privacyinternational.org/long-read/2780/project-hunter-uk-programme-exporting-its-border-abroad>

(HT Tarek Younis for spotting this, <https://twitter.com/Tarek_Younis_/status/1376841220455038976>\_

**TINA by Navine Khan-Dossos**

“Over the next two months, we invite you to read the PDF of TINA, and let us know your thoughts and comments, ahead of the book being printed later this year. This ‘Reflexive Editorial’ is a way for us to share the process and ideas, and for you as a stakeholder to let us know what you think. We hope to be able to include these comments in some way as part of the final book. Your feedback is invaluable to us, and we hope it helps you feel part of this important moment as we wait to hear the findings of the UK government's Independent Review of Prevent.”

There are two parts to this launch, the first being the PDF. The second is the ability for people to feedback to us about the book. Both can be accessed via the following link.

<http://www.khandossos.com/works/there-is-no-alternative/tina-a-publication/>

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**I want to hear the case for and against Prevent**

William Shawcross

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2021/mar/03/i-want-to-hear-the-case-for-and-against-prevent>

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**Terrorism police foil three terror attacks during Covid-19 pandemic as arrests fall by 34 per cent**

Lucy Leeson

<https://www.yorkshirepost.co.uk/news/crime/terrorism-police-foil-three-terror-attacks-during-covid-19-pandemic-as-arrests-fall-by-34-per-cent-3154495>

**'Early intervention' vital as online grooming increases amid Covid, says Empowering Minds founder**

Yusef Alam

<https://www.thetelegraphandargus.co.uk/news/19132739.early-intervention-vital-online-grooming-increases-amid-covid-says-empowering-minds-founder/>

**The radical Right is learning from the GameStop squeeze**

Bethan Johnson (CARR)

<https://www.opendemocracy.net/en/countering-radical-right/radical-right-learning-gamestop-squeeze/>

**LOCKDOWN TERROR PLOTS Kids arrested by counter-terror cops as three terrorist attacks foiled in Britain in lockdown**

Joe Duggan

<https://www.thesun.co.uk/news/14233129/counter-terror-three-terrorist-attacks/>

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**Terror threats and extremism to be debated by Brighton and Hove councillors**

Sarah Booker-Lewis

<https://www.brightonandhovenews.org/2021/03/05/terror-threats-and-extremism-to-be-debated-by-brighton-and-hove-councillors/>

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**Radicalisation work earns University of Cambridge researcher Women of the Future award**

Mike Scialom

<https://www.cambridgeindependent.co.uk/news/radicalisation-work-earns-university-of-cambridge-researcher-women-of-the-future-award-9159054/>

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Patrick Barkham

<https://www.theguardian.com/books/2021/mar/09/naomi-klein-we-shouldnt-be-surprised-that-kids-are-radicalised-how-to-change-everything>

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Layla Aitlhadj

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**Brighton and Hove City Council Looking to Stamp Out Terrorism Threat Brought on by ‘Conspiracy Theorists’**

Matthew Roscoe

<https://www.euroweeklynews.com/2021/03/09/brighton-and-hove-city-council-looking-to-stamp-out-terrorism-threat-brought-on-by-conspiracy-theorists/>

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**Terrorism is evolving: Isolation is a route to radicalisation we cannot ignore**

Matt Dryden (research fellow at the Henry Jackson Society’s Centre on Radicalisation and Terrorism, and a former Prevent officer and police investigator)

<https://www.independent.co.uk/voices/terrorism-isolation-radicalisation-school-shootings-b1815261.html>

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**One secret weapon against extremism: Google ads promoting mindfulness: Moonshot is part of a burgeoning counter-radicalization industry armed with ads, big data, and decades of experience engaging extremists. Can its strategies work against a new threat?**

ALEX PASTERNACK

<https://www.fastcompany.com/90607977/moonshot-digital-counter-radicalization-google-ads-mindfulness-redirect-method>

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Grace Witherden

<https://www.sloughexpress.co.uk/news/slough/166498/slough-man-who-shared-boko-haram-video-admits-terrorism-offence.html>

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**Extremist groups using Covid conspiracies to 'attract a more mainstream audience'**

Chris Young

<https://www.thetelegraphandargus.co.uk/news/19158032.extremist-groups-using-covid-conspiracies-attract-mainstream-audience/>

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**Inside the warped world of the Incel movement**

Julie Bindel

<https://www.spectator.co.uk/article/men-are-being-radicalised-by-the-incel-movement>

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Chris Young

<https://www.examinerlive.co.uk/news/west-yorkshire-news/extremist-groups-bradford-spreading-fears-20161134>

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Cara McGoogan

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/women/life/shamima-begums-transformation-ploy-get-back-britain/>

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**UK plans new counter-terrorism centre, says chemical or nuclear attack likely**

Michael Holden

<https://www.reuters.com/article/britain-politics-foreign-security/uk-plans-new-counter-terrorism-centre-says-chemical-or-nuclear-attack-likely-idUSL8N2LE3F8>

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Flora Thompson

<https://www.standard.co.uk/news/uk/defence-africa-middle-east-northern-ireland-national-crime-agency-b924409.html>

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Jamie Grierson

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**Hundreds of UK Muslim groups boycott government's Prevent review over controversial appointment**

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5 Pillars

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News Editor

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Layla Aitlhadj

<https://www.middleeasteye.net/opinion/uk-prevent-review-counter-extremism-policy-harmed-listen>

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Maryam Jameela

<https://www.thecanary.co/investigation/2021/03/20/the-home-office-is-sinking-around-44m-a-year-into-prevent-wheres-it-all-going/>

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Imran Shah

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Lizzie Dearden

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/terrorist-prisoners-uk-deradicalisation-ddp-report-b1821228.html>

**Terrorists pretend to sleep during deradicalisation classes, adviser reveals**

Charles Hymas

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2021/03/23/police-need-new-powers-force-terrorists-hand-digital-passwords/>

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Charlie Peters

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John Farmer

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Natasha Meek

<https://www.thetelegraphandargus.co.uk/news/19191549.watchdog-police-take-action-sharing-batley-teachers-identity/>

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Lizzie Dearden

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5 Pillars

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Eaun Duncan

<https://www.lutontoday.co.uk/news/politics/luton-marked-as-a-priority-area-in-governments-anti-extremism-programme-for-11th-year-3182417>

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Alison Scott-Baumann and Simon Perfect

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Charles Hymas

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Matt Dryden

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