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**The Counter Extremism Group**

<https://twitter.com/CEGroupUK>

See thread for who is involved

<https://twitter.com/RobinSimcox/status/1280498109441851396>

They will be asking Government's to "stop" & "limit" people's ideas [43secs].

And tells us that "extremists often act using the democratic process" [2min25].

<https://youtu.be/auhk-x9cL2E>

Government

**PVE and Strengthening Social Cohesion: Investing in Youth-led and Youth-driven Initiatives**

UNDP

<https://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/news-centre/speeches/2020/pve-and-strengthening-social-cohesion.html>

**Public reminded to report suspicious activity and concerns about vulnerable people**

Avon and Somerset Police

<https://www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/news/2020/07/public-reminded-to-report-suspicious-activity-and-concerns-about-vulnerable-people/>

**FEUERKRIEG DIVISION (FKD) PROSCRIBED AS TERRORIST GROUP**

Counter Terrorism Policing

<https://www.counterterrorism.police.uk/fkd-proscribed/>

Reports and Papers

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Medact

<https://www.medact.org/2020/resources/reports/false-positives-the-prevent-counter-extremism-policy-in-healthcare/>

**Islam and Muslims on UK University Campuses: perceptions and challenges**

Professor Alison Scott-Baumann together with Dr Sariya Cheruvallil-Contractor (Coventry University), Professor Mathew Guest (Durham University), Dr Shuruq Naguib (Lancaster University) and Dr Aisha Phoenix (SOAS) with Kareem Darwish (SOAS).

<https://www.soas.ac.uk/representingislamoncampus/publications/file148310.pdf>

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**Psychiatrists urge new leader to rid profession of institutional racism**

Haroon Siddique

<https://www.theguardian.com/society/2020/jul/01/psychiatrists-urge-new-leader-to-rid-profession-of-institutional-racism>

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Jamie Grierson

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2020/jul/02/mental-health-may-be-significant-factor-in-nhs-referrals-to-prevent>

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**Tamworth Boxing Club's national campaign against extremism**

Matt Panter

<https://www.birminghammail.co.uk/news/midlands-news/tamworth-boxing-clubs-national-campaign-18522418>

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**Safiyya Shaikh: How undercover operation caught a drug addict jihadist**

Dominic Casciani

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-53264640>

**St Paul's bomb-plotter Safiyya Amira Shaikh given life sentence**

Owen Bowcott , Josh Halliday and Nazia Parveen

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2020/jul/03/st-pauls-bomb-plotter-safiyya-amira-shaikh-given-life-sentence>

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**'My son was a 7/7 suicide bomber and nobody's doing anything to stop radicalisation'**

Dan Warburton

<https://www.mirror.co.uk/news/uk-news/my-son-77-suicide-bomber-22302449>

**The Government’s counter-terrorism strategy is failing the public**

Rachael Bletchly

<https://www.mirror.co.uk/news/uk-news/rachael-bletchly-governments-counter-terrorism-22301907>

**Manchester University Press criticised for publishing book linked to Islamist advocacy group**

Steve Bird

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2020/07/04/manchester-university-press-criticised-publishing-book-linked/>

*In response, Manchester University Press Offer a 50% discount until the end of July with the code RESISTRACISM*

[*https://manchesteruniversitypress.co.uk/9781526151469/*](https://manchesteruniversitypress.co.uk/9781526151469/)

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<https://www.islingtongazette.co.uk/news/health/camden-and-islington-nhs-prevent-referrals-1-6735273>

**A duty of care law is urgently needed to combat rise of hateful extremism online, says Government adviser**

Charles Hymas

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2020/07/08/duty-care-law-urgently-needed-combat-rise-hateful-extremism/>

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**Neo-Nazis telling followers to ‘deliberately infect’ Jews and Muslims with coronavirus, report warns**

Lizzie Dearden

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/neo-nazis-coronavirus-jews-muslims-racism-antisemitism-islamophobia-a9608851.html>

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**British counterterrorism bill takes the country further down a dangerous road**

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<https://www.middleeasteye.net/opinion/british-counterterrorism-bill-takes-country-further-down-dangerous-road>

**This pandemic is spreading extremism as well as coronavirus. I’m trying to fight it – but I need the government’s help**

Sadiq Khan

<https://www.independent.co.uk/voices/coronavirus-pandemic-extremism-far-right-islamist-terror-threat-uk-a9615566.html>

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**Radicalisation still a threat in UK jails**

Jamie Prentis

<https://www.thenational.ae/world/europe/radicalisation-still-a-threat-in-uk-jails-1.1049129>

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**We will not let far-right extremism spread unchecked**

James Brokenshire

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/we-will-not-let-far-right-extremism-spread-unchecked-8qzz8nvjg>

**Prevent encourages ‘culture of suspicion and surveillance in universities’**

5 Pillars

<https://5pillarsuk.com/2020/07/15/prevent-encourages-culture-of-suspicion-and-surveillance-in-universities/>

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**Rhetoric of the War on terror coming home in the US**

<https://twitter.com/AlexEmmons/status/1284153778103615495?s=20>

**The UK can’t pretend its radicalised citizens belong to someone else**

Stephen Bush

<https://www.newstatesman.com/politics/uk/2020/07/uk-cant-pretend-its-radicalised-citizens-belong-someone-else>

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**Manchester colleges agreed to share data of students referred to counter-terror scheme**

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<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2020/jul/19/manchester-colleges-agreed-to-share-data-of-students-referred-to-counter-terror-scheme>

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**Islam Campus Report (@22mins30)**

BBC

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/m000l1w1>

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**Police may drop ‘Islamist’ term when describing terror attacks**

Dominic Kennedy

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/police-may-drop-term-islamist-when-describing-terror-attacks-7pjsf8pn7>

**Police consider dropping phrases like 'Islamist terror' - 'They don't help community'**

Stephen Brown

<https://www.express.co.uk/news/uk/1311818/terror-uk-police-islamist-terror-jihadi-ISIS-met-police>

**The Terrorism Act 2000**

Posted by MASKED AVENGER

<https://maskedavenger1.wordpress.com/2020/07/20/the-terrorism-act-2000/>

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**Diane Abbott leads calls for government to scrap ‘toxic, counter-productive’ Prevent counter-terrorism programme**

Darren Boyle

<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-8546057/Diane-Abbott-calls-scrapping-Prevent-counter-terror-programme.html>

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<https://ceasefiremagazine.co.uk/strained-solidarities-rebuilding-mass-anti-racist-movement-britain/>

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John Holmwood , Peter Oborne

<https://www.middleeasteye.net/opinion/uk-ehrc-prevent-equality-islamophobia-failed-muslims>

**How COVID-19 Has Impacted Counter-Extremism Efforts**

Sean Arbuthnot

<https://rantt.com/how-covid-19-has-impacted-counter-extremism-efforts>

**MUSLIM ACTIVISTS SAY IT’S TIME TO JOIN BLACK LIVES MATTER CALLS TO REFORM LAW ENFORCEMENT**

Amal Ahmed

<https://www.texasobserver.org/muslim-activists-black-lives-matter-plano/>

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<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2020/jul/24/surveillance-tech-facial-recognition-terror-capitalism>

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**Is Terrorist Rehabilitation a Farce? A New Study Suggests Sometimes Yes**

Kalyna White

<https://www.hstoday.us/subject-matter-areas/counterterrorism/is-terrorist-rehabilitation-a-farce-a-new-study-suggests-sometimes-yes/>

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**Gay journalist Owen Jones says the vicious attack on him is proof the UK isn’t fighting far-right extremism properly**

Vic Parsons

<https://www.pinknews.co.uk/2020/07/29/owen-jones-attack-assault-uk-far-right-extremism-radicalisation-lbc-james-obrien/>

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**UK to Review Current Hate Laws**

Asad Mirza

<http://brighterkashmir.com/-uk-to-review-current-hate-laws>