**The Prevent duty, ‘extremism’ and ‘radicalisation’**

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| **MUST READS**  **Free speech on campus: charity regulator’s fear of controversy risks undermining students’ union debates**  Alison Scott-Baumann & Simon Perfect  [The Conversation](https://theconversation.com/free-speech-on-campus-charity-regulators-fear-of-controversy-risks-undermining-students-union-debates-102694?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Latest%20from%20The%20Conversation%20for%20October%205%202018%20-%201128210117&utm_content=Latest%20from%20The%20Conversation%20for%20October%205%202018%20-%201128210117+CID_9d43b2b5ed93c36ad772ba4de9d41bcc&utm_source=campaign_monitor_uk&utm_term=Free%20speech%20on%20campus%20charity%20regulators%20fear%20of%20controversy%20risks%20undermining%20students%20union%20debates)  **Ministry blocks study into radicalisation in prisons**  Richard Ford, & Fiona Hamilton  <https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/ministry-blocks-study-into-radicalisation-in-prisons-v2g9rzhmt>  **European Counter-Terrorism Approaches: A Slow and Insidious Erosion of Fundamental Rights**  Fionnuala Ní Aoláin  <https://www.justsecurity.org/61086/european-counter-terrorism-approaches-slow-insidious-erosion-fundamental-rights/>  **Town ‘victim of own success’ over Prevent**  Paul Faulkner  <https://www.lancashiretelegraph.co.uk/news/16996249.town-victim-of-own-success-over-prevent/>  **Groups urge House of Lords to rethink Counter-Terror and Border Security Bill**  Index on Censorship  <https://www.indexoncensorship.org/2018/10/groups-urge-house-lords-rethink-counter-terror-border-security-bill/>  **Lords Select Committee**  Counter-Terrorism and Border Security Bill fails to protect constitutional principles, warns Committee  <https://www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/lords-select/constitution-committee/news-parliament-2017/counter-terrorism-and-border-security/>  *Chairman of the House of Lords Constitution Committee, Baroness Taylor of Bolton said:*  *"The Bill fails to respect important constitutional principles. Broad definitions for offences, excessive reliance on Government assurances, and barriers to proper parliamentary scrutiny are all deeply problematic. We urge the Government to think again, considering both the recommendations from this Committee and those of the Joint Committee on Human Rights."*  **MI5 to take over in fight against rise of UK rightwing extremism**  Vikram Dodd  <https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2018/oct/28/mi5-lead-battle-against-uk-rightwing-extremists-police-action> |

Reports and Papers

**Home Affairs Committee**

Subject: Counter-terrorism (Wednesday 24 October 2018)

Witnesses: AC Neil Basu, National Lead for Counter Terrorism Policing & Sara Khan, Chief of Commission for Countering Extremism

<https://parliamentlive.tv/Event/Index/c46b2451-358d-4a38-9a98-d99ad6066db6>

Summary

* The Commissioner says that there is "a growing distrust in our state institutions, in our wider democracy as well" at 16:02:15, falling to see the irony that counter-‘extremism’ is born out of a distrust of democracy
* Yvette Cooper MP asks the Commissioner, "Isn't it a bit ridiculous [if Prevent] is off your agenda" at 17:16:16
* The Commissioner says that "there's a lack of evidence on extremism" at 16:16:30
* Yvette Cooper MP tells the Commissioner, "I don't see how you can do your job if PREVENT is excluded?" at 16:17:50
* The Commissioner says that those critical of counter-extremism are a "lobby of extremists and extremist sympathisers" at 16:38:00. One wonders where this leaves the many academics, Lords and MPs who are critical of Prevent
* Kate Green MP says that the Commissioner’s evidence "feels a bit anecdotal" at 16:39:46

**Lords Select Committee**

Counter-Terrorism and Border Security Bill fails to protect constitutional principles, warns Committee

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/lords-select/constitution-committee/news-parliament-2017/counter-terrorism-and-border-security/>

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Save the date

**Community, Citizenship and Cohesion: Schools and the Promotion of Fundamental British Values**

Thursday November 29th UCL IOE, 20 Bedford Way, room 728, 5.30-7pm (followed by refreshments)

Prof Carol Vincent, Dr Reza Gholami and Jonathan James

**Work based learners and the Prevent statutory duty**

Department for Education

<https://www.fenews.co.uk/press-releases/20654-guidance-work-based-learners-and-the-prevent-statutory-duty>

Guidelines

**Help for members working with extremism, violent extremism and terrorism**

The British Psychological Society

<https://www.bps.org.uk/news-and-policy/help-members-working-extremism-violent-extremism-and-terrorism>

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**Anjem Choudary prison release could worsen both Islamist and far-right extremism, experts warn**

Lizzie Dearden

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/crime/anjem-choudary-prison-released-jail-extremism-isis-terror-islamist-far-right-al-muhajiroun-a8565601.html>

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| 04.10.18 |

**Free speech on campus: charity regulator’s fear of controversy risks undermining students’ union debates**

Alison Scott-Baumann & Simon Perfect

[The Conversation](https://theconversation.com/free-speech-on-campus-charity-regulators-fear-of-controversy-risks-undermining-students-union-debates-102694?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Latest%20from%20The%20Conversation%20for%20October%205%202018%20-%201128210117&utm_content=Latest%20from%20The%20Conversation%20for%20October%205%202018%20-%201128210117+CID_9d43b2b5ed93c36ad772ba4de9d41bcc&utm_source=campaign_monitor_uk&utm_term=Free%20speech%20on%20campus%20charity%20regulators%20fear%20of%20controversy%20risks%20undermining%20students%20union%20debates)

**St Helens Council warns of right-wing radicalisation threat**

<https://www.sthelensstar.co.uk/news/16961693.st-helens-council-warns-of-right-wing-radicalisation-threat/>

**Heart-breaking comedy about radicalisation**

Vicky Angear

<http://www.thewestonmercury.co.uk/what-s-on/theatre/win-tickets-to-bismillah-at-the-theatre-shop-in-clevedon-1-5722339>

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**"Radicalized" will be my next book!**

<https://boingboing.net/2018/10/06/march-2019.html>

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| 10.10.18 |

**Isis supporters 'frustrated' at being stopped from travelling to Syria may attack UK instead, terror police chief warns**

Lizzie Dearden

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/isis-terror-attacks-uk-plots-supporters-travel-syria-frustrated-basu-foreign-fighters-a8576431.html>

**Terror threat WARNING: UK at risk of attacks as radicalisation happens within HOURS**

Alice Scarsi

<https://www.express.co.uk/news/uk/1029359/terror-attack-news-UK-news-mi5-terror-attack>

**Radicalisation can now happen between breakfast and lunch, claims former Mi5 Head**

Nick Lester and Trevor Mason

<https://www.policeoracle.com/news/terrorism_and_allied_matters/2018/Oct/10/radicalisation-can-now-happen-between-breakfast-and-lunch--claims-former-mi5-head_99181.html>

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| 15.10.18 |

**Ministry blocks study into radicalisation in prisons**

Richard Ford, & Fiona Hamilton

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/ministry-blocks-study-into-radicalisation-in-prisons-v2g9rzhmt>

**UK blocks prison conversion study**

The National

<https://www.thenational.ae/world/europe/uk-blocks-prison-conversion-study-1.780935>

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| 16.10.18 |

**Freed hate cleric Anjem Choudary banned from leaving London to stop him radicalising others**

Martin Bentham

<https://www.standard.co.uk/news/uk/freed-hate-cleric-anjem-choudary-banned-from-leaving-london-to-stop-him-radicalising-others-a3962846.html>

**MPs Warn Proposed Counter-Terrorism Laws Breach Human Rights**

Rahul Verma

<https://rightsinfo.org/mps-warn-proposed-counter-terrorism-laws-breach-human-rights/?utm_source=twitter&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=SocialWarfare>

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**European Counter-Terrorism Approaches: A Slow and Insidious Erosion of Fundamental Rights**

Fionnuala Ní Aoláin

<https://www.justsecurity.org/61086/european-counter-terrorism-approaches-slow-insidious-erosion-fundamental-rights/>

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**This is how much Lancashire County Council has been given by the government to help it fight extremism...**

Paul Faulkner

<https://www.lep.co.uk/news/this-is-how-much-lancashire-county-council-has-been-given-by-the-government-to-help-it-fight-extremism-1-9402694>

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| 19.10.18 |

**Anjem Choudary released: Radical Islamist preacher jailed for inviting support for Isis leaves prison**

Lizzie Dearden

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/anjem-choudary-released-prison-isis-radical-islamist-tommy-robinson-luton-islamic-state-a8591291.html>

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| 20.10.18 |

**Town ‘victim of own success’ over Prevent**

Paul Faulkner

<https://www.lancashiretelegraph.co.uk/news/16996249.town-victim-of-own-success-over-prevent/>

**Police plea for information on radicalisation after Sunderland engineer Abdulrahman Alcharbati found guilty of terrorism charges**

Ross Robertson

<https://www.sunderlandecho.com/news/crime/police-plea-for-information-on-radicalisation-after-sunderland-engineer-abdulrahman-alcharbati-found-guilty-of-terrorism-charges-1-9406056>

**Anjem Choudary is a 'dangerous individual' who has not been 'de-radicalised,' says head of anti-extremism group**

Sophie Williamson

<https://www.standard.co.uk/news/uk/anjem-choudary-is-a-dangerous-individual-who-has-not-been-deradicalised-says-head-of-antiextremism-a3965896.html>

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| 24.10.18 |

**Terror investigations hit record high in UK as Islamists and far-right 'feed each other', police reveal**

Lizzie Dearden

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/crime/terror-attacks-uk-police-isis-islamist-far-right-extremists-investigations-a8599571.html>

**British counter-terror chief warns against far-right threat**

Gareth Browne

<https://www.thenational.ae/world/europe/british-counter-terror-chief-warns-against-far-right-threat-1.784010>

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| 25.10.18 |

**Groups urge House of Lords to rethink Counter-Terror and Border Security Bill**

Index on Censorship

<https://www.indexoncensorship.org/2018/10/groups-urge-house-lords-rethink-counter-terror-border-security-bill/>

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| 27.10.18 |

**UK towns ‘polarised’ by rise of far right**

Mark Townsend

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2018/oct/27/uk-towns-polarised-by-far-right-sara-khan-counter-extremism-commissioner>

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| 28.10.18 |

**The media should not play in the hands of extremists like Choudary**

Mahmud el-Shafey

<https://thearabweekly.com/media-should-not-play-hands-extremists-choudary>

**MI5 to take over in fight against rise of UK rightwing extremism**

Vikram Dodd

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2018/oct/28/mi5-lead-battle-against-uk-rightwing-extremists-police-action>

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**Colleges report Swindon pupils over radicalisation fears**

Tom Seaward

<https://www.swindonadvertiser.co.uk/news/17185418.colleges-report-swindon-pupils-over-radicalisation-fears/>

**Building stronger cities together**

Louise Mcdonald

<https://theuk.directory/building-stronger-cities-together/>

**Home Office grapples with radicalisation as terrorist a week is released from jail**

Fiona Hamilton

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/home-office-grapples-with-radicalisation-as-terrorist-a-week-is-released-from-jail-d5klb7pj3>

**Hate preacher Anjem Choudary must go on anti‑extremism course**

Fiona Hamilton & Richard Ford

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/anjem-choudary-must-go-on-anti-extremism-course-qglq7k86d>

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**Manchester expert joins national commission for countering extremism**

<https://www.manchester.ac.uk/discover/news/national-commission-for-countering-extremism/>