

What is radicalisation?

Radicalisation is when someone starts to **believe or support extreme views**. They could be **pressured** to do things illegal by someone else. Or they might **change their behaviour** and beliefs.

This could happen if they feel:

- isolated and lonely or **wanting to belong**
- **unhappy about themselves** and what others might think of them
- **embarrassed or judged** about their culture, gender, religion or race
- **stressed or depressed**
- fed up of **being bullied** or treated badly by other people or by society
- **angry** at other people or the government
- **confused** about what they are doing
- **pressured** to stand up for other people who are being oppressed.



What is extremism?

When people have **very strong opinions**, these could become extreme.

People who have certain beliefs about politics or religions which are **hateful, dangerous or against the law** are often known as extremists. This harmful behaviour is called extremism.

Extremists might use **violence and damage** to express their views. And extremist racial or religious groups might use **hate, fear or violence to control** and influence people. You may have heard different groups mentioned, like Daesh, also known as ISIS or IS.

Extremism in the media

What do you know about the New Zealand mosque attacks last Friday?



The Al Noor mosque in Christchurch, New Zealand - location of one of the shootings



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My heart is broken. My country is weeping and so am I. I am dying knowing that this kind of hatred can happen in my homeland. All my love goes out to Christchurch, the victims, the families, the Muslim community, and all who have chosen our islands as their home. This is not us.



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On behalf of the UK, my deepest condolences to the people of New Zealand after the horrifying terrorist attack in Christchurch. My thoughts are with all of those affected by this sickening act of violence.

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Pursue:
Stop terrorist attacks

Prepare:
Mitigate the impact of a terrorist attack

Protect:
Strengthen our protection
against terrorist attacks

Prevent:
Stop people from becoming
terrorists or supporting terrorism

