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Restorative deradicalization: Examining methods of violence disengagement and community reintegration

Abstract

Scholars have described a trajectory of radicalization to include the structural, familial, and psycho-social drivers that contribute to individual engagement in violence or extremism (e.g., Borum, 2014; Malthaner, 2017; Papachristos, et al., 2013;). While some theories address forms of group-related violence, such as terrorist or gang, the mechanism producing deviant behavior has many common characteristics. Importantly, researchers have focused attention on at-risk youth and marginalized persons susceptible to radicalization. Understanding these pathways to violence provided the impetus for the development of deradicalization and disengagement methods aimed at enabling persons to renounce violent behavior and reintegrate in the community. First, this presentation explains the anatomy of radicalization to enable the recognition of structural and behavioral markers that may signal a progression toward violence and extremism. Second, preventative and intervention measures, intended to hinder radicalization processes, are discussed. Third, it explores deradicalization and reintegration methods/models designed to restore normative behavior and productive community engagement. The findings suggest that certain indicators may predict the likelihood of radicalization, which in some cases, can be ameliorated with specific restorative methods.

Learning objectives Upon the completion of the “Restorative deradicalization: Examining methods of violence disengagement and community reintegration” presentation participants will be able to:

1. Identify specific conditions and mechanisms that contribute to violent behavior;
2. Become familiar with preventative and intervention methods involving radicalization and violent behavior; and
3. Understand deradicalization and reintegration methods aimed at restoring normative and productive behavior in post-radicalized persons.

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