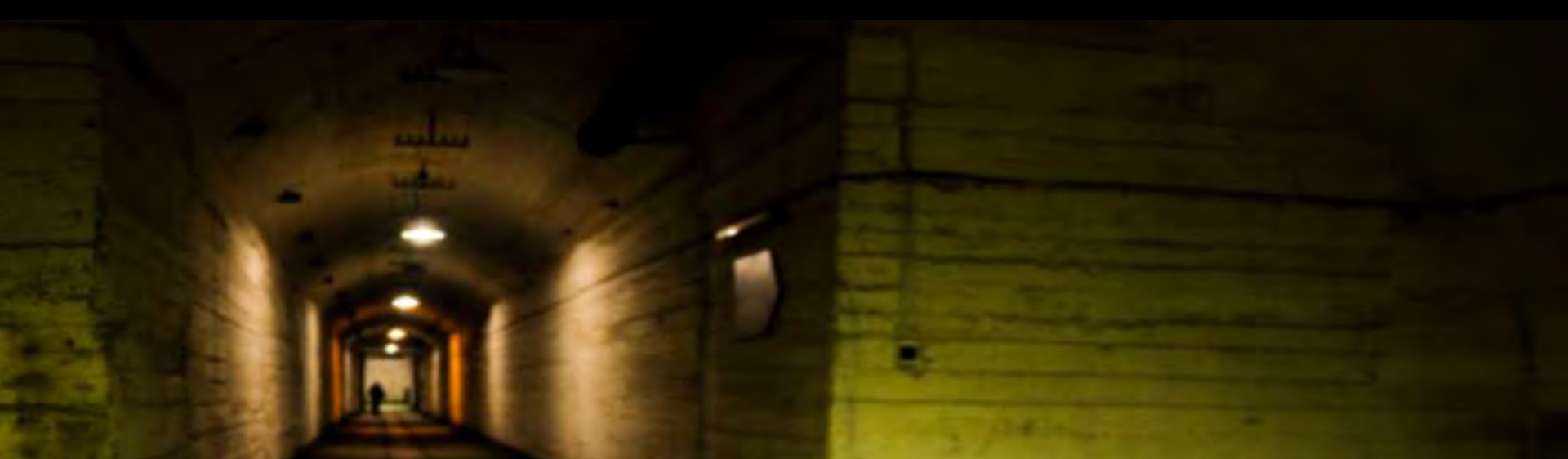


Paths to Radicalization



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Radicalization Process

- Adopting violent extremist position
- To address perceived injustice
- By taking violent actions



Purpose of Briefing

- Identify specific **behaviors** from specific incidents

Moscow metro:

19 black widows could launch fresh attacks

Nineteen "black widow" female suicide bombers trained by an Islamist terrorist known as "the Russian Bin Laden" remain at large and may launch fresh attacks on Moscow, Russian investigators have warned.

You Will Learn:

- **WHY** it happens
- **HOW** it happens
- **WHAT** you may observe
- **SPECIFIC CASES** of radicalization
- **ACTIONS** to take when there is reasonable suspicion



Radicalization Is a Process

- Social
- Psychological
- “Big Picture” solutions



Process Results From:

- Feeling “alone”
- Crisis
- Move toward violent solutions



Because It's a Process

- Observable behaviors at each stage



Who Observes?

- Family
- Friends
- Teachers
- Fellow workers, peers
- Law enforcement



Why?





Feeling **Alone**



Aloneness Produces

- Vulnerability to exploitation
- Search for answers





Most People:

- Accept mystery
- Live in tension
- Accept life
- Exhibit “normal” behavior

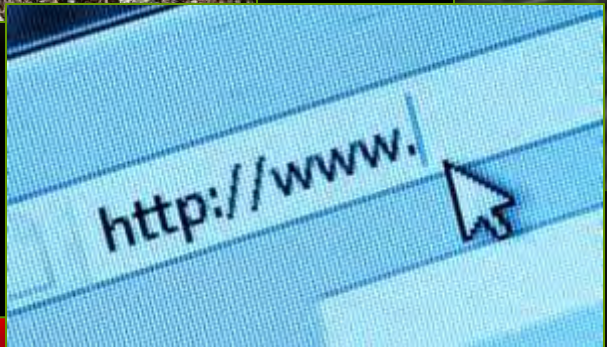


Deep Crisis

- Cannot accept situation
- Open to **radical solutions**
- Want to take action
- Give **behavioral clues**



Sources for Radicalization



Groups Exploit Process

- Hizb-ut-Tahrir
 - Tablighi Jamaat
 - Christian Identity
 - Cults – Aum Shinrikyo
 - Anarchist
 - Street gangs
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- Groups Give a **Sense of Belonging**



How?

- Not a **single** process



Moving to a Group

- **Alienated** youth
- Meet other alienated youths
- **Convert** to cause
- Become **militarized**
- Make connection
- **Join** the group



Accepting the Story

- Long term
- Reinforced by community



The Cosmic Crisis

- Purpose of creation threatened
- Only a small group knows “The Truth”





Modernity Path

ACCEPT

ACCOMMODATE

REJECT

No Single Road

- Each path starts with **alienation**
- Alienation is public, observable
- Each path involves **exposure to violence**
- Violent indicators are **public and observable**



What?

- Suspicious activities you may observe



Groups Calling for Violence

- Elohim City
- Sheik Gilani
- Cult
- Hizb-ut-Tahrir
- Tablighi Jamaat
- KKK



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Militant Preaching

- Anwar al Awlaki
- August Kreis
- Harold Charles Turner
- Yusuf al Khattab –
Revolution Muslim



Prison Radicalization



Prison Groups



- Abu Hamza
- Jailed terrorists **recruiting**
- Jailed terrorists **leading protests**
- Jailed terrorists **joining prison gangs**

Home-Grown Prison Group

- **Charismatic** emergent leader
- Alienated **weak** personality followers
- Increasingly isolate themselves from other prisoners



Prisons' External Recruitment

- “Chaplains”
- Extremist literature and sermons



Radicalized Conversion

- Crisis seeking
- Protection seeking
- Searching
- Manipulating
- Free World recruit



Prison Radicalization

- Terrorists recruited by **Prison Gang Model**
- **One-on-one conversion** by charismatic leader
- Crips gather under banner of Islam
- Aryan Brotherhood moving to Sunnis
- Pitted against Nation of Islam
- Both groups fight Shi`ites
- **Prison Islam against them all**



JIS Jamiyyat Ul-Islam Is-Saheeh



College Campus Radicalization

- Source of ideas
- Ethnic, nationalist, and religious radicals



Six Observable Factors

1. Adopting legalistic, literalist form of religion
2. Trusts only selected legalistic sources
 - Ahmed ibn Taymiyya
 - Mohammed ibn Abdul Wahhab
 - Hassan al Banna
 - Sayyid Qutb
 - Abdullah Maududi



Six Observable Factors (continued)

3. Accepts “Clash of Civilizations”

- West at war with Islam
- Ayman al Zawahiri – 3 choices for infidels
 - Slavery
 - Conversion
 - Death



Six Observable Factors (continued)

4. No tolerance for theological deviance
5. Vehemently tries to convert other Muslims to narrow interpretations
6. Publically advocates violence against U.S. policies



Radicalization

- Cases of Group Paths



Somalis

- Omar Hammami



2nd-Generation Americans

- Tied to homeland
- Want to be part of solution
- Especially vulnerable to:
 - Militant preaching
 - Internet
 - Literature



Najibullah Zazi

- Arrested September 2009
- Conspiracy to attack U.S.
- Guilty plea
- Indicators



Zazi—Indicators

- Beauty supply warehouse, Aurora, Colorado
- Bought too many supplies
- Too talkative when purchasing
- Travel to Pakistan
- Internet searches for bomb-making instructions
- Kept bomb plans on computer
- Studied London bombings
- Telephoned accomplices



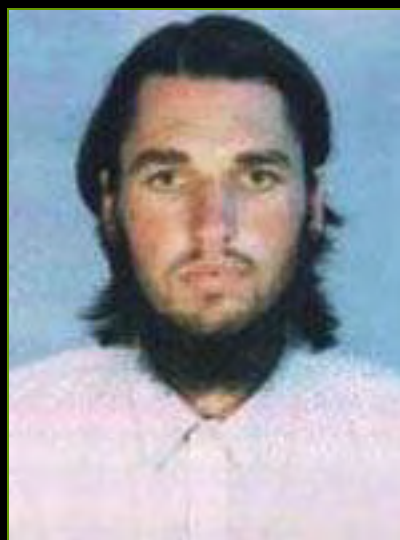
Zazi's Path to Radicalization

- Group decision – joined with high school friends from Queens
 - Zarein Ahmedzay
 - Adis Medunjanin
 - Planned subway suicide attacks



Adam Gadahn

- Southern California
- Rural (no running water)
- Parents reject modernity
- Converts to Islam as teenager



Gadahn's Public Behavior

- Begins to limit connection to small legalistic group
- Loses American identity
- Openly criticizes American values and nonlegalistic Muslims
- Stops all normal activity
- Associates only with small vocal group
- Speaks of violence
- Provocative and seeks confrontation
- Leaves for al Qaeda



Gadahn al Americani



Faisal Shahzad



Radicalization

- Cases of Individual Paths



Joe Stack

- Expresses antigovernment rage
- Posts rage on Internet
- Family concerns about stability
- 36-paragraph suicide note



Major Nadal Malik Hasan

- Individual radicalization
- Palestinian identity crisis
- Frequents radical sermons
- Begins publically expressing views
- Expresses views on e-mail
- Reaching out to be accepted by al Qaeda



Jihad Jane

- A life that could be a Country and Western song
- Hard life – leads to alienation
- Religion as the answer



Colleen Renee LaRose

Public Behavior

- Shorts and T-shirts
- Public drunkenness
- Talking with cats



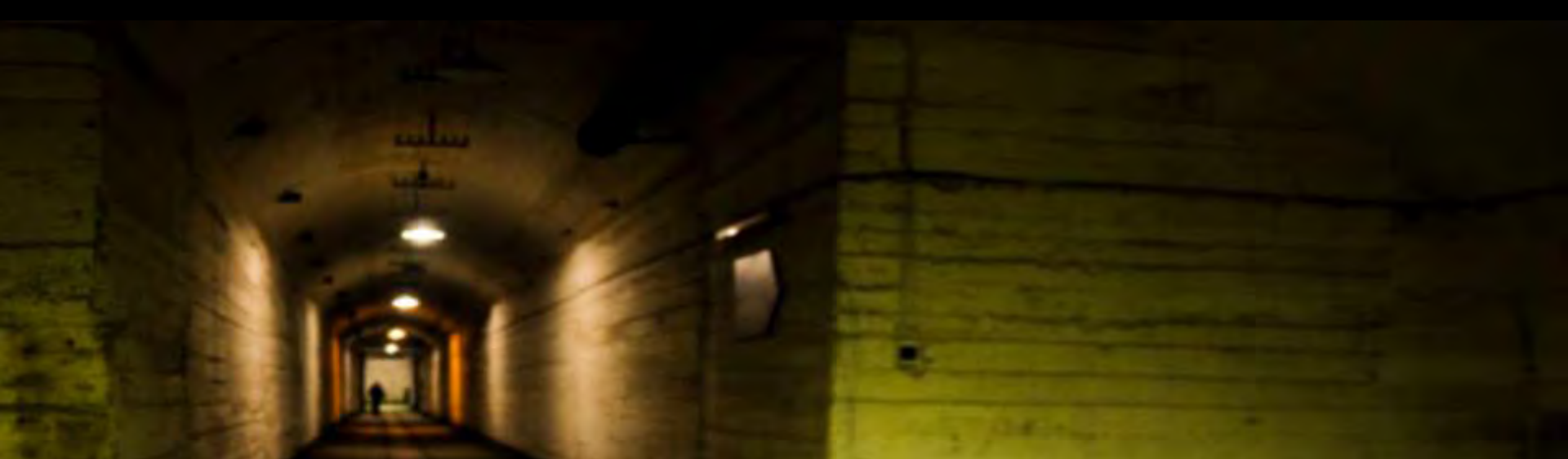
Private Behavior

- Role of the Internet
- Voices jihad in postings – easily followed by terrorist specialists
- E-mails establish attack



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QUESTIONS?



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