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
• Everybody goes through such processes
• Key is violence
• Radicalization = Violent Criminal Activity
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
• 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

- Groups Give a **Sense of Belonging**
• 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

http://www.flickr.com/photos/36703550@N00/4399010971/
Militant Preaching

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

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. Publicly 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
• 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
QUESTIONS?

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