



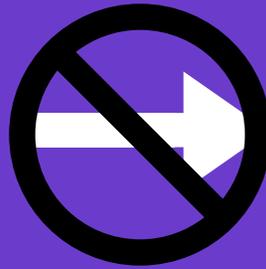
#STOPCVE

**DON'T LET "COUNTERING VIOLENT EXTREMISM"
PROGRAMS TURN TRUSTED COMMUNITY
MEMBERS INTO INFORMANTS**

WHAT IS CVE?

Countering Violent Extremism (CVE) are programs that claim to prevent "radicalization" or "violent extremism", even though there are no clear paths or indicators that someone will commit an act of violence.

"radical"
thoughts/beliefs



"extremist"
violence

CVE programs claim they are community-driven and therapeutic, rather than punitive. But these programs are almost always initiated by the Department of Homeland Security, the Department of Justice or other law enforcement agencies.

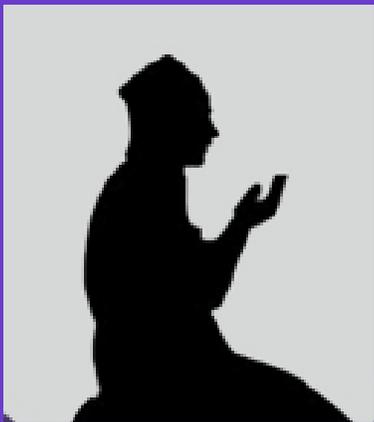


CVE programs claim to focus on "all types of violent extremism," but based on their language, choices in funding, and the indicators they tie to violence, it is clear that CVE is meant to focus on Muslims.

CVE recruits:

community leaders
mosques & Muslim organizations
teachers
health professionals
& other trusted community members

to search communities seen as "vulnerable to radicalization"
for indicators that make regular activities for Muslims seem
criminal --- like wearing a hijab or criticizing certain U.S.
policies (for example wars) and resisting injustice!



"When a man whom they have been taught is below them, has the nerve or firmness to question some of their philosophies or conclusions, usually, they put that label [extremist] on him, a label that is only designed to project an image which the public will find distasteful."

MALCOLM X

WHAT TO DO

REFUSE to participate!

ASK if your school, organization, mosque or others are participating

EDUCATE your community

CVE in Boston

PEACE Grants
(Department of Justice / EOHHS)



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YOUTH

Initial overall framework for CVE in Massachusetts developed by a collaborative of participants convened by the US Attorney's Office of MA see full list at tinyurl.com/BostonCVEFramework



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North American Family Institute
The Police Foundation
Somali Community & Cultural Association
Boston Police Department

Department of Homeland
Security

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On Somali youth: "A key tenant of the training is that underneath the antipathy and mistrust youth have for police, there is also a curious attraction to their power and ability to use it.

They are enticed by their capacity to carry weapons, their loyalty, and almost gang-like dress code.

Police information sharing: "Following the completion of the YPI component, **participating BPD officers will report back to colleagues through roll calls regarding participating youth,** cultural tips for engaging the Somali community, and recommendations for continued engagement. "

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