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Violent extremism, radicalisation and how to support people disengage and re-integrate; building a new social identity

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The White Power Environment
White Power: Christian racial theologies
Neo-Nazism: White supremacy
Racial occult groups: Esoteric-Fascism
Eco-Fascism: Identitarian
White Jihad: Anti-Semetism
Islamophobia: Alt-Right
White Power environment: ideology – foundation:

**Anti Semitism** – modern theory: ZOG (Zionist Occupational Government)

**Race ideology**

**Sexuality and gender**

”birthrates, birthrates, birthrates”
Swedish Nazi history

First party founded in 1924 - Birger Furugård:

Swedish National Socialist Freedom Association

January 1933 – first larg conflict: Sven-Olof Lindholm excluded, forms own party

Furugårdarna And Lindholmarna. NS Block.

1956 – Ordedsson: Nordic reich party
White Power environment: history - modern inspiration

Third reich

William Pierce / Andrew Macdonald: the Turner Diaries & the Hunter (Cell forming & Lone Wolf)

American group: The Order
Inspirations
The years of Lead, Italy 1969-1980:

- The escalating violence between a range of groups in Italy. **Right-wing-** and **Left-wing** terrorists.
- Murders, bombings, kidnappings, stabings. High level of violence.
- **Cell-formation** and the leaderless resistance
Wiliam L. Pierce pseudonym Andrew McDonalds

The Hunter, and The Turner Diaries

- Most inspirational writings in the modern white power scene
- The Turner Diaries – 2099, looks back at the revolution. The inspiration for small cell warfare.
Elements of ideology

▪ 14 words, “we must ensure the existence of our people and a future for our white children“

▪ Anti-individualism

▪ Win the will of the people (propaganda, recruit souls)

▪ Overthrow the regime - revolutionary or political

▪ Deport or execute undesirable

▪ Re-create an ethnically, culturally homogenous and Sweden / Scandinavia / Europe / Western civilization
Terrorist attacks / groups
Neo-fascist attack in Bologna August 1980

- Carried out by the neo-fascist group Armed Revolutionary Nuclei
- Killing 85
- Over 200 people hurt
The Order / The Silent Brotherhood

• Small group, prepared for the revolution
• Banks robberies – money to buy weapons
• Murder of Jewish radio host Alan Berg
• The inspiration for a large number of groups around the world

• David Lane and the 14 Words:
  “we must ensure the existence of our people and a future for our white children“
Timothy McVeigh, terrorist attack on FBI HQ
Oklahoma 1995

- Lone actor terrorist
- Carried out the bombing of FBI HQ in Oklahoma 19 April 1995
- Inspired by the Turner Diaries
NSU – National Socialist Underground

- Terrorist group of 3: Uwe, Uwe & Beate
- Kept underground for over 11 years:
- Murder by execution: 10 people
- Responsible for at least 1 bomb attack

- Inspired by the Turner Diaries
Breivik attack in Oslo 2011

• Killed 77 people in Oslo city center (8) and at the mass-shooting (69) at Social democrats youth camp on the Island of Utoya.
White Jihad

- Jack Renshaw, National Action
- Planed to carry out terrorist attack in ”White Jihad”

Hostages would be taken, he elaborated, and he would lure a female detective who was investigating him to the scene by demanding to speak to her. He would then kill her as well.

After that, he would commit "suicide by cop" by advancing on armed police wearing a fake suicide vest, he told the group.

The attack would be an act of "white jihad" - a slogan used by National Action - and he planned to make a martyrdom-style video setting this out.
Christchurch attack, NZ, 2019

- Killed 50 people in two different Mosques in Christchurch.
- Livestream on Facebook
- Risk for copycat effects
Christchurch attack, NZ, 2019

- Video games inspired by Christchurch attack
Key words trends

- Suicide by cop – *eternity* through the Internet?
- Norse mythology – motivate suicide attacks? *Immortality* through remembrance?
- Alt-right: more of a *quest*, not important how you define yourself
- Apocalyptic, historic, romanticized
- The Great replacement: birthrates
- Enclaves
- Lonewolfs & small cell formations
- Hybridization?
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”The only think that radicalization experts agree on is that radicalisation is a process. Beyond that there is considerable variation as to make existing research incomparable”

Nasser-Eddine, Garham, Agostino & Caluya, 2011
Practitioner perspective
The inner and outer perspectives
Mindset of violent extremists
Apocalyptic
Dualistic
Idea of being chosen
Group/idea above self
Validate use of violence
Black and white/categorized thinking

Example:

- Right/wrong
- Chosen/traitor
- Infidelity

Complicate / Complex
Superiority / Distance

Example:

- The others are different, we can’t understand them:
  - they dress different
  - talk different
  - look different
  - think different

- Society is the enemy
- Media is the enemy
- Politicians are the enemy

Close the gap, create relations and meeting points
Isolation

Example:

- In the group
- Mental, not always physical
- Difficulties to reach and influence

Create surface of interaction
Dehumanization

Example:
- Dirty animals
- Unholy
- Mindless sheep

Examples to contradict - relations
Work on doubt

- Inability to voice doubt
  Not possible in the environments: security risk, punishment, status loss

- Planting seeds
  Early in the radicalisation process, influence core-beliefs

- Providing safehaven
  For mind and soul, doubt is inevitable

- Use contradictions
Radicalisation Awareness Network

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• Dialogue instead of argument
• Long-term relationship work instead of short-term interventions
• Voluntary participation and stepwise cooperation
• Trust-building
• Process-oriented and individual procedure
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Leaving Violent Extremism

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Thank you for listening!

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