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Countering Domestic Radicalization and Homegrown Extremism in Canada



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Current Local Threats: Domestic Radicalization & Right Wing Extremists

- What factors may lead to a CBRNe event in Canada? Where may this threat emanate from?
- What strategies can security and intelligence organizations employ to detect or reduce domestic radicalization and prevent terrorist threats? Implications for cross-border security?
- How may these threats impact local communities and front-line law enforcement; what steps should be taken?



“TSAS” Research Project

- Canadian network for research on **Terrorism, Security and Society (TSAS)**
Fostering collaboration between academic researchers and policy officials. Public Safety Canada, RCMP, CSIS, Universities of British Columbia & Waterloo and Simon Fraser University.
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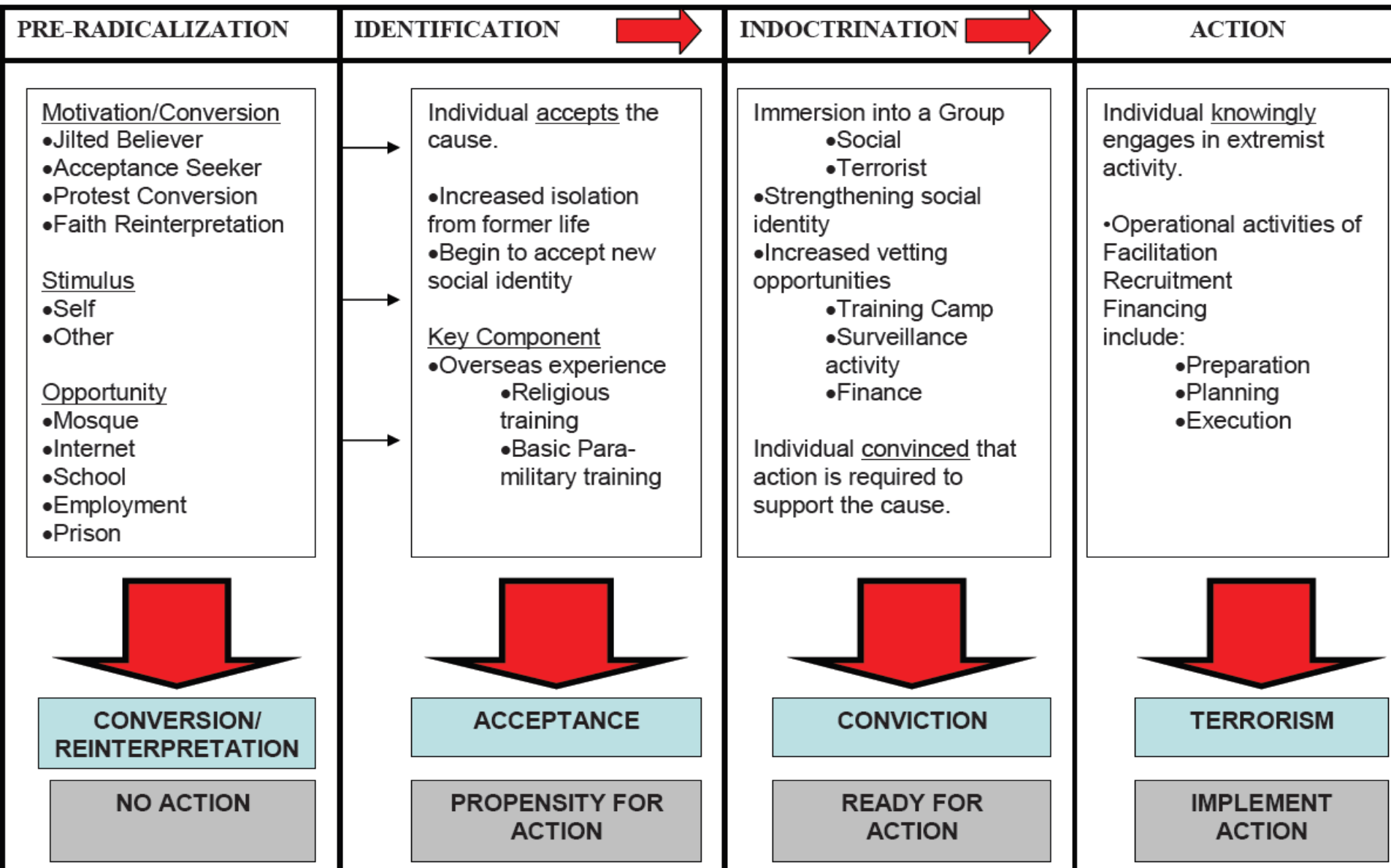
Terrorism in Canada?

- The nations experience over the past 50 years suggests that Canada is unlikely to be spared the effects of terrorism's ongoing and emerging influence.
- FLQ October Crisis, Quebec (1970)
- Air India bombing (1985)
- "Toronto 18" (2006)

Ten Signs of Potential Radicalization

- 1) Catalyzing life event (death, divorce, bullying, loss of employment, etc.)
- 2) Alienation and/or isolation from family, friends, or community
- 3) Loss of interest in school, work, or hobbies
- 4) Obsession with a social, political, religious, or economic issue
- 5) Association with other like-minded individuals
- 6) Change in outward appearance and demeanor
- 7) Use of special words, gestures, or symbols
- 8) Embracing conspiratorial beliefs and speaking out for one's cause
- 9) Redirection of time and money to support radical activism
- 10) Intolerance towards opposing views, beliefs, or groups

The Radicalization Process



The Emergence of Right Wing Extremists

- Resurgence in right-wing extremism in the United States and Western Europe.
- Murder & attempted murder of police in the USA.



Las Vegas couple plotted to kidnap and kill police officers, A growing movement in the USA.



“Right-Wing Extremism in Canada”

- **Canada** has been home to a small collection of right-wing extremists.
- Associated with white supremacy
- Canadian RW radicals have connections to many groups



Examples of Right-Wing Extremist Elements that have operated in Canada over the last 50 years:

- Aryan Nations
- Canadian Association for Free Expression (CAFE)
- Church of the Creator (COTC)
- Citizens for Foreign Aid Reform (C-FAR)
- Hammerskins
- Heritage Front
- Ku Klux Klan
- Nationalist Party of Canada
- Sovereign Citizens/Freemen on the Land
- Western Guard Party
- White Aryan Resistance (WAR)
- White Nationalist Revolutionary Army





Suspected Incidents of Right-Wing Extremism in Canada

- April 8, 1993 Beaver Creek, Yukon Territory
Thomas Lewis Lavy was caught trying enter Canada with 130 grams of ricin, \$89,000, along with a shotgun, rifles, and thousands of rounds of ammunition. He committed suicide while in custody for terrorism charges in 1995.
- September 2, 2006 Montreal, Quebec. A firebomb was hurled at the front door of an Orthodox Jewish school.



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- April 4, 2007 Montreal, Quebec
An improvised explosive device was detonated outside a Jewish Community Center on the second night of Passover.
- October 21, 2009 Hamilton, Ontario.
The Beth Tikvah group home received an envelope containing a suspicious white powder.
- August 10, 2010 Edmonton, Alberta. Police discovered multiple improvised explosive devices on two individuals after stopping a stolen vehicle.

Freemen-on-the-Land Movement



- October 2012 – C.A.C.P. a *'threat to officer and public safety'*
- Sovereign citizens, members of the Freeman-on-the-Land movement and other like-minded people who resist police and government authority.
- Calgary, Alberta, 2013 – *Murder*
- Nova Scotia, 2012 – *Uttering Threats*

Extremists and a CBRNe Event in Canada?



- The need for intelligence & strategic community-based policing. Community involvement & detection
- US/Canadian Border has minimal effect
- Use of the internet in a broad campaign with Europe & the USA to promote, organize and encourage

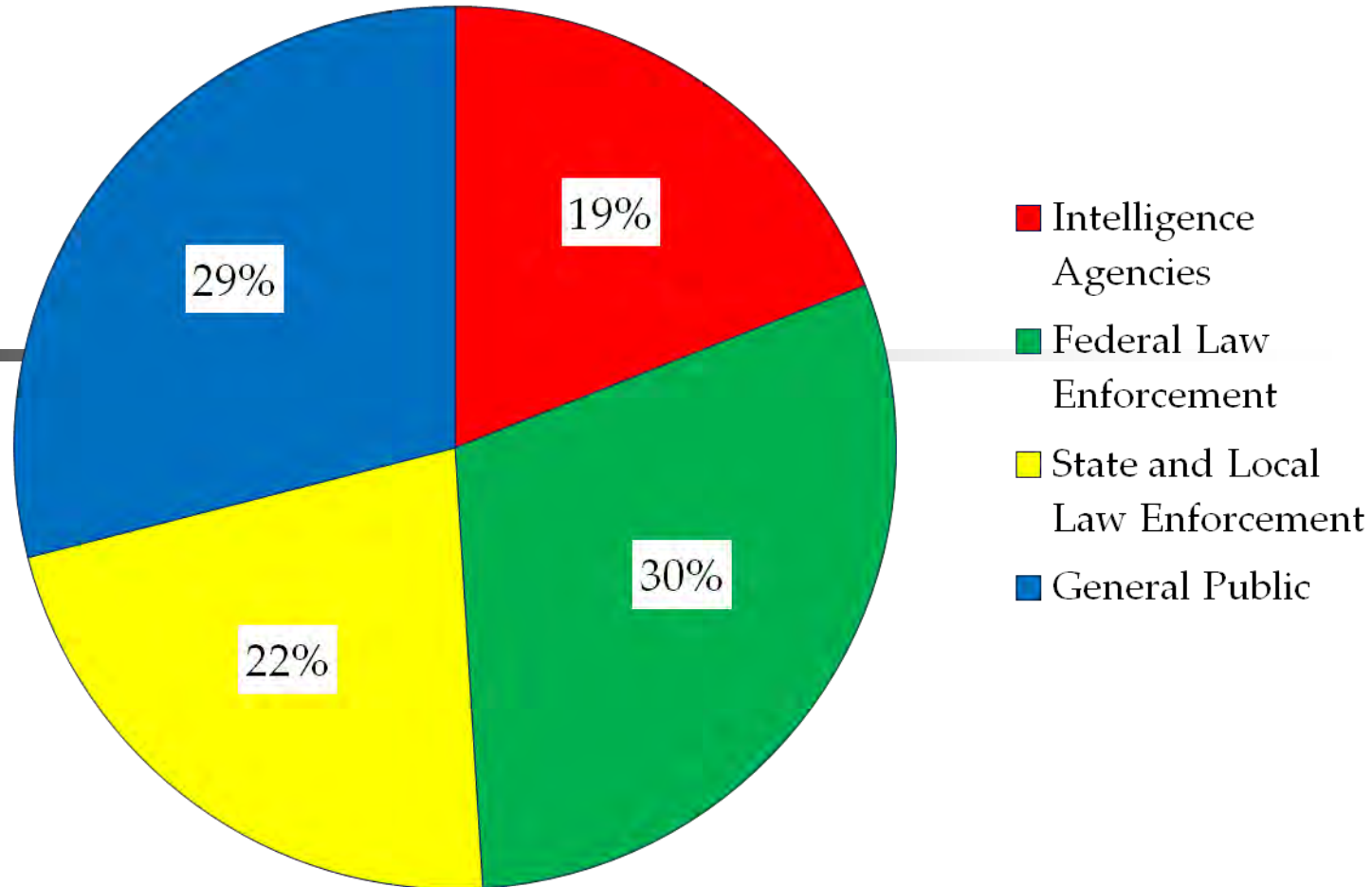


Current & Future Strategies

- Domestic radicalization of youth and “senior” right wing extremists are likely suspects regarding a CBRNe threat within Canada
- Need for closer ties with diaspora communities; the establishment of “sources” and; a localized radicalization prevention strategy.

Law Enforcement and Citizens Stop Terrorism

Source of Initial Clues in 68 Foiled American Plots, 1999-2009





- Local and Federal Law Enforcement *Partnership with the Community*
- Early intervention & self policing