

## Reference

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Newspaper: We must now address the real causes of radicalization

### 1. What do you understand by the term radicalisation?

Many people have traits of terrorists, yet they are not all about terrorist violence. Declaration is found in the ethiological crime theories.

- a. *Devious behavior*: A youth in a dysfunctional family with (minor) crime, drug use or trade results. Involvement of justice leads to a custodial sentence. In prison then the realization grows that life is worthless of being stigmatized.
- b. *Crucial meeting*: this new phase arises in detention or after imprisonment via the internet or through friends. The crucial encounter is a deep contact with a charismatic person in which perspective on bondage, revival, religious awakening is stimulated and initiated.

The role of these ronselaars must not be underestimated. Despite being arrested by the court, this does not lead to the neutralization of the radicalization processes of the young people involved. The progress of the various phases happens at some fast pace.

- c. *Initiation trip*: A stay (long or short) in (near) a fire place somewhere in the world where jihadists fight.

Radicalization has no necessary connection with retardation and a life in a problematic neighborhood. They accentuate radicalization but are not the cause.

The crucial meeting and initiation journey are the causes of radicalization.

### 2. Has there been any specialised training with regards to radicalisation?

Prevention policy on radicalization must focus on the real causes, namely the opposition to the "crucial meeting" and the "initiation trip".

- Prevent any form of recruitment and recruitment. To counteract the home grown radicals here (the crucial meeting), our security services have a major impact in limiting freedom of faith.
- Avoid fresh radicalizing young people being able to make an "initiation trip". Much stricter control on the journey to a war area (in the current situation Syria).
- The return of young people after an initiation trip must be taking care with extreme caution. The process of radicalization has been completed. From then on, there must be fear of a jihadist action