

Community Awareness Briefing

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Why are we here?

We want to talk about violent extremism, which takes many forms

We want to build awareness of how people become radicalized to violence

We want to ensure our communities are protected

And, most importantly, we need your help

Violent Extremism

A wide range of threats...

- White Supremacists
- Eco-terrorists
- Neo-Nazis
- Al-Qa'ida or ISIL-inspired groups

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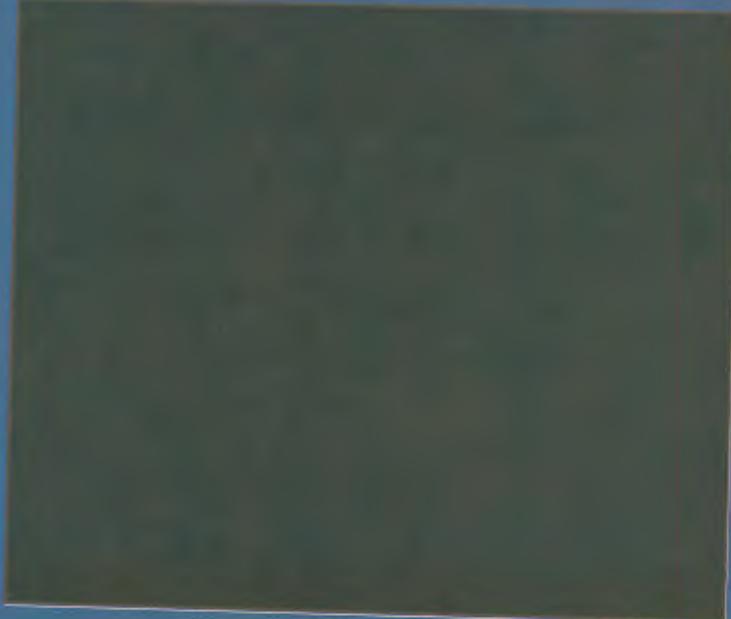
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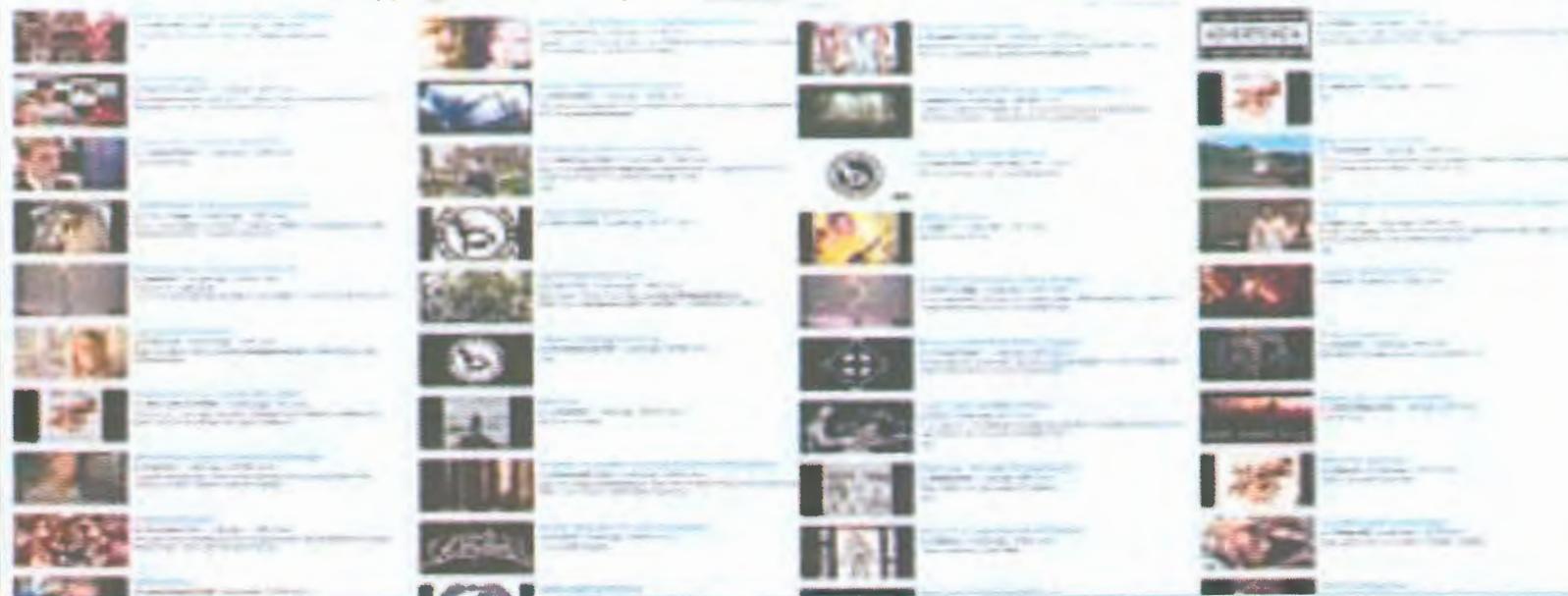
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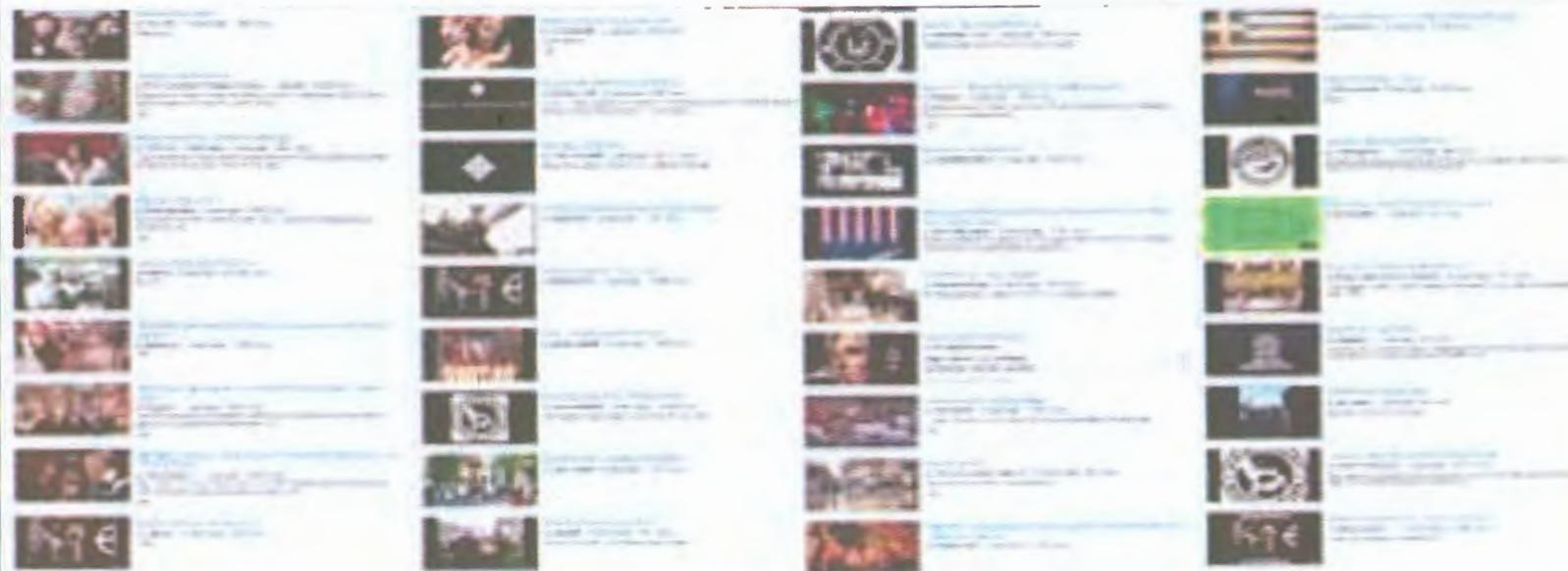


- Plotted to kill cops, bank workers, and Muslims in mosques
- Used Facebook to spread his violent ideology and find recruits
 - “We must rebel. Blood and bullets are the only two things that will change this world, short of divine action.”
- Pleaded guilty to numerous counts, including attempted robbery



YouTube

white pride



All Violent Extremist Groups

- Look for vulnerabilities
- Focus on grievances
- Provide a community of interest (in-person or online)
- Promote violent action as solution
- Hold a black and white narrative

Why would someone join a violent extremist group?

Ideological

Personal

Sociopolitical

Group

Community

Someone could have some or all of these factors and
not radicalize to violence

In the United States, thoughts are protected,
no matter how extreme,

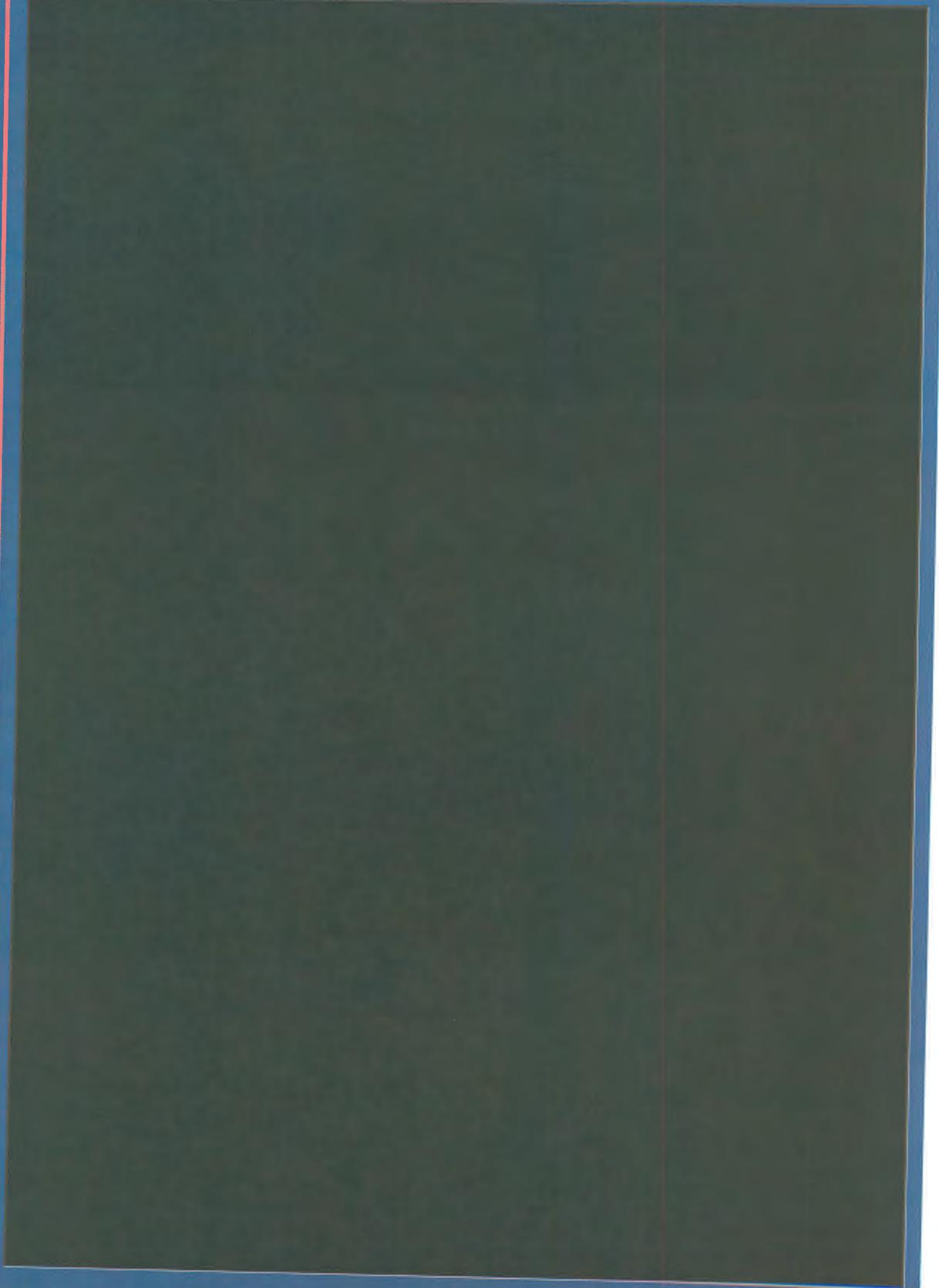
No single factor leads to radicalization

Forming the Black and White Narrative

<u>Element</u>	<u>Generic Message</u>	<u>Al-Qa`ida's Version</u>
Decline	My world has gone wrong...	The United States has brought ruin and disgrace to Islam...
Two Camps	... because of the actions of a villain.	... The United States is at war with us
Crisis Point	Now is the time...	Now is the time...
Method	... when using violence will prevent total catastrophe for us.	... only violence will work to end their war on against us.
Danger of Contamination	If we let no one dissuade us...	If we do not let the non-believers dissuade us from our righteous course...
Reward	... we will prevail.	... we will reestablish a pious society.

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Foreign Fighters: Then

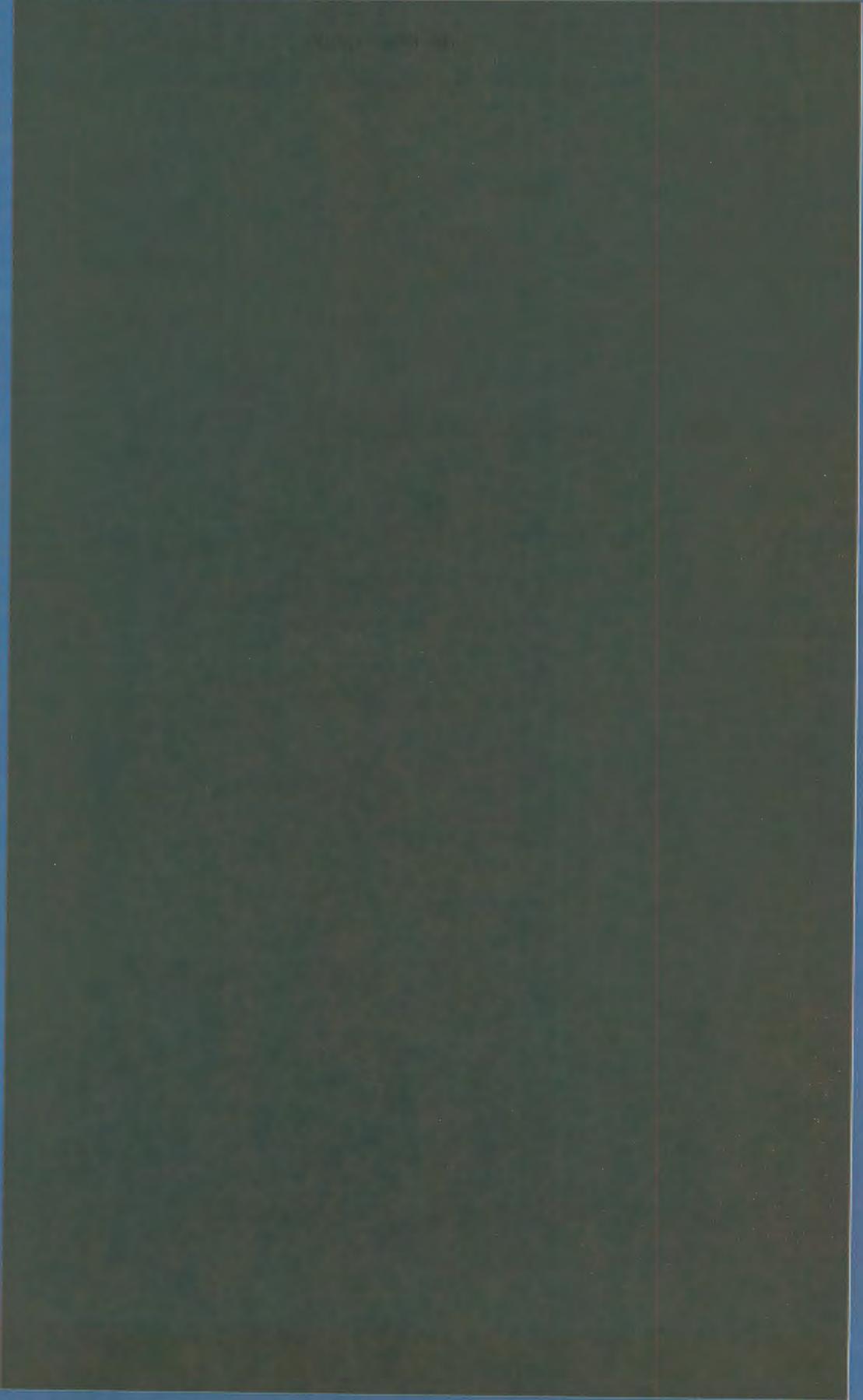


Example of the Narrative

- US citizens or residents traveling to countries to fight, such as Somalia
- Between September 2007 and October 2009, approximately 20 young men left the Minneapolis area to fight for al-Shabaab, an al-Qa'ida affiliated group in Somalia.

Recent Trends

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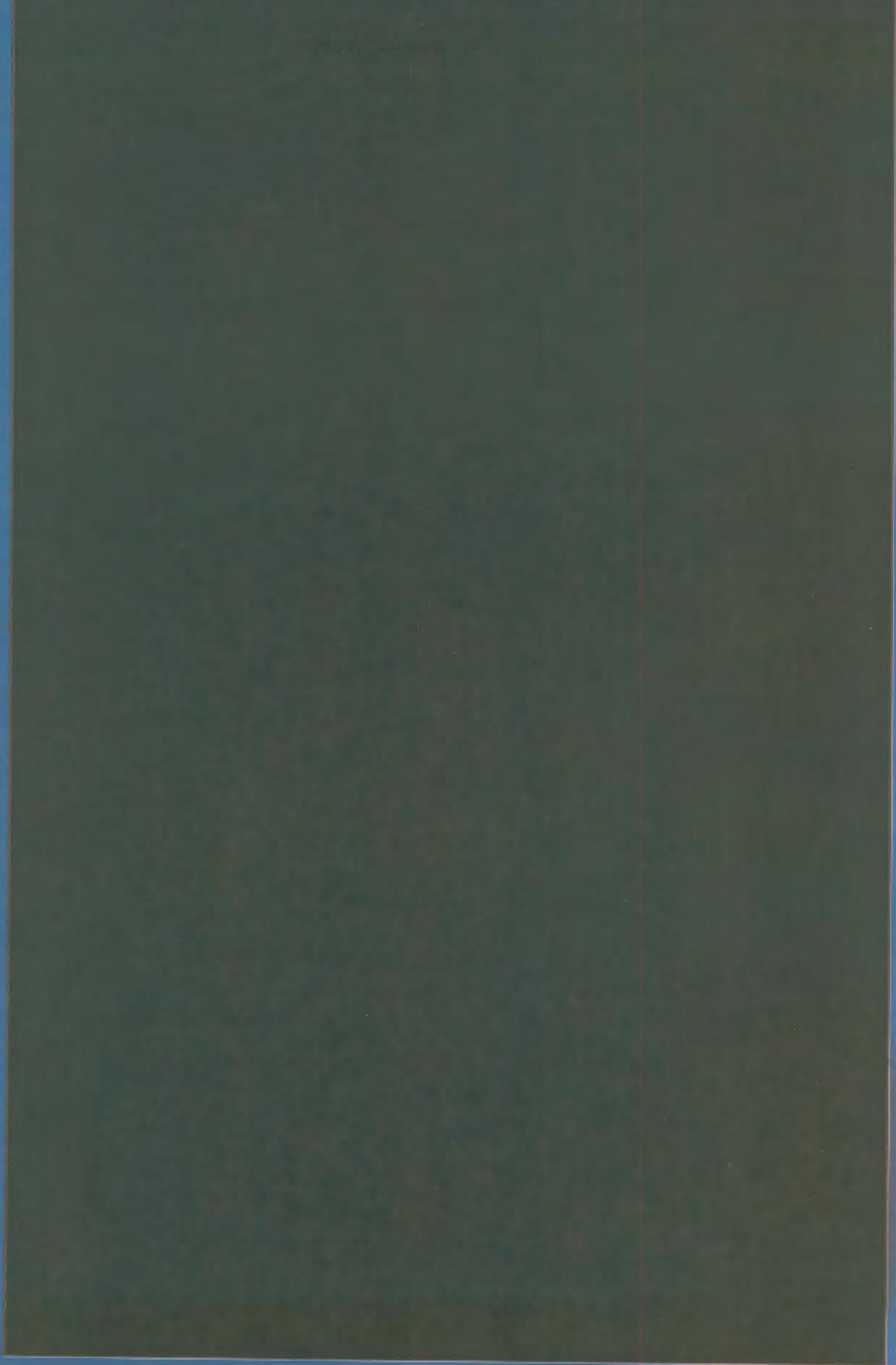


Example of the ISIL Narrative

- Over 100 US citizens or residents attempted to or traveled to Syria and Iraq
- They come from a range of backgrounds and go for many reasons
- Some were arrested while attempting to leave the US

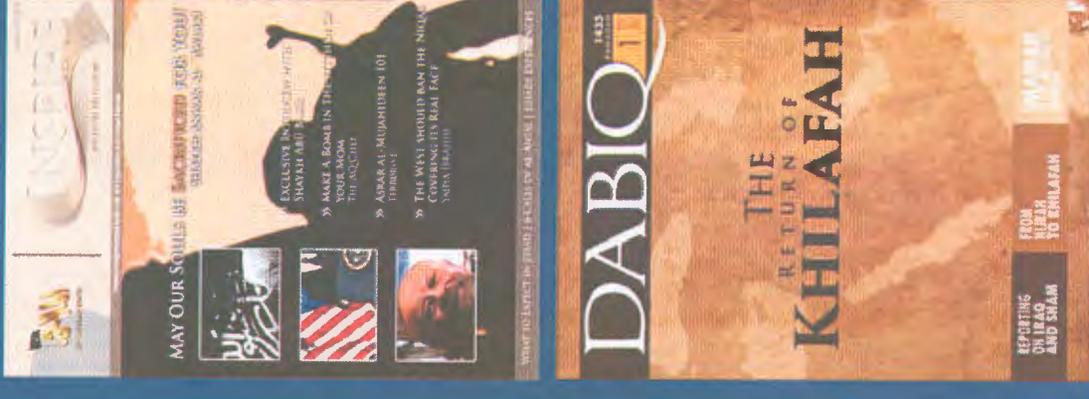
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Attempted Travel to Syria/Iraq



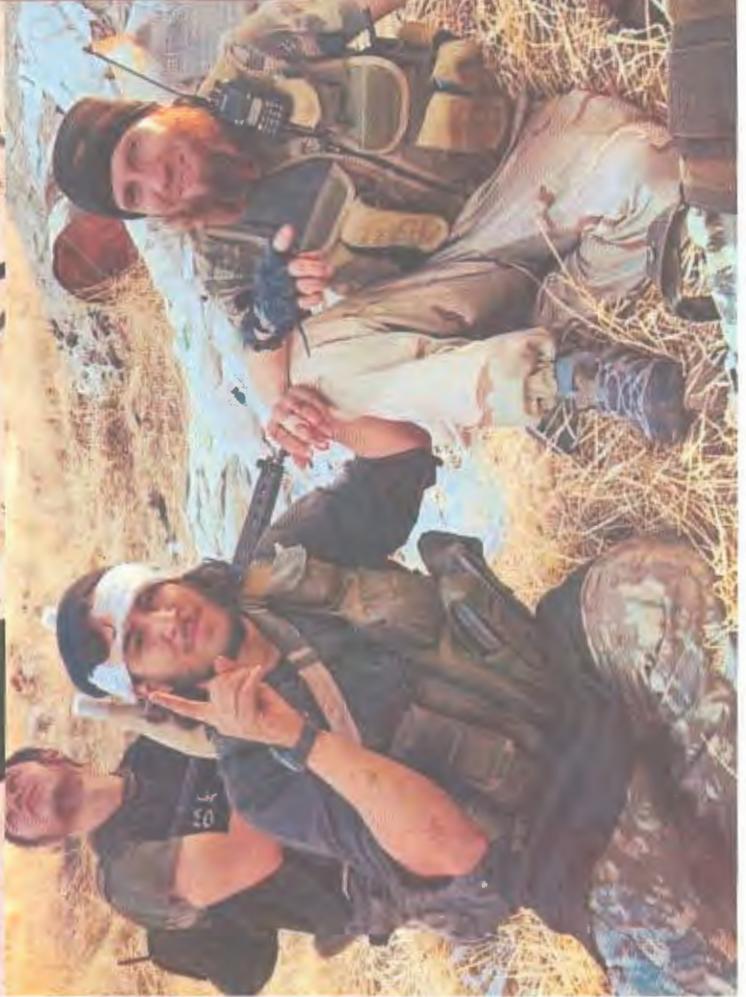
ISIL: Evolution of Messaging

- Al-Qa'ida: “Attack the West”
 - Travel to the West to conduct attacks or attack at home
 - To stop perceived Western aggression
- Al-Shabaab: “Come here to fight”
 - Travel to Somalia to fight
 - To build a “better” Somalia
- ISIL: “Help us purge and rebuild here”
 - Travel to Iraq/Syria or support from home
 - To purge the land of non-believers
 - Warped use of religious terms to justify violence in support of building a new state
 - *Innovative combination of message and media*



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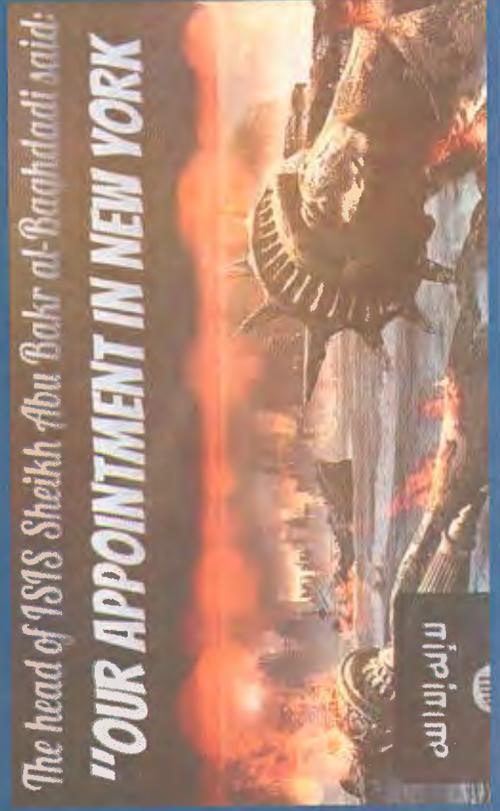
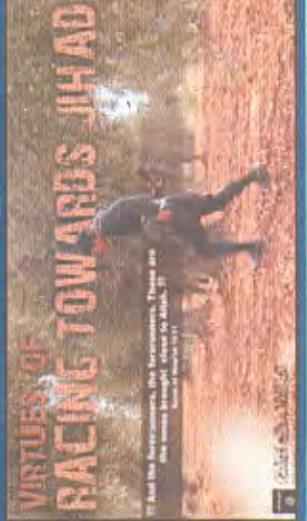


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ISIL's Use of Social Media

- Tailored messaging to Americans in English
- Sophisticated use of Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, Kik, Ask.fm, WhatsApp, Tumblr, Flickr, Snapchat

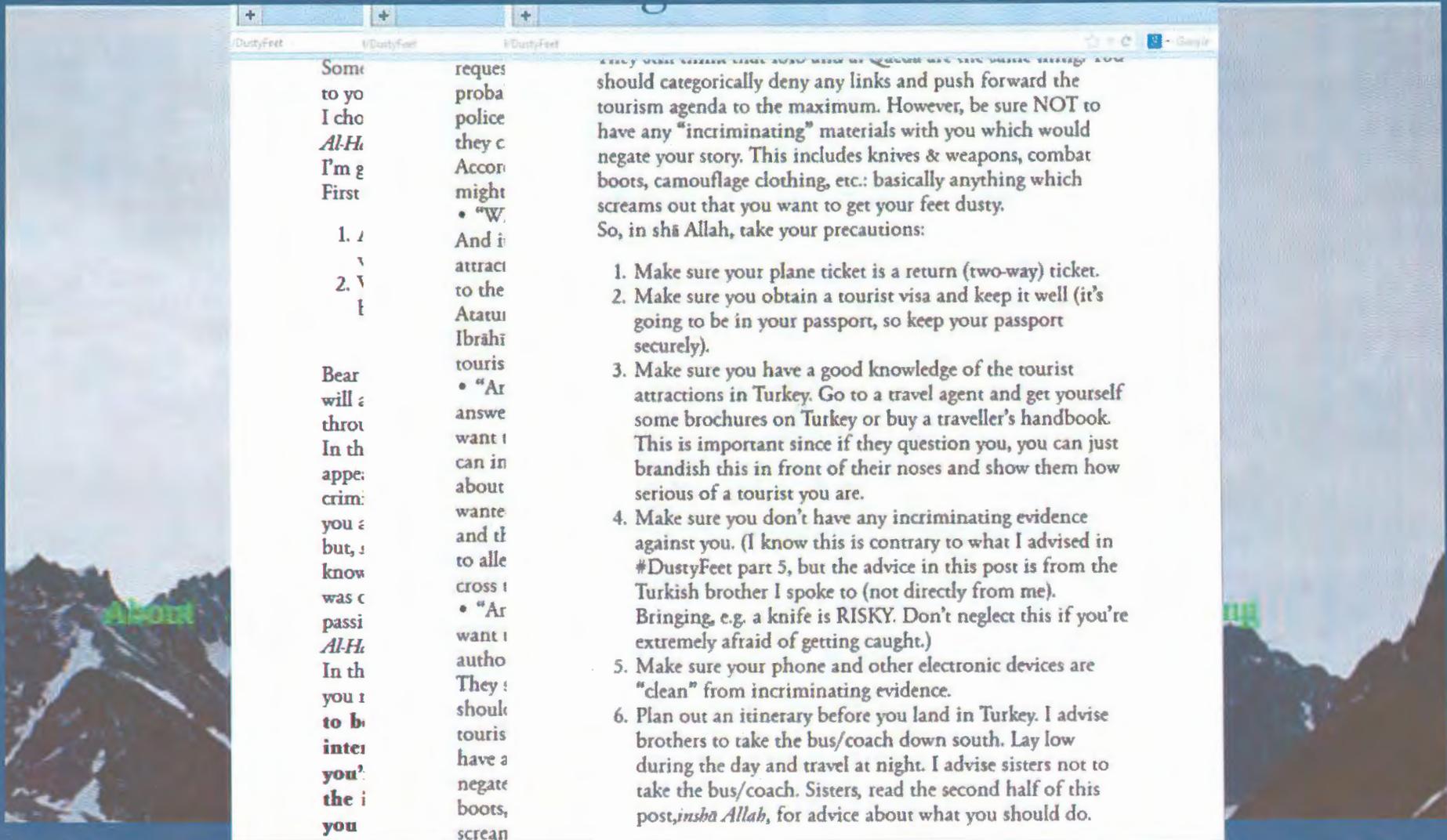


“Dawn of Glad Tidings” App

- App allowed ISIL to tweet on others accounts
- 40,000 tweets per day by ISIL
- 72 retweets of every tweet
- 10,000 uses of ISIL hashtag per day by others



Operational Instructions Online





Abu Fulan al-Muhajir @Fulan2weel

Bilad al-Sham

A stranger. Currently fighting in Syria. to make the word of Allah the highest!

673 answers 673 likes 0 gifts

Follow

Make a gift

Ask me a question

300 characters left Ask

answers

Report Abuse

R the bathrooms clean

Yes. But they don't become clean by themselves. We need to clean them

2 days ago

4 people like this

How can I convince my family please help me

daawa. Talk to them. Tell them to imagine them being in Syria and nobody wanted to help them

2 days ago

3 people like this

are martyrdom operations allowed in islam

Yes. But of course there are certain conditions

2 days ago

1 person likes this

Moner Mohammad Abusalha

- Grew up in a gated community in Florida
 - *“He was a nice kid ... Everyone got along with him.”*
- Outgoing and funny, loved basketball
 - *“He’d play basketball with any hoop anywhere he could find one.”*

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Moner's Last Words

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Community Responses

Minnesota's Somali community acts to counter ISIL recruiters

Program developed with Justice Department aims to encourage vulnerable teens to stay in school and reject extremism

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Somali community leaders in Minneapolis are working with U.S. authorities to develop a program inspired by gang-prevention methods to steer disaffected youths away from extremist groups overseas.

The program — a mix of mentorship, psychological care and after-school programs — has been developed to give more opportunities to mostly young Somali-American men in Minnesota, home to the largest population of Somalis in the United States.

What can you do?

- **Stay safe online**
 - Know who your kids are talking to online and what sites they are visiting
- **Have open communication**
 - Talk with your kids about what is happening in the world
- **Look for behavior changes**
 - Have a conversation with your loved ones; find out what might be triggering their changes