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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

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Violent Extremism

A wide range of threats...

- White Supremacists
- Eco-terrorists
- Neo-Nazis
- Al-Qa'ida or ISIL-inspired groups (9)(q)







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 Plotted to kill cops, bank workers, and Muslims in mosques

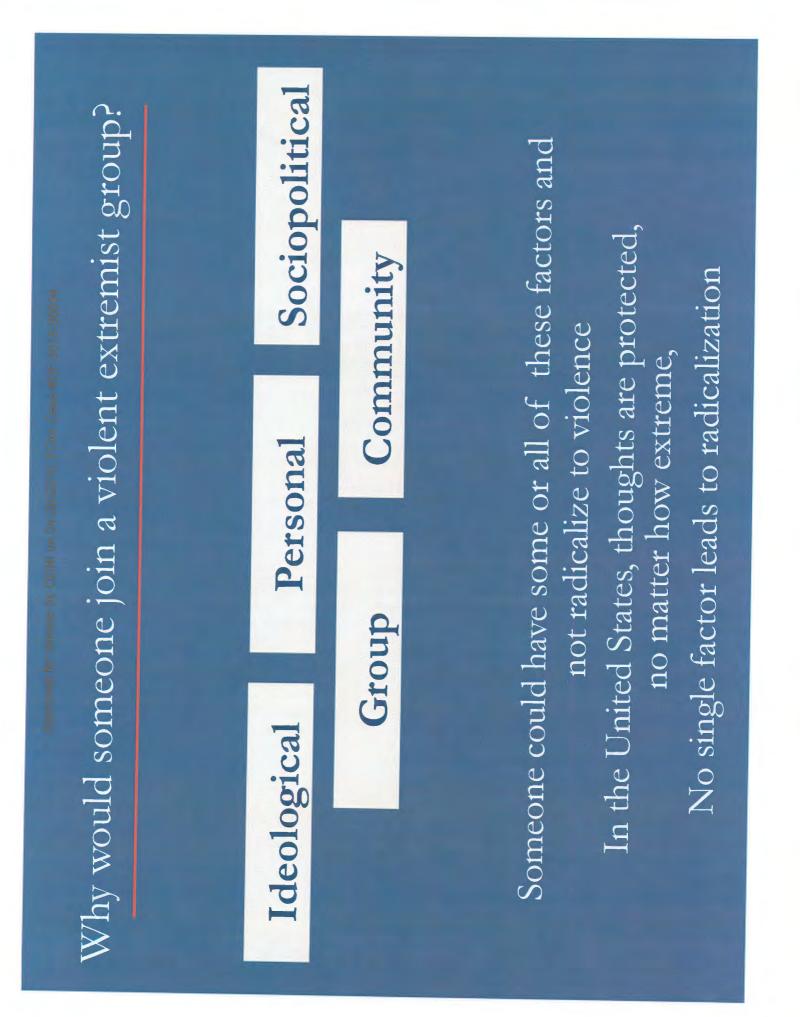
- Used Facebook to spread his violent ideology and find recruits
- "We must rebel. Blood and bullets are the only two things that will change this world, short of divine action."
- Pleaded guilty to numerous counts, including attempted robbery



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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 •



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Forming the Black and White Narrative

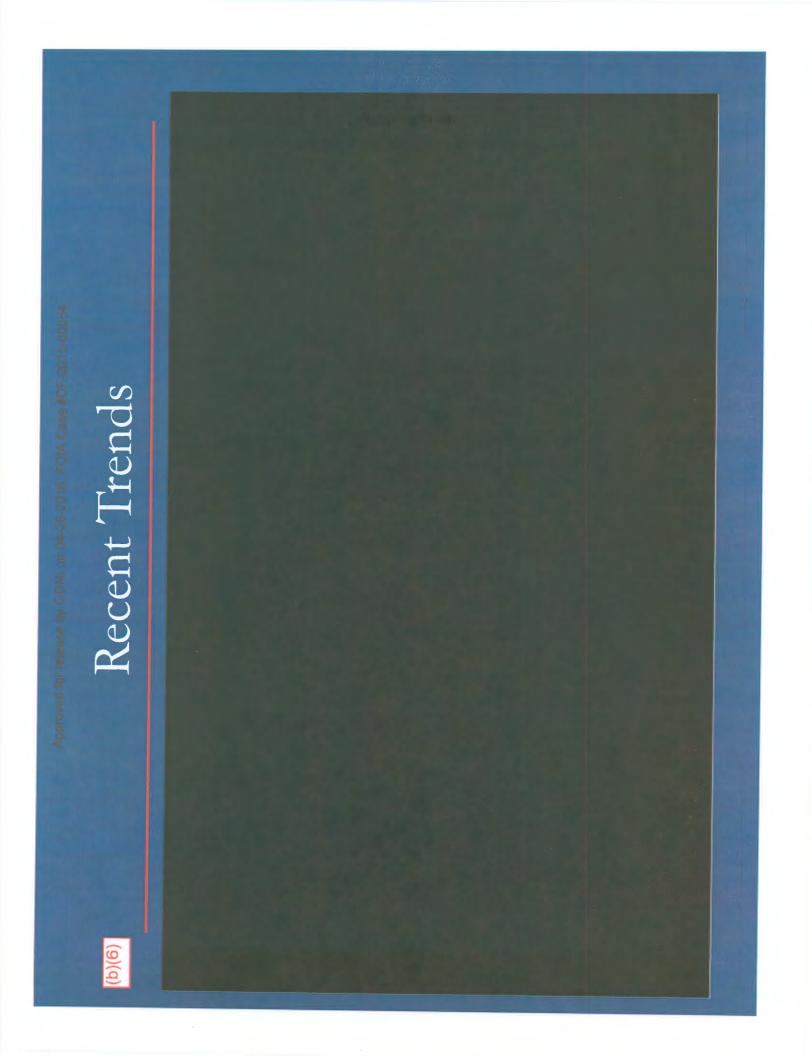
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Example of the Narrative

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



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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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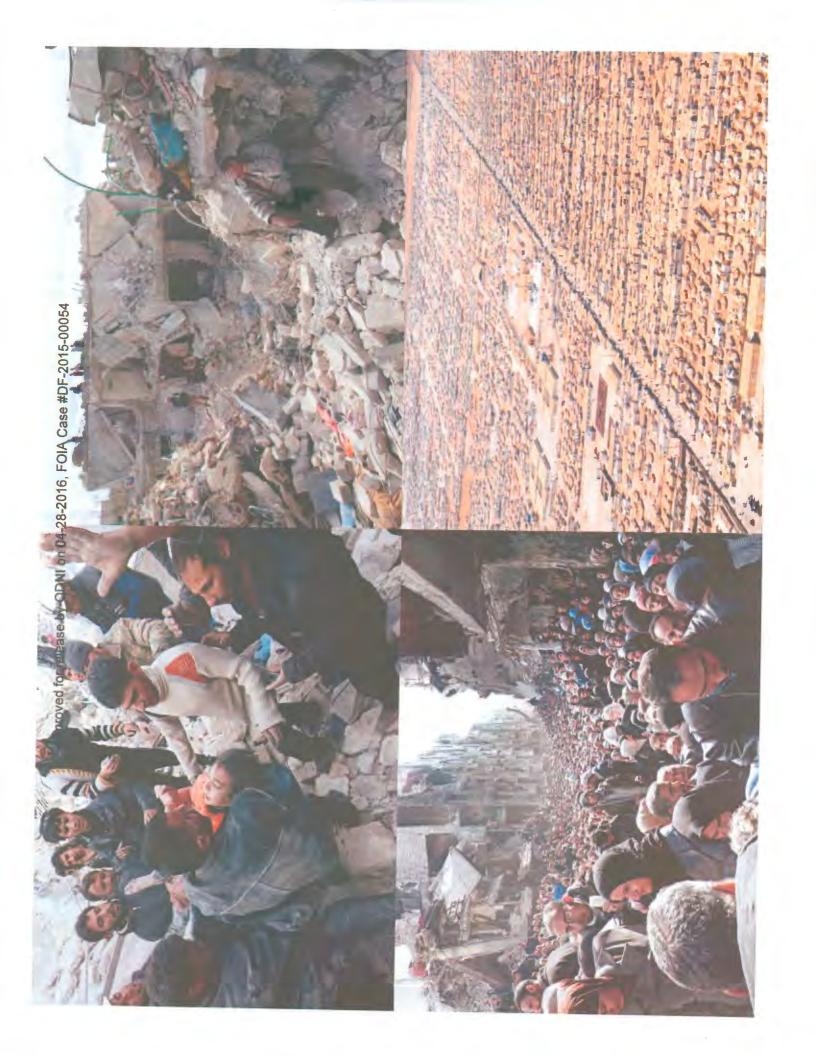
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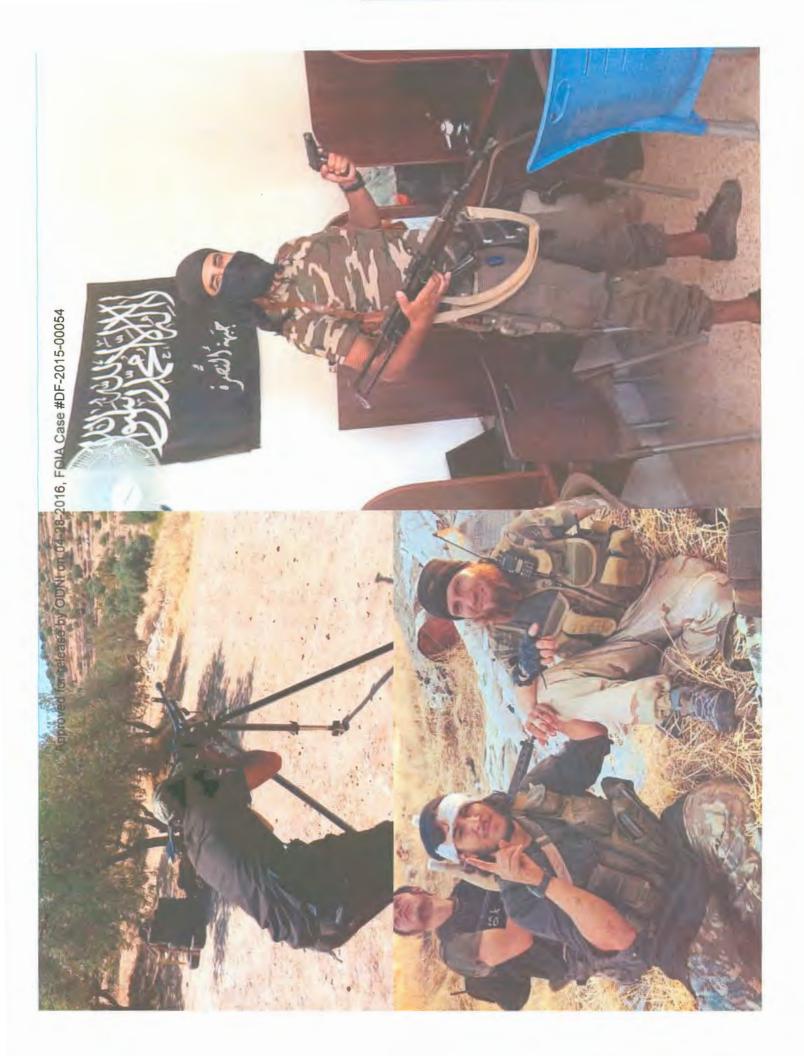
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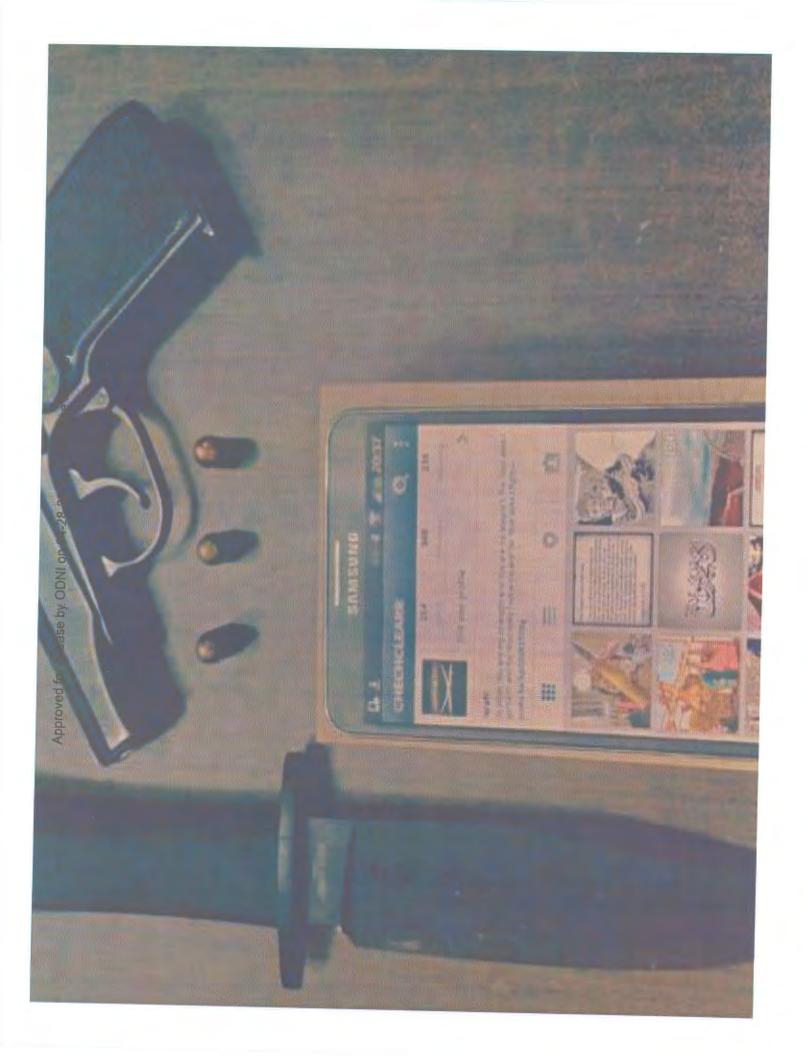
ISIL: Evolution of Messaging

- Al-Qa'ida: "Attack the West"
- Travel to the West to conduct attacks or attack at home
- To stop perceived Western aggression
- <u>Al-Shabaab</u>: "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



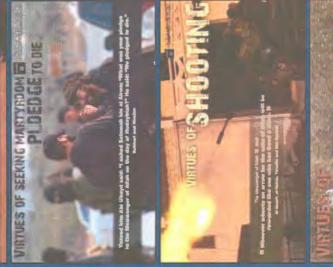






ISIL's Use of Social Media





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

The head of 1818 Sheikh Abu Bakr al-Banhdadi said: "OUR APPOINTMENT IN NEW YORK





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"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

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Make a gift

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Ask me a question

answers

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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

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are martyrdom operations allowed in islam

Yes. But of course there are certain conditions

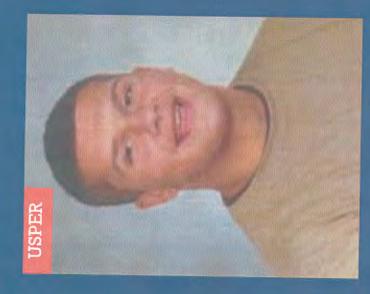
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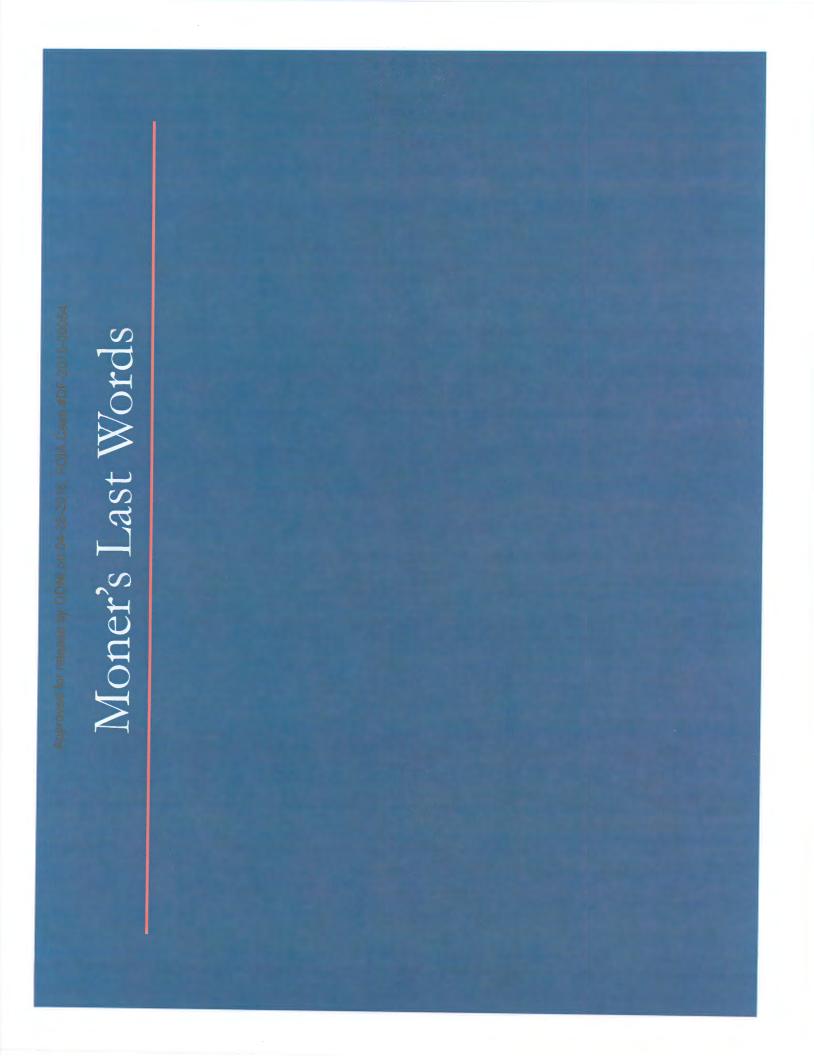
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Moner Mohammad Abusalha

- 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."







How does this happen?



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

December 3, 2014 11:45AM ET | Updated 8:06PM ET

by Hilary Brueck - Y @Hilarx

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.

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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