

What's the Big Idea? Confronting the Ideology of Islamist Extremism

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The Obama administration's primary counterterrorism challenge is to articulate a counterradicalization policy that confronts the problem through a whole-of-government approach, augmented by nongovernmental and societal efforts.

The United States has experienced a spate of recent homegrown terrorism cases, most notably the Fort Hood shooting and "Jihad Jane," that are a stark reminder of the threat posed by homegrown radicalization. The primary challenge for the Obama administration in this milieu is to articulate a counterradicalization policy that confronts the problem through a whole-of-government approach, augmented by nongovernmental and societal efforts.

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