



# Political Affairs Digest

A daily summary of political events affecting the Jewish Community

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## Home Affairs

### House of Commons Written Answer

#### Radicalism

**Lyn Brown (Labour)** [278941] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if he will make an assessment of the implications for his Department's policies of the findings of the Institute for Strategic Dialogue's report, *The Great Replacement: the violent consequences of mainstreamed extremism*, published in July 2019 on the great replacement conspiracy theory.

**Victoria Atkins:** As the Home Secretary made clear in his speech on 19 July, the Government remains committed to tackling all forms of extremism, including Right-Wing Extremism. We draw on a range of sources to understand the extremism threat, including from the Home Office Extremism Analysis Unit and from reports by organisations such as the Institute for Strategic Dialogue.

In 2020 we will publish a new Counter Extremism Strategy setting out a comprehensive new approach to tackling all forms of extremism.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2019-07-18/278941/>

*The report referred to above can be read at*

<https://www.isdglobal.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/The-Great-Replacement-The-Violent-Consequences-of-Mainstreamed-Extremism-by-ISD.pdf>

### Cabinet Office

**Updated Guidance: The Civil Service faith and belief toolkit**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/faith-and-belief-toolkit/the-civil-service-faith-and-belief-toolkit>

## Commission for Countering Extremism

### **Commission for Countering Extremism publishes further eight academic papers on extremism**

The independent Commission for Countering Extremism is today ... publishing eight peer-reviewed academic papers on the causes of extremism, extremism online, and approaches to countering extremism.

The papers cover the arguments on the causes of extremism, the complex relationship between social media and extremism, as well as discussions on how to best counter extremism. ...

Lead Commissioner Sara Khan said: I've held the most extensive national conversation on extremism. It has lifted the lid on a range of urgent concerns we must address.

I'm releasing some of the findings as we build up to our landmark report on extremism.

The public are fearful of violent extremism, but they are also deeply concerned about hateful extremism.

At the same time minorities are having their rights restricted.

And there is a wider context of intolerance and incivility, especially online.

To unite the country – and to protect our freedom and democratic principles – we have to address each of these issues. ...

**To read the full press release see**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/commission-for-countering-extremism-publishes-further-eight-academic-papers-on-extremism>

### **The moral ecology of extremism: a systemic perspective**

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/821853/Bouhana-The-moral-ecology-of-extremism.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/821853/Bouhana-The-moral-ecology-of-extremism.pdf)

### **Critiquing approaches to countering extremism: the fundamental British values problem in English formal schooling**

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/821846/Webber-Struthers-Critiquing-Approaches-to-Countering-Extremism.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/821846/Webber-Struthers-Critiquing-Approaches-to-Countering-Extremism.pdf)

### **Critiquing approaches to countering extremism via certain preventive measures**

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/821855/Fenwick-Critiquing-approaches-to-countering-extremism-and-terrorism-via-Prevent.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/821855/Fenwick-Critiquing-approaches-to-countering-extremism-and-terrorism-via-Prevent.pdf)

### **Exploring radicalisation and extremism online: an experimental study**

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/821882/Littler-Exploring-Radicalisation-and-Extremism-Online.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/821882/Littler-Exploring-Radicalisation-and-Extremism-Online.pdf)

### **Extremism online: analysis of extremist material on social media**

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/821874/Awan-Sutch-Carter-Extremism-Online.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/821874/Awan-Sutch-Carter-Extremism-Online.pdf)

### **Belief, attitude, and behavior change: leveraging current perspectives for counter-radicalisation**

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/821852/Braddock-Belief-Attitude-and-Behavior-Change.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/821852/Braddock-Belief-Attitude-and-Behavior-Change.pdf)

### **Embedding human rights in countering extremism: reflections from the field and proposals for change**

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/821877/Brown-de-Londras-White-Embedding-Human-Rights-in-Countering-Extremism.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/821877/Brown-de-Londras-White-Embedding-Human-Rights-in-Countering-Extremism.pdf)

## Drivers of extremism: global political antagonisms reproduced in Cypriot and Italian insurgencies

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/821804/Heath-Kelly-Drivers-of-Extremism.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/821804/Heath-Kelly-Drivers-of-Extremism.pdf)

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## Israel

### Children and armed conflict

*paragraphs 84-97: Israel and State of Palestine*

[https://www.un.org/sg/sites/www.un.org.sg/files/atoms/files/26-07-2019\\_SG\\_CAAC\\_report\\_advance\\_copy\\_0.pdf](https://www.un.org/sg/sites/www.un.org.sg/files/atoms/files/26-07-2019_SG_CAAC_report_advance_copy_0.pdf)

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## Relevant Legislation \*\* new or updated today

### UK Parliament

#### Divorce, Dissolution and Separation Bill

<https://services.parliament.uk/Bills/2017-19/divorcedissolutionandseparation.html>

#### Domestic Abuse Bill

<https://services.parliament.uk/Bills/2017-19/domesticabuse.html>

#### International Development Assistance (Palestinian National Authority Schools) Bill

<https://services.parliament.uk/Bills/2017-19/internationaldevelopmentassistancepalestiniannationalauthoritieschools.html>

#### Marriage Act 1949 (Amendment) Bill

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2017-19/marriageact1949amendment.html>

#### Online Forums Bill

<https://services.parliament.uk/Bills/2017-19/onlineforums.html>

#### Palestinian Statehood (Recognition) Bill

<https://services.parliament.uk/Bills/2017-19/palestinianstatehoodrecognition.html>

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## Consultations \*\* new or updated today

### Civil Partnerships: Next Steps Conversion (closing date 20 August 2019)

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/civil-partnerships-next-steps-and-consultation-on-conversion>

**Regulation of pre-paid funeral plans** (closing date 25 August 2019)

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/regulation-of-pre-paid-funeral-plans-consultation-on-a-policy-proposal>

**Islamophobia in Scotland** (closing date 26 August 2019)

<https://forms.ncl.ac.uk/view.php?id=13027>

**Human rights: Freedom of religion and belief, and human rights defenders inquiry**  
(closing date 31 August 2019)

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/commons-select/foreign-affairs-committee/inquiries1/parliament-2017/freedom-of-religion-and-belief-inquiry-17-19/>

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