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Our role in the terrorist's theatre

“The Grey Zone”

Symbolic targets

Fear is amongst our strongest and most dominant emotions, directly related to our primeval instinct – survival





Early prevention

The relationship between what a person thinks and says, and what a person is actually willing to do - the relationship between attitudes and behavior – is very complex

Extreme attitudes must be taken seriously, but the way we choose to approach them is crucial in whether we will be able to change them or not





Intervention

Trust is the key word

We have to work with all aspects of the person: thoughts, feelings and talks about the future. Ambitions for the future are important. Many of those who use violence have few perspectives on the future. The here and now is what matters

To reach someone who is far into the radicalization process is much more difficult and not least, time-consuming





Focus on youth

Cultivating tools of critical thinking and empathy, from early ages

A transnational reality, where international conflicts, economic injustice, discrimination and racism is of great concern

There are so many things to be rightfully angry for in this world, but we need to canalize the anger into positive energies





Dying to belong

In the end, it all comes down to encourage an including society. The more we marginalize and stigmatize people who doesn't look, talk or think like ourselves, more likely is it that these people will form their own communities and subcultures where new lines between right and wrong is drawn up - and we will lose the opportunity to influence them. This is just basic human nature; we are fundamentally social beings





Polarization make us weak

Violent extremism and terrorism lead to the division and polarization of society. And then it is crucial to remember that in the same way as the jihadists greatest strength is the sense of unity, this is also our strongest card

In the long run, only more democracy and more humanity will prevent the rise of extremism





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