

NON-SIGNIFICANT BEHAVIOUR



This category includes a series of behaviours associated with diverse forms of political, religious or community engagement, characterized by peaceful actions and democratic means of expression.

- Argues fervently to defend his/her convictions before family members and/or close friends
- Adopts visible signs (traditional clothes, beard, shaved head, religious symbols, specific tattoos, etc.) to express their identity or sense of belonging
- Is active on social media
- Takes a stand and advocates peacefully for a cause related to a community, group, or individual
- Takes a keen interest in current national and/or international events
- Expresses the desire to re-engage, or increase involvement in a religious practice, political movement or other personal identity-related activity
- Converts to or adopts new religious, ideological or political beliefs
- Insists on following specific dietary requirements due to political or religious convictions
- Expresses a need for excitement or adventure
- Wishes to address social injustices

CONCERNING BEHAVIOUR



This category comprises behaviours that point to personal ill-being, including behaviours indicating a growing identification with a cause or ideology (arising from issues around a sense of self-worth), resulting in major behavioural changes.

- Expresses polarizing views of absolute truth, paranoia or extreme mistrust
- Suddenly adopts behaviour that creates a rupture with family practices
- Is drawn to conspiracy theories and discourse
- Pulls away from those who are close and from the usual network of acquaintances
- Suddenly changes his/her habits
- Feels a strong sense of victimization and rejection suffered because of their own identity or beliefs
- Rejects the rules and regulations of institutions and organizations with which they are in contact (school, workplace, athletic organizations, etc.) based on ideological, political or religious grounds
- Refuses to take part in group activities or to interact with certain individuals because of their religion, ethnic group, skin colour, gender or sexual orientation
- Expresses a need to dominate or control others in the name of certain beliefs or an ideological view
- Has difficulty reassessing their own opinions and recognizing the value of differing points of view

TROUBLING BEHAVIOUR



This category encompasses behaviours that can be associated with the beginning of an individual's radical trajectory. It is characterized by an acute mistrust of the outside world, and by a preponderance of views legitimizing the use of violence to achieve one's goals, or to advance one's cause.

- Cuts off ties with family members and close friends in order to keep exclusive company with a new circle of acquaintances or friends because of irreconcilable or extremist beliefs
- Legitimizes or defends the use of violence as legitimate in the service of a cause or an ideology
- Hides a new lifestyle, allegiance or belief system from family members and/or close friends (either online or in real life)
- Draws closer to radicalized individuals or groups known to be extremist
- Becomes suddenly disinterested in professional or school activities
- Displays symbols of affiliation or support associated with recognized violent extremist groups
- Becomes obsessed with conspiracy theories, messianic views or end-of-the-world narratives
- Expresses threatening, hateful or dehumanizing views towards other individuals or groups (who are often deemed to be opponents or enemies)
- Makes threatening or intimidating gestures towards groups or individuals they identify as being against their own beliefs or ideological points of view

ALARMING BEHAVIOUR



This category includes a set of behaviours that attest to an exclusive and sectarian allegiance to an ideology or a cause, which lead the individual to perceive violence as the only legitimate and valid means of action.

- Takes part, regardless of the means (material, financial, or physical) in the activities of violent extremist groups
- Recruits individuals for a violent extremist cause (or encourages their adherence to that cause)
- Is in contact with a group or a network of individuals known to be violent extremists, either online or in real life
- Reinforces own beliefs through regular consultation of violent extremist Internet forums and websites
- Commits or plans violent or hateful acts (vandalism, physical attacks, etc.) inspired by ideological motives or an extremist cause
- Learns about, seeks to acquire and/or practices handling weapons (firearms, explosives, etc.) outside the legal bounds
- Manifests an interest in or plans a trip to a conflict zone or to a region in which violent extremist groups are known to be active

BEHAVIOUR BAROMETER

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