Factors Leading to Violent Radicalization

THREE MAIN CATEGORIES (not exhaustive)

Factors that may trigger an individual’s radicalization

- Failure at school or work
- Estrangement from family
- Difficult life event (job loss, death, etc.)
- Encounter with an agent/source of radicalization
- Political/social event that harms the group to which the individual belongs

Factors that increase individual vulnerability to radicalization

- Lack of work prospects
- Family problems

Factors that make the individual more vulnerable to radicalization

- Cognitive intransigence
- Low critical thinking skills
- Relational or social isolation
- Psychological fragility/mental health problems
- Socioeconomic status

Precipitating factors

- Identity or existential issues
- Feeling of lack of recognition/humiliation
- Polarizing discourses in public and in the media
- Feeling of being stigmatized or discriminated against
- Feeling of injustice or frustration

Facilitating factors

- Political/social event that harms the group to which the individual belongs

Predisposing factors

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