

Radicalization

leading to violence and

hate-motivated

acts:

OUR WEBINARS
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LEADING TO VIOLENCE

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The issue of long distance training poses a challenge to numerous partners, working in the field of prevention of radicalization leading to violence and hate-motivated acts. How can we discuss such sensitive and complex issues through virtual means? Can we develop and maintain knowledge for different prevention actors, outside of in-person learning environments? Is the online format well suited for dialogue and learning around these issues?

With its innovative and engaging webinars program, launched at the very beginning of social distancing measures, the Center for the Prevention of Radicalization Leading to Violence (CPRLV) aims to share its experience and webinars offer with its partners.

General learning and awareness-raising objectives of these webinars



The CPRLV offers educational contents, focused on both theory and practice, and allowing professionals and concerned citizens alike to familiarize themselves, at varying levels, with radicalization leading to violence and hate-motivated acts. The webinars' participants will feature the CPRLV training programs' renowned andragogical approach, in a participative and virtual format, adapted to their reality. Our webinars include accessible theoretical accounts, case studies inspired by situations handled by our community engagement team, as well as spaces for dialogue.

Following a CPRLV webinar, participants should be able to :

FOR A PROFESSIONAL AUDIENCE :

Apply the acquired knowledge in their professional environment, in order to adequately handle a potential situation of radicalization leading to violence or hate-motivated behaviours.

FOR A GENERAL (NON-SPECIALIZED) AUDIENCE :

Gain awareness of basic conceptual elements and familiarize themselves with the process of radicalization leading to violence and related themes, as well as approaches regarding intervention.



Are you a community organization from outside of Québec, and would like to offer a webinar program to your team and your partners? It is possible!

Contact us to discuss your needs further!

Our training programs are free for organizations based in Québec, and offered via Zoom or Teams.



CAPACITY : 100 persons maximum



APPROACH : Formal presentations, case studies, and group discussions

Do not hesitate to communicate with us at info-radical.org or by phone at 1-877-687-7141 or at 514-687-7141.

VIOLENT RADICALIZATION AND HATE-MOTIVATED ACTS : Our webinars as tools of training and prevention

Radicalization Leading To Violence : What Are We Speaking Of?



Duration : 1.5 hrs

What do we mean by radicalization, extremism, terrorism? What are we referring to when we speak of prevention? This training session aims to offer participants the essential notions in order to better their understanding of radicalization leading to violence. The webinar will focus on understanding concepts related to this phenomenon, different types of violent extremism (far-right, far-left, politico-religious, and single issue), the process of radicalization leading to violence, as well as risk and protection factors allowing for preventive action.

In this webinar, participants will acquire the following knowledge and skills :

- Understanding the characteristics of different types of violent radicalization (right-wing, left-wing, religious and single-cause extremism)
- Understanding the process of radicalization leading to violence
- Identify risk and protective factors for violent radicalization

Recognizing Behaviours Related to Situations of Violent Radicalization



Duration : 1.5 hrs

This webinar aims to equip participants with the necessary tools to recognize behaviours that might indicate that an individual is in a situation of violent radicalization. Concrete tools will thus be offered to that effect, including the Behaviour Barometer and Hexagon, two educational tools developed by the CPRLV. This webinar will also involve the examination of case studies as a practical way of learning to recognize varying levels of intensity of behaviours, with the help of the barometer, and of exploring situations with a systemic and interdisciplinary approach, with the Hexagon tool. Participants will be able to familiarize themselves with both these tools and their principles of use, but also to put them to use directly through the examination of case studies of violent radicalization.

Specific objectives :

- Understand the basic principles of a prevention approach to radicalization leading to violence based on recognition of behaviours
- Recognize behavioural or cognitive changes in individuals vulnerable to or in a situation of radicalization
- Analyze potential situations of radicalization leading to violence with the help of concrete educational tools

Interdisciplinary analysis of situations of violent radicalization : the Hexagon educational tool



Duration : 3 hrs

How can we effectively analyze and prevent potential situations of violent radicalization ? How can we better understand this complex and constantly changing phenomenon ? To address these needs, the Centre for the Prevention of Radicalization Leading to Violence (CPRLV) has created Hexagon, a lively educational tool for analyzing situations of potentially violent radicalization. In this participative webinar, participants will be able to put in practice an interdisciplinary approach in terms of preventing violent radicalization, through the examination of case studies, as well as to reflect on advantages, challenges, and strategies surrounding the coming together of complementary expertise.

Specific objectives :

- Raise awareness of interdisciplinary approaches to prevention of violent radicalization
- Understand the Hexagon tool and its potential for analyzing a situation of radicalization leading to violence
- Be able to recognize and analyze different aspects of a situation of violent radicalization, with the help of partners from different sectors

Prerequisite : Having participated in the “Radicalization Leading To Violence : What Are We Speaking Of ?” webinar.

Support and engagement as tools of intervention and prevention of radicalization leading to violence



Duration : 1.5 hrs

In the field of psychosocial and community intervention, multiple notions are mobilized, often interchangeably, in order to qualify and designate practices deployed by professionals in the radicalization sector. Indeed, notions such as case management, follow-ups, and support, are frequently mentioned but not always distinguished. This webinar will aim to define the concept of community support, put forward by the CPRLV, and its dimensions. Beyond deepening our understanding of its operationalization at three levels (collective, intermediate, and individual), we will discuss community engagement as a means of prevention for radicalization leading to violence. Concrete examples will be offered in order to inspire participants' professional practices.

Specific objectives :

- Define the concept of community support
- Develop our understanding of its operationalization at two levels (intermediate and individual)
- Conceptualize and understand community engagement as a tool of prevention for radicalization leading to violence
- Learn about appropriate attitude and forms of intervention for dealing with situations involving radicalization leading to violence

Primary prevention initiatives : the “What If I Was Wrong?” Educator’s Guide

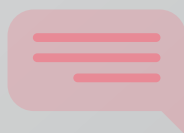


Duration : 2 hrs

This webinar will allow participants to familiarize themselves with the “What if I Was Wrong ? When We Talk, We Learn!” campaign’ Educator’s Guide, developed by the CPRLV, in partnership with the Canadian Commission for UNESCO (CCUNESCO). Participants will learn about best practices in the primary prevention of violent radicalization, activities aimed at young audience to promote their resilience in the face of this phenomenon : a plural vision of the world, questioning one’s preconceived ideas, critical thought, and tolerance towards various ideas, values, or beliefs.

Specific Objectives :

- Learn about the CPRLV’s “What If I Was Wrong?” campaign
- Understand primary prevention and its objectives
- Recognize and identify best practices in terms of primary prevention
- Encourage reflection based on activities promoting resilience



WANT TO GO FURTHER ?

Our thematic webinars

Cinema and Radicalization : How Movies Deal with Violent Extremism ?

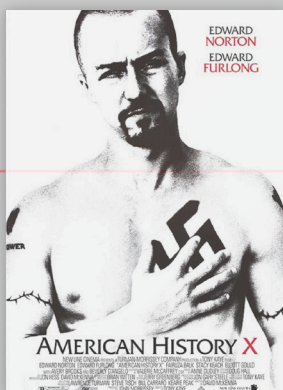


Duration : 1.5 hrs

Violent extremism fascinates audiences, and cinema directors have long understood the attraction of trajectories of radicalization towards violence. Numerous films display this type of stories. The question then remains: does cinema dress an adequate painting of the phenomenon, or are we mostly presented with romanticized versions of this complex reality ? This webinar offers a presentation of the process of radicalization leading to violence through the examination of four movies that deal with this issue, allowing us : first, to explore the emergence of this subject within mainstream cinema ; and second, to reflect upon the protagonists' life course, in light of existing theories and concepts dealing with violent radicalization, as well as of the CPRLV's analytical tools. The webinar includes both a theoretical presentation as well as a group discussion, to allow participants to engage in dialogue and further develop their reflection on the matter.

Specific objectives :

- Understand radicalization leading to violence
- Understand how movies display key steps of the radicalization, disengagement, and deradicalization processes
- Identify and analyze risk and vulnerability factors in a cinematographic context
- Distinguish between two approaches for dealing with violent extremism through cinema



Resisting Conspiracy Theories and Hate Speech in the Days of Coronavirus



Duration :

Two sessions of 1.5 hrs each

Beyond generating anxiety, the current coronavirus pandemic is also related to an increase in the diffusion of hate speech and conspiracy theories, putting forward a racist and xenophobic perspective of the crisis. Whether they are spread by extremist groups or ordinary individuals on social media, these messages convey false informations that might prove a danger to social togetherness. In this two-part presentation, we will explore the issues of hate speech and conspiracy theories within the contexts of global crises, as well as take a look at how those discourses are displayed and diffused in the current Québec context.

Finally, we will discuss good practices of information-seeking, and other ways of avoiding the diffusion of informations that are not only false, but also potentially harmful to many of our fellow citizens.

Specific Objectives :

- Define the concepts of hate speech and conspiracy theory
- Understand favourable contexts of emergence for hate speech and conspiracy theories
- Recognize mechanisms of hate speech and conspiracy theories
- Adopt good practices of information-seeking

Engaging dialogue with a person who adheres to conspiracy theories



Duration : 1.5 hrs

A previous CPRLV webinar, titled “Resisting Hate Speech and Conspiracy Theories in the Days of Coronavirus” touched on the notion of global crises as favourable contexts for the emergence and diffusion of conspiracy theories. A difficult question remains, however, both for frontline professionals and the general public : how can we engage dialogue with individuals who adhere to these theories, when regular tools and arguments don’t seem to work? Here, the CPRLV offers a webinar that will allow participants to better understand the appeal of conspiracy theories and discourses for certain audiences, as well as the needs and gaps they serve to fill. The discussion will also provide participants with guidance concerning best practices to directly engage with individuals adhering to, or sharing such theories, both on- and off-line.

Specific Objectives :

- Define and recognize a conspiracy theory
- Identify political and social issues raised by conspiracy theories
- Identify and understand good practices and attitudes to adopt when engaging in dialogue with a person who adheres to conspiracy theories
- Apply these practices and attitudes through a case study

Gender and Radicalization : How gendered behaviours bias our analyses



Duration : 1.5 hrs

Women's role in extremist movements and ideologies is often wrongly underestimated, notably as concerns politico-religious radicalization. The CPRLV offers a webinar exploring gender issues in analyses of radicalization and violent extremism, addressed through sexological, historical, and political perspectives. More precisely, it will address the issue of how gender, sexuality, and gender stereotypes and related biases, provide us with key elements of understanding when it comes to taking action for prevention or intervention in situations of radicalization leading to violence.

Specific Objectives :

- Understand the relationship between sexology and prevention of radicalization
- Examine the issue of gender and feminine stereotypes within various extremism
- Identify gendered biases in practices (academic, judicial, preventive, and police)

Far-right Extremism in Quebec : An Overview of Ideologies and Movements



Duration : 1.5 hrs

While far-right movements and political parties emerge at an increasing rhythm in Europe and in North America, the CPRLV offers a webinar on far-right activism and extremism in Canada and in Québec. Following a contextual introduction to the emergence of extremist right-movements in Québec and Canada, it will provide an overview of ideological declinations of right-wing extremism in this context, as well as of political foundations and mechanisms at play in these contexts. This webinar will also serve as an occasion for participants to engage in collective dialogue about this issue, and exchange ideas on the specificities of prevention of far-right radicalization, capacity for action of prevention actors, and available means of prevention in this context.

Specific objectives :

- Define right-wing extremism and its various declinations in the Canadian and Québec contexts
- Understand and recognize the ideological narratives put forward by right-wing extremists
- Understand and identify mechanisms that animate individuals who adhere to these movements and ideologies

Survivalists : A Return to Roots ? Or Roots of Hate ?



Duration : 1.5 hrs

While survivalism draws increasing attention in our societies, especially in the context of the coronavirus pandemic, this webinar will explore this radical lifestyle, that often consists of preparing to various catastrophes through survival techniques and activities, can sometimes involve political ramifications, despite the fact that most people adopt it for recreational reasons.

While a survivalist lifestyle might be considered radical, the relationship between survivalism, extreme ideologies, and violence, must be properly unpacked in order to accurately understand the nuances displayed within this heterogeneous movement. This webinar will thus explore the historical, cultural, and ideological origins of survivalism, which will allow us to better understand the linkages between survivalism and violent extremism, and more precisely to identify far-right extremist groups inspired by or adhering to this movement. Conversely, we will examine how certain apolitical survivalist groups practice this radical lifestyle without any ideological or violent agenda.

Specific objectives :

- Define the survivalist movement
- Identify the contexts of emergence of this movement in Québec and Canada
- Recognize hateful forms of expressions in contemporary survivalism

The Manosphere : between adaptation to a new model of equality and the hatred of women



Duration : 1.5 hrs

For a few years now, events relayed in the news have increasingly attracted the public's attention on movements asking for a return to traditional values, questioning the place of women in society, and rejecting our constitutional societies' institutional model, especially as concerns gender equality. Have recent historical feminist victories, in Québec as elsewhere, encouraged the emergence of concerns over men's roles in society, as well as anxieties over the centrality of the masculine model ? Without pretending to offer an exhaustive answer to this question, the CPRLV wants to offer a webinar aimed at demystifying different movements associated to the manosphere. This mostly online environment invites growing curiosity in various sectors, including the academic community. Thus, in this webinar, we will provide descriptions of the main components of this movement – such as the Incels – as well as of their respective levels of radicality, and main activities or practices. Finally, the webinar will explore the context of these movements' emergence, their means of diffusion and communication, their vocabulary, and the concrete forms through which they express violence – gendered or otherwise.

Specific objectives :

- Define the Manosphere and the various related concepts
- Examine historical contexts of emergence of the “manosphere” and its actual expression
- Recognize and identify ideological narratives and mechanisms related to this movement

Violence and non-violence within the Far left : Various militant expressions or radical leftist movements, form 19th century to present day



Duration : 1.5 hrs

Despite having made the news on a few occasions in recent years, the far-left remains rather unfamiliar to the general public in Quebec. Far-left extremism is complex, composed of heterogeneous movements and ideologies, which warrant further examination that might allow us to better understand current debates among both researchers and activists. This webinar offers a historical overview of the main ideological orientations of this type of extremism, in order to improve understanding of certain current issues. The webinar shall identify a few key moments in the history of far-left movements in Quebec and throughout the world, and reflect on some of their violent forms of expression.

Specific objectives :

- Understand the main historical in the emergence of extreme left-wing movements
- Recognize and understand the main political, socio-economical positions of extreme left-wing movements
- Identify the type of violence mobilized by some extreme left-wing movements

To moderate or to not moderate: How extremists play with social media?



Duration : 1.5 hrs

While recent news has shown the capacity of social networks to incite acts of violence and sedition, particularly in the wake of the Capitol events in the U.S., this webinar will offer a reflection on the different mechanisms and strategies existing online to promote violent and hateful discourses and incitements to violence. Participants will have an overview of the forms and types of extremist or hateful content found on such platforms, and explore the challenges that the appropriation of social networks such as Facebook, Twitter or Tik Tok by extremist ideologies can pose. After exploring the responses and means implemented by social networks to counter these new forms of extreme expressions and actions, the webinar will propose a series of best practices and tools for professionals and citizens to better fight against this phenomenon.

Specific objectives :

- **Identify** the context surrounding ideologies found online.
- **Understand** the reasons behind and the strategies used by extremist groups online
- **Identify** the strategies used by extremists to circumvent online platforms' moderation systems
- **Familiarize** ourselves with existing measures to counter hate speech
- **Know** the existing tools and resources to counter online extremism