



WHY PEOPLE KILL – IN ALLAH’S NAME ?

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Islamic terrorism – world wide (web)

- + Since August 31st:
 - 148 terrorist attacks
 - 27 (non-European) and 4 (European) countries
 - 823 dead and 1180 wounded



- + Core Al-Qaida
- + Affiliates:
 - AQUAS; AQIM; Al-Shabaab; Jahbat al-Nusra; AQIS
- + ISIS

People kill – often without much ideology

+ *Chronically Aggressive*

- Frustration, limited or poor impulse control, substance abuse, situational context

+ *Over-Controlled Hostility*

- Emotionally / cognitively rigid and inflexible, morally righteous, judgmental, pressure cooker

+ **Hurt and Resentful**

- Procedural injustice, develop grudges, winners and complainers, wallow in victimization, psychologically impotent to deal with their anger

+ *Traumatized (or Insane)*

- Identity assault, feeling stripped of sense of personal power

+ **Obsessive – Paranoid – Just plain Bad & Angry**

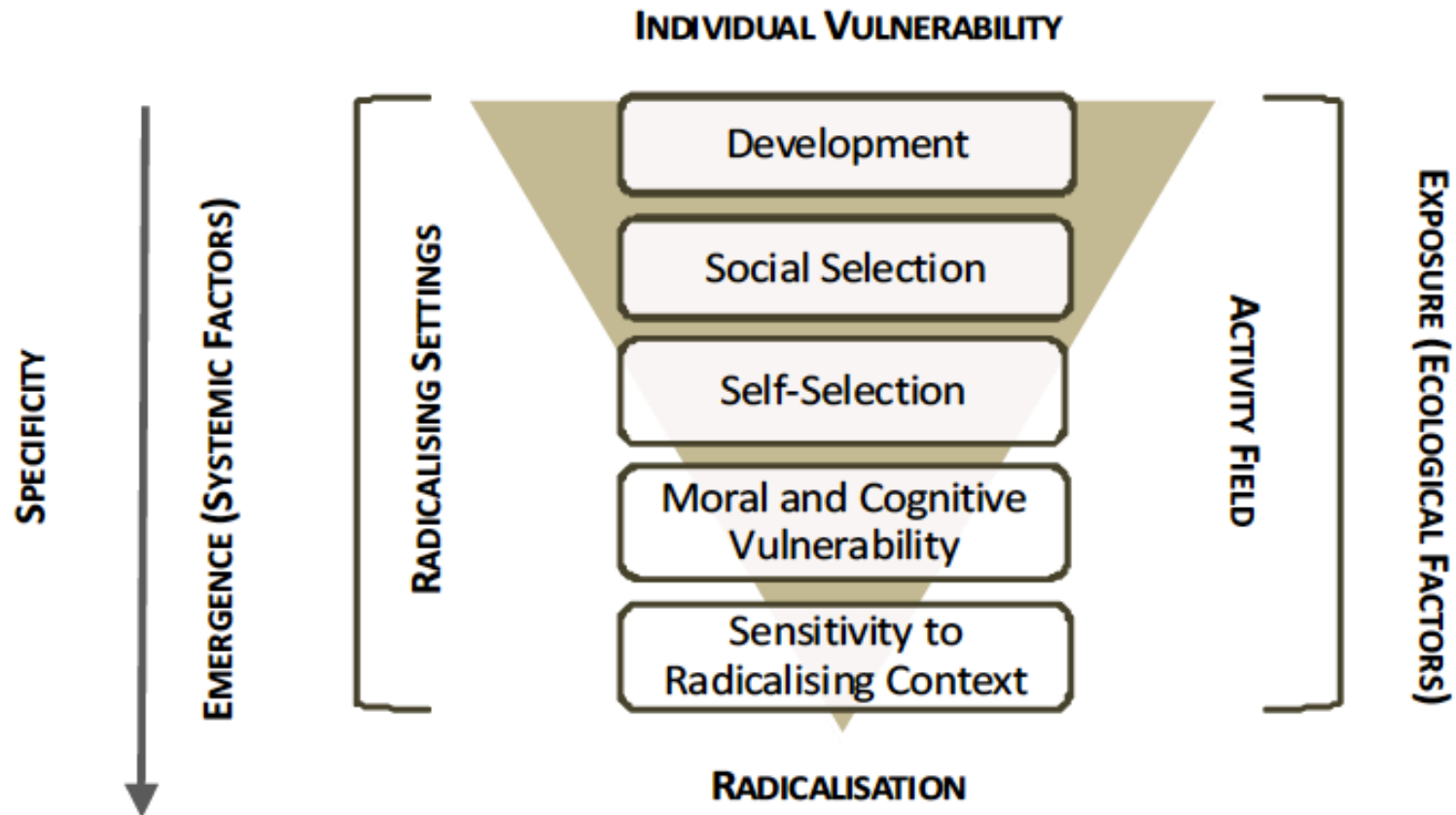
- Narcissistic, feeling deprived, delusional, socially isolated and/or inadequate, seeking attention and/or revenge

But always aimed at settling a moral argument

- + With someone
- + With the state
- + With dehumanized others

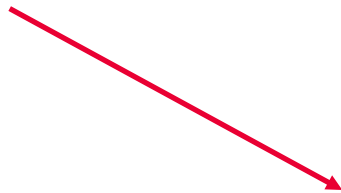


Radicalisation process - summary



Unravelling the act of violence – Why?

+ Chaos of explanations



+ Unravelling terrorism as an act of violence that involves moral choices in a moral environment



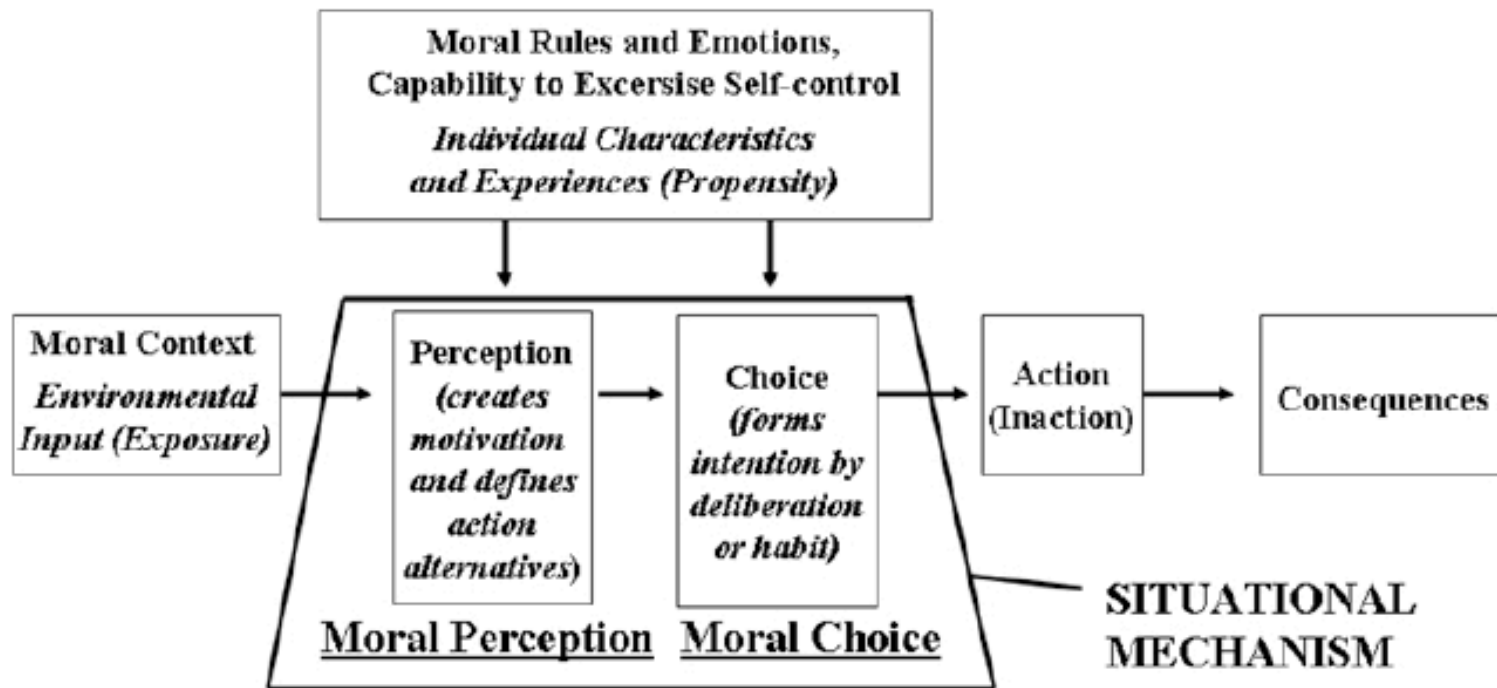
+ To help people disengage and/or desist ('winning hearts and minds')

+ Underpinning the evidence-base of interventions

How?

- + (Change) Propensity + (Change) Exposure = (Change) Action
 - to prevent (jihadist) violence
 - we need to direct our energies towards changing people's propensity to engage in acts of violence and/or their exposure to moral contexts conducive to acts of violence
 - while acknowledging the developmental interaction: changes in exposure may lead to changes in propensity (creating new or breaking existing habits - leading people to take part in different settings / selection effects)

Explanatory theory (SAT)



Winning hearts and minds - What do we need to know?

- + What kind of moral values and moral emotions support perceptions and choices relevant to people's engagement in acts of violence/terrorism?
- + What aspects of the social and moral context support (a) the moral development of such values and emotions and (b) instigate their enactment?
- + How do social and moral contexts (which support the development of favourable moral values and emotions and promote participation in acts of violence/terrorism) emerge and are sustained?



Les Français musulmans en ont marre de l'islamisme - RISS au 1^{er} meeting de Sarko - NICOLINO rencontre les paysans pleins de pesticides - MARIS abat en vol les pilotes d'Air France



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