

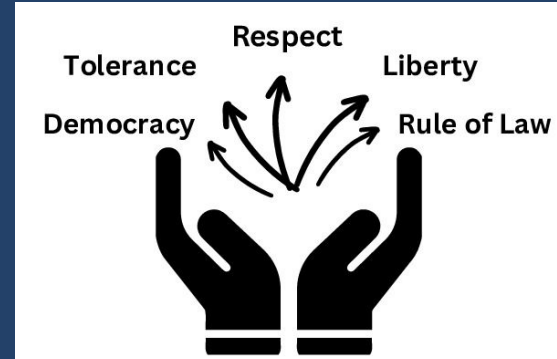
Understanding Extremism in 2026

*Recognising radicalisation, misogyny and
keeping ourselves and others safe*

What does Extremism look like in 2026?

What is Extremism?

Extremism = the vocal or active opposition to fundamental British values. These values are:



1. **Democracy** - everyone has a voice and the right to have their say
2. **The Rule of Law** - law applies equally to everyone
3. **Individual Liberty** - freedom to make your own choices (without harming others)
4. **Mutual Respect** - we treat everyone with respect and dignity
5. **Tolerance** - accept and respect different faiths and beliefs

What is Radicalisation?

Radicalisation = the process by which someone comes to support terrorism or extremist ideologies.

- It can **happen to anyone** - there is no specific 'type' of person
- It often **starts online**
- Extremist groups deliberately **target young people**
- Radicalisation **rarely happens overnight** - usually a gradual process

PREVENT

Prevent is about recognising and safeguarding people from radicalisation and extremism.

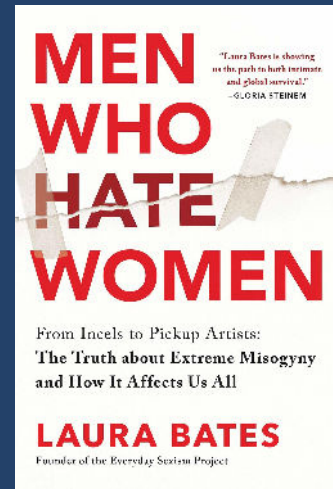
It includes:

- supporting people who are at risk of radicalisation (through the Channel process)
- supporting local schools, employers and community groups through support services, advice and training
- working with faith institutions and groups, providing support and guidance to vulnerable people

PREVENT
CHANNEL
CONTEST

Misogyny as Extremism

- Misogyny = hatred of women and girls
- This is explicitly recognised in safeguarding guidance as a serious concern
- Online spaces can promote extreme misogynistic views:
 - Incel Communities - groups of people, usually men, who blame women for their problems and actively dehumanise women
 - Incel = Involuntary Celibate - men who are unable to engage in a sexual relationship with a woman and who experience significant distress and anger as a result
 - Content - what we actually see
 - Influencers - spreading harmful messages



The Link to Right Wing Extremism

- Right-Wing Extremism = when people hold extreme views about race, nationality and immigration.
- Often believe that certain races or ethnic groups are superior to others, and that immigration and diversity are threats to society
- Frequently link these beliefs to misogyny - the hatred of women - by promoting that men should dominate women and traditional gender roles should be strictly enforced



**extreme
right-wing**



Why this matters to YOU

The Reality

As young women, you might encounter misogynistic content.

Understanding these harmful ideologies is the first step toward self-protection, advocacy, and supporting those around you.



Recognise potential manipulation



Spot the warning signs



Be an ally in challenging harmful views



Support friends if they are vulnerable

Violence against Women and Girls (VAWG)

- VAWG = Violence Against Women and Girls - an umbrella term that includes many different types of harmful behaviour
 - Harassment
 - Controlling behaviour
 - Coercion
 - Abuse - including online
- Extremist ideologies often normalise and promote these behaviours

VAWG is NEVER acceptable, and it is NEVER your fault



Warning signs of Radicalisation

Indicators

The warning signs on the right **may** indicate that someone is being radicalised.

Educate
Against
Hate

~~Fear~~
~~Hate~~
~~Prejudice~~

Respect
Tolerance
Kindness



Behaviour & Appearance

Significant changes in behaviour or appearance.



Social Isolation

Increasing isolation from family and friends.



Online Activity

Secretive online activity; accessing or sharing extremist content online.



Extreme Views

Expressing extreme views, justifying violence, or talking about 'taking action'.

Staying Safe Online

- Be critical of what you see
- Don't engage with or share extremist content
- Block and report accounts that promote hatred or violence
- Talk to someone if it makes you feel uncomfortable
- Remember not everything online is true
- Check your sources, and think before you share

What are algorithms?



A set of rules used to deliver personalised social media feeds and recommendations.



Their aim is to keep you **endlessly scrolling the app.**



They may push sensationalist, extreme or harmful content.

What to do if you are Concerned?

- Speak to a trusted adult - in school or at home
- Childline - 24 hours a day, 7 days a week
- Visit Educate Against Hate
- Visit ACT Website for advice and to report a concern
- In an emergency, or if you feel someone is in immediate danger, you can call 999



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You can also talk to **any** member of staff in school - all our staff are trained to help. They will pass your worry on to one of our main safeguarding team, and make sure you get the right support.

YOU have the Power

How you can use your power:

- YOU have the power to make a difference
- Challenge harmful ideologies
- Support friends who might feel vulnerable
- Create a culture of respect and equality
- Be an upstander, not a bystander



This school is a safe space where **everyone** is valued.