Homegrown Violent Extremists: Survey Confirms Key Assessments, Reveals New Insights about Radicalization

through a survey it developed and administered in 2012, confirmed key assessments and identified new insights about radicalizing influences on current and disrupted homegrown violent extremist (HVE) subjects. In addition to

The survey also revealed that

Communication (EC)

Survey Overview

The survey was administered via

The survey consisted of questions designed to identify what role, if any, the following factors had on an individual’s radicalization.

The survey asked respondents to assess

This survey relied solely on—thus the responses are subjective in nature. Additionally, survey results may not apply to all of domestic radicalization, as the sample size comprises just

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Survey Confirms Four Key Assessments

1. Radicalization Is an Individualized Process
The survey confirmed that radicalization is an individualized, internalized process in which a variety of personal, group, community, sociopolitical and ideological factors can play an aggravating or mitigating role. Numerous individuals, activities, or experiences can contribute to an extremist’s radicalization. As illustrated in Appendix A.

2. Anwar Aulaqi and His Propaganda
The survey highlighted that now-deceased English-language ideologue and al-Qa’ida in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP) Western operations commander Anwar Aulaqi played a role in the radicalization. Despite Aulaqi’s death in September 2011, the permanence of his online lectures likely will allow his message to continue in the United States for the foreseeable future.

3. Key Factors in Radicalization

4. The survey indicated US
These results reinforce the FBI’s assessment that

As illustrated in Appendix D
Survey Reveals New Insights

The FBI historically has been concerned about the investigations have as illustrated in Appendix A.

Despite elevated concerns in the wake of the Fort Hood shooting attack in 2009 and a planned attack against a facility frequented by Fort Hood soldiers in 2011, survey results indicated as depicted in Appendix A, for HVEs, survey results indicate

According to survey results,
(U) (S/NF) Survey Informs Recommendations

(S/NF) The [ ] will provide these results to the field.

[S/NF] based on survey results

Survey results reaffirmed the importance of

and recommendations include the following:

(U) **Recommendation:** Field Offices are encouraged to continue to use FBI [ ]

(S) The also recommends Field Offices

(U) **Recommendation:** Field Offices should prioritize

(U) **Recommendation:** Field Offices, in close coordination with the

[ ]
(U) • CR/NE) Recommendation: Field Offices should pursue [redacted] of known radicalizers, as appropriate.
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**This number does not include individuals**