

Knowledge Organiser—Year 9 Extremism

Key Words

- Media—Means of mass communication.
- Censorship—removal of harmful material that could be considered offensive.
- Freedom of speech—having the freedom to express views and ideas
- Prejudice—pre-judging people.
- Discrimination—treating people differently based on prejudice.
- Extremism—Extreme or anti-social ideas
- Terrorism—Inflicting fear, panic and terror
- Radicalise—Process by which a person is turned into an extremist/terrorist
- Propaganda— Information, especially of a biased or misleading nature, used to promote a political cause or point of view.
- ISIS—Extremist Islamic group
- EDL—White British extremist group



Media and Censorship and freedom of speech

The media—has a huge influence on our lives and is able to create negative stereotypes through the content that it releases to the public. This can often lead to prejudice and discrimination

Censorship—in many countries, there are laws in place designed to prevent violence and discrimination. Some of these laws are rules of censorship, whereby the publishing of certain types of material is prohibited.

Freedom of speech—some believe that the laws of censorship is restrictive of their right to freedom of speech. When this relates to religion, this can cause particular problems because many religious believers believe that it is their need or role to share their faith with others.

Propaganda—how can propaganda cause extremism?

Extremist groups like ISIS, try to get people from the UK to join their terrorist group using social media and direct messaging online.

They target vulnerable young people who might be interested in what the Islamic State means. They promise adventure and fame, love, a perfect home, even their favourite chocolate. But Islamic State doesn't tell the truth. It makes promises that it knows are not true.

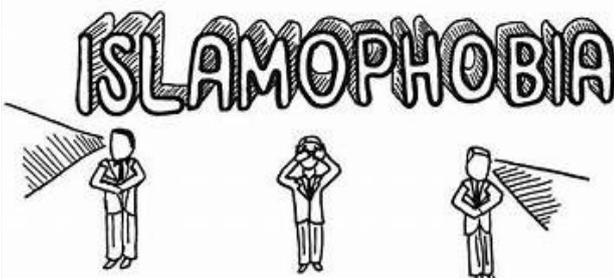
This is called propaganda.

Islamophobia

Fear of hatred of Muslims and the religion, Islam.

Islamophobia is often caused by ignorance of the religion of Islam. Some people think the use of the word by the media is not helpful

Worldwide, Muslims face prejudice and discrimination because of negative perceptions that have been created of them



Causes of Extremism

- Alienation -feeling you don't belong
- Poverty -causes resentment and anger
- Big / Charismatic Leaders -can become idols
- Anger -about social situations, politics, etc
- Vulnerability -more open to radical ideas
- Identity -needing to feel you belong

Prevent Strategy—a strategy formed to tackle radicalization. How does it work?

- Disrupts extremists—counter marches, peaceful protests
- Spots the early signs of someone being radicalised (alienation, vulnerability).
- Integration—promotes the mixing of social groups
- Stops extremism in institutions (schools, colleges and other public sector job).