

Bachelor's thesis "Radicalization within the manosphere"

Abstract in English

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The bachelor's thesis "Radicalization within the manosphere" explores radical indoctrination within online communities known as "the manosphere." The objective of this case study is to point out the weaknesses of the existing discourse on gender-based violence and radicalization on the internet, using an analysis of mass attacks motivated by misogyny. This work includes a theoretical section, which describes the psychology of radicalization and introduces well-known theoretical models. It defines the manosphere and its origins and describes her main subgroups, including MRA, MGTOW, PUA, and incels. Subsequently, it documents known cases of mass attacks tied to these communities. The analytical part connects these cases to theoretical models and studies the role of the internet in spreading extremist ideologies while suggesting possible approaches to prevention and deradicalization. This study concludes that the current discourse on gender-based terrorism does not reflect the complexity of the problem. As long as misogynist terrorism is understood in the context of "errors" and "lone shooters," it will be challenging to prevent it. If the radicalization process involves ideological indoctrination and coincides with theoretical models, its consequences should be approached as terrorist acts. Otherwise, we are contributing to the normalization of misogyny and gender-based violence in all of its forms.