



TRADING CAMOUFLAGE FOR KALASHNIKOVs: THE RADICALIZATION OF U.S. MILITARY MEMBERS INTO SALAFI- JIHADIST ORGANIZATIONS AND THEIR INSIDER THREAT

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January 6th attack on Capitol

OF MORE THAN 140 CHARGED SO FAR... NEARLY 20% HAVE SERVED OR ARE CURRENTLY SERVING IN THE U.S. MILITARY. ONLY ABOUT 7% OF ALL AMERICAN ADULTS ARE MILITARY VETERANS.

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OVERVIEW OF PRESENTATION

Major Points to Discuss

Defining terrorism and insider threat

Extremism in the military

Methodology overview

Mil-on-mil descriptive findings

Application to policy



Research Question

**WHAT ARE THE PATHWAYS TO
SALAFI-JIHADIST EXTREMISM FOR
THOSE WITH MILITARY EXPERIENCE?**

**WHAT IS THE INSIDER THREAT OF
THOSE WHO HAVE RADICALIZED?**

METHODS



Life history analysis through grounded theory

Pulled initial information (including demographics) from the SPARC datasets

Utilized primary and secondary sources, including court documents

Once subjects were gathered, were coded on 24 unique variables that encompassed military and radicalization history

Applied Kruglanski's (2014) 3N theory of radicalization: needs, narrative, and network

QUESTIONS?

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