

# BOSTON RESISTS PROFILING & SURVEILLANCE

These are just a few of the people that our communities have lost to hate crimes and state violence this year. 2017 has seen a rise in the murders of Black trans women, of Black people killed by police violence, of Muslims and those mistaken for Muslim killed in hate crimes. **We know that these forms of violence are connected.** We cannot separate being harassed because of our gender identities from being harassed because of the color of our skin. Transphobia, islamophobia, anti-Blackness, and xenophobia all reinforce each other in our lives.

**We know that the individual hate that led to these murders stands on the foundation of racism and transphobia perpetuated by federal, state, and local policies.**

[“Countering Violent Extremism”](#) (CVE) is a campaign driven by national security, intelligence and federal law enforcement agencies that claims to steer people off pathways to “radicalization” or “extremism.” However, CVE is not supported by sound evidence and is based on debunked, pseudo-scientific theories that “radical” ideas lead to violence. In practice, it has falsely legitimized discrimination against Muslims, treating them as uniquely predisposed to commit acts of violence. CVE encourages institutions and trusted education and health professionals - often through financial incentives - to engage in “soft surveillance” by (1) assessing congregants, patients, students and clients for supposed “vulnerabilities” to “violent extremism” and (2) referring individuals for, or subject them directly to, deprogramming (“interventions”). CVE often directs communities to watch for indicators that are extremely common, such as “children...becoming confrontational,” providing an invitation to profile using implicit biases.

## [CVE in Boston](#)

There are multiple CVE projects here locally that target the Somali immigrant community, framing them as particularly prone to violence due to the various social and economic trauma they experience as immigrants and refugees. Somali, Muslim, black, LGBTQ, and all marginalized communities deserve access to social services that is not tethered to institutions and programs that further marginalize them through surveillance and state sanctioned violence. CVE upholds institutional white supremacy through its criminalization of marginalized communities and fuels the bigotry that leads to hate crimes and murders.

### WHAT TO DO NEXT

- Donate to the organizations that coordinated this action!
  - [Asian American Resource Workshop](#)
  - [Muslim Justice League](#)
  - [Queer Muslims of Boston](#)
- Volunteer to participate in an upcoming initiative with MJL and other local groups on police accountability issues including CVE - [info@muslimjusticeleague.org](mailto:info@muslimjusticeleague.org)
- Post on social media using the hash-tags on next page about your experience today!

More info including donation links at <https://www.muslimjusticeleague.org/> and <https://aarw.org/> and <https://qmob.wordpress.com/>

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**MURDERED BY HATE CRIME,  
2017**



**SRINIVAS KUCHIBOTLA**

**#NoMuslimBanEver**

**17-YEAR-OLD BLACK TRANS  
WOMAN MURDERED, 2017**



**AVA LE'RAY BARRIN**

**#QueerAzaadi**

**#EndBostonCVE**

**17-YEAR-OLD MUSLIM  
WOMAN MURDERED, 2017**



**NABRA HASSANEN**

**#BlackTransLivesMatter**

**18-YEAR-OLD BLACK TRANS  
WOMAN MURDERED, 2017**



**JAQUARRIUS HOLLAND**

**#BlackMuslimLivesMatter**