#STOPCVE

Don't let "Countering Violent Extremism" programs turn trusted community members into informants.
WHAT IS CVE?

Countering Violent Extremism (CVE) are programs that claim to prevent "radicalization" or "violent extremism", even though there are no clear paths or indicators that someone will commit an act of violence.

CVE programs claim they are community-driven and therapeutic, rather than punitive. But these programs are almost always initiated by the Department of Homeland Security, the Department of Justice or other law enforcement agencies.

CVE programs claim to focus on "all types of violent extremism," but based on their language, choices in funding, and the indicators they tie to violence, it is clear that CVE is targeting Muslims.
WHAT DOES CVE DO?

CVE recruits community leaders, mosques & Muslim organizations, teachers, health professionals, & other trusted community members to search communities seen as "vulnerable to radicalization" for indicators that make regular activities for Muslims seem criminal --- like wearing a hijab or criticizing certain U.S. policies (for example, wars) and resisting injustice!
CVE in BOSTON

PEACE Grants
(Department of Justice / EOHHS)

EmpowerPeace

UNITED SOMALI YOUTH

Initial overall framework for CVE in Massachusetts developed by a collaborative of participants convened by the US Attorney's Office of MA see full list at tinyurl.com/BostonCVEFramework

YOUTH AND POLICE INITIATIVE PLUS

North American Family Institute
The Police Foundation
United Somali Youth
Boston Police Department

Department of Homeland Security
Operation250, founded by UMass Lowell students targets is a local CVE project targeting educators, parents, and students.

"It is often said that terrorism is something you know once you see it." -- Operation250.org

CVE is often repackaged into anti-bullying, hate crimes, bystander intervention, and active shooter preparedness projects.
WHAT CAN YOU DO

REFUSE to participate!

ASK if your school, organization, mosque or others are participating.

EDUCATE your community.

WATCH OUT for programs or websites that criminalize marginalized communities (look out for code works like "extremism")

ENGAGE

REQUEST anti-racism & islamophobia training.
SHARE your concerns about CVE!
If approached by FBI or Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF) agents for questioning, you have the right to decline to answer questions.

You can explain: I don't wish to answer questions without an attorney. Please leave your number. My attorney will call you.

Then call MJL at (857) 256-1310. MJL provides no-cost legal representation to individuals approached for questioning by the FBI or JTTF.

We may be able to provide you with legal representation or, if we cannot, to refer you to other resources to locate an attorney.
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