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# PROTECTIVE FACTORS EVIDENCE MAP

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**This evidence map illustrates a review of research on different factors which protect against violent extremism.**

KEY	
	BEHAVIOUR
	INTENTION
	ATTITUDE

This evidence map on page 2 illustrates the findings of a review of research on protective factors against violent extremism.

The map is based on an analysis of 52 papers published between 1998 and 2021.

Details of the methodology used to compile the map can be found in the Full Report.

## ILLUSTRATIVE MAP BREAKDOWN

Each box represents one factor and factors are clustered according to different levels of influence. These include individual factors such as those relating to psychology, socio-economics, religion, activism, and civic attachment, and factors linked to the family, society, school and peer group.

A single factor could be identified in multiple studies, and each study typically refers to more than one protective factor.

Studies are numbered and are colour coded based on the outcome that is being assessed in each study. These include violent extremist **attitudes**, **intentions**, and **behaviours**.

The map should be read alongside the Full Report. Although it provides an overview of the factors researchers have identified to date, it does not include details on the strength or direction of the relationships, or provide other relevant information about non-linear relationships or approaches to sampling.

A more detailed explanation of the nature of protective factors and how researchers have sought to explain them is set out in the Full Report which can be found at: [www.crestresearch.ac.uk](http://www.crestresearch.ac.uk)

## INDIVIDUAL

<b>PSYCHOLOGICAL</b>	SELF CONTROL 37 40 41	EMPATHY 18 21	DEATH OF CLOSE PERSON 7	MENTAL HEALTH 12	AGREEABLENESS 22	LIFE DISATISFACTION 14	<b>SOCIO-ECONOMIC</b>
	LIFE SKILLS 34	CONFLICT COPING SKILLS 31	EMOTIONALITY 33	EMPLOYMENT 32 1 25 26	AGE 47 1 32	GENDER 47	
<b>ACTIVISM</b>	LEGIT POLITICAL PROTEST 7 3	CHARITABLE DONATION 7	VOLUNTEERING 7	FIRST GEN MIGRANT 6 28	ETHNICITY 13	INDIVIDUAL WEALTH 4	<b>RELIGION</b>
	BOYCOTTING 7	POLITICAL DISINTEREST 14	PEACEFUL RELIGIOUS ACTIVISM 39	DEMOCRATIC VALENCE 27	RELIGIOSITY 11 10 42 30 51	LOW IMPORTANCE OF RELIGION 6	
<b>CIVIC ATTACHEMENT</b>	ACCEPTANCE OF POLICE LEIGITMACY 35 36	TRUST IN GOVERNMENT 13	TRUST IN POLICE 11	ACCEPTANCE OF CT LAWS 11	RELIGIOUS STUDY 3	QURANIC AUTHORITATIVENESS 1	
	PERCEIVED GOVERNMENT JUSTICE 20	OBSERVER JUSTICE SENSITIVITY 23	LAW RELEVANT MORALITY 40	POS ATTITUDE TO RESTORATIVE JUSTICE 43	LOW ID INCOMPATIBILITY 44	ANXIETY AT INCARCERATION 14	

## FAMILY

POSITIVE PARENTING 17 18 48	MARRIED 5 26	PROPERTY OWNERSHIP 2	NON-VIOLENT PARTNER 24	NON-VIOLENT FAMILY 14	INCARCERATION OF FAMILY MEMBER 14
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## SOCIETY

HOST COUNTRY ATTACHMENT 10 11 20 50	SOCIETAL ATTACHMENT 49 15 49	SOCIAL COHESION 9 19	GROUP EFFICACY 45	CROSS-GROUP CONTACTS 46	SOCIAL INTEGRATION 17
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## SCHOOL

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT 4 8 3 16 30 38 26
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## PEER

NON-VIOLENT PEERS 14 24	CROSS GROUP FRIENDSHIP 29	SOCIAL SUPPORT 42	MORE SOCIAL CONTACT 6
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