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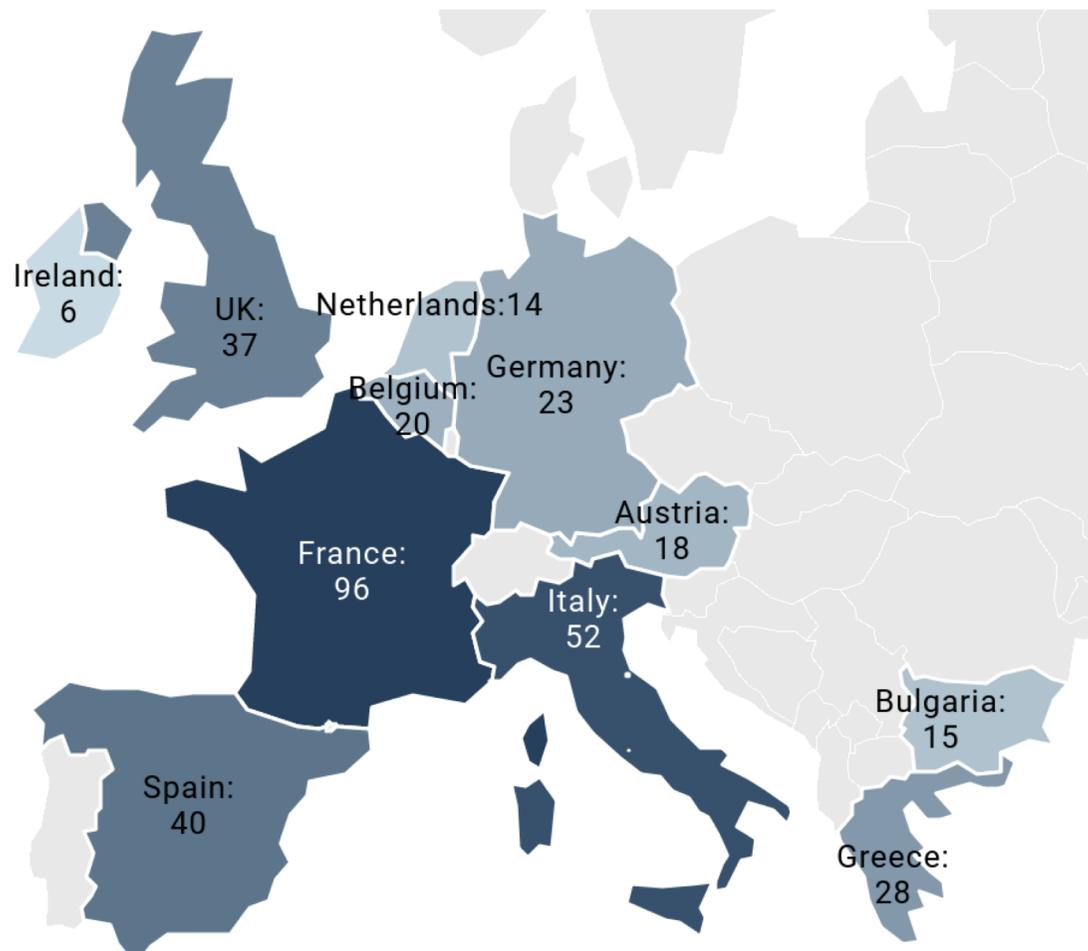
The Input: Pathways to Jihad

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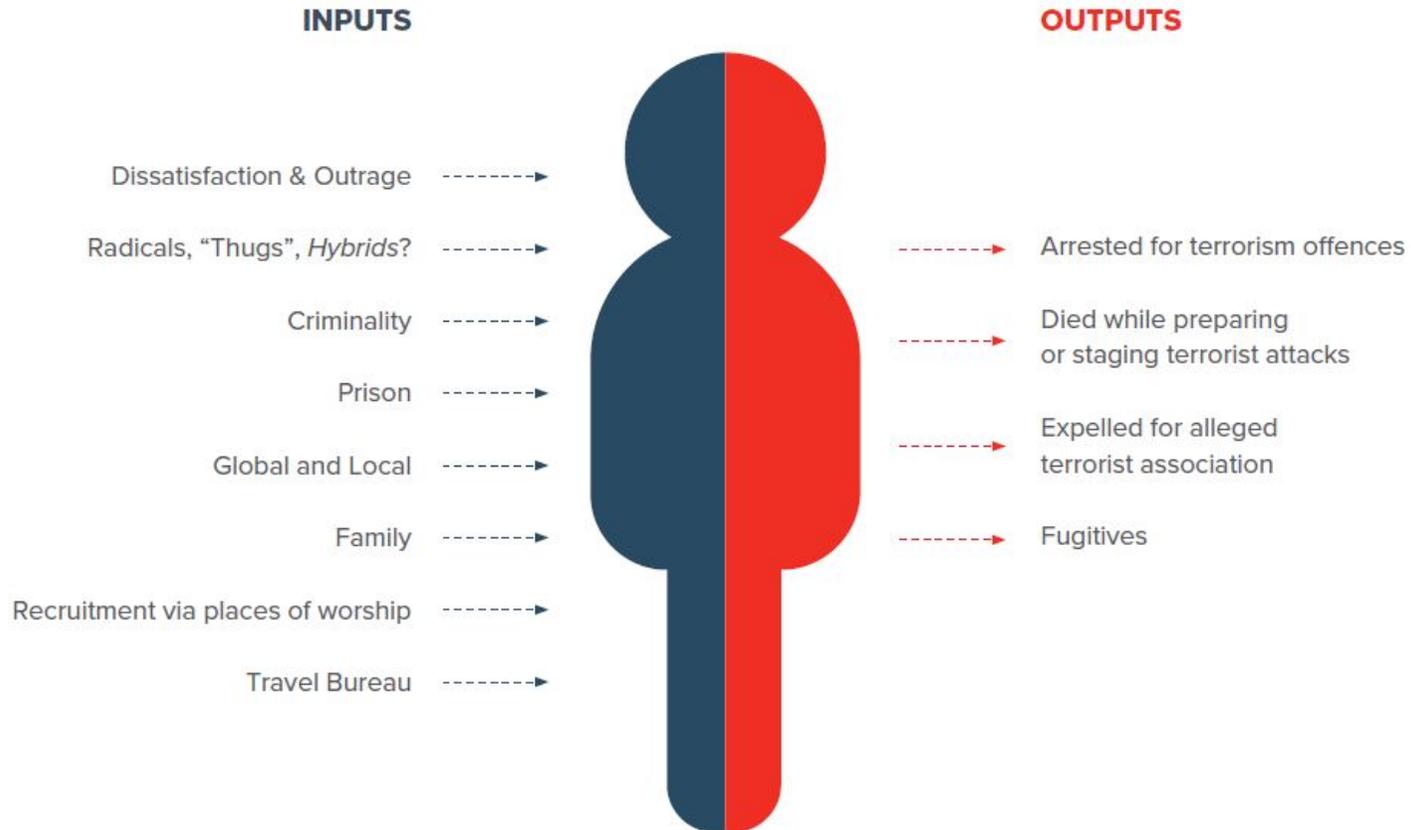
- **Focus on 2015 terrorism arrestees and terrorism suspects killed or expelled, and fugitives in 2015.**
- **Main research tool: Codebook with 121 variables + 50 further variables**
- **Data-based comparative study of the crime-terror phenomenon (with PMI Impact) and pathways to jihad in 11 countries (with CEP).**
- **Cooperation with: Royal Institute Elcano, University of Leiden, University College Cork, Ghent University, Catholic University of Milan, IRIS France and Counter Extremism Project.**
- **Funded by Counter Extremism Project**

National datasets

n = 349



Pathways to Jihad



Pathways

1. “Why” and “How” – what others are saying.
2. Of deep diving and isolating variables.
3. Thematic analysis.



1. Dissatisfaction & Outrage

- CONVENTIONAL WISDOM: 1. Personal dissatisfaction/feelings of injustice meet political injustice; 2. redemption.
- OUR DATA: personal injustice-yes, redemption?
“Bunches of guys”



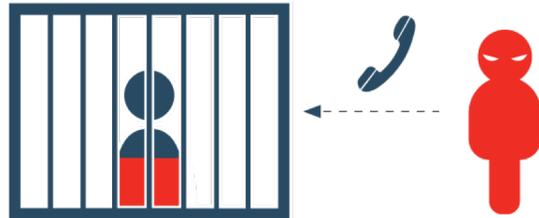
2. Radical vs Thuggish

- CONVENTIONAL WISDOM: it is either radicals or “thugs”
- OUR DATA: It is “entrepreneurs,” “drifters” and “misfits”
- *Hybrids?*



3. Criminal

- CONVENTIONAL WISDOM: nexus exists, it is about petty crime.
- OUR DATA: nexus exists but far from petty
- *Hybrids?*



4. Through prison

- CONVENTIONAL WISDOM: prison=hub/university of jihad
- OUR DATA: yes but unknown and overestimated?
- Radicalisation in prison but less prison-related?



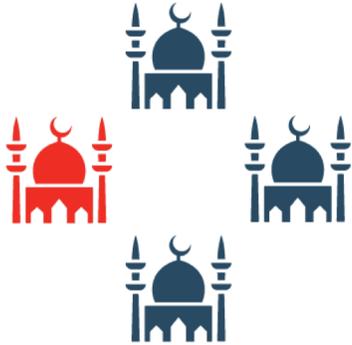
5. “Glocal”

- CONVENTIONAL WISDOM: homegrown
- OUR DATA: homegrown and parochial (Pazardzhik is enough/from Roubaix to Nice) but also internationalized (not only Syria)



6. Family

- CONVENTIONAL WISDOM: it is about the family
- OUR DATA: Which family member?
- Private radicalisation



7. Mosques return?

- **CONVENTIONAL WISDOM:** under surveillance so less adequate
- **OUR DATA:** still going on (from Terrassa to Bonn)
- Gyms and paintball centres
- Activism?



8. Travel Bureau

- CONVENTIONAL WISDOM: attack cells and logistical cells
- OUR DATA: 25% + Medieval or Early Modern Europe?

Recommendations

- Locate the jihadist “entrepreneurs.”
- Look for candidates for “hybrids.”
- Continuously monitor families with a track record of jihadist radicalisation.
- Induct the prison service and the prison intelligence into the security systems of European countries.
- Establish fusion centres in which counter-intelligence officials would work with the police forces.



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