



Radicalization Process in Prisons

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Outline - Radicalization Process in Prisons

- ✓ General Description of the phenomenon
- ✓ Overview of European and American situation
- ✓ Case Studies:
 - Richard Reid
 - Jose Padilla
 - Jose Emilio Suarez Trashorras
 - Safe Bourada
- ✓ Recommendations and Policy Options



Sayd Qutb in prison

General Description of the phenomenon

- * Arrest for petty crimes, immigration violations.
- * Radicalization or/and conversion in prison.
- * Upon concluding their sentence, prisoners are often guided to a radical Da'awa infrastructure in Muslim communities.
 - * From Da'awa to Jihad process.

General Description of the phenomenon

Availability and accessibility to :

Operational and Ideological Hard copy literature
Web-based literature.

Charismatic Self-made Imams,peer group.

Interaction between the prisoners and the outside world through a Da'awa infrastructure.

Radicalization in the United States

“Prisons continue to be fertile ground for extremists who exploit both a prisoner's conversion to Islam while still in prison, as well as their socioeconomic status and placement in the community upon their release.”

(Former FBI Director R. Mueller)

“Some of these terrorists seek to exploit our freedom to exercise religion, we believe, to their advantage by using radical forms of Islam to recruit operatives. Unfortunately, U.S. correctional institutions are a viable venue for such radicalization and recruitment.”

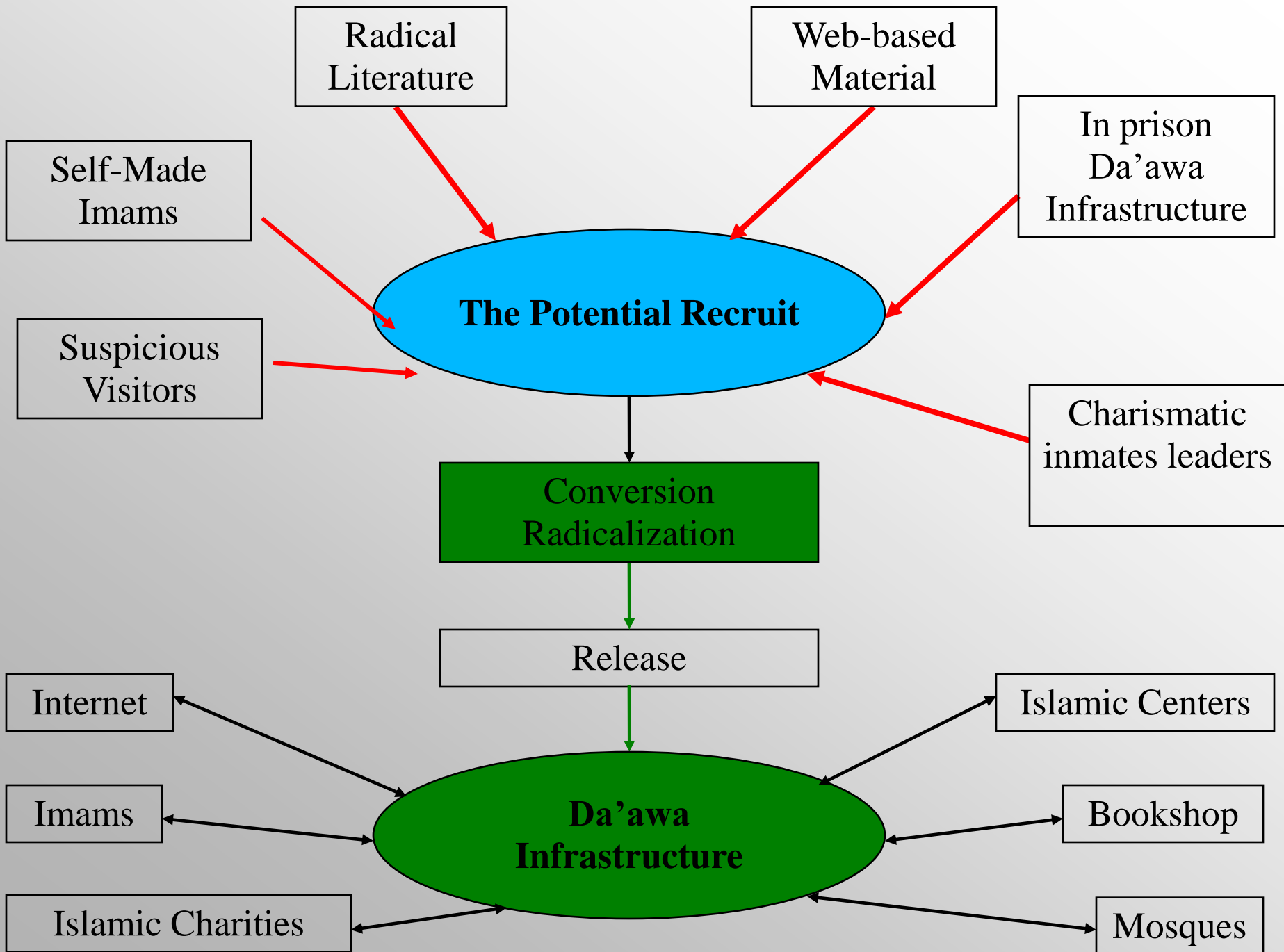
(FBI Deputy Director John Pistole)

Radicalization in Europe

- ✓ Over-represented Muslim population in European Jails (80% of some prison in the suburb of Paris, France).
- ✓ Confinement often spurs a religious awakening/reawakening.

“A minority of radical Islamist terrorists hook up with petty criminals who find their way back to religion under its most radical form”

(Pascal Maihlos, Director of the French Domestic Intelligence Agency, Renseignements Généraux, RG)



Case Studies

				
Name:	Richard Reid	Jose Padilla	Jose Emilio Suarez Trashorras	Safe Bourada
Convert or Radicalize:	In prison: Feltham Young Offender Institution & Remand Centre (W. London)	After his stay in prison: Broward County Jail (Florida, USA)	In prison	Radicalized a dozen of people in a French prison
Clerics or Mosque	Brixton Mosque and Abu Hamza at the Finsbury Park mosque, (London, UK)	Masjid at al-Iman mosque (Sunrise, USA)	Unknown	Khalid Ibn Walid mosque (Paris, France)

Policy Options and Recommendations

Multi-Disciplinary Approach

Prevention in prison

- * Isolation of petit crime/immigration first /second arrest.
- * Enhance In Prison intelligence(HUMINT,SIGINT).
- * Identify/isolate “gravity centers” of radical Islam in prison.
- * Vetting process of the clerics, contractors and NGO’S volunteers.
- * Screening incoming Islamic literature,Internet,visitors,NGO’S.
- * Provide institutional religious needs(Food,Qura’ns,Qurbanic meets)sweets for Id Al- Fiter and Id Al- Adha.No NGO’s.
- * Monitor and restrict visits only to family members.
- * Training correction officer.

Rehabilitation

- Identify inmates at risk.
- Out-reach programs -to effectively integrate the ex-prisoners in the society.
- Diminish the risks of absorption by the external radical Da'wa infrastructure.
- Deportation failures -should be met by governments on the national level.
 - Muslim communities moderate lay leaders,informal educational systems.
- Provide self empowerment activities and assistance.

Monitor and Avoid

Create integrated comprehensive counter radical Islamic Da'awa programs:

- Travel ban for high risk inmates.
- Creation of a set of “best practices” that can be used to develop an inclusive strategy to oppose the radicalization process.
- Compulsory one year long course “mainstream” Islamic studies.
- Vocational training course, skills to find an honest job.
- Assistance and eventually a limited governmental allowance.



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