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## The UK construction of misogynist extremism

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There are currently nearly 1,000 references to dehumanising misogyny recorded each day in the “incelosphere”. Although the toxicity and extent of male supremacist content continues to intensify, the recent review of Prevent by William Shawcross concluded that misogynist extremism is not a counter-terrorism matter. This presentation explores the misogynistic “incel” subculture and ideology. It assesses how the ideology of misogynist extremism draws on the hatred of women and ethnic and religious multiculturalism to produce an ideology that is just as dangerous as other forms of extremism in its capacity to radicalise and incite violence. In highlighting the diverse range of identities that are rejected by misogynist extremism, the presentation critically explores the extent to which the UK continues to focus on and amplify the risk of Islamist terrorism, whilst downplaying equally dangerous ideologies and the implications of this on facilitating the growth of misogynist extremism.