

SUMMARY OF DERADICALIZATION AS COMBATING TERRORISM

Successful deradicalization depends upon an understanding of radicalization itself. Radical as having a combination of the following characteristics: trusting a person already involved with a radical group; being “spiritually hungry” and dedicated to their faith, but having limited knowledge of their religion; and being desperate, naïve, or simply in need of money. Radicalization is a reality of the contemporary world that will not disappear any time soon. Indeed, some radicals may never leave behind their extreme views, but, if most can be persuaded to, and if more still can disengage from violence, deradicalization programs represent the best means of achieving such progress via soft counterterrorism. One of Indonesia's strategy for de-radicalization is to involve former terrorists who are referred to as “soul approaches” to persuade terrorists to return to society.