

The Counter Extremism Strategy October 2015

The Prime Minister said:

One of the greatest threats that we face is the scourge of extremism from those who want to divide us. We see it in sickening displays of neo-Nazism, Islamophobia, antisemitism and Islamist extremism.

The Counter-Extremism Strategy is a clear signal of the choice we make today to tackle both violent and non-violent extremism. Terrorism is really a symptom; ideology is the root cause. The menace... and the sophisticated efforts of extremists to groom and radicalise young British people demands a response of a different magnitude.

Defeating extremism in all its forms is not something the state can do alone. We need the help of everyone, including our faith communities. We must be absolutely clear that when it comes to countering Islamist extremism, our strategy is not about criticising or attacking the religion of Islam or its followers. Our aim is to work in partnership to isolate the extremists from everyone else – and to stop them driving a wedge between British Muslims and the rest of our society.

If we implement this strategy, if we build that partnership, I am confident that together we can defeat the extremists and build a more cohesive country for our children, our grandchildren and for every generation to come.