

60 Second Update



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NATIONAL SECURITY THREAT IS SUBSTANTIAL: - *An Attack is Likely*

What is Incel?

Incel is the abbreviated term for involuntary celibate created 30 years ago on a website for those unlucky in love, or involuntary celibate before the era of social media or online dating. [click [here/here](#) to read more about the history of Incel]. However in today's society, the Incel community is described as a subculture of self-professed involuntary celibate men who believe sexual fulfilment is a human right, therefore if you are Incel you are actively being deprived and repressed by women.

On the 12th of August 2021, Jake Davison, 22, shot and killed 5 people and himself in Plymouth. Police increasingly believe that anti-women propaganda fuelled his anger, as he regularly took to social media to vent his frustrations regarding his lack of sexual fulfilment. [Read more [here](#)] Previously, Incel was not known to the UK and seemed to be an online culture that appeared solely in the US and Canada. In 2014 a 22 year old Elliot Rodger killed 6 and injured 13 people by shotgun, stabbing and with his vehicle before killing himself in California. Prior to the attack, Rodger uploaded a YouTube video stating this was his 'revenge against humanity' and shared his misogynistic views in a manifesto. Following this, Rodger has been hailed a saint to the Incel community, sparking other attacks, such as the Alek Minassian in Toronto. Minassian who killed 10 people. [More can be read on Rodger and Minassian [here](#)]

ingredients for explosives and bomb-making manuals used by other terrorist groups. When he was arrested, police weren't sure what his ideology was. He was obsessed with US shootings and terror attacks and posted on social media that he wanted to carry out a mass murder. He visited an Incel website and group chat about emulating Elliot Rodger - but prosecutors did not explicitly allege that he was primarily motivated by the movement or a hatred of women. [Read more [here](#)].

As of last September, almost 40% of reports sent to Prevent were for "mixed ideologies" - Incel beliefs were part of the mix. However some experts are sceptical of approaching this with counterterrorism strategies, and suggest it is more of a public health concern. This is because Incels display high levels of mental health issues, combined with a history of bullying. It may also be argued that Incel violence seen in other parts of the world is ideological violence to prove an ideological point or create psychological fear. Thus making it terrorism. Therefore it has to be established on a case by case basis as to whether this is self loathing hatred or an ideological motive. In order to cross to the threshold of terrorism the attack must be for the purpose of advancing political, religious, racial or ideological causes, such as combatting feminism. Incels tend to use their own terminology when communicating online. [Click [here](#) to see a list of the words to look out for]

Is Incel a Terrorist Threat?

The attack in Plymouth on the 12th of August has left people with the question as to whether or not this was a terrorist attack. Anwar Driouich from Middlesbrough was one of the most prominent British cases. Driouich was jailed for possession of

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