

PARLIAMENTARY JOINT COMMITTEE ON LAW ENFORCEMENT
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QoN 3 – Pro-white male radicalisation

Senator David Shoebridge asked the following question on 5 February 2026: (Can you) provide some more details on pro white male radicalisation. To what extent do you see pro white male radicalisation?

The response to the question is as follows:

The Australian Federal Police (AFP) is observing a diverse range of extreme ideologies emerging across the Australian community. The term “pro-white male radicalisation” is not used as a defined subset within the AFP’s counter terrorism caseload. Instead, the AFP classifies violent extremism under two overarching descriptors: ideologically motivated violent extremism (IMVE) and religiously motivated violent extremism (RMVE). Cases exhibiting elements of both are categorised as mixed-ideology extremism.

IMVE refers to support for the use of violence to achieve political outcomes or in response to specific political or social grievances. Subsets of IMVE ideology include national racist violent extremism (NRVE), anarchist and revolutionary violent extremism, and specific-issue violent extremism.

While the AFP does not classify “pro-white male radicalisation” as a distinct category, the following operational insights are relevant.

Since 2020, **90** individuals have been charged as a result of **67** counter terrorism operations. Of these:

- **28** individuals across **25** operations were inspired by IMVE
- All **28** individuals were male
- **16** of the 28 (**57%**) were assessed as being inspired by white superiority related ideologies.

These figures demonstrate that although “pro-white male radicalisation” is not recognised as an independent classification, white superiority influenced ideologies do appear within the broader IMVE cohort. The AFP’s National Security Investigations (NSI) Teams have observed an increase in reports involving politically motivated violence and hate crimes, including crimes allegedly motivated by white supremacist and neo-Nazi ideologies.

The establishment and ongoing expansion of NSI Teams enhances the AFP’s ability to respond to the evolving threat environment. These teams target criminal activities that undermine social cohesion and democratic freedoms, including politically motivated violence, the promotion of communal violence, violent extremism, and hate crimes with a Commonwealth nexus. The AFP will continue to monitor the prevalence of various ideologies, including those influenced by white male superiority to better understand the drivers of criminal offending and ensure appropriate operational responses.
