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Canada's Jihadi Crisis Should Worry America

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People often think of Canadians as overly polite, and as a people with a predilection for saying "sorry" too much. But what about Canadian-grown terrorism, extremism, or antisemitism?

Since the terrorist attacks in Israel on Oct. 7, Canada has become a hotbed of radicalization, fanaticism, and jihadism. As un-Canadian as it sounds, Canada has a terrorism crisis on its hands and that should worry the United States for a whole host of reasons.

Acts of radical Islamic terrorism in Canada are not a new phenomenon. Examples include, the al-Qaeda-inspired "Toronto 18" plot in 2006, the planned attack of Canada's national railway service in 2013, the shootings on Parliament Hill in 2014, and a foiled ISIS-inspired attack in 2016, among others. All told, Canada has experienced its fair share of jihadist activities, but things are getting worse—a hell of a lot worse—and fast.

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