Contents

	Foreword		ix
	List of figures		X
		Cultural values 73	
1	Introduction	Global political-cul	1
2	Stereotypes, prejudice, economic deprivation a	nd discrimination	12
	Introduction 12		
	Stereotypes, prejudice and personal contacts 12		
	Stereotypes 13		
	Metastereotypes 18		
	Prejudice 18		
	Personal contacts 19		
	Economic deprivation and discrimination 23		
	Contact and social isolation 24	Personality 91	
	Social isolation 25		
	Contact and prejudice 25		
	Economic position and relative deprivation 27		
	Economic position 27		
	Relative deprivation 29		
	Conclusions 31		
3	Threats and their consequences		37
	Introduction 37		
	Types of threat 37		
	Some examples of threats 38		
	Social threats: an analysis 41		
	Cognitive effects 47		
	Injustice 48		
	Negative attitudes 50		
	See sersus non-violent groups, 209		

vi	Contents	
	The role of education 52	
	Uncertainty 54	
	Emotional effects 59	
	Fear 59	
	Moral emotions 59	
	Anger 60	
	Aggression and revenge 61	
	Contempt and disgust 63	
	Hate 65	
	Conclusions 66	
4	Culture, social climate and catalyst events	7
	Introduction 73	
	Culture 73	
	Cultural values 73	
	Global political-cultural climate 78	
	Cultural symbols 79	
	Social climate 80	
	Material factors 80	
	Economic and social conditions 82	
	Catalyst events 87	
	Conclusions 88	
5	Individual factors: personality and demographics	9
	Introduction 93	
	Personality 93	
	Abnormal personality 93	
	Authoritarianism and social dominance orientation 94	
	Other personality traits 101	
	Demographics 103	
	Socioeconomic status 103	
	Age 106	
	Gender 107	
	Marital status 110	
	Conclusions 111	
6	Social identity, polarization and collective action	11
6	Social identity, polarization and collective action	11
	Introduction 117	
	Social identity, self-esteem and belongingness 119 Self-esteem 119	
	Belongingness 122	

Social identity and emotions 127		
Majorities, minorities and social identity 132		
Threat and social identity 134		
Threat, values and polarization 134		
Threat and social action 136		
Conclusions 138		
Social identity, ideology and religion 146		
Introduction 146		
Ideology, uncertainty and support for extremes 147		
Ideology and morality 150		
Right-wing ideology and extremism 152		
Left-wing ideology and extremism 155		
Religion, identity and ideology 157		
Fundamentalism and radicalization 160		
Religion and terrorism 162		
Martyrdom and suicide tactics 167		
Conclusions 168		
and backgrounds or different types of rad malization supplies within are		
From extremism to violence: small group processes, social		
support and justification 174		
Introduction 174		
Group polarization 174		
Groupthink 176		
Isolation and superiority 180		
The Internet and isolation 182		
Leaders 185		
Social support, rewards and role models 186 Social support 186		
Social and material rewards 192		
Role models and imitation 193		
Justification processes 195		
Dehumanization 195		
Attribution of responsibility 198		
Conclusions 200		
Paths to and from violent extremism 208		
Introduction 208		
Group performance and violence 208		
Violent versus non-violent groups 209		

Outgroup homogeneity 124

viii Contents

Process models 214
Disengagement and exit from terrorism 216
The decline and end of terrorist groups 218
Interventions to combat radicalism and terrorism 225
Prevention and resilience 228
General interventions 231
Conclusions 233

10 Summary and conclusions

Introduction 239 Summary 239

Threats as a starting point 239
Threats: cultural and personal factors 242
Social identity, ideology and radicalization 245
From radicalization to violent groups 247
Three forms of radicalism and terrorism 252
De-radicalization programmes 253

Where do we stand? 253
Aspects of terrorism research 256

Wrong questions 256
Initial versus later stages of radicalization 257
Explanation versus prediction 258
Terrorism, hysteria and civil rights 259
Conclusions 260

Index

239

263