

**AN INVESTIGATION INTO FACTORS CONTRIBUTING TO RADICALISATION
OF THE YOUTHS IN MOMBASA COUNTY.**

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1 ABSTRACT

While debate over the root causes of radicalization rages in the Kenya, extremists continue to lure destitute radicals to their cause. Counter-terrorism needs to place the breeding grounds for these impoverished sympathizers at the center of their efforts. A new strategy and a new method ought to be adopted to prevent radicals from becoming a threat in the form of terrorism. “Fighting radicalism with human development”—specifically social and economic development—should emerge as a new public narrative and long-term objective for a smarter effort at strategic counter-terrorism. The study intended to investigate the factors that radicalization of the youths in Mombasa county. The target population consisted of youths and muslim clerics in Mombasa County, a sample of 50 youths and 10 clerics were used for the study. The study adopted the descriptive design in gathering the required information. The main instruments for the study were questionnaires and interview schedule. Since most do not open up on radicalization get the required information was a challenges itself. The collected data also be analyzed using the Statistical Package for Social Sciences (SPSS). Summary and findings were made in chapter five and recommendations made