

Inquiry into Extremism In Victoria

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There has been a large amount of attention regarding discrimination and racism against minorities and in subduing of extreme acts in public environments and in workplaces. Rightly so. Nevertheless, there has been less attention given to communications which occur in private groups for example in-person and on social media. My research has found that Facebook for example does not have the resources to identify hate speech, especially in non-English languages. The staggering amounts of data points (as in billions of data points) on a daily basis makes it especially hard to identify hate speech as well as efforts to mobilize extremist actions. Social media has played a key role in organizing of past events which have caused major risks to the public and has also resulted in property damage. There has also been resistance to government use of social media data to identify potential risk events. The important point is that disclosures and narratives on social media by individuals and groups serve as critical evidence for law enforcement and as such these disclosures need to be utilized for risk avoidance purposes. As such, co-operation from social media platforms is necessary.

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