

The Various Logics and Mechanisms of Youths Radicalization in France: Teenage Rebellion, Group Dynamics and Institutional responses

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The study : some markers

- 18 months (september 2016 - december 2017).
- Access to the files of 133 minors, with guarantee of anonymity.
- About 60 are prosecuted in terrorism cases (departures in Syria, attempted attacks).
- The rest are prosecuted for apology of terrorism or reported by PJJ professionals for « radical » behavior or remarks during civil or criminal measures.
- 96 boys (72%) and 37 girls(28%).
- The survey system is completed by about 60 interviews with the professionals who have followed the minors, in order to objectify their writing strategies.
- Finally, it was possible to attend the hearings of 6 of these minors and to consult about 15 judgment files in the framework of a working group set up in 2015 at the Tribunal de Grande Instance of Paris, bringing together anti-terrorist magistrates, youth magistrates, educators and researchers.

Two criterion guided the organization of the collected material :

1. *Is family regulation weak or strong ?*

2. *Are minors integrated in groups outside their family (i.e. caught in group dynamics)?*

	Weak regulation	Strong regulation
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Strong integration		

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Weak integration	<i>Soothing</i> radicality	
Strong integration		

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	Utopian		Rebellious		Agonistic		Soothing	
	<i>N</i>	%	<i>N</i>	%	<i>N</i>	%	<i>N</i>	%
2 out of 2	30	49,2%	2	20%	8	19%	2	28,6%
1 out of 2	18	29,5%	4	40%	5	11,9%	2	28,6%
None	8	13,1%	4	40%	7	16,7%	1	14,2%
NA	5	8,2%	0	0	22	52,4%	2	28,6%
Total	61	100%	10	100%	42	100%	7	100%

First generation migrant parents

	Utopian		Rebellious		Agonistic		Soothing	
	<i>N</i>	%	<i>N</i>	%	<i>N</i>	%	<i>N</i>	%
2 out of 2	22	36,1%	5	50%	4	9,5%	0	0
1 out of 2	32	52,4%	4	40%	12	28,6%	4	57,1%
None	5	8,2%	1	10%	10	23,8%	2	28,6%
NA	2	3,3%	0	0	16	38,1%	1	14,3%
Total	61	100%	10	100%	42	100%	7	100%

Active parental couples

	Utopian		Rebellious		Agonistic		Soothing	
	<i>N</i>	%	<i>N</i>	%	<i>N</i>	%	<i>N</i>	%
Worker	31	50,8%	2	20%	7	16,7%	1	14,3%
Employee	4	6,6%	1	10%	5	11,9%	1	14,3%
Intermediate professions	1	1,6%	2	20%	0	0	0	0
Artisan, trader, business owner	7	11,5%	0	0	2	4,8%	0	0
Senior executives, intellectual professions	2	3,3%	3	30%	1	2,4%	0	0
Inactive	5	8,2%	1	10%	0	0	0	0
NA	11	18%	1	10%	27	64,3%	5	71,4%
Total	61	100%	10	100%	42	100%	7	100%

Socio-Professional category of the father

	Utopian		Rebellious		Agonistic		Soothing	
	<i>N</i>	%	<i>N</i>	%	<i>N</i>	%	<i>N</i>	%
Yes	7	11,5%	1	10%	35	83,3%	1	14,3%
No	54	88,5%	9	90%	7	16,7%	6	85,7%
Total	61	100%	10	100%	42	100%	7	100%

Minors known for delinquency before the reporting for radicalization

	Utopian		Rebellious		Agonistic		Soothing	
	<i>N</i>	%	<i>N</i>	%	<i>N</i>	%	<i>N</i>	%
Yes	9	14,8%	2	20%	23	54,8%	3	42,9%
No	52	85,2%	8	80%	19	45,2%	4	57,1%
Total	61	100%	10	100%	42	100%	7	100%

Minors known by social services before the reporting for radicalization

	Utopian		Rebellious		Agonistic		Soothing	
	<i>N</i>	%	<i>N</i>	%	<i>N</i>	%	<i>N</i>	%
« Radical » behaviour or remarks	2	5%	5	12%	31	76%	3	7%
Glorification of terrorism	0	0%	2	14%	11	79%	1	7%
Preparation of terrorist attacks, violences, participation in jihadiists networks on the internet	40	89%	3	7%	0	0%	2	4%
Departure to Syria or attempted departure to Syria	33	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Total	75	56%	10	8%	42	32%	6	5%

Distribution of the facts for which the teenagers are reported