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The changing face of terrorism

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Top Five Risks 2019



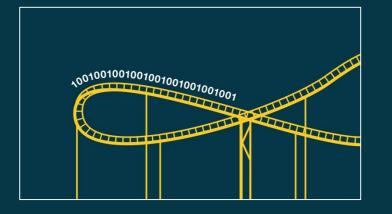




US-China trade rift foretells a new global order

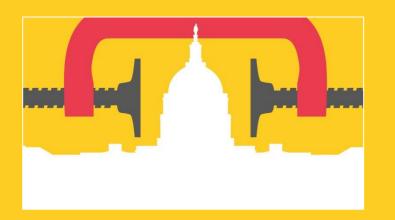
- The confrontation on trade between the United States and China will become the defining geopolitical dynamic of 2019. This antagonistic relationship will complicate life not only for businesses in China and the US.
- Companies in a wide orbit around this stand-off will feel the political and economic impact.
- In 2019, what started as a trade war will ultimately harden into a more permanent stance. A US "contain China" policy could become one of the pillars of a new global order.





The global data regulations stand-off

- The stand-off between the three domains of data regulation will present a new level of risk for the international business in 2019.
- For China, data is something to be controlled; for the EU, data is something to be protected; the United States sees data as something to be commercialised.
- Brace for the challenge of collecting, storing and transferring data within and between these three domains against a backdrop of inconsistent enforcement and escalating cyber security threats.





American political gridlock

- The vice of legislative gridlock will close on policy making in Washington and throw the US into a period of pitched political uncertainty.
- Resurgent Democrats in the House of Representatives will seek to pin the President under an investigative lens. Pushback from a Republican Senate and White House will erase any hopes of consistency for business.
- Trade policy will remain unchanged; the pace of deregulation will slow. Foreign policy will remain unsettled and ambivalent in a global environment that requires clarity and resolve.





Climate change driving politicised regulation

- Some of 2019's worst business disruptions will not come from terrorist attacks but from extreme weather and its consequences. From storms to floods to droughts and forest fires, the costs of interrupted production, distribution, sales and travel will skyrocket in 2019.
- Governments' use of environmental regulations as a political tool could intensify in the region.





Nationalist politics confronting multinationals

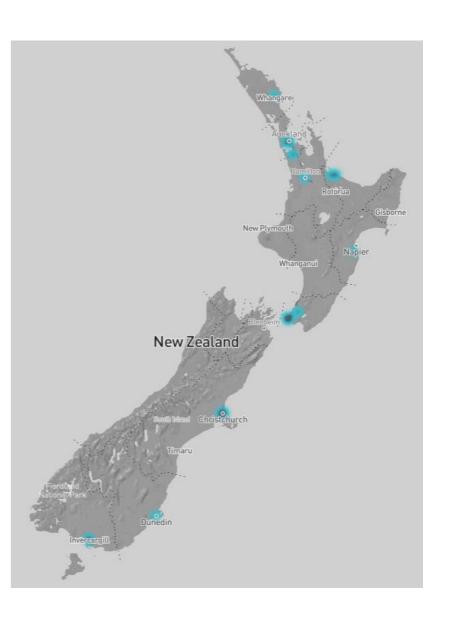
- As globalised companies enter 2019, they risk ironically becoming nationless as nationalist politics continue to advance across the world.
- Formal and informal barriers are rising. Frictionless trade is beginning to rub, supply chains are starting to drag.
- Business leaders must re-calibrate and adapt to this new reality or global players will end up being played by a world in uncertain transition.

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New Zealand threat environment

Source: Control Risks CORE, June 2019



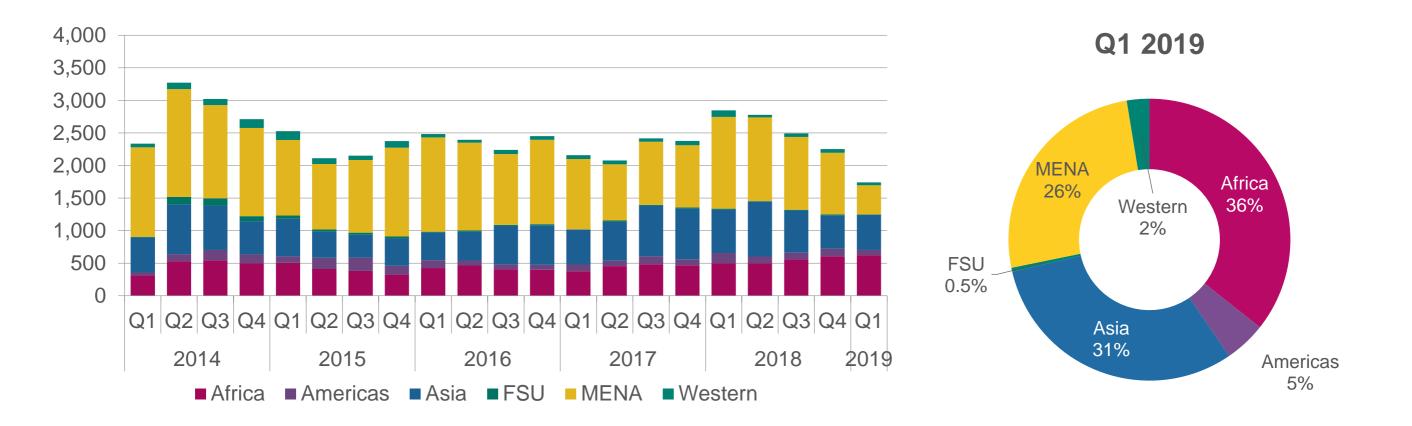
Terrorism

The use of violence by non-state actors against state or civilian targets to advance an ideological cause by influencing a wider audience through intimidation.

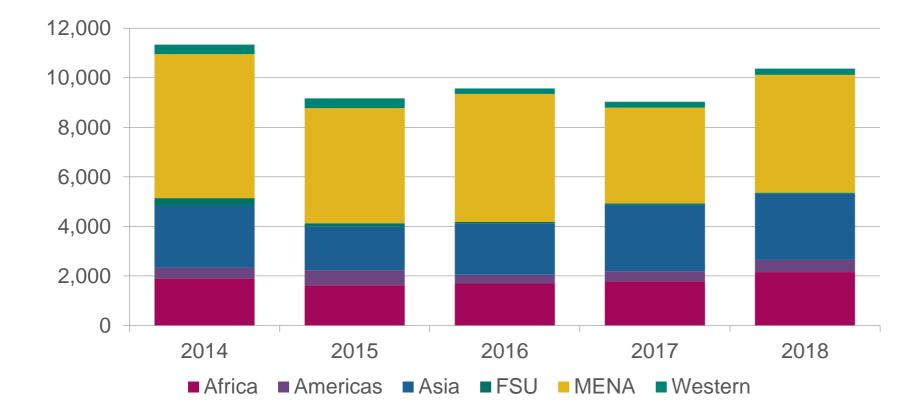
Terrorist motivations generally fall into four broad categories:

- Islamist extremism
- Ethno-nationalism
- Left-wing ideology
- Right-wing extremism

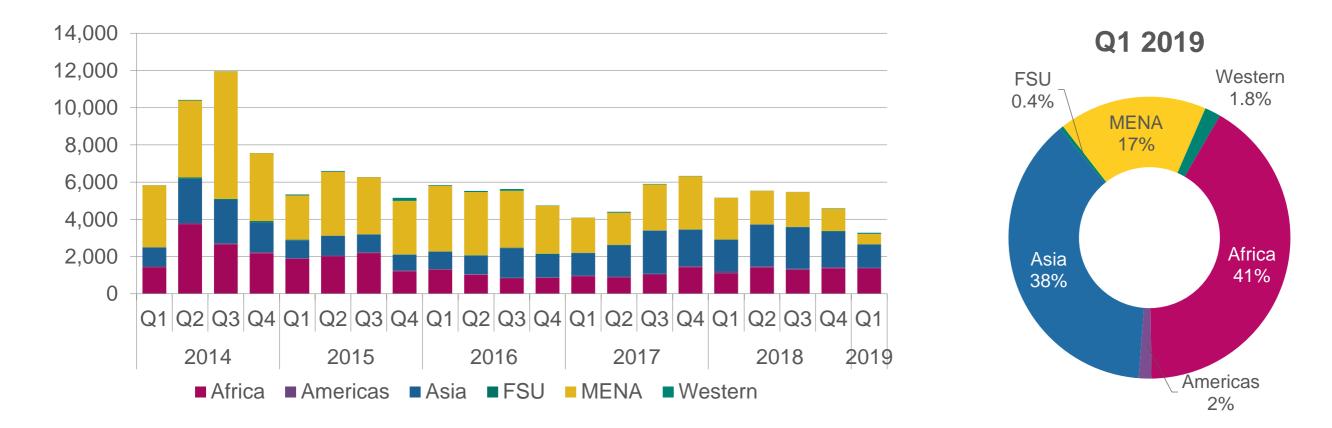
Global terrorism incident trends, 2014-19 quarterly



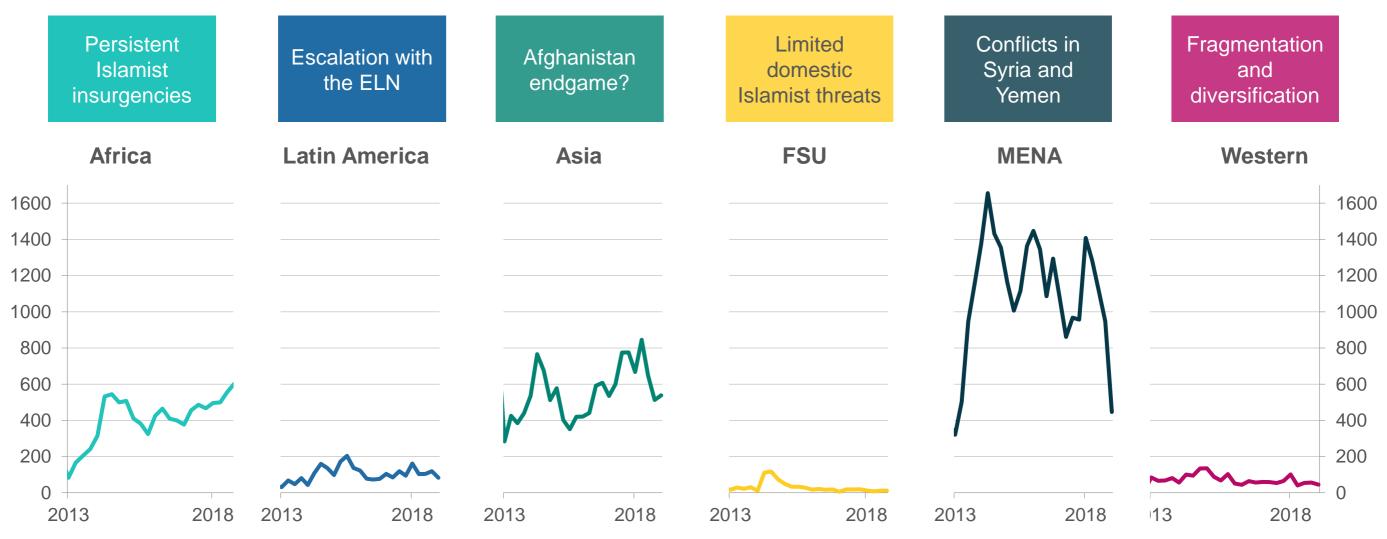
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Global terrorism fatality trends, 2014-19 quarterly

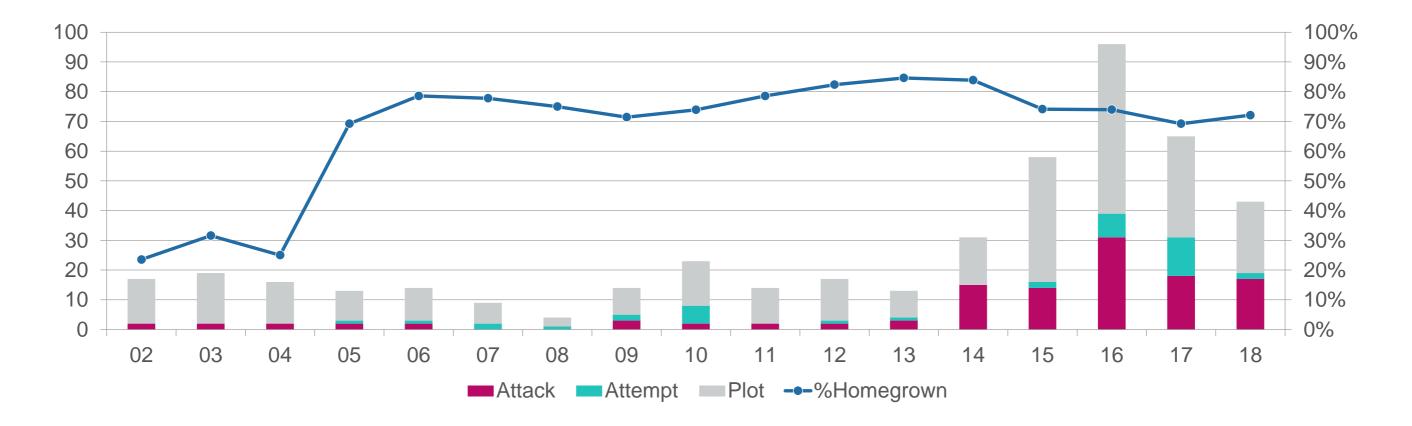


Global terrorism incident macro trends, 2013-19, quarterly

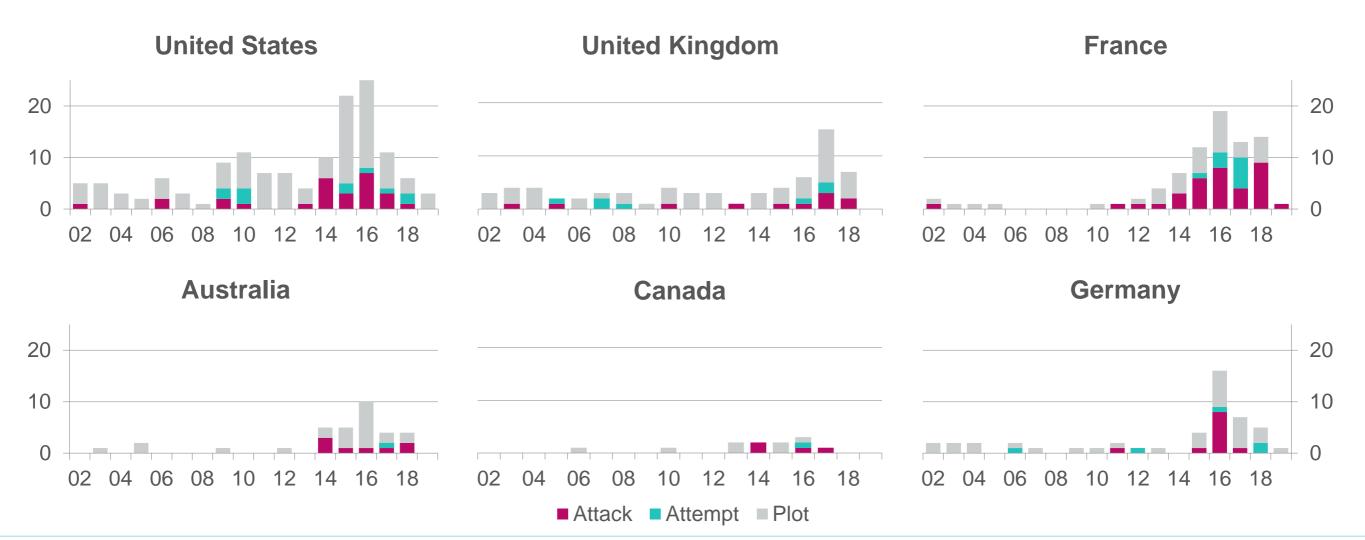


Source: Control Risks Analytics and Incident Mapping (AIM), January 2019

Islamic State-driven phase of Western terrorism threat beginning to diminish

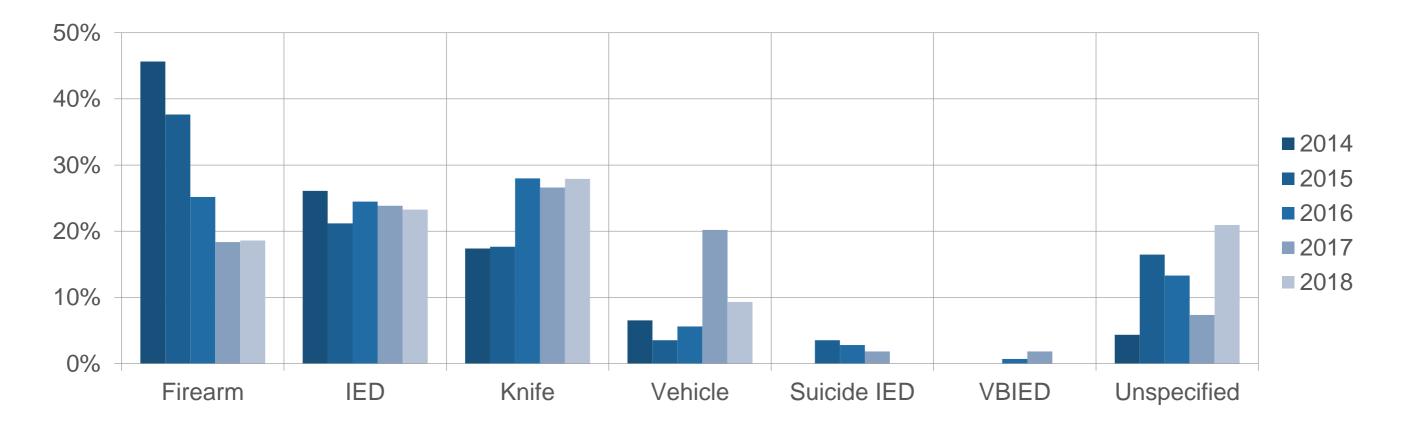


Pronounced increase in threat activity in key Western countries after 2014 beginning to recede



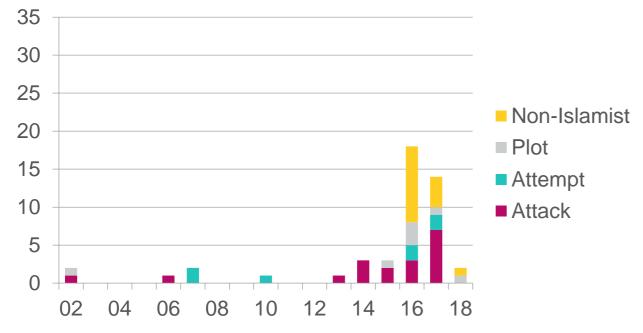
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Weapons involved or sought in Islamist plots & attacks in Western countries, 2014-18

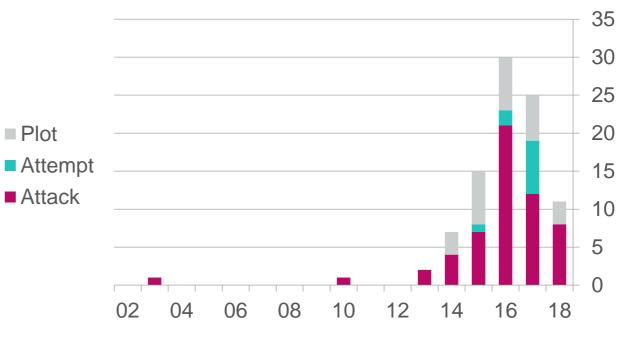


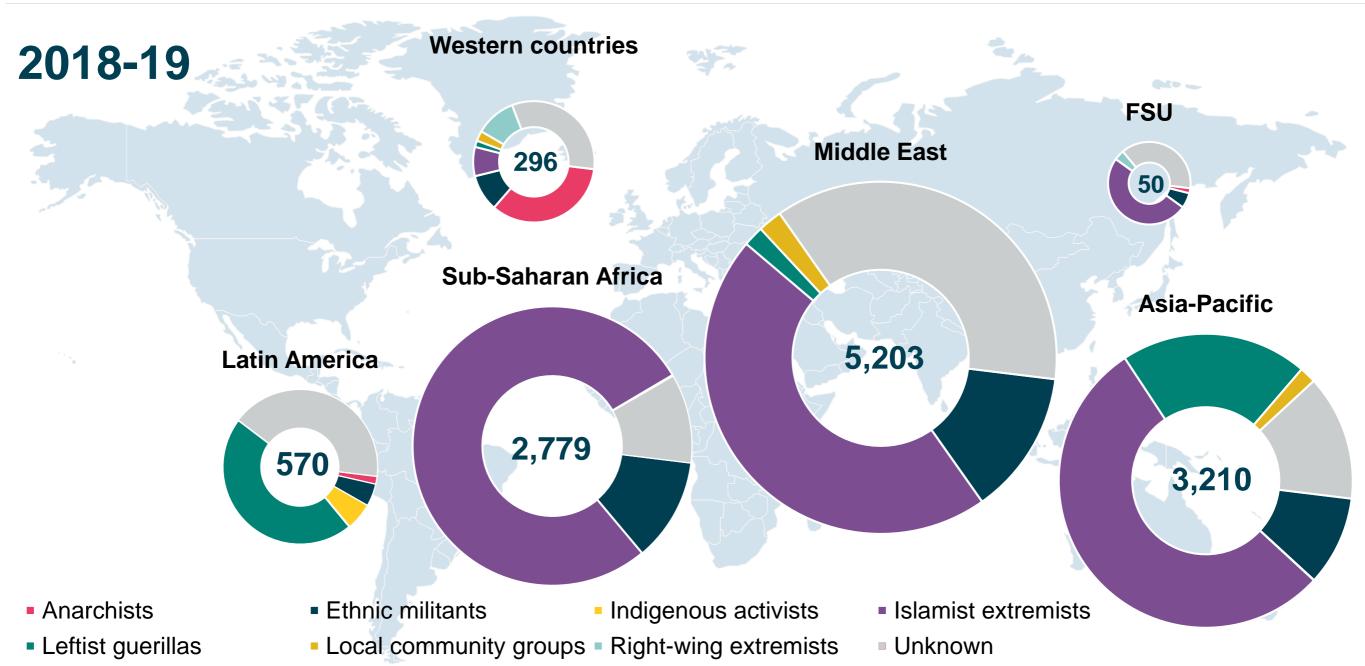
Low-tech and improvised attacks increasing in frequency – and copied by other actors

Vehicle ramming incidents, all Western countries, 2002-18



Edged weapon incidents, all Western countries, 2002-18





Source: Control Risks Analytics and Incident Mapping (AIM), April 2019

Target emphasis by group type, 2012-18 cumulative

	Single issue	Left wing	Ethnic	Islamist	Right-wing
Commercial	28%	15%	14%	8%	8%
Infrastructure	8%	17%	11%	9%	• 1%
Transport	10%	5%	5%	• 3%	
Public spaces	7%	10%	11%	14%	7%
Civil society	10%	2%	6%	6%	25%
Security forces	35%	66%	54%	57%	• 3%
Government	28%	6%	8%	10%	9%
Immigrants	• 1%	• 0.1%	•		53%

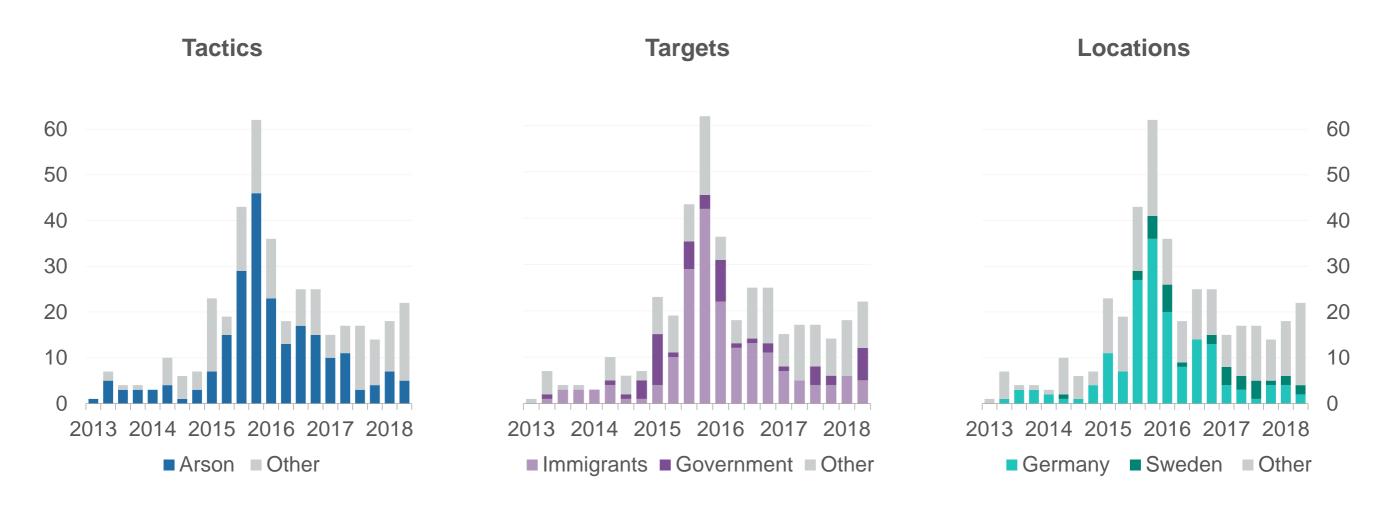
Right- and left-wing extremism in Western countries

Threat drivers

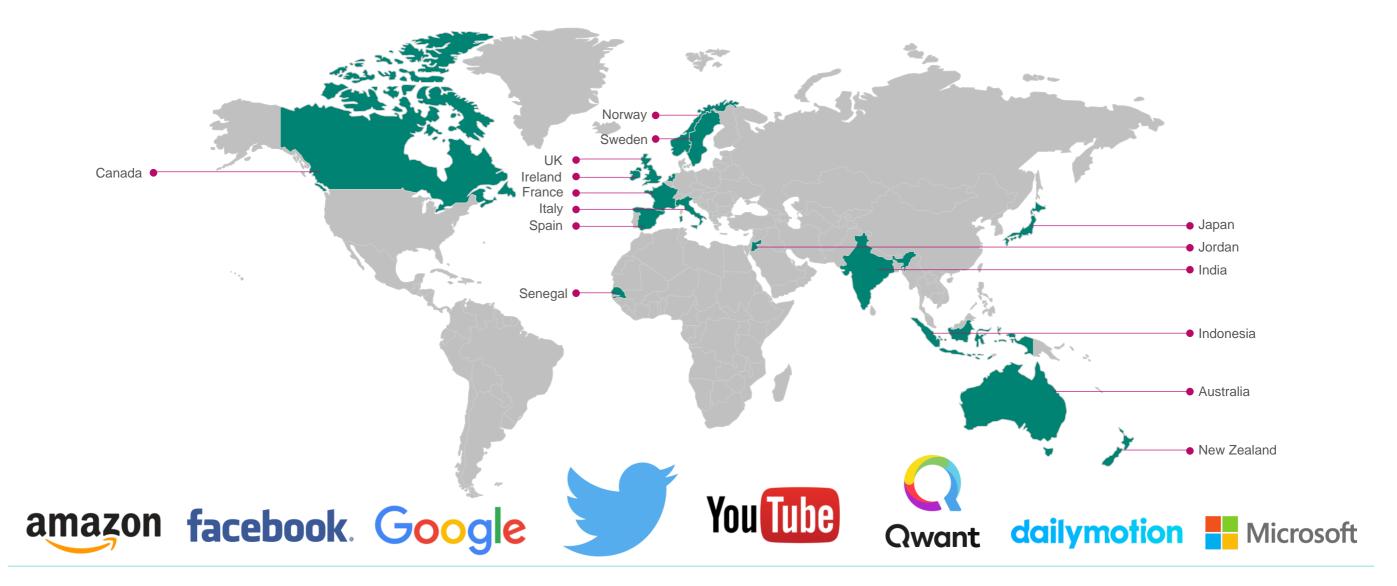
- Political polarization leading to radicalization of the left- and right-wing fringes
 - Includes rising frequency of violent clashes between left- and right-wing activists
- Online radicalization via social media and dark web forums
 - And operationalization of social media for publicity
- Ideological evolution as largely online communities generate new "movements" such as incel, proud, deep green resistance, etc.
- Organizational evolution as organized, hierarchical groups decline in favour of autonomous, individual action
- Transnationalization of both left- and right-wing movements through online and physical networking



Patterns of right-wing extremism in Western countries



The Christchurch call



How are companies responding to the changing threat?

Insider threat Enhancing Reviewing Incorporating Revisiting Investing in and existing threat new data and operational impact training and workplace and risk intelligence risk mitigation peer intel violence planning assessments management sharing sources programmes

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