

# RADICALISHOW

BASED ON A TRUE STORY



PREVENTION FIRST!



INSTITUTE FOR PREVENTION  
OF RADICALIZATION  
LEADING TO VIOLENCE

**A LONG  
TIME AGO  
IN A GALAXY  
RIGHT  
NEXT DOOR  
TO YOU**

# RADICALISHOW



GREETINGS, DEAR FRIENDS!

SHALL WE TAKE A LITTLE  
MOMENT TO HAVE A  
SERIOUS CHAT?  
RELAX AND DON'T WORRY  
YOU'LL SEE.



I'D LIKE TO SPEAK  
WITH YOU ABOUT A  
PHENOMENON THAT  
CURRENTLY POSES  
A SERIOUS THREAT  
TO THE WONDERFUL  
PROMISE OF TOGETHER-  
NESS IN OUR SOCIETY  
YOU'VE ALL HEARD OF IT

WHAT I'M TALKIN' ABOUT IS  
VIOLENT RADICALIZATION  
WHEN PEOPLE GET  
SO GAUGHT UP IN A  
CAUSE, THAT THEY  
COMPLETELY  
LOSE TOUCH  
WITH REALITY.



LET ME INTRODUCE THREE YOUNG  
PEOPLE, WHO ARE HERE TO TELL US  
ABOUT THEIR OWN EXPERIENCE.  
WELL... GENTLEMEN, MADAME,  
WELCOME!

HELLO, MY  
FRIEND

MAY THE POWER  
BE WITH YOU

YO,  
WHASSUP!





NOW STOP ME IF I'M WRONG...  
EACH OF YOU IN YOUR OWN WAY  
HAS AT SOME POINT BEEN SOME-  
THING OF A FANATIC.

UM...

THAT'S  
IT! LABEL  
US, RIGHT  
FROM THE  
START!

LET'S SAY  
WE ARE  
PASSIONATE  
ABOUT THINGS

YES, WELL  
PASSIONATE,  
PASSIONATE...  
LOOK AT WHAT  
YOU'RE WEARING!



HEY! YOU'RE A  
JAMES BOND FAN!  
WE'RE STARWARS FANS!  
IT'S THE SAME THING!

I'M NOT SURE  
ONE CAN  
REALLY  
COMPARE  
THE TWO

FANTASTIC!

WE'RE OFF  
TO A GREAT  
START.



BUT UH...HELP ME  
UNDERSTAND...DO  
YOU COME FROM VERY  
PRACTISING FAMILIES?

YES  
ABSOLUTELY

OK, DON'T ALL  
TALK AT ONCE...  
HAKIM, HOW ABOUT  
YOU GO FIRST?

NAH

SKYWORKER!

NOPE



WHAT?





HAKIM SKYWORKER  
PLEASE. IT'S VERY  
IMPORTANT

OH?

AH, OK...

WELL, MY FAMILY IS JEDIISTE BY TRADITION,  
BUT MY PARENTS DON'T PRACTICE AT ALL!  
THEY BARELY KNOW THE MUSIC FROM  
THE MOVIE'S SOUNDTRACK

WE DON'T  
EVEN HAVE  
THE DVD AT  
HOME! F%\*!NG  
PATHETIC!

I SEE...  
AND YOU,  
LEILA?

PRINCESS  
LEILA, IF  
YOU PLEASE

MY TITLE  
IS IMPORTANT  
TO ME.

AS YOU  
WISH...

MY FAMILY  
TAKES IT  
VERY  
SERIOUSLY

MY FATHER HAS SEEN THE  
ENTIRE TRILOGY MORE THAN 80  
TIMES. MY MOTHER KNOWS ALL  
THE DIALOGUE BY HEART

MY LITTLE  
BROTHER CAN  
ALMOST MOVE  
THINGS WITH  
HIS MIND,  
YOU SEE.

AH,  
REALLY?

WOULD YOU SAY THEY APPROVE  
OF WHAT YOU'RE DOING?

WELL, NO  
NOT REALLY...

THEY ARE  
TRADITIONALIST  
JEDIISTS, WHEREAS  
I'M MORE OF A SITH.  
THEY THINK I'VE GONE  
OVER TO THE DUSKY  
SIDE...



OK...AND YOU, YOUNG MAN,  
WHAT'S YOUR HOME LIFE  
LIKE, UH...

BOOBA  
BOOBA  
FETT

UH, WELL UM... HOH  
CAN I PUT IT? IT'S A BIT  
COMPLICATED



HE'S  
A CONVERT.

YEAH, WELL... MY  
PARENTS ARE BASICALLY  
STAR TREK FANS, THAT'S  
THE THING.

I'D IMAGINE THAT  
IS PRETTY HARD ON YOU



AH YES,  
I SEE...



WE DON'T SPEAK THE  
SAME LANGUAGE AT  
ALL... SO WE JUST  
DON'T TALK ANYMORE

YOU KNOW,  
IT WAS DIFFERENT  
A FEW YEARS AGO  
BUT NOW... LET  
ME TELL YOU,

THE FACT IS  
VIRTUALLY EVERYONE  
TREATS US  
LIKE ALIENS

YOU  
DON'T  
SAY!

IT'S  
SIMPLER  
THAT  
WAY





YES, WELL... SPEAKING  
OF ALIENS, YOUR LOOKS ARE  
SOMEWHAT UH... UNUSUAL,  
AREN'T THEY?

YOU'VE GOT  
SOMETHING  
AGAINST THE  
WAY I LOOK?

WELL UH... AFTER ALL,  
THEY DID ARREST YOU AT  
THE STARPORT, TRYING TO  
LEAVE FOR PLANET TATOOLINE



AH  
YEAH?

NO,  
IT'S JUST  
THAT  
UH...



DIDN'T  
THEY?

WELL YEAH, NATURALLY  
NATURALLY?



YOU DON'T GET IT, DO YOU?  
THAT'S THE ONLY PLACE  
LEFT, WHERE WE CAN  
EXPRESS OUR  
BELIEFS WITHOUT  
BEING  
CRITICIZED  
ALL THE  
TIME!

THAT'S  
WHY!



BUT SERIOUSLY,  
WHO'S CRITICIZING  
YOU?

HOW CAN I  
PUT THIS?

I SWEAR! IT'S  
REALLY HARD  
FOR US HERE!

BEFORE, NOT  
VERY LONG  
AGO, THINGS  
WERE REALLY  
DIFFERENT!

UM...





I REMEMBER BACK TWO YEARS AGO, I HAD ALREADY STARTED WEARING TRADITIONAL DRESS...

YO, CAN I BORROW YOUR ERASER, PLEASE?  
THANKS.

NOBODY WAS UPSET BY IT.

EVERYONE DRESSED HOWEVER THEY WANTED

YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO BE LIKE EVERYONE ELSE TO BE CONSIDERED A REGULAR MEMBER OF SOCIETY

WHAT TIME'S ECOLOGY?



MMM I SEE...

AND THAT'S CHANGED?

HELL YEAH!  
VIRTUALLY OVERNIGHT!

WHEN THEY PUT OUT THEIR DAMNED 'NEUTRAL VALUES ACT,' YOU KNOW?



BACK THEN, I DIDN'T EVEN DRESS THIS WAY, NOBODY COULD GUESS WHAT MY BELIEFS WERE, BUT IT HIT ME RIGHT AWAY...

THEY'RE TALKING ABOUT OUTLAWING ALL DISTINCTIVE SYMBOLS IN PUBLIC PLACES

YEAH, WELL... THAT DOESN'T REALLY APPLY TO US, RIGHT? IT'S MORE FOR THE... WELL

YOU KNOW

SPEAK OF THE DEVIL...

MAY THE POWER BE WITH YOU!

SHHH, ACT LIKE YOU DON'T SEE HIM

HMM

YOU NEVER KNOW

HMPFH!

ALL OF A SUDDEN IT BECAME REALLY COMPLICATED! EVERYONE WOULD LOOK AT YOU WEIRD JUST FOR SHOWING YOU'RE A STARWARS FAN

THE ONLY ONES WHO WEREN'T AFRAID FOR US WERE THOSE WHO FELT SORRY FOR US

WHATEVER YOU DO, DON'T LOOK HER IN THE EYES

MAIDINE ROTSCHILD HOW TO BECOME A PRINCESS



WE QUICKLY REALIZED THE LAW WAS BASICALLY TARGETING OUR COMMUNITY. MY RESPONSE WAS TO START WEARING CLOTHING THAT OPENLY REFLECTED MY BELIEFS. KNOW WHAT I MEAN?



MAY THE POWER BE WITH YOU!



BUT... BUT?

WHAT'S WITH THE LOOK?



HUH...WHAT?

YOU'RE DRESSED LIKE A...UH...WELL...

A JEDIIST? YEAH, I KNOW. SO WHAT?

WELL, I DON'T KNOW IT'S JUST UH... WEIRD



HEY! YOU ARE THE WEIRD ONES!

I'VE ALWAYS BEEN A JEDIIST

AND WHEN WERE YOU GONNA TELL US?

WHAT'S WITH THE SABER AND ALL...THE NEWSPAPERS SAY THAT...

OK, I SEE! JUST DROP IT! BYE.

HE'S CHANGED







IT DIDN'T TAKE ME LONG TO CLEAN HOUSE AND GET RID OF ANY FRIENDS WHO DIDN'T THINK THE SAME AS ME.



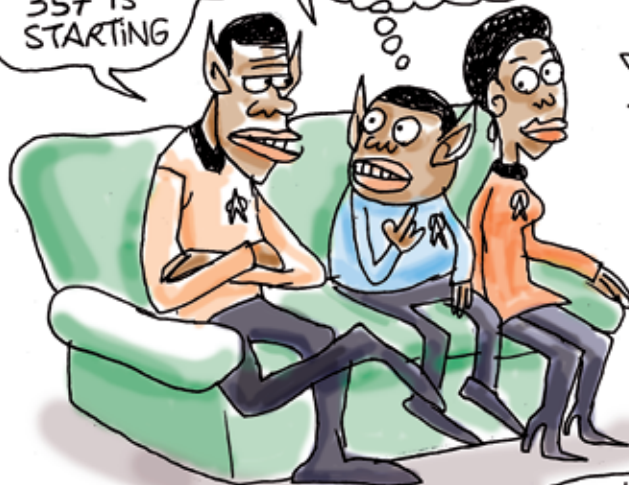
DAD, CAN I TAKE MY EARS OFF?  
THEY REALLY ITCH!

OUT OF THE QUESTION!  
NOW SHUSH, EPISODE  
357 IS  
STARTING

HMPFH! WHAT  
AM I DOING HERE?

I DIDN'T FEEL GOOD ABOUT MYSELF  
YOU KNOW... IT WAS LIKE I JUST  
DIDN'T FEEL LIKE MYSELF AT HOME

SPACE, THE FINAL  
FRONTIER...



THERE WERE ALL THESE  
VIDEOS ON THE INTERNET, ABOUT  
WHAT WAS GOING ON  
OUT IN SPACE...

DAMN! LOOK  
WHAT WE'RE  
DOING TO ALL  
THOSE POOR  
LITTLE WOVOKS!

IT'S  
DISGUSTING!

IT'S NOT AT ALL  
LIKE MY  
PARENTS  
THINK...



I TALKED TO THE PEOPLE  
AROUND ME, BUT NOBODY  
COULD  
CARE  
LESS.

SO? THAT'S FAR  
AWAY, HUH?

WHO  
CARES?

NO, BUT... BUT...  
HOW CAN YOU  
NOT  
CARE?

YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW  
IF THOSE THINGS ARE TRUE.  
IT'S JUST WHAT THEY SAY.  
DID YOU GO SEE  
FOR YOURSELF?





JOIN THE RESISTANCE YOU MUST!  
THE FUTURE OF THE WORLD, ON THIS  
IT DEPENDS.

THIS GUY IS  
SO RIGHT!

THAT IS WHERE THINGS  
ARE HAPPENING. NOT HERE

LITTLE BY LITTLE,  
I REALIZED THAT THE WORLD  
AROUND ME WAS A LIE. JEDIIST  
LAW SHOULD BE IMPOSED  
EVERYWHERE. THAT WAS  
CLEAR.

THERE WAS A GUY I  
SOMETIMES RAN INTO  
DOWNTOWN. HE SEEMED  
TO KNOW A LOT ABOUT IT

I JUST GOT BACK, YOU  
KNOW. NOBODY'S SHOCKED  
BY MY HAIR, THERE

YOU DON'T  
HAVE TO  
MAKE EXCUSES  
FOR BEING  
YOURSELF.

IT'S LIKE THE  
DEATH STAR HERE,  
BRO.

TRUE

THERE IS ONLY ONE POWER  
AND MASTER YOYO IS ITS  
MESSENGER!

GOOD GOD!  
WHAT'S HAPPENING  
TO YOU, SON?

THAT'S WHEN  
I DECIDED TO  
CUT TIES WITH  
EVERYTHING  
THAT WASN'T  
STRICTLY  
JEDIIST.





THERE... NOW I'M REALLY ME.

I SEE.

YOU SEE, AFTER A WHILE,  
WE WERE ALL CONVINCED  
OF ONE THING: THAT EVERY-  
-THING IMPORTANT WAS  
GOING ON ELSEWHERE, AND  
WE ABSOLUTELY HAD TO GET  
OUT OF HERE!

YES,  
OF COURSE... BUT TATOOLINE IS  
A DANGER ZONE, NOT A  
RESORT!

IF I FELT USEFUL THERE!  
I HAD BEEN STUDYING  
TO BE A TEACHER!

I AM A "WORLD  
OF DUTY" EXPERT

AND I DO  
JUDO!

THAT  
COULD  
BE  
USEFUL  
TOO.

AH,  
I SEE!

AND THEN, LAST YEAR,  
THERE WAS THAT  
BIG THING...

WOOW!

LUCKY  
BASTARDS!

YEAH WELL...  
BUT YOUR  
LUCKY BASTARDS  
NEVER  
CAME  
BACK, YOU  
KNOW...

**THE GEEK**  
RADICALISED  
PADAWANS  
LEAVE TO JOIN  
THE JEDIS  
ON TATOOLINE

YEAH, BUT  
THEY HELPED  
THE CAUSE!

WE WERE  
VERY PROUD OF  
THEM!

AND A LITTLE  
BIT JEALOUS  
TOO...

THOUGH IT SHOULD ALSO  
BE POINTED OUT THAT IT  
DIDN'T HELP EASE  
TENSIONS IN  
CLASS, YOU  
KNOW.



WELL... BEFORE  
STARTING CLASS, I WOULD LIKE  
TO HAVE A SMALL DISCUSSION...

YOU KNOW, IT'S VERY IMPORTANT  
NOT TO LET YOURSELF GET SUCKED  
INTO THAT.

WHICH OF YOU ARE  
STARWARS FANS?



YOU  
START OFF  
LEVITATING  
THINGS

AND THEN YOU  
WIND UP  
DECAPITATING  
MARTIANS WITH  
LIGHTSABERS



ON TOP OF IT ALL, THEY  
DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT  
IT. THEY'RE COMPLETELY  
OUT TO LUNCH...

TO START WITH, THERE  
HAVE NEVER BEEN  
ANY MARTIANS  
IN STAR  
WARZ!

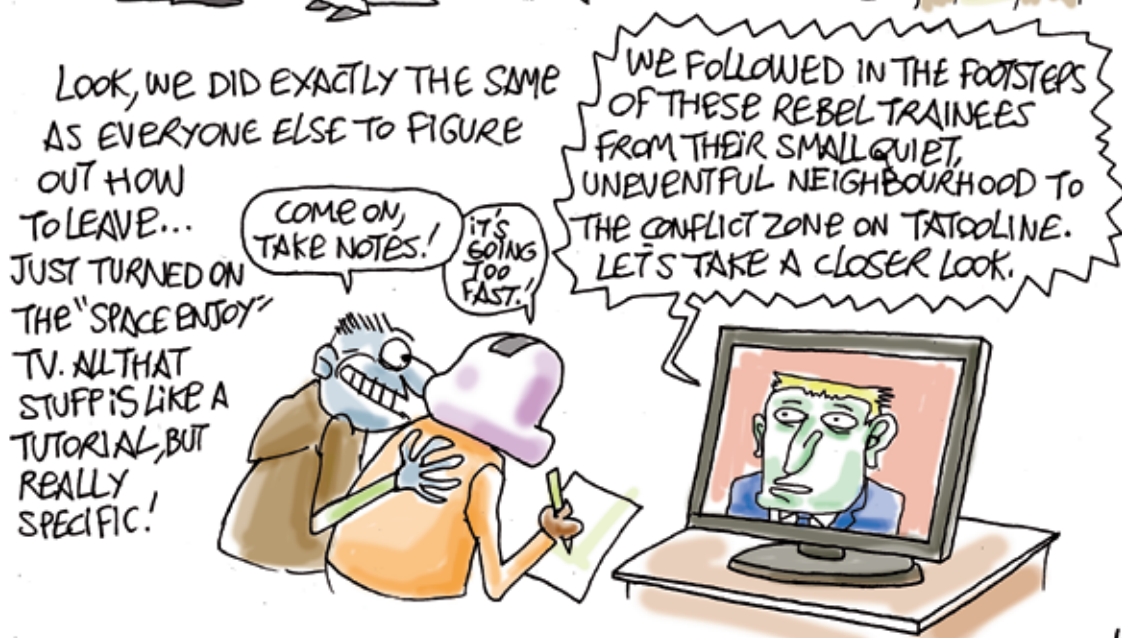
PERHAPS THEY  
WERE JUST  
TRYING TO LIGHTEN  
THE MOOD,  
NO?

AH YEAH? GREAT!  
BY MAKING US  
OUT TO BE  
DANGEROUS  
ACTIVISTS!



BRAVO







GOOD HEAVENS!

HEY, YOU  
SAID IT  
F&%#\*!

HOW DID YOU  
WIND UP  
GETTING CAUGHT?

WELL, ONCE WE  
GOT OUR TICKETS,  
THERE WAS NO  
TURNING BACK...  
WE HAD TO KEEP  
A LOW PROFILE,  
YOU SEE?

GOOD, YOUR \$800  
LOAN HAS BEEN  
ACCEPTED. TELL ME  
AGAIN WHAT  
YOU'RE USING  
THE MONEY  
FOR?

A HUMANITARIAN  
PROJECT.  
TO HELP POOR  
CHILDREN

WONDER-  
FUL!

AAAH! THE PLANET  
BANDORA!  
THE NAVI...  
I DREAM  
OF GOING  
THERE  
MYSELF  
ONE DAY!

I SOLD MY CAR TO  
PAY FOR MY TICKET!

AND I STARTED DRESSING  
LIKE EVERYBODY ELSE, SO  
NO ONE WOULD FIND  
OUT ABOUT MY PLANS!

HEY! PASS IT!  
PASS IT!

EVEN THOUGH  
I LOVED IT!

I LIKE  
HIM BETTER  
THIS WAY!

SURE!



EVERYTHING WAS GOING  
EXACTLY AS PLANNED!

AND THEN...  
HE HAPPENED

HEY,  
COME  
ON!

SO WHAT  
IF I WANTED  
TO REMAIN  
TRUE  
TO MY  
BELIEFS?

I DECIDED TO  
WEAR THE  
MASK, SO  
I'M GOING  
TO WEAR  
IT! ANY  
PROBLEM  
WITH THIS?

YOU CAN IMAGINE,  
WHEN WE GOT  
TO THE STARPORT  
WITH THAT  
POLICE  
CHECKPOINT.

THEY WERE MORE  
THAN HAPPY TO PICK  
US UP...

MADAME, GENTLEMEN,  
PLEASE FOLLOW  
US.

THIS WAY  
PLEASE.







# THE FACT REMAINS THAT

THIS COMIC WAS INPIRED BY REAL EVENTS

VIOLENT RADICALIZATION IS THE "ADOPTION OF EXTREMIST BELIEFS INCLUDING THE WILLINGNESS TO USE, SUPPORT OR PROMOTE VIOLENCE AS A MEANS OF SOCIAL CHANGE" - THE ECONOMIC, IDENTITY AND SOCIAL CRISES WE ARE CURRENTLY UNDERGOING, MAY IN PART BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PHENOMENON.



HOWEVER THEY ARE NOT THE ONLY CAUSES! EACH OF US KNOWS SOMEONE WHO MAY BE AFFECTED... YOU YOURSELF ARE PERHAPS UNDERGOING SOMETHING LIKE THIS...



WE WANTED TO USE THIS HUMOROUS STORY TO GIVE A VOICE TO YOUNG PEOPLE WHO HAD EXPERIENCED THIS PHENOMENON DIRECTLY.

IN INTERVIEWS WITH US, THEY REVEALED THAT SOCIAL ISOLATION AND A LACK OF COMMUNICATION WITH "THE OUTSIDE WORLD" LED THEM TO ADOPT WAYS OF THINKING THAT VERY NEARLY CAUSED THEM TO MAKE DECISIONS THAT COULD HAVE HAD DRAMATIC CONSEQUENCES ESPECIALLY FOR THEMSELVES, AND THEIR FAMILIES.

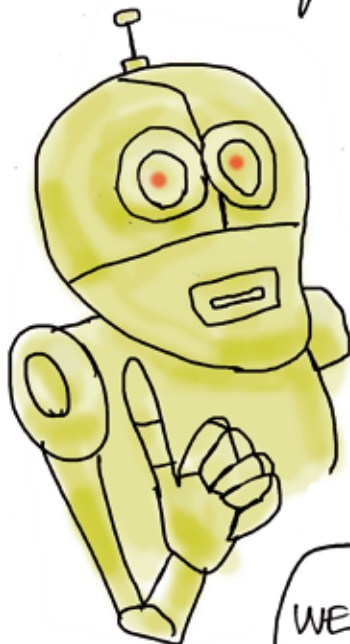
THAT'S WHY WE FELT IT WAS IMPORTANT TO STRESS THAT THE PRESERVATION OF SOCIAL HARMONY, IN WHICH RESPECT FOR DIFFERENCES PLAYS A KEY ROLE, DEPENDS UPON DIALOGUE!





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BY SETTING ASIDE ASSUMPTIONS AND OUR FEARS ABOUT ONE ANOTHER, WE CAN DEFUSE HOSTILE SITUATIONS. OPEN UP TO OTHER PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY PEOPLE WHO MAY DIFFER FROM YOU IN TERMS OF THEIR CUSTOMS OR APPEARANCE, AND YOU WILL LEARN SOMETHING IMPORTANT.



PERFECTION MAY NOT EXIST  
BUT NOR DOES  
PURE EVIL!

ONLY DIALOGUE CAN PUT AN END TO  
PREJUDICE. IT'S UP TO US TO MAKE  
SURE VIOLENCE IS NEVER AN OPTION

WE HOPE WE'VE HELPED THIS CAUSE!



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