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## Biography:

Dr. Elizabeth Yates is a Senior Researcher on the domestic radicalization team at START. She works primarily on the suite of datasets associated with PIRUS (Profiles of Individual Radicalization in the United States) and BIAS (Bias Incidents and Actors Study), with a special focus on far-right violence, extremism, and hate crimes. She is also a co-Principal Investigator on a multi-year NIJ-funded project studying extremist offender reintegration. In addition, Dr. Yates has taught undergraduate classes in Terrorism Studies and Sociology at the University of Maryland and the University of Pittsburgh, respectively. She earned a doctorate in Sociology at the University of Pittsburgh, and a BA in International Relations at Tufts University.

## Research Areas:

[Violent Groups and Movements](#) [Individual Behavior](#) [Crime and Terrorism](#) [Radical Beliefs and Behavior](#) [Deradicalization](#)  
[Disengagement](#)

## Topics:

[Right-wing Terrorism](#) [Terrorist Networks](#) [Violence Adoption and Desistance](#)

## Regions:

[North America](#)

## BACKGROUND

### Education:

- University of Pittsburgh, PhD, Sociology, Graduate Certificate in Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies, 2018
- University of Pittsburgh, MA, Sociology, 2014
- Tufts University, BA, Major: International Relations, Minor: Latin American Studies, Magna Cum Laude, 2008

### Media Appearances and Commentary:

[Washington Post: How the Tea Party Learned to Love Donald Trump](#)

## LEAD INVESTIGATOR ON START RESEARCH PROJECTS

[Risk and Rehabilitation: Supporting the Work of Probation Officers in the Community Reentry of Extremist Offenders](#)  
January 2020 to December 2022

## RESEARCHER ON START PROJECTS

[A Multi-Level Approach to the Study of Violent Extremism](#)  
January 2018 to December 2020

[A Pathway Approach to the Study of Bias Crime Offenders](#)  
January 2018 to October 2020

[Empirical Assessment of Domestic Disengagement and Deradicalization \(EAD3\)](#)  
January 2015 to December 2018

[The Mobilization Puzzle: How Individual, Group, and Situational Dynamics Produce Extremist Outcomes](#)  
January 2020 to December 2022

## SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

[Characteristics and Targets of Mass Casualty Hate Crime Offenders](#) (Research Brief)

[Motivations and Characteristics of Hate Crime Offenders](#) (Research Brief)

[Violent Hate Crime Offenders](#) (Research Brief)

[Contextualizing Disengagement: How Exit Barriers Shape the Pathways Out of Far-Right Extremism in the United States](#) (Journal Article)

[Profiles of Individual Radicalization in the United States \(PIRUS\)](#) (Research Brief)

[Profiles of Individual Radicalization in the United States—Desistance, Disengagement, and Deradicalization \(PIRUS-D3\)](#) (Research Brief)

[Profiles of Individual Radicalization in the United States \(PIRUS\)](#) (Research Brief)

[The Use of Social Media by United States Extremists](#) (Research Brief)

[Women in the White Supremacist Movement](#) (Book Chapter)

[The Place of Race in Conservative and Far-Right Movements](#) (Journal Article)

## NEWS REFERENCES

[New analysis of hate crime in America: Mass casualty hate crime offenders](#) (Featured Research)

[The RaD portfolio is now on Twitter](#) (News)

[New research reveals tremendous diversity in hate crime offenders' backgrounds and motivations](#) (Featured Research)

[Milwaukee Journal Sentinel: Gretchen Whitmer kidnapping conspiracy wasn't the first anti-government plot with Wisconsin ties](#) (START in the News)

[START researchers present on international white supremacist movement for State Department](#) (News)

[National Institute of Justice awards \\$1.5 Million to START](#) (News)

[ABC WOI-TV: Iowan led team that uncovered El Paso shooting manifesto](#) (START in the News)

[New data shows risk of recidivism is high among extremists, highlights barriers and enablers](#) (Featured Research)

[Yahoo News: Military grapples with white nationalists in ranks](#) (START in the News)

[NPR: National Security Officials Debate What To Call The Far-Right Threat](#) (START in the News)

[Yahoo News: Democratic lawmakers demand answers from Trump administration on extremists serving in U.S. military](#) (START in the News)



## Recent Publications

**JOURNAL ARTICLE:** [A Process View of Crisis Misinformation: How Public Relations Professionals Detect, Manage, and Evaluate Crisis Misinformation](#) →

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