Establish extremism ideas in children through education, influences and psychological changes

Report #1

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Since June 10, 2014 the children in Nineveh governorate living in difficult and complex psychological conditions, following the events of ISIS control on the most governorate he puts some commitment laws for people to behave and acts habits were not previously present in their daily lives and tradition, which have had a negative influencing on the psychological of people in general and especially children who are in areas dominated by the ISIS. The scenes of violence, murder and bombing that exercised by ISIS people in front of and view by children, also sometimes they are forcing them to attend these scenes, and through the practice of torture in public places where the children attend just like adults to watch the execution of those who named as infidel “Unbeliever” or to punish those who do not follow their rules who named “Apostates” or to implement punish (Al-Had) who broke their instructions and other fake reasons that are capable to cut human head, thrown from a high building, burned alive or sinking victim a live and other different innovative methods of killing then, ISIS recorded and displayed them in large screens located in public areas, or is placed these movies on CDs to distribute it to children and ask them to see it, or through post images across social media sites, where some of these movies presented by ISIS that there are children in the front rows, There is no doubt these horrific scenes have massive negative psychological effect when seeing them.

children when seeing such continuously actions it will become involuntarily part of their behavior, some psychologists specialized in the past month in May 2016 monitor (50) children from Mosul when they are playing in the street, they noticed that (43) of children had been playing in a brutal manner through use a wood pieces as knives and guns, the copying ISIS actions in the killings and slaughter, this exactly what ISIS looking for to create a violent generation believe in ISIS propaganda however, this become high danger that after liberation of areas that controlled by ISIS, and how to find plans to eliminate these concepts that have been set in children minds.

ISIS also deliberately to open training camps for children and adolescents in towns seized that by transferring institutes, institutions and some schools to be training camps, it will aim to teach children fighting and consolidate the ideas and beliefs of ISIS, they got lessons about killings and bombings, ISIS seeks to use them in suicide bombings inside or outside Nineveh. According to statistics published by the United Nations that between 800-900 children were kidnapped by ISIS, from Mosul Iraqi city in 2015 only, to train them religiously and militarily, ISIS recruitment of children by force. we do not know the real number of child have been soldiers. However, in every statistic shows increasing number of recruited children by ISIS, he tries to attract from schools, sports centers and orphanages, by putting his elements among children in public places and roads, where he opened offices has only one mission is recruiting children called "cubs of Al-Kelafa."
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The children have divided into two groups

1- **First Group:** Children aged between 5-10 years, these children located in the camps to receive religious training, to infidel people and their families if they did not apply ISIS instructions that derived by their claim of God's law.

2- **Second Group:** Children between 10 - 15 years old, they are taken to camps for military training in camp called Al-Ezia located in Al-Ghazlani area on the right bank of Mosul (south of Mosul). The practical lessons that children receive in these camps are how to plantIEDs, bombing cars, clash and killing people, which would have a negative impact on the psyche and mentality of a child and graduated him from these camps missed unconscious spontaneity and innocence that characterized any child, which will make him a lover of bloodshed and destruction.
About 40% of children are from kidnapped minorities and especially from the Yazidis, Turkmen and Shabak, were ISIS killed or captivity their families and take them away to orphanages or schools belong to him to ensure they grow up and educate based violence, fighting, unbelieving others concepts, hating their parents and try to change their religion and sects approach, these things certainly have deep impacts on the psyche and the mentality of children that caused setbacks and shocks to them.

It also should focus on children that ISIS sold them by money either the sales operations inside or outside Iraq, according to the information we have that there are 312 children were sold, the majority of them had been exposed before of sale operations to abuse and torture by all means. It has interviewed a group of children who arrived to their parents, they sure that they are in unstable and not good psychological and health situation, and they need psychological care to treat the symptoms of fear, anxiety and psychological trauma they suffer, as we have speech with a psychiatrist in Mosul and asked him about the extent of trauma exposed children in Mosul, Dr (A.M) assured they had received 128 children from the month of January 2016 to May 2016 were they subjected to psychological trauma as a results of slaughter and murder occurred in front of them.

ISIS Showed interest in school and educational process (Please see the links below for the curriculum), where the first step he did when he seized the city is changed the curriculum to anew package inciting terrorism and violence, including what called Jihadi education that includes planting ideas of extremism in their minds, training on use weapons, firing live ammunition, and engage battles, change the lessons of sport and art to fitness who learns through fighting skills and singing ISIS logo “continue (or persist and remain) and expand. ISIS members also use to put their children wearing (Afghan uniforms) among other children to attract the and try to influence them.

UN report revealed that on last 11 May, a recruiting unit of ISIS visited schools’ in Al-Tamen area in north of Mosul and ask children to declare allegiance and join them, that horror the children, which first to prevent parents from sending their children to schools, universities and only limited to ISIS member’s children, that produce discontent and confusion for children and adolescents and loss of years without right education.

ISIS prevent manifestations of celebration and jubilation in the public and private events, also close of some parks that so creating depression for children in Mosul and make them isolated
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even within their families and friends, ISIS trying to courtship children through lured by weapons, and offer an opportunity for teenagers to express themselves.

No doubt that the sounds of bombings, daily executions and fire, has created for children of Mosul city fear, anxiety and make a lot of them are not able separation from their parents even for a short time.

ISIS even went so far as to when they recently executed 17 children because of being accused of communication with their relatives outside Mosul and provide them some information on movements of ISIS, which was the most influential on children psychology, and that put them in a prospective location for fear that they will be target of kill.

In addition, there are also 319 children who have lost their parents due to the wrong bombing operations by coalition forces or ISIS execution them, so they lost their compassion and care they need at this age, no doubt that this would be another psychological issue added to the many psychological concerns which they suffer.

According to citizens from Mosul still in areas controlled by ISIS, many of their children suffer from eating disorders such as loss of appetite, sleep disturbances, insomnia sleep, interrupted or sleep for long hours, walking and talking while sleeping and panic, along with other psychological symptoms such as lack of focus, weakness in movement, sadness, fear, bedwetting, nervous, aggressive and self-harm and other symptoms that indicate a deterioration of psychological situation of children.

It is no secret that the difficult living status and psychological conditions for the people of Nineveh make a lot of parents in very difficult situation as a results of many factors, that led to make their children to become victims of aggressive, which is become very common as fathers and mothers towards their children. Moreover, parents are worried about the future and what holds surprises to them while, daily bombing repeated for different parts of the city, that in total reversed negatively on the children psychology and continuous concern.

As a result of lack of funds and the difficulty of economic situation in the city and inability of parents to meet their children's requirements from food, drink, clothing, toys and other, children's psychological largely drop down.

In this aspect also some children, particularly those who have lost their financial supporter, so they force to work in difficult situations are not match with their age but also some of them engaged in ISIS militarily in order to obtain money to support their families, where involved in the logistical support services to ISIS fighters’, such as the transfer ammunition, food preparation, repair and cleaning of equipment and weapons, while others involved in guard works.
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ISIS has implemented instructions on the children similar to adults by prevent them shaving hair, and put restriction of baby girls to wear black veil and prevent them from education these things are not accepted by people, also these instructions have considered to be bad factor add negative value on children psychology on the other hands ISIS prevent some games loved by children in their daily lives and songs.

The children watched a day strange people with long hair, dirty short clothes with heavily armed, this is psychologically terrifying children, and storming of ISIS soldiers of houses for fake reasons and a horrendous, that broke children psychology. Addition to that when they see their parents are afraid of these killers that made them in continuous fear for their and their lovers lives.

Also, a lots of children missed their families, friends at the school and the area as a result of displacement of some of them inside or outside the governorate, which led to create of another psych crisis for children.

Recommendation

ISIS psychological violations form of children's side one of the most dangerous violations practiced on civilians, he focuses on children attempt to attract to join him and establish his concepts in their minds, so it is very important to find solutions for this issue, below including some solutions:

1. Focus the civil work on inside liberated areas.
2. Target the children who have recently displaced outside the Mosul city and areas controlled by ISIS.
3. Providing an awareness and educational programs for children by doctors and psychologists.
4. Provide psychological treatment programs for parents.
5. Train fathers on methods of dealing with children who exposed to trauma.
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Links of ISIS curriculum taught in primary and intermediate schools in Mosul:

1: https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B8vKlisGf_YjN1QzcU95dVc0dGc/view?usp=sharing
2: https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B8vKlisGf_YjOWJNZXdWd3FkTVU/view?usp=sharing
3: https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B8vKlisGf_YjMzq5aC04U1VSODQ/view?usp=sharing
4: https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B8vKlisGf_YjMHhDQkt5T1hqjA/view?usp=sharing
5: https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B8vKlisGf_YjSV9FN285SzEzaUk/view?usp=sharing
6: https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B8vKlisGf_YjbVozY0tJSS10WFE/view?usp=sharing
7: https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B8vKlisGf_YjSo0a0Zma2JBOGc/view?usp=sharing
8: https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B8vKlisGf_Yjak9qaXkwSVpfUlK/view?usp=sharing

Definition of the Institution

Who We Are: An independent, non-governmental, and non-profit institution established in 2003 by a number of youths from different Iraqi background. The institution located in Mosul and aims at affording training, preparing studies and consultations in human rights and civil peace building fields.

What We Want: The institution endeavors to reach an ideal society that respects human rights and founded on the basis of democracy and dialogue principles through gradual cultural and political change. A society that works on non-violence basis, more sharing, and a one that knows how to demand its rights and tied by close relationships.

Objectives

2. Spreading the culture of peace and tolerance.
3. Raising democracy and respecting other views.
4. Bridging the gaps among NOGs in Nineveh in order to share information and experiences to achieve their goals.