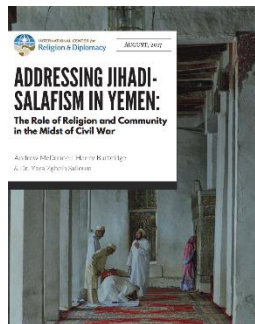




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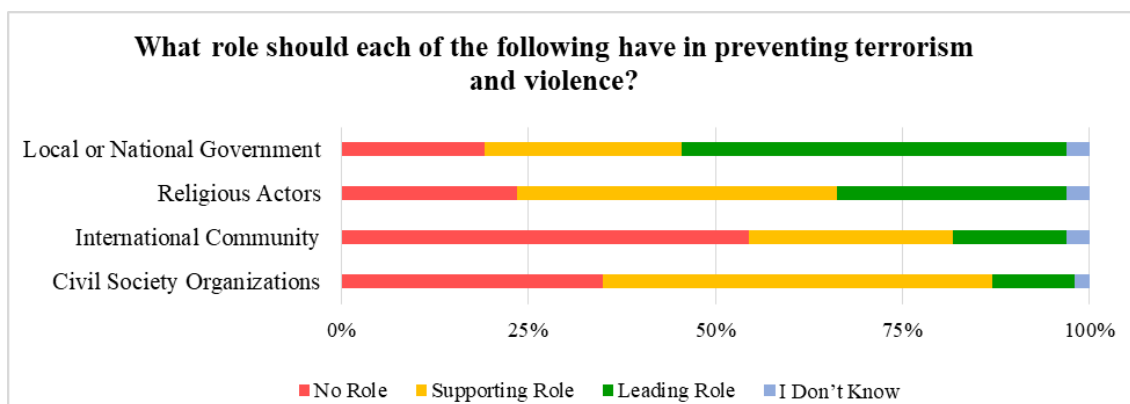


This August, ICRD released a study on violent extremism in Yemen – Addressing Jihadi-Salafism in Yemen: The Role of Religion and Community in the Midst of Civil War. The report presents findings and analysis from direct engagement with conservative Sunni religious actors on strategies to arrest the influence of al-Qaeda and ISIS affiliates in Yemen.

ICRD’s analysis draws on field research conducted with more than 210 local subjects in the capital, Sana’a, and several southern regions, including Hadramaut, the site of al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula’s most recent caliphate. Based on this data, ICRD outlines guiding principles for empowering religious actors and other community leaders to lead a “whole-of-society” response to extremism. As part of this assessment, researchers sought to determine how conservative, non-violent religious actors in Yemen might be included more productively in countering violent extremism (CVE).

Findings from the study indicate that many community leaders still expect the state to lead the way in countering violent extremism. Nonetheless, the religious actors in this study believe that they should play a more significant role in civil society resistance to extremism (see chart below).

ICRD also found that the religious actors in the study were critical of the overall performance of the religious sector and strongly indicated the need for training and capacity-building programs. This study supports government and civil society engagement with religious actors by providing a nuanced understanding of their unique abilities to contribute to CVE.



This is the third Yemen report released by ICRD and represents one piece of a much larger research project to assess how conservative religious actors can be constructively engaged in CVE, with future publications on Tunisia and Morocco soon to come.

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Warm regards,



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