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Involuntary Celibates

'InCels'



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Background

- The world of involuntary celibates is predominantly male community with the term 'Incel' referring to 'involuntary celibates'. It is a mainly **online subculture** who define themselves as **unable to find a romantic or sexual partner despite desiring one**, a state they describe as *'Inceldom'*.
- While most Incels do not engage in violence, the **Incel ideology has already inspired several attacks** and mass murders over the last few years. The most renowned one being in the US which saw Elliot RODGER kill six people in a stabbing and shooting spree in Isla Vista, California.
- Incels tend to remain **isolated despite the online community** and **attacks have been lone actor based**. They generally identify themselves as mainly white, heterosexual males. There are several known sub-groups in existence typically inferring the Incels ethnicity for example *"Currycel"*, *"Ricecel"*. There is even a community for female involuntary celibates referred to as *"Femcel"*.
- Incel communities are global with the reach of the internet.



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Ideology

- Whilst the **Incel subculture itself is not inherently Right Wing**, the hard line misogyny found amongst certain Incel circles is often present within the online Right Wing extremist communities. **Associations between the Right Wing and Incel community have been seen.**
- The media portray the community as a subset of straight men who have constructed a violent political ideology around the injustice of young, beautiful women refusing to have sex with them. **These men often subscribe to notions of white supremacy & seek absolute male supremacy, rather than sexual partners.**
- Despite existing largely online and often posting on public forums, **Incels are a closed community who prefer to hide their true identities.** Discussions in forums are often characterised by resentment, misanthropy, self-loathing, racism, a sense of entitlement to sex & the endorsement of violence against sexually active people.
- **In the UK this “new” ideology is becoming more apparent** due to the ease with which persons can access the community online.



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Online Presence

- Incels maintain a strong online presence many of those who have committed mass murder, claiming to be an Incel, have used the Internet to post details of their offences and ideology.
- Incels frequently post on websites such as 4Chan as well as their own forums. Some of the most popular forum boards used by Incels are: **Incels.co29**, **Incels30**, **RedPillTalk31**
- The Incel Wiki site²⁵ (https://incels.wiki/w/Main_Page) appears to be a directory of online pages related to “involuntary celibacy”. These include a glossary of terms often utilised by the Incel community.
- Most Incel related material is US centric but the term is becoming more used globally as an online community does not confine itself to one country. A previous issue of the Prevent Champions newsletter showcased a BBC Three documentary (<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p07fvhmv>) entitled “*Inside the Secret World of Incels*” which is still available on the BBC iPlayer.



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Terminology

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 GO ER	"Go Elliott Rodger" - conduct a mass-casualty attack. Observed in response to suicidal postings on online Incel forums. Encouragement to obtain notoriety in death in revenge for feeling unnoticed in life.
BLACKPILL	An expression of fatalism A collection of theories relating to physical attractiveness, wealth and social status. Attempts at personal improvement are ineffective and will not improve the incel's situation.
-PILL	Example: 'DOGPILL' Fall within 'BLACKPILL'. Further statements relating to believed "truths" about the nature of society and women. <i>Dogpill: Women would prefer to have sex with dogs than incels</i>
 FEMOID	"FEMALE DROID" Used to refer to women in general. Dehumanisation of women, reinforcing the perception that relationship attempts will be unsuccessful since women are not "thinking" creatures.
 CHAD / ALPHA	Masculine Ideal Testosterone-fuelled, strong, sleeps with a disproportionate number of women. Depicted with large jaws, well-endowed, with chiselled features.
 BETA	Reality for Most Men A man biologically and socially inferior to 'Chad' or 'Alpha' males
 STACY	Physically Attractive Woman / Female Ideal "Only sleep with Chads" (see right)
 BECKY	Physically plain woman "Want to sleep with Chads" (see right)
 ORBITER / CUCK	Orbiter: A man who has sacrificed his values to be subservient to women, in the hope of obtaining positive attention. Cuck: A man who's wife or girlfriend has lost respect for him and is having an affair. Often used with racial undertones.
-CEL	Example: 'BRAINCEL' Usually refer to pages / sub-forums on sites such as Reddit or incels.co



Above: Typical incel forum depictions of a Chad



Above: Typical incel forum depiction of a Stacy



Above: Typical incel forum depiction of a Becky