

# Les professions sociales confrontées à l'extrémisme de droite: évaluation de mesures d'intervention et élaboration de directives

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## Résumé des principaux résultats

**Le but de l'étude est l'évaluation des moyens d'action du travail social en vue de lutter contre l'extrémisme de droite, en particulier dans le cadre du travail auprès de collectivités et grâce à un travail de conseil. Une étude préalable dans des communes confrontées à des problèmes liés à l'extrême droite est également prévue. Les recommandations qui en découleront feront l'objet de discussions avec des experts et des acteurs de terrain.**

In the framework of the Swiss National Research Programme Right-Wing Extremism – Causes and Countermeasures (NRP 40+), we conducted a study on the viability of social work in dealing with right-wing extremism. As we were particularly interested in community work projects, we first conducted a pilot study in nine municipalities that had experienced and responded to problems of right-wing extremism. In the main part of our study, we evaluated seven interventions that municipalities had planned in consultation with experts. The results yield a picture of the situation in a total of sixteen municipalities in the German and French-speaking parts of Switzerland and provide insights into the causes of and possible countermeasures to right-wing extremism.

In the municipalities surveyed, the networking of community actors and the coordinated implementation of measures as a rule resulted in a decrease in right-wing extremist incidents. It was found that the municipalities used three main lines of attack: repression, intervention, and prevention, with the municipalities that consulted experts showing a wider range of intervention strategies that included also mediation, confrontation, empowerment of minorities, and victim aid. It proved to be an important step that the surveyed municipalities established working groups representing all of the important local actors (politicians, school, police, youth work, churches, associations, etc.). The working groups chose a great variety of activities to demonstrate their common commitment against right-wing extremism. Making this stance against right-wing extremism visible to the public mostly succeeded in sensitizing the population, which showed in increased watchfulness and reporting of incidents to the police. Continuous monitoring by the working groups significantly improved the flow of information both within the municipality and between the municipality and higher levels and led to quicker and better coordinated responses within the municipality or region. This was conducive to the early recognition and combating of new manifestations of the right-wing extremist scene. The response of the population to right-wing extremism can have two, very different effects: On the one hand, the conservative milieu that is dominant in rural regions, with its opposition to increasing the number of immigrants and its tendencies towards xenophobia and segregation, can pave the way for right-wing extremism. On the other hand, social pressure to conform can also work against right-wing extremism, when the public comes to view the mostly young adherents as a problem because of their violent and deviant behavior and because relevant municipal actors condemn them. This means that the empowerment of civil society in small-scale rural and town centers can play be an effective and lasting strategy for curbing right-wing extremism.

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