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Psychological aspects of radicalization

results of research in Czech prison population

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Purpose

- From the needs of the **Ministry of the Interior of the Czech Republic**
 - The profile of the potential radicals is different in the Eastern and Western European countries, the research helps us to understand the situation in the Czech Republic
- Cooperation with the **Prison Service of the Czech Republic** and Department of Psychology at the **Charles University**
- The aim was to map the situation related to radicalization in Czech prisons and to provide the materials for further education of the prison staff and other involved security service



Participants

18 prisons in the Czech Republic



67 men in the potential risk of radicalization

(analysis of the court files)

- average age - 34
- nationality - 61 Czech, 3 Slovak, 2 Algerian and 1 Russian
 - 11 identified as belonging to Roma ethnicity
- average sentence duration - 7 y. 9 m.

26 prison staff

(structured questionnaires)

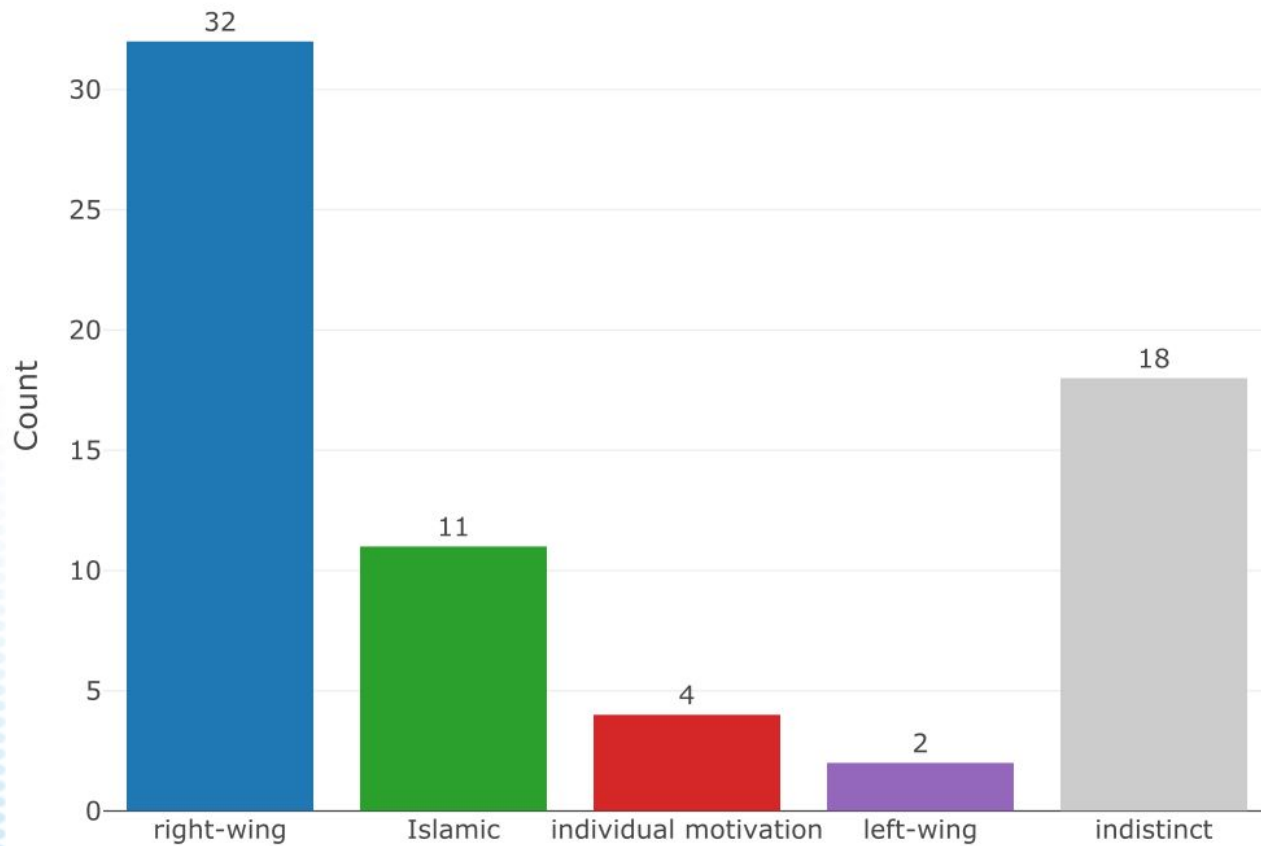
- 19 psychologists, 3 internal crime and prevention staff, 2 special education teachers, 1 tutor, 1 therapist
- 9 women, 17 men



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Prisoners

Type of the radicalization

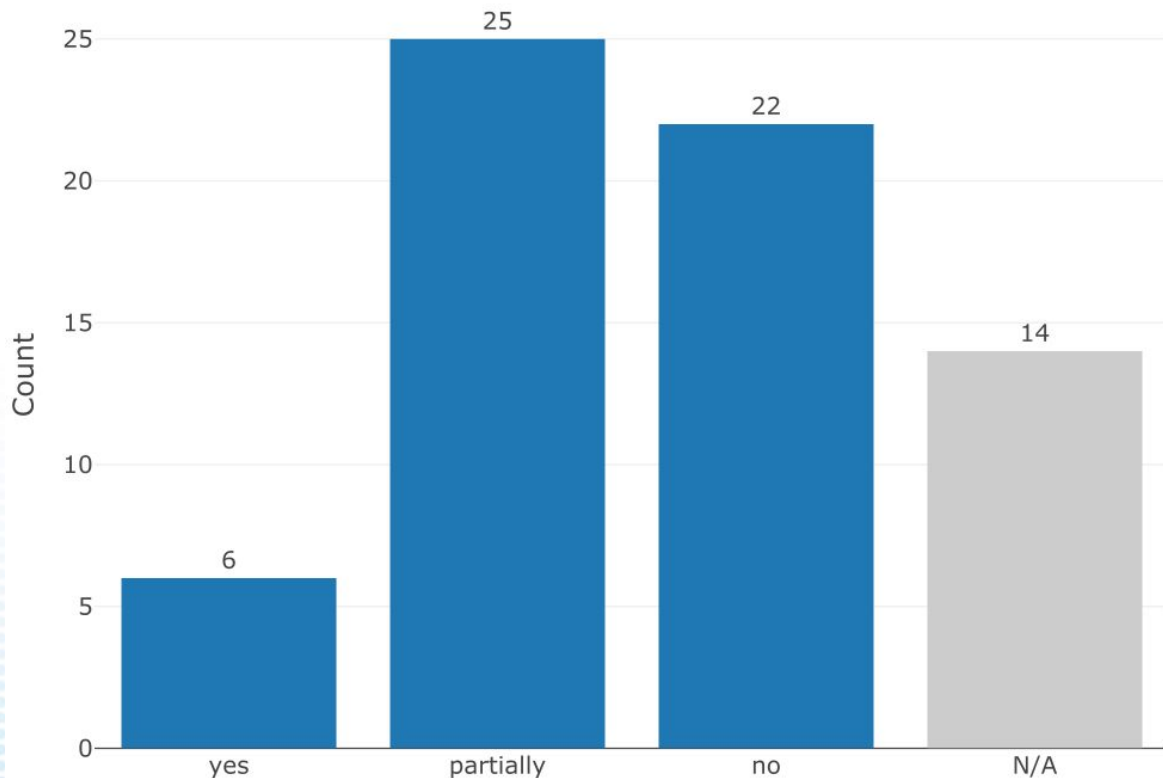




Prisoners

- Previous criminality - 87% (30% repeatedly imprisoned)
- Low positive evaluation of the resocialization potential

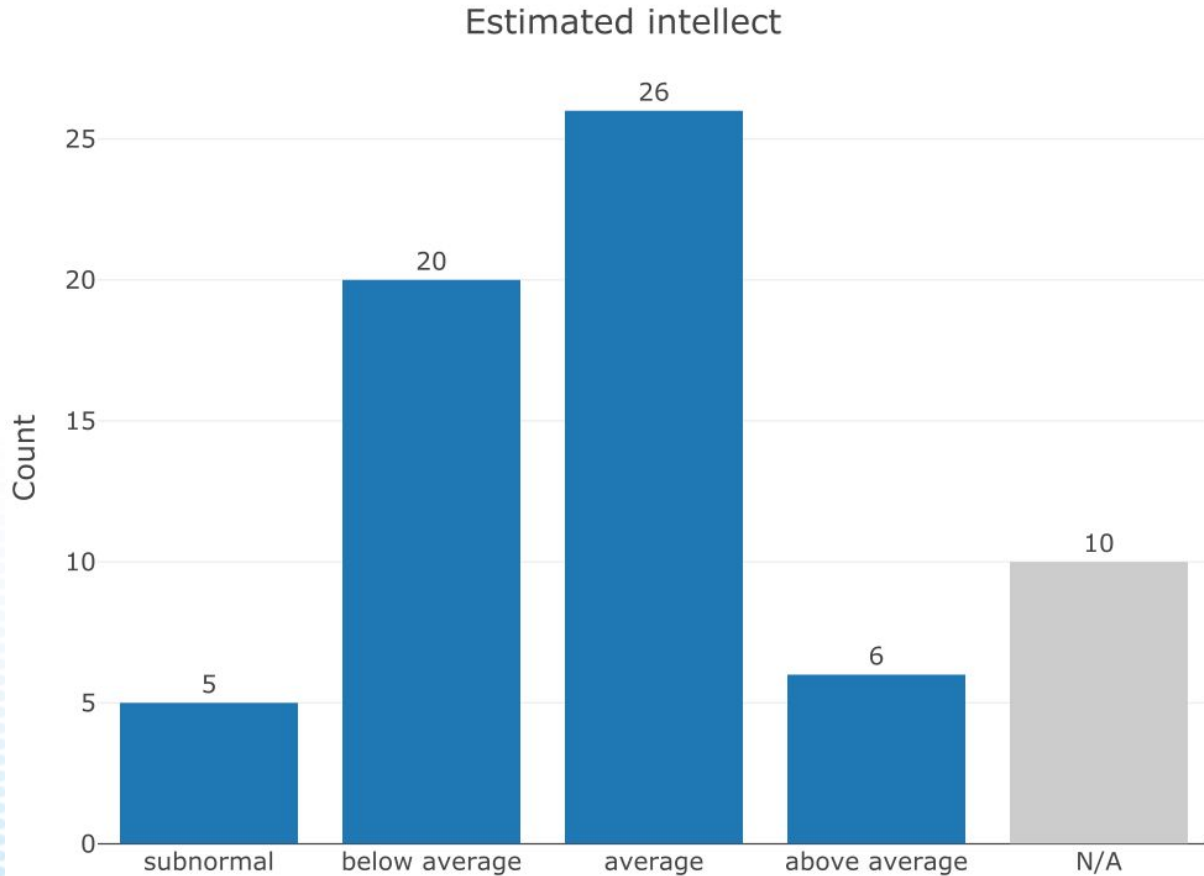
Evaluation of resocialization potencial





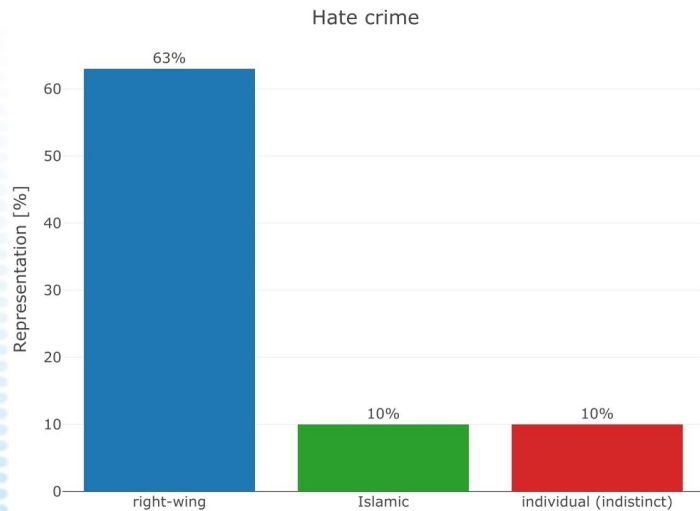
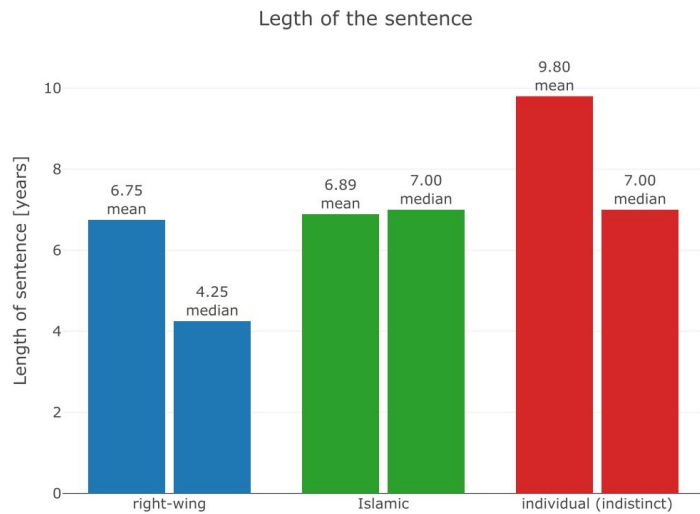
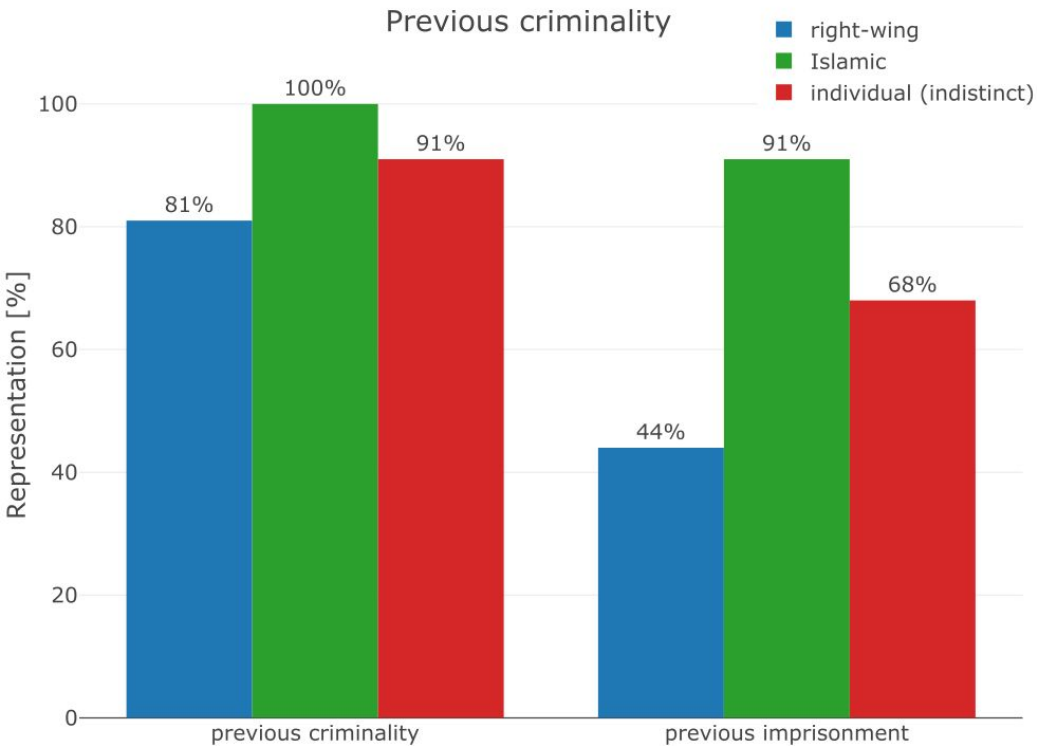
Prisoners

- Psychopathology - 36%
(personality disorder,
alcohol / drug
dependence, anxiety)
- Social pathology - 63%
- Intellect below average





Prisoners - comparison

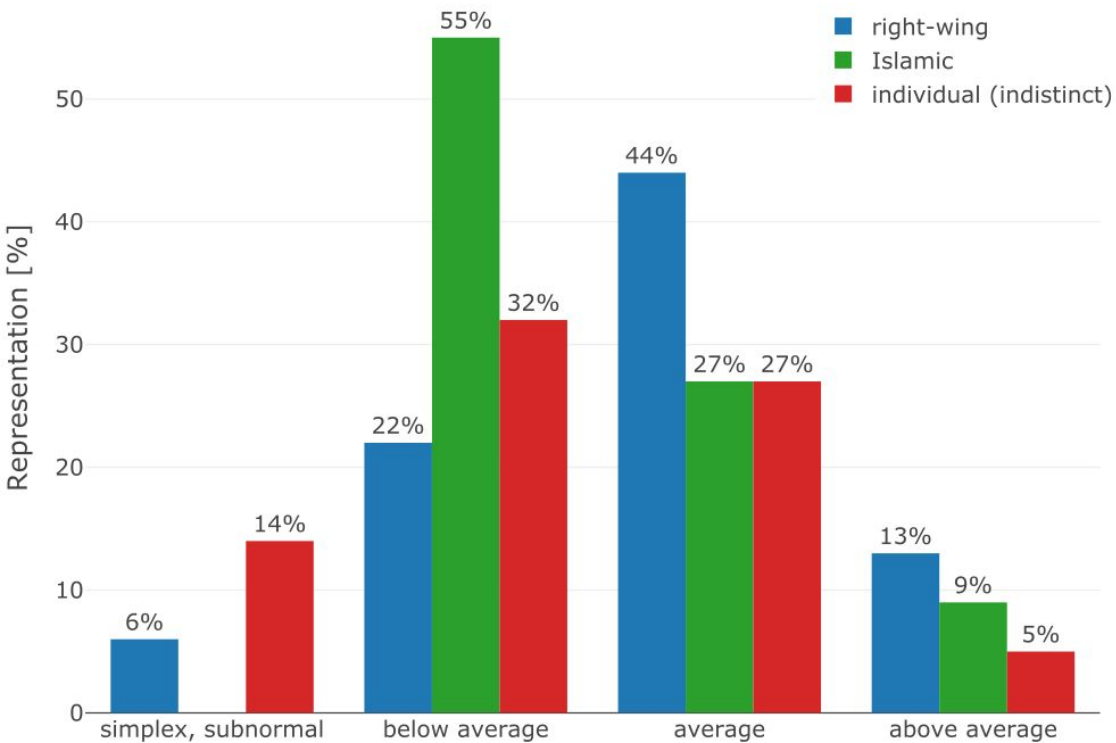




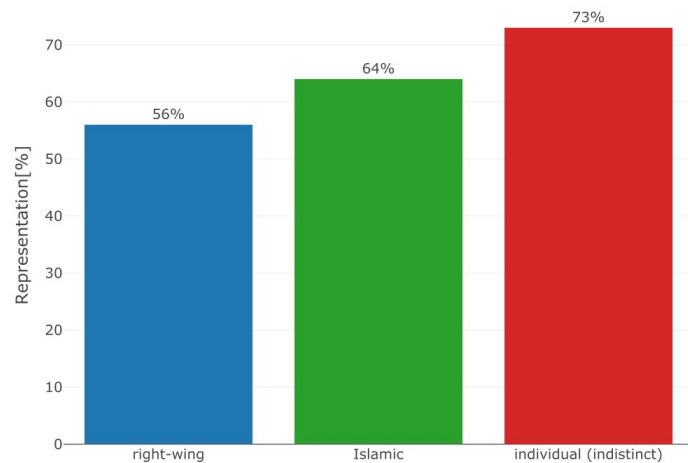
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Prisoners - comparison

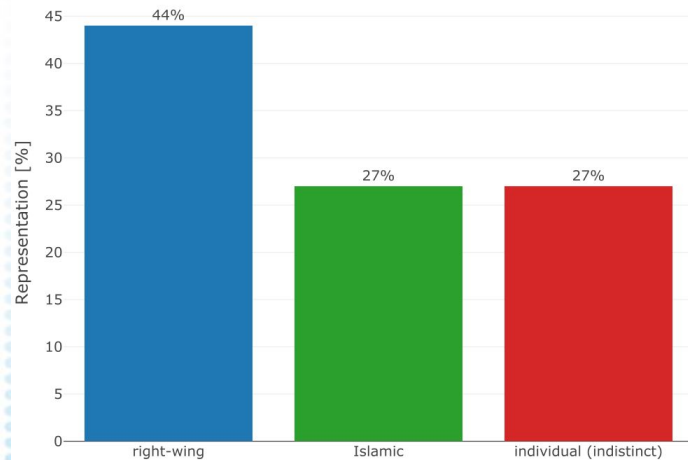
Estimated intellect



Social pathology



Psychopathology

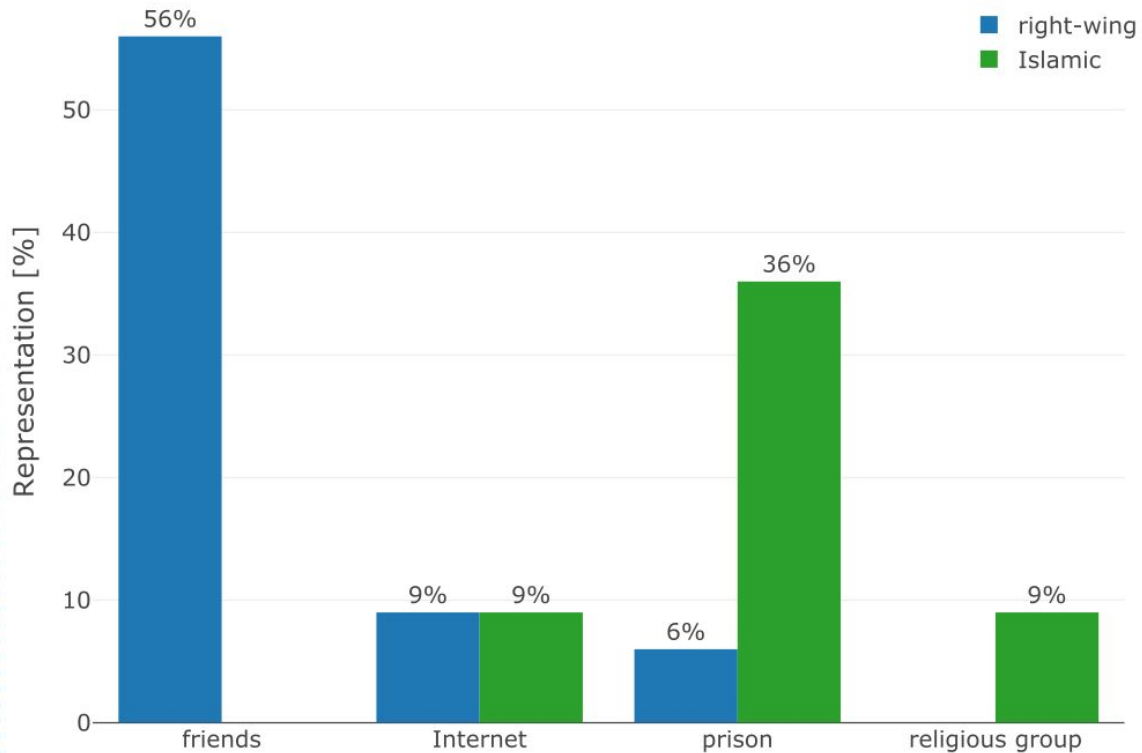




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Prisoners - comparison

Potencial radicalization environment





Prison staff

- **Preparedness** of the staff in prison (1-10): **5**
- Potential **risk of radicalization** in the prison (1-10): **2,4**
- Situation in the individual prisons is **diverse**
- Request for **more training** (especially for tutors)
- Lack of **sharing good practice** between the prisons
- Deeper focus on the **right-wing radicalization** would be needed



Conclusion

- Information about the current situation regarding radicalization and its forms in Czech prisons
- The profile of the radicals can change quickly
- Different challenges than in Western European countries
- Specific threats: **right-wing radicalization** and **self-radicalization** of individuals
- Results serve to raise the awareness of the staff involved in the field of deradicalization
- Other current topics in the context of the Czech Republic: **political polarization**, **radicalization of the public**, **hybrid threats** and **propaganda**



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Thank you for your attention!

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