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"Inquiry into Extremism, Religious and Otherwise"

This course will examine what kind of personalities are drawn to "extreme" behavior. This will allow our class to look beyond just the ramifications of religious extremism/fundamentalism in our culture, and instead will allow us to focus more on causes. Some questions we might ask might include: What causes people to seek out extreme experience? How pervasive is the craving for extreme experience in everyday human beings? Is there a correlation between extreme experience and extremist belief?