

# AI, New Media, and Societal Resilience: Protecting Families, Countering Online Recruitment, and Learning from the UAE Model of Coexistence

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## ABSTRACT

Artificial Intelligence and new media are transforming societies at unprecedented speed. While these technologies offer opportunities for education, connectivity, and innovation, they also accelerate polarization, enable disinformation, and amplify extremist recruitment—often targeting families, young people, and vulnerable communities.

This manuscript argues that extremism prevention in the AI era must move beyond narrow enforcement-based frameworks and adopt a societal resilience approach integrating governance, education, community trust, and value-based dialogue. In Europe, the threat landscape is not limited to Islamist extremism. The growing influence of far-right radicalization and the alarming rise of antisemitism represent a serious challenge to democratic cohesion. Germany, shaped by a dark historical legacy, carries a particular responsibility to confront antisemitism with clarity, consistency, and societal unity.

The paper highlights the UAE as a relevant model of coexistence-driven governance, where tolerance is institutionalized through initiatives such as the Abrahamic Family House, Hedayah, and structured interfaith engagement. These approaches demonstrate how security policy can be aligned with social harmony and preventive strategy.

The manuscript concludes with strategic recommendations emphasizing responsible AI governance, digital literacy, community-based prevention, and international cooperation—particularly through UAE-Germany partnerships that strengthen resilience, stability, and coexistence.