

The CIED Prevent/Deter Program

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Prevent/Deter Program: Principles

Empirical Grounding	The focus of this research is on collecting data using best practices and analyzing them with scientific rigor.
Multidisciplinarity	Data are collected and analyzed by social and behavioral scientists from a wide range of disciplines.
Multiple Methods/Levels of Analysis	Analyses of quantitative databases, case studies, field studies, surveys, archival data, and other data sources are used to examine radicalization within individuals, groups, networks, and communities.
Domestic Focus	Although this research examines radicalization and radicalization prevention efforts in other nations, its main focus is on understanding these phenomena as they occur in the United States.
Respect for Privacy	Privacy and civil liberties safeguards are incorporated throughout the research process.
Interagency and International Collaboration	Regular contact with government and non-government counterparts allows projects to build upon – and complement – others' research.
Practical Application	The needs of DHS offices with missions related to understanding and preventing violent extremism and IED attacks shape the program.

Prevent/Deter Program: Overall Goals

- ❖ Identify pathways to extremist violence and the roles of the community in supporting or preventing it.
- ❖ Utilize multiple social and behavioral science methods to extract indicators of radicalization and potential IED activity.
- ❖ Assess efficacy of countermeasures used to counter radicalization and IED attacks.

Current activities focus on collecting and analyzing data related to community and group characteristics, pre-incident rhetoric and behaviors, and countermeasures.

Relationship with START

START 

National Consortium for the
Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism

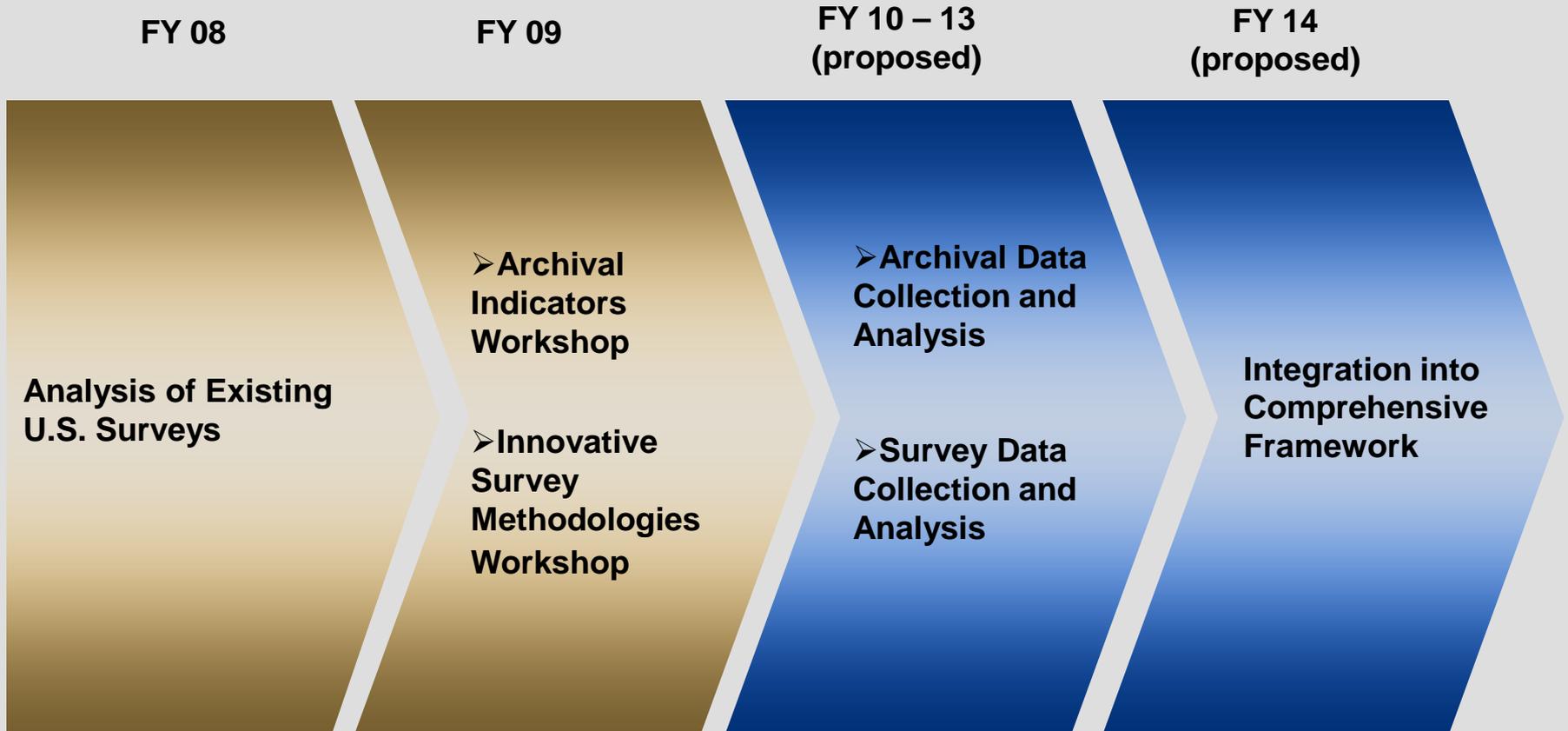
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- ❖ The National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism (START) is a DHS Center of Excellence that conducts basic social and behavioral science research aimed at understanding the formation and dynamics of terrorist groups, as well as the impacts of terrorism.
- ❖ START is matrixed to HFD and the knowledge it generates forms a foundation upon which HFD-sponsored projects are built.
- ❖ START is conducting projects in direct support of the CIED Prevent/Deter Program.



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Community Characteristics



Group Characteristics

FY 08

FY 09

**FY 10 – 13
(proposed)**

**FY 14
(proposed)**

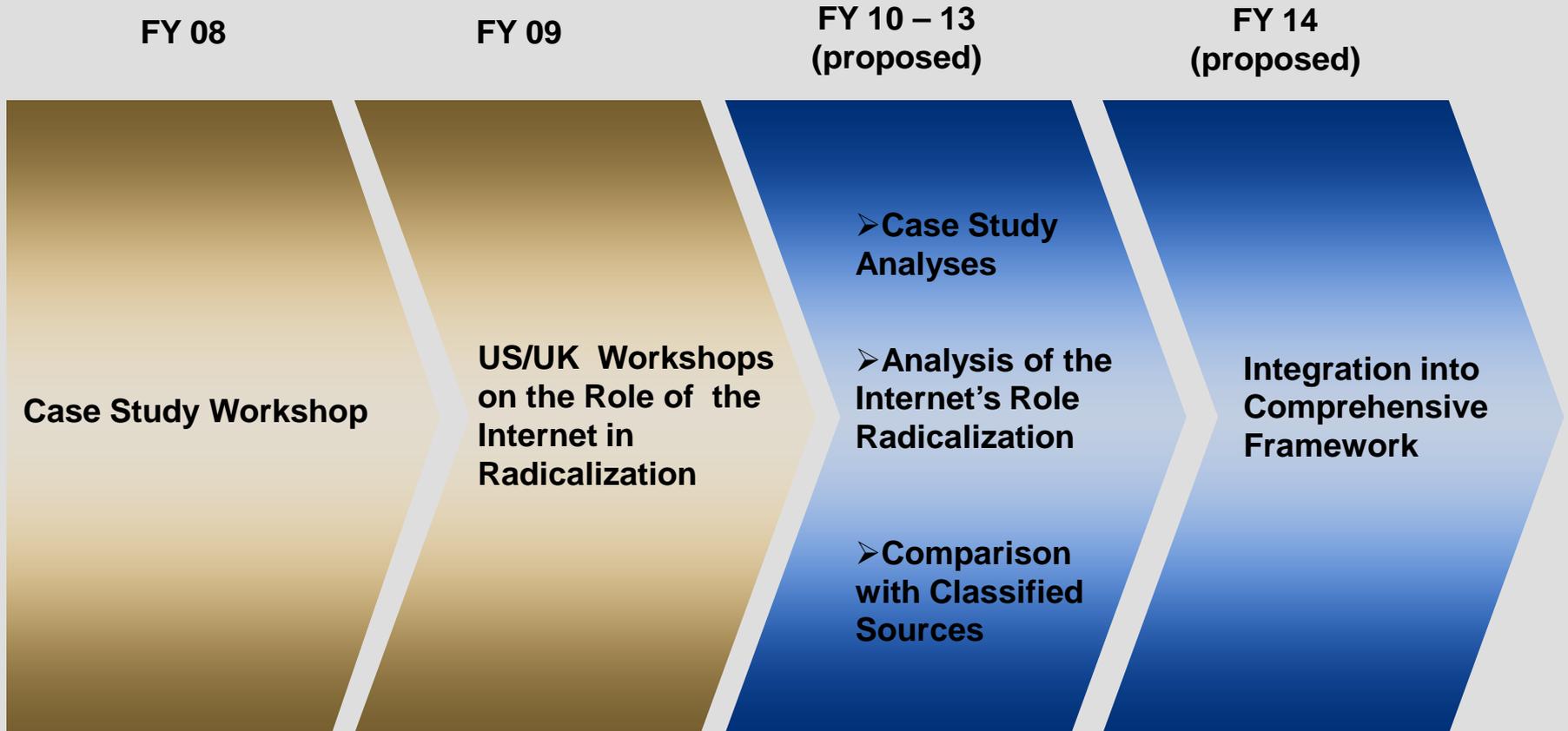
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**U.S. Violent
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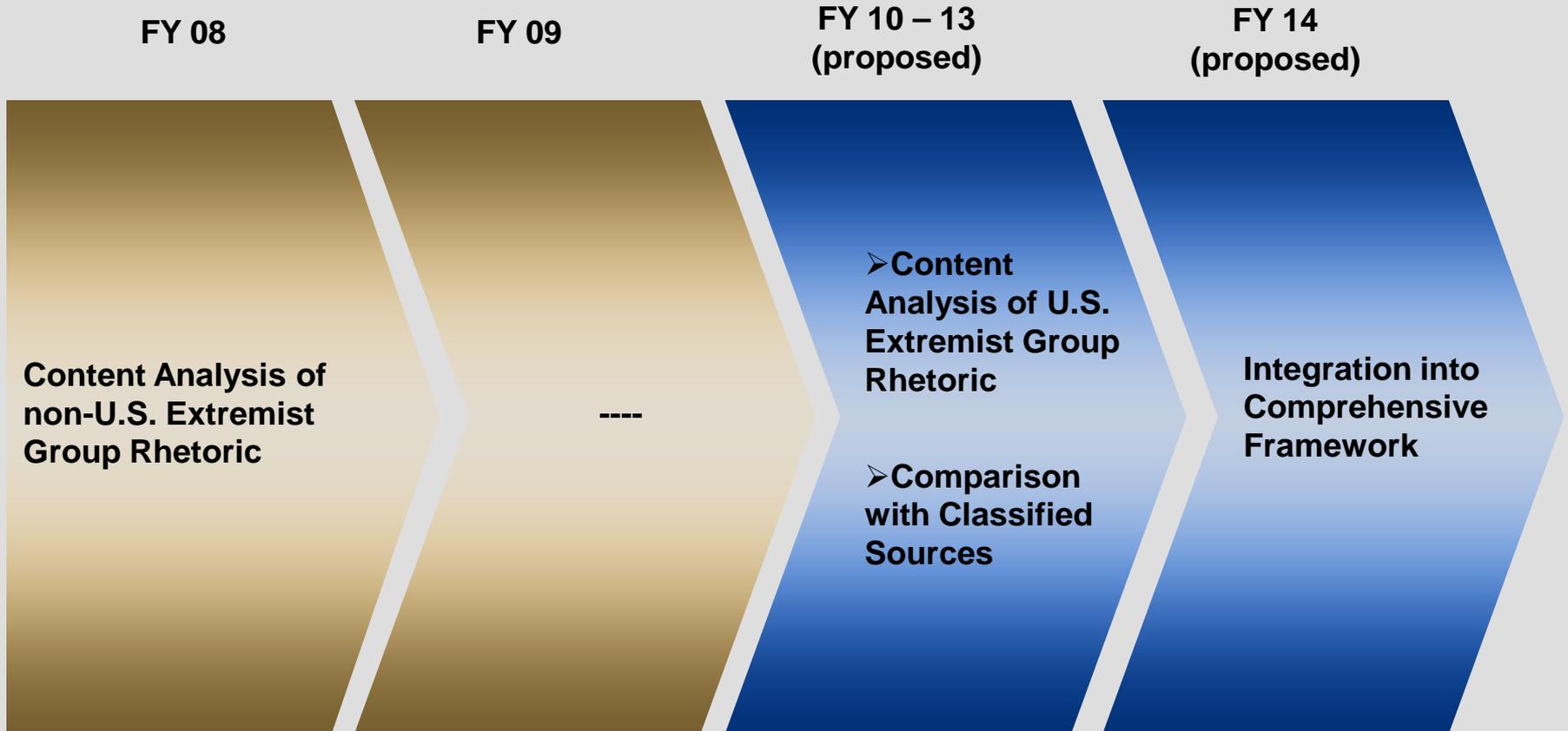
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**Integration into
Comprehensive
Framework**

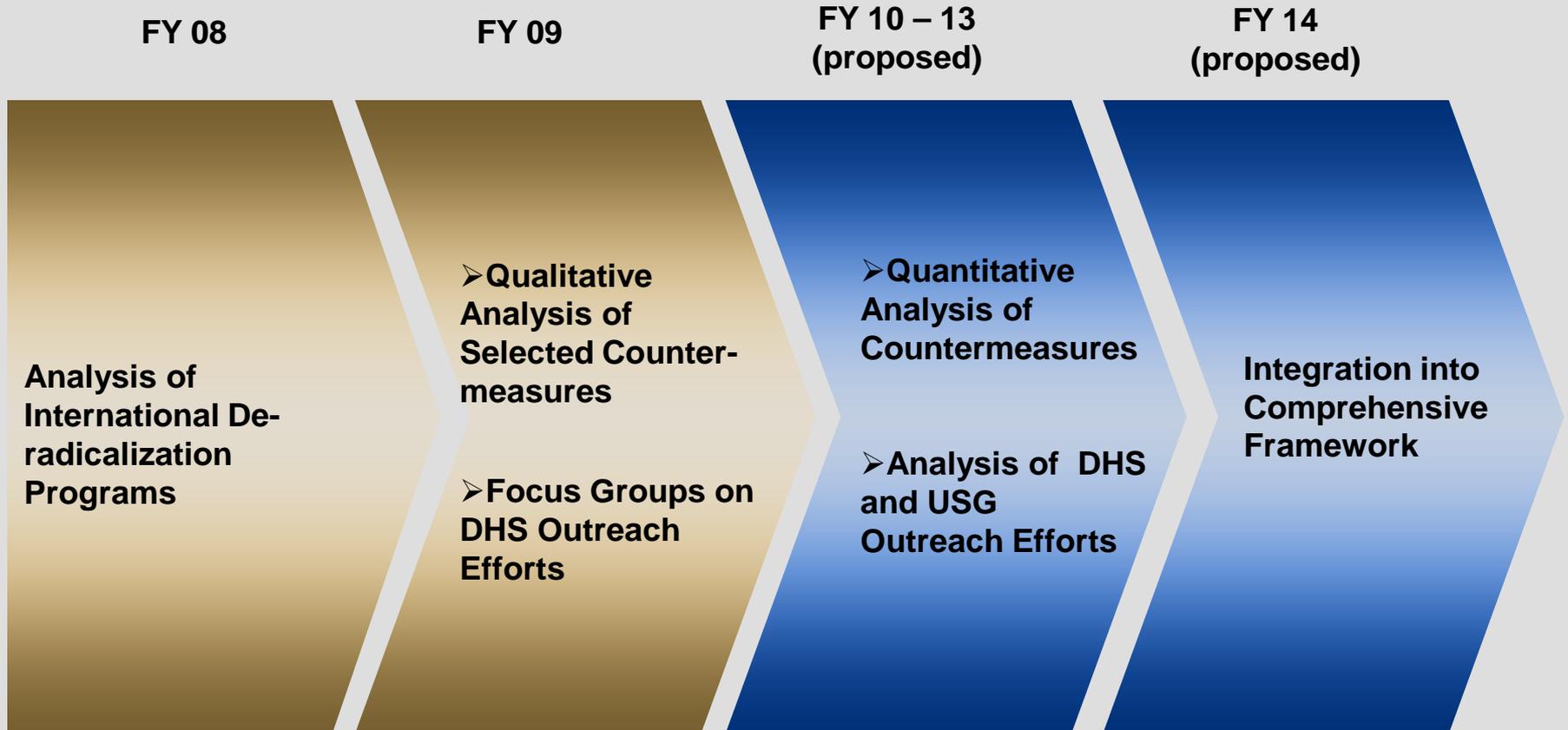
Pre-Incident Behaviors



Pre-Incident Rhetoric



Countermeasures



Challenges

❖ Science Challenges

- ❖ Analyzing a low base-rate activity
- ❖ Measuring prevention
- ❖ Dealing with the complexity of systems in which interventions create reactions designed to circumvent them

❖ Communications Challenges

- ❖ Conveying the rigor of the science we are sponsoring
- ❖ Translating knowledge into practical tools
- ❖ Managing expectations



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