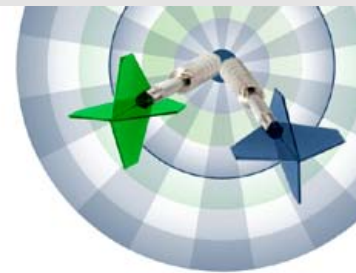


Violent and nonviolent extremism

[Czech TV](#) dared to suggest last night that Anders Behring Breivik might have been found legally insane, when he might not be, so that some of the issues he raised about immigration and Islamization wouldn't have to be publicly discussed. We addressed this possibility in June ("[How insane is insane?](#)").

Breivik is of course "crazy" in the normal sense of the world, but that doesn't mean he didn't have rational reasons (to him at least) for his actions. Extremists, whether right-wing, left-wing, jihadist or other, are usually counterproductive in this respect.

They are fanatics, as Eric Hoffer argued so well in "The True Believer," and through their exaggerated behavior they tend to damage their own cause. In the CR, a non-violent example is would-be politician Petr Cibulka, who is most famous for printing the list of StB agents. When given a microphone, as was the case on Sat. on [ČT](#), he rants on about how the CR is a criminal state being run by the KGB. He might not be so far from the truth, but because he's a lunatic, no one is listening.



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