Over the past decade, the city of New York has come to grips with the specter of global terrorism. Governments, no matter how large or small, are responsible for protecting their people, and the city of New York is of no exception. How the city chooses to protect its people and assets through law enforcement and other measures is a subject that has received little attention, due to the mentality of ‘doing now’ and asking questions ‘later’. The role of the city in addressing the most recent threat, homegrown terrorists, is one that is central to the struggle against terrorism and violence. In order to address this role, it is prudent to understand how individuals become radicalized and what actions governments can take to counter this behavior.