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Dr. Bélanger is the author of over 45 peer-reviewed publications including a book with Oxford University Press entitled: "The Three Pillars of Radicalization: Needs, Narratives, and Networks."

In March 2015, he was appointed by the City of Montreal to create the first deradicalization center in North America to tackle homegrown terrorism: The Centre for the Prevention of Radicalization Leading to Violence (CPRLV). Dr. Bélanger's recommendations led to many concrete measures to prevent violent extremism including training sessions for frontline workers (e.g., teachers, social workers), as well as the creation of a helpline that offers free and confidential listening, evaluation and counseling services.

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