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List of Abbreviations

Abbreviations	Full Form
TTP	Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan
PTSD	Post Traumatic Stress Disorder
IDPs	Internally Displace peoples
VE	Violent Extremism
SND	Social Network Diversity
PE	Pro Violent Extremism
PPA	Perceived Peer Attitude
PIRUS	Profiles of Individual Radicalization in the United States
HPA	Hypothalamic-pituitary-adrenocortical axis
MEM	Militant Extremist Mindsets
CVE	Countering Violent Extremism
PVE	Preventing Violent Extremism
BRAVE	Building Resilience against Violent Extremism

List of Symbols

Symbols	Definitions
α	Cronbach's index of internal consistency
k	Number of items
f	Frequency
n	Total sample
t	Ratio
M	Mean
SD	Standard Deviation
%	Percentage
p	Significance Value
R	Correlation Coefficient
R^2	Coefficient of Determination
β	Standardized Beta
B	Unstandardized Beta
SE	Error
Z	Standard Score
LL	Lower Limit
UL	Upper Limit
CI	Confidence Interval

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Abstract

The aim of current study is to assess relationship between extremism, social support and resilience among university students. This study further aims to assess the moderating role of social support between extremism and resilience among people living in Malakand division. Using a correlational design, through purposive sampling technique data were collected from 220 university students (50% male and 50% female) using the Extremism Scale, the Multidimensional Scale of Perceived Social Support (MSPSS), and the Brief Resilience Scale (BRS).The results revealed significant negative correlations between extremism and resilience. r=−.38**, p<01) and extremism and social support (r=−.48**, p<.01), whereas social support was related to resilience (r=.45**, p<.01). Social support further moderated the relationship between extremism and resilience, weakening its negative effects, especially at higher levels of support (B=−.03, p<.01B=−.03, p<.01). Gender differences emerged, with females reporting higher extremism (M=74.25) compared to males (M=67.07), whereas males were more resilient (M=18.15) and social support (M=52.50).

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