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Daveed Gartenstein-Ross is a Senior Fellow at the Foundation for Defense of Democracies. His professional focus is on understanding how violent non-state actors (VNSAs) are transforming the world, and he specializes in jihadist movements, including undertaking detailed research into al-Qaeda, the Islamic State (ISIS), Ansar al-Sharia in Tunisia, Boko Haram, and ISIS's Wilayat Sinai. He is also the Chief Executive Officer of Valens Global, a Fellow with Google's think tank Jigsaw, an Associate Fellow at the International Centre for Counter-Terrorism – The Hague, and an Adjunct Assistant Professor in Georgetown University's Security Studies Program.

Known for his rigorous scholarship, and putting ideas into action as a practitioner, Gartenstein-Ross is the author or volume editor of twenty-one books and monographs. He has published widely in the popular and academic press, including in *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *Foreign Affairs*, *Foreign Policy*, *The Atlantic*, and *Terrorism & Political Violence*. He is also a member of the Editorial Board of the leading peer-reviewed journal *Studies in Conflict & Terrorism*. As a practitioner, some of Gartenstein-Ross's recent projects have included:

- Delivering briefings and assessments to U.S. government agencies on such topics as ISIS's European attack network, the implications of the failed coup in Turkey on counterterrorism efforts, and the strategic implications of the Libyan civil war;
- Organizing and facilitating a conference in Nigeria as an EU-appointed Strategic Communication Expert, where he helped civil society activists understand militant groups' use of social media and forge a strategic action plan for countering it;
- Mapping the online counter-ISIS narrative space for a leading tech firm designing a project to divert users who may be susceptible to the group's propaganda;

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- Serving as a subject-matter consultant on militant groups during live hostage negotiations;
- Designing and delivering lectures and training for U.S. government personnel through such programs as the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Individual Terrorism Awareness Course and the Naval Postgraduate School's Leader Development and Education for Sustained Peace (LDESP) program;
- Designing and leading strategic simulations exploring the competition between VNSAs and state actors for major academic institutions such as Johns Hopkins University.

Gartenstein-Ross has testified on his areas of core competency before the U.S. House and Senate a dozen times, as well as before the Canadian House of Commons. He is frequently a featured speaker at events and conferences throughout the globe, including delivering keynote speeches at the U.S. Army Special Operations Command Commander's Conference, the University of Southern California's National Center for Risk and Economic Analysis of Terrorism Events (CREATE), and the Global Futures Forum.

Gartenstein-Ross holds a Ph.D. in world politics from the Catholic University of America and a J.D. from the New York University School of Law. He can conduct research in five languages.