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Braniff has also taken a keen interest in the field of countering violent extremism (CVE), and his input has been sought out by the Department of Justice, the Department of State, the FBI and the National Security Staff, and the National Counterterrorism Center. He spoke at the White House Summit on Countering Violent Extremism in February 2015. Braniff has testified before Congress on four occasions, and appears regularly in national and international news media. His research focuses on domestic and international terrorism, counterterrorism and countering violent extremism (CVE).

He is a member of the Editorial Board of the International Centre for Counter-Terrorism-The Hague (ICCT), the RESOLVE Network Research Advisory Board, the Prosecution Project Advisory Board, the Hedayah Center International Advisory Board, the Global Internet Forum to Counter Terrorism (GIFCT) Independent Advisory Committee (IAC) and a non-voting advisor to the Board of CHC Global. He is also a founding board member of *We the Veterans*, an organization of veterans and military families dedicated to strengthening American democracy in the face of violent extremism and polarizing misinformation.