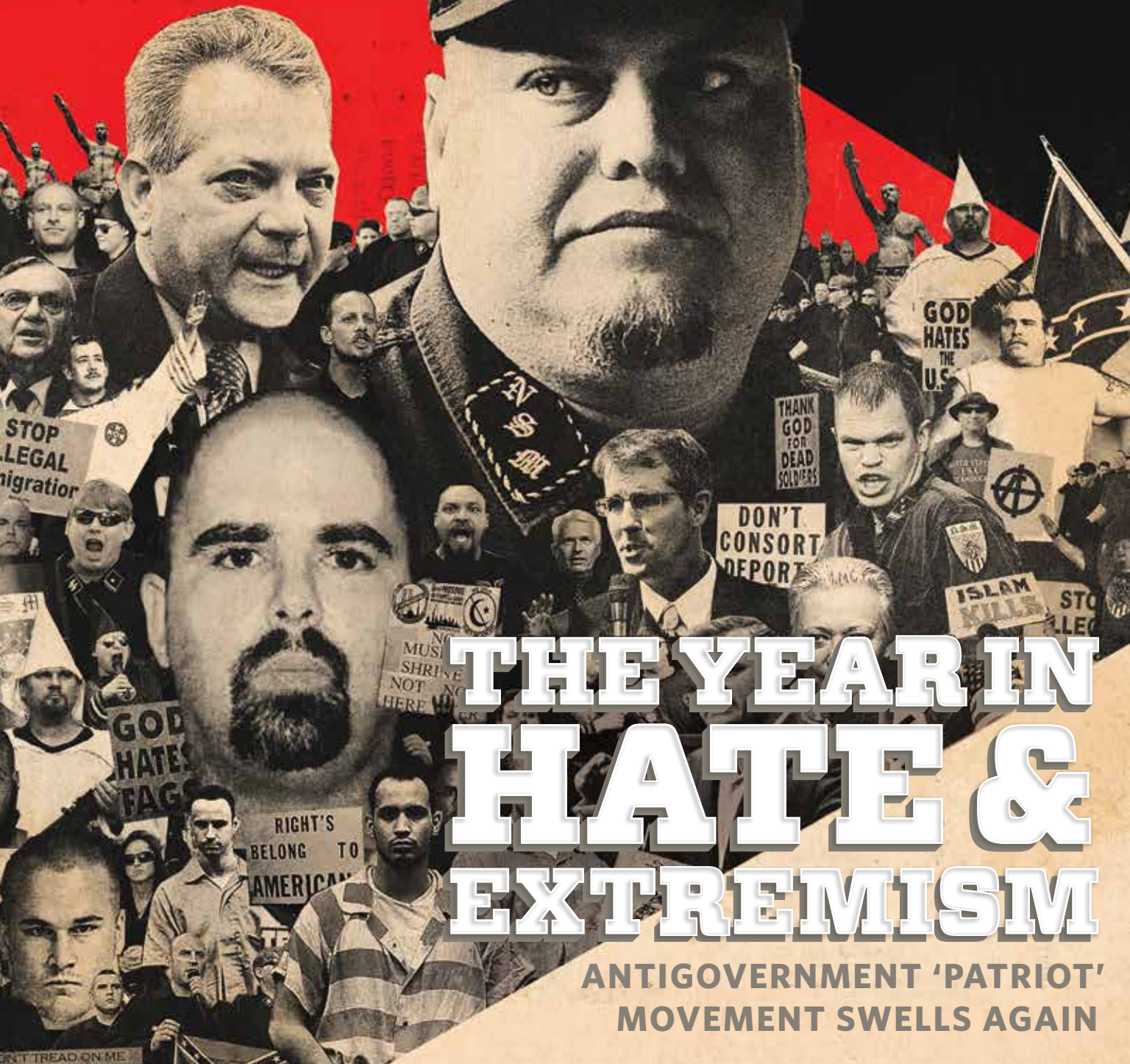


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ANTIGOVERNMENT 'PATRIOT'
MOVEMENT SWELLS AGAIN

Once Again, Gun Control Spurs the ‘Patriots’

BY MARK POTOK



IT’S DÉJÀ VU ALL OVER AGAIN.

Twenty years ago, the passage of the Brady gun control bill helped ignite the first wave of the “Patriot” movement, a combustible mix of gun-toting militias and baseless conspiracy theories about government perfidy that culminated in the 1995 mass murder of 168 people in an Oklahoma City federal building.

As this year began, the first serious talk of gun control since the early 1990s, a reaction to the slaying of 26 people in a Connecticut elementary school, set off a comparable furor. Along with enraged howls from the radical right, even some more or less in the political mainstream, like ConservativeDaily.com’s Tony Adkins, took a page from the Patriot movement as they warned that “martial law” and “suspension of the U.S. constitution” could be coming at any moment.

Patriot leaders like Chuck Baldwin vowed to refuse to register or surrender their weapons, calling on other pastors to do likewise. The Oath Keepers, a Patriot group composed of present and former members of law enforcement and the military, said its people would never succumb to such “unconstitutional filth.” Other so-called Patriots warned furiously of secession, nullification, even civil war.

We live in frightening times.

Before the first wave of the Patriot movement died down at the end of the 1990s, law enforcement officials had broken up scores of terrorist plots aimed at the government and others. Now, after four years of a major Patriot resurgence, it seems likely that the movement and its violence will spurt ahead yet again, driven, as it was in the 1990s, in large part by hatred of gun control. The other powerful drivers of the movement have been the re-election of President Obama — who, like Bill Clinton in the early 1990s, is seen as a liberal traitor — and the sorry economy.

The movement’s resurgence since 2008, when there were just 149 Patriot organizations, has been dramatic. As we report in this issue, that number reached an astounding 1,360 groups in 2012, a rise of 813% in four years. At the same time, the number of hate groups remained above 1,000, as it has since 2010.

Patriot groups are now working overtime to stoke the political flames. Richard Mack was an iconic hero of the Patriot

movement in the 1990s, when he was an Arizona sheriff who sued the Clinton administration and won a weakening of the Brady Bill’s background checks for gun buyers. Now, Mack is back as head of the Constitutional Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association, and he says that of 200 sheriffs he met with recently, most “have said they would lay down their lives first rather than allow any more federal control.”

Once again, the threat of violence seems to be looming. Already, to the surprise of some analysts, a major new study of domestic political violence from the radical right — “Challengers from the Sidelines: Understanding America’s Violent Far-Right,” by the director of the Combating Terrorism Center at West Point — found that right-wing violence is up dramatically from the 1990s.

Specifically, the report found that there were an average of 70 “attacks or violent plots originating from individuals and groups who self-identify with the far-right of American politics” in the 1990s, but that the comparable number for the 2000-2011 period was 308, with especially high numbers from 2007 on.

Remarkably, the report also found that the far right was most likely to engage in violence “in a contentious political climate.” More precisely, it said that “the single most important factor is the number of Republicans in the House.” It’s unclear why that is, although it may be related to the encouraging rhetoric of some of those Republicans or perhaps frustration that they are not adequately representing extremists. What’s notable is that having right-wing representatives in Congress does not have the “safety valve” effect that many expected.

Eighteen years ago, the Southern Poverty Law Center wrote then-Attorney General Janet Reno to warn about extremists in the militia movement, saying that the “mixture of armed groups and those who hate” was “a recipe for disaster.” Just six months later, the Oklahoma City federal building was bombed. Today, with our country’s political polarization at historic levels and government officials being furiously demonized by Patriots, we may be approaching a comparable moment.

In the 1990s, warnings that might have averted some of the violence from the radical right failed to stick. Now, as we face another large and growing threat from the extremists of the Patriot movement, the country needs to do better. One important start would be to demand that the Department of Homeland Security, which gutted its non-Islamic domestic terrorism unit after unjustified criticism from the political right, rebuild its important intelligence capabilities. ▲

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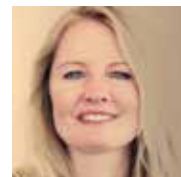


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HATE CRIMES

FBI: Bias Crimes Against Muslims Remain at High Levels

Hate crimes against perceived Muslims, which jumped 50% in 2010 largely as a result of anti-Muslim propagandizing, remained at relatively high levels for a second year in 2011, according to the FBI's new national hate crime statistics.

The bureau reported that there were 157 anti-Muslim hate crimes in 2011, down very slightly from the 160 recorded in 2010. The 2011 crimes occurred during a period when Islam-bashing propaganda, which initially took off in 2010, continued and even intensified.

The actual number of reported anti-Muslim hate crimes is small for a country the size of the United States, but the FBI statistics are known to be notoriously understated, in part because more than half of hate crimes are never reported to police. Two major Department of Justice (DOJ) studies have indicated that the real

level of hate crimes in America is some 20 to 30 times higher than the numbers reported over the years by the FBI, which are simply compilations of state statistics.

If the FBI numbers are taken as only an indicator of larger trends, as seems reasonable given the DOJ studies, the real number of anti-Muslim hate crimes during 2011 may have been somewhere between 3,000 and 5,000.

Although it's impossible to say definitively what is driving anti-Muslim violence, 2011 saw continued and well-publicized attacks on Muslims in the form of anti-Shariah law crusades and battles over proposed mosque construction. A year earlier, in 2010, anti-Muslim crime apparently was first driven up by disputes over an Islamic center planned for lower Manhattan and the baseless claim that Islamic Shariah religious law was being imposed on the United States.

New York City protests of a planned Islamic center led by Pamela Geller and other radicals contributed to a sharp uptick in Islamophobia in 2010. It wasn't long before the enmity seemed to translate into criminal violence.

The year 2011 also saw an intensification of anti-Muslim rhetoric from religious-right groups that once concentrated more or less exclusively on opposition to abortion and, especially, LGBT people and same-sex marriage. The American Family Association's Bryan Fischer, for instance, said that Islam was marked by "hatred," "vitriol," and "dark energy," and claimed that Muslims want to "completely silence and neutralize Christians everywhere in the world."

The FBI statistics suggested other trends as well. Most remarkably, anti-Latino hate crimes fell 31%, from 534 in 2010 to 405 in 2011. It's not certain what's behind that major decrease, but it does seem clear that anti-Latino and anti-immigrant propaganda diminished during the same period that anti-Muslim rhetoric was being ratcheted up.

At the same time, anti-Jewish hate crimes fell from 887 in 2010 to 771 in 2011,

HATE IN THE MAINSTREAM

“We’ve got a Muslim for a president who hates cowboys, hates cowgirls, hates fishing, hates farming, loves gays, and we hate him!”

—Country singer **HANK WILLIAMS JR.**, speaking to a crowd at Texas’ **Sept. 2** Stockyards Music Festival, where he also attacked “queer guitar pickers.”

“Huma Abedin is a Muslim Brotherhood operative and she has been all her life. ... This is worse than Alger Hiss.”

—Muslim-bashing pundit **DAVID HOROWITZ**, baselessly comparing State Department official Huma Abedin to Communist spy Alger Hiss, during a Sept. 29 appearance on Salem Radio Network’s “The Janet Mefferd Show”

“Wouldn’t life for blacks in America today be more enjoyable and successful if they would only learn to appreciate the value of a good education?”

—Arkansas state Rep. **JOHN HUBBARD** (R-Jonesboro) – who also called slavery a “blessing in disguise” because slaves were “rewarded with citizenship in the greatest nation ever established” — in 2009 comments he said he stood by in the **Oct. 10** *Jonesboro Sun*

“Same-sex marriage will be the ultimate destruction of our country because it destroys the very foundation upon which this nation is based.”

—**ROY MOORE**, the “Ten Commandments” jurist recently re-elected as Alabama chief justice despite having been stripped of the position in 2003, speaking to a Tea Party rally on **Oct. 6**

“Our country might have been better off if it was still just men voting. There is nothing worse than a bunch of mean, hateful women.”

—Mississippi Tea Party activist **JANIS LANE**, in a little-noticed Jackson, Miss., *Free Press* interview publicized by the blog of *The Nation* magazine on **Oct. 10**

“Let’s also stop the insanity by suspending the right to vote of any American who is on welfare.”

—Rock star **TED NUGENT**, proposing a solution to the debt crisis in a **Dec. 3** *Washington Times* column on the misdeeds of so-called “fedzillacrats”

“So non-whites, non-Christians, and non-marrieds ... see it as being in their group interests to tear down traditional American culture.”

—**ROGER SCHLAFLY**, son of Eagle Forum founder and antifeminist Phyllis Schlafly, in a **Dec. 11** post on Eagle Forum’s official blog

“[W]e’re basically going to have an open heyday for ... polygamy, perhaps adult incest and who knows what else.”

—Pacific Justice Institute President **BRAD DACUS**, speculating on **Dec. 12** about the impact of a possible Supreme Court ruling against the Defense of Marriage Act

the latest decrease since their recent peak of 1,013 in 2008. Anti-black hate crimes also extended a three-year decline, from a high of 2,876 in 2008 (when Barack Obama first appeared on the political scene, fueling anti-black hatred in certain quarters) to 2,076 by 2011. Anti-LGBT hate crimes rose very slightly, from 1,256 in 2010 to 1,277 in 2011.

EXTREMIST PROPAGANDA

Culture Warrior Santorum Joins Conspiracy Website as Columnist

File this under the “What is he thinking?” category.

Former U.S. Sen. Rick Santorum, the Christian-right social conservative who sought the GOP presidential nomination last year and says he wants to run again in 2016, has become a columnist for a far-right website that propagates outlandish conspiracy theories and promotes extreme antigovernment “Patriot” viewpoints.

Santorum, known for his ultra-conservative policies on social issues such as abortion rights, same-sex marriage and pornography, amassed more than 3 million votes and won primaries and caucuses in 11 states before bowing out of the race in May 2012.

But before he abandoned his presidential bid, the two-term senator from Pennsylvania raised eyebrows when he said President Obama wanted more young adults to attend college so they could undergo “indoctrination” to a secular worldview.

On Dec. 2, Santorum penned his first weekly column for WorldNetDaily (WND), the super-market tabloid of the antigovernment “Patriot” movement — a website that once ran a six-part series claiming soybean consumption causes homosexuality. The website also has identified Satan as the first “leftist” and declared that Muslims have a 20-part plan for conquering America. It is best known for relentlessly flogging the widely debunked “birther”



Mainstream to the margins: After abandoning his 2012 bid for the GOP presidential nomination, former Sen. Rick Santorum took up with a “news” website that specializes in birther conspiracy theories, end-of-the world predictions, and dubious claims like the allegation that eating soybeans causes homosexuality.

theory that Obama is constitutionally ineligible to be president because he is not a “natural born” U.S. citizen. It also relentlessly hawks varying imminent end-times scenarios.

By writing for WND, Santorum will get to keep his name in front of the most conservative elements of the American electorate as he cools his heels while waiting for the next round of Republican primaries.

But WND readers might feel a little let down by Santorum’s columns, which have titles such as “What Christmas is All About,” “America the Great,” and “Poverty Need Not be Permanent.” He seems a milquetoast compared to the smorgasbord of anti-gay activists, white nationalists, Muslim-bashers, conspiracy theorists, end-times prophets and other ultra-conservative hardliners that typically inhabit WND.

Perhaps he’s just getting warmed up. Or perhaps he knows that if he gives WND readers the red meat they crave, his words could haunt him when he begins campaigning again in a few years.

EXTREMIST PROPAGANDA

Neo-Nazi Website Targets Enemies, Lists Personal Information

Redwatch has come to the United States.

In Britain, after a similar Redwatch website listed detailed information about enemies of the neo-Nazi movement, a longtime labor activist was stabbed in the face in front of his young daughter as he opened his door to a stranger.

In Poland, after a local version of Redwatch listed an anti-racist there, the man was stabbed in Warsaw. Eventually, police arrested a man associated with the neo-Nazi Blood & Honour group that had a hand in running the site, which was based on a U.S. server. Polish authorities later got U.S. help in shutting it down.

Now, courtesy of violent neo-Nazi Josh Steever, there’s an American version hosted by Steever’s Aryan Terror Brigade and Combat 18, which with Blood & Honour was involved in the European sites. Steever, who has the word “racist” and a swastika

tattooed on his face, has served time both for beating a man with an axe handle and for threatening to stab two black high school students.

The site’s motto, a quote from the iconic racist skinhead musician Ian Stuart Donaldson, is, “Remember places, traitor’s faces, they’ll all pay for their crimes.” It contains scores of names, addresses, phone numbers and photos, organized into sections entitled “FORMER WN [white nationalist] TRAITOROUS SCUM,” “Antifa [anti-fascist] SCUM” and “Communists.” Created in August 2012, the site is registered to Steever, who gives an address in Stockton, N.J.

Targets featured high on Steever’s site include Bryon Widner, a former racist skinhead enforcer who quit the movement with the help of the Southern Poverty Law Center; Daryle Lamont Jenkins, founder of the anti-racist One People’s Project; and T.J. Leyden, a former neo-Nazi skinhead turned anti-racist activist.

Apparently, no one targeted on Steever’s site has been harmed as yet. But European anti-racist activists say that many people listed there, in addition to the two stabbed in Britain and Poland, have been beaten or harassed as a result.

Steever is known as a thug even within the racist skinhead movement and, according to One People’s Project, has been cut loose from the international Blood & Honour movement because of his propensity for starting internal movement feuds and accusing movement comrades of being traitors. More widely, Steever is known for his 2011 marriage to

Danielle Swayze, niece of the late movie star Patrick Swayze — a short-lived union that made the cover of the *National Enquirer*.

Steever has been close to a number of alleged terrorists. He was a friend of Daniel Cowart, a skinhead who like Steever was for a time associated with the Supreme White Alliance hate group and who confessed to a 2008

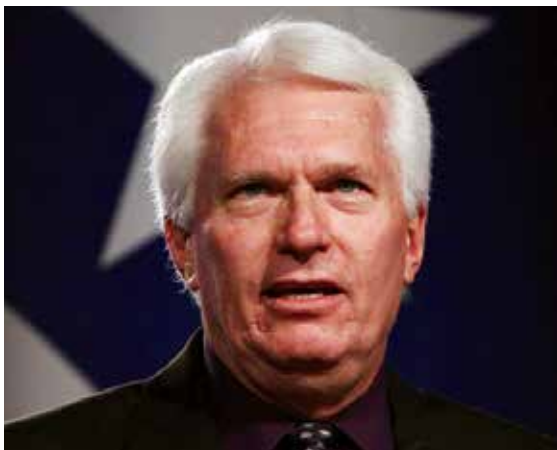


plot to murder Barack Obama. Steever's Aryan Terror Brigade also was reportedly active in recruiting dissident members of the Florida chapter of the neo-Nazi American Front, 14 of whom were arrested in early 2012 and charged with illegal paramilitary training and other crimes in connection with an expected race war.

ANTI-GAY

Religious Activists Attack Popular School Anti-Bias Program

For a decade, millions of students across the country participated in an annual anti-bias program called "Mix It Up at Lunch Day" without the slightest hint of controversy. But that changed last October, when a religious-right organization known for the extreme anti-gay and sometimes racist statements of its key spokesman urged its followers to keep children at home that day because the event promotes a "homosexual lifestyle in public schools."



In an E-mail to its supporters (which the group puts at 2 million), the American Family Association (AFA) claimed the event also was intended to "intimidate and silence students who have a biblical view of homosexuality."

That's the kind of over-the-top, false rhetoric believed to inflame anti-gay sentiment and contribute to violence against the LGBT community. (An *Intelligence Report* analysis in the Winter 2010 issue found that gay men and lesbians are, by far, the minority group most victimized by violent hate crime.)

In this case, the AFA's attack may have backfired.

After an article about the campaign appeared in *The New York Times*, the AFA's director of issue analysis, Bryan Fischer, was widely ridiculed in the media.

Appearing on CNN to explain the group's position, Fischer compared "Mix It Up" to poisoned Halloween candy. "Somebody takes a candy bar, injects it with cyanide, the label looks fine. It looks innocuous, it looks fine. It's not until you internalize it that you realize how toxic it is."

CNN anchor Carol Costello, clearly exasperated, defended the program as "simply a lesson in intolerance."

At one point, Costello noted that Fischer has said gay men were responsible for the Holocaust. In 2010, he wrote, "Homosexuality gave us Adolph Hitler, and homosexuals in the military gave us the Brown Shirts, the Nazi war machine and six million dead Jews."

Costello said that, "by many people's standards, would be hate speech." A few moments later, she ended the interview as Fischer launched into a rant about health problems affecting LGBT people. "I'm going to

The American Family Association's Bryan Fischer provoked both amazement and mirth when he likened a program to lower social boundaries in schools to a candy bar laced with cyanide. "It's not until you internalize it," he said, "that you realize how toxic it is."

end this interview now, sir. I'm sorry because that's just not true."

On Comedy Central, comedian Stephen Colbert got into the act, lampooning the AFA as he pretended to agree with its position on "Mix it Up at Lunch Day." "Don't fall for it, kids," Colbert deadpanned, looking directly into the camera. "It's a devious plot: Get kids to learn that despite our outward differences, in our hearts we're all pretty much the same."

Actually, on "Mix It Up," which is sponsored by the Southern Poverty Law Center's Teaching Tolerance program, students are simply asked to sit with someone new in the school cafeteria as a way to break down social barriers that can lead to bullying. The SPLC serves as a clearinghouse and provides ideas and free resources, but each school tailors the event to its own needs.

Teaching Tolerance Director Maureen Costello (no relation to Carol) said 3,000 schools took part in "Mix It Up" on Oct. 30, despite the AFA's warning. About 200 schools did cancel the event, but many more than that signed up in the final days, long after the AFA urged action.

As for Fischer's theory about "Mix It Up," Costello said, "It is just a bizarre preoccupation ... you know Bryan Fischer sees the homosexual agenda in a dish of ice cream."

CHRISTIAN IDENTITY

Alaska Serial Killer Attended Racist Church, Knew Terrorists

Confessed serial killer and bank robber Israel Keyes, who committed suicide in an Alaska jail this December, attended a Washington state church with his parents that proselytized the racist and anti-Semitic Christian Identity religion, reliable sources told the *Intelligence Report*.

The same sources, who have personal knowledge of the situation, said that Keyes and his family had been "neighbors and friends" with the notorious Kehoe family, who lived half a mile away in the

same area of Washington state during the 1990s. The Kehoe sons, white supremacists Chevie and Cheyne, are now serving lengthy prison sentences in connection with a deadly rampage they conducted in the name of their Aryan Republican Army, including Chevie Kehoe's 1996 torture-murder of a family of three in Arkansas.

In addition to living close together in Stevens County, Wash., the Keyes and Kehoe families both home-schooled their children and occasionally attended a Christian Identity church called the Ark, the sources said. Pastored by Dan Henry — who told the Report that he didn't remember the Keyeses attending but said that they might have — the Ark taught that white people are the superior race and that the Bible is their story. Hard-line Identity followers believe that Jews are biologically Satanic, although many see Jews as merely cursed by God.

Both families also attended another Christian Identity church, the Christian Israel Covenant Church, headed by Henry's neighbor and former acolyte, the late Ray Barker, the sources said. Barker later facilitated Chevie Kehoe's 1997 surrender to law enforcement officials in Washington.

It's not known what Israel Keyes' beliefs as an adult were, or if they had any relation to the eight people Keyes confessed to murdering after being arrested in March 2012 for the slaying of an Alaska barista. There is no obvious evidence of a racist or anti-Semitic motive in the killings, which took place in Alaska, New York, Vermont and Washington. In interviews that went on for months as officials sought to foment his cooperation, the imprisoned Keyes only identified three of his victims. Officials are not sure who the others are, although they do believe those killings — and, very possibly, several more — did occur.

Another possible sign of Keyes' religious upbringing is his first name. Although the Keyes family was originally Mormon, they named their elder son Israel. Identity believers often describe themselves as the true "Israel," meaning that they, not today's Jews, are the real descendants of the Bible's Hebrews.

'SOVEREIGN CITIZENS'

'Moorish National's' Spectacular Escape Ends in Ignominy

Of all the sovereign citizens in all the towns in all the world, Joseph Banks is the most likely to have a movie made about him.

The prolific bank robber and self-professed "Moorish national," a black nationalist version of the radical and growing antigovernment "sovereign citizens" movement, made a daring jail break from a federal high-rise lockup in downtown Chicago a week before Christmas.

Banks, 37, and his cellmate, Kenneth Conley, 38, were both awaiting sentencing for separate bank robberies when they broke through a window and part of a wall in the predawn darkness of Dec. 18. Then they rappelled 15 stories down the side of the 28-story jail, using a rope fashioned from bed sheets.

On the ground, the men hailed a cab at 2:45 a.m. and disappeared.

And why not break out? Sovereign citizens believe they are not subject to most federal tax and criminal laws.

At his bank robbery trial a few days before the Hollywood-style breakout, Banks essentially renounced his American citizenship, proclaiming himself a sovereign citizen of the Republic of Illinois.

He was convicted anyway.

By the time the escape was discovered, Banks had been on the run for several hours. The embarrassed authorities launched a massive manhunt and offered a \$50,000 reward. Banks allegedly had stolen at gunpoint up to

\$600,000 from area banks — money that has still not been recovered.

It took two weeks to capture Banks' cellmate. Banks wasn't so lucky. He was back in handcuffs in about 48 hours.

And once again, the Moorish national was a sovereign prisoner.

Meanwhile, other sovereign citizens have continued to cause headaches for law enforcement and the judicial system across the country in recent months.



Two convicted bank robbers — one of them a self-described "Moorish national" — rappelled down 15 stories of Chicago's downtown Metropolitan Correctional Center. Within two weeks, both men were back in custody.

In April, aiming squarely at the sovereign citizens movement, Georgia's governor signed a law that will make it a felony to file fraudulent property liens against public officials or employees, a popular sovereign tactic known as "paper terrorism."

Sovereigns have hit Georgia hard in recent years. In one of the first cases of its kind, 12 sovereigns in North Georgia were charged in March with stealing property worth millions of dollars, including mansions and an Atlanta strip mall. The defendants were charged under federal racketeering statutes.

In a setback for the government, three of the defendants were recently acquitted on all counts.

In Nevada, according to Security Management, a website that specializes in security issues, sovereign citizens are using mobile phones to summon fellow sovereigns to routine traffic stops to docu-



Joseph Banks



Kenneth Conley

ment the encounters with video cameras.

The tactic raises serious officer safety issues, Security Management reported, pointing out that since 2002, according to the FBI, sovereign citizens have killed six police officers.

Most of the estimated 300,000 sovereign citizens in the United States are not violent. But they can certainly be bizarre.

When deputies in Brunswick County, N.C., tried to pull over a woman who claimed to be a sovereign citizen from Myrtle Beach, S.C., in mid-December, she refused to stop and instead called the 911 operator, according to WECT-TV.

"I have a contact with you guys if you want to go ahead and declare a false sense of emergency — it's \$300,000 per incident," she reportedly told the operator in a 10-minute call. "I need to make sure you guys are willing to pay the fee that you already owe before I pull over."

A few minutes later, she repeated her demand.

"If you want to pay \$300,000, then I'll pull over," she said.

Up to six police cars joined the pursuit that reached speeds of 70 mph before the woman finally stopped. Instead of \$300,000, she was hit with a slew of charges — felony flight to avoid arrest, driving with a revoked license, careless and reckless driving, driving left of center and driving while intoxicated.

SEPARATISTS

Thomas Naylor, Controversial Vermont Secessionist, Dies

Thomas Naylor, the man who founded and long led a left-leaning Vermont secessionist movement but simultaneously allied himself closely with racist Southern secessionists, died after a stroke in December. He was 76.

In 2003, Naylor founded the

Second Vermont Republic (SVR), a group that aimed to break Vermont away from the union to form an independent nation, as it had been from 1777 to 1791. He wrote the "Vermont Manifesto," which said that America "has truly lost its way" and no longer was a sustainable nation.

At first, the Vermont movement gained steam, particularly after George W. Bush's 2004 re-election, which was loathed by many in Vermont, a state with a strong progressive tradition. Naylor worked closely with Kirkpatrick Sale, a longtime leftist writer who headed the secessionist Middlebury Institute, in pursuit of a small-is-beautiful vision of Vermont. They argued that secession would lead to sustainability, more ecological balance, and an end to wars like that in Iraq.

But in 2005 Naylor and Sale began to work openly with Southern extrem-

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More than 40 Klansmen and members of the National Socialist Movement (NSM), America's largest neo-Nazi group, rallied against non-white immigrants, all of whom the NSM says should be deported immediately, "peacefully or by force." But the extremists were met by a crowd of counter-protesters who outnumbered them by five to one — and who wore red rubber noses and a variety of clown outfits. As the rally proceeded, the counter-protesters confronted the white-power racists, chanting "White Flour" and "Wife Power" and generally ridiculing them. "The message from us is, you look silly," said Lacey Williams, youth coordinator for the Latin American Coalition that organized the counter-protest. "We're dressed like clowns, and you're the ones that look funny." The concept for the counter-protest, it turns out, actually began with a poem that was later turned into an illustrated children's book, *White Flour*, written by singer-songwriter David LaMotte, a longtime peace activist. That book, published last May 26, was a reaction to another racist rally held exactly five years before in Knoxville, Tenn. "I did hope it would inspire some people," LaMotte said, "but I did not at all foresee such a direct line from the book to a protest." LaMotte said the book, illustrated by Jenn Hales and published by his Lower Dryad Music company, is meant to introduce children to the principles of nonviolence.



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Updates on Extremism and The Law

SEPT. 26 Coleman Barney, who was sentenced to five years in prison for his part in the **Alaska Peacemakers Militia** plot to kill government officials, filed paperwork with the U.S. District Court in **Anchorage, Alaska**, stating that he would appeal his conviction. Barney, 38, was convicted in June of conspiracy to possess unregistered silencers and grenades, and possession of an unregistered 37 mm projectile launcher loaded with an anti-personnel round.

SEPT. 28 A judge in **Lehigh County, Pa.**, stayed the life sentences of Bryan and David Freeman, **neo-Nazi skinhead** brothers who beat and stabbed their parents and 11-year-old brother to death in 1995, until legislators rewrite laws on sentencing juvenile killers to comply with a Supreme Court ruling earlier in the year that it was cruel and unusual punishment to sentence a juvenile to life without parole. Bryan Freeman was 17 at the time of the killings, and his brother was 16.



Bryan and David Freeman

OCT. 2 Robert Clifton Tanner, an **anti-government "sovereign citizen"** who federal prosecutors in **Utah** say was the brains behind a scheme to attack state court judges with unjustified billion-dollar debt claims, was denied bail

until trial. Tanner, 44, identifies himself as a reverend with the "Ecclesia of the First Born of Christ" and The Holy Chosen Baptist Church.

OCT. 3 Steven Matthew Fernandes, 18, pleaded not guilty to felony firearms and explosive charges. FBI agents arrested Fernandes, who claimed to be a member of the **Southern Nevada Militia**, in September after he boasted to federal informants about his killing prowess and having amassed "an arsenal of weapons."

OCT. 19 Prosecutors dropped charges against Mark and Jennifer McGowan, members of the racist skinhead group **American Front** who were accused of planning acts of violence in preparation for a race war. The husband and wife

were two of 11 men and three women charged earlier in the year with participating in paramilitary training at the group's compound in **Osceola County, Fla.**

OCT. 30 Two of 21 members of the **Aryan Knights**, a **white supremacist** criminal gang accused of operating a methamphetamine and firearms ring, pleaded guilty in federal court to firearms charges. James Everette Hood, 40, and Rory Vincent Palma, 38, both of **Boise, Idaho**, pleaded guilty to illegally possessing firearms.

NOV. 14 Prosecutors charged an 11th person in connection with a **militia** group led by American military personnel based at **Fort Stewart**,

Ga. Jeffrey Wayne Roberts, 27, who served about a year as a U.S. Navy airman recruit, was accused of illegal gang activity and possession of cocaine, marijuana and Ecstasy. Officials say the group, known as **Forever Enduring Always Ready (FEAR)**, was plotting to overthrow the federal government and is responsible for the December 2011 murder of a recently discharged soldier and his 17-year-old girlfriend.



Curtis Allgier

DEC. 5 Curtis Allgier, a **neo-Nazi skinhead** whose face is covered with racist tattoos, was sentenced to life in prison without parole for murdering a corrections officer in **Salt Lake City, Utah**. Allgier, 33, gunned down the officer on June 25, 2007, while he was being escorted to a hospital appointment at the University of Utah.

DEC. 19 Randy Linn, 52, of **St. Joe, Ind.**, pleaded guilty to setting fire to the Islamic Center of Greater Toledo in September. Linn, a former U.S. Marine, said he drank 45 beers in about six hours before driving to **Perrysburg, Ohio**, where he set fire to one of the center's prayer rooms. He said he wanted payback for people being killed by terrorists.

DEC. 29 Prosecutors in **New York City** charged Erika Menendez with murder as an **anti-Muslim** hate crime after she admitted pushing Sunando Sen, a 46-year-old native of India, into the path of an oncoming subway train. Officials said Menendez, 31, said she pushed Sen "because I hate Hindus and Muslims."

ists, especially the Alabama-based League of the South (LOS). The LOS opposes interracial marriage, seeks to re-establish the “dominance of the Anglo-Celtic people,” describes slavery as “God-ordained” and proposes to create a theocracy in which some classes of people will have different rights than others. LOS leader and former professor Michael Hill regularly describes egalitarianism as a left-wing “Jacobin” horror, and he has privately mocked his black students’ names.

Naylor furiously defended the LOS when he was criticized for SVR’s close association with the group by the Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC) and others, saying it was “absolutely” not racist and calling the SPLC a “hate-mongering, witch-hunting, left-leaning” group. He cited no errors in the SPLC’s reports.

And he went further. Naylor appeared twice on “The Political Cesspool,” a Tennessee-based radio show that specializes in friendly interviews with former Klansmen, Holocaust deniers and other white supremacists. He became an “associated scholar” at the LOS’s Abbeville Institute. He called Vermont Sen. Patrick Leahy, a longtime liberal, a “world-class prostitute.” He brought in as SVR advisory board members Lincoln-bashing professor Thomas DiLorenzo, a member of a racist Italian secessionist group, and other similar characters.

In 2008, Naylor seemed finally to bend to his critics, at least slightly, saying that the LOS needed to distance itself from racism and hatred. He said it should renounce racism, recruit black members, bring in black speakers, promote racial unity and dispense with promoting the Confederate battle flag.

But that was about that.

Naylor, who was born in the Deep South to a segregationist father, didn’t speak much about the LOS’s racism after that, and comments posted after his obituary ran in the Vermont blog *Off Message* simply continued the argument that raged while he lived: Was Thomas

Naylor a good man with a few odd views? Or was he a simple racist, even if dressed in progressives’ clothing?

DOMESTIC TERRORISM

Alabama Teen Arrested in Racist High School Terror Plot

For months before his January arrest for plotting and preparing a terrorist attack against his black and gay classmates, 17-year-old Derek Mathew Shroud and a pack of up to 11 buddies allegedly wandered the halls of their Alabama high school, shouting “white power.”

Sometimes, dressed in their green, Army-issued Junior ROTC uniforms, the white teenagers would do stiff-armed Nazi salutes — at breakfast in the cafeteria, between classes, in the school bus parking lot.

“It was right where everybody could watch it,” said David Lee White, 18, a senior at Russell County High School in the small town of Seale, Ala. “I even saw teachers standing there in the hallway, watching.”

Yet, apparently, not one faculty member or administrator at the racially mixed school intervened in the blatantly racist behavior until early

January, when a teacher found one of Shroud’s notebooks left behind in a classroom. In it, the teacher discovered detailed plans for mass murder.

Shroud allegedly named and targeted five black students and a black teacher for serious harm in a series of bomb attacks, using improvised hand grenades that authorities say he was assembling in his military family’s home. A white classmate, who Shroud suspected of being gay, was also on the alleged hit list.

The authorities were alerted to the journal and Shroud was arrested and charged with felony attempted assault. “By his own admission, he is a white supremacist, but we haven’t been able to link him to any specific organization or any organization to him,” Russell County Sheriff Heath Taylor told the *Intelligence Report* in an interview about Shroud and his plans, which Shroud had “obviously put a lot of thought into.”

When sheriff’s investigators searched the teenager’s home they discovered a couple of dozen small tobacco cans and two larger metal containers marked “Fat Boy” and “Little Man.” The names are apparent references to the code names “Fat Man” and “Little Boy” used for the

atomic bombs dropped on Japan by the United States during World War II. All of the containers were filled with pellets and had holes drilled in them. Sheriff Taylor said other ingredients needed to complete the devices, such as black powder and fuses, were not found.

Still, the explosive devices were just “a step or two away from being ready to explode” and



Derek Mathew Shroud was accused of building bombs and targeting his black and gay classmates at Russell County High School in Seale, Ala.

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would have caused serious damage or injuries, the sheriff said.

The teenager's lawyer, Jeremy Armstrong, told reporters that the case against Shroud "is an overreaction" sparked by last December's mass shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Conn.

Shroud was released from custody when his parents posted \$75,000 bail. They have reportedly been shocked by their son's alleged racist behavior and are said to be cooperating fully with investigators.

Dolores Elias Allen, the principal of Russell High from 2006 to 2009 and a member of the local NAACP, has also been in a state of shock about the case and how the racist gestures and shouts of "white power" echoing through the halls of the school were and were not handled by the staff.

"It looks like a breakdown in administration, people not following protocol," Allen told the *Report*. "We, as educators, simply don't allow, can't allow, this kind of conduct."

ANTI-MUSLIM

British Islamophobe Pleads Guilty After Entering U.S. Illegally

Since being jailed in Britain shortly after returning from an illegal trip to the United States to speak to a gathering of anti-Muslim bigots last September, the ranks of Stephen Yaxley-Lennon's far-right English Defence League have reportedly been dwindling.

Attendance at the group's anti-Muslim rallies and marches is down and its members have been drifting away as the EDL "splinters into more extreme factions," according to Channel 4 News in England.

Yaxley-Lennon pleaded guilty on Jan. 7 to using a friend's passport to illegally enter the United States to attend and address a conference in New York City of an international right-wing umbrella group, Stop Islamization of Nations (SION).



The conference included a U.S. SION spinoff, Stop the Islamization of America (SIOA).

Pam Geller,

the American anti-Muslim movement's most visible and flamboyant figurehead and a Yaxley-Lennon ally, heads SIOA. Since Yaxley-Lennon's arrest, Geller has tried to turn him into a martyr.

Calling him by his pseudonym, Tommy Robinson, Geller said in an Oct. 21 blog post that the arrest of the English extremist was an "outrage" and that he was a victim of a "relentless campaign of attrition, harassment and political persecution of Robinson by a weak, sharia-compliant UK government."

A legal defense fund was set up on both sides of the Atlantic and his supporters called him a political prisoner. Geller vowed to "fight alongside him."

But one anti-racist English blogger saw Geller's position as hypocritical. "For the number of times they scream about 'illegal immigrants' setting foot on their precious land, you'd

Stephen Yaxley-Lennon — or Tommy Robinson, or Paul Harris, depending on who you ask — pleaded guilty to British charges related to his illegal entry into the United States last year. Yaxley-Lennon's far-right English Defence League has teamed up with American Islamophobe Pamela Geller, who denounced his arrest as an "outrage."

think they'd pick up on the fact that the EDL's leader Tommy Robinson (Stephen Yaxley-Lennon) entered America illegally."

After pleading guilty, the EDL leader was sentenced to 10 months in prison. But before sending him off to prison, there was a little confusion about which name to use in sentencing him: Stephen Yaxley-Lennon, Tommy Robinson or even a third name.

When he returned to England, Yaxley-Lennon used his legal passport, which apparently bears his real name — Paul Harris.

In the end, the judge sentenced him as Stephen Lennon, "although I suspect that is not actually your true name."

Whatever his true name, as the judge told him in court, "You knew perfectly well that you were not welcome in the United States." ▲



End Times?

The future of the ‘sovereign’ Republic for the united States of America is in doubt following the indictment of its leader

BY RYAN LENZ ILLUSTRATION BY BRETT AFFRONTI

THE NATION’S LARGEST and most organized antigovernment “sovereign citizens” group — one that claimed to be forming a government-in-waiting to take over America when the current, “unlawfully established” federal government crumbles — is now in danger of falling apart as its enigmatic leader sits

in jail awaiting trial on tax fraud charges.

It has been two years since James Timothy Turner, a former commercial fisherman who lives in rural south Alabama, founded and became president of the group he called the Republic for the united States of America (RuSA). Turner told supporters he was backed by

well-placed officials in the military and the CIA, as well as foreign investors who were willing to prop up his shadow government.

But Turner’s supposed support apparently didn’t include the U.S. Justice Department or the Internal Revenue Service. On Sept. 12, a federal grand jury indicted him on 10 counts of tax fraud.

According to federal prosecutors, in the years before Turner started RuSA in 2010, he had brazenly tried to pay his taxes with a fictitious \$300 million bond, then helped others do the same with similar bogus securities. He was arrested a day after the indictment and was denied bail after a judge deemed him a flight risk.

Almost immediately, RuSA spiraled into crisis. Many members fled the group, wondering whether they were next in a federal roundup. Others began squabbling over whether to continue supporting Turner as their leader or move on without the man they increasingly saw as a political liability.

Now the organization stands at a crossroads, and what happens next to its “lawful government of the United States” is anyone’s guess.

What is clear, though, is that federal law enforcement agencies have trained their sights on RuSA, the most prominent organization in a fast-growing sector of the radical right that has been characterized by the FBI as a “domestic terrorist” movement.

Though the group’s underlying premise — that it is forming a government to supplant what it considers an illegal “corporation” now running the country — suggests treasonous intent, there have been no politically motivated acts of violence linked to RuSA. And the group’s website states that it plans a “peaceful reconstruction” of the government “without controversy, violence or civil war.”

However, a number of its members have been charged with the kind of tax and financial crimes common among adherents of the sovereign citizens movement. In addition, one member in Arizona was killed in an altercation with police who responded to a domestic dispute and another in West Virginia died in a suspected murder-suicide in which his 9-year-old son was shot to death.

Now, sources within the FBI have told the *Intelligence Report* that RuSA engineered the 2010 disappearance of fugitives John and Julieanne Dimitrion, a wealthy couple in Hawaii who pleaded guilty to mortgage fraud but were spirited away aboard a private jet three days

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before they were to be sentenced (see story, p. 14). The Dimitrions are now on the FBI’s “Most Wanted List.”

Though RuSA has previously reached moments when dissolution seemed all but certain, the tumult brought on by Turner’s arrest and the increasing law enforcement scrutiny has undoubtedly created its biggest crisis yet.

Has the end finally come? And if so, will its members simply form another, perhaps more militant group?

“We as a Republic look very, very, very bad with our president sitting in jail,” RuSA spokesman Kelby Smith, one of Turner’s most vocal supporters, told followers during a conference call last October. “Either the president gets out of jail, or the Republic is going to be split.”

A Republic Divided

If the wild stories Turner told his followers were true, his arrest and incarceration should have been a mere hiccup for one of the most influential and colorful sovereign citizens in the movement, whose adherents generally believe they are immune to most tax and criminal laws. According to the mythology he peddled to his troops, there wasn’t a court in the land he didn’t hold the keys to, not a debt he couldn’t avoid. He boasted that he once escaped federal assassins sent to kill him and even that he cured leukemia.

He was, at least in his own mind, untouchable. Now, some of his supporters regard Turner as a “political prisoner.”

“What they’re trying to do is instill fear and discouragement into the people of the Republic — because those are really the only weapons they have,” James Geiger, who assumed the mantle of acting president, told RuSA members on a conference call. He was sure that it was only a matter of time before Turner would be free.

Turner’s followers put together plans to raise \$5 million for a legal defense, only to abandon the effort a month later after collecting just \$100. Infighting ensued as

RuSA struggled to plan an election to find a successor, and soon members began fleeing the group. Those who made their resignation public used the same bombast with which they had joined. One member in South Carolina, for instance, wrote: “Let it be known to all human beings of real flesh and blood, that the undersigned, flesh and blood man” does “dissociate from all actions and decisions made by ... pseudo executive members and representatives of the ‘Republic for the united States of America.’”

The crisis grew as the departures reached into the upper echelons of the group’s leadership.

C.W. Wright, Turner’s vice president, stopped reporting for RuSA conference calls and appears to have left the movement. Faced with cries that he was a “dictator” for trying to organize elections to find Turner’s successor, Mark Lounsbury, RuSA’s “speaker of the house,” also left. Some believed that federal agents had infiltrated the group, and Nathan Peachy, RuSA’s “chief justice,” began calling for a mass exodus.

“I believe it is in the best interest of the people to free themselves of the Republic,” Peachy said.

From his jail cell, though, Turner refused to accept the mounting consequences of his arrest and dismissed the federal charges against him as “saber rattling.” He encouraged followers to “cowboy up.”

On Oct. 15, in a handwritten letter penned from his cell, Turner announced he would seek to be re-elected so that he could lead RuSA from jail. In the meantime, he beseeched followers to pray “that God will crumble the foundations and break the power and strength” of the federal government.

“I am praying daily that God will cut off all financial, military, political and spiritual support for the municipal corporate government in Washington, D.C.,” he wrote.

In Every War, a Casualty

At the core of RuSA's ideology is the belief that the federal government is an illegal "corporation" formed in 1871 when Congress passed a law establishing a single municipal government for the District of Columbia. This corporation, working in the service of international bankers, has stolen the wealth and property of its citizens — its "economic slaves" — to use as collateral against the federal debt, RuSA says.

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In RuSA, many in the antigovernment "Patriot" movement felt they had found a final solution to what they regard as an overreaching federal government. This new government would, for example, end "tax prosecutions for resisting the transfer of private wealth to such as I.R.S." and stop "the use of covert contracts such as Form 1040, car registrations, birth certificate applications, and bank signature cards."

Now, as RuSA's true believers stare at the possibility that their cause is lost and that their president faces a lengthy prison term if convicted, there is reason to worry.

Some sovereign citizens in the past have reacted with violence when confronted by law enforcement and — some might say — reality. Jerry and Joe Kane, a father-son team of sovereigns, killed two police officers during a traffic stop in West Memphis, Ark., in 2010. And in August 2012, men believed to be sovereigns were arrested after they allegedly

ambushed and killed two officers and wounded two more in LaPlace, La.

RuSA has, itself, attracted members with a propensity for violence.

Last year, William Foust, a prominent businessman in Page, Ariz., and a RuSA "ambassador," was shot and killed by a police officer responding to a domestic violence complaint when Foust lunged for an officer's Taser. Within the echo chamber of the sovereign underground, Foust was the first victim in the coming confrontation with Washington.

Similar suspicions of government involvement were aroused among RuSA members when David Hutzler, a one-time RuSA "congressman," was found dead with his 9-year-old son in the burned remains of a trailer home in Glengary, W.Va. Both had been shot in the head, and police found accelerants used to start the fire. Hutzler had been unhappy about RuSA's lack of action against the government. Just days before his death, he posted a rant on a popular antigovernment Web forum in which he said it wouldn't be long before liberty-loving citizens had no choice but insurrection.

As outlandish as his views and pronouncements appear, Turner has been the one who has kept RuSA members from acting on their rage against the government as their rhetoric has turned increasingly confrontational. After Foust was killed, for example, he spent weeks trying to pacify angry RuSA members and quell suggestions of revenge. But when he was arrested, even he showed signs of a shift.

Sheriff's deputies working with U.S. marshals in Dale County, Ala., were concerned that if Turner knew what was coming, there was a possibility of violence. So Turner was summoned to the Dale County Sheriff's Department on the pretense of discussing a matter concerning RuSA, only to be surprised by deputies who read him his Miranda rights.

After his arrest, Turner told the officers something that may spell out just how RuSA has come to see its relationship to the federal government. "In every war, there has to be a casualty," Turner said, according to several present in the room. "And if I have to be a casualty, so be it." ▲

Looking for 'Little Brother'

Hawaiian couple on FBI's 'Most Wanted' list escaped with the help of the Republic for the united States of America

BY RYAN LENZ

John and Julieanne Dimitrion were three days away from being sentenced for operating a lucrative mortgage scam in Hawaii. They were young, good-looking and wealthy.

Then, on Dec. 3, 2010, John disguised himself as an epileptic who needed treatment at a mainland hospital. Lying on a gurney and attached to fake medical machines, he was wheeled toward a privately chartered jet heading for Utah, while Julieanne posed as his nurse.

Then, as quickly as they could board, they were gone.

"I was absolutely shocked when I heard how they got out of town. Where the hell did that come from?" said attorney Michael Green, who represented John Dimitrion. He added, "Somebody reached out to them."

Two years after their disappearance, sources within the FBI and Justice Department tell the *Intelligence Report* that the Dimitrions' sophisticated flight from justice was orchestrated by the Republic for the united States of America (RuSA), the largest and most organized group of "sovereign citizens" in the country.

In late 2010, the Justice Department believes, John Dimitrion and RuSA's president, James Timothy Turner, began corresponding online and immediately hit it off. With Turner referring to Dimitrion as

“Little Brother,” plans were soon hatched for what would become a rescue mission.

The flight out of Hawaii was only the first part of their journey, however. The FBI now knows that after landing in Utah, the Dimitrions traveled to South Alabama, where they lived in a mobile home on the banks of Lake Eufaula, a sprawling lake along the Georgia border about 50 miles from Turner’s home in Ozark, Ala. As the investigation continued, the FBI added the couple to its “Most Wanted” list and offered a \$10,000 reward for information leading to their capture. Last July, their case was featured in the premier episode of CNBC’s “American Greed: The Fugitives.” But by the time the Dimitrions were tracked to Lake Eufaula, they were gone again.

Their daring escape has proven particularly confounding to law enforcement, both because of the sophistication and guile of their flight but also due to the Dimitrions’ surprisingly swift entrée into the sovereign citizens underground.

Sovereign citizens, who generally believe that they are not subject to most tax and criminal laws, are known for engaging in wild financial schemes related to their bizarre ideology. But nothing about the Dimitrions’ crimes came close to resembling the scams that sovereigns often use to avoid paying taxes or escape mortgages.

They were ostentatiously wealthy, with matching Maseratis. John, 36, loved high-end personal electronics and jewelry and had an extensive collection of Airsoft replica firearms. Julieanne, 32, adored couture, designer purses and expensive lingerie from stores like Frederick’s of Hollywood. The FBI says she tried to claim tens of thousands of dollars spent on lingerie as “business expenses” on her taxes.

The charges against the couple stemmed from a scam their company, Mortgage Alliance, used to dupe a handful of distressed homeowners out of their property. Authorities say they persuaded



On the run: John and Julieanne Dimitrion were living large in Hawaii, fitted out with matching Maseratis, expensive electronic gadgets, and tens of thousands of dollars in lingerie, until they were convicted in a lucrative mortgage scam. Now, the couple that loved flashy living have disappeared into the radical-right underground.

the victims to relinquish their property while promising to invest the proceeds of the sales. Instead, they used the money to fund their lavish lifestyle. Charged with conspiracy to commit wire and mail fraud, wire fraud, mail fraud and making false statements, the Dimitrions entered into a sentencing agreement in exchange for their guilty pleas.

In the months before their sentencing, FBI Special Agent Tom Simon told the *Report*, there were signs suggesting the Dimitrions began learning about the sovereign citizens movement. John spent hours scouring online legal forums and discussion boards looking for any way out of his legal problems. Instead, he found a world full of odd financial advice and sovereign ideas including the “straw man.” (In sovereign thought, the “straw man” is a secret doppelganger the federal government maintains to sell the worth of each U.S. citizen to foreign interests. Sovereigns think it is possible, if only they file the right documents, to extract millions from the government account supposedly held in the name of their personal straw man.)

“John was into the world of debt relief scams, and his interest in those scams led him into online communities involving sovereign citizens,” Simon said. “We never got the impression during the

course of our original fraud investigation ... that they were true believers. ... It seems much more likely that John, in his quest for get-rich-quick schemes, stumbled upon the ‘straw man.’”

While it is unknown exactly how Turner and Dimitrion came together, investigators believe the two developed a relationship online and that Turner hoped the Dimitrions’ expertise forging financial documents could be a key to unlocking secret federal accounts — those mythical “straw man” accounts — to fund RuSA.

“Everybody connected to Turner had something to offer him for moving forward his ideology,” said one federal official who requested anonymity because of ongoing investigations. “The people that Turner helped, not just the Dimitrions, were all people who could provide something. But, if you don’t come through on what you tell him you can do, he kicks you to the curb pretty quick.”

Authorities don’t know if RuSA is still hiding the Dimitrions, or if Turner kicked them to the curb. But with Turner now awaiting trial on federal tax crimes (see story, p. 12), and the brunt of federal energy focused on dismantling what will remain of RuSA after Turner, investigators’ interest in piecing together just how the Dimitrions helped Turner grows less interesting, Simon said.

In fact, there’s only one focus concerning the Dimitrions now.

“We’re not concerned with what bumper sticker Turner had on his car at the time, or what he was calling his idiot followers,” Simon said. “All we care about is where the Dimitrions are now.” ▲

'Sovereign' Senator

A former Iowa candidate discusses why she left the political mainstream for the Republic for the united States of America



The Republic for the United States of America (RuSA), the largest antigovernment “sovereign citizens” group now operating, has attracted a growing number of disaffected Americans taken in by its radical ideas, which include the claim that it is not necessary for most Americans to obey most criminal or tax laws. They include people like Randi Shannon, who last summer announced during a highly competitive campaign for the Iowa Senate that she was leaving the race to join RuSA as an unelected “senator.” Since then, Shannon has become a proud ambassador for what has become one of the most influential sovereign citizens organizations in the United States. In that role, she has appeared in national media outlets as an unapologetic mouthpiece for a group that claims the U.S. government is a corrupt, fraudulent entity that seized power shortly after the Civil War. Over several telephone and E-mail conversations with the Intelligence Report, Shannon outlined her views, discussed her reasons for joining RuSA, and defended her choices with the passion of a true believer. The following are edited excerpts from her comments.

Do you consider yourself a “sovereign citizen”?

I’ve never known even what that meant, nor called myself this, ever. ... For me, God is sovereign over man. You can say I’m an American.

Why did you leave your campaign for Iowa Senate behind in favor of becoming a “senator” for RuSA?

My purpose in running for the Senate seat in Iowa was to help effect change for the people, as well the future generations, mainly by helping to reduce the size and power of government. ... In the middle of my campaign, I became aware that these changes would never happen because the United States is a corporation, as is the state of Iowa. Therefore both are in the business of taxing and controlling the people in order to enrich the members of the corporations. I could not in good conscience serve the interests of the corporations to the detriment of the people of Iowa and would thereby find myself in violation of my oath to uphold, support and defend the Constitution. ... That’s why I went this route. I didn’t see going the traditional route as the answer.

What do you mean by the “corporations”?

The Republic was founded in 1787 and then abandoned during the Civil War in the 1860s. It was then replaced in 1871 by the United States corporation. This unlawful corporate democracy, established by the 41st Congress, has been acting as

though it is the official government, which clearly it is not! ... This corrupt system is just like an out-of-control freight train heading at full speed toward the river where the bridge has been washed out by a flood brought on by their own acts in violation of the public trust and their oaths to the Constitution of Iowa and the Republic for the united States of America.

RuSA is creating a kind of shadow government that mirrors existing institutions in order to take over on the day the current federal government collapses. Do you want this to happen? And please describe some scenarios under which the federal government collapses and RuSA takes charge.

I can't imagine anyone ever wishing this on their nation. But the way this country is being run, most thinking people would say that collapse is certain. The United States corporation is in bankruptcy, and has been since 1933. The status quo cannot be sustained. Who among us would wish this upon our future generations? Certainly I do not! But who wouldn't choose the Republic for the united States for America?

So RuSA will one day take over the country?

Not take over, because that to me sounds like a dictatorship. I look at it this way, when this one implodes or fails, the Republic is something that will already be in place and will be able to step into the shoes of the government for this country. The government that's in place right now, they are so far lost, and so much is being spent. It's a disaster, and it's about to implode.

It's that type of rhetoric, at least in part, that has prompted the FBI to label the sovereign citizens movement a "domestic terrorist" threat. How do you respond to those charges?

I say, no way! Nothing I have observed about the Republic suggests anything but a peaceful government made up of law-abiding people. These are everyday people — homemakers, doctors, business owners, farmers, laborers, professionals. These are some of the smartest people it has been my experience to know during my 20-year career.

So the FBI is wrong in its "terrorist" characterization?

What I would define as terrorism is the knock-knock-bang raids that the corporation U.S. government is doing to the people right now, the "show me your papers" stops, the checkpoints that aren't even on the border, the unlawful arrests where there is no victim, thus no crime. *[Editor's note: A typical sovereign belief is that only crimes where there is a clear victim are punishable by the government.]* The fact that all of our industries are being run out of the country, that bankers were bailed out while the people are being foreclosed on and left holding the bill, and the fact that there are FEMA prison camps all over this country and no one is explaining why. *[Editor's note: Another core belief of most sovereign citizens and the larger antigovernment "Patriot" movement is the baseless claim that the Federal Emergency Management Agency has prepared secret concentration camps that the government plans to use to imprison American citizens.]* It's very reminiscent of 1939 Nazi Germany.

How would a RuSA government be different than the existing government? Would we have civil rights laws? Environmental and financial regulations? A Department of Education?

If [RuSA] can implement all the freedoms that are discussed, people won't even recognize their lives. Imagine a nation where we have free energy! Imagine a nation where natural remedies aren't outlawed and the cures for cancer can be spoken about freely without being arrested! *[Editor's note: Another Patriot belief is that the government is hiding effective cures for cancer from the American people.]* Imagine water without commercial grade unregulated fluoride being dumped into it, and food that isn't altered in a chemical lab that is doing God knows what to our bodies. Imagine not having to work nearly as much because you are able to keep nearly all of your paycheck! This is what the Republic is about. There is nothing even remotely wrong with that. Anyone who says there is hasn't done their homework.

You've said that you joined RuSA to help steer the country back to its founding principles. What are those principles?

Before the War Between the States, America was under a law system that was grounded in Scripture, "the Law of God." It was not until after the war that legislation began replacing the common law. *[Editor's note: Sovereign citizens believe, wrongly, that the body of law known as common law — which in reality refers early judicial usage and custom from both America and England — is the dominant legal system in this country, and does not allow the government to impose regulations on a sovereign without that person's consent.]* The Roman Empire conquered several countries and extended its civil law system (communism) into areas that it did not belong. The United States corporation has and is doing the exact same thing with its citizen of the United States status. Do I believe the country has abandoned its founding principles? My answer is, just look at the size of government, the tax burden on the people and the wholesale infringements on our rights and liberties! But I believe that the majority of the people in our country have not abandoned our founding principles; they are the people like myself — the tireless and concerned majority who are peacefully striving to help our country find its way back to those good principles.

Some sovereign citizens have engaged in violence. Do you think violence may be necessary against the "corporate" government in Washington, D.C.?

As I have stated earlier, there has never been any discussion in support of violence against the United States corporation or its military. In fact, the re-inhabitation of the original Republic for the united States of America is and has always been a peaceful process. *[Editor's note: RuSA has said that its shadow government was built for the purpose of "re-inhabiting" the existing government and thus returning it to legitimacy.]* Our prayers are that the United States corporation shows respect for the rights of "we the people" and allows everyone in our country to live in peace by respecting the rights of the people as documented in the first 10 amendments to the Constitution of the Republic for the united States of America circa 1791. ▲



SECRETS OF THE Sisterhood

Women in the white supremacist movement frequently have things to hide. Some of them can be quite embarrassing

BY MARK POTOK



n the world of the most violent neo-Nazi skinheads in America, the woman who goes by the name of Vigdís is a well-known, if never seen, activist.

For three years, she has been a tech-savvy moderator of Forum 38, the official website of supporters of the Hammerskin Nation, the country's most frightening skinhead organization, where she is believed to screen those who seek eventually to become Hammerskins. She writes regularly for *HomeFront*, a magazine published by another radical group, Women for Aryan Unity. She has posted more than 300 times on Stormfront, a racist Web forum run by a former Alabama Klan boss.

And she doesn't hold back. Complaining about her local schools, Vigdís said that more than 300 white children were "stuck with over 1,000 stupid blacks," that "I'm sure I'll vomit once I see a classroom," and that "the local niggers" were trying to have a white superintendent removed. Elsewhere, commenting on a Stormfront thread entitled "Hit on By Negroes," she talked about being approached by black men and ended with, "I'd rather stick thumbtacks in both of my eyeballs." On her MySpace page, she says she will "gut you like a pig if you disrespect me."

But in Lake Park, Ga., Vigdís cut a milder profile.

There, until she moved away recently, she went by her real name — Nicole Diana Childers. And her work was rather different than her white supremacist activism — Childers was the CEO of Lake Park's American Animal Foundation, a non-profit animal welfare group she founded in 2010, until it shut down about a year ago. The local *Valdosta Daily Times* ran a Pollyannaish 2011 feature about her titled "How an Abandoned Puppy Changed a Woman's Life." Helping animals, she said then, is "why I get up every day. ... Donating my time and limited resources to a cause that I love gives me purpose and allows me to go to sleep at night."

That may be. But Nicole Childers, never coming closer to using her real name than an occasional "Nicole Vigdís," was simultaneously donating her time

and resources to a very different cause — as an activist for Hammerskin Nation.

Childers, 38, could not be reached. Her mother, Ingrid Childers, said that she had left Lake Park to start a new life and had asked that no one be given her contact information. The elder Childers did agree to relay a request for comment, but no reply was forthcoming. Asked if her daughter was involved with neo-Nazis, she said, "No, absolutely not. As her mother, I would know that. That's a joke."

Since the days of the early Klan, when women were forbidden membership and relegated to ladies' auxiliaries, female activists have been in a distinct minority in the white supremacist movement. But today, there are probably more women in that world than ever before, and some have taken on prominent roles, in a few cases even starting their own female groups like Women for Aryan Unity.

That may be because the men who dominate the contemporary movement have increasingly accepted women, even coining a female version of the infamous 14 Words, a white supremacist catchphrase: "Because the beauty of the White Aryan woman must not perish from the earth." While that acceptance and even recruiting have swelled the female ranks of the movement, most women there have sought to remain anonymous. Certainly, none of them has come close to the kind of personal fame attached to Kathy Ainsworth, a Klan member shot to death by police in 1967 as she attempted to bomb the home of a Meridian, Miss., Jewish leader.

One reason is that, like Nicole Childers, they have certain secrets — secrets about their real-world jobs, their backgrounds, their activities, and their men.

The General's Niece

Vicky Cahill is another energetic neo-Nazi and a leader of Women for Aryan Unity (WAU) for more than a decade. She has served as the contact person for a series of WAU magazines and moderated the WAU Web forum and at least one of its websites. A native of Dublin, Ireland, who has been in the United States, off and on, going back to at least 2001, she



has described herself as a "Celtic pagan witch" and spent much of her life here and abroad raising money for imprisoned neo-Nazis, promoting violently racist groups like Blood & Honour, and posting racist messages to Stormfront — more than 11,000 of them, according to one newspaper.

Even as a youth in Ireland, Cahill, now 39, quickly developed a reputation for her work with Blood & Honour and another violent local group, Combat 18. In later years, she was photographed training with weapons at a camp alongside Blood & Honour, with whose members she also spent time in Canada. She has a tattoo on one leg that includes several shamrocks intertwined with a "life rune" — a symbol used both by neo-pagans and by the National Alliance, a neo-Nazi group.

In the United States, where she has lived in both Denver and Brooklyn, N.Y., Cahill is probably best known for a bizarre episode involving terrorist David Lane, who died in 2007, while serving a 190-year sentence for his part in the 1984 assassination of a Jewish talk show host in Denver. (Lane was the author of both versions of the 14 Words.) According to the Irish *Sunday World*, she was obsessed with Lane, writing after his death of how he "made me laugh and blush."

When Lane died, his body was released to April Gaede, a Montana-based neo-Nazi. But before the body was cremated, Cahill actually displayed the cadaver, lying in a coffin with coins on its eyes, at a white nationalist event, drawing an angry condemnation from Gaede, who said her fellow racist was

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“show[ing] off.” Later, Lane’s cremated ashes were split up among 14 “white nationalist” women, including Cahill. Then, in 2009, part of Lane’s ashes were allegedly stolen by Australian members of Combat 18, prompting Cahill to threaten ominously that if they weren’t returned, “I will be contacting the bruders [German for brothers] about this.”

But there’s one aspect of Cahill’s past that is less well known.

Vicky Cahill is the niece of the late Martin Cahill, who was one of Ireland’s most infamous crime bosses and widely known as “The General.” Cahill and his gang terrorized Dublin in the 1990s, carrying out armed robberies and even the

claims” — that “our fellow race patriot” was The General’s niece. Informed by her that she was, the flustered poster offered an embarrassed response: “Sorry about that. ... No disrespect intended.”

Latex, Nazis and Videotape

Unlike Vicky Cahill, Detroit-based National Socialist Movement (NSM) “commander” Jeff Schoep’s latest girlfriend — the one he took up with in late 2011, after learning that his wife had breast cancer — is not a movement stalwart.

Indeed, Cami Lynn Debolt, 27, seems to spend most of her time as a “fetish model” — one who doesn’t do nudes, but just about everything short of that.

Debolt has posed for her boyfriend’s record company, NSM Records, but most of her modeling credits are more related to the Internet group she has been a member of, Deviant Art. They include, according to a variety of her online ads and modeling profiles, entities like Evil Cheerleaders, Dryve By Suizhyde, Ballsy Babes Swimwear, Sinnister Heelz, Essential Latex, Alloy Latex, Skin Two Latex, Caress Latex, Liberator Latex, Adultcon and — what else? — Pure White Clothing.

Normally, that isn’t the kind of resumé white supremacists boast about — after all, they routinely claim to be trying to clean up a world degraded by “Jewish pornographers” bent on exploiting chaste, upstanding “Aryan” women. But in the case of Schoep, Debolt is seen as a long step up from his ex-wife, who has a mixed-race child by a former marriage and an Arab background — anathema in the world of neo-Nazis, many of whom despise Schoep as a “confirmed race-mixer.”

Debolt doesn’t spend much time espousing the fascist propaganda that her beau specializes in. But she does model the neo-Nazi women’s wear Schoep sells, items like the NSM’s “Ladies SS bolts spaghetti tanktop.” On one site where she advertises her services, she says she is “88 years old” — the 88 being neo-Nazi code for the slogan “Heil Hitler.” She has a spider’s web tattoo on one shoulder, along with at least six others;



Vicky Cahill, whose father and uncle were notorious Irish gangsters, spent time training with other white supremacists. She is best known in the United States, however, for fawning over terrorist David Lane, whose body she displayed to friends in 2007.



theft of some of the world’s most valuable paintings, before he was murdered. His brother Peter Cahill, Vicky’s father, was convicted of dealing heroin in the 1980s.

One Internet commentator was disbelieving upon hearing of the relationship, saying he had seen “the most ludicrous of



for many white supremacists, a spider's web signifies having drawn the blood of a minority. And, on another site advertising DeBolt's modeling services, she describes one of her favorite things: "Skin of choice: White."

Some women in the white supremacist movement don't have to explain or apologize for behavior like dressing up in skin-tight latex outfits or modeling at porn film conventions like Adultcon. Sometimes, it's their men that embarrass them.

Many women in the West Virginia-based National Alliance, which for close to three decades was America's leading neo-Nazi group, have a particularly well-known, if rarely written about, history of this. William Pierce, the late Alliance founder known for badmouthing "Jewish pornographers," secretly kept a huge porn collection and often videotaped sex with his lovers — one of whom once tried to sell the Southern Poverty Law Center a tape of such an encounter. Pierce also was known for the mail-order brides he repeatedly procured from Eastern Europe.

When she's not modeling "Ladies SS bolts spaghetti tanktops" or working as a "fetish model," Cami Lynn DeBolt can often be found with her boyfriend's followers in the neo-Nazi National Socialist Movement.

More recently, two women in the Alliance were humiliated by longtime Alliance member Francis Jeromy Drumm, 41, who was apparently involved with each of them for a time. Using the Internet names of Berzerco and Wernerschmidt, Drumm posted a variety of salacious photographs of Stacy Lee Fogarty Mokma, now 42, and Lynette Sonya Avrin, 44, to a male-dominated Web forum run by Pirate4X4, a California truck parts store. Both were shown partly nude.

Avrin, who has posted on Stormfront for years under the moniker of Freya14, lived with Drumm for a time, but apparently left the Alliance and California over the soured relationship. Mokma, formerly married to Alliance member Donald

Mokma, is a longtime participant in the racist subculture and was a member of the Alliance's Western North Carolina and Sacramento, Calif., units. She lived with Drumm after Mokma did at his Orangevale, Calif., home, which was sold in November. The sale may have been related to the disbanding of the



Neo-Nazi National Alliance members Lynette Avrin (left) and Stacy Mokma like to dress up for the camera. But neither apparently had any idea that a male comrade was posting salacious photos of them at a male-dominated website.



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— something that most women in the movement would not dare with the men. Erika Gliebe, for instance, was routinely pilloried for having been a stripper and posing for *Playboy* as a means of attacking her husband, Erich Gliebe, the current leader of the National Alliance. The same male critics said nothing about male comrades involved

in the porn industry.

Scholarly research also suggests that many women have more to hide. According to pioneering work by Kathleen Blee, the author of *Inside Organized Racism: Women in the Hate Movement*, large numbers of movement women have had abortions, boyfriends of color or gay friends. “[T]hey are not wildly racist, not off the charts, before they join, and most of them aren’t initially anti-Semitic at all,” Blee told the *Intelligence Report* after her book was published in 2002.

“So the racism that these groups espouse, the sense that the whole world is revolving around race, and the idea that conspiratorial Jews run the world, seem to be for these women a product of being in the group rather than something that convinced them to join. ... [I]t’s almost

always a pull from the group that brings [women] into these racist groups, rather than a push from their own experience.”

In other words, many of these women are maintaining a difficult balancing act — a situation that could, and sometimes does, explode when it becomes public. Blee found that many women “even have friends in the, quote, enemy races,” and nearly a third were on friendly terms with mixed-race or gay family members. Almost every woman she interviewed, she said, had a “significant tie to somebody on the outside, and often that was a tie that

she kept secret from others in the group.”

Such secrets have the potential to wreck a woman’s life in the white supremacist subculture — to ensure that she is driven out, or humiliated, or even physically attacked by movement menfolk. At the same time, as Blee pointed out, these same ties to outsiders — like that, apparently, between Nicole Childers and her mother, who was her daughter’s partner in her animal shelter — are the very lifelines that

women use if and when they choose to leave the racist movement. And that may be reason enough to find some real good in the secrets of the sisterhood. ▲

Sacramento unit in October.

Avrin could not be reached for comment. Mokma, who now goes by her maiden name of Fogarty, was reached on her cell phone but declined to discuss the situation. “I don’t have anything to say,” she told the *Intelligence Report*.

Boys and Girls Together

Women aren’t the only ones on the radical right who have secrets, often very embarrassing ones. Over the years, there have been male Klan activists with black girlfriends and even one with Latino boyfriends. At least one white supremacist man has turned out to have a black parent, and leading neo-Nazis have been unmasked as secretly of Jewish descent. Many movement men are involved with the sex industry or child porn, and domestic violence is remarkably common among them.

But women in racist and anti-Semitic groups can have a special burden to bear. For one thing, they’re not in control, and the men in their lives will often use sketchy aspects of their past to attack them



Erika Gliebe, who once posed for a cover of the neo-Nazi magazine her husband published, has been pilloried for her past as a stripper.



The John Birch Society emerged from an Ozzie-and-Harriet period of American history, but soon grew too fond of baseless conspiracy theories to remain in the political mainstream. Now, however, Birchers are making real gains again and spreading their ideas far and wide.



Bringing Back Birch

The John Birch Society, the conspiracist group exiled by the right a half century ago, is on the march and gaining influence

BY DON TERRY

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — In a hotel near the outer limits of California's capital, just down the hall from the pain management conference and the baseball card show, three banquet tables along the back wall of the Cherrywood Room are covered with dozens of books, magazines and DVDs expressing the rightist of right-wing views of the world.

There's *Call of Duty*, a paperback about the "sterling nobility" of Robert E. Lee and his lost cause. There's *Exposing Terrorism*, a treatise declaring that Islamic terrorists are actually old-school, Moscow-directed Marxists in Muslim masks. On the next table is a volume titled *Just Say No to Big Brother's Smart Meters: The Latest in Bio-Hazard Technology*.

There's a pamphlet on homeschooling, instructions for "saving freedom," a DVD about the horrors of "ObamaCare," and several pamphlets, DVDs and books detailing the evils of the United Nations and its sinister scheme to create a New World Order through Agenda 21, a nonbinding U.N. resolution designed to encourage nations to pursue "sustainable" green growth and land use development efforts (see story, p. 30).

On this foggy Saturday morning, a few weeks before Christmas, there's something for sale to suit almost every rightist predilection — almost.

A man steps up to one of the tables and asks, "Do you have anything by George Soros?"

The woman handling the money looks as if she has just been slapped.

"I'm kidding, I'm kidding," he says, raising his palms in surrender to apologize for mentioning the liberal billionaire in mixed company.

Another man taps the would-be wisecracker on the shoulder.

"Hey buddy," he says. "They do have *The Communist Manifesto*. Will that do? There's a stack of them over there."

"Are you serious?" the jokester asks,

turning thoughtful. “I guess that makes sense. It’s important to know how the enemy thinks.”

The John Birch Society publishes the *Manifesto* and sells it for six bucks a pop at gatherings of its conspiracy theory-loving, U.N.-hating, federal government-despising, Ron Paul-supporting, environmentalist-bashing, Glenn Beck-watching true believers, attending, in this case, a luncheon celebrating the group’s 54th anniversary.

After more than five decades of secret socialist plots and accusations of treason at the highest levels of American government — these are the people who once called President Dwight Eisenhower a communist — the arch-conservative John Birch Society is still waging its Cold War-era crusade against the Red menace and American “insiders” who, in the society’s view, are hell-bent on handing the country over to the socialists at the U.N.

“I can remember back in the early ’60s, there were people who were saying the John Birch Society wouldn’t achieve its 10th anniversary,” John McManus, the president of the group, tells the luncheon audience of more than 100 mostly gray-haired people. “Of course, they

were hoping that would be the case. Well, I’m pleased to announce all those people who said that are dead and we’re still functioning and functioning quite well.”

Once Again, the Commies

In a bit of political symmetry, the John Birch Society headquarters is located in Appleton, Wis., about two miles from where the remains of Sen. Joseph McCarthy are buried on a serene bluff overlooking the Fox River. The great American commie hunter died in 1957, cut down by a conspiracy of acute hepatitis and alcoholism.

Across town at the Birch Society, the senator’s spiritual kin soldier on from two single-story buildings connected by a subterranean passageway on a bland commercial strip. There, the society publishes its magazine, *The New American*, and runs a website that lists the group’s various “action projects,” including its campaign to stop Agenda 21. The website also includes weekly video updates



Read all about it: The John Birch Society produces a cornucopia of conspiracist literature that is actually taken seriously by some politicians.

presented by the society’s CEO, Arthur R. Thompson, who, sitting in the group’s underground

TV studio made up to look like a book-lined study, has covered in recent weeks such topics as “ObamaCare Supports Euthanasia,” “Zombie Attack” and “Russia Rising.”

In an interview with the *Intelligence Report* in his Appleton office, Thompson, an affable, white-haired man from Seattle who constantly fidgets with his glasses, twirling them in his fingers as he talks, said that two of the hardest “sells” the society has to the American people are that “communism is alive and flourishing” and “what is behind terrorism.”

The answer, Thompson said, is Russia, and it “is so obvious, it’s incredible.”

“While we’re sitting here proclaiming communism is dead, it’s growing everywhere and rapidly,” he said. “It’s flourishing under different names, like the Muslim Brotherhood.”

At least some Americans appear to be buying what the Birchers are selling. Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney raised more than a few eyebrows during the 2012 campaign when he said that Russia — not Iran, not North Korea — was, without question, America’s No. 1 geopolitical foe. Anxiety about Russia is straight out of the John Birch Society playbook of fear. For them, the wall is still up, the Cold War still raging.

Race and the Society

Once considered by the right and the left as the political equivalent of an addled uncle sent down to the basement rec room to drink, rant and hopefully pass out before saying anything too nutty in front of the guests, in recent years the John Birch Society has been invited



Communing with the enemy: John Birch Society CEO Arthur Thompson consented to an interview with the Southern Poverty Law Center, which his organization has long branded as a “Marxist” group.

back upstairs and has even hosted a dinner party or two. In 2010, the society was a co-sponsor of the annual Conservative Political Action Conference. “It’s a fallacy to say that we ever went into hibernation,” Thompson said in the interview with the *Report*. “We’ve always been active. We’ve always influenced the conservative movement. We just don’t bang the drum and wave the flag about everything we do.”

But as has been the case for much of its up-and-down existence, the society often sticks its big right foot in its mouth and is again nudged towards the basement. That’s bound to happen sooner rather than later if the editors of *The New American* continue to publish on its website the kind of commentary they did two days after 20-year-old Adam Lanza stormed into the Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Conn., on Dec. 14 and gunned down 26 people, including 20 first-graders who were only 6 and 7 years old and six educators.

Under the headline, “‘Root Causes’ and Mass Murderer Adam Lanza,” *The New American* commentator, Jack Kerwick, bemoaned the fact that absence of meaningful gun control was widely discussed in the aftermath of the mass shootings but that the “root causes” of too many abortions and too few executions in the United States never “made the cut.”

Then Kerwick turned to Lanza’s race and gender. “From ‘affirmative action’ to massive Third World immigration,” Kerwick wrote, “from media depictions of white men as either ignoramuses or crazed ‘racists’ to the incessant barrage of giddy proclamations of an ever-diminishing white America, the assault on white men is comprehensive.

“Is it impossible to believe,” he asked, “that a young white man such as Lanza, who has been exposed to this systematic abuse his entire life, may not have been consumed with both self-hatred and rage? For that matter, may not his cultural animus toward whites have figured in Lanza’s choice to leave a trail (judging from news photos) of mostly-white bodies?”

Near the end of the piece, Kerwick swears he’s being facetious. It’s a lame attempt that sounds painfully like the old John Birch Society. It’s not, however, the John Birch Society William Grigg knows.



Going racial: John Birch Society commentator Jack Kerwick (far left) suggested that Connecticut mass murderer Adam Lanza acted out of self-hatred engendered by media depictions of white men as “ignoramuses.”

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Grigg was an editor and writer at *The New American* for years until he was fired in 2006 in a dispute with management about his private political blog postings.

Grigg attended anti-war rallies in Appleton and played lead guitar in a rock and roll band, Slick Willie and the Calzones. Despite being fired, Grigg said in a series of E-mails that he still believes in the principles of the society’s founder, Robert Welch, has a “continued affection” for the group’s volunteers and field staff, and a low opinion of the Southern Poverty Law Center and the current leadership of the Birch Society.

“In my experience it was practically impossible to find a volunteer or staffer who could honestly be described as ‘racist,’” said Grigg, who is of Mexican and Irish descent. “At one speech I gave in San Diego back in 1997, the chapter leader who acted as emcee was a black

female ex-Marine, the invocation was given by a local African-American pastor, and the Mexican/Irish speaker was introduced by another chapter leader of ‘Native American’ ancestry. Granted, this wasn’t a typical meeting of its kind, but I had more than a few experiences that were quite similar.”

It’s because of those experiences that he became so angry that Kerwick’s commentary appeared in *The New American*. “It is incomprehensible to me,” Grigg said, “that JBS would run such a specimen of ethnic grievance-mongering anytime — let alone in the immediate aftermath of the atrocity at Sandy Hook Elementary.”

Charges of racism and anti-Semitism have dogged the John Birch Society since its earliest days. It opposed civil rights legislation in the 1960s, saying the African-American freedom movement was being manipulated from Moscow with the goal of creating a “Soviet Negro Republic” in the Southern United States. The society was a close ally of Alabama’s segregationist governor George Wallace and reportedly had 100 chapters in and around Birmingham, Alabama’s largest city, as well as chapters across the rest of the state. Thompson, the group’s CEO, said the society has never been either racist or anti-Semitic, going so far as to add that once a member is discovered to harbor such views he or she is immediately “booted out.”

Grigg said Thompson and McManus should be booted out. The men took over leadership of the society in 2005 after a bitter internal power struggle, an ugly coup, as some describe it, that saw the ouster of the previous regime. Grigg said the two men are prisoners of the past and are holding the society back. “The society remains a monolithic, top-down organization in an age of social media,” he said. “At a time when most politically aware

Attacking Agenda 21

Continuing its 50-year assault on globalism, the John Birch Society attacks a UN plan it claims will gut property rights

BY DON TERRY

A few days before the John Birch Society's December birthday luncheon in Sacramento, Calif., the influence and obsessions of the arch-conservative group were on display thousands of miles away in Washington, D.C., not far from the Smithsonian Institution, where other relics of America's past are housed.

On Dec. 4, Republican senators voted down a United Nations treaty that would ban discrimination against people with disabilities. They did so even though Bob Dole, the ailing elder statesman, former

began another aggressive assault on its old enemy. It started a nationwide campaign, this time with a blitz of E-mails, lectures and DVDs, to stop the non-binding Agenda 21, which was passed and signed at the Rio Earth Summit in 1992 by more than 170 world leaders, including President George H.W. Bush. To John Birch Society leaders and others on the right, such as Tom DeWeese — a close ally and founder of the American Policy Center, which advocates limited growth — Agenda 21 is a sneak attack by

on the subject while writing this email," he said. One was from a TV station in Nashua, N.H., the other a community group in Hudson, Mass.

Meanwhile, Birch Society chapter leaders have been doing the same thing in public libraries, rec center basements and hotel conference rooms from California to Maine. "I think our efforts have played a key role in creating effective opposition to Agenda 21 across the country," Shurtleff said. The GOP included anti-Agenda 21 language in its party platform. Last May, the Republican-controlled Alabama Legislature became the first to pass a state bill barring the enactment of any policy recommendations traceable to Agenda 21.

"Organization is so important," John McManus, the Birch Society president, told the banquet. "We don't stress that enough. You've got to be organized. If we put out a memo from headquarters, it's time to get involved in this, all of a sudden all across the country people say, 'Okay, give me some tools, give me a DVD, give me a pamphlet, have a speaker come to my community.' And it works. The state of Alabama has come out and said we will not have Agenda 21 in any community in the state of Alabama. Why not have that happen in other places?"

The coordinated attacks have surprised and rattled city planners and environmentalists across the country. One of them said they had been "blindsided" and were hustling to catch up and develop strategies to counter the Birch Society and its Tea Party and other right-wing allies. The groups have been showing up at city council and planning board meetings to protest everything from the construction of bicycle paths to expanding public transportation routes to preserving open spaces. The protesters don't see green projects. They see red plots.

"We have established a good network of freedom activists who know how to identify Agenda 21 initiatives," the Boston-based Shurtleff said. "We use Facebook, social media, and emails. There are dozens of Facebook pages dedicated to Agenda 21 as well as hundreds of Tea Party type groups.

"Our biggest success," he continued, "is raising visibility and making it controversial." ▲



Tom DeWeese



Hal Shurtleff



John McManus

presidential standard-bearer, former Republican majority leader and war hero, supported the measure. Dole watched the vote on the Senate floor from his wheelchair, having recently been released from the hospital. According to *The New York Times*, "a majority of the Republicans who voted against the treaty, which was modeled on the Americans with Disabilities Act, said they feared it would infringe on American sovereignty."

That fear has been a key talking point in the Birch Society's attacks on the U.N. since the early 1960s, when it flooded the country with bumper stickers, placards, newspaper ads and thousands of letters to elected officials and other "opinion molders" demanding "Get US Out of the UN."

Two years ago, the John Birch Society, which hails itself as an educational army,

the U.N. on American sovereignty and property rights.

DeWeese had been conducting an almost one-man crusade against Agenda 21 for years before the John Birch Society stepped in with foot soldiers and E-mail lists and gave "a skeleton of organization to the movement," said Arthur R. Thompson, the society's CEO. "We're in a fight to save our country," he told the California banquet. "We're in a fight to save the people who are unwilling to bend their knee to a totalitarian state."

Since June of 2011, Hal Shurtleff, an indefatigable, 53-year-old father of five, Army veteran and regional field director for the Birch Society on the East Coast, has conducted more than 70 anti-Agenda 21 presentations, he said in an E-mail. "I just received two invitations to speak



Racist roots: The John Birch Society today denies any racial or anti-Semitic animus, but it wasn't always so. The society joined others on the far right in accusing Martin Luther King of attending a "Communist training school" in the 1960s.

students and young adults are worried about the economy and the accelerating erosion of civil liberties, the JBS management remains obsessed with the supposed strategic threat posed by Russia."

During its height in the 1960s, the society may have had as many as 100,000 members, still well short of Welch's oft-stated goal of 1 million Birchers. But few know for sure how many Birchers exist today. Then and now, the group's membership rolls are a closely guarded secret. "We're not vast numbers," Thompson told the banquet. "We've never been vast numbers. You don't need to be vast numbers. You just need to be the dedicated few, who are focused on doing the same thing, at the same time, with the same intellectual arguments to the right people."

From Welch to Koch

The John Birch Society has been knocked down and counted out numerous times since it was founded in 1958 by Robert Welch, a brilliant, wealthy former candy manufacturer, high-ranking Massachusetts Republican Party official and board member of the ultra-conservative National Association of Manufacturers. The society was named

after an American missionary and Army intelligence officer executed by the Chinese days after World War II. One of the society's first members and major backers was Fred Koch, a multimillionaire businessman, who left a fortune to his sons. David and Charles Koch have become the billionaire sugar daddies of today's American right.

"Welch was really quite smart in terms of business models," said Chip Berlet, a writer and researcher who has been following the John Birch Society for more than 30 years. "The Birchers were one of the first right-wing groups that did computer-generated mail, keeping track of the issues by computers. But JBS was so universally condemned by people on the left and right, Welch really doesn't get credit for using data tracking to organize people."

Bob Dylan wrote a song about the society that summed up a widespread view, "Talkin' John Birch Paranoid Blues," in the early 1960s, around the time patriotic right-wing writer William Buckley

"Talkin' John Birch Paranoid Blues": Bob Dylan (near right) mocked the society in the early 1960s, but conservative intellectual William Buckley (right, center) did it first after it accused President Dwight D. Eisenhower of being a Communist agent.



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famously called for the group to be banished from the conservative movement for being too extreme, a danger to both the Republican party and the country. Once a Birch ally, Buckley finally uncapped his poison pen and went after the Birchers in the pages of his magazine, *The National Review*, when it was revealed in the early 1960s that Welch had accused Eisenhower of being a communist.

"Being banished from the conservative movement and being banished from the *National Review*-approved conservative movement are not the same thing," Jesse Walker, who, as a senior editor at the libertarian-leaning *Reason Magazine* and Reason.com, writes about political paranoia among other topics. "John G. Schmitz ran a basically Birchite third-party presidential campaign in 1972 that got over a million votes. That's a lot of people who don't take their marching orders from Bill Buckley," he said in an E-mail interview.

In 1980, a few days before Ronald Reagan was elected president, the society's public relations director, according to The Associated Press, characterized the conservative Republican as a "lackey" of Communist conspirators. The public relations director at the time was none

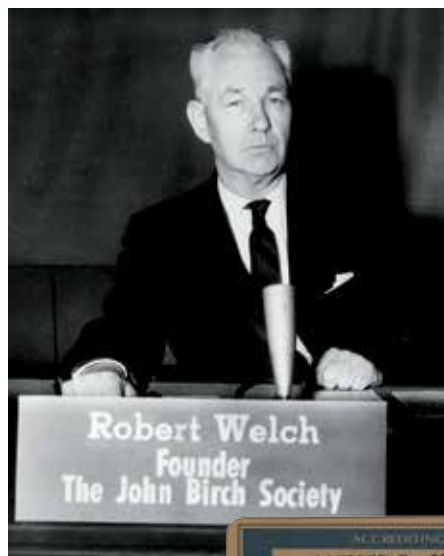


other than John McManus, who is now the president of the Birch Society.

“We’re up against a conspiracy,” McManus told the Birch birthday bash in Sacramento. “People say, ‘You sound like a conspiracy theorist.’ I say, ‘No, no, no. I’m a conspiracy fact-ist.’”

JBS and the GOP

Inside the GOP tent these days, with a black man in the White House and the rest of the country browning more deeply with each generation, the line between the radical right and the conservative mainstream is increasingly difficult to discern.



Robert Welch, who founded the John Birch Society in 1958, named his group after an American intelligence officer executed by the Chinese shortly after the conclusion of World War II.



wing of the Republican Party was and is highly influenced by the John Birch Society. Step one in understanding the Birchers is that they are not that much more far out, compared to other people on the right.”

Some of the long-time Bircher ideas and themes that have slipped into the conservative mainstream and now sound like Republican talking points include, according to Berlet, the belief that big government leads to collectivism which leads to tyranny; that liberal elites are treacherous; that the U.S. has become a nation of producers versus parasites; that the U.S. is losing its sovereignty to global treaties; that the “New World Order” is an actual plan by secret elites promoting globalization; and that multiculturalism is a conspiracy of “cultural Marxism.”

But Walker, the *Reason* editor, does not see the society as especially “influential in the inner circle of the GOP.” The Birchers, Walker said in an E-mail, are often “deeply hostile to a wide range of policies the national Republicans have embraced.”

“It’s worth noting,” he added, “that the JBS has evolved with the times; the modal Bircher of today and the modal Bircher of, say, 1964 would not see eye to eye about everything. It was interesting in the 1990s to watch as a group that we tend to associate with hawkish anti-Communists suddenly discovered its inner isolationism, opposed the first Gulf war, and generally moved toward a stance of skepticism toward military interventions abroad.”

New Bottles, Old Wine

At 67, Claire Conner has been watching the John Birch Society up close and very personal for most of her life. Conner was once right-wing royalty, a princess in the court of Welch. Her father was a member of the 25-person national coun-



Back from the Birchers: Claire Conner grew up among leading lights of the society, but completely rejected its views later in life.

cil of the society for 32 years. He was the first official Bircher in Chicago. Her mother was the second. They signed their daughter up when she was 13. Welch often stayed at their home when visit-

ing the city on Birch business. “He was kind of off-putting when you first met him,” Conner said. “You expected this giant of a man. He had sinus problems and was forever coughing into a handkerchief. When he gave a speech, he just read it. But he was brilliant, and, at the dinner table, he was very animated.”

Conner long ago turned her back on the society. Today, she is an unabashed, proud, Obama-loving liberal. She has written a funny and sometimes sad book about growing up Birch called *Wrapped in the Flag: A Personal History of America’s Radical Right* that is due to be released by Beacon Press in early July. She worries that her fellow liberals are making an old mistake, underestimating the John Birch Society and its ability to “create havoc.”

“I always say to my liberal friends you better stop laughing at these people and pay attention,” she says. “The ideas that you hear today coming from the right were generated in the ’60s by the John Birch Society. It’s new language, but the same ideas. In terms of the intellectual framework of the GOP, it’s the Birch Society every single day.”

She says liberals are still celebrating Obama’s re-election while the Birchers and the rest of the right are back at work. One lost election or 20 years of lost elections, she says, won’t discourage them. “If anything,” she says, “they’re going to be energized. They really believe President Obama is part of the socialist revolution that began with FDR. So, they’re going to dig in their heels. They’re going to get busy and stay busy. As the kids say, that’s how they roll.” ▲

With their ‘prophet’ behind bars, jittery FLDS communities in Arizona and Utah face the scrutiny of a DOJ civil rights lawsuit

BY RYAN LENZ

Lawless



COLORADO CITY, Ariz. — Last fall, a handbill began to appear in the dusty Northern Arizona desert with two pictures of convicted child molester Warren Jeffs. One was a mug shot of Jeffs when he was arrested in Texas four years ago, the other, a prim-and-proper studio portrait taken when he was headmaster of a Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (FLDS) elementary school.

“Where is the faith to set me free?” the flier implored. “How much longer will it take to have a clean prepared people that will obey Father’s commandments?” And, finally, it added, “It’s not me. ... It’s you.”

Here, in one of the last bastions of the Mormon polygamous tradition, a place known for its bellicose distrust of the outside world, the message is clear: Jeffs is watching. In the odd world of the FLDS — a racist, polygamist cult formed by fundamentalists who split from the Mormon church

over its decision to abandon polygamy — this chastising from Jeffs is a common occurrence. Since his arrest, he has frequently blamed his followers' lack of faith for his incarceration.

But, despite his flock's loyalty, there has been fallout from his continued leadership from a prison cell in Texas. Four years after he went on the run to avoid charges he sexually abused underage girls, an act that prompted the FBI to put him on its "Ten Most Wanted" list, the barren desert outposts of Colorado City, Ariz., and Hildale, Utah — twin cities which straddle the Arizona-Utah border and are together known as "Short Creek" — have become an embattled wasteland struggling to live up to the prophet's demands amid intense outside scrutiny.

Most recently, that scrutiny has included a civil rights lawsuit filed by the U.S. Justice Department last June. It accuses city leaders in both communities of operating as an "arm of the FLDS" and engaging in a "pattern or practice of illegal discrimination against individuals who are not members" of the church, in violation of the First, Fourth and 14th Amendments. According to the lawsuit, the Colorado City Marshal's Office car-



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ries out the "will and dictates" of FLDS leaders, most notably Jeffs' commands that have, for example, banned children from playing and dancing, and even prohibited families from owning pets.

More seriously, the Justice Department accuses marshals of turning a blind eye to a pattern of intimidation targeting non-FLDS residents in the two communities, a very distinct minority among the more than 7,000 people who live in Short Creek. There have been news reports, online videos and individual testimonials accusing church members of destroying crops, stealing animals, even adjusting property lines to evict residents at odds with the church from their homes.

Sam Brower, a private investigator who has chronicled the FLDS for the better part of a decade and who has helped law enforcement in the prosecution of Jeffs and other ranking church members, said the lawsuit is a long time coming for a place where people live in a state of constant fear.

"Where else in America do you go into a town that has video cameras, people in big pickup trucks watching you and trying to discourage you from even being there?" Brower asked. In Short Creek, he said, the rule of law is often whatever the prophet demands. "It's absolutely the most lawless town in America."

A History of Problems

Short Creek, nestled underneath the red peaks of Canaan Mountain, which cuts rigidly against azure skies, is a paragon

of natural beauty. Mormon fundamentalists chose the area to settle due to its remote location, which they hoped would afford them the freedom to practice "plural marriage," or polygamy, after the Mormon church officially rejected the practice in 1890.

In the years since, it has come to resemble something of an anachronistic wasteland, a place where women and girls wear iconic "prairie dresses," their hair pinned and unadorned — another directive from Jeffs. Houses lie in disrepair, some unfinished. Some of the streets are paved, while most exist as packed clay.

It is here, since 2000, according to the federal lawsuit, that a pattern of harassment representing the "fusion of government power and religious authority," has led to a climate where the whims of religious leaders often trump state and federal law. According to the lawsuit, for example, in 2001, Jeffs prohibited families from owning household pets and ordered the marshal's office to enforce his whims. Deputies went to each household in Short Creek and asked residents to turn over any dogs they owned. All the animals were taken to a "slaughter pit" just outside of town and killed.

Four years later, as authorities closed in on Jeffs, then-Town Marshal Fred J. Barlow sent a letter to the prophet, in which he wrote, "I rejoice in the peace that comes over me when I follow the directives that you have sent. ... I have felt a unity between the peace officers. They have all stated to me their desire to follow the directives that are placed before us."

Such obedience to Jeffs prompted the Arizona Legislature to consider bills last year to disband the marshal's office in Colorado City. Because the marshal's office serves both towns on the border, an accompanying bill was drafted in the Utah Legislature, though both were unsuccessful.



Police raided Short Creek in 1953 in a bid to end the polygamous practices of Mormon fundamentalists. But photos of crying children caused a backlash that weakened authorities' enthusiasm for moving against "plural marriage."



No playing allowed: After cult leader Warren Jeffs banned children's play, a basketball court in Colorado City was turned into a recycling depot. Even so, it seems, children will be children.

"There is a real challenge when you have the police officers themselves who have an allegiance to something other than the Constitution and protecting 'We the people,'" Utah state Sen. Curt Bramble, who introduced the bill with the backing of the Utah attorney general, told *The Salt Lake Tribune*.

Since 2003, the state of Arizona has decertified six officers at the Colorado City Marshal's Office after their loyalties to Jeffs and the FLDS were determined to have interfered with their job performance. In 2003, Rodney Holm lost his certification after he married a 16-year-old girl. Two years later, Sam Roundy and Vince Barlow, both deputies, lost their jobs for practicing bigamy. In 2006, Mica Barlow quit and then was decertified for refusing to answer questions about Jeffs' whereabouts. And most recently, in 2007, Preston Barlow lost his job after it was discovered he reached out to Jeffs when he was a fugitive, then failed to answer questions about Jeffs' location.

Jeff Maturas, an attorney representing Colorado City in the lawsuit, said that

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while officers had lost their certification, the Justice Department is seeking to punish the cities only because of a viewpoint "clouded" by prejudice, not fact.

"Just because someone has a religious belief doesn't mean they would act on behalf of that belief," Maturas said. He added, in regard to the Justice Department's claim that the marshal's office works in concert with FLDS leadership, "Great headline. Great lead into a news story. But it's a hundred percent false."

Warren's Wilds

Not everyone agrees with Maturas' defense of the FLDS. Maturas is "a spin doctor ... paid by a man who is sitting in a Texas jail cell," Brower pointedly said.

Regardless of whether that is true, it is fact that for the better part of the last half-century — ever since more than 100 Arizona state troopers and National Guardsmen raided Short Creek in 1953, arresting the entire adult populace for

practicing polygamy — residents here have been wildly loyal to FLDS leaders.

"Little by little, Short Creek was transformed from a poor farming community of a few dozen families who governed themselves with a semblance of democracy into a wealthy fortress ruled by the iron words of a single man, the prophet, deemed to be God's only representative on Earth," Debora Weyermann wrote in her 2011 book *Answer Them Nothing*, which chronicled the efforts to take down Jeffs.

The core ideology of the sect holds that black people are descendants of Cain, "cursed with a black skin" and selected by God to be "the servants of servants." The FLDS also demands absolute obedience to Jeffs and preaches the divine benefit of "plural marriage" and the "wicked" intentions of government.

Even now, from prison, Jeffs rules Short Creek with an iron fist, regularly delivering bizarre new dictates, Gary



Roughing it: Short Creek is notable for its unpaved streets and general disrepair. Even gravesites are an informal affair, marked with collected stones and a few flowers.



Engles, an investigator for the Mohave County, Ariz., Prosecutor's Office, told the *Intelligence Report*.

"They don't know what's coming next from Warren," Engles said. "They don't know if they're the next ones kicked out. They're trying to be as loyal and as obedient as they can be ... because the day of reckoning is not very far away."

That is partly what makes the outcome of the Justice Department lawsuit so unpredictable. No one knows just how Short Creek — or Jeffs — will respond. With Jeffs issuing increasingly strange edicts, many of which hinge on a prediction that the apocalypse is near, there is a new and pronounced tension in Short Creek.

Jeffs, 57, assumed control in 2002 when his father, Rulon Jeffs, died after leading FLDS for 16 years. He came to national attention in 2005 when he became a fugitive after being charged

with conspiracy to commit rape for arranging a marriage between an unwilling 14-year-old girl and her 17-year-old cousin, and then pressuring the girl to have sex with the young man. He was arrested more than a year later and convicted of two rape conspiracy charges, drawing two terms of five years to life in prison. Then, in a separate trial in 2011, he was convicted of raping his 12-year-old "spiritual bride," as well as sexually assaulting a 15-year-old girl.

More than any FLDS leader before, his whims have defined a community.

In the two years after he became the FLDS prophet, Jeffs forbade television, holidays, movies and music; he banned laughter and children's play, forbade swimming and sent "God Squads" to inspect residences and report any violations of his edicts.

More recently, while in prison, he has ordered an accounting of every household item owned by church members, from linens to silver. In June, he

handed down a revelation that named 15 men in the community as "fathers" in the FLDS and the only ones allowed to procreate in Short Creek. Other men in the community have been relegated to caretakers — quiet cuckolds ever loyal to the prophet.

"It's his way of keeping his people stirred up and paranoid and scared," Brower told the *Report*. "That fear is how he maintains control."

The End of the Creek

The Justice Department did not respond to repeated requests for comment on the lawsuit, but the hope for many involved remains that law and order will return to Short Creek.

"Finding a solution to the illegal activities that have been occurring in Colorado City for decades has been one of my highest priorities," Arizona Attorney General Tom Horne told The Associated Press last year. "I remain committed to stopping the illegal conduct perpetrated by the FLDS church."

In the last two years, Jeffs' actions in Short Creek have seemed to be focused on a game of revolving punishments designed to confuse his followers and whip them into a fervor. Immediately after the lawsuit was filed, he began excommunicating people on the grounds they had violated orders to remain abstinent. Some 50 people were tossed out of the group, and leaders loyal to Jeffs halted church meetings until the "lifting up," or end of the world, came about, Jeffs' excommunicated brother, Wallace Jeffs, told *The Salt Lake Tribune*.

"It's just a way to punish the people," he said.

Then, last December, Jeffs issued a provocative, eschatological "revelation" — the second in two years. Followers were told to prepare grey or blue backpacks of a certain size and pack them with essentials to be ready to



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go when God calls, former FLDS member Isaac Wyler told KUTV in Salt Lake City. God's chosen destroyer was the geyser at Yellowstone National Park. Dec. 23 — the Day of Judgment — came and went with no hint of the end, and life continued in Short Creek. But by then, signs of changing times were plentiful.

The FLDS grocery store in Colorado City recently closed. It was the only place where residents could buy food but also a reported meeting place for church members. Buying groceries now requires a nearly hour-long drive to St. George, Utah. Construction goes on weekly inside the walled compound

where Jeffs used to live. No one knows why, but rumors abound. There is talk of food being stored in preparation for the end, of houses being built and torn down and built again.

Professional FLDS watchers like Holding Out HELP, a nonprofit group that helps those who want to leave polygamy, remain concerned that families are being torn apart as signs point to a massive exodus of FLDS members to other places like South Dakota and Texas, both of which have heavy concentrations of FLDS members.

In late December, Mohave County sheriff's deputies pulled over a chartered

bus leaving Colorado City after hearing reports that children were posing for what appeared to be goodbye pictures before being packed into the luggage compartment with pillows. A deputy later stopped the bus, and found 15 children and several adults inside, according to a spokesperson for the sheriff's department. For reasons unknown, the deputy did not search the luggage compartment.

If these are, in fact, signs that seams are unraveling in Short Creek, many are worried, especially given the fact that Jeffs will spend the rest of his life in prison. With nothing but time on his hands, there is no telling, as the Justice Department presses in, what he will do next or how deep his perversions will go.

"There's always that fear that Warren would see how far he could take them," Wyler said of the FLDS faithful. He added, "I've got a brother-in-law who once told my sister, 'If the prophet told me to, I'd slit your throat without even thinking about it.'" ▲





White Hot

For the Radical Right, Obama Victory Brings Fury and Fear

BY MARK POTOK

When the word came in that Barack Obama and the Democrats had won national elections in a decisive victory, millions of Americans went to bed, satisfied that even if their candidate didn't win, democracy had survived. The relatively lopsided results, both in the Electoral College and in several key Senate contests, made it clear that the November elections had in no way been stolen.

But not so at Ole Miss, which the prior month had marked the 50th anniversary of deadly segregationist riots on the Mississippi campus. Shortly after TV networks called the presidential race, a crowd of mostly white students protested furiously, chanting anti-black slurs and attracting hundreds more students during the ruckus. An Obama/Biden campaign sign was burned before

campus police broke up the crowd in Oxford and arrested two students for disorderly conduct.

Reaction to the re-election of our first black president from the radical right — and that seemed clearly to include a number of University of Mississippi students — ranged from sputtering rage and name-calling to cries for a new Southern secession, mass emigration to Europe, and even the break-up of the United States. There was one thing many people seemed to agree on: The changing racial demographics of this country, expected to lose its white majority by 2043, were key to the result.

“Welcome to a truly white minority world,” wrote one commenter on Stormfront, the world's largest white supremacist Web forum, which is run by a former Alabama Klan leader. “The future is now. There is no denying this. The sun has set

Rage on the right: Students at the University of Mississippi, reacting to the re-election of President Obama, burned an Obama/Biden campaign sign and chanted anti-black slurs.



on humanity's greatest era: 1500-2000. ... [T]he only way to survive this war of annihilation is separatism. ... [W]e have to choose regions or states."

"We have truly fallen under God's judgment," wrote another. "You will never see another white man occupy the White House again." Responded a third:



"If you can immigrate [sic] to Europe you start making plans. ... America will become largely a non-white population that is poverty stricken and all those government programs will soon disappear. It will happen. No more Medicare and no more social security."

The impending loss of a white majority in the United States has helped drive a truly explosive growth of the radical right since 2008, when Obama first appeared on the national scene. Hate groups in recent years have risen to more than 1,000, and the number of antigovernment "Patriot" groups has shot up from just 149 in 2008 to 1,360 last year, according to the Southern Poverty Law Center. For much of 2012, groups on the radical right increasingly fretted about a possible Obama victory. Now that that has occurred, the radical right may grow more dangerous still.

On Stormfront, given this reality, it wasn't surprising to find talk of violence in the wake of the election. "I live in a liberal area so many of my 'friends' are shouting for joy," lamented one poster at the racist site. "I don't actually have many real friends and the ones I do have are scared and talking about arming themselves."

"Having a black rule us is very bad," added another Stormfront poster. "It will almost certainly end in violence if we whites don't get back in control."

Over at conspiracist Alex Jones' website Infowars, some reactions didn't sound all that different. "Now is the time to leave this country," wrote a commenter using the name munglejonkeys. "[T]hey have brought about a communist takeover without firing a single shot. America will resemble Zimbabwe (economically) in a few years and there will be a huge shift in the welfare-dependent knob-slobs who thought that selling their souls for an Obama-phone was such a great deal. ... All because white people didn't oppose political correctness 35 years ago."

Others at Infowars posted the kinds of paranoid conspiracy theories that the site

is best known for. "With his re-election in place," a particularly fearful Mike Adams wrote, "expect Obama to start issuing a mass of 'kill orders' that will even start targeting political opponents." Adams went on to fret about mandatory vaccines and Obama's purported plans to "destroy the Second Amendment."

Extremists weren't the only ones talking about whites becoming a minority. Shortly before the election was called Nov. 6, Fox News' Bill O'Reilly said, "The white establishment is now the minority. And the voters, many of



them, feel that the economic system is stacked against them and they want stuff." He added: "The demographics are changing. It's not a traditional America any more."

Donald Trump, the unrepentant billionaire "birther," didn't mention race. But he tweeted after the election was called that it had been "a total sham and a travesty. We are not a democracy!" He went on to describe the Electoral College, which gave the race to George W. Bush in 2000 even though the Republican lost the popular vote, as a "disaster for democracy." He offered no complaints about 2000.

"Welcome to a truly white minority world. The future is now. There is no denying this. The sun has set on humanity's greatest era."

Joseph Farah, who runs the conspiracist "news" site WorldNetDaily, sounded similar. "I think things are going to get very tough in America over the next four years," Farah warned. "I expect more division, more stratification, maybe even the disintegration of the constitutional republic that was the envy of the world for so long. It's time to hunker down. It's time to prepare for the worst — economically, militarily, socially, culturally. The revolutionaries have won a major political victory. The America haters are running the country for another four years."

"That is not a pretty prospect."

The anti-gay right reacted with fury, as well. In a long thread on the passage of same-sex marriage referendums at the antigovernment site Free Republic, commenters were apoplectic — and frightened. "Get ready for God's wrath," wrote one. "The people are choosing Satan's finest." "Fudgies win again," wrote another. "Incidents of HIV [to] rise again." And a third: "America is going to pay for its unbelief and its love of abortion and homosexuals. ... And IT DESERVES IT."

"SICK SICK SICK," wrote still another. "What a filthy night this election is."

"Millions of Americans looked evil in the eye and adopted it," said Mat Staver of the anti-LGBT Liberty Counsel. "Race and ethnicity overrode values." He added: "More children will die. Marriage will come under greater attack. Immorality will be exalted. Sadly, the country could easily collapse under the weight of escalating economic debt. Islam will be emboldened. Our military will be weaker. Israel will not have as strong an ally... The world will become a more dangerous place."

In fact, as pointed out on CNN's religion blog, the whole election was a "nightmare scenario" for conservative Christian leaders. Noting the approval of two same-sex marriage referendums, the re-election of a president who supported such marriages, and the rejection of hard-line anti-abortion candidates, CNN said the results "seemed to mark a dramatic rejection of the Christian right's agenda."

"The historic nature of

these results are hard to overstate," Robert P. Jones, a pollster who specializes in politics and religion, told CNN regarding the referendums in Maine and Maryland. "Given the strong support of younger Americans for same-sex marriage, it's unlikely this issue will reappear as a major national wedge issue."

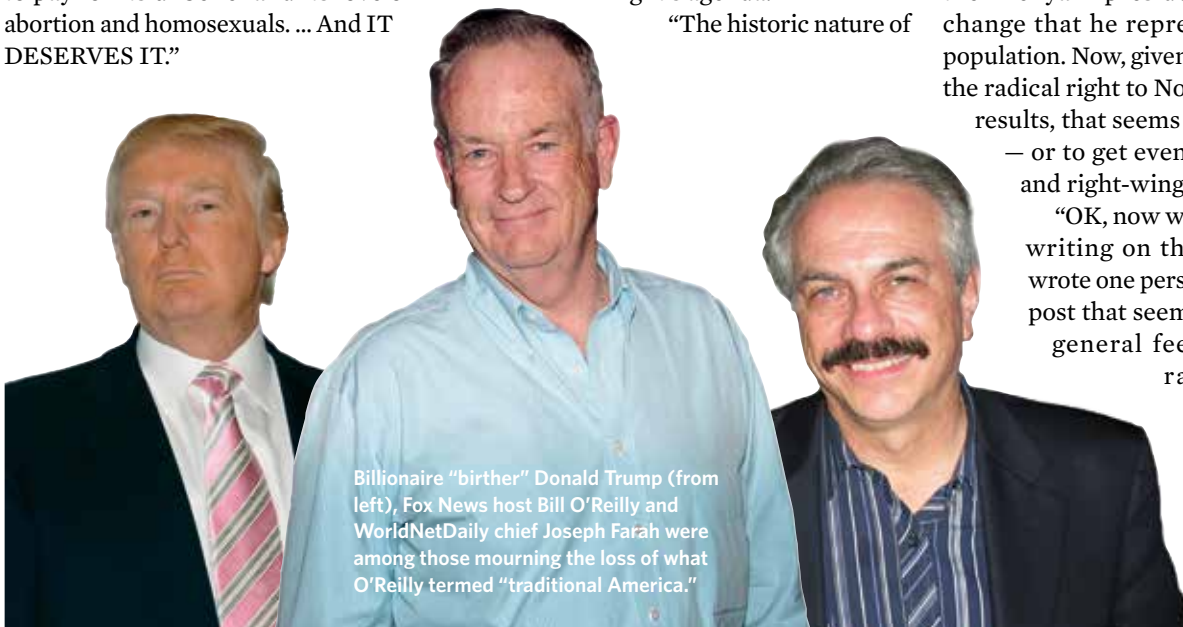
There was also palpable anger among certain neo-Nazis directed at women, some 55% of whom voted for Obama. "The treacherous Jews understood how emotional and giving White women are and therefore targeted them from early age in indoctrination centers while emasculating our boys!" fumed one Stormfront poster. "It is sad to see how many White women are going against their interest and it isn't just our American mudsharks either. I cannot tell you how many European chicks are paired up with coloreds. It is a very disturbing trend actually."

"I find it exceptionally depressing that your statement seems to be true," another commenter said. "Our own women are abandoning our race and betraying it in record numbers." Lamented another in the same thread, "Women in general are very conformist and generally will do whatever they are told to do."

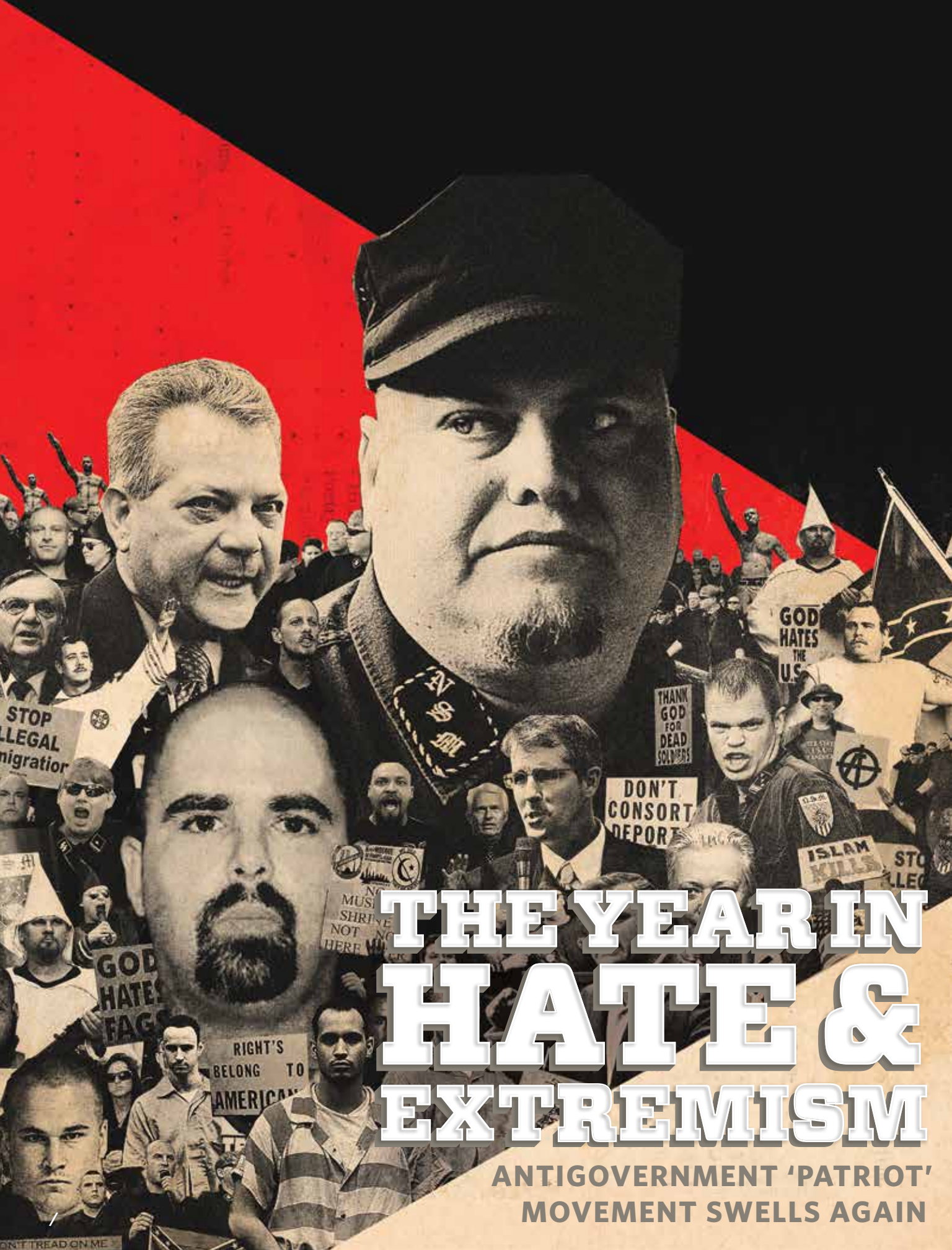
What does all this portend for the next four years?

Non-Islamic domestic terrorism in the United States shot up in the wake of President Obama's first election in 2008, spurred largely by fury over the "Kenyan" president and the racial change that he represents in the U.S. population. Now, given the reaction from the radical right to November's election results, that seems likely to continue — or to get even worse, as racists and right-wing radicals seethe.

"OK, now we have all seen the writing on the wall, AGAIN!" wrote one person in a Stormfront post that seemed to capture the general feeling of helplessness. "The question is, What are we going to do about it? What is our plan?" ▲



Billionaire "birther" Donald Trump (from left), Fox News host Bill O'Reilly and WorldNetDaily chief Joseph Farah were among those mourning the loss of what O'Reilly termed "traditional America."



THE YEAR IN HATE & EXTREMISM

ANTIGOVERNMENT 'PATRIOT'
MOVEMENT SWELLS AGAIN

The Year in Hate and Extremism

The antigovernment ‘Patriot’ movement expands for the fourth year in a row as hate groups remain at near-historic highs

BY MARK POTOK

CAPPING FOUR YEARS OF EXPLOSIVE GROWTH sparked by the election of America’s first black president and anger over the economy, the number of conspiracy-minded antigovernment “Patriot” groups reached an all-time high of 1,360 in 2012, while the number of hard-core hate groups remained above 1,000. As President Obama enters his second term with an agenda of gun control and immigration reform, the rage on the right is likely to intensify.

The furious reaction to the Obama administration’s gun control proposals is reminiscent of the anger that greeted the passage of the 1993 Brady Bill and the 1994 ban on assault weapons supported by another relatively liberal Democrat — Bill Clinton. The passage of those bills, along with what was seen by the right as the federal government’s violent suppression of political dissidents at Waco, Texas, and Ruby Ridge, Idaho, in the

early 1990s, led to the first wave of the Patriot movement that burst into public consciousness with the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing. The number of Patriot groups in that era peaked in 1996 at 858, more than 500 groups fewer than the number active in 2012.

For many, the election of America’s first black president symbolizes the country’s changing demographics, with the loss of its white majority predicted

by 2043. (In 2011, for the first time, non-white births outnumbered the births of white children.) But the backlash to that trend predates Obama’s presidency by many years. Between 2000 and 2010, the number of hate groups rose from 602 to more than 1,000, where the count remains today. Now that comprehensive immigration reform is poised to legitimize and potentially accelerate the country’s demographic change, the backlash to that change may accelerate as well.

While the number of hate groups remained essentially unchanged last year — going from 1,018 in 2011 to 1,007 in 2012 — the Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC) count of 1,360 Patriot groups in 2012 was up about 7% from the 1,274 active in 2011. And that was only the latest growth spurt in the Patriot movement, which generally believes that the federal government is conspiring to take

Americans' guns and destroy their liberties as it paves the way for a global "one-world government." From a mere 149 organizations in 2008, the number of Patriot groups shot up to 512 in 2009, jumped again to 824 in 2010, and then skyrocketed to 1,274 in 2011 before hitting their all-time high last year.

Now, in the wake of the mass murder of 26 children and adults at a Connecticut school and the Obama-led gun control efforts that followed, it seems likely that that growth will pick up speed once again.

The Hysteria Mounts

Even before the Dec. 14 shootings at Sandy Hook Elementary School, gun and ammunition sales shot up in the wake of the re-election of the country's first black president, the result of shrill conspiracy theories about Obama's secret plans to confiscate Americans' guns. When the killings actually did spark gun control efforts that clearly had not been in the Obama administration's plans, the reaction on the political right was so harsh that it seemed to border on hysteria.

Sen. Rand Paul (R-Ky.) proposed a law that would nullify any executive gun control actions by Obama, accusing the president of having a "king complex." U.S. Rep. Trey Radel (R-Fla.) said the president could be impeached for those actions. State lawmakers in Arizona, Mississippi, South Carolina and Tennessee proposed laws that sought to prevent federal gun control from applying to their states.

Richard Mack, a former Arizona sheriff who sued the Clinton administration over the Brady Bill's imposition of background checks on gun buyers, claimed that of 200 sheriffs he'd met with, most "have said they would lay down their lives first rather than allow any more federal control." Matt Barber of the anti-gay Liberty Counsel said he feared that the nation, which he described as already on the brink of civil unrest, was headed for "a second civil war." "Freedom ends. Tyranny begins," tweeted Fox News Radio host Todd Starnes. "Get ready," TeaParty.org said. "Right now government gun grabbing plans are being covertly organized."

"MARTIAL LAW IN THE UNITED STATES IS NOW A VERY REAL POSSIBILITY!" added the ConservativeDaily.com's Tony Adkins, responding to Obama's use of executive orders to further gun control with a doomsday prediction that could have come straight from the Patriot movement. "SUSPENSION OF THE U.S. CONSTITUTION IS A VERY REAL POSSIBILITY!" The Conservative Monster, a similar website, concluded that the president was conspiring with a variety of foreign enemies "to force Socialism on the American people."

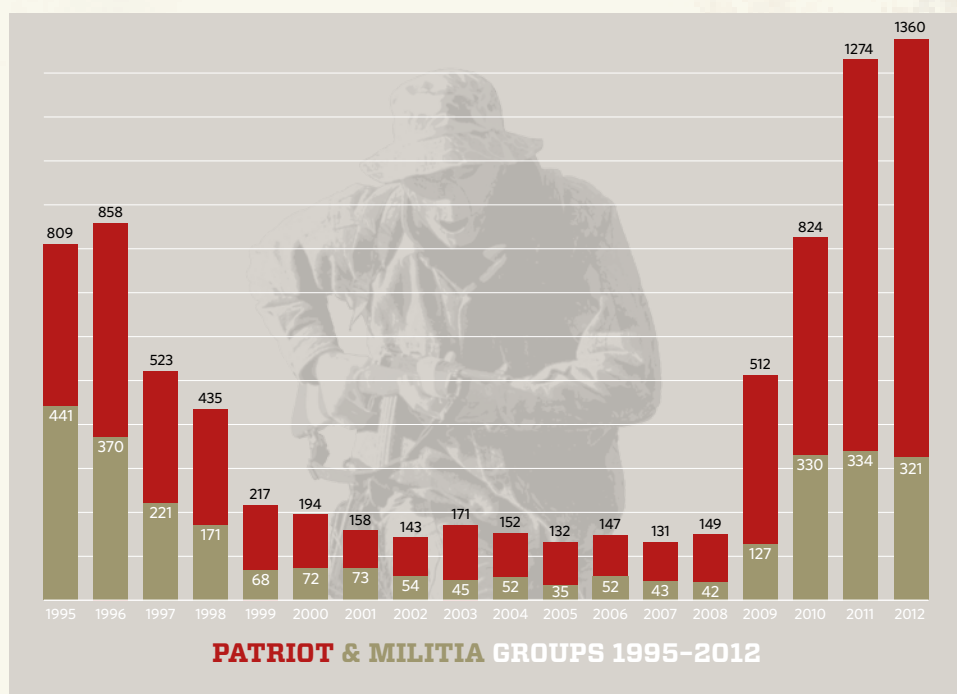
Even further to the right, the reaction was more intense yet (see also related story, p. 36). Chuck Baldwin, a Montana-based Patriot leader long associated with the Constitution Party, made the unusual claim that Christ had ordered his disciples to carry "their own personal arms" and vowed to refuse to register or surrender his firearms. The Oath Keepers, a conspiracy-oriented Patriot group of current and former military and law enforcement officials, issued a threat — "MESSAGE TO THE OATH BREAKERS AND TRAITORS: We will never disarm" — and added that gun control plans were "unconstitutional filth." Judicial Watch founder Larry Klayman called the proposals "a declaration of war against the American people" and demanded "liberation" from the "evil clutches" of proponents.

The one sector of the radical right that shrank dramatically last year was the "nativist extremist" groups that go beyond advocating for immigration reduction and confront or physically harass suspected unauthorized immigrants. From a 2010 high of 319 groups, they fell over the following two years by about 90%, to 38 groups (see story, p. 59). The collapse was due to criminal scandals, internecine sniping within the movement, and the co-opting of their issue by state legislatures.

Progress and Backlashes

Even before serious talk of gun control began in Washington, the far right was already in something of a meltdown in the immediate aftermath of Obama's re-election, which came to many who got their campaign news from right-wing sources as a jarring shock. Hundreds of thousands of Americans signed petitions seeking the secession of each of the 50 states. Right-wing outfits like TeaParty.org said a "Communist coup" was under way. The anti-gay Family Research Council charged Obama with "dismantling" the country.

Polling after the election showed how broad antipathy toward President Obama remained in a deeply polarized America. A Public Policy Poll survey found that 49% of all Republicans believed that ACORN — a community organizing group that went belly up in 2010 after



attacks from the far right — had stolen the election from Mitt Romney. A quarter of GOP members in the same poll favored secession. A January 2013 poll from Fairleigh Dickinson University's PublicMind project found that 36% of all Americans still don't believe Obama is a citizen, despite the 2011 release of the president's "long-form" birth certificate.

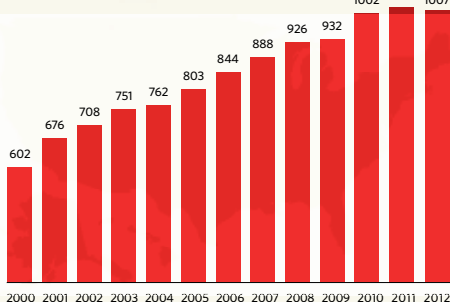
As they did in 2008 and 2009, groups on the radical right clearly benefited from that antipathy. "Since Obama's first term, our numbers have doubled and now we're headed to a second term, it's going to triple," one Virginia Klansman told WTVR-TV in Richmond. Daniel Miller, president of the secessionist Texas National Movement, said that his membership shot up 400% after Obama's re-election. White News Now, a website run by white supremacist Jamie Kelso, said that it had had "an incredible year" in the run-up to the vote, reaching more people than ever.

To the surprise of many prognosticators, anti-black racism in America — not just that limited to the far right — actually rose over the four years of Obama's first term, according to a 2012 Associated Press poll. The poll found 51% of Americans expressed explicitly anti-black attitudes, compared to 48% in 2008, while 56% showed implicitly anti-black attitudes, up from 49% four years earlier. Another AP poll, in 2011, found that 52% of non-Latino whites expressed explicitly anti-Latino attitudes, a figure that rose to 59% when measured by an implicit attitudes test.

"We have this false idea that there is uniformity in progress and that things change in one big step. That is not the way history has worked," Jelani Cobb, a history professor and director of the Institute for African-American Studies at the University of Connecticut, told the Huffington Post with regard to the AP poll findings. "When we've seen progress, we've also seen backlash."

Some broad social progress that did occur last year — the rapidly increasing acceptance of LGBT people and same-sex marriage — fueled just such a backlash among anti-gay religious groups that saw themselves beginning to lose the issue. (A December *USA Today* poll found that 53% of Americans now support same-sex mar-

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riage, up dramatically from 1996, when 27% supported such unions.)

The American Family Association issued predictions for the future that included the claims that conservative Christians will be treated like African Americans before the civil rights movement, that the state will take charge of children at birth, and that cities with names like St. Petersburg will be forced to change their names. Peter LaBarbera of Americans for Truth About Homosexuality said the 2012 election of openly gay Tammy Baldwin to a Senate seat representing Wisconsin signaled that America is "falling apart." The volume of these kinds of comments seemed higher than ever before (see also story, p. 36).

Conspiracies and Terror

Another factor driving the expansion of the radical right over the last decade or so has been the mainstreaming of formerly marginal conspiracy theories. The latest and most dramatic example of that may be the completely baseless claim that Agenda 21 — a United Nations sustainability plan that was signed by President George H.W. Bush but has no mandatory provisions whatsoever — is part of a plan to impose socialism on America and strip away private property rights.

That claim has been pushed heavily by, among others, the John Birch Society, a conspiracist Patriot organization that was exiled from the conservative movement a half century ago after claiming President Dwight D. Eisenhower was a Communist agent (see story, p. 24). Last year, the Republic National Committee passed a plank opposing Agenda 21 and describing it as a "destructive and insidious scheme" to impose "socialist/communist redistribution of wealth." The state of Alabama passed a law bar-

ring any policies traceable to Agenda 21 without "due process."

The radical right last year produced more than its fair share of political violence. Most dramatically, a neo-Nazi gunman stormed into a Sikh temple in Wisconsin, murdering six people before killing himself. In Georgia, meanwhile, officials arrested 10 people, most of them active-duty military, who were allegedly part of a plot to take over the Army's Fort Stewart, among many other things. The group is accused of murdering two former members suspected of talking.

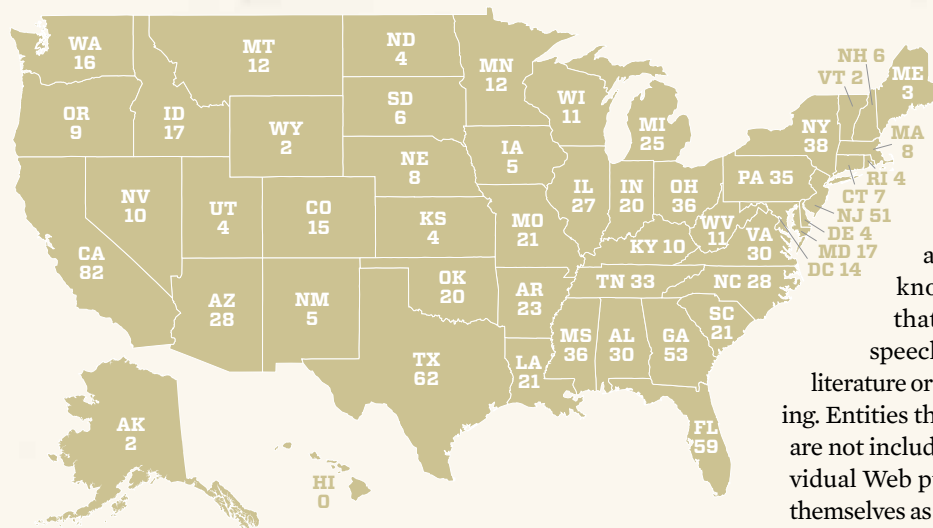
Then, this January, an Alabama high school student was arrested for allegedly plotting to attack his black and gay classmates and bomb his school (see story, p. 10). Former friends of the student said he and a group of up to 11 other students regularly shouted "white power" and gave stiff-arm Nazi salutes in the halls of their Seale, Ala., school but were ignored by school officials and security officers.

These were only the latest incidents of just over 100 domestic radical-right plots, conspiracies and racist rampages that the SPLC has counted since the Oklahoma City bombing left 168 men, women and children dead in 1995.

Now, it seems likely that the radical right's growth will continue. In 2012, before Obama's re-election and the Newtown, Conn., massacre, the rate of Patriot growth had slackened somewhat, although it remained significant. Anger over the idea of four more years under a black, Democratic president — and, even more explosively, the same kinds of gun control efforts that fueled the militia movement of the 1990s — seems already to be fomenting another Patriot spurt.

Even before the election last year, self-described Patriots sounded ready for action. "Our Federal Government is just a tool of International Socialism now, operating under UN Agendas not our American agenda," the United States Patriots Union wrote last year in a letter "sent to ALL conservative state legislators, all states." "This means that freedom and liberty must be defended by the states under their Constitutional Balance of Power, or we are headed to Civil War wherein the people will have no choice but to take matters into their own hands." ▲

Active Hate Groups in the United States in 2012



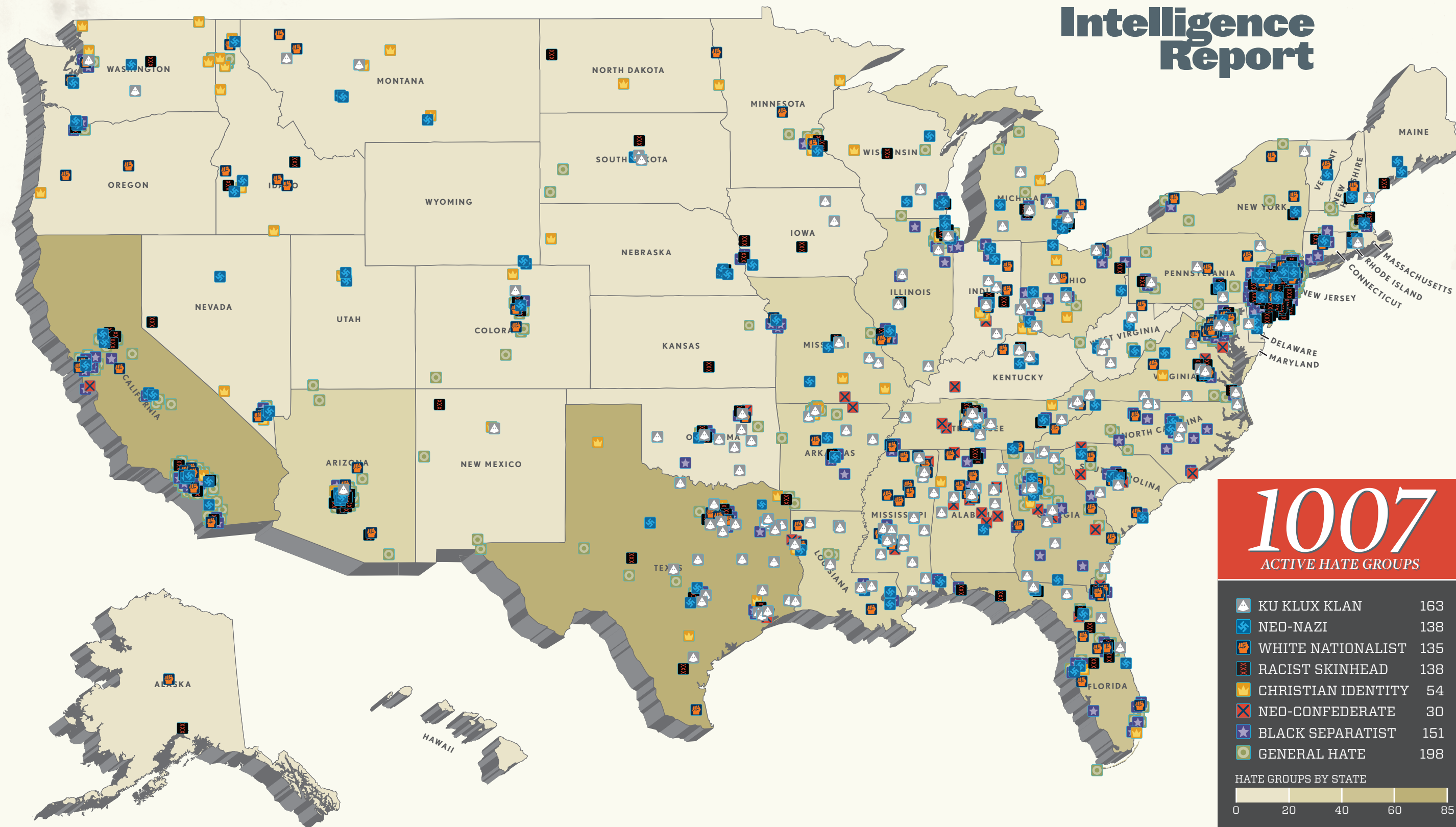
THIS LIST OF 1007 ACTIVE HATE

groups (map, p. 43), down from the 1018 groups listed a year before, is based on information gathered by the Intelligence Project from hate group publications, citizen reports, law enforcement agencies, field sources and news reports. Only organizations known to be active in 2012, whether that activity included marches, rallies, speeches, meetings, leafletting, publishing literature or criminal acts, were counted in the listing. Entities that appear to exist only in cyberspace are not included because they are likely to be individual Web publishers who like to falsely portray themselves as powerful, organized groups. This listing contains all known chapters of hate organizations. If the group has a known headquarters, it appears first in the listing of the group's chapters, and is marked with an asterisk (*).

Groups are categorized as **KU KLUX KLAN**, **NEO-NAZI**, **WHITE NATIONALIST**, **RACIST SKINHEAD**, **CHRISTIAN IDENTITY**, **NEO-CONFEDERATE**, **BLACK SEPARATIST**, and **GENERAL HATE**. Because skinheads are migratory and often not affiliated with groups, this listing understates their numbers. Christian Identity describes a religion that is fundamentally racist and anti-Semitic. Black Separatist groups are organizations whose ideologies include tenets of racially based hatred. Neo-Confederate groups seek to revive many of the racist principles of the antebellum South. White Nationalist groups espouse white supremacy or white separatism but generally avoid anti-Semitism. General Hate groups espouse various ideologies of hatred and include the sub-categories of Anti-Gay groups, Anti-Immigrant groups, Anti-Muslim groups, Holocaust Denial groups, Racist Music labels, Radical Traditionalist Catholic groups (which reject core Catholic teachings and espouse anti-Semitism), and Other (a variety of groups endorsing a hodge-podge of hate doctrines).

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Big Sandy, TX*

Arkansas

Indiana

Ohio

Wisconsin

True Invisible Empire

Knights of the Ku

Klux Klan

Park Hills, MO

True Invisible Empire

Traditionalist American

Knights of the Ku

Klux Klan

Potosi, MO*

South Dakota

La Vergne, TN

True White Knights of the Christian Cross

Gaylesville, AL

United Klans of

America

Ashland, AL*

Annonston, AL

Birmingham, AL

Phoenix, AZ

Pomona Park, FL

Tallahassee, FL

Atlanta, GA

Clarksville, GA

Waterloo, IA

Joliet, IL

Lexington, KY

Clare, MI

Flint, MI

Kalamazoo, MI

Great Falls, MT

Polson, MT

Eaton, OH

Eufaula, OK

York, PA

Providence, RI

Aiken, SC

Dyersburg, TN

Nashville, TN

Shelbyville, TN

Denton, TX

Longview, TX

Culpeper, VA

Norfolk, VA

Richmond, VA

South Hill, VA

Kirkland, WA

Yakima, WA

United Northern and

Southern Knights of

the Ku Klux Klan

Fraser, MI*

Longmont, CO

Georgia

Chicago, IL

West College Corner, IN

North Carolina

Kingsport, TN

United White Knights

of the Ku Klux Klan

Longview, TX*

Monroe, LA

Sarepta, LA

South Louisiana

New Mexico

Atoka, OK

Henryetta, OK

Holdenville, OK

Oklahoma City, OK

Shawnee, OK

Tulsa, OK

ArkLaTex Region

Texas

Beaumont, TX

Buffalo, TX

Corpus Christi, TX

Dallas, TX

Forney, TX

Fort Worth, TX

Gatesville, TX

Houston, TX

Lufkin, TX

Marshall, TX

Midlothian, TX

Panhandle Region

Texas

San Saba, TX

Vidor, TX

Wichita Falls, TX

White Camelia

Knights of the Ku

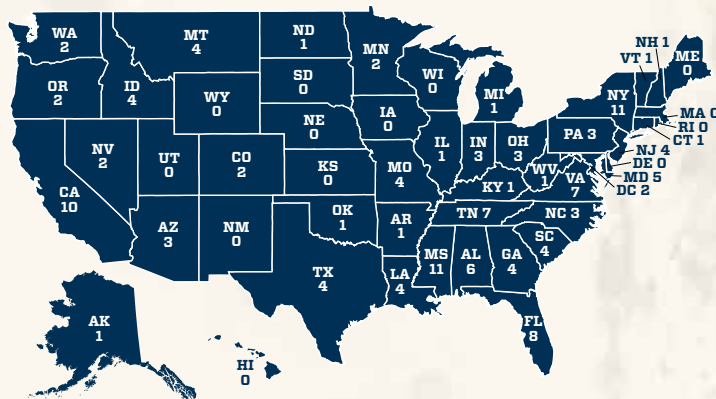
Klux Klan

Cleveland, TX*

Pasadena, TX* ▲

WHITE NATIONALIST 135 GROUPS

WHITE NATIONALIST GROUPS ESPOUSE WHITE SUPREMACIST OR WHITE SEPARATIST IDEOLOGIES, OFTEN FOCUSING ON THE ALLEGED INFERIORITY OF NONWHITES. GROUPS LISTED IN SEVERAL OTHER CATEGORIES COULD ALSO BE DESCRIBED AS WHITE NATIONALIST.



Advanced White Society

Birmingham, NJ

Alternative Right

Whitefish, MT

American Nationalist Union

Las Vegas, NV

American Renaissance/New Century Foundation

Oakton, VA*

Arlington, VA

American Third Position

Las Vegas, NV*

Alaska

Mesa, AZ

San Diego, CA

Westminster, CA

Colorado

Jacksonville, FL

Lakewood Ranch, FL

Idaho

Minnesota

Grand Forks, ND

Butler, NJ

New York, NY

Oregon

Gatlinburg, TN

Washington

Maidsville, WV

Aryan Wear

Keller, TX

Caucasian Persuasion

New York, NY

Center for Perpetual Diversity

Gaithersburg, MD

Charles Darwin

Research Institute

Port Huron, MI

Confederate Patriot

Voters United

Baldwyn, MS

Conservative Citizens Foundation, Inc.

St. Louis, MO

Council for Social and Economic Studies

Washington, DC

Council of Conservative Citizens

St. Louis, MO*

Birmingham, AL

Cullman, AL

Florence, AL

Jasper, AL

Montgomery, AL

San Francisco, CA

Beverly Hills, FL

Jacksonville, FL

East Georgia

Shreveport, LA

Baltimore, MD

Silver Spring, MD

Minnesota

Kansas City, MO

St. Louis, MO

Calhoun City, MS

Greenwood, MS

Holly Springs, MS

Jackson, MS

Mathiston, MS

Piney Woods, MS

Tupelo, MS

Vaiden, MS

Clemmons, NC

Raleigh, NC

New Jersey

Fort Lee, NJ

New York, NY

Parishville, NY

Ohio

Revere, PA

West Columbia, SC

Cleveland, TN

Franklin, TN

Knoxville/

Chattanooga, TN

Memphis, TN

Counter-Currents

Publishing

San Francisco, CA

Crescenta Valley

European

American Society

La Crescenta, CA

Los Angeles County, CA

The Crocker Post

Montpelier, VT

European American

Action Coalition

Pittston, PA

European-American Unity and Rights

Organization

CONTINUED »

National Socialist German Workers Party

Lincoln, NE

National Socialist Movement

Detroit, MI*

Mobile, AL

Phoenix, AZ

Riverside, CA

San Diego, CA

San Francisco, CA

Connecticut

Delaware

Florida

Tampa Bay, FL

North Georgia

South Georgia

Idaho

Chicago, IL

Wakarusa, IN

Kentucky

East Kentucky

Louisiana

Maine

Suffolk County, MA

Elkridge, MD

Minnesota

Mississippi

Springfield, MO

Montana

Nebraska

Las Vegas, NV

New Hampshire

New Jersey

Bayonne, NJ

Browns Mills, NJ

Central New Jersey

Clifton, NJ

Holland Township, NJ

New York

North Carolina

Ohio

Oregon

East Pennsylvania

Lehigh Valley, PA

Rhode Island

South Carolina

Charleston, SC

Greenville, SC

South Dakota

Tennessee

Central Tennessee

Texas

Utah

Vermont

Virginia

Vancouver, WA

New Berlin, WI

Kanawha County, WV

Wyoming

New Order

Milwaukee, WI

NS Publications

Wyandotte, MI

Revolutionary Order

of the Aryan Republic

Chattanooga, TN

SS Regalia

Edgewater, MD

Tabernacle of the

Phineas Priesthood -

Aryan Nations

Malvern, IA

Third Reich Books

Lincoln, NE

White Aryan

Resistance

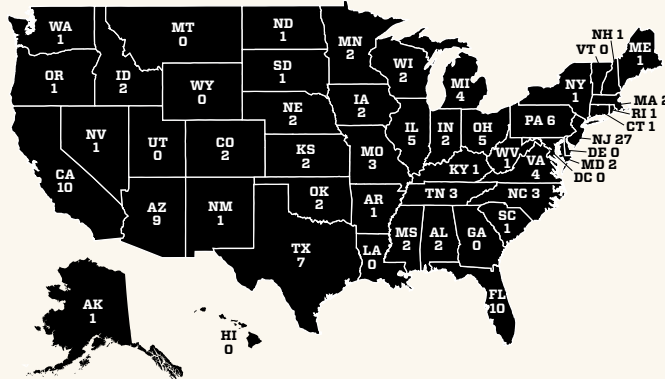
Warsaw, IN ▲

Mandeville, LA*
 Jacksonville, FL
 Columbus, GA
 Savannah, GA
 Thibodaux, LA
 Ripley, MS
 Cleveland, OH
 Tulsa, OK
 Columbia, SC
 Woodruff, SC
 Dallas/Fort Worth, TX
 Irving, TX
 Richmond, VA
Faith and Heritage
 Southeast Texas
Family Home
Northwest
 Payette, ID
The Fitzgerald Griffin
Foundation
 Vienna, VA
Free American
 Tucson, AZ
Free Edgar Steele
 Sagle, ID
Golden Dawn
 Astoria, NY
Heritage and Destiny
 Falls Church, VA
H.L. Mencken Club
 Brooklyn, NY
Illinois European
Heritage Association
 Wood River, IL
The Kinist Institute
 Orlando, FL
Lighthouse Literature
 Indianapolis, IN
Locust Blog
 Valley Village, CA
Middle American
News
 Raleigh, NC
Nationalist
Movement
 Learned, MS
National Policy
Institute
 Whitefish, MT
New Century
Productions
 Littleton, CO
Northwest Front
 Seattle, WA
NPI TV
 Brooklyn, NY
Occidental Dissent
 Birmingham, AL
Occidental Quar-
terly/Charles Martel
Society
 Atlanta, GA

Pacifica Forum
 Eugene, OR
Patriotic Flags
 Summerville, SC
Pioneer Fund
 New York, NY
Pioneer Little Europe
 Kalispell, MT
The Political
Cesspool
 Bartlett, TN
Protestant White
Nationalist Party
of Kentucky
 Louisville, KY
Racial Nationalist
Party of America
 Lockport, NY
Representative
Government Educa-
tion Foundation
 Lexington, VA
Scott-Townsend
Publishers
 Washington, DC
South Africa
Project
 Converse, LA*
 Arkansas
 Los Angeles, CA
 Sacramento, CA
 Connecticut
 Florida
 Idaho
 Maryland
 New Hampshire
 New York
 Ohio
 Pennsylvania
 Tennessee
Southern European
Aryans League Army
 Muncie, IN
Stormfront
 West Palm Beach, FL*
 Arizona
VDARE
Foundation
 Warrenton, VA
Voice of Reason
Broadcast Network
 Pasadena, CA
Washington Summit
Publishers
 Whitefish, MT
White Student Union
 Towson, MD
Women for
Aryan Unity
 Brooklyn, NY
WTM Enterprises
 Roanoke, IN ▲

RACIST SKINHEAD 138 GROUPS

SKINHEADS ARE MIGRATORY AND OFTEN NOT AFFILIATED WITH GROUPS. THIS LISTING UNDERSTATES THEIR NUMBERS.



88 Boot Boys

Phoenix, AZ
AC Skins
 Absecon, NJ
 Atlantic City, NJ
 Browns Mills, NJ
 Galloway, NJ
 Linwood, NJ
 Little Egg Harbor
 City, NJ
 Manchester
 Township, NJ
 Marlton, NJ
 Mays Landing, NJ
 Somers Point, NJ
 Wildwood, NJ
 Woodbine, NJ

American Front

Sacramento, CA*
 Lynn Haven, FL
 St. Cloud, FL
 Hackensack, NJ

Haledon, NJ
 Roselle, NJ

Aryan Terror Brigade

Flemington, NJ*
 Arizona
 Arkansas
 California
 Colorado
 Florida
 Indiana
 Kentucky
 Massachusetts
 Michigan
 Missouri
 Nebraska
 Nevada
 Fords, NJ
 Wildwood, NJ
 Windsor, NJ

New York
 North Carolina
 Ohio
 Pennsylvania
 Texas
 Virginia
 West Virginia
Bergen County
Hooligans
 Garfield, NJ
 Wallington, NJ
Blood and Honour
U.S.A.

Richardson, TX*
 Littleton, CO
 Fords, NJ
 Salem, OH

Confederate Hammerskins

Orlando, FL*
 Huntsville, AL
 Jacksonville, FL
 Ocala, FL
 Tampa, FL
 North Carolina
 Elgin, SC
 Nashville, TN
 Richmond, VA
COORS Family
Skinheads
 Riverside, CA

Crew 38

Huntsville, AL
 San Diego, CA
 Lakeland, FL
 Idaho
 Chicago, IL
 Wichita, KS
 Baltimore, MD
 Mississippi
 New Hampshire

North Carolina
 Oklahoma
 Tennessee
 Virginia

Eastern Hammerskins

Allentown, PA
East Valley Skins
 Mesa, AZ

Golden State Skinheads

California
The Hated
 Gainesville, FL*
 Toms River, NJ
 Philadelphia, PA
 Rhode Island

Keystone State Skinheads

Harrisburg, PA*
 Philadelphia, PA

Lone Star United

Dallas, TX*
 Ft. Worth, TX
 Houston, TX

Maryland State Skinheads

Baltimore, MD
Midland
Hammerskins
 Wichita, KS*

Tulsa, OK
 South Dakota

Midtown Boot Boys

Phoenix, AZ
Northern
Hammerskins
 Chicago, IL
 Detroit, MI
 Milwaukee,
 WI

Northwest Hammerskins

Idaho
 Washington
Orange County Skins
 Orange County, CA
Sacto Skinheads
 Sacramento, CA

Supreme White Alliance

Ohio*
 Phoenix, AZ
 Chicago, IL
 Iowa
 Minnesota
 Missouri
 New Jersey
 Farmington, NM
 San Angelo, TX
 Wisconsin

United Society of Aryan Skinheads

San Diego, CA
Vinlanders
 Anchorage, AK
 Mesa, AZ
 Illinois
 Knightstown, IN
 Michigan
 Minnesota
 Cherry Hill, NJ
 Closter, NJ
 Pt. Pleasant Beach, NJ
 Alexander, ND
 Ohio

Vinland Murder Squad

Phoenix, AZ

Volksfront

Portland, OR*
 Castaic, CA
 Connecticut
 Pensacola, FL
 Chicago, IL
 Pisgah, IA
 Boston, MA
 Portland, ME
 Detroit, MI
 Mississippi
 Bridgeton, MO
 Omaha, NE
 Columbus, OH
 Pittsburgh, PA
 Knoxville, TN
 Texarkana, TX
 Norfolk, VA

WAR Skins

Tuscon, AZ*

Phoenix, AZ
Western
Hammerskins
 San Diego, CA ▲

CHRISTIAN IDENTITY 54 GROUPS

CHRISTIAN IDENTITY DESCRIBES A RELIGION THAT IS FUNDAMENTALLY RACIST AND ANTI-SEMITIC. SOME GROUPS LISTED IN OTHER CATEGORIES, SUCH AS THE NEO-NAZI ARYAN NATIONS AND SEVERAL KLAN GROUPS, ALSO HOLD CHRISTIAN IDENTITY BELIEFS.

11th Hour Remnant Messenger

Santa Fe, NM

Abundant Life Fellowship

Morgantown, IN

America's Promise Ministries

Sandpoint, ID

The Ark

Northport, WA

Church of God's Chosen

Beaverton, AL

Church of Jesus Christ

Bergman, AR

Church of the Sons of Yhvh

Converse, LA

Covenant People's Ministry

Brooks, GA

Crusaders for Yahweh

Chillicothe, OH*

Phoenix, AZ

Alta Loma, CA

Miami, FL

Tampa, FL

Norcross, GA

Boise, ID

Coeur d'Alene, ID

Moscow, ID

Post Falls, ID

Twin Falls, ID

Detroit, MI

Duluth, MN

St. Paul, MN

Big Sandy, MT

Billings, MT

Great Falls, MT

Bismarck, ND

West Fargo, ND

Beatty, NV

Las Vegas, NV

Coos Bay, OR

Amarillo, TX

Dallas, TX

Falls City, TX

Salt Lake City, UT

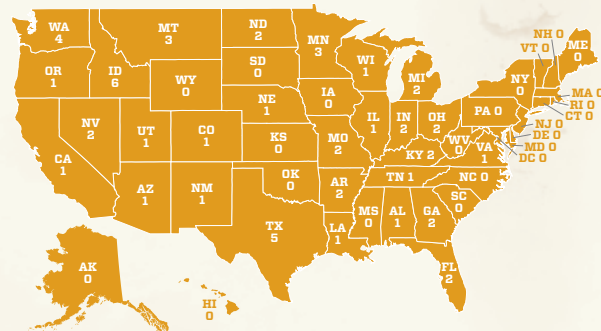
Bellingham, WA

Everett, WA

Spokane, WA

Eau Claire, WI

Ecclesiastical Council for the Restoration



of Covenant Israel (ECRCI)

Chicago, IL

Faith Baptist Church and Ministry

Houston, MO

Fellowship of God's Covenant People

Union, KY

First Century Christian Ministries

The Woodlands, TX

Kingdom Identity Ministries

Harrison, AR

Kinsman Redeemer Ministries

Alexandria, KY

Knights of the Holy Identity

Indiana

Mission to Israel

Scottsbluff, NE

Non-Universal Teaching Ministries

Fostoria, OH

Scriptures for America Ministries

Laporte, CO

The Shepherd's Call

Ministries

New Tazewell, TN

United Identity Church of Christ

Simms, TX

Virginia Publishing Company

Lynchburg, VA

Watchmen Bible Study Group

Wappapello, MO

Weisman Publications

Apple Valley, MN

Yahweh's Truth

Linwood, MI ▲

NEO-CONFEDERATE 30 GROUPS

NEO-CONFEDERATE GROUPS SEEK TO REVIVE MANY OF THE RACIST PRINCIPLES OF THE ANTEBELLUM SOUTH.

Dixie Republic

Travelers Rest, SC

Kingdom Treasure Ministries

Owasso, OK

League of the South

Killen, AL*

Anniston, AL

Birmingham, AL

Hackneyville, AL

Tuscaloosa, AL

Weogufka, AL

Wetumpka, AL

Mammoth Spring, AR

Scotts Valley, CA

Archer, FL

Jacksonville, FL

Barnesville, GA

Macon, GA

Statesboro, GA

Crofton, KY

Logansport, LA

Clements, MD

West Plains, MO

Mendenhall, MS

Wilmington, NC

Columbia, SC

Lobelville, TN

LaPorte, TX

Ruther Glen, VA

League of the South/Southern Patriot Super Store

Abbeville, SC

Livin' the Legacy

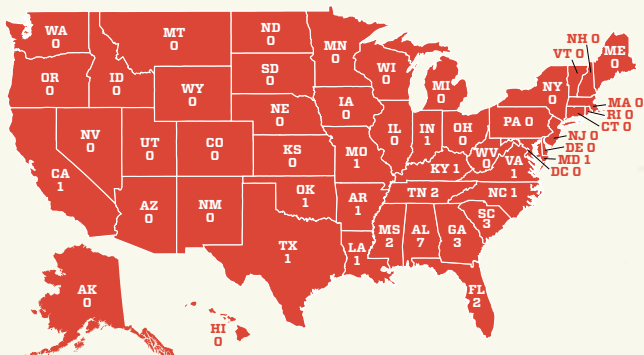
Nashville, IN

Mary Noel Kershaw Foundation

Lobelville, TN

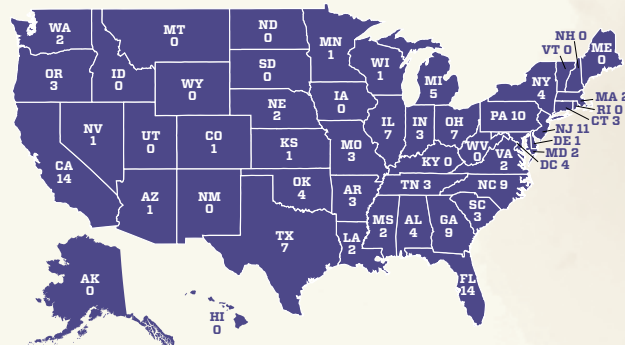
Pace Confederate Depot

Baldwyn, MS ▲



BLACK SEPARATIST 151 GROUPS

BLACK SEPARATIST GROUPS ARE ORGANIZATIONS WHOSE IDEOLOGIES INCLUDE TENETS OF RACIALLY BASED HATRED.



All Eyes On Egypt Bookstore

Chicago, IL

All Eyes On Egypt Bookstore

Macon, GA

Milledgeville, GA

Black Hebrew Israelites

San Diego, CA

The Israelite Church of God in Jesus Christ

New York, NY*

Washington, DC

Fort Myers, FL

North Miami, FL

Orlando, FL

West Palm Beach, FL

Baltimore, MD

North Minneapolis, MN

Kansas City, MO

Fayetteville, NC

Goldsboro, NC

Wilmington, NC

Omaha, NE

Asbury Park, NJ

Camden, NJ

Jersey City, NJ

Vineland, NJ

Lawton, OK

Oklahoma City, OK

Tulsa, OK

Beaverton, OR

Portland, OR

Allentown, PA

Coatesville, PA

Norristown, PA

Philadelphia, PA

Pittsburgh, PA

Nation of Islam

Chicago, IL*

Birmingham, AL

Decatur, AL

Huntsville, AL

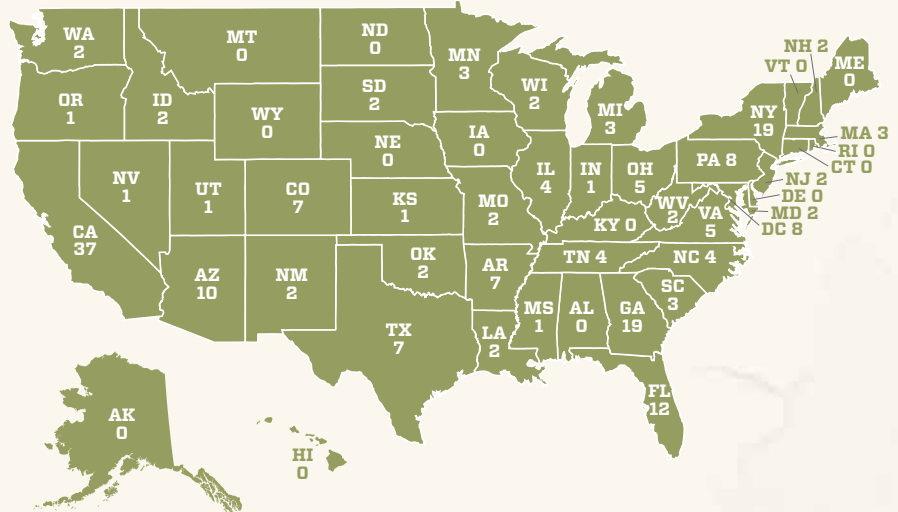
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Mobile, AL
 Little Rock, AR
 Pine Bluff, AR
 Phoenix, AZ
 Compton, CA
 Fresno, CA
 Long Beach, CA
 Los Angeles, CA
 Oakland, CA (2)
 Pittsburg, CA
 Richmond, CA
 Sacramento, CA
 San Diego, CA
 San Francisco, CA
 Stockton, CA
 Aurora, CO
 Bridgeport, CT
 Hartford, CT
 New Haven, CT
 Washington, DC
 Wilmington, DE
 Fort Lauderdale, FL
 Jacksonville, FL
 Miami, FL
 Orlando, FL
 Pensacola, FL
 St. Petersburg, FL
 Tampa, FL
 Albany, GA
 Atlanta, GA
 Augusta, GA
 Columbus, GA
 Macon, GA
 Waycross, GA
 East St. Louis, IL
 Joliet, IL
 Kankakee, IL
 Peoria, IL
 Rockford, IL
 Gary, IN
 Indianapolis, IN
 South Bend, IN
 Kansas City, KS
 Baton Rouge, LA
 New Orleans, LA
 Boston, MA
 Springfield, MA
 Baltimore, MD
 Detroit, MI
 Flint, MI
 Grand Rapids, MI
 Lansing, MI
 Kansas City, MO
 St. Louis, MO
 Jackson, MS
 Southaven, MS
 Charlotte, NC
 Durham, NC
 Greensboro, NC
 Greenville, NC
 Raleigh, NC
 Winston-Salem, NC

Omaha, NE
 Atlantic City, NJ
 Camden, NJ
 Jersey City, NJ
 Newark, NJ
 Paterson, NJ
 Plainfield, NJ
 Trenton, NJ
 Las Vegas, NV
 Brooklyn, NY
 Buffalo, NY
 Harlem, NY
 Akron, OH
 Cincinnati, OH
 Cleveland, OH
 Columbus, OH
 Dayton, OH
 Springfield, OH
 Youngstown, OH
 Oklahoma City, OK
 Portland, OR
 Chester, PA
 Harrisburg, PA
 Philadelphia, PA
 Pittsburgh, PA
 Charleston, SC
 Columbia, SC
 Memphis, TN
 Nashville, TN
 Austin, TX
 Dallas, TX
 Fort Worth, TX
 Houston, TX
 Tyler, TX
 Norfolk, VA
 Richmond, VA
 Seattle, WA
 Milwaukee, WI
**National Black Foot
 Soldier Network**
 Belle Glade, FL
 Detroit, MI
 South Carolina
 Knoxville, TN
 Seattle, WA
**New Black
 Panther Party**
 Washington, DC*
 Pulaski County, AR
 Los Angeles, CA
 Jacksonville, FL
 Tampa/St.
 Petersburg, FL
 Philadelphia, PA
 Dallas, TX
 Houston, TX
**United Nation
 of Nuwaupia
 (Nuwaubians)**
 Atlanta, GA
War On The Horizon
 Washington, DC ▲

GENERAL HATE 198 GROUPS

THESE ORGANIZATIONS ARE SUBDIVIDED INTO ANTI-GAY, ANTI-IMMIGRANT, HOLOCAUST DENIAL, RACIST MUSIC, AND RADICAL TRADITIONALIST CATHOLIC GROUPS. A FINAL "OTHER" SUB-CATEGORY INCLUDES GROUPS ESPOUSING A VARIETY OF HATEFUL DOCTRINES.



ANTI-GAY (34)

Abiding Truth Ministries
 Springfield, MA
American College of Pediatricians
 Gainesville, FL
American Family Association
 Tupelo, MS*
 Franklin, PA
Americans for Truth About Homosexuality
 Naperville, IL
American Vision
 Powder Springs, GA
Chalcedon Foundation
 Vallecito, CA
Faithful Word Baptist Church
 Tempe, AZ
Family Research Council
 Washington, DC
Family Research Institute
 Colorado Springs, CO
Family Watch International
 Gilbert, AZ
H.O.M.E. Heterosexuals Organized for a Moral Environment

Downers Grove, IL
Help Rescue Our Children
 Monsey, NY
Illinois Family Institute
 Carol Stream, IL
Mass Resistance
 Waltham, MA
Mission: America
 Columbus, OH
Parents Action League
 Champlin, MN
Pilgrims Covenant Church
 Monroe, WI
The Pray in Jesus Name Project
 Colorado Springs, CO
Providence Road Baptist Church
 Maiden, NC
Public Advocate of the United States
 Falls Church, VA
Save California
 Sacramento, CA
Sons of Thundr (Faith Baptist Church)
 Luthersville, GA
TC Family (Traverse City Family)

Traverse City, MI
Tom Brown Ministries
 El Paso, TX
Torah Jews for Decency
 Monsey, NY
Traditional Values Coalition
 Anaheim, CA*
 Washington, DC
True Light Pentecost Church
 Spartanburg, SC
Truth In Action Ministries
 Ft. Lauderdale, FL
United Families International
 Gilbert, AZ
Westboro Baptist Church
 Topeka, KS
Windsor Hills Baptist Church
 Oklahoma City, OK
You Can Run, But You Cannot Hide
 Annandale, MN
ANTI-IMMIGRANT (11)
American Border Patrol

Sierra Vista, AZ
American Immigration Control Foundation/Americans for Immigration Control
 Monterey, VA
American Patrol/Voice of Citizens Together
 Sherman Oaks, CA
Americans for Legal Immigration (ALIPAC)
 Raleigh, NC
California Coalition for Immigration Reform
 Huntington Beach, CA
Concerned Citizens and Friends of Illegal Immigration Law Enforcement
 Framingham, MA
Federation for American Immigration Reform
 Washington, DC
New Yorkers for Immigration Control and Enforcement (NYICE)

New York, NY
Social Contract Press
Petoskey, MI
United for a Sovereign America (USA)
Phoenix, AZ
US Border Guard & Border Rangers
Mesa, AZ

ANTI-MUSLIM (36)
9/11 Christian Center at Ground Zero
New York, NY
Aggressive Christianity
Fence Lake, NM*
Berino, NM
The American Defence League
New York, NY
American Freedom Defense Initiative
New York, NY
Atlas Shrugs
New York, NY
Bare Naked Islam
Marina Del Rey, CA
Casa D'Ice Signs
North Versailles, PA
Christian Action Network
Forest, VA
Christian Guardians
San Francisco, CA
Christian Phalange
Newton, NC
Citizens for National Security
Boca Raton, FL
Citizen Warrior
Nashville, TN
Concerned American Citizens
Wildomar, CA
Concerned Citizens for the First Amendment
Hemet, CA
Escaping Islam
Wildomar, CA
Faith Freedom
Bellevue, WA
Freedom Defense Initiative (FDI)
New York, NY
Gold is Money
Lone Tree, CO
Insight USA
Longwood, FL
Islam: Making a True Difference in the

World — One Body at a Time
Marietta, GA
Islam: the Religion of Peace (and a big stack of dead bodies)
Marietta, GA
Islamthreat.com
Walnut Creek, CA
Jihad Watch
Sherman Oaks, CA
Political Islam
Nashville, TN
Prophet of Doom
St. Louis, MO
Radio Jihad
New York
Sharia Awareness Action Network
Washington, DC
Silver Bullet Gun Oil
Courtland, VA
Stop the Islamization of America (SIOA)
New York, NY
Stop the Islamization of Nations (SION)
New York, NY
Sultan Knish a blog by Daniel Greenfield
New York, NY
Tennessee Freedom Coalition
Nashville, TN
United States Defense League
Monroe, NC
United States Justice Foundation
Ramona, CA
The United West
Lake Worth, FL

HOLOCAUST DENIAL (9)
Barnes Review/Foundation for Economic Liberty, Inc.
Washington, DC
Campaign for Radical Truth in History
Coeur d'Alene, ID
Castle Hill Publishers
New York, NY
Inconvenient History
San Ysidro, CA
Institute for Historical Review
Fountain Valley, CA
Institute for Historical Review Store
Newport Beach, CA

The International Conspiratological Association
Coeur d'Alene, ID
Irving Books
Key West, FL
Noontide Press
Newport Beach, CA

RACIST MUSIC (11)
Desastrious Records
Springtown, TX
Diehard Records
Chesapeake, OH
Get Some 88
Castaic, CA
Heritage Connection
Harrison, AR
ISD Records
Lancaster, OH
Label 56
Maryland
Micetrap Distribution
Maple Shade, NJ
MSR Productions
Wheat Ridge, CO
Poker Face
Allentown, PA
Resistance Records
Hillsboro, WV
Tightrope
Calico Rock, AR

RADICAL TRADITIONAL CATHOLIC (17)
Alliance for Catholic Tradition
Pleasant Unity, PA
CatholicActionResearchCenter.com
Orlando, FL
Catholic Apologetics International Publishing, Inc.
State Line, PA
Catholic Counterpoint
Broomall, PA
Catholic Family News/Catholic Family Ministries, Inc.
Niagara Falls, NY
Christ or Chaos
West Chester, OH
Culture Wars/Fidelity Press
South Bend, IN
The Fatima Crusader/International Fatima Rosary Crusade

Constable, NY
IHM Media
Richmond, NH
IHS Press
Odessa, TX
In the Spirit of Chartres Committee
Suffolk, VA
Most Holy Family Monastery
Fillmore, NY
OMNI Christian Book Club
Palmdale, CA
The Remnant/The Remnant Press
Forest Lake, MN
Slaves of the Immaculate Heart of Mary
Richmond, NH
St. Michael's Parish/Mount St. Michael
Spokane, WA
Tradition in Action
Los Angeles, CA

OTHER (80)
a2z Publications
Las Vegas, NV
American Free Press
Washington, DC
Artisan Publishers
Muskogee, OK
As-Sabiqun
Washington, DC*
Los Angeles, CA
Oakland, CA
Sacramento, CA
San Diego, CA
Philadelphia, PA
Barnhardt Capital Management, Inc.
Lone Tree, CO
Bill Keller Ministries (Bill Keller)
St. Petersburg, FL
Chick Publications
Ontario, CA
Christian Anti-Defamation Commission
Vista, CA
Christian Books and Things
Harrison, AR
The church at Kaweah
Kaweah, CA
Cultural Studies Press
New York, NY
The Dakota Voice
Rapid City, SD
DefendStudents.org
Vista, CA

Dove World Outreach Center
Gainesville, FL
European-American Evangelistic Crusades
Carmichael, CA
Florida Family Association
Tampa, FL
Fundamentalist Latter Day Saints
Hildale, UT*
Colorado City, AZ
Mancos, CO
Westcliffe, CO
Pringle, SD
Eldorado, TX
Geauga Constitutional Council
Mayfield Heights, OH
Georgia Militia
Newton County, GA
Bulloch County, GA
Camden County, GA
Catoosa County, GA
Chatham County, GA
Cobb County, GA (2)
Franklin County, GA
Fulton County, GA
Gwinnett County, GA
Newton County, GA
Paulding County, GA
Richmond County, GA
Stephens County, GA
Holy Nation of Odin
Kingsburg, CA
Invictus Books
Wentzville, MO
Jamaat al-Muslimeen
Baltimore, MD
Jewish Defense League
Los Angeles, CA*
Arizona
San Diego, CA
Fort Lauderdale, FL
Skokie, IL
Louisiana
Michigan
South Carolina
Texas
Jewish Task Force
Fresh Meadows, NY
M.A.C.S. Klan Merchandise
Louisiana
Masjid al Islam
Washington, DC*
Oakland, CA
National Prayer Network
Clackamas, OR
National Vanguard Books
Hillsboro, WV
Official Street Preachers
Los Angeles, CA
Original North Phoenix Tea Party
North Phoenix, AZ
Ozark Craft LC
Harrison, AR
Power of Prophecy
Austin, TX
The Redneck Shop
Laurens, SC
Reformation-Bible Puritan-Baptist Church
Newmanstown, PA
Samanta Roy Institute of Science and Technology
Shawano, WI
Society for the Practical Establishment and Perpetuation of the Ten Commandments
Eatonton, GA
Sons of Aesir Motorcycle Club
Maricopa County, AZ
Tea Party Nation
Franklin, TN
Tony Alamo Christian Ministries
Fouke, AR*
Fort Smith, AR
Canyon Country, CA
New York, NY
Texarkana, TX
Truth Triumphant
Eustis, FL
United Patriots of America
Linden, NJ
Vinland Folk Resistance
Kingsburg, CA
Voz de Aztlan
Whittier, CA
White Pride Home School Resource Center
Bergman, AR ▲

Active ‘Patriot’ Groups in the United States in 2012

The Intelligence Project identified 1,360 anti-government “Patriot” groups that were active in 2012. Of these groups, 321 were militias, marked with an asterisk, and the remainder includes “common-law” courts, publishers, ministries and citizens’ groups. Generally, Patriot groups define themselves as opposed to the “New World Order,” engage in groundless conspiracy theorizing, or advocate or adhere to extreme antigovernment doctrines. Listing here does not imply that the groups themselves advocate or engage in violence or other criminal activities, or are racist. The list was compiled from field reports, Patriot publications, the Internet, law enforcement sources and news reports.

Groups are identified by the city, county or region where they are located.

ALABAMA (30)

22nd Field Force Alabama Militia*

Double Springs

Alabama Constitutional Militia C.O.C.*

Calhoun County

Clarke County

Coffee County

Elmore County

Hale County

Marion County

Marshall County

America Can Be Free

Newton

Constitution Party

Montgomery

Freedom Yell

Ozark

Free Patriot Press

Birmingham

Get Out Of Our House (GOOOH)

Statewide

John Birch Society

Mobile

LewRockwell.com

Auburn

Oath Keepers

Statewide

Republic for the united States of America

Dothan

Skipperville

Republic for the united States of America — Republic Congress

Skipperville

Statewide

South Alabama Militia*

Ashford

Pansy

Southeast Constitutional Militia*

Statewide

Tenth Amendment Center

Statewide

THREE%ER

Pinson

Watchmen of Alabama*

Statewide

We Are Change

Birmingham

Fultondale

Huntsville

Leesburg

ALASKA (20)

Alaska Citizens Militia*

Nikiski

Alaska Peacemakers Militia*

Fairbanks

Anchorage Municipality Defense

Force*

Anchorage

Central Alaska Militia*

Delta Junction

Fairbanks

Glenallen

North Pole

Tok

Central Kenai Peninsula Militia*

Kenai

Constitution Party (Alaska Independence Party)

Soldotna

Get Out Of Our House (GOOOH)

Statewide

John Birch Society

Statewide

North Slope Militia*

Deadhorse

Oath Keepers
Statewide
Republic for the united States of America — Alaska Republic
Statewide
Republic for the united States of America — Republic Congress
Statewide
South Central Alaska Militia*
Wasilla
Spartan Marine Corps of Alaska*
Juneau
Valdez
We the People
Homer
ARIZONA (39)
American Patriot Friends Network
Peoria
American Patriot Party
Statewide
Arizona Citizens Militia*
Douglas
Arizona Militia*
Glendale
Committees of Safety
Mesa
Tucson
Constitution Party
Apache County
Cochise County
Coconino County
Goodyear
Navajo County
Pinal County
Tucson
Yavapai County
Yuma County
Freedom's Phoenix
Glendale
Get Out Of Our House (GOOOH)
Statewide
Hour of the Time
Eagar
John Birch Society
Mesa
Molon Labe
Phoenix
Oath Keepers
Statewide
Pima County Assembly and Committee on Safety
Pima County
Republic for the united States of America
Coconino County
Maricopa County
Scottsdale
Yavapai
Republic for the united States of America - Republic Congress
Statewide
Riders United for a Sovereign America, Corp.
Phoenix
Shadow Mountain Bank

Ash Fork
Show Me The Loan
Glendale
Southeast Valley Tea Party Patriots
Santan Valley
Tenth Amendment Center
Statewide
THC Ministries of Arizona
Tucson
Watchmen of Arizona
Statewide
We Are Change
Statewide
We the People
Phoenix (2)
Western Center for Journalism
Anthem
You Have the Right
Statewide
ARKANSAS (12)
American Patriot Party
Statewide
Constitution Party
Fayetteville
Get Out Of Our House (GOOOH)
Statewide
John Birch Society
Fort Smith
Militia of Washington County*
Fayetteville
Oath Keepers
Statewide
Republic for the united States of America
Statewide
Republic for the united States of America — Republic Congress
Statewide
Secure Arkansas
Little Rock
We Are Change
Little Rock
Searcy
We the People
North Little Rock
CALIFORNIA (81)
Aggressive Commentary By Dr. Jerome Corsi — 1776 Nation
Irvine
American Armenian Militia*
Burbank
American Independent Party
Vacaville
California State Militia — 31st Field Force Squad Alpha/SOG*
Orange County
Constitution Party
Riverside
San Leandro
DEMOCRATS AGAINST U.N. AGENDA 21
Santa Rosa
The Dorean Group
Union City
Dprogram.net

Sebastopol
Educate Yourself
Costa Mesa
Freedom Advocates
Santa Cruz
Freedom Force International
Thousand Oaks
Freedom Law School
Phelan
Free Enterprise Society
Fresno
Free Republic
Fresno
General Post Office
Shasta County
Ventura County
Get Out Of Our House (GOOOH)
Statewide
Inland Empire Oath Keepers
Riverside
Jefferson Home Guard*
Lookout Junction
John Birch Society
Chico
Los Angeles
Sacramento
Simi Valley
Tulare County
Liberty Under Fire Freedom Fighters
Taft
National Veterans Coalition
Anaheim Hills
Northern California State Militia*
Butte County
Falcon Creek
Sacramento
Solano County
Stockton
Sunnyvale
Tehama County
Nullify Now!
Los Angeles
Oath Keepers
Banning
High Desert
Mecca
Northern California
Orange County
Rialto
Riverside
San Bernardino
Southern California
Temecula
The Post Sustainability Institute
Santa Rosa
Radio Liberty
Soquel
Republic for the united States of America
Placer County
Riverside County
Statewide
Republic for the united States of America — Republic Congress
Statewide

The Resistance--Mark Dice's Official Website
San Diego
Second Amendment Committee
Hanford
SetoffDebt.com
Costa Mesa
State of California Unorganized Militia*
Monrovia
Tenth Amendment Center
Los Angeles
Truth Radio
Nipomo
UCC Class
Rocklin
Washitaw Empire de Dugdahmoundyah
San Pedro
We Are Change
Bakersfield
Chico
Fresno
Grass Valley
Hollywood
Humboldt
Inland Empire
Irvine
Long Beach
Los Angeles
Oakland
Ontario
Red Bluff
Riverside County
Sacramento
San Bernardino
San Diego
San Francisco Bay Area
San Luis Obispo
Stockton
We the People
Riverside
San Leandro
COLORADO (31)
America First Party
Boulder
American Freedom Network
Johnstown
American Patriot Party
Statewide
Colorado Front Range Militia*
Lakewood
Colorado State Group*
Statewide
Colorado State Militias*
Lakewood
Constitution Party
Adams County
Arvada
Douglas County
Elbert County
El Paso County
Jefferson County
Platteville
Discharge Debt

Broomfield
eMilitary Manuals
 Montrose
Get Out Of Our House (GOOOH)
 Statewide
John Birch Society
 Aurora
Oath Keepers
 Statewide
Republic for the united States of America
 Statewide
Republic for the united States of America — Republic Congress
 Statewide
SteveQuayle.com
 Pueblo West
Team Law
 Grand Junction
Tenth Amendment Center
 Statewide
We Are Change
 Colorado Springs
 Durango
 Fort Collins
 Huerfano
 Statewide
We the People
 Arapahoe
 Delta
 Peyton
CONNECTICUT (14)
Connecticut 51st Militia*
 Terryville
Connecticut Survivalist Alliance
 Middlefield
Constitution Party
 Plantsville
Get Out Of Our House (GOOOH)
 Statewide
John Birch Society
 Southington
Oath Keepers
 Statewide
The Post & Email
 Stafford Springs
Republic for the united States of America
 Statewide
Republic for the united States of America — Republic Congress
 Statewide
Tenth Amendment Center
 Statewide
We Are Change
 Wallingford
 Waterbury
We the People
 Statewide
 Waterbury
DELAWARE (8)
Constitution Party
 Clayton
Get Out Of Our House (GOOOH)
 Statewide

John Birch Society
 Statewide
Oath Keepers
 Statewide
Republic for the united States of America
 Statewide
Sovereign State Depository.com
 Wilmington
We Are Change
 Statewide
We the People
 Smyrna
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA (6)
John Birch Society
 Washington DC
Oath Keepers
 Washington DC
We Are Change
 Washington DC
We the People
 Washington DC
WND Books
 Washington DC
WorldNetDaily
 Washington DC
FLORIDA (51)
Agenda21Today
 Shady Grove
America First Party of Florida
 Fort White
American Patriot Party
 Statewide
Constitution Party
 Deltona
 Ft. Myers
 Hollywood
 Lake Worth
 Ocala
 St. Johns County
Florida Constitution Guard*
 Orlando
Florida Free Militia*
 Palm Coast
Florida Preparedness Group*
 Daytona
 Gainesville
 Miami
 Orlando
 Palm Beach County
 St. Augustine
 Statewide
 St. Lucie County
 Tampa
General Post Office
 Statewide
Get Out Of Our House (GOOOH)
 Statewide
John Birch Society
 Deltona
 Gainesville
 Jacksonville
 Winter Garden
North Florida Survival Group*
 North Florida

North West Florida Militia — The Fighting 1st*
 Gulf Breeze
Now the End Begins
 Jacksonville
Oath Keepers
 Statewide
Republic for the united States of America
 Brevard County
 Statewide
Republic for the united States of America — Republic Congress
 Statewide
Southeast Constitutional Militia*
 Sarasota
Tenth Amendment Center
 Pensacola
 Tampa Bay
Watchmen of Florida*
 Statewide
We Are Change
 Fort Myers
 Miami
 Orlando
 Palm Beach
 Port St. Lucie
 Sarasota
 Tallahassee
 Tampa
We the People
 Dunedin
 Ft. Lauderdale
 Hudson
 New Port Richey
 Sanford
 Tarpon Springs
GEORGIA (33)
American Patriot Party
 Statewide
American Resistance Radio
 Martinez
Confederate States Home Guard*
 Tate
Constitution Party
 Barnesville
 Lawrenceville
 Pooler
 Woodstock
Discount Book Distributors/The Patriot Depot
 Powder Springs
FEAR Militia*
 Fort Stewart
Freedom Fighter Radio
 Martinez
Get Out Of Our House (GOOOH)
 Statewide
John Birch Society
 Statewide
Liberty Alliance
 Powder Springs
The Moorish Science Temple of America 1928
 Atlanta

Oath Keepers
 Statewide
The Order of Constitution Defenders.com
 Canton
Republic for the united States of America
 Statewide
Republic for the united States of America — Republic Congress
 Statewide
Southeast Constitutional Militia*
 Statewide
Tenth Amendment Center
 Statewide
True Patriots
 Dallas
Watchmen of Georgia
 Statewide
We Are Change
 Atlanta
 LaGrange
 Savannah
We the People
 Atlanta
 Baldwin
 Cumming
 Gainesville
 Jefferson
 Marietta
 Richmond Hill
 Woodstock
HAWAII (6)
Get Out Of Our House (GOOOH)
 Statewide
Republic for the united States of America
 Statewide
Republic for the united States of America — Republic Congress
 Statewide
We are Change
 Maui
 Pahoia
We the People
 Wailuku
IDAHO (23)
Commercial Redemption
 Boise
Constitution Party
 Bonner County
 Coeur d'Alene
 Idaho Falls
 Parma
First American Patriot Church
 Boise
Get Out Of Our House (GOOOH)
 Statewide
Idaho Observer
 Spirit Lake
John Birch Society
 Boise
The Micro Effect
 Kamiah
National Center for Constitutional

Studies

Malta

North Idaho Light Foot Militia*

Bonner County

Boundary County

Kootenai County

Oath Keepers

Statewide

Palouse Lightfoot Militia — Alpha Company, 57th Battalion, 43rd Field Force*

Moscow

Police & Military Against the New World Order

Kamiah

Republic for the united States of America

Statewide

Republic for the united States of America — Republic Congress

Statewide

Status Is Freedom

Boise

Watchmen of Idaho*

Statewide

We Are Change

Statewide

We the People

Parma

ILLINOIS (45)

135th Illinois Volunteer Cavalry*

Hillsboro

America First Party of Illinois

St. Charles

American Patriot Party

Statewide

Camp FEMA

Northbrook

Constitution Party

Belleville

General Post Office

Statewide

Get Out Of Our House (GOOOH)

Statewide

Illinois Sons of Liberty*

Adams County

Bureau County

Champaign County

Clark County

Clay County

Cook County

Henry County

Jackson County

Kane County

Livingston County

Macon County

Macoupin County

McHenry County

Menard County

Ogle County

Peoria County

Saline County

Shelby County

Statewide

St. Clair County

Warren County

Will County

Illinois State Militia (Unorganized)

167th Battalion, 21st FF*

Statewide

John Birch Society — Illinois JBS

Statewide

Martial Law Survival

Thomson

Northwest Illinois Militia*

Chicago

Oath Keepers

Statewide

Republic for the united States of America

Statewide

Republic for the united States of America — Republic Congress

Statewide

Restore the Republic

Northbrook

The Roger Sherman Institute

Altona

Tenth Amendment Center

Statewide

Watchmen of Illinois*

Statewide

We Are Change

Chicago

Peoria

Rockford

Rock Island

We the People

Chicago

INDIANA (36)

4th Regiment Watchmen of Indiana*

Fortville

American Patriot Party

Statewide

Constitution Party

Leo

Salem

Constitution Preservation

Hammond

Get Out Of Our House (GOOOH)

Statewide

Indiana Militia Corps*

Ingalls

Northeast

Northwest

Southeast

Southwest

Indianapolis Baptist Temple

Indianapolis

Indiana Sons of Liberty*

Daviess County

Hamilton County

Henry County

Howard County

Huntington

LaPorte County

Monroe County

Scott County

Vanderburgh County

Wabash County

Warrick County

Indiana State Militia 14th

Regiment*

Owen County

John Birch Society

Elkhart

Oath Keepers

Statewide

Republic for the united States of America

Wabash

Republic for the united States of America — Republic Congress

Statewide

Sons of Liberty

Columbus

Tenth Amendment Center

Statewide

Watchmen of Indiana*

Statewide

We Are Change

Allen County

Charlestown

Jasper

Wells County Patriots

Bluffton

We the People

Statewide

IOWA (13)

American Patriot Party

Statewide

Constitution Party

Eldon

Get Out Of Our House (GOOOH)

Statewide

John Birch Society

Statewide

Oath Keepers

Statewide

Republic for the united States of America

Statewide

Republic for the united States of America — Republic Congress

Statewide

We Are Change

Davenport/Bettendorf

Des Moines

Sioux City

We the People

Burlington

Davenport

Elkader

KANSAS (17)

American Patriot Party

Statewide

Constitution Party

Wichita

The Freeman Perspective

Lawrence

Get Out Of Our House (GOOOH)

Statewide

John Birch Society

Statewide

Kansas State Militia*

Wichita

Oath Keepers

Statewide

Patriot Freedom Alliance

Hutchinson

Republic for the united States of America

Statewide

Republic for the united States of America — Republic Congress

Statewide

Tenth Amendment Center

Statewide

We Are Change

Lawrence

Manhattan

Statewide

Wichita

We the People

Burlington

Statewide

KENTUCKY (19)

1st Joint Public Militia*

Bowling Green

Brooksville

Constitution Party

Lexington

Get Out Of Our House (GOOOH)

Statewide

John Birch Society

Statewide

Kentucky's Section 8 Militia*

Central

Kentucky State Militia — Ohio Valley Command*

Louisville

N. KY. Militia*

Brooksville

Oath Keepers

Statewide

PatriotResistance.com

Lexington

Republic for the united States of America

Statewide

Republic for the united States of America — Republic Congress

Statewide

Take Back Kentucky

Clarkson

Tenth Amendment Center

Statewide

Watchmen of America

Lexington

We Are Change

Highland Heights

Lexington

Louisville

We the People

Statewide

LOUISIANA (14)

American Patriot Party

Statewide

Constitution Party

Eunice Get Out Of Our House (GOOOH) Statewide John Birch Society New Orleans Oath Keepers Statewide Republic for the united States of America Statewide Republic for the united States of America — Republic Congress Statewide Southeast Constitutional Militia* Statewide Tenth Amendment Center Statewide Truth Attack Shreveport Washitaw Empire de Dugdahmoundyah Monroe Watchmen of Louisiana* Statewide We Are Change New Orleans We the People Baton Rouge MAINE (20) Citizens of the American Constitution Bingham Constitution Party Kennebunk Discerning Today Bangor EPI — Environmental Perspectives Incorporated Bangor Get Out Of Our House (GOOOH) Statewide John Birch Society — Maine Statewide Maine Constitutional Militia* Statewide Maine Highlands Defense Force* Bangor Maine Patriot Books Brunswick Maine Patriot Militia* Berwick Oath Keepers Statewide Republic for the united States of America Statewide Republic for the united States of America — Republic Congress Statewide Sovereignty International, Inc. Bangor Tenth Amendment Center Statewide Watchmen of Maine* Sanford	Statewide We Are Change Brunswick Portland We the People Lincoln MARYLAND (15) III Percent Patriots Gaithersburg America's Survival, Inc. Owings American Patriot Party Statewide Beverly Eakman Kensington Constitution Party Rockville Get Out Of Our House (GOOOH) Statewide The Institute on the Constitution (aka American View) Pasadena John Birch Society Elkton Oath Keepers Statewide Republic for the united States of America Statewide Republic for the united States of America — Republic Congress Statewide Save A Patriot Fellowship Westminster We Are Change Baltimore Frederick We the People Reisterstown MASSACHUSETTS (12) America First Party of Massachusetts New Bedford Constitution Party Townsend Get Out Of Our House (GOOOH) Statewide John Birch Society North Reading Massachusetts Liberty Preservation Association Belchertown Oath Keepers Statewide Republic for the united States of America Worcester Republic for the united States of America — Republic Congress Statewide Tenth Amendment Center Statewide We Are Change Boston Springfield	We the People Boston MICHIGAN (77) American Patriot Party Alger County Capitol City Militia* Clinton County Eaton County Ingham County Constitution Party Dorr Grand Rapids Hudsonville Kalamazoo Delta 5 Mobile Light Infantry Militia* Barry County Branch County Calhoun County Eaton County Kalamazoo County South Central Michigan Eastern Michigan Constitution Militia* Statewide Get Out Of Our House (GOOOH) Statewide The Heartland USA Crystal Falls Jack Van Impe Ministries International Troy John Birch Society Statewide Liberty Tree Radio Dexter Lost Horizons Commerce Township Michigan Downriver Volunteer Militia* Wayne County Michigan Patriot Alliance* Arenac County Bay County Cheboygan County Clinton County Crawford County Genesee County Gladwin County Gratiot County Huron County Jackson County Lapeer County Macomb County Midland County Oakland County Oceana County Presque Isle County Saginaw County Sanilac County Shiawassee County Statewide St. Clair County Tuscola County The Moorish Divine and National	Movement of the World Oakland Moorish Republic Trust Oak Park Northern Michigan Backyard Protection Militia* Northern Michigan Oath Keepers Farmington Hills Patriot Broadcasting Network Dexter Republic for the united States of America Statewide Republic for the united States of America — Republic Congress Statewide Southeast Michigan Volunteer Militia* Detroit Livingston County Macomb County Monroe County Oakland County St. Clair County Washtenaw County Watchmen of Michigan* Statewide We Are Change Clio Detroit Fenton Flint Fremont Grass Valley Northville South Central Michigan West Central Michigan Volunteer Militia* Kent County Ionia County Ottawa County West Michigan Volunteer Militia* Kent County Muskegon County Newaygo County Oceana County Ottawa County We the People Novi West Bloomfield MINNESOTA (13) American Patriot Party Statewide Constitution Party Redwood Falls Genesis Communication Network Eagan Get Out Of Our House (GOOOH) Hennepin County John Birch Society Statewide Oath Keepers Statewide Republic for the united States of
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America
Statewide
Republic for the united States of America — Republic Congress
Statewide
Tenth Amendment Center
Statewide
We Are Change
Duluth
Minneapolis
Statewide
We the People
Duluth
MISSISSIPPI (22)
912 Project Hattiesburg
Hattiesburg
America First Party of Mississippi
Greenwood
Constitution Party
Guntown
East Central Mississippi Militia*
East Central
Get Out Of Our House (GOOOH)
Statewide
John Birch Society
Statewide
Mississippi Militia*
Southaven
Mississippi Preparedness Chapter*
East Central
Northeast
Northwest
Southeast
Southwest
Statewide
West Central
Mississippi Tea Party
Jackson
Oath Keepers
Statewide
Republic for the united States of America
Statewide
Republic for the united States of America — Republic Congress
Statewide
Southeast Constitutional Militia*
Statewide
South Mississippi State Militia*
South
Stop Agenda 21 in Mississippi
Jackson
We the People
Oxford
MISSOURI (29)
America First Party of Missouri
Imperial
blood of patriots
Columbia
Constitution Party
Arnold
Don't Tread on Me
Columbia
Get Out Of Our House (GOOOH)
Statewide

Heal Our Land Ministries
Branson
John Birch Society
St. Peters
Liberty Restoration Project
St. Louis
Missouri Militia*
Joplin (2)
Springfield
St. Louis
West Central
Oath Keepers
Statewide
The Order of Constitution Defenders.com
Statewide
The Power Hour
Versailles
Republic for the united States of America
Statewide
Republic for the united States of America – Republic Congress
Statewide
Take Back Washington
Versailles
Tenth Amendment Center
Statewide
We Are Change
Branson
Kansas City
Springfield
Statewide
St. Charles
St. Louis
We the People
Cedar Hill
High Ridge
William Lewis Films
Columbia
MONTANA (22)
Celebrating Conservatism
Missoula
Constitution Party
Helena
Flathead County
Lake County
Ravalli County
Yellowstone County
Get Out Of Our House (GOOOH)
Missoula County
John Birch Society
Statewide
Lincoln County Watch
Bozeman
Militia of Montana*
Noxon
Montana 41st Light Horse Mountain Dragoons*
Statewide
Oath Keepers
Bozeman
The Order of Constitution Defenders.com
Park County

Statewide
Republic for the united States of America
Hamilton
Republic for the united States of America — Republic Congress
Statewide
Stand Up America U.S.
Big Fork
Tenth Amendment Center
Statewide
We Are Change
Billings
Missoula
We the People
Billings
Yellowstone Plainsmen*
Eastern
NEBRASKA (15)
37 Nebraska Volunteer Militia*
Hastings
American Patriot Party
Statewide
Constitution Party
Omaha
Get Out Of Our House (GOOOH)
Statewide
John Birch Society
Statewide
The Nebraska State Militia*
Statewide
Nebraska State Militia — Tall Grass Guard*
Douglas County
Oath Keepers
Statewide
Republic for the united States of America
Statewide
Republic for the united States of America — Republic Congress
Statewide
Watchmen of Nebraska*
Statewide
We Are Change
Gibbon
Omaha
We the People
Bellevue
Statewide
NEVADA (24)
Battle Born 36/3rd Patriots*
Statewide
Battle Hymn
Summerlin
Center for Action
Sandy Valley
Constitution Party
Carson City
Daytona
Deep Well
Las Vegas
Minden
Pahrump
Sparks

General Post Office
Gardnerville
Get Out Of Our House (GOOOH)
Statewide
Independent American Party (Constitution Party)
Elko
John Birch Society
Statewide
NACRS — Negotiations Analysis & Contractual Relations Specialists
Las Vegas
Nevada Action Coalition
Las Vegas
Oath Keepers
Henderson
Las Vegas
The Order of Constitution Defenders.com
Las Vegas
Republic for the united States of America
Gardnerville
Republic for the united States of America – Republic Congress
Statewide
Southern Nevada Militia*
Statewide
We Are Change
Las Vegas
We the People
North Las Vegas
NEW HAMPSHIRE (12)
America First Party of New Hampshire
Windham
American Patriot Party
Statewide
Get Out Of Our House (GOOOH)
Statewide
John Birch Society
Statewide
New Hampshire Patriot Militia*
Statewide
Oath Keepers
Statewide
Republic for the united States of America
Statewide
Republic for the united States of America — Republic Congress
Statewide
Tenth Amendment Center
Statewide
We Are Change
North Conway
We the People
Manchester
What Really Happened
Concord
NEW JERSEY (31)
Constitution Party
Atlantic County
Bergen County
Camden County

Cape May County
Cinnaminson
Cumberland County
Gloucester County
Hunterdon County
Mercer County
Middlesex County
Monmouth County
Morris County
Ocean County
Passaic County
Salem County
Sussex County
Union County
Warren County
Get Out Of Our House (GOOOH)
Statewide
John Birch Society
Marlton
Passaic County
Oath Keepers
Statewide
Republic for the united States of America
Statewide
Republic for the united States of America — Republic Congress
Statewide
R.V. Bey Publications
Pleasantville
Tenth Amendment Center
Statewide
We Are Change
Bridgewater
Little Falls
Stanhope
Statewide
We the People
Monmouth
NEW MEXICO (22)
Constitution Party
Albuquerque
Get Out Of Our House (GOOOH)
Statewide
John Birch Society
Statewide
New Mexico Citizen's Militia*
Chaves County
Dona Ana County
Grant County
Los Lunas
Otero County
Sandoval County
San Juan County
New Mexico State Group*
Aztec
Oath Keepers
Statewide
Republic for the united States of America
Statewide
Republic for the united States of America — Republic Congress
Statewide
Southern New Mexico Militia*

Chaves County
Curry County
Dona Ana County
Hidalgo County
Otero County
We Are Change
Albuquerque
Santa Fe
We the People
Albuquerque
NEW YORK (54)
Aboriginal Law Institute
New York
America First Party of New York
Lynbrook
American Patriot Party
Statewide
Constitution Party
Buffalo
Empire State Militia*
Northwestern
Oneida Area
Staten Island
Statewide
Ulster County Area
Westchester Area
Get Out Of Our House (GOOOH)
Statewide
John Birch Society
Flushing
New York Liberty Council
Albany
New York Mutual Assistance Group*
Suffolk County
Oath Keepers
Astoria
Chatham
Republic for the united States of America
Statewide
Republic for the united States of America — Republic Congress
Statewide
Stop the North American Union
Wayland
Tenth Amendment Center
Statewide
Watchmen of New York*
Statewide
We Are Change
Buffalo
Hamburg
Long Island
New City
New York
Rochester
Staten Island
Syracuse
Westchester
White Plains
West New York Patriots*
Chautauqua County
Chemung County
Erie County

Jefferson County
Livingston County
Monroe County
Oneida County
Onondaga County
Ontario County
Southern
Statewide
Steuben County
We The People
Adams
East Islip
Hudson
Odessa
Perry
Pomona
Queensbury (2)
Three Mile Bay
Watertown
You Have Tread On Me
New York
NORTH CAROLINA (44)
American Patriot Party
Statewide
America's Remedy
Charlotte
Constitution Party
Cabarrus County
Charlotte
Duplin County
Gaston County
Lincoln County
Pender County
Rowan County
Union County
Wayne County
Cultural Freedom
Warrenton
Cultural Freedom Bookstore
Fayetteville
Freedom Warriors National Militia*
Hickory
Get Out Of Our House (GOOOH)
Statewide
Granny Warriors
Leicester
John Birch Society
Raleigh
NCRenegade
Raleigh
NORTH-CAROLINA American Republic
Charlotte
Forsyth County
Gaston County
Haywood County
Lincoln County
Rowan County
Rutherford County
Yadkin County
North Carolina Citizens Militia*
Charlotte
Coastal Area
Sandhills Area
Waynesville

Oath Keepers
Statewide
Preamble Trust
Charlotte
Republic for the united States of America
Statewide
Republic for the united States of America — Republic Congress
Statewide
Stokes County Militia*
Pinnacle
Tenth Amendment Center
Statewide
United Nations of Turtle Island
Lumberton
We Are Change
Asheville
Charlotte
Mount Airy
Purlear
Raleigh
Statewide
We the People
Statewide
NORTH DAKOTA (6)
Constitution Party
Bismarck
Get Out Of Our House (GOOOH)
Statewide
John Birch Society
Statewide
Republic for the united States of America
Statewide
Republic for the united States of America — Republic Congress
Statewide
We Are Change
Bismarck
OHIO (35)
3 BN ODF Northeast*
Northeast
America First Party of Ohio
Cleveland
American Patriot Party
Statewide
Constitutional Militia of Clark County*
Clark County
Constitution Party
Delaware
Don't Tread on Me
Cleveland
Get Out Of Our House (GOOOH)
Statewide
John Birch Society
Columbus
Delaware
St. Marys
North Coast Citizens Militia*
Northwest Ohio/Southwest
Pennsylvania
Northeastern Ohio Defense Force 3BN*

Lisbon
Northwestern Ohio Defense Force 4BN*
 Kenton
Oath Keepers
 Statewide
 Willoughby
Ohio Minutemen Militia*
 Central Region
 Fremont
 Northeast Region
 Northwest Region
 Southwest Region
 Statewide
Ohio Patriot Guard*
 Ashtabula County
Republic for the united States of America
 Statewide
Republic for the united States of America — Republic Congress
 Statewide
Sons of Liberty Academy
 Cleveland
Southeast Ohio Defense Force 1BN ODF*
 Southeast
Tenth Amendment Center
 Statewide
Unorganized Militia of Champaign County*
 Saint Paris
Watchmen of Ohio*
 Statewide
We Are Change
 Athens County
 Mansfield
 Statewide
We the People
 Beaver creek
 Lebanon
Zanesville Patriots
 Frazeysburg
OKLAHOMA (14)
American Patriot Party
 Statewide
Constitution Party
 Chandler
Get Out Of Our House (GOOOH)
 Statewide
John Birch Society
 Statewide
Oath Keepers
 Owasso
 Statewide
OK SAFE, Inc. (Oklahomans for Sovereignty and Free Enterprise)
 Tulsa
Republic for the united States of America
 Statewide
Republic for the united States of America — Republic Congress
 Statewide
Tenth Amendment Center

Statewide
We Are Change
 Oklahoma City
 Tulsa
We the People
 Tulsa
Women's International Media Group
 Yukon
OREGON (31)
1st Oregon Recon*
 Statewide
American Patriot Party
 Ashland
 Statewide
Constitution Party
 Hubbard
Embassy of Heaven
 Stayton
Emissary Publications
 Colton
Freedom Bound International
 Klamath Falls
Get Out Of Our House (GOOOH)
 Statewide
The Global Freedom Report
 Klamath Falls
The Intel Hub
 La Pine
Jefferson Home Guard*
 Southeastern
John Birch Society
 Statewide
McCutcheons Ink.
 Central Point
News With Views
 Merlin
Oath Keepers
 Statewide
Oregon Militia Alliance*
 Statewide
Paper Advantage
 Portland
Premiere Privacy Consultants
 Klamath Falls
Real Debt Elimination
 Cave Junction
Republic for the united States of America
 Harrisburg
 Talent
Republic for the united States of America — Republic Congress
 Statewide
Tenth Amendment Center
 Statewide
The Voice of Freedom
 Klamath Falls
We Are Change
 Bend
 Cave Junction
 Eugene
 Florence
 Lincoln City
 Salem

We the People
 Grants Pass
PENNSYLVANIA (38)
2-4 MACHSA*
 Hanover
Alt Market
 Pittsburgh
America First Party of Pennsylvania
 Ridgway
American Patriot Party
 Statewide
Berks County Tea Party
 Reading
Constitution Party
 Lancaster
 Newport
 Pittsburgh
 Sharon
 Slatington
 Tioga
Get Out Of Our House (GOOOH)
 Statewide
John Birch Society
 Sharon
Liberty Dollar of Chambersburg
 Marion
Oath Keepers
 Carbon County
 Kutztown
 Statewide
Pennsylvania 1st Rifle*
 Philadelphia
Pennsylvania American Patriot Radio
 Crawford County
Pennsylvania Unorganized Militia*
 Ford City
Republic for the united States of America
 Statewide
Republic for the united States of America — Republic Congress
 Statewide
Sisyphus Press
 State College
Sons of Liberty Militia*
 Philadelphia
Tenth Amendment Center
 Statewide
The Unsolicited Opinion with Maggie
 Norristown
Watchmen of Pennsylvania*
 Statewide
We Are Change
 Harrisburg
 Philadelphia
 Pittsburgh
 Reading
 Shenandoah
 York
We the People
 Delaware County
 Greensburg
 New Kensington

WING TV
 State College
Wolf Creek Rangers (100th) North Liberty Militia*
 North Liberty
RHODE ISLAND (12)
American Patriot Party
 Statewide
Constitution Party
 Middletown
Get Out Of Our House (GOOOH)
 Statewide
John Birch Society
 Statewide
Oath Keepers
 Statewide
Patriot Freedom
 West Warwick
Republic for the united States of America
 Statewide
Rhode Island Citizen Militia*
 Statewide
Tenth Amendment Center
 Statewide
We Are Change
 Blackstone
 Statewide
We the People
 Wakefield
SOUTH CAROLINA (25)
Christian Exodus
 Pelzer
Constitution Party
 Abbeville County
 Aiken County
 Anderson County
 Beaufort County
 Greenville
 Greenville County
 Horry County
 Oconee County
 Spartanburg County
Get Out Of Our House (GOOOH)
 Statewide
Oath Keepers
 Statewide
The Order of Constitution Defenders.com
 Anderson
The Patriot Network
 Anderson
Republic for the united States of America
 Statewide
Republic for the united States of America – Republic Congress
 Statewide
South Carolina Civilian Militia*
 Lower State
 Middle State
South Carolina Sound Money Committee
 Cayce
Southeast Constitutional Militia*

Statewide
Tenth Amendment Center
 Statewide
We Are Change
 Columbia
 Myrtle Beach
We the People
 Charleston
 Fort Mill
SOUTH DAKOTA (9)
Constitution Party
 Brandon
Get Out Of Our House (GOOOH)
 Statewide
John Birch Society
 Statewide
Oath Keepers
 Statewide
Republic for the united States of America
 Statewide
Republic for the united States of America — Republic Congress
 Statewide
We Are Change
 Brookings
 Rapid City
We the People
 Statewide
TENNESSEE (30)
1st Tennessee Rifles UMIT*
 Lafayette
7th Tennessee Dragoons*
 Statewide
Black Robe Regiment
 Springfield
Constitution Party
 Bristol
 Germantown
 Madisonville
East Tennessee Militia*
 Knoxville
Get Out Of Our House (GOOOH)
 Statewide
John Birch Society
 Statewide
Lawful Path
 Lynnville
Oath Keepers
 Statewide
The Order of Constitution Defenders.com
 Hixon
The Patriots News
 Hermitage
Republic for the united States of America
 Statewide
Republic for the united States of America — Republic Congress
 Statewide
Salt and Light Institute
 Madison
Southeast Constitutional Militia*
 Statewide

Tennessee Constitutional Militia, 16th Field Force 3rd Brigade M.E.T.*
 Statewide
TENNESSEEMILITIA.ORG*
 Murfreesboro
Tenth Amendment Center
 Statewide
The United States Patriots Union
 Hermitage
Veteran Defenders of America
 Dickson
Washitaw Empire de Dugdahmoun-dyah — Chakchiuma Sektchi Clan
 Memphis
Watchmen of Tennessee*
 Statewide
We Are Change
 Knoxville
 Maryville
 Nashville
We the People
 Etowah
 Fayetteville
 Maryville
TEXAS (79)
Adask's Law
 Utopia
AMARA Temple of Moorish Science
 Arlington
The American Open Currency Standard
 Frisco
American Patriot Party
 Statewide
Brave New Books
 Austin
Buffalo Creek Press
 Cleburne
Church of God Evangelistic Association
 Waxahachie
Constitutional Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association
 Fredericksburg
Constitution Party
 Abilene
 Collin County
 Huntsville
 Princeton
Constitution Society
 Austin
County Sheriff Project
 Fredericksburg
Dallas City Troop (DCT)*
 Carrollton
Get Out Of Our House (GOOOH)
 Dallas
 Statewide
Infowars.com
 Austin
John Birch Society
 Belton
 Corpus Christi
 Fort Worth
 Harris County

Oath Keepers
 Austin
 Houston
 Statewide
The Order of Constitution Defenders.com
 Groesbeck
 Hillsboro
 Houston
 Waco
 Wharton County
Patriots of Gillespie County
 Fredericksburg
Republic Broadcasting
 Round Rock
Republic for the united States of America
 Statewide
Republic for the united States of America — Republic Congress
 Statewide
Republic of Texas
 Bastrop County
Rule of Law Radio
 Austin
SheriffMack.com
 Fredericksburg
Silver Bear Cafe
 Garland
Southwest Desert Militia*
 West
Tenth Amendment Center
 Statewide
Texas Eagle Forum
 Dallas
The Texas Militia*
 Abilene
 Amarillo
 Austin
 Beaumont
 Bryan
 Conroe
 Corpus Christi
 Dallas
 El Paso
 Houston
 Huntington
 Hurst
 Laredo
 Lubbock
 McAllen
 Midland
 Mt. Pleasant
 San Antonio
 Statewide
 Tyler
 Waco
TURF — Texans Uniting for Reform and Freedom
 San Antonio
We Are Change
 Corpus Christi
 Dallas
 El Paso
 Fort Worth

Lubbock
 McAllen
 Richardson
 San Antonio
 San Marcos
 Williamson County
We the People
 Conroe
 Dallas
 Grapevine
 Guyton
 Hideaway
 Point
UTAH (37)
American Patriot Party
 Statewide
Constitution Party
 Beaver
 Bountiful
 Brigham City
 Cache County
 Castle Dale
 Davis County
 Duchesne County
 Dutch John
 Fillmore
 Fountain Green
 Hurricane
 Iron County
 Lake Point
 Lyman
 Moab
 Morgan
 North Ogden
 Richfield
 South Jordan
 Spanish Fork
 Uintah County
Get Out Of Our House (GOOOH)
 Statewide
JoelSkousen.com
 Orem
John Birch Society
 Pleasant Grove
Liberty RoundTable
 Highland
Oath Keepers
 Statewide
Republic for the united States of America
 Statewide
Republic for the united States of America — Republic Congress
 Statewide
Tenth Amendment Center
 Statewide
Utah Militia*
 Uintah County
We Are Change
 Ogden
 Provo
 Salt Lake City
 West Valley City
We the People
 Statewide

Winston Shrout — Solutions in Commerce
 Santa Clara
VERMONT (8)
Constitution Party
 Williston
Get Out Of Our House (GOOOH)
 Statewide
John Birch Society
 Mendon
Oath Keepers
 Statewide
Republic for the united States of America
 Statewide
Republic for the united States of America — Republic Congress
 Statewide
We Are Change
 Chittenden
We the People
 Williston
VIRGINIA (23)
American Patriot Party
 Statewide
American Policy Center
 Warrenton
The Autonomous Authchthon International Muurish Gansul
 Norfolk
Basics Project
 Virginia Beach
Constitution Ambassadors
 Spotsylvania
Constitution Party
 Vienna
DeWeese Report
 Warrenton
Get Out Of Our House (GOOOH)
 Statewide
IRS Zoom
 Arlington
John Birch Society
 Fredericksburg
Oath Keepers
 Statewide
Republic for the united States of America
 Statewide
Republic for the united States of America — Republic Congress
 Statewide
TAX-FREEDOM.com
 Arlington
Tenth Amendment Center
 Statewide
Virginia Citizen Militia*
 Statewide
We Are Change
 Blacksburg
 Statewide
 Virginia Beach
We the People
 Chester
 Fredericksburg

Wake
 Warren County
WASHINGTON (52)
American Patriot Party
 Statewide
By What Standard
 Spokane
Church of Sovereigns: Sacred Family Temple of the Living Saint
 Satsop
Constitution Party
 Adams County
 Grant County
 Grays Harbor County
 Kent
 Kitsap County
 Mason County
 Pierce County
 Snohomish County
 Spokane Valley
 Whatcom County
 Yakima County
Debt Free Sovereign Trust
 Blaine
Eastern Washington Lightfoot Militia — 63rd Lightfoot Btn*
 Spokane County
Get Out Of Our House (GOOOH)
 Statewide
Grays Harbor Civilian Defense Force*
 Grays Harbor County
John Birch Society
 Clarkston
 Federal Way
 Puyallup
 Yakima
Kissata*
 Statewide
Kitsap County WA Militia*
 Kitsap County
National Association of Rural Land-owners (NARLO)
 Fall City
 Issaquah
Northwest Washington Recon — 73rd BN 42nd FF*
 Grant
Oath Keepers
 Statewide
Palouse Lightfoot Militia — Bravo Company, 75th Battalion 42nd FF*
 Pullman
PEOPLES TRUST 1776
 Auburn
Peoples' Patriot Coalition Militia*
 Western
Republic for the united States of America
 Statewide
Republic for the united States of America — Republic Congress
 Statewide
Southwest Washington Civil Defense Group*

Statewide
Sovereign-Citizenship.net
 Satsop
The Sovereign Project
 Clark County
Sovereign Trust
 Blaine
Stevens County Assembly
 Tum Tum
 Chewelah
Washington State Militia*
 Central
 Northeast
 Northwest
 Southeast
 Southwest
We Are Change
 Bellingham
 Seattle
 Spokane
 Tacoma
We the People
 McKenna
 Olalla
 Onalaska
 Statewide
WEST VIRGINIA (11)
Constitution Party
 Inwood
Get Out Of Our House (GOOOH)
 Statewide
John Birch Society
 Statewide
Oath Keepers
 Statewide
Ohio Valley Minutemen CVM*
 Statewide
Republic for the united States of America
 Statewide
Republic for the united States of America — Republic Congress
 Statewide
Watchmen of West Virginia*
 Statewide
We Are Change
 Huntington
 Statewide
We the People
 Statewide
WISCONSIN (30)
America First Party of Wisconsin
 Muscoda
American Opinion Foundation, Inc.
 Appleton
American Opinion Publishing
 Appleton
American Patriot Party
 Statewide
Badger State Volunteers*
 Statewide
Central Wisconsin Militia*
 Menasha
Constitution Party
 Milwaukee

David-Wynn: Miller
 Milwaukee
Get Out Of Our House (GOOOH)
 Statewide
John Birch Society
 Appleton
 Milwaukee
John Birch Society — Liberty News Network
 Appleton
John Birch Society Shop JBS
 Appleton
Native American Militia*
 Statewide
Northeast Wisconsin Militia*
 Statewide
Northwoods Patriots
 Eagle River
Oath Keepers
 Statewide
Oneida Grape Vine Group*
 Statewide
People's Awareness Coalition
 Kieler
Republic for the united States of America
 Statewide
Republic for the united States of America — Republic Congress
 Statewide
Southeast Wisconsin Volunteers*
 Southeast
Tenth Amendment Center
 Statewide
We Are Change
 Madison
 Milwaukee
 Wausau
We the People
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 Gillette
John Birch Society
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The Year in Nativism

After peaking two years ago, the number of immigrant-bashing ‘nativist extremist’ groups has fallen by almost 90%

BY HEIDI BEIRICH

FOR THE SECOND YEAR IN A ROW, the number of hard-line anti-immigrant groups fell dramatically in 2012, plunging 88% from its high-water mark in 2010. The nativists’ latest dismal year seems to have left the movement in its death throes.

That is a remarkable change from seven years ago, when the nativist movement began to take off like a rocket with the 2005 formation of the Minuteman Project, the first organization to gain national prominence for its armed civilian border patrols of the United States’ southern border. The movement’s recent free fall seems to have been largely driven by criminal scandals, sniping among the various groups, and the co-optation of the movement’s goals by state legislatures.

The number of “nativist extremist” groups — a Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC) designation for groups that go beyond pushing for legislative changes or stricter border controls to personally confront suspected undocumented workers and border crossers — was 144 in 2006, the first year SPLC counted them. By 2010, the movement had hit its high of 319 groups. And then the numbers began to plummet, to 185

groups in 2011 and then, last year, to a mere 38 organizations.

The movement’s three largest formations — the Minuteman Civil Defense Corps (MCDC), the Minuteman Project and the Federal Immigration Reform & Enforcement Coalition (FIRE) — are either defunct or nearly so. MCDC basically folded two years ago and the FIRE coalition is down to what appears to be only one active chapter, from a high of 135 in 2010. The Minuteman Project dropped to only five active chapters last year.

The movement’s spectacular collapse was propelled by several factors, many of them self-inflicted. Perhaps most devastating was the 2009 double homicide in Arivaca, Ariz., of a Latino man and his 9-year-old daughter by a woman who had been a member of several Minuteman organizations and then headed her own. The violence scared off prominent members of the movement, including a co-founder of the original Minuteman Project, Jim Gilchrist, who like many others decided after the murders to shift his energies to speaking at Tea Party rallies.

At around the same time, serious

infighting broke out in the movement, involving lawsuits between the principals of some of the groups. Serious Internet sniping and squabbles affected other parts of the leadership.

Shawna Forde, who has been sentenced to death in the Arivaca killings, isn’t the only nativist extremist leader to become entangled with the law. In June 2010, allegations surfaced in divorce court documents that Chris Simcox — arguably the highest profile individual in the movement as the co-founder, with Gilchrist, of the Minuteman Project and, later, the head of MCDC — had threatened to kill his wife and family in a 2009 domestic dispute. (As a result, Simcox’s wife was granted a protective order.) At around the same time, in April 2009, Simcox handed MCDC over to fellow nativist Carmen Mercer when he ran unsuccessfully for an Arizona Senate seat. Mercer shut the organization down in March 2010, after being accused by Arizona’s attorney general of involvement in a property scam.

Since 2010, many nativist leaders have abandoned their narrow focus on immigration and inserted themselves into other right-wing movements that appeared to have more traction. Many signed on with antigovernment “Patriot” groups (see related story, p. 50) or Tea Party factions. According to a January 2012 report from the Institute for Research and Education on Human Rights, dozens of formerly prominent nativists had joined Tea Party and other right-wing formations by mid-2010. In some cases, they created new far-right hybrid entities of their own.

By last year, only a few very extreme individuals were still conducting armed patrols at the border. Most prominently, a group of neo-Nazis led by J.T. Ready and Harry Hughes, both of whom had been connected to the National Socialist Movement, conducted armed patrols in Arizona’s Vekol Valley.

But that all came to an end in May 2012, when Ready shot four people dead and then killed himself in what police have described as a domestic dispute at a Gilbert, Ariz., house where Ready lived with his girlfriend. The victims were Ready’s girlfriend, the girlfriend’s adult daughter and her boyfriend, and



The 'nativist extremist' movement was marred by immense violence, including murders perpetrated by Shawna Forde (above) and J.T. Ready (right), and vicious infighting among Minuteman leaders such as Jim Gilchrist (left), Carmen Mercer (above left) and Chris Simcox (above middle).

their 15-month-old baby girl. Other than Ready's group, only a few individuals regularly patrolled the Arizona border last year, although an organization called the Texas Border Volunteers has been active in South Texas.

Some of the wind also was taken out of the sails of the nativist extremist movement by state legislatures that took up its issues by passing harsh new anti-immigrant laws. But those laws have suffered major recent setbacks in the courts.

In 2010, Arizona passed S.B. 1070, a draconian law that was heavily supported by Minuteman groups and required individuals to prove their citizenship when confronted by state authorities. The law also denied access to various social service benefits. The Arizona law ignited a surge of similar legislation, with Alabama, Georgia and South Carolina passing their own measures.

But by 2012, those laws were in trouble after being challenged by civil rights organizations, including the SPLC. Last summer, the Supreme Court struck down nearly all of the harsh provisions in S.B. 1070, leaving only the requirement to show identification when asked by police — the so-called "papers please" section of the statute, which is still being litigated. Alabama's law, the harshest in the nation, also saw most of its provisions enjoined. Since the high court's decision,

no other states have attempted to pass similar legislation.

Finally, the entire nativist enterprise faced a major comeuppance in the November elections. Within a few days of President Obama's re-election, discussion among Republicans about their loss was focusing on the dismal level of support for the GOP among Latinos. That was exacerbated by Mitt Romney's harsh anti-immigrant positions and association with Kris Kobach, the Kansas secretary of state who co-authored Arizona's S.B. 1070 and moonlighted as a lawyer for the anti-immigrant hate group, the Federation for American Immigration Reform.

Now there are clear indications that the Obama administration is planning a major push for comprehensive immigration reform, likely including a path to legal status for the undocumented, some time this year. A prior bipartisan effort to pass such a bill collapsed in 2007 under grassroots pressure from groups such as the Minutemen and NumbersUSA. But this time, given the victory of Obama and several other Democrats in key Senate races, it is seen as far more likely to pass — the ultimate disaster for the once and future anti-immigrant movement.

What follows is a state-by-state tally of the 38 groups that the SPLC lists as nativist extremist groups. ▲

ARIZONA (3) American Freedom Riders

Phoenix

Arizona Border Recon

Southern Arizona

Mohave County Residents for Constitutional Rights Arizona

Mohave County

CALIFORNIA (5)

Golden Gate Minutemen (MMP)

San Francisco

Long Beach Minuteman

Project (MMP)

Long Beach

Minuteman Project (MMP)

Laguna Hills

Southern California Patriot Coalition

Southern California

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California's

Crusader

Victorville

FLORIDA (2)

Floridians for Immigration

Enforcement, Inc.

Pompano Beach

Report Illegals

Pompano Beach

GEORGIA (1)

The Dustin Inman Society

Marietta

MARYLAND (14)

Help Save Maryland

Anne Arundel

County

Baltimore

Baltimore County

Calvert County

Caroline County

Carroll County

Frederick County

Harford County

Howard County

Montgomery

County

Prince George's

County

Queen Anne's
County

St. Mary's County

Talbot County

MINNESOTA (1)

Minnesotans Seeking Immigration

Reform

Hanska

MISSOURI (2)

Ozarks Minutemen

Springfield

Project Bluelight

St. Louis

NEW JERSEY (2)

New Jersey Citizens for Immigration

Control

Carlstadt

United Patriots of America

Lindenhurst

NORTH CAROLINA (2)

Federal Immigration Reform &

Enforcement (FIRE)

Coalition

Statewide

North Carolinians for

Immigration Reform and Enforcement

Wade

OREGON (1)

Oregonians for

Immigration Reform

McMinville

PENNSYLVANIA (1)

Voice of the People

Shenandoah

RHODE ISLAND (1)

Rhode Islanders for Immigration

Law Enforcement

(MMP)

Central Falls

TEXAS (3)

Border Patrol Auxiliary

Marble Falls

Texas Border

Volunteers

Waxahachie

Texas Minuteman

Project (MMP)

Arlington

GATHERING STORM

Stormfront,
America's oldest
hate website and
a longtime radical
powerhouse, is facing
serious trouble
on several fronts

BY HEIDI BEIRICH





THE END OF DECEMBER was not all fun, games and Christmas gifts for Stephen “Don” Black, the founder of Stormfront. The former Alabama Klan leader’s Internet site, the oldest and largest racist forum on the Web, is weathering a major storm.

Founded in 1995, Stormfront boasts more than 10 million posts, a quarter of a million registered users (more than half from foreign countries), and a reputation as the place to come to find out what’s happening in the white supremacist movement. It has long been considered the most important racist site in the world.

But Black’s empire of hate, which includes Stormfront, a radio show, and real-world gatherings of its members, is facing an onslaught of problems. Some have been accumulating for years, while others are posing serious new threats.

This December, the Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC) revealed that Derek Black — Don Black’s college-age son, longtime ideological soulmate, and fellow rider of the racist circuit since childhood — had changed his mind about some of his father’s core beliefs. In an E-mail to fellow students at Florida’s New College, the young man who once ran “Stormfront for Kids” denounced many central movement ideas, including the very notion of white supremacy. Although he said he remained a “white nationalist,” Derek Black said he opposed legal discrimination and supported same-sex marriage — apostasy for the vast majority of movement racists.

In fact, the whole Black family is friendlier to gay rights than most white



nationalists. Longtime Black associate and former Klan lawyer Sam Dickson, who runs a gay-friendly bed and breakfast in Key West, Fla., recently told a Stormfront-organized gathering that gay rights should not divide whites. But that did not dilute the overwhelming antipathy toward LGBT people of most dedicated racists.

It went downhill from there. In late December, Black announced that he was ending the “Derek Black Radio Show” after more than 600 programs. The show was created for his son, but Derek Black has not been involved since late last summer, ostensibly due to the heavy course load he is carrying at New College. Don Black blamed the show’s end on impending format changes at host station WPBR after its sale to a new owner — a claim contradicted by the current station manager in an interview with the *Intelligence Report*. In any case, it was always a strange fit, given that WPBR caters to a Haitian-American and African-American audience.

And that’s only the start. Stormfront has suffered from the showcasing of a con man on its site, the notoriety of some of its users, a series of arrests including a whole group of Italian Stormfronters, and a dearth of money. Instead of the \$7,500 needed each month to pay the bills, the site in December and through mid-January failed to cover expenses.

The numbers say it all. Page views on Stormfront — a key measure of a website’s popularity — have fallen by half over the last two years, according to Alexa, which tracks website viewership, as has the time spent by viewers on the site.

Finally, it hasn’t helped that federal law enforcement officials seem to regularly troll the site for evidence of threats or criminality. That attention, it seems clear, ratcheted up after a neo-Nazi skinhead named Wade Michael Page who had posted on Stormfront murdered six Sikhs in a Wisconsin temple last August (even though Don Black condemned the mass shooting). Recent investigations by police in at least two countries have led to charges related to death threats, intimidation and guns.

The Doubts Begin

The problems Stormfront is facing stretch back to 2008, when questions about Black’s dedication to the movement—basically, whether he and his family are just in it for the money—mounted after it became clear that his wife, Chloe, did not seem to be as keen on the family’s hate business as many assumed. Chloe was known as the ex-wife of former Klan leader David Duke, with whom she had two daughters, and also had a lengthy history in her own right as a white supremacist activist.

In 2008, the SPLC revealed that Chloe Black was employed by Jose “Pepe” Fanjul, a Cuban-American sugar baron in Florida. Remarkably, part of her job was serving as the contact for a school serving minority students that was founded and funded by Emilia Fanjul, Pepe’s wife. When asked by *The Palm Beach Post* about the conflict between her family’s racist politics and working for such a school, Chloe Black in effect denounced



the family business. “I am not involved with the Web site and do not agree with extremist or racially prejudiced views,” she said.

At around the same time, Don Black toned down Stormfront, banning many symbols of Nazism that formerly were common on the site, including swastikas and SS lightning bolts, along with particularly offensive terms like “nigger.” Whether or not this was related to his wife’s comments is unclear. However, her salary from the Fanjul family is arguably the most important financial resource behind Stormfront (Black has specifically said in Stormfront postings that at certain times he has had to cover the site’s costs with his family’s money). Don Black, who is perennially asking for donations to keep Stormfront running, has no job, and the family lives in a West Palm Beach, Fla., home Chloe owns.

Prominent white supremacists were not happy with Chloe Black’s job and statements to the press or Don Black’s new timidity. Alex Linder, head of the neo-Nazi Vanguard News Network (VNN), wrote shortly after Chloe Black’s comments came out in the press, “It’s not that small a deal. ... It shows at the end of the day money matters more than principle to WN [white nationalist] leaders.” Bill White, the former head of the neo-Nazi American National Socialist Workers Party who is now serving time in prison for making threats, posted a screed to VNN attacking Stormfront under the title, “Don Black Whores Himself to the Jew.” In it, White accused Black of selling out “to the Jew in exchange for a bit



All in the family: Chloe Black (in white dress) has been married to former Klan leaders David Duke (wearing tie) and Don Black. But when questions came up about her work for wealthy socialite Emilia Fanjul, she embarrassed her movement colleagues by declaring that she rejected white supremacy.

of media exposure and promotion for his dying and has been website Stormfront.” Since that time, Black and Stormfront have been pummeled on VNN and other racist websites.

Just after these disclosures, Don Black booted racist activist Jamie Kelso, who had ushered in something of a renaissance at Stormfront since becoming a moderator for the site in 2002. Kelso had aggressively promoted Stormfront and raised money for it while living in a trailer outside the Black’s home. Kelso told the *Report* he was proud of driving the site’s numbers up but was forced to leave in 2009 after using up a small inheritance from his parents and whatever else he had in savings.

Black told the *Report* that Kelso had actually been dismissed for “regularly chit-chatting” with the author of this article. But Kelso, who told the *Report* he hadn’t spoken to Black in years, saw it differently: “He didn’t fire me. He never paid me one single dollar.” Kelso, who has since created White News Now and other white nationalist websites and become a prominent member of the racist American Third Position political party, said diplomatically after being asked about the site’s current problems, “Not everyone has to get on the

Stormfront bandwagon.”

Questions about Don Black’s trustworthiness and good sense bubbled to the surface once more in 2010, when the SPLC exposed a prominent Stormfront advertiser and sometimes bodyguard for Black as a convicted con man. Starting in 2009, John Harold Browne began running ubiquitous banner ads on Stormfront that promoted his company, Tip of the Spear Consulting Services, as “the ‘Special Forces’ of privacy, intellectual and physical protection.” Tip of the Spear was one of the top three entities supporting Stormfront with its paid ads.

The problem was that Browne is a felon who has been involved repeatedly in scams. As the SPLC revealed in 2010, Browne will be on probation until 2022 for stealing at least \$156,000 from his former boss and stiffing two creditors. He has a history of writing bad checks in Palm Beach County, Fla., where both he and Black live. His ex-wife’s lawyer told the *Report* in 2010 that Browne was way behind on child support payments. Despite all of this, Black allowed Browne to repeatedly advertise a credit repair and debt consolidation business to Stormfronters.

Shortly after these revelations, the Tip of the Spear ads disappeared from

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the site. At the time, Black refused comment and Browne could not be reached.

Black displayed an apparent indifference to the welfare of his supporters again in February 2012, when Stormfront was apparently hacked by LulzFinancial, an offshoot of the Anonymous movement. The group posted a press release saying it had hacked Stormfront, along with other extremist sites, and, indeed, Stormfront was down for several days. But Black never made any statement about the situation, leaving his supporters — many of whom were terrified of having their identities made public, not to mention their credit card information — completely in the dark. Calls by the *Report* to several of Stormfront's supporters revealed that none had been told by Black about possible compromises of their personal information.

Threats, Violence and Criminality

Federal authorities seem to keep a close eye on Stormfront's users, and for good reason — members of the forum have a long history of violence and threats.

The most noteworthy of those incidents, of course, was the rampage of Wade Page, who killed himself after carrying out last year's murders in Oak Creek, Wis. Page had posted on Stormfront, mostly using the name of his hate band, End Apathy, and advertised the band's events to his fellow haters. (There was a silver lining to Page's attack for Stormfront. August saw massive leaps in the number of people checking out the site, and TV reporters interviewed Black about the attack.)

But that's not the only criminality associated with Stormfronters.

In mid-November, Italian authorities carried out a series of raids after reported blacklists of prominent Italian citizens, including Jews, religious leaders, politicians, journalists and pro-immigrant judges, were posted on Stormfront. Italian

police say they confiscated knives, batons, and baseball bats, along with neo-Nazi and fascist propaganda, including pamphlets and banners emblazoned with swastikas.

Four Italians who were involved in running the Italian-language section of Stormfront were arrested and charged with illegally inciting racial hatred and spreading anti-Semitism. Officials said the four activists and their organization were about to progress from Internet propaganda to street violence, and were planning attacks on immigrants. Italian news reports said all four had criminal records.

The Italian government also blocked access to Stormfront.

Those kinds of incidents have not been limited to Stormfront's foreign supporters. Douglas Howard Story, for instance, is an avid Stormfronter who lives in Manassas, Va., and posted regularly to the website as "Confederado." Last June, Story was arrested for threatening President Obama and illegally taking possession of a machine gun. The weapon had been converted from a semi-automatic by an undercover agent posing as a racist who Story befriended via Stormfront.

A year earlier, in 2011, Daniel Springhorn, a Stormfront moderator who posts as "Siege," was arrested for transporting a weapon to a convicted felon. Officials also served a warrant on his Sharon, Wis., home for all computers, smart phones and data storage devices. Springhorn, approvingly describing Stormfront as "a gathering place for everything," told the *Report* that the case against him was "a crock."



The arrests of two Stormfront habitués — Douglas Story (holding red flagpole) and Daniel Springhorn — were never mentioned on the racist Web forum, even though Springhorn is a Stormfront moderator who uses the name "Siege."

AO 91 (Rev. 01/99) Criminal Complaint

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
for the
Eastern District of Virginia

United States of America
v.
DOUGLAS HOWARD STORY

Case No. 1:12mj362

May 30 2012

Defendant(s)

CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

I, the complainant in this case, state that the following is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. On or about (s) of August 2011, hereinafter, in the county of Prince William, in the Eastern District of Virginia, the defendant(s) violated 26 U.S.C. § 5881, as described as follows:

(s) possession of a firearm

This criminal complaint
Please see attached.

☒ Continued on the attached.

Sworn to before me and signed:

Date: 5/30/12

City and state:

AO 91 (REV. 2/85) Criminal Complaint

AUSA Joseph H. Thompson (312) 469-6131
AUSA Anthony P. Garcia (312) 886-1000

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
EASTERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
v.
EDWARD RAND,
also known as "Pee Wee";
DANIEL SPRINGHORN,
also known as "Stonegreaser" and "SG";
and
BRENDA RAND

CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

CASE NUMBER:
UNDER SEAL

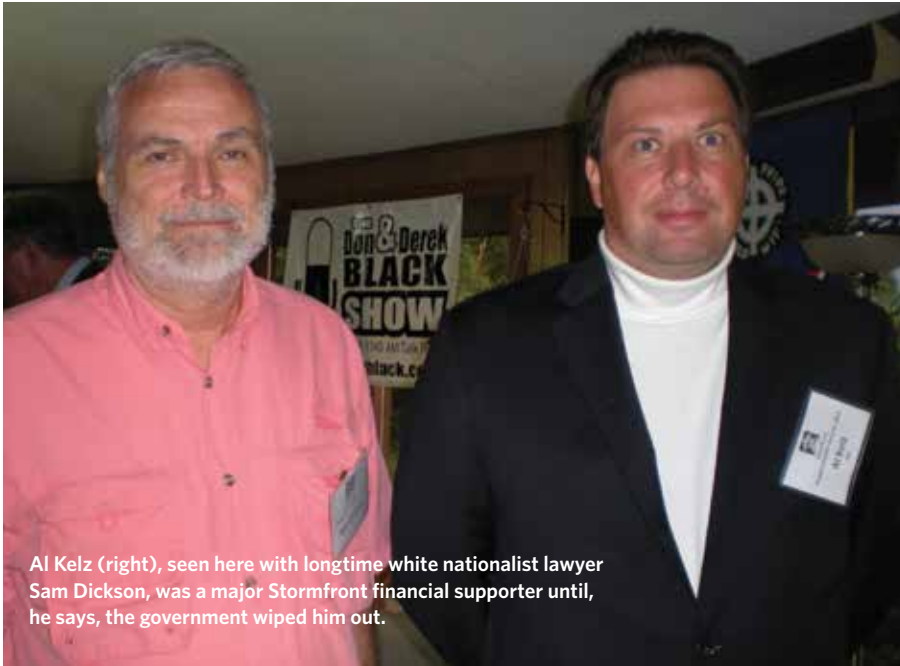
I, the undersigned complainant, being duly sworn on oath, state that the following is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief:

Count One

On or about December 15, 2010, EDWARD RAND, also known as "Pee Wee," and DANIEL SPRINGHORN, also known as "Stonegreaser" and "SG," did knowingly sell in and affecting interstate commerce a firearm, namely, a DC Industries, Inc., model NDS-3 7.62 x 39 caliber assault rifle, bearing serial number 3000286, which firearm had traveled interstate commerce, to a person knowing or having reasonable cause to believe that such person had been convicted of a crime punishable by imprisonment for a term of imprisonment exceeding one year, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 922(d)(1) and 2.

Count Two

On or about December 15, 2010, EDWARD RAND, also known as "Pee Wee," having previously been convicted of a crime punishable by imprisonment for a term exceeding one year, knowingly possessed in and affecting interstate and foreign commerce a firearm, namely a DC Industries, Inc., model NDS-3 7.62 x 39 caliber assault rifle, bearing serial number 3000286, which firearm was in or affecting interstate commerce in that the firearm had traveled interstate prior to



Al Kelz (right), seen here with longtime white nationalist lawyer Sam Dickson, was a major Stormfront financial supporter until, he says, the government wiped him out.

Given these kinds of events, it's not surprising that longtime Stormfronter Al Kelz of Bel Air, Md., a major financial supporter of Black's now-defunct radio program, posted a warning to fellow site users in December. "ZOG," he said, using neo-Nazi shorthand for the federal "Zionist Occupation Government," was "coming down hard" on him. As a result, Kelz lamented, he had been financially wiped out.

Based on the *Report's* calls to several Stormfront supporters and site moderators, Don Black's followers seem unaware of the legal troubles besetting their fellow activists. That's not entirely surprising, given that Black polices the site closely, apparently censoring any reference to such events. Information about the arrest of Daniel Springhorn, for instance, appears nowhere on the site.

The Fiscal Cliff

All these troubles may be hitting Black in the pocketbook. Each month, Black posts the donations as well as the donors' Stormfront handles on his site, which he says costs about \$7,500 a month to run, for all to see. In December, he didn't cover the full amount, pulling in \$7,183. By mid-January, he was well shy of that month's required take, with a total of only \$1,598 of donations having come in. The earlier shortfall, at least, may have contributed to the demise of the "Derek

Black Radio Show," which cost about \$600 a week to broadcast.

That might not disappoint all white nationalists. To many, given both the relatively small size and dark-skinned racial composition of its audience, the show was a vanity project, a father's indulgence of his coming-of-age son. It wouldn't be the first time. In 2007 or 2008, Don Black took his son to Dallas to produce a "white" country music CD. Black had solicited his donors to back Stormfront Records, but it never got off the ground.

The *Report*, seeking the reaction of Stormfront's major financial backers to the site's troubles, identified several through analyzing hacks of racist sites and open source information posted by



Derek Black, son of Stormfront founder Don Black, had a radio show on a south Florida station, but gave it up recently. Part of the reason may be the expense.

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other racists or by disgruntled former Stormfronters. Several remained loyal to Black and the Stormfront project, but not all.

"I don't trust them. They are troublemakers," William Gloss, a man from Lawrenceburg, Ind., who was once a major backer of the site and who posted there as "Raginbill," told the *Report*. "They espouse violence and I oppose violence," he added. "I gave them money at the beginning. It was stupid and naïve."

Paul Ratliff of Hot Springs Village, Ark., another longtime Stormfront supporter who posts there as "RetiredinAR," conceded that some Stormfronters "had broken the law." But he said the site has been "worthwhile in keeping the movement alive" — important, he said, because "[i]t's a movement that doesn't move."

Several other major donors declined comment. They included Philip White of Sebring, Fla., who posts as "strelnikov," perhaps a reference to a revolutionary figure in Boris Pasternak's novel *Doctor Zhivago*; and Michael Malone of Rockton, Ill., who posts as "Ironman1." As of early January, however, only one of those backers contacted by the *Report* in early December — a major donor identified only as "Jewfish" — had given money to the site since hearing from the *Report*.

Is Stormfront in as much trouble as it seems? It's hard to say, given that it's had its problems before and survived. Certainly, Don Black won't say so.

"I'm surprised they didn't all tell you to go to hell," Black said of his donors' comments, adding that he'd "deal" with any complaints and "carry on, as always." ▲

FOR THE RECORD

INCIDENTS OF APPARENT HATE CRIMES AND HATE GROUP ACTIVITIES LISTED HERE ARE DRAWN primarily from media sources. These incidents include only a fraction of the approximately 195,000 reported and unreported hate crimes that a 2011 Bureau of Justice Statistics report estimated occurred annually between 2003 and 2009. This listing carries a selection of incidents from the fourth quarter of 2012. Any additional listings can be found on the Intelligence Project's website at splcenter.org/get-informed/hate-incidents.

ARIZONA

Phoenix • Nov. 9, 2012

A local DJ who is also a gay activist was assaulted by two men outside a bar. Jermon Barnes, 22, and Ernie Barnes, 24, face aggravated assault charges.

ARKANSAS

Harrison • Oct. 27, 2012

The Imperial White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan distributed fliers.

Maumelle • Dec. 3, 2012

White supremacist graffiti, including a swastika, the letters "KKK" and SS lightning bolts, was spray-painted on a predominantly black church.

CALIFORNIA

Davis • Nov. 1, 2012

The letters "KKK" were carved into the hood of a truck.

East Valinda • Oct. 3, 2012

Desi Marentes, 34, was sentenced to death for the 2006 shooting death of a black man, Eric Buckley. The murder was gang-related and Buckley was targeted because of his race.

Huntington Beach • Dec. 24, 2012

Nazi symbols and slogans were written on two Nativity scenes.

Long Beach • Nov. 12, 2012

Swastikas and the word "Nazi" were spray-painted on a temple.

Los Angeles • Dec. 15, 2012

A man allegedly yelled racial slurs, punched a restaurant manager and threatened him with a knife. Kenneth Underwood was arrested for assault with a deadly weapon.

Los Angeles • Dec. 19, 2012

Wan Ryung Song, 46, was charged with four counts of making a bomb threat and one count of vandalism after he allegedly called in a phony bomb threat against

a Jewish temple and a nearby police car and wrote anti-Semitic remarks and a swastika on a temple on Dec. 6.

Santa Rosa • Oct. 25, 2012

Aaron Weich, 26, and Salvatore Bordessa, 32, were arrested on charges that included assault with a deadly weapon, two gang enhancements, terrorist threats, dissuading a witness and a hate crime for allegedly yelling "white pride" and the name of a local gang with reported white supremacist beliefs before attacking two black men and stabbing one of them on Aug. 26.

Ventura • Dec. 12, 2012

Four people were arrested in connection with a Sept. 7 incident where several people were allegedly attacked at a campground by people wielding baseball bats and yelling racial slurs. Later the same night the same group of people allegedly attacked and yelled racial slurs at several Latino hunters in the area. Kirk Smets, 19, and Andrew Martin, Forrest Darrough and Mya Braschler, all 20, were charged with assault with a deadly weapon, conspiracy and violation of civil rights by force or fear. A fifth person, Ryan Vanausdell, 37, was arrested on Sept. 27 on several charges that included possession of firearms by a felon and possession of bullets containing an explosive agent.

Yreka • Oct. 9, 2012

David James Sabatinos, 31, was sentenced to 180 days in jail for screaming racial epithets while attacking an elderly black man in August.

COLORADO

Colorado Springs • Dec. 18, 2012

A swastika was spray-painted on a menorah display at a residence.

CONNECTICUT

West Hartford • Oct. 16, 2012

Five lesbians were allegedly attacked in a restaurant by a man who yelled anti-gay epithets after they spurned his advances. Matthew Parry, 24, was charged with assault and hate crimes.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Washington • Oct. 27, 2012

A gay Latino man was allegedly beaten outside his apartment by a group of men who yelled anti-gay and anti-Latino slurs.

FLORIDA

Key West • Nov. 10, 2012

Two gay men were allegedly attacked by a man who called the couple an anti-gay epithet.

Lakeland • Nov. 20, 2012

A man sitting in a park was allegedly attacked by two teens who called him an anti-gay epithet. Iquan J. Isaac, 18, was charged with a hate crime.

Miami Beach • Dec. 1, 2012

Anti-Semitic graffiti was written in front of a Hanukkah display at a Chabad House.

Palm Bay • Nov. 4, 2012

Sandra and Sondra Karwel, 53-year-old twins, were charged with felony battery for allegedly yelling racial slurs while attacking their black neighbor and her 10-year-old son.

Wellington • Nov. 2, 2012

A swastika and anti-Semitic epithets were spray-painted on a Dumpster outside a temple.

GEORGIA

Atlanta • Oct. 1, 2012

Hate fliers from Tony Alamo Ministries were left on cars in a neighborhood.

Blairsville • Oct. 6, 2012

Between 15 and 20 members of the International Keystone Knights of the Ku Klux Klan held a rally.

ILLINOIS

Chicago • Oct. 1, 2012

Swastikas were spray-painted on a restaurant.

Woodbridge • Dec. 6, 2012

Ali Akel, 34, pled guilty to aggravated battery and a felony hate crime charge for yelling racial slurs while beating and spitting on a black man at a gas station in 2011. Akel was sentenced to two years of probation and a year of periodic imprisonment.

KENTUCKY

Pineville • Dec. 17, 2012

The letters "KKK" were painted on stop signs in a neighborhood.

MAINE

Grindstone • Oct. 13, 2012

Anti-gay slurs were found spray-painted on a shed in front of a cabin that was set afire.

MARYLAND

Westminster • Dec. 23, 2012

Two teens were charged with second-degree malicious burning, racial or religious harassment and malicious destruction of property after allegedly burning a cross in the driveway of a home.

MASSACHUSETTS

Norton • Nov. 11, 2012

Anti-Semitic graffiti was written on a resident's door at an on-campus residence at Wheaton College.

MICHIGAN

Detroit • Nov. 7, 2012

Racial epithets that included comments about President

Barack Obama's re-election were spray-painted on a teacher's truck at his residence.

Mount Clemens • Nov. 6, 2012

Racist graffiti was spray-painted on a church that served as a polling place during the presidential election.

MINNESOTA

Bemidji • Oct. 1, 2012

Derek Daniel Barnes, 20, was sentenced to 21 months in jail for burning a cross in the yard of a woman with two biracial daughters. Barnes pleaded guilty to felony stalking in August.

MISSOURI

Excelsior Estates • Nov. 2, 2012

An anti-Semitic message was spray-painted on a Jewish man's house.

Richmond Heights • Nov. 4, 2012

The letters "KKK" were written on homes and cars in a neighborhood.

NEW JERSEY

Sicklerville • Oct. 1, 2012

Fliers from the white nationalist Advanced White Society were left at black residents' mailboxes.

NEW YORK

Brooklyn • Oct. 7, 2012

Anti-Muslim graffiti was spray-painted on a bagel shop.

Greenlawn • Nov. 24, 2012

Two employees at a pizza restaurant allegedly yelled racial slurs at a black couple and threw salt and pepper shakers at them. Brothers Frank and Michael Meringolo were charged with assault.

New City • Oct. 1, 2012

A swastika was found spray-painted near the home of a Jewish activist.

New York • Nov. 18, 2012

An Asian man was allegedly stabbed outside a mosque by a Latino man who reportedly made anti-Muslim and anti-Semitic remarks.

Poughkeepsie • Oct. 25, 2012

Guy Pendleton Jr., 43, was con-

victed of assault as a hate crime and third-degree possession of a weapon for attacking a black man with a hammer while yelling racial slurs at the man and his Latino friend. Pendleton was sentenced to 15 years in prison plus five years' post-release supervision for the assault charge and seven years in prison for the weapons charge, with the sentences to run concurrently.

Queens • Nov. 24, 2012

An elderly man was allegedly beaten by two Latino teens who asked if he was Hindu or Muslim.

Riverhead • Dec. 14, 2012

Brian J. Karris, 36, was sentenced to 10 years in prison after being convicted of second-degree assault as a hate crime for beating a mentally disabled black man in 2010.

Staten Island • Dec. 14, 2012

Luke Terranova, 29, was charged with damaging church property because of its religious affiliation after he allegedly smashed statues inside a Catholic church and shouted anti-Catholic statements.

Wilton • Nov. 7, 2012

Two boys, a 13-year-old and a 14-year-old, were charged with second-degree criminal mischief as a hate crime for allegedly etching anti-Semitic messages and symbols into a car.

NORTH CAROLINA

Charlotte • Nov. 10, 2012

About 40 members of the National Socialist Movement held a rally.

Charlotte • Dec. 3, 2012

A noose was found at a high school.

Reidsville • Nov. 7, 2012

The letters "KKK" and profanities were painted on the windows of a high school and the sidewalk and posts around it.

OHIO

Bowling Green • Oct. 14, 2012

The words "white power" and a

swastika were scrawled in chalk outside the residence of a college basketball coach who is black.

OKLAHOMA

Edmond • Oct. 10, 2012

James Brian Roper pled no contest to a hate crime for punching a black teen while using racial slurs. He was sentenced to one year in prison.

Oklahoma City • Dec. 27, 2012

A cross was burned in a man's yard. Joshua Scott Brown, 37, was charged with third-degree arson, endangering human life during arson, burning a cross and possession of a firearm during the commission of a felony.

PENNSYLVANIA

McKees Rocks • Oct. 10, 2012

A rug business was set ablaze and spray-painted with anti-Muslim graffiti.

SOUTH CAROLINA

Johnsonville • Nov. 13, 2012

Chase McClary, 24, was sentenced to four years in prison and three years' supervised release after pleading guilty in June to the hate crime assault of a black teen in 2010.

West Ashley • Oct. 26, 2012

Fliers from the Traditionalist American Knights of the Ku Klux Klan were left on lawns and driveways in several neighborhoods.

TENNESSEE

Gallatin • Oct. 29, 2012

A racist sticker was placed on the window of the county's Democratic Party office.

TEXAS

Allen • Oct. 1, 2012

Swastikas, the words "white power" and a racial slur were spray-painted on an abandoned house.

Austin • Oct. 20, 2012

Swastikas were carved into two dorm rooms near the University of Texas campus.

Clarendon • Oct. 1, 2012

The words "leave or die fags" were painted on a gay couple's front porch.

Cypress • Dec. 4, 2012

A slain pig was left outside an Islamic outreach center.

Reno • Oct. 30, 2012

A gay man at a party was allegedly stabbed with a broken beer bottle and then thrown onto a fire by four men who yelled anti-gay slurs.

UTAH

Kamas • Oct. 16, 2012

A man was charged with suspicion of assault with a hate crime enhancement for allegedly assaulting two of his neighbors and calling them anti-gay slurs after he reportedly found them in a non-sexual "romantic encounter" in his utility shed.

VIRGINIA

Waynesboro • Nov. 14, 2012

Racial epithets were spray-painted on a residence.

WASHINGTON

Auburn • Oct. 17, 2012

A Sikh cab driver was allegedly attacked by a man who shouted anti-Muslim slurs. Jamie Larson, 48, was charged with malicious harassment.

WEST VIRGINIA

Martinsburg • Oct. 19, 2012

The letters "KKK," swastikas and an apparent threat were spray-painted on a black couple's car at their residence.

WISCONSIN

Baldwin • Dec. 14, 2012

A ninth-grade boy was suspended from school for placing a small noose and a KKK symbol on the desk of one of only three black students at the local high school.

WYOMING

Gillette • Oct. 21, 2012

Ku Klux Klan fliers were left at residences in two subdivisions. ▲

The War On Krishna

Religious-right activists, fresh from the front lines of the War on Christmas, take on a new and dangerous pagan threat

BY LEAH NELSON

Creeping Shariah. The homosexual agenda. Secular humanism, socialism, and the perennial, odious War on Christmas. The thousand years of darkness said to have begun when Barack Obama was re-elected in November.

Yes, Christian nationalists — those self-appointed stewards of America's "Judeo-Christian heritage" — have a lot on their plates. But that doesn't mean they've let their guard down.

And thank heavens! Otherwise, they might have missed the newest threat in the ever-growing pantheon of evils threatening America's purity.

The name of that threat?

Yoga. And it's everywhere.

Since October, a group of parents in Encinitas, Calif., have been working with the Encinitas-based National Center for Law and Policy (NCLP) to stop one of the town's public elementary schools from teaching yoga to its students and thus indoctrinating them in the Hindu faith.

The NCLP is helmed by Dean Broyles, a lawyer who says he was "called to law school specifically to be trained to fight for religious liberties." He apprenticed under Jay Sekulow, head of the Christian-right American Center for Law and Justice, and "received extensive training in pro-family, pro-life and pro-religious liberty matters" from the National Litigation Academies run by the virulently anti-gay Alliance Defending Freedom (formerly Alliance Defense Fund).

A minor celebrity within Christian-right circles, Broyles is a vigorous opponent of gay marriage who lectures on "How the Radical Homosexual Agenda is Destroying America" and promotes nullification, a fringe legal theory which claims that states have the right to ignore federal laws they consider unconstitutional.

Now, he has a new bone to pick — with yoga. Though the Encinitas program,

like many American adaptations of yoga, has been stripped utterly of any references to prayer and reduced to a strictly physical regimen, that's not enough for Broyles. "[W]ho decides when enough religion has been stripped out of the program to make it legal?" he asks. "That's the problem when you introduce religion into the curriculum and actually immerse and marinate children in the program."

Broyles is not the only far-right Christian hardliner to brood over the potential impact of yoga on vulnerable young minds. Tony Perkins, president of the anti-gay Family Research Council, in January lit into the U.S. military for promoting the pagan art among its members.

Discussing on his radio show a weekly yoga class offered to U.S. Marines as a means of dealing with stress, Perkins lamented that "the military seems intent on driving religion out and replacing it with wacky substitutes. They've added atheist chaplains, Wiccan worship centers, and now, meditation classes. But none of them are as effective or as constructive as a personal relationship with God."

Yoga is not a new concern. In 2011, Marsha West of the anti-gay American Family Association wrote: "Yoga is not 'just exercising.' Participants are being swept into a counterfeit religion. According to God's Word, pagan religions, such as Hinduism and Buddhism, are evil."

"Implementing Hindu based spiritual practices is an affront to a holy God," Mark Webster of the online Christian



Yoga: According to Dean Broyles, Tony Perkins and Marsha West, it's not for Christians any more.

Apologetics Ministry wrote in a 2010 article titled, "Yoga/Contemplative Prayer: The Snake Is In The House." He continued, "The Lord Jesus Christ is the snake killer par excellence."

Nor is yoga the only athletic endeavor to which Christian-right hardliners have taken umbrage. The Olympics was established by the ancient Greeks to honor Zeus, king of the gods. Even today, the winners of this heathen festival are rewarded with precious metals and parades; the losers return home in shame.

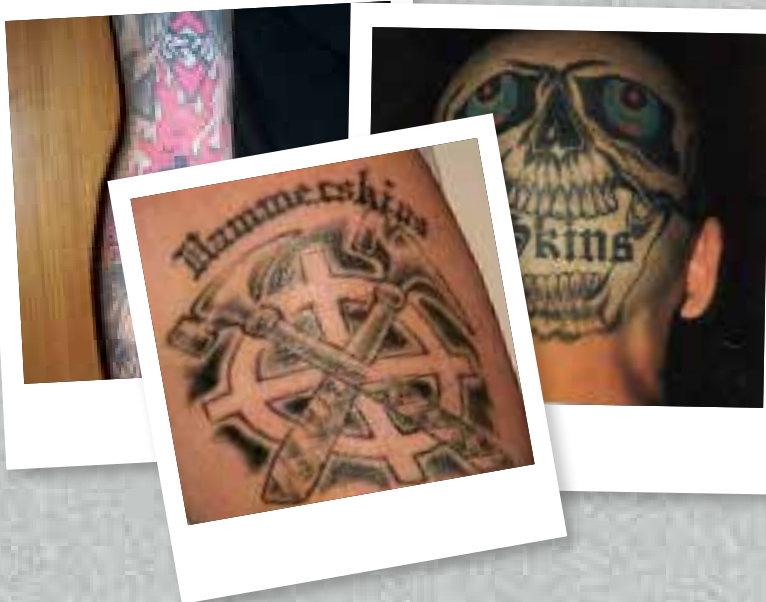
Early Christian world leaders strove to outlaw this display of blasphemy — yet today, many tolerate and even applaud it.

But not all. "There is an irreconcilable conflict between Greek Athleticism and the Christian Biblical Worldview. The invocation of anything based upon the acceptance of ancient Greek philosophy has consistently been the foundation for opposition to Christianity," declares the website of CreationWorldview. "What is wrong with the Olympics? It is an alternative religion which embraces a spirit of supremacy, a win-at-all-costs attitude, that is completely at odds with the values of Christianity!"

Even football, that most red-blooded of American sports, can be an affront to the truly pious. "We must look at the state of our hearts," admonished the pastor of Moreland, Georgia's First Baptist Church in a late-September column. "On Saturdays does ... football completely dominate and take-over [sic] our thinking? If you have a desire or joy for something more than God, you're an idolater." ▲

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