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Terror From the Right: The Threat is Real

BY MARK POTOK

In the aftermath of the February leak of a new report on radical-right domestic terrorism from the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), the political right went into familiar denial mode: The DHS was ignoring the Islamist threat, mainly because left-wingers like President Obama were so afraid of offending Muslims that they were willing to risk American lives in the pursuit of political correctness.

At Fox News, Eric Bolling, co-host of “The Five,” exemplified this trend, complaining that DHS’ paper on the “sovereign citizens” movement was another example of ignoring real terrorism and instead focusing on “all of these non-existent threats.” “Do you have any examples [of right-wing terrorism] from the last seven years?” he demanded of co-host Juan Williams. When Williams declined to take the bait, Bolling said Williams’ demurral was a “typical left-wing response.”

Well, hardly. Not unless you’re willing to discount a scholarly study last year that showed that law enforcement officials across America see the movement of sovereign citizens, people who believe most laws don’t apply to them, as the form of violent extremism that worries them most. Not unless you’re willing to sneer at Bob Paudert, a retired police chief whose officer son was murdered by sovereigns.

Not unless you’re willing to simply ignore reality.

A quick review of a few examples of right-wing terrorism from 2014 alone: Federal agents arrested a man in Katy, Texas, who they said was plotting to rob banks and armored cars, kill police officers, and blow up government buildings and mosques. Neo-Nazi Frazier Glenn Miller allegedly murdered three Kansans in two Jewish community centers. A neo-Nazi in Florida was charged with 10 counts of attempted murder after 50 rounds were fired at police outside his home.

A Georgia man with antigovernment views was killed while attempting to storm a courthouse. A radical couple murdered two police officers in a Las Vegas restaurant before slaying another man and being killed themselves. Extremists in Utah, California and Pennsylvania allegedly attacked police or plotted to do so. And in Austin, Texas, a white supremacist opened fire on a federal courthouse, the Mexican consulate and police headquarters before being shot dead.

No one with any sense would argue that there is no serious threat from jihadist terrorists. Recent massacres in Paris and Copenhagen, barbaric beheadings and other

atrocities carried out by the Islamic State, the slaughters and schoolgirl abductions by Boko Haram in Nigeria — not to mention Al Qaeda’s murder of close to 3,000 Americans in 2001 — all testify to the extreme gravity of the threat.

But the threat from the radical right is also very real.

In this issue, we examine the threat of “lone wolf” domestic terrorism by taking a look at 63 incidents in the last six years. Overall, we find that extremist violence is continuing at levels comparable to the 1990s, when the militia movement was producing a great many terror attacks or attempted attacks. And, in accordance with other studies, we find that the number of Americans killed by radical-right extremists in recent years is more than the total murdered here by jihadists.

Counter-intuitively, perhaps, we also document in this issue the declining number of both hate and anti-government “Patriot” groups in 2014. Both categories of radical-right organizations fell by about a fifth. But that drop, a function of the strengthening economy, law enforcement crackdowns and other factors, was not accompanied by any real diminution in violence from domestic terrorists.

What seems to be happening is an accelerated movement of people with radical-right views out of groups and into the anonymity and safety of the Internet, which also provides them with the ability to reach huge audiences. At the same time, our study shows that those with criminal intentions are increasingly acting alone, without the aid or direction of other people or organized groups. And, in any case, the lower numbers may be deceiving. A large number of Klan groups disappeared last year, but at least some of them seem to have simply gone underground.

As the new year began, in the wake of a raft of news about jihadist attacks like the *Charlie Hebdo* massacre in Paris, a new danger on the domestic scene seemed clearly to be looming — terrorism aimed at Muslim Americans. In Houston, a large building in a new Islamic center was torched, allegedly by a man who later told a store clerk that he hated Muslims. Former congressman Tom Tancredo called for halt to all Muslim immigration. And a new study, by the Christian research group LifeWay, showed that 27% of Americans — and 45% of senior Protestant pastors — see the Islamic State, or ISIL, as exemplifying what Islam really is.

Terrorism is a real and serious threat no matter what its ideological origin. And it is not only the immediate casualties who are victims — attacks on minorities for ideological reasons have the effect of terrorizing entire minority groups. In a country that will lose its white majority within the next 30 years, it’s especially critical that we build a country that is truly welcoming to all. ▲



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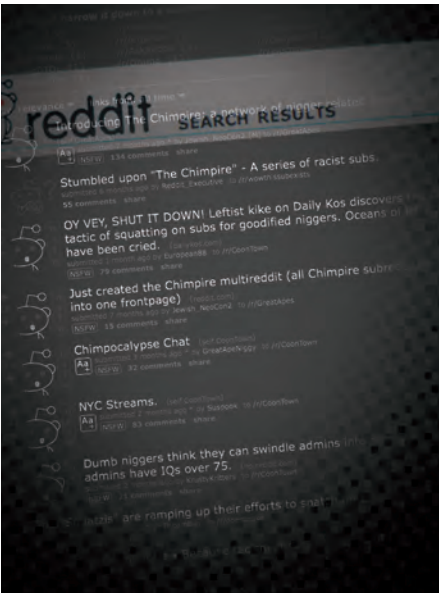
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[EXTREMISM IN THE MAINSTREAM]

House Whip Survives Hate Group Scandal, at Least for Now

House Majority Whip Steve Scalise, the third most powerful Republican in the new House of Representatives, has apparently survived the storm.

But he certainly got awfully wet.

Just days before the new Congress was sworn in on Jan. 6, a Louisiana blogger named Lamar White Jr. broke the story that Scalise, who was elected to the GOP leadership post in June 2014, had given a speech in 2002 to a group of neo-Nazis and white supremacists organized by former Klan leader David Duke.

Initially, Scalise said he didn't remember speaking to the workshop held by the European-American Unity and Rights

Organization (EURO), a well-known Louisiana-based hate group started by Duke under a slightly different name in 2000. Then he said that he probably had, but had no idea of the politics of the group, and in any case now regretted his "mistake" in appearing at its gathering. Louisiana Republican leaders and, eventually, most national GOP leaders fell in behind him, saying Scalise was a good man who'd made a simple error in judgment.

But Scalise's claim of ignorance was almost impossible to believe.

- Scalise was a state representative in his 20s when Duke ran for the U.S. Senate in 1990

and governor in 1991. Duke ultimately lost both races, but he earned more than 600,000 votes in each of them, as well as global notoriety. Duke and his organizations, including EURO, received enormous amounts of publicity between 1989 and the 2002 meeting.

- Kenny Knight, a longtime Duke aide, told *The Washington Post* that Scalise had attended the EURO meeting and was the first to speak. But he soon contradicted that claim in comments to *The (New Orleans) Times-Picayune*.

- Knight and his former girlfriend Barbara Noble told the New Orleans paper that Scalise had actually attended an earlier neighborhood association

U.S. Rep. Steve Scalise (R-La.) gave a 2002 speech to a group headed by neo-Nazi and former Klan leader David Duke (inset).

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meeting hosted by Knight in the same hotel meeting room a few hours before the EURO conference. Noble said she and Knight left after that meeting and did not attend the EURO gathering. But that is false. There is no record at all of the association cited by Knight. And a photo in a 2002 newsletter shows Knight speaking to the EURO crowd.

- Scalise also claimed that at the time of the EURO meeting, he was speaking to any group that would have him as he worked against a tax reform plan known as the Stelly Plan. But as blogger White pointed out after breaking the initial story, the Stelly plan had not even been heard in a legislative committee yet, and the campaign against it by Scalise and other conservatives only began months after the EURO meeting.

In fact, Scalise, who hails from the same Louisiana parish as Duke and Knight, may have had some real affinities with EURO. In 1999, *Roll Call* reported that Scalise “said he embraces many of the same ‘conservative’ views as Duke, but is more viable.” Scalise also reportedly told a columnist that his politics were similar to Duke’s, but “without the baggage.” In 1999 and again in 2004, he was among lonely groups of three and six Louisiana legislators, respectively, who voted against a state Martin Luther King Jr. holiday. And in 1996, he was one of two legislative committee members who tried to kill a resolution apologizing for slavery.

Despite a real political storm and widespread skepticism about his claims, even from some Republicans, Scalise managed to hang on to his whip position. But it seemed clear that if he were linked to any other racist groups or events, Steve Scalise’s career as a national politician would be gone with the wind.

[ELECTORAL EXTREMISM]

Despite GOP Efforts, Some Extremists Win Political Campaigns

The *New York Times* titled its Nov. 5 postmortem on the midterm elections, “Republicans’ First Step Was to Handle Extremists in Party.” The GOP didn’t “handle” everyone, though. Here’s a look at some of the more radical figures elected on Nov. 4, 2014:



Joni Ernst, U.S. Senate, Iowa: Ernst won hearts with a commercial declaring that she grew up castrating hogs. She’s also called President Obama a “dictator,” supported unconstitutional state “nullification” of federal laws, and bought into a conspiracy theory suggesting that Agenda 21, a toothless U.N. environmental initiative, might be used to push Iowa farmers off their land.



Gary Glenn, Michigan state legislature, District 98: Glenn, who authored Michigan’s amendment banning same-sex marriage, dreams of recriminalizing homosexuality and thinks businesses should avoid hiring LGBT people because of the “severe medical consequences” of homosexuality. He is former director of AFA-Michigan, an affiliate of the American Family Association, an anti-LGBT hate group.



Glenn Grothman, U.S. House of Representatives, Wisconsin, 6th District: A Christian Right hardliner, Grothman has defended a proposed Ugandan bill that would have made “aggravated homosexuality” a capital offense. He

also proposed to make it a felony offense in the U.S. for doctors to perform abortions to save mothers’ lives. He once called Martin Luther King Jr. Day “an insult.”

Jody Hice, U.S. House of Representatives, Georgia, 10th District: This radio talk show host says that Islam is not protected by the First Amendment, believes that



a woman may run for office only if she’s “within the authority of her husband,” and once said that “blood moons,” whatever those are, are a sign of world-changing events.

Gordon Klingenschmitt, Colorado state legislature, District 15: Klingenschmitt, who



claims the ability to cast demons out of LGBT people, heads the anti-LGBT hate group The Pray in Jesus Name Project. He was court martialed by the Air Force in 2006 for disobeying an order and believes gay people should be discriminated against because they’re not going to heaven (and only people who go to heaven deserve equal treatment).

Michael Peroutka, Ann Arundel County Council, Maryland:



This ardent Southern secessionist, former board member of the neo-Confederate hate group League of the South (LOS) and one-time presidential candidate for the theocratic Constitution Party, campaigned on local issues. Still, he maintains extreme positions such as his belief that proponents of the “gay death-style” plan to recruit America’s children to their cause. He also believes nondiscrimination laws are a plot to replace God with government “idolatry.”

Mark Walker, U.S. House of Representatives, North Carolina, 6th District: This immigrant-bashing



preacher-turned-politician proposes to deploy the National Guard along the Mexican border and have the military shoot at unauthorized border-crossers. In response to a question about whether he wanted the U.S. to start a war with Mexico, Walker said, “Well, we did it before. If we need to do it again, I don’t have a qualm.”

[RADICAL PROPAGANDA]

Right-Wingers Depict Ebola Virus as Obama Conspiracy

Americans were badly shaken this fall when missteps by the Texas hospital that handled one of the first cases of Ebola virus on American soil led to a minor outbreak in the U.S.

While politicians of all stripes ignored expert opinions suggesting that travel bans and quarantines could be counterproductive and instead called for both, right-wing personalities spread medically questionable “facts” about how the disease could spread and stoked nativist fears with panicked predictions that infected immigrants could swarm the border. Quite a few even suggested that President Obama was responsible for the virus’ spread.

Reacting on Oct. 24 to news that a doctor who treated Ebola patients in Guinea tested positive for the illness after returning to New York City, billionaire birther Donald Trump tweeted, “Ebola has been confirmed in N.Y.C., with officials frantically trying to find all of the people and things [the victim] had contact with. Obama’s fault.”

WorldNetDaily Columnist Erik Rush, in an Oct. 29 column titled “Does White House Want An Ebola Epidemic in the U.S.?” wrote, “I feel quite comfortable maintaining that this administration ... might well intend to facilitate an Ebola epidemic in the United States.”

Dr. Keith Ablow, a Fox News contributor and assistant professor at Tufts University, agreed. After proposing elsewhere that

the Koran down” and “come out [of the White House] with his hands up,” wasn’t about to let that happen. On Oct. 14, he sued the president and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for supposedly “furthering acts of terrorism” by refusing to close the border.

While he did not explicitly blame Obama for the outbreak, Sen. Rand Paul (R-Ky.) fanned the flames of panic and contra-



Obama has “affinities” for Africa and resents the West for its colonial adventures there, he wrote in an Oct. 9 column for FoxNews.com: “In order for President Obama to keep thinking of himself as the leader of the world – and not just the free world – it may be that our boundaries must remain porous, allowing illegal immigrants and, potentially, even diseases to flow through them.”

Larry Klayman, a lawyer who once called on Obama to “put

dicted experts, implying Ebola can be transmitted through the air and that the government is hiding that so-called fact. “It’s an incredibly transmissible disease that everyone is downplaying,” he told Glenn Beck on Oct. 1.

U.S. Rep Louis Gohmert (R-Texas), meanwhile, suggested that plans to send military aid to Ebola-stricken regions would be futile and dangerous. “Political correctness ... is getting military members killed,” he told Lou

A boy named Sue: Larry Klayman, a right-wing lawyer known for filing suits against a long list of people including his own mother, filed another one last fall against President Obama and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Dobbs on Oct. 1. “This is the heart of the problem, political correctness, and by the way, the same kind of idea would send 3,000 military into where they can get Ebola that they can bring back. The military’s not trained to go catch Ebola and die.”

[RACE RELATIONS]

Extremists Exploit Racial Tensions in Ferguson, Mo.

A grand jury’s Nov. 24 decision not to indict Darren Wilson, the Ferguson, Mo., police officer who on Aug. 9 shot and killed unarmed black teenager Michael Brown, inspired a tsunami of vitriol from extremist elements thrilled to latch on to the national controversy over appropriate use of police force.

Front and center among those who used unrest in Ferguson to

further their own agenda was Frank Ancona, imperial wizard of the Missouri-based Traditionalist American Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. Ancona, who not long ago told a reporter that the Klan is a “Christian organization” that doesn’t “hate people because of their race” threatened to use “lethal force” to “defend” the Klan and Ferguson police officers. When the hacker group Anonymous retaliated by exposing the identities of numerous members of Ancona’s group, the self-declared non-hating non-racist called Anonymous members “pathetic nigger lovers” who would soon be “strung up next to the chimps.”

“We would like to wish Officer Darren Wilson and his family all the best in the future. To Anonymous and the people of Ferguson, we will see you on the streets,” Ancona wrote.

The Klan wasn’t the only group hoping for violence. On Nov. 21,

authorities arrested two members of the New Black Panther Party (NBPP) who allegedly purchased explosives they intended to set off in Ferguson after the grand jury released its verdict. Olajuwon Ali, chairman of the NBPP’s St. Louis chapter, and fellow NBPP member Brandon Baldwin were federally indicted on weapons charges for allegedly making “straw purchases” – buying guns intended for someone else’s use – at a St. Louis area sporting goods store. The pair is also accused of planning to set off pipe bombs in the Ferguson area. Ali, it emerged, is also associated with a relative of the antigovernment “sovereign citizens” movement, whose African-American adherents call themselves “Moors” and claim to be immune to most U.S. laws.

Meanwhile, members of the Oath Keepers, a radical antigovernment group mainly comprised of former and current military and

law enforcement personnel, travelled to Ferguson to provide free private security to businesses there. Armed with AR-15s and handguns, the camo-clad volunteers, who have a history complicating volatile situations, stood on rooftops and surveyed the town until local law enforcement, claiming that the Oath Keepers were violating the law by providing security without a license, told them to stop.

Clashes were not limited to Ferguson. On Monday, Oct. 6, St. Louis Cardinals fans greeted anti-racism protesters rallying outside Busch Stadium with racial slurs and insults. “We’re the ones who gave all y’all the freedoms that you have,” shouted one woman.

In the tiny town of Rosebud, Mo. (population 409), participants in a march organized by the NAACP were greeted by a crowd of mostly white counter-protesters wearing T-shirts supporting Officer Wilson and shouting insults. Elsewhere along the route, the marchers encountered Confederate flags, a white-hooded onlooker, and mocking offers of fried chicken, melon, and a 40-ounce bottle of beer.

While some extremists wreaked havoc on the ground, others chimed in from the sidelines. Antigovernment superstar Alex Jones declared the Ferguson uproar a conspiracy aimed at sparking a civil war, with the end goal of imposing martial law and confiscating guns from patriotic Americans. Glenn Beck and WorldNetDaily predicted race war, and Alan Keyes spied “a Hitlerian situation” in the making.

David Horowitz, the liberal-bashing, race-baiting godfather of the modern anti-Muslim movement, used the protests as a fundraising opportunity, offering supporters who sent \$50 a copy of a booklet titled “Black Skin Privilege and the American Dream.” And, speaking at Morgan State University on Nov. 22, Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan predicted violence and excoriated

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“So is every Muslim bad? No. But if they subscribe to Islam and what it teaches, and if they’re not standing up and condemning what Islam teaches, then they’re just going right along with them, just like the Germans did when the Nazis were around.”

—Republican Oklahoma State Rep. **JOHN BENNETT**, comparing practicing Muslims to Nazi supporters at an **Oct. 3** town hall meeting in Muskogee, Okla.



“There’s no community that’s more racist in America than the black community.”

—Conservative commentator **DAVID HOROWITZ**, discussing protests in Ferguson, Mo., on Phyllis Schlafly’s “Eagle Forum Live” radio program on **Oct. 11**



“These people are terrorists, they’re radicals and they’re extremists.”

—Televangelist **PAT ROBERTSON**, describing gay rights advocates during an **Oct. 22** rant on his television show about a legal dispute in Houston



“If Obama’s scheme makes it through, there will be no further Presidential elections.”

—Part of a long rant on **Oct. 31** – Halloween – by the Rev. **AUSTIN MILES** in a column for Renew America about President Obama and his “Communist handlers”



“This president is the most racist president there’s ever been in America.”

—Conservative economist **BEN STEIN**, discussing President Obama and the mid-term elections during a Nov. 2 appearance on Fox News’ “America’s News HQ”



“We ain’t taking no niggers here.”

—Southeast Bullitt, Ky., fire chief **JULIUS HATFIELD**, who later announced his resignation, caught on a sheriff deputy’s body camera after a black family of four was involved in a car accident in September, as reported **Nov. 18** by WDRB-TV



“Because if you executed the homos like God recommends, you wouldn’t have all this AIDS running rampant.”

—**STEVEN ANDERSON**, pastor of Faithful Word Baptist Church in Tempe, Ariz., during a **Nov. 30** church service in which he spoke of “a cure for AIDS”



“I’m dreaming of a white Christmas.”

—A caption accompanying an image of a Klansman posted to Facebook on **Nov. 30** by **CHRIS HARRIS**, a board member of the Hooks (Texas) Independent School District who resigned a short time later



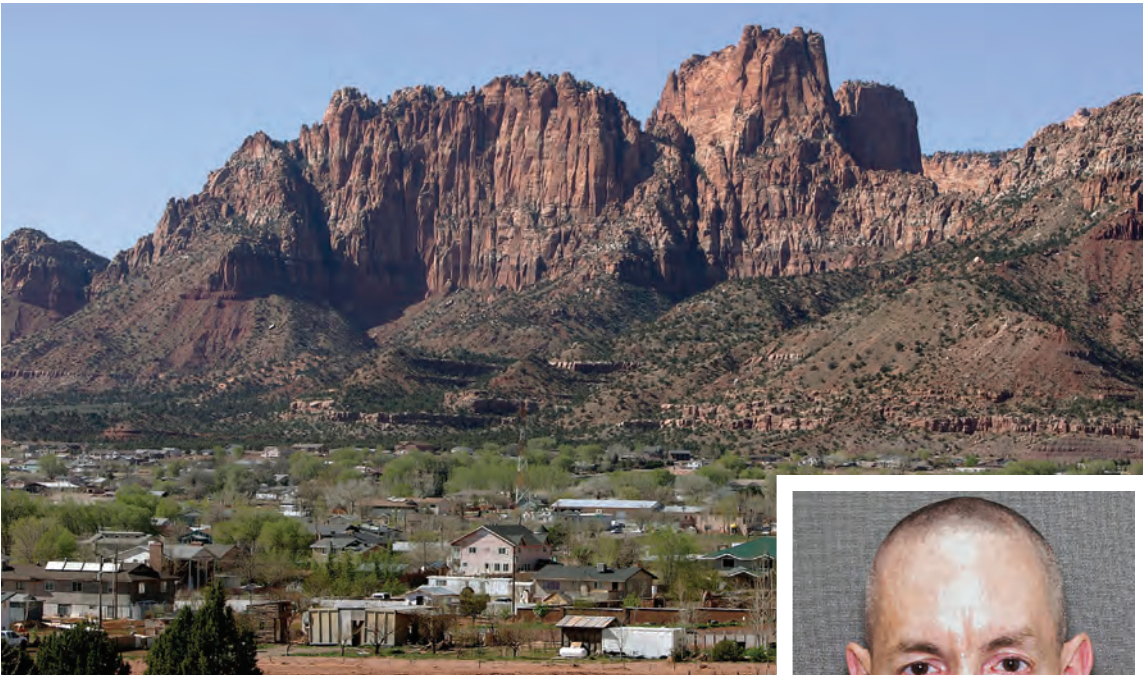
“I’m not going to let any of these dirty faggots inside my church.”

—Fort Worth, Texas, pastor **DONNIE ROMERO**, who was ordained in August by notoriously anti-gay pastor Steven Anderson, in a Sunday sermon on **Dec. 7**

Klan boss Frank Ancona threatened to use “lethal force” to defend police in Ferguson, Mo. Meanwhile, other Klan groups were busy accusing Ancona of being secretly Jewish.



Members of the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints are in a battle with officials in the FLDS stronghold of Colorado City, Ariz. And they are apparently still taking orders from “prophet” Warren Jeffs, who has been in prison since 2011 for sexually assaulting a 12-year-old and a 15-year-old girl.



black leaders, including President Obama, for asking young people to stay calm, while nativists like Roy Beck of NumbersUSA blamed the volatility of Ferguson on immigration.

Former New Black Panther Party leader Malik Zulu Shabazz called on blacks to rebel against the “illegitimate” authority of “White America” and a self-declared “urban militia” called RbG Black Rebels, operating on Twitter, offered a bounty for Wilson’s location. A few days after the grand jury failed to indict Wilson, blogger “Joomiloom” of the Yahoo group “Aryan Nationalist Army” wrote excitedly, “Whites in this country are flat fed **UP** with niggers and want something done.. something **permanent**. ... There’s gonna be dead black ass from coast to coast when it happens, and all I can say is that it will be long overdue.”

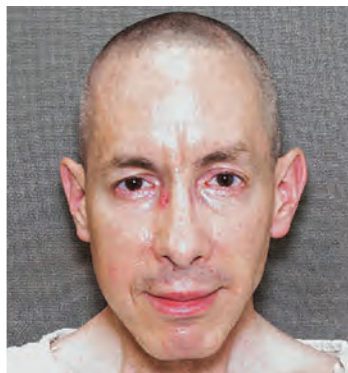
Even the Islamic State, also known as ISIS and ISIL, joined the fray, apparently hoping that protesters outraged at the grand jury’s failure to indict Wilson could be converted to its bloody

cause. Tweeted one ISIS flack, “Accept Islam & give bayah [alliance] to Abu Bakr Al Baghdadi & then we will send u soldiers that don’t sleep!”

[RADICAL RELIGION]
FLDS Families Defying Court Orders, Building Tent City

Average winter temperatures in Colorado City, Ariz., bottom out in the 20s. Still, residents are constructing a massive “tent city” into which, local officials believe, they will soon move en masse rather than comply with a court order requiring them to pay taxes and occupancy fees or face eviction.

The encampment of white tents and trailers, to which utility, water, and sewage lines were reportedly being rerouted, are the latest salvo in a desperate war against the government being waged by members of the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (FLDS), a racist, polygamous cult



formed by radicals who split from the Mormon church when it abandoned “plural marriage.”

Together with Hildale, Utah, Colorado City comprises a district called Short Creek that has long been run by FLDS members. Many have left since summer 2012, when the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) filed a civil rights lawsuit against the community, alleging that its municipal leaders operate as an “arm of the FLDS,” but some hardliners remain, determined to face down the government.

Former FLDS president and prophet Warren Jeffs has been confined in a Texas prison since his 2011 conviction for raping his 12-year-old “spiritual bride” and sexually assaulting a 15-year-old member of his cult, but his followers complied with his command to ignore a court order requiring them to pay a \$100-per-month occupancy fee or face eviction. Dozens

of eviction notices have been served on homes and businesses belonging to the United Effort Plan (UEP), a multimillion-dollar FLDS trust that was taken over by the state of Utah in 2005 because it was being mis-managed by Jeffs and his allies.

In addition to homes, eviction notices have been served on the town’s fire department, which was ordered to vacate its auxiliary building, a storehouse that distributes food to FLDS loyalists (the town has no grocery store), and several FLDS-owned businesses. UEP’s court-appointed fiduciary plans to sell the properties to private owners to shore up the trust.

Cult members, meanwhile, apparently have continued their usual bad behavior. On Sept. 4, the same day an Arizona judge issued an order forbidding the local marshal’s office to discriminate against anyone on the basis of religion or retaliate again plaintiffs in a civil rights suit against the town, someone fired a gun into the office of the Mohave County victim’s advocate in Colorado City. That same day, a former FLDS follower-turned-whistleblower lost his job with the marshal’s office. Later that month, authorities investigated claims by a non-FLDS family in Colorado City who say that FLDS members blew up their pickup truck.

On Sept. 30, an Idaho man who oversaw a home where FLDS boys accused of disobedience were sent on “repentance missions” was sentenced to 90 days in jail and a year’s probation after pleading guilty to 3 counts of misdemeanor injury to a child. Among other things, Nathan C. Jessop, of Pocatello, Idaho, was accused of locking one teenager in a furnace room for two days; of physically disciplining the boys, aged 12 to 17; and of locking the pantry between meals. Two of the boys were put into foster care; the rest returned to their families in Short Creek.

[HATE IN THE MAINSTREAM]

Former SC GOP Chief Still Embarrassing One-Time Colleagues

Todd Kincannon, former head of the South Carolina GOP, once again embarrassed his party on social media when he suggested in a series of Oct. 4 tweets that Americans with Ebola should be “humanely put down” and African villages touched by the disease should be “napalmed.”

Opining about the desperate state of affairs in Liberia and Sierra Leone, the war-ravaged West African countries hit hardest by the outbreak of the deadly virus, Kincannon tweeted, “The people of Africa are to blame for why it’s so shitty. They could stop eating each other and learn calculus at any time.”

Perhaps inspired by the fact that Texas was Ground Zero for a small Ebola outbreak in the U.S., Kincannon then dropped the name of Wendy Davis, 2014 Democratic candidate for Texas governor, who made a name for herself a year earlier with an 11-hour-long

filibuster of a highly restrictive Texas abortion bill: “We should put Wendy Davis’ vagina in charge of the Ebola outbreak. It will kill all of them without mercy and go to Nordstrom’s afterwards.”

Because he offers up, via Twitter, crude and vicious commentary on virtually every major news story – and has even created some of his own – Kincannon remains very much in the public eye despite the fact that he no longer holds a leadership position in the GOP. He resigned as executive director of the South Carolina Republican Party in 2010, after just three months in the position.

On Feb. 4, 2013, he wrote that Trayvon Martin, the unarmed black teen who was shot dead by a neighborhood watch volunteer in 2012, “was a dangerous thug who needed to be put down like a rabid dog,” and that Martin, had he grown up, would have “suck[ed] ... dick” “for drug money.”

On Jan. 20, 2014 he wrote, “In one limited way, I agree with Wendy Davis on abortion. The world would be a better place if she’d been aborted.” The next day, he described her as a “monumental whore” and, apropos of

Potty mouth: Todd Kincannon was ejected as head of the South Carolina GOP in 2010, but he’s still embarrassing his former colleagues.



nothing, also tweeted: “Liberal gays: If y’all want me to bake a cake for you, holler. Promise there won’t be any pubes in it. But then y’all probably like that.”

On March 24, 2013, he tweeted to Iraq war veteran-turned-antiwar activist Mike Prysner, “Shame you didn’t come home in a body bag.”

['SOVEREIGN CITIZENS']

Antigovernment Extremists Fight the Law, and the Law Wins

Activity by so-called “sovereign citizens” in recent months has continued apace, as misguided antigovernment extremists in all corners of the nation attempted to proclaim their immunity to the law and more.

A Louisiana man who greeted local law enforcement on Dec. 2 wearing a Kevlar helmet with a face mask and full body armor, with a knife strapped to

his chest and carrying pepper spray, was subdued with a carefully aimed shot of pepper spray. He was charged with attempted aggravated battery, resisting an officer, illegal possession of body armor in the presence of narcotics and improper telephone communications.

Brandon D. Gibbs, 29, of Gonzales, La., who was known to area officials for his antigovernment views, reportedly threatened to shoot any city employee who came onto his property after his water was turned off due to nonpayment. The self-declared sovereign citizen, who told police he belongs to a 500-man militia training in Maurepas, La., wanted to be in the military but was deemed psychologically unfit for service. Bail was set at \$13,064.50.

In Chicago, a woman described by the *Chicago Sun-Times* as “a loving and educated mother who until recently had a successful career” was sentenced to seven years in prison by a federal judge who accused her of inflicting

“death by a thousand paper cuts.” Cherron Phillips, 44, filed numerous fake \$100 billion liens against prosecutors and federal judges in an effort to retaliate against the system that imprisoned her brother for selling cocaine.

Phillips’ lawyer downplayed the severity of her crime and suggested that incarceration could make things worse, but the judge, who had been brought in from outside the district because Phillips had targeted local jurists, would have none of it, and imposed a sentence harsher than the one suggested by federal guidelines.

And in Massachusetts, the ironically named Christopher Noone denied that he was legally a person and told a prosecutor, “My mom never gave birth to me.” Noone, 21, was attempting to defend himself against a charge of driving without a license by asserting that as a sovereign citizen, he was not bound by law. A judge disagreed and fined him \$500 plus \$407 court costs, which Noone vowed to appeal.

Noone was arrested again by state police after he defiantly drove away from the Newburyport District Courthouse.

[NATIVIST EXTREMISTS]

Border Vigilante ‘Commander’ Charged After Shooting Incident

A Texas man who got his kicks detaining and bullying unauthorized border-crossers on his own authority was himself taken into custody Oct. 20 and charged with being a felon in possession of a firearm.

Kevin Lyndel “K.C.” Massey III, self-declared “commander” of Camp LoneStar, one of several militia gatherings that sprung up along the Texas border as part of a misguided response to last summer’s wave of child refugees, caught the eye of federal authorities during an Aug. 29 encounter



Role reversal: K.C. Massey tried to enforce immigration law on his own authority, but wound up instead facing serious weapons charges.

in which Border Patrol officers, pursuing a cluster of unauthorized border crossers, came upon Camp LoneStar participant John Frederick Foerster standing in the brush with a weapon. An agent fired four shots at Foerster, and missed. Foerster, who like Massey has been arrested as a felon in possession, surrendered, and Massey and another LoneStar participant showed up to vouch for him, carrying weapons.

Massey, 48, of Quinlan, Texas, was convicted of burglary in 1988 when he was 21, and is forbidden under federal law to carry a firearm. In addition to guns and ammunition, agents who searched his Brownsville-area hotel room found fuel and an ammo can full of “suspected” ammonium nitrate – a potential bomb in the making. Massey, in an E-mail exchange with the *Intelligence Report*, said the ammo can contained a completely legal explosive

BLOTTER

UPDATES ON EXTREMISM AND THE LAW

OCT. 1

An **Oregon** man who tried to set off a bomb at a November 2010 tree-lighting in **Portland** in the name of **violent jihad** was sentenced to 30 years in federal prison. The case against Mohamed Osmun Mohamud, 23, was criticized by some as entrapment, but U.S. District Judge Garr M. King rejected that theory, saying that the young man had made his own choices and that he hoped the long sentence would deter other potential jihadist terrorists.



OCT. 29

Christopher Perkins O’Brien of **Annapolis, Md.**, was charged in federal court with making a **racist threat** against the president after he allegedly wrote in an Oct. 16 E-mail to the White House: “I cannot wait to take out your worthless nigger ass, hope to reach out to slash Michele’s throat... You?? I will make a point to behead you, then throw your head into the nearest body of water.” O’Brien, 42, was convicted in 2007 of involuntary manslaughter after he strangled a woman in her home.

NOV. 10

The largest domestic terror-

ism case ever prosecuted in **Florida** ended in anticlimax when its main target received a six-month sentence for teaching



firearms and combat skills to his neo-Nazi followers. Marcus “Mark” Faella, 41, faced up to 30 years in prison for training the **American Front**, a heavily armed white supremacist militia. The case against him fell apart, however, and he will instead serve up to six months in prison followed by two years of electronic monitoring and 10 years of probation.

NOV. 11

A **Gwinnett County, Ga.**, man and his daughter were charged with murder in the starving death of the man’s 15-month-old daughter. Calvin McIntosh, 44, and his daughter Najlaa McIntosh, 23, were allegedly in an incestuous relationship and are accused of withholding food from their own children and the physically disabled mother of the murdered girl, who weighed 59 pounds when found. The McIntoshes are alleged members of the **Nuwaubian Nation of Moors**, a racist black cult whose leader is serving 135 years in prison for sexually abusing adherents’ children.

AP IMAGES/MAINTONIAH COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE (MOHAMUD); OSCOLA COUNTY COURTHOUSE (FAELLA)

NOV. 14

A federal judge sentenced two members of a **Georgia**-based **militia** group to 10 years in prison for their involvement in an antigovernment plot. Samuel Crump Jr., 71, and Ray Adams, 58, were among four suspects arrested in 2011 after FBI informants recorded them plotting to release deadly ricin powder in major U.S. cities. A **Gainesville, Ga.** jury convicted them in January 2014. Their co-defendants pleaded guilty in April 2012 and were sentenced to five-year prison terms.

NOV. 17

A Virginia woman who alleg-

edly offered to help someone join the **Islamic State**, also known as **ISIS** or **ISIL**, faces federal charges of making a false statement regarding an offense involving terrorism. Heather Elizabeth Coffman, 29, of **Henrico County, Va.**, is accused of lying about offering to help an online contact who was actually an undercover FBI agent connect with the terrorist group in Syria. Her lawyer described the case as “a cautionary tale about the Internet.”

NOV. 21

A federal judge in **Orlando, Fla.**, sentenced **neo-Nazi** Bill White to 17½ more years in

prison for threatening and attempting to extort an FBI agent, a state judge, and a former state attorney in connection with their actions against **American Front**, a white supremacist group. White, 37, of **Roanoke, Va.**, has been in and out of prison for years on similar charges. This latest sentence will be added to the seven-year stint the founder and one-time leader of the **American National Socialist Workers Party** is serving for threatening his ex-wife via E-mail.

DEC. 2

A **North Carolina** federal judge sentenced Bernard von

NotHaus, 70, to six months’ detention and three years’ probation for conspiracy and counterfeiting.



Prosecutors described von NotHaus, an icon of the antigovernment “**Patriot**” movement, as a threat and competitor to the U.S. Treasury and Federal Reserve, and asked for a sentence of between 14 and 17 years after a jury found him guilty in 2011. The fate of his \$6 million in “Liberty Dollars” and other coins remains undecided.



Washington, D.C.

Dec. 10, 2014

A pilgrimage of nativist extremists to the nation's capital, aimed at protesting President Obama's promise to use executive actions to halt the deportation of large numbers of undocumented immigrants, drew only about two dozen participants despite the conservative *National Review's* prediction of a "massive gathering." The group, led by an activist clad in Revolutionary War-era clothing, chanted demands from across the street from the White House that the "terrorist" president step down because he welcomed "diseased" residents. But an activist who interviewed several participants captured far worse comments on video, according to Right Wing Watch: "Hang the traitor," "We've got rope," "Don't snap his neck, you watch him choke to death," and more. Later in the day, about 50 sheriffs — not the 200 that organizers had predicted — arrived to lobby against Obama's executive actions. They were responding to a letter from Bristol County, Mass., Sheriff Thomas Hodgson that falsely claimed that 25 Americans a day are killed by undocumented immigrants, and were accompanied by Richard Mack, a radical former Arizona sheriff who heads the Constitutional Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association.



NATHAN MITCHELL

called Tannerite intended for use as target practice with long-range weapons.

"I am not a racist. Nor am I a member of any militia OR hate group. I love all Americans no matter their color or creed," Massey wrote to the *Report*.

This sense of brotherly love, such as it is, seems to stop at the border. In a video he gloatingly posted on Facebook some weeks before his arrest, Massey and some companions detained three border crossers, handcuffed them with zip ties, and turned them over to Border Patrol.

Massey declared the encounter was "conducted in a humanitarian, professional fashion." But that claim is belied by the fact that several participants in the camp decided to leave because of concerns about the operation's legality.

"After the whole shooting thing, we figured out that some of them were felons," Rob Chupp, an Indiana man who left Camp LoneStar not long after Foerster and Massey's ill-fated encounter with Border Patrol, told the *Report*. "It just turned south, and we pulled out."

Chupp might have seen the light, but others in the conspiracy-minded militia movement believe Massey's arrest was part of a government plot to malign gun-loving Americans.

"These occurrences ... should provide adequate warning to patriots, especially those who have a felony record, that there is a concerted effort on the part of government to find cause to bring charges against you and take your guns away," wrote "Patriot" activist Gary Hunt.

A federal judge released Massey on \$30,000 bond on condition that he surrender all weapons in his possession, wear an ankle monitor, refrain from

consuming alcohol, and cut off contact with Camp LoneStar.

[RACIST MUSIC]

iTunes Dumps Hate Music, but Spotify and Amazon Still Selling

"The good old boys they kept their trust despite the rising crime / Clean white robes, good strong ropes, they're just doing fine," sing Ian Stuart and the Klansmen in "Fetch the Rope," the title track from the band's rollicking 1989 release. "I said, don't give up hope / Well they can cope / Don't give up hope / Fetch that rope."

The Klansmen's album, along with dozens of others like it by white power bands such as Skrewdriver (which Ian Stuart Donaldson also led), Young Blood, Absurd, Bilskirnir and Arghoslent, is available on digital music retailers Spotify and Amazon to anyone who cares to listen.

One place fans will no longer find it and many other white power staples, however, is iTunes, which removed 21 such bands and has 33 others under review in the wake of a report published in the Winter 2014 issue of *Intelligence Report*.

As the report pointed out, iTunes' terms of service prohibit content that is, among other things, "obscene, objectionable, and in poor taste." But until recently, it sold the Bully Boys' "Fire Up the Ovens," featuring the Holocaust-inspired lyrics, "We're going to burn until the last Jew burns ... Fire up the ovens; let's do it again," and "Jigrun," about driving African Americans out of towns.

"Apple is doing the right thing by preventing iTunes from being used as a recruitment tool for white supremacists," said Heidi Beirich, director of the SPLC's

Intelligence Project, which publishes the *Report*. "Amazon and other online retailers that continue to sell this music need to realize that they are providing a powerful platform for extremists to reach young people with messages that advocate hate and violence against African Americans, Jews and others."



Amazon continues to distribute and profit from white power music in spite of a policy that would seem to offer it an easy way to stop. "Listings for items that Amazon deems offensive are prohibited on Amazon.com," reads the online retailer's offensive products disclaimer, which, in addition to Amazon's participation agreement, governs the Amazon marketplace. "Examples of Prohibited Listings: Products that promote or glorify hatred, violence, racial, sexual or religious intolerance or promote organizations with such view."

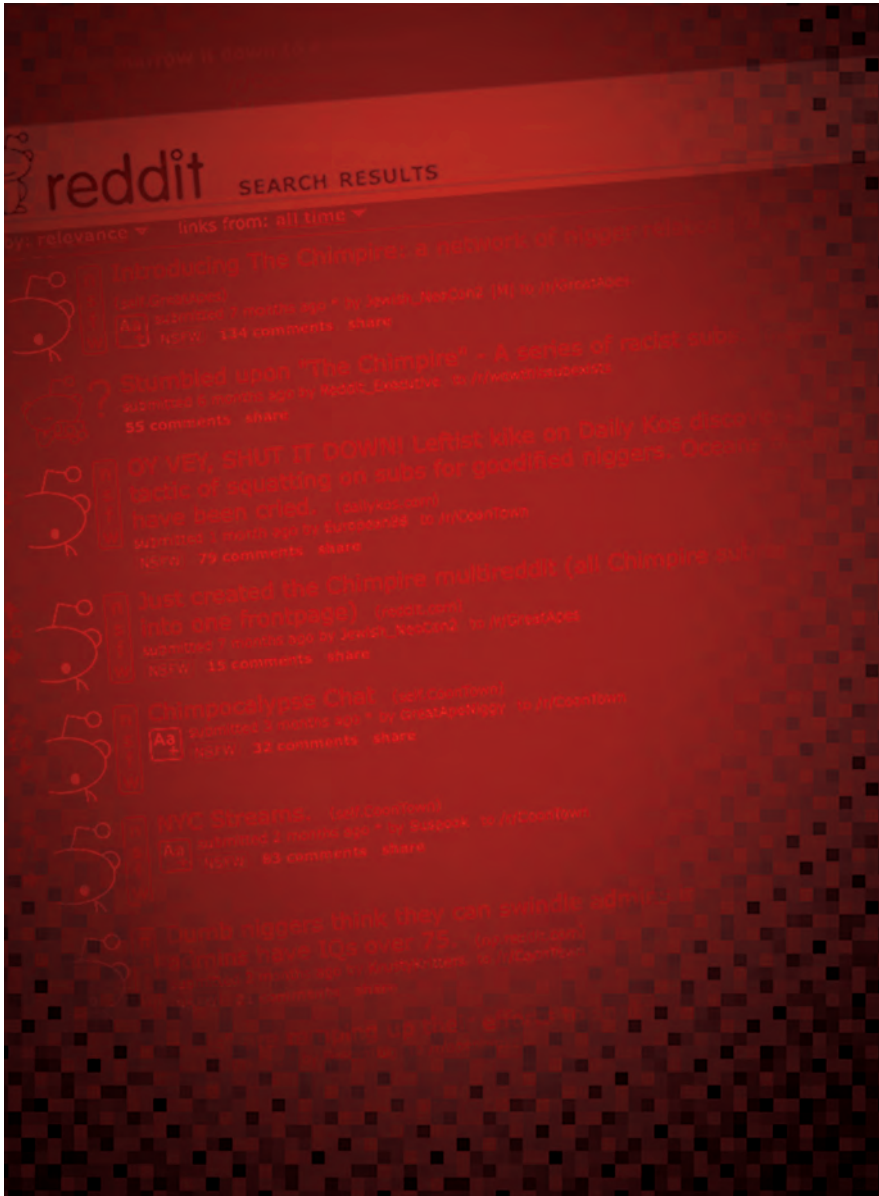
Spotify, meanwhile, has said it uses a list produced by Germany's Federal Department for Media Harmful to Young Persons to identify artists and music that should be removed. Users can also flag content for review. But at press time, Spotify has not removed any songs from a list of hate music provided by the SPLC. ▲

The iTunes music service has stopped selling white power hate music, but Spotify and Amazon still do.

BLACK HOLE

The most violently racist internet content isn’t found on sites like Stormfront and VNN any more.

Today, **REDDIT** is even worse



One section of the Web forum is dedicated to watching black men die, while another is called “CoonTown” and features users wondering if there are any states left that are “nigger free.” One conversation focuses on the state of being “Negro Free,” while another is about how best to bring attention to the assertion that black people are more prone to commit sexual assaults than whites.

But these discussions aren’t happening on Stormfront, which since its founding in 1995 by a former Alabama Klan leader has been the largest hate forum on the Web. They’re taking place on Reddit, a huge online bulletin board owned by mass media giant Condé Nast, which also owns *Vanity Fair*, *The New Yorker* and 20 other print and online publications that reach an estimated 95 million consumers. Reddit has been hailed as the last bastion of free speech on the Internet, an unregulated and vibrant community of users who post whatever they want and rely on the community around them to police their content.

The world of online hate, long dominated by website forums like Stormfront and its smaller neo-Nazi rival Vanguard News Network (VNN), has found a new

— and wildly popular — home on the Internet. Reddit boasts the 9th highest Alexa Internet traffic ranking in the United States and the 36th worldwide. Many of Reddit’s racist subreddits are among its most popular.

Reddit is a news site that hosts user-submitted links and discussion, organized into specific communities of interest comprised of “subreddits,” which are ranked by votes from users. If a reader believes content is a constructive contribution, he or she can “upvote” it, pushing the content further up the page. Conversely, if a user thinks that content is either off-topic or is not constructive, it can be “downvoted,” causing it to sink further down the page.

Content on Reddit is “moderated based on quality, not opinion,” according to the working document that dictates community guidelines, called “Reddiquette.” This idea of user-policed communities that contain high-quality, diverse content is part of the ethos Reddit has worked hard to project. “We power awesome communities,” reads the graphic atop its “about” page.

But awesome communities for whom?

The ‘Chimpire’

Along with countless others with entirely different interests, Reddit increasingly is providing a home for anti-black racists — and some of the most virulent and violent propaganda around. In November 2013, a hyper-racist subreddit called “GreatApes” was formed. Users posted epithet-strewn links to “news” stories of dubious origin that riffed on long established stereotypes about the black

community. GreatApes was wildly popular and grew quickly, expanding into a much larger Reddit network called “the Chimpire,” which was organized by a user known only by his or her posting name of “Jewish_NeoCon2.”

“We feel it’s time to expand our sphere of influence and lebensraum [the Nazi term for “living space”] on reddit. Thus we have decided to create ‘the Chimpire,’ a network of nigger related subreddits,” Jewish_NeoCon2 wrote at the time. “Want to read people’s experiences with niggers? There now is an affiliated subreddit for it. Want to watch chimp nature documentaries? We got it. Nigger hate facts? IT’S THERE. ... Oh yes you bet we got videos of ghetto niggers fighting each other. Nigger drama on reddit? There’s a sub. Sheboons? Gibbsmedat.”

Within a year, the Chimpire network had grown to include 46 active subreddits spanning an alarming range of racist topics, including “Teenapers,” “ApeWrangling,” “Detoilet,” and “Chicongo,” along with subreddits for both “TrayvonMartin” and “ferguson,” each of them dealing with the controversial and highly publicized shooting deaths of unarmed black teenagers.

Then, last November, Reddit’s most racist community evolved once again, adding the subreddit called CoonTown in the aftermath of a dispute between several top moderators at GreatApes. In just four days, CoonTown had reached 1,000 subscribers. And its popularity continues to grow.

According to Reddit Metrics, as of Jan. 6, there were 552,829 subreddits. CoonTown, with its 3,287 subscribers,

ranked 6,279th, placing it in the top 2% of subreddits. It is the 680th fastest-growing subreddit on the site despite — or because of — violently racist material including a large number of threads dedicated to videos of black-on-black violence.

These gruesome videos show black men being hit in the head repeatedly with a hammer, burned alive, and killed in a variety of other ways. The subreddit’s banner features a cartoon of a black man hanging, complete with a Klansman in the background. One fairly typical user, “Bustatruggalo” applauded the graphic violence as “[v]ery educational and entertaining.” He or she continued on a separate thread: “I almost feel bad for letting an image like this fill me with an overwhelming amount of joy. Almost....”

Others, like user “natchil,” were looking for still more. “Where is watch-jewsdie?” this user wondered.

‘Remember the Human’

There are some limits. “No calls for violence,” the CoonTown subreddit’s description reads. “It’s prohibited by Reddit’s site-wide rules.”

Everything up to violence, however, is very much there, including the horrific content found on other Chimpire subreddits like “WatchNiggersDie” — content which is rarely, if ever, matched on forums like Stormfront and VNN, which worry about being shut down or driving off potential allies.

That’s despite the Reddiquette section’s first rule, which implores Reddit users to “Remember the human.” “When you communicate online, all you see is a computer screen,” it says. “When talking to some-

BY KEEGAN HANKES

one you might want to ask yourself ‘Would I say it to the person’s face?’ or ‘Would I get jumped if I said this to a buddy?’”

If Reddit’s rules seem relaxed, that’s because they are meant to be. Still, although users are asked to “remember the human,” there is little humanity in the way the subjects of subreddits like CoonTown are treated.

In June 2013, however, after an extended, public controversy, Reddit did ban the subreddit “Niggers” when large numbers of its denizens began overrunning another subreddit, “BlackGirls,” with racist posts that were apparently not being policed by its moderators. “Brigading” — when large groups of people from one subreddit gang up to downvote comments on another subreddit that they don’t normally visit — is prohibited by Reddit. Users of the Niggers subreddit also engaged in “vote manipulation,” which falsely raises the popularity of a post by soliciting like-minded users to blindly upvote it. After repeated warnings and “shadow-banning,” or making a user’s posts invisible to everyone but the author, the subreddit was finally banned. According to Jewish_NeoCon2, more than a few former members of the Niggers subreddit have now taken up residence at CoonTown.

A Reluctance to Intervene

Condé Nast, one of the largest mass media companies in the United States, acquired Reddit in 2006, although the Internet company still operates independently. The stability of such a well-established and respected media firm, as well as the funding of many high-profile investors, including a \$50 million investment from the rapper Snoop Lion this October, appears to guarantee Reddit’s future.

A request for comment on the Chimpire was directed to Patricia Rockenwagner, a member of Condé

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Nast’s public relations department, but she referred it to Victoria Taylor, Reddit’s head of communications. Taylor did not respond to requests for comment.

Last year, however, Yishan Wong, Reddit’s CEO, took to the subreddit “TheoryofReddit,” to explain that Reddit was in the red. He revealed that in exchange for its relative operational independence from Condé Nast, the site

was responsible for its own bills. The site’s goal, according to Wong, is to pay its own way and its primary engine for accomplishing that is through ads, a premium subscription option, and the Reddit gift exchange.

Racist websites and organizations do sometimes benefit from racist subreddits like the Chimpire. That’s because subreddit users often post links to other racist sites, and those links drive traffic to those other sites, which in turn typically sell merchandise in addition to pushing racist ideology and recruiting.

It’s hard to dispute that Reddit does offer a venue for remarkably lively and unbridled conversation, and that dissident commentary that might not be tolerated elsewhere finds a welcome home there. Richard Spencer, a racist ideologue who heads the National Policy Institute, held an “AMA” (Ask Me Anything) session on Reddit last November, and although his views are widely regarded as loathsome, he was calm and understated in his discussion of far-right European politics. Unlike in WatchNiggersDie, there were no links to videos of brutal killings or other visual images meant to degrade the humanity of minorities.

Reddit is often hailed as one of the last bastions of truly free speech, and its owners’ hesitance to jeopardize that status is understandable given the loyal following it has inspired. Reddit has removed content that has been

illegally appropriated from commercial interests, such as the revelations that emerged from the November hack of Sony Pictures Entertainment.

The Internet is awash in racist, anti-Semitic, misogynistic and other hateful content, but much of it is relatively tame. Subreddits such as the Chimpire offer a window on to just how awful some of the darkest corners of the Web really are. ▲

MORE HATE FROM REDDIT

The ‘Philosophy’ of Rape

BY MARK POTOK

In an online world that is increasingly fraught with extreme hatred of women, the subreddit named PhilosophyOfRape may actually be the most vile and malicious English-language expression of misogyny on the Internet.

The subreddit, a forum that was created by an anonymous user last Sept. 28, promotes the “corrective” rape of “sluts,” “harlots” and just about any other woman or girl, and promises to help readers get away with it. Its founder reportedly claims to have personally raped seven women, and a visitor to the site recently bemoaned his own arrest and 10-year sentence after following the site’s advice.

“These harpies need to be humbled,” the forum’s creator, who also goes by PhilosophyOfRape, wrote in his opening statement, which he described as “serious as a heart attack.” “We’re talking about filthy, unmitigated sluts. Obvious and loud. Shameless. Belligerent. Entitled. Selfie taking, Tindr-whoring, Teenage-walking-herpes-sores. We are talking about bad, bad individuals. Unruly, neglected [sic], children, run-amok. That badly need to be punished. Badly. For the good of society, these women need to be raped. Here we will teach how to do it safely.”

Reddit, which has been contacted by numerous users over the last few months, has declined to shut down the subreddit, even after it was reported to the FBI and “Jaghut_rapist” wrote in to describe his own experience after visiting it.

“I did myself some correction after reading this sub,” that user said in a comment headed “Fuck this sub and all it’s [sic] ideas.” “It really seemed like a good idea. Now the police are after me. DON’T rape women. You WILL be caught. Goddam. I’m just going to kill myself.” Days later, the same user wrote to say he’d been arrested and pleaded guilty after being threatened with 20 years in prison.

While some have speculated that PhilosophyOfRape is satire, that seems clearly untrue. The site really does offer rape advice — the claim, for example, that Halloween is the No. 2 day of the year for unsolved rapes because going masked that night will not attract police interest — and its founder’s vicious diatribes are unrelieved by any attempt at humor. PhilosophyOfRape has even proposed finding a way to “crowd fund” the “correction” of women, but worried about how to make

sure that rewards only go to those who commit verifiable rapes.

The site reasons that while rape indeed harms women, it is “absolutely justifiable” because men have a right to sex. “Sex is a basic human need,” it says. “So if a man is having that withheld from him, it is justifiable that he would take it by force if necessary.” It also argues that women are stupid and promiscuous, and that they need to be put back in their place by violent sexual assault.

The site attracts more than its share of the criminally minded. “Do you think fathers should fuck their daughters?” one wrote in, adding without irony that that “would ingrain in them a healthy view of men.” Another user asked when a girl is too young to rape and was told that “9-15 is a decent range to start corrections.” And still another user who said he had “fucked a girl while she was unconscious” was told by someone else on the site that if that were true, he had “done good.”

The site’s founder has not detailed his own attacks on women on the site, but did do so on The Red Pill subreddit, according to an article on the We Hunted the Mammoth website. “I so far have Corrected 7,” PhilosophyOfRape reportedly wrote before his comment was deleted. “Two last year but over five already in 2014 and a brother I’ve brought into the fold has already Corrected his first one.”

Reddit, which also houses numerous savagely anti-black subreddits (see story, p. 14), prides itself on untrammelled free speech, although it has occasionally shut down subreddits. But even many of its libertarian-minded users have found PhilosophyOfRape, which had 110 subscribers at press time, deserving of banning.

“Reddit is an *enormous* influence on the culture, and it has been a pretty nasty influence of late,” one user wrote on the site. Many pointed to Elliot Rodger, the sex-starved 22-year-old who murdered six people in a fit of misogynistic rage during a California rampage last May, and who had earlier posted misogynistic comments on another woman-bashing website. As one PhilosophyOfRape visitor concluded during a discussion of Reddit’s reluctance to police even the most despicable content, “They want to host a training school for violent criminals.” ▲



'WHITE WILL' WILLIAMS, A STALWART OF NEO-NAZISM, TAKES OVER THE NEAR-DEAD NATIONAL ALLIANCE, BUT WARNS OF A 'SLOW REBUILD'

Triumph of the Will

BY DON TERRY

At an age when most men and women choose to retire, 67-year-old William W. Williams went out and got a new job in one of the world's oldest professions — hate.

He is now the HNIC — Head Nazi in Charge.

Known throughout the white nationalist movement as “White Will” — the fictional hero of a notorious 1990s racist comic book he helped write and draw — Williams is the new chairman of what's left of the old neo-Nazi National Alliance (NA), once America's leading hate group. Crafty and smart, the self-described “biological racist” recently out-maneuvered and out-hustled his bitter rivals in the neo-Nazi movement for the tarnished title, a state of affairs duly registered with the Commonwealth of Virginia State Corporation Commission.

Williams won by stealth and ambush, skills he picked up as a young U.S. Army Special Forces officer during two combat tours in Vietnam. But this time, he did not have to fire a shot to get the job done. He sat back and watched his foes — a band of disgruntled former NA members calling themselves the National Alliance Reform & Restoration Group, or NARRG — do the heavy lifting. As NARRG was spending tens of thousands of dollars in legal fees to seize control of the Alliance with a \$2 million civil lawsuit against Erich Josef Grieb, the much maligned chairman who presided over the last 12 years of the NA's decline, Williams was secretly negotiating with Grieb to resign and hand over to him the keys to the crumbling kingdom.

“We managed to keep it pretty close to our chest,” Williams told the *Intelligence Report* in a recent interview. “We didn't go out there, bragging and boasting and all that. We just kind of slowly maneuvered around.”

Williams' power grab clearly caught

The handoff: After a dozen years heading the neo-Nazi National Alliance, Erich Grieb (left) gave the reins to Will Williams, angering many of his former followers.

NARRG off guard. It was a stiff Roman salute to the jaw and NARRG did not take it well, calling Williams, among other things, a “superficial” “racial gadfly” who blends “various reactionary white nationalist ideologies” and is “bent on a path of religious tyranny.”

Herr Kettle, meet Herr Pot.

Needless to say, NARRG rejects Williams as chairman. “The lawsuit,” NARRG announced on its website, “continues to go on, even though the purported wrinkle of Williams may be in the mix.”

Good Riddance to Resistance

Williams has a southern drawl, a Russian wife 24 years his junior and an easy manner. But don’t be fooled, even when he’s trying to be polite by using “Negro” and “Jew.”

“We’re different races and we don’t need to be all thrown together,” he said. “If they want diversity, they ought to keep us apart. We need to have our own living space. We need our own reservation. We got to separate.”

Since 1985, Williams has worked closely with some of the biggest names in organized hate, from his old friend Frazier Glenn Miller, who was charged last year with gunning down three people at two Jewish centers in Kansas, to Ben Klassen, the late founder of the racist Church of the Creator, to the father of the National Alliance, William Pierce, a former physics professor and author of *The Turner Diaries*, the novel that inspired the Oklahoma City bombing.

Williams was the Alliance’s first membership coordinator in the early 1990s. But he quit the NA shortly before Pierce’s death in 2002. “I didn’t really like the direction the Alliance was going,” he said. “It was all these skinheads.” Days after Pierce’s death, Gliebe, who had helped recruit many of the skinheads Williams detested, was elected by the board to be the Alliance’s second chairman. Williams quickly became a frequent and harsh critic of his leadership. But these days, Williams tries hard not to bad-mouth Gliebe too much, at least not in public, since Gliebe has handed what’s

left of the evil empire over to him.

“Everything I’m supposed to have, I’ve gotten,” Williams said. “They’re not getting them away from me.” Williams said he now controls — “legally and officially” — NA’s book publishing business, its inventory, websites, bank accounts, the hilltop compound on 423 wooded acres in rural West Virginia and its membership list — such as it is. Alliance membership languishes at around 100 people, compared to nearly 1,300 in the last days of Pierce.

What he doesn’t control is NA’s one-time moneymaking machine, the white power music label Resistance Records, which attracted a wave of skinheads

to its ranks, infusing the Alliance with youth and cash. The company helped NA generate up to \$1 million a year in income. Williams said Gliebe quietly sold Resistance last year and Williams is happy about it. The move saved him the trouble, he said, of having to dump it himself, part of his campaign to “clean house” by chasing away “the skinhead genre” and other undesirables such as “prisoners.”

“The best part of this is I don’t have to deal with these goddamn skinheads,” Williams said. “That music really sucks. It’s like rap music. I wouldn’t have bought that thing for nothing. But I don’t have it any more. That’s really good. We’re going to trim our sails.”

Williams has been poring over NA’s financial records. It is not a pretty picture.

“Gliebe left me with a lot of debt,” he said. “I don’t want to bad-mouth him. But they were really way over their heads, mismanagement, well, I won’t say any more.”

He sighed.

“It’s going to be a slow rebuild, I’m afraid,” he said.

Strom Storm

Rebuilding trust with his former neo-Nazi comrades may be impossible, judging by the front page of the NARRG website. It is dominated with anti-Williams stories and headlines:

“The Hypocritical Religious Bigotry

of Will Williams.”

“Anatomy of a Hypocrite? Updated.”

“Successful Sacramento NA Chapter Rejects Gliebe’s Successors.”

“The fight is not done yet, be certain of that if not of anything else,” NARRG member Robert Ransdell wrote on a different racist Web forum shortly after Williams announced he had taken over. Ransdell was a busy neo-Nazi in 2014. Not only was he fighting to reform and restore the NA as one of six plaintiffs in the NARRG lawsuit, he also ran for the United States Senate from Kentucky. His campaign slogan then was “With Jews We Lose.” Now it might be “We Lose With White Will.”

“After all the hard work NARRG has done to make it to where FINALLY

NARRG is even more adamant that Williams’ friend, ally and communications director, Kevin Strom, have nothing to do with the NA going forward. Like Williams, Strom was a longtime member who left the Alliance and now wants back in. He worked alongside Pierce for years, producing the group’s radio show, a job he has resumed under Williams. But Strom is a toxic subject within the white nationalist movement. He spent time in prison for possession of child pornography.

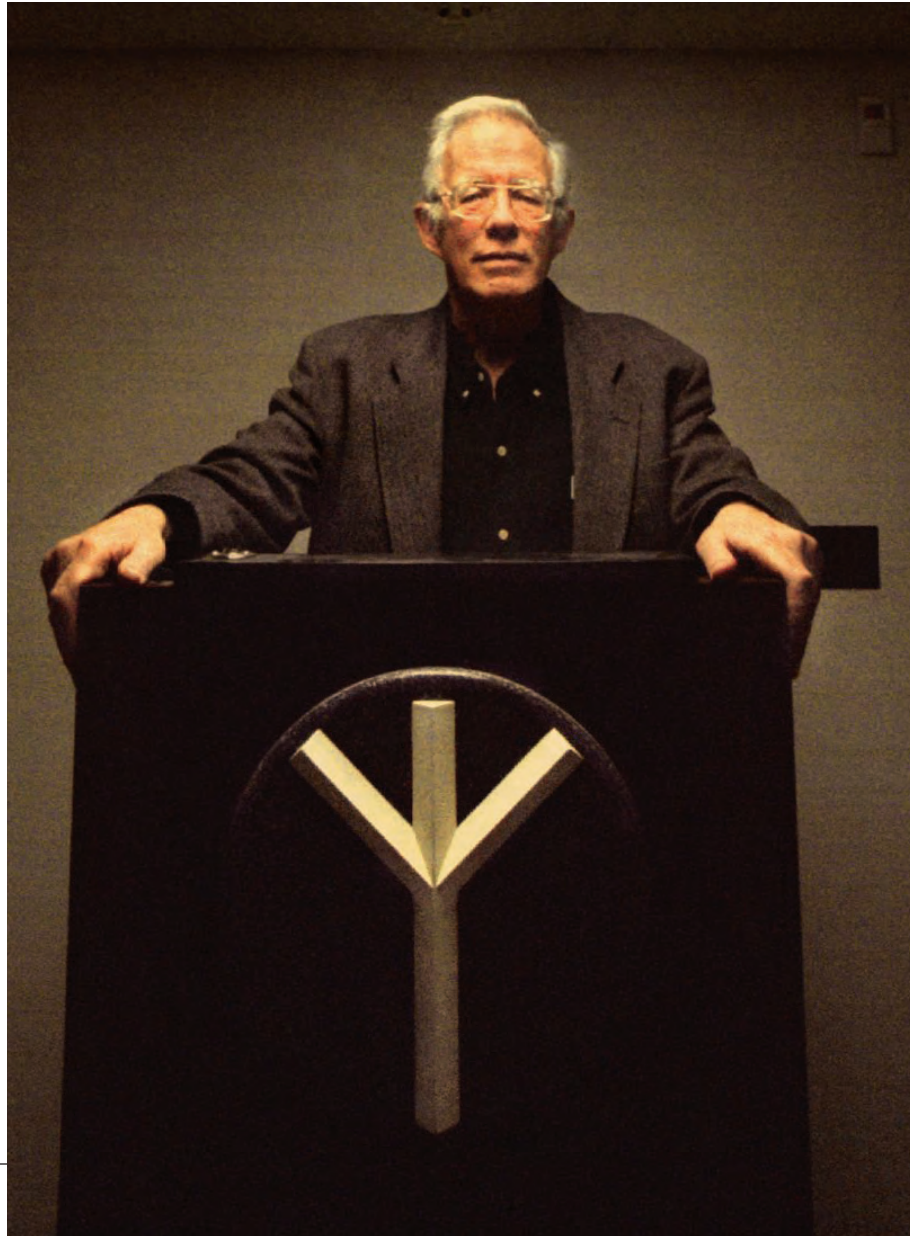
“We didn’t come this far,” Ransdell wrote on VNN, “to allow the organization to be headed by a pedo like Strom along with a man who has just proved himself to be as unscrupulous as Gliebe with his actions in regard to his being named Chairman by Gliebe.”

Williams, however, is fiercely loyal to Strom. “He’s a fixture in the National Alliance,” Williams said. “I can’t imagine the Alliance without him. All this bunk about him being a child porn enthusiast is just so much hype. That’s the movement. We get more trouble from these so-called movement people than we do from the Southern Poverty Law Center.”

The Confrontation

Williams’ coming-out party as chairman took place on a sun-splashed morning last fall shortly after the feuding Nazis headed into the red brick courthouse in the small Virginia town of Gloucester. They were there for a hearing in NARRG’s \$2 million civil lawsuit against Gliebe and the last remaining board members at the time: Ryan N. Maziarka of Virginia, and Jayne Cartwright, an Ohio midwife, who joined the neo-Nazi organization in 1977, seven years after it was founded.

But Gliebe was the main target, accused by NARRG of “a myriad of instances of malfeasance, misfeasance, illegalities and irregularities” as chairman. Cartwright and Gliebe, who lives in Cleveland, drove through the night to be in court on time. But Maziarka was a no-show. He had resigned from the board shortly after the suit was filed on Jan. 2, 2014.



Birds of a feather: Will Williams, the new head of the National Alliance, has been close to some of the nation’s best-known racist activists. They include (from left) Alliance founder William Pierce; Church of the Creator founder Ben Klassen; and Frazier Glenn Miller, who once headed a North Carolina paramilitary group and now faces trial for the murder of three people.



Gliebe stepped down,” Ransdell wrote on Vanguard News Network (VNN), “Williams came in and was the supreme opportunist. Instead of taking the steps NARRG did with the court case Williams chose to align himself with EG, making who knows what sort of deal with him for the opportunity to be named Chairman.”

NARRG was represented on that late October day by Daniel A. Harvill, a Manassas, Va.-based lawyer, and one of the plaintiffs, Brian Wilson, a Nevada state government employee, apparently taking vacation or comp time in order to make the cross-country trip to fight for the cause of National Socialism in the United States. Wilson is NARRG’s “legal liaison.”

Neither Cartwright nor Gliebe had a lawyer and it looked like it would be a good day for NARRG. The judge ruled in the group’s favor, ordering Gliebe, a 51-year-old sometimes janitor, to hand over financial and membership records to the plaintiffs by the next court date, set for January. But that victory was quickly obscured in the smoke from a bomb-shell Gliebe dropped in the middle of the proceedings.

Dressed in a dark suit, the tall, lanky ex-boxer, known as the “Aryan Barbarian” in his fighting days, rose to his feet at the defense table and declared he was no longer chairman; that he had resigned, effective immediately. “This is the first time I’ve heard Mr. Gliebe is no longer the chairman,” NARRG’s clearly surprised lawyer told the court.

“I handed the Alliance over to Mr. Williams because I thought he was the best man for the job,” Gliebe said that day after court. “I think he’s the most knowledgeable. He’s not a cultist.”

Gliebe told the *Report* in a telephone interview that the NARRG suit was not the reason he stepped down as chairman and resigned from the NA. “I want to raise my son the best way I can,” he said, referring to his 8-year-old. “Being chairman, I can’t do that. There’s too much negativity associated with the Alliance.”

Gliebe said he was happy and relieved to be “totally out of it.”

“I did my 25 years,” he said. “I’ve had enough arrows shot at me. It really feels good to be out. I don’t have that anchor around my neck any more.”

The theatrical resignation was just part of the agreement that had been secretly negotiated for weeks by Gliebe and Williams, who, with a big grin and firm handshake, introduced himself to Wilson.

Then Williams delivered what he hoped would be the coup de grâce.

“I’m the new chairman,” he said.

Kiss of Hate

Williams told Wilson that there was no reason for NARRG to continue its lawsuit. Enough money and time and goodwill had been wasted. Gliebe was out. NARRG had gotten what it wanted.

There was a new chairman and a new day. Working together, the NA would rise again.

As they talked on the sidewalk outside the courthouse before the monument with dozens of names of the area soldiers who died fighting the Nazis and their Axis allies during World War II, Williams noticed a news photographer snapping pictures. Williams grabbed Wilson’s right hand and held it tight. “He couldn’t get away from me,” Williams said, chuckling. “He was back-pedaling the whole time, but I had a good grip. I reached up and kissed Brian on the cheek. I would love to have a picture of that. It was a photo-op and he could hardly stand that this guy was taking our picture.”

Williams left the courthouse confident that NARRG would drop the suit. He was wrong. Now he is defiant.

“Brian Wilson, he’s no match for us,” Williams told the *Report*. “He’s way over his head. I don’t give a good goddamn how many tens of thousands of dollars he gives Harvill [the lawyer], he’s not getting any financial documents from me, or membership information. They requested something like 80 different kinds of documents. They wanted every donation that had been made to

the Alliance since 2006. It’s really just a fishing expedition. You know how lawsuits go. They just try to wear you down.”

On to the Board

A couple of weeks before the Nazis walked into the courthouse on Oct. 24, Williams was quietly put on the NA board, so when the time came he could help vote himself into the top spot. That



Free at last: A jaunty Erich Gliebe says he’s delighted to leave the neo-Nazi movement and attend to raising his son.

time came in Williams’ motel room in Gloucester on Oct. 23. Inside the room, Gliebe officially resigned as chairman and Williams was elected to take his place “like any other corporate succession,” Williams told the *Report*.

Williams’ close friend John McLaughlin, a longtime NA member, was also added to the board. McLaughlin, 64, is a wealthy Illinois farmer, who has received over the years hundreds of

thousands of dollars in government farm subsidies. McLaughlin had his 15 minutes of fame in 1992, when he got into a fistfight with journalist Geraldo Rivera at a Ku Klux Klan rally in Wisconsin. Rivera objected to McLaughlin calling him a “dirty spic Jew.”

“That set it off,” Williams said.

Williams said Cartwright — “a sterling member” — offered to resign from the board, but Williams asked her to stay on. Currently, the board consists of Williams, Cartwright and McLaughlin. Williams said he has asked several other people to join the board, but has been turned down. “They just don’t need it,” he said, “watchdogs ruining their lives.”

Williams insisted he did not set out to be chairman. Several months ago, he said, he got wind that Gliebe was increasingly desperate for a way out. NARRG was closing in. Gliebe planned to sell off Pierce’s huge personal library. A sacrilege, Williams thought, and reached out to Gliebe to negotiate purchasing the library of about 12,000 books at Pierce’s hilltop compound. Then Williams discovered there was an even larger library in storage, donated by the son of a deceased member. Williams asked to buy that as well.

“Once I got that and worked with him and gave him some money for those things, he said, ‘Well, I’m going to turn it over to you,’” Williams said. “That’s how it happened.”

He laughed.

“Yeah, I was slick.”

The Education of White Will

It took two semi-trailer trucks to haul the books, all 27,000-plus volumes, to Williams’ remote property near Mountain City, Tenn., part of a county that he says is 98 percent white. That will be the site of the Alliance’s new headquarters and “world-class library,” which includes, he said proudly, “one of the biggest Hitler sections anywhere.”

Williams said he intends to keep and maintain the West Virginia property that Pierce purchased, loved and died on. Gliebe once put the property on the market and struggled to keep up with the

taxes. The taxes, Williams said, are paid off and current, mostly from money he has been pulling from his own pocket.

NARRG, Williams said — “just like the Jews, just like the government” — has been trying to determine where his money is coming from. He insisted he has been using his savings, social security and military disability benefits.

He admitted his two tours of duty in the Vietnam War affected him for decades. A North Carolina native, Williams was still in high school when he joined the Army in the mid-1960s. “I wasn’t fighting for the Constitution and the flag and apple pie and all that crap,” he said. “It was an adventure. I wanted to kill communists.”

One of the most popular songs of the day was the “Ballad of the Green Berets.” A lifetime later, Williams can recite the lyrics that sent him off to war, “full of piss and vinegar.”

*“Silver wings upon their chest
“These are men, America’s best
“One hundred men we’ll test today
“But only three win the Green Beret.”*

Williams became a captain in Special Forces at age 22, an accomplishment that would never have happened, he said, if not for the war raging in the jungles 10,000 miles from home. “They needed cannon fodder,” he said.

It was in the Army, he said, when his “racial awakening” began. Half of his company in basic training was African-American — “what a shock.” The racist awakening continued Vietnam. “Those Vietnamese, they’re not like us, they’re different,” he said. “They have their nature and we have ours.”

Williams came home from the war disillusioned, alienated and most of all haunted. “Of course it had an effect on the rest of your life,” he said, referring to his combat experience. “It shaped me as how far I could push myself. I also got PTSD from it.”

Back in North Carolina, he enrolled in college. He was a 23-year-old freshman, but dropped out to work after about a year. He got a job in the construction business and said he eventually owned his own construction and architectural business.

The economy tanked and Williams said his business suffered. In the early 1980s, he got locked into a bitter, three-year “war” with the IRS and a “Negress auditor.” That experience, he said, eventually led him in 1985 to join the White Patriot Party, led by former Klansmen and neo-Nazi Frazier Glenn Miller. “I came into the movement as a kind of tax resister because of the run-in I had with the IRS,” Williams told the *Report*. “They hounded me mercilessly.”

Williams told neo-Nazi Internet radio host Carolyn Yeager in a 2012 broadcast of her show, “The Heretics Hour,” that the IRS “created a monster.”

“I was so antigovernment by then, I started studying,” he said, adding that he soon discovered “the problem was biological.”

“It was the Jew.”

Williams decided to stop paying taxes. He dropped out of the work force and became “a starving artist,” specializing in portraits. His portrait of a young and sunburned David Duke was reportedly sold several years ago for \$2,000.

Sin, Valhalla and Divorce

Before joining the Alliance in early 1992, Williams worked for Ben Klassen and his Church of the Creator (COTC, later renamed World Church of the Creator and known today as The Creativity Movement) in the late 1980s. For about a year, Williams and his first wife, Lucinda, lived at the church’s hilltop compound in North Carolina in a two-bedroom apartment above an office where they helped produce Klassen’s monthly newsletter, *Racial Loyalty*.

Lucinda did the typing. Williams helped with the layout and was named editor, although, as he told Yeager, “I’ve never been much of a writer.” The couple was paid \$1,000 a month.

Williams went to work for the so-called church after reading and being inspired by the prolific Klassen’s book, *Building a Whiter and Brighter World*. But when Williams and Lucinda first arrived at Klassen’s doorstep in the spring of 1988, offering their services to the cause of white supremacy and its twisted reli-



gion, they were unmarried. They were living in sin. Klassen insisted that if they wanted to stay they had to become husband and wife.

They agreed and Klassen officiated at their wedding at the compound. Williams selected what he thought was an auspicious date for the ceremony: August 8, 1988 — 8/8/88.

For neo-Nazis, 88 is the numerical symbol for Heil Hitler.

“It should have been a marriage blessed in Valhalla,” Williams said on “The Heretics Hour.” “But it didn’t turn out that way.”

Williams has been divorced twice.

Scars of Vietnam

In his 10th and last book, *Trials, Tribulations and Triumphs*, self-published shortly before his suicide in 1993, Klassen devoted chapter 35 to the turbulent time he spent with Lucinda and Will Williams.

Klassen wrote that Williams told him during their first meeting that he had finally found the movement he was looking for.

“All the other racial movements he knew of either embraced, or tolerated Jewish Christianity and he had decided a long time ago,” Klassen wrote, “that he wanted no part of that Jewish garbage.”

But there was trouble in paradise almost from the beginning. Klassen stated that it was clear that Williams

Stealth alliance: The fact that Erich Gliebe was working out a transition plan with Will Williams was a closely guarded secret.

“had not recovered from the psychological scars” of Vietnam.

“There were times,” Klassen wrote, “when he talked about it he would be on the verge of crying, and it affected his whole outlook on the world, on the U.S. government, and on his moral attitudes in general.”

Klassen added that Williams “openly admitted he was a con-man, and in fact bragged that you can’t con a con-man.”

Soon after the wedding, Klassen writes, he received a telephone call from the new bride. She was sobbing and pleaded with Klassen to rush over to the apartment and “protect her from Will.”

“They were apparently having one hell of a fight and Will was beating up on her,” Klassen wrote.

He went over and scolded them for getting him involved in their “domestic fight.” He warned the couple that if there was a next time, he would kick them off the property and out of the church.

“Things simmered down after that,” Klassen wrote, “at least on the surface.”

Williams moved out of the apartment and set up a cot in the downstairs office. About a year after arriving, Williams, as he told Yeager, quit working for Klassen and “went back to the woods.” He was

burned out and alone. His wife had left him.

“It was a tough tour,” he told Yeager.

Back to the Future?

In December 2003, responding to a nasty thread about him on VNN, Williams called Klassen’s depiction of their time together “bullshit,” although, he added, “I can’t express how hurt I was by it.”

Williams said he was working for Pierce in 1993 when Klassen’s book arrived at the NA compound in West Virginia. He said he and Pierce reached the same conclusion: “The man had lost it.”

“Klassen’s life was over,” Williams added. “His wife of 45 years had just died; his church had fallen completely apart after I left; he had no help; he couldn’t find a successor. ... He was depressed and showing signs of senility, if not Alzheimer’s disease.”

In an E-mail to the *Report*, Williams again sharply disputed Klassen’s depiction of their time together. “That chapter in Klassen’s last book about me and my wife is nonsense,” Williams wrote, “sour grapes from the Pontifex Maximus, trying to explain why his Church had failed.”

Williams also denied ever beating his wife, as Klassen alleged, or being on the verge of tears about his service in Vietnam or ever describing himself as a “con man.”

He said he did once tell Klassen something his “daddy often advised, ‘don’t bullshit the bullshitter’ — not ‘don’t con the con man.’”

“Klassen,” Williams said, “committed suicide soon after self-publishing that last book — a sad end to the life of an otherwise extraordinary man of his race.”

But Klassen’s main motivation for “trying to destroy my name,” Williams wrote, was because “I had recruited away all the best members of COTC, most of whom I had recruited anyway, to the National Alliance.”

The title of the thread Williams was responding to was “White Will — White Nationalist Hero or Dysfunctional Braggart?” ▲

AGE OF THE WOLF

*A Southern
Poverty Law
Center study finds
'lone wolf' and
leaderless attacks
predominate as
radical violence
continues*

BY RYAN LENZ



At 2:22 a.m. on the morning after Thanksgiving, a man named Larry Steve McQuilliams, clad in a tactical vest and backpack hydration unit and armed with a semi-automatic AK-47, opened fire in Austin, Texas. He unleashed more than 100 rounds, first at a federal courthouse, then at the local Mexican consulate that he also tried to fire-bomb, and finally at the Austin Police Department headquarters.

Before he could harm anyone, the 49-year-old McQuilliams was killed by a near-miraculous pistol shot fired by an officer standing 312 feet away. When police searched his body and his van, they found another long gun, hundreds of rounds of ammunition, a map of 34 downtown buildings that appeared to be his targets, and a book and note indicating he saw himself as a “Phineas priest,” a white supremacist who believes he’s been personally called on by God to kill his enemies.

On his chest were the black-inked words, “Let Me Die.”

McQuilliams’ note said little more than that he was acting as a “priest in the fight against anti-God people.” Because he had apparently spoken to no one about his plans and had no help, it’s unlikely that much more about him will be learned — beyond the fact that he was a “lone wolf,” the very hardest kind of terrorist to stop.

“What keeps me up at nights,” said Austin Police Chief Art Acevedo, who called McQuilliams an “American extremist,” “is these guys. The lone wolf.”

The lone wolf. Going back at least to the 1980s, that concept — a person who carries out a terrorist attack entirely on his own — has taken root on the American non-Islamic radical right and even among many jihadists. In an age of instant communications and ever more tightly knit societies, the lone wolf style of attack is vastly more likely to be successful than

the kind that was once literally planned in rooms full of men, sometimes by major group leaders. People who join criminal conspiracies today are more likely than ever to be caught. As a result, there has been a long-running trend toward the lone wolf and away from group action.

A major Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC) study of domestic terrorism over the last six years confirms this trend in dramatic fashion. Surveying 63 incidents culled from academic databases and the SPLC’s own files, 46 of them — fully 74% — were carried out by lone wolves, unassisted by others. And only one of the remaining 16 (in one case, the number of attackers is not known) was planned by a named organization. In most of those 16 cases, terrorists worked in pairs — a couple, a pair of friends, two brothers and a father and son, among them — with only six involving three or more.

That means that 90% percent of the 62 cases where the number of perpetrators is known were the work of one or two people.

The Study

Analyzing terrorism comes fraught with pitfalls. There is no hard and fast agreement on what constitutes a terrorist action. What if the attack has a political dimension, but is carried out by someone who is clearly mentally ill? Is a rampage killing spree terrorism or simply an eruption of personal hatreds? Does the murder of three police officers responding to a domestic disturbance count, even if the killer does have a long history in the police-hating antigovernment movement?

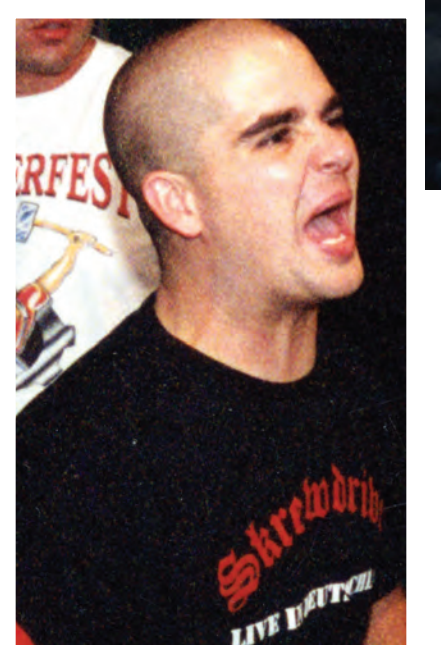
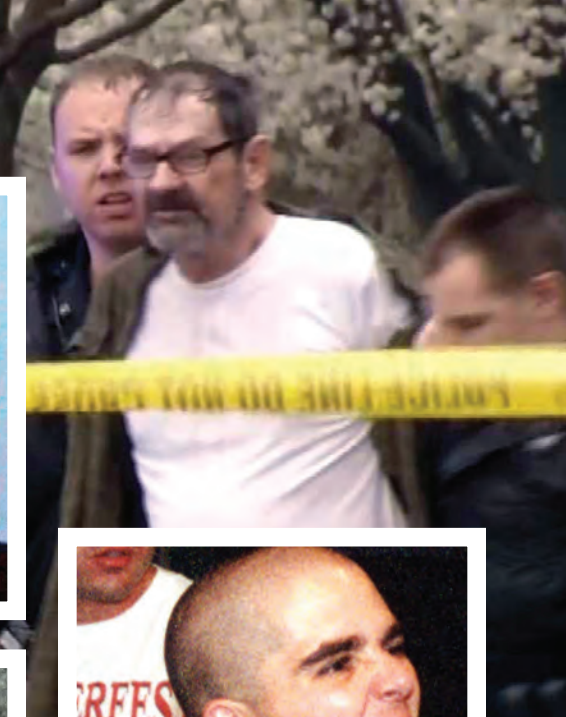
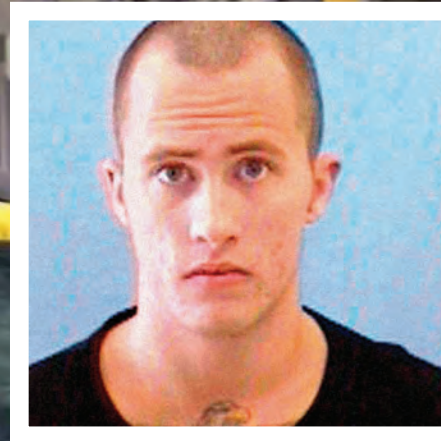
To get a sense of the shape of contemporary domestic terrorism — both from the radical right and from violent Islamists — the SPLC scoured records maintained by Indiana State University and the University of Maryland’s Global Terrorism Database, as well as the SPLC’s own roster of apparent domestic terror incidents. The survey included incidents that likely involved mental illness and arguably personal grudges, but that seemed to have an obvious political aspect. It covered terrorism inspired

by antigovernment, Islamist and various forms of race or group hatred. And it encompassed both actual terror attacks and those which officials aborted.

The survey also included cases that were not terrorist plots per se, but major unplanned violence that occurred when authorities confronted volatile political extremists for any number of reasons — pulling them over for a traffic infraction or trying to serve a warrant, for instance. Less than a quarter of the incidents cited (a total of 14 cases) were unplanned and occurred after some unexpected run-in.

The time span covered is an important one — from April 1, 2009, a few days before the Department of Homeland Security issued a prescient but ultimately controversial study warning of a “resurgence in radicalization and recruitment” on the extreme domestic right, through Feb. 1, 2015, press time. That span also very roughly corresponds to the period since Barack Obama took office in early 2009, a development that most analysts agree spurred rapid growth of the radical right.

One of the most noticeable results was the regularity of major violence or planned violence from domestic terrorists — one attack, on average, every 34 days, or just under once a month. It’s debatable how that compares to the 1990s, when the first wave of the anti-government militia movement swept the country. One 2013 study, by West Point’s Combating Terrorism Center, found that violence from the extreme right between 2000 and 2011 had surpassed that of the 1990s by a factor of four, but many experts agree that that seems exaggerated. What is certain is that domestic terrorism from all sources is endemic



Lonely killers: Nine out of 10 domestic terrorist killers in the last six years have operated entirely on their own or with a single partner.

and shows no signs of abating.

The body count of victims during the 2009-2015 period is certainly less than that of the 1990s, but that is heavily skewed by Timothy McVeigh’s murder of 168 people in the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing. If the Oklahoma victims are subtracted, it appears that the rate of killing has remained approximately the same throughout. The SPLC study found that 63 victims had been killed in

2009-2015 terrorist attacks, along with 16 assailants. Another recent study, from the public-private National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism, or START, counted 368 people murdered by far-right extremists between 1990 and 2013, including 50 law officers. Without the Oklahoma victims, the START study (which did not include jihadists) shows an average killing rate of almost nine victims a year, while the SPLC study (including jihadists) finds an annual rate of almost 11.

The impact of terrorist attacks, far more than that of most other crimes, goes way beyond the number of victims. Such attacks send shock waves through targeted communities — racial groups, sexual minorities, Jews, Muslims,



Lone wolf rampage: Larry Steve McQuilliams acted alone when he opened fire on the Austin, Texas, police department and other buildings. Although McQuilliams was killed by police before harming anyone, he left a note indicating he was a white supremacist “priest in the fight against anti-God people.”

AP PHOTO/GENE J. PUSKAR (TOP/LEFT); AP PHOTO/ACTV-5 (FRAZIER GLENN MILLER); SPECIAL (PAGE); FACEBOOK (JARED & AMANDA MILLER)

THE FULL MONTY

For a fuller version of the Southern Poverty Law Center report on the rise of lone wolf and leaderless resistance terrorism, please go to www.splcenter.org/lone-wolf. The full study includes a timeline of criminal cases and a roundup of five related studies of domestic terrorism.

police and so on — and also can result, as security is ramped up, in a real loss of daily freedoms.

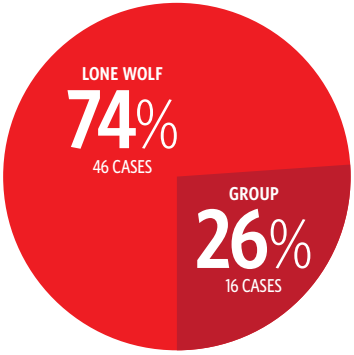
Other findings that emerged from the SPLC survey:

- Almost half of the attacks during the period apparently were motivated by the ideology of the antigovernment “Patriot” movement, including “sovereign citizens,” whose movement has been described by the FBI as “domestic terrorist.” A little more than that (51%) came from ideologies of hate, ranging from white supremacy to misogyny to radical Islamism.
- Of the 61 incidents where the weapon used is known, 59% of attackers used firearms, while 25% used explo-



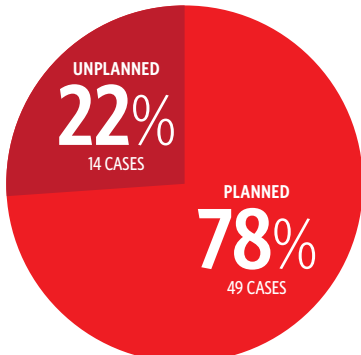
INCIDENT IDEOLOGY

- sives, including such jury-rigged bombs as propane tanks. Five percent used both firearms and explosives.
- And 11% used other weapons, including arson fires and a private plane.



INCIDENT TYPE

- Attackers were overwhelmingly male, with just seven female assailants.
- Attackers were much older as a group than most violent criminals. Various studies have shown definitively

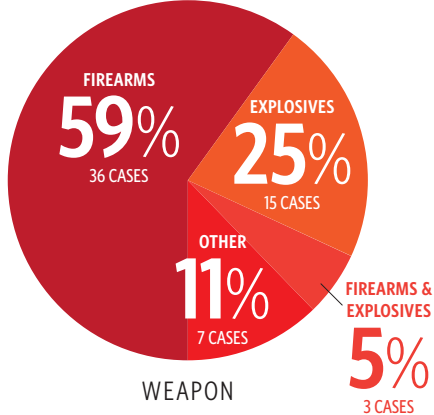


INCIDENT DYNAMIC

that males aged 15 to 24 are responsible for a vastly disproportionate share of violent crime. In the case of the perpetrators surveyed in this study, only about 33% of the 87 whose ages are known were under the age of 29, with the remainder over 30. Aside from the 20 to 29 age group, the offenders were clustered most heavily between 30 and 49 years of age, although a surprising number were older than that. This suggests that perpetrators spend many years on the radical right, absorbing extremist ideology, before finally acting out violently.

The very high percentage of lone wolf and leaderless attacks and the declining number of groups on the radical right (see story, p. 36) might suggest to some that the importance of the larger radical milieu is declining. But in fact, the groups and their ideologues provide the essential ideology that motivates the lone wolves and others. Today, that ideology is far less likely to come in publications or at group meetings. Instead, it lives on the Internet, always available and dangerous.

The Theory of Leaderless Violence
In April 1987, a federal grand jury in Arkansas indicted 14 of the best-known white supremacist leaders in the United States for conspiring to overthrow the federal government. The men were accused of plotting to kill a federal judge and establish an all-white nation in the Pacific Northwest. They were also accused of conspiring, during an Aryan World Congress in northern Idaho in 1983, to help launch The Order, a violent terrorist group composed of more than 20 people that was finally smashed



WEAPON

in 1984, when its leader was killed by the FBI.

The 1988 trial was a fiasco. Most observers agreed that prosecutors had failed to prove a conspiracy, and in any event an all-white jury acquitted all 14 men in what amounted to a disaster for the government. The defendants emerged as heroes to the radical right — but one of them saw a critical lesson for the future.

Pondering the case later, Louis Beam, a violent Klansman and movement theoretician, republished an influential essay

on “leaderless resistance” he’d written in 1983. In it, he advocated the end of large groups with a pyramid leadership structure, arguing that such organizations were too easy to infiltrate and destroy. In their place, he called for lone wolf action or leaderless resistance, by which he meant cells of no more than six men. The idea was these cells and individuals would act on their own, with no direction or contact with other radicals. In that way, he reasoned, even the destruction of a single cell would have little effect on the larger movement.

“As honest men who have banded together into groups or associations of a political or religious nature are falsely labeled ‘domestic terrorists’ or ‘cultists’ and suppressed,” he wrote, “it will become necessary to consider other methods of organization — or as the case may very call for: non-organization.”

Tom Metzger, a prominent neo-Nazi who long operated from California but now lives in Indiana, took up the leaderless banner after Beam, tirelessly promoting his ideas with such publica-

THE ESSAY LEADERLESS RESISTANCE

In 1992, long-time Ku Klux Klan and Aryan Nations activist Louis Beam republished an essay called “Leaderless Resistance” that he first wrote in 1983. Beam was spurred by the seditious conspiracy case the federal government brought against him and 13 other key leaders of the American radical right, even though all 14 were acquitted of all charges in 1988. The case essentially posited that the men were involved in a far-ranging conspiracy to overthrow the government hatched at the 1983 Aryan World Congress. To Beam, however, it was a perfect illustration of the way an entire organization or set of leaders could be brought down by a single case, although that did not happen with the sedition trial. His essay argued against large organizations and in favor of actions carried out by independently operating individuals or small cells of up to six men, pointing out that even if such a small cell were infiltrated, nothing more than that cell, at most, would be destroyed. He starts the essay by attributing the leaderless concept to a 1962 essay by an anti-communist U.S. intelligence officer named Col. Ulius Amoss. Here are some excerpts:

“We are cognizant that before things get better they will certainly get worse as government shows a willingness to use ever more severe police state measures against dissidents. ... Failure to consider new methods and implement them as necessary will make the government’s efforts at suppression uncomplicated.”

“As honest men who have banded together into groups or associations of a political or religious nature are falsely labeled ‘domestic terrorists’ or ‘cultists’ and suppressed, it will become necessary to consider other methods of organization — or as the case may very well call for: non-organization.”

“The movement for freedom is rapidly approaching the point where for many people, the option of belonging to a group will be nonexistent. ... Eventually, and perhaps much sooner than most people believe, the price paid for membership will exceed any perceived benefit.”

“The concept of Leaderless Resistance is nothing less than a fundamental departure in theories of organization. The orthodox scheme of organization ... the pyramid, is however not only useless, but extremely dangerous for the participants when it is utilized in a resistance movement against state tyranny. ... Experience has revealed over and over

again that anti-state, political organizations utilizing this method of command and control are easy prey for government infiltration, entrapment, and destruction of the personnel involved.”

“An alternative to the pyramid type of organization is the cell system. ... The value of this is that while any one cell can be infiltrated, exposed or destroyed, such action will have no effect on the other cells.”

“Utilizing the Leaderless Resistance concept, all individuals and groups operate independently of each other, and never report to a central headquarters or single leader for direction or instruction, as would those who belong to a typical pyramid organization. ... No one need issue an order to anyone. Those idealists truly committed to the cause of freedom will act when they feel the time is ripe, or will take their cue from others who precede them.”

“America is quickly moving into a long dark night of police state tyranny... . Let the coming night be filled with a thousand points of resistance. Like the fog which forms when conditions are right and disappears when they are not, so must the resistance to tyranny be.”

PERPETRATOR AGE

	Under 20	6%	5 cases
	20-29	28%	24 cases
	30-39	22%	19 cases
	40-49	20%	17 cases
	50-59	11%	10 cases
	60-69	10%	9 cases
	70-79	2%	2 cases
	80-89	1%	1 case

Although 15-to-24-year-old males generally commit more crimes than any other age group, political lone wolf or small-cell terrorists are mostly older. That suggests that many spend years on the radical right, absorbing ideology, before they finally kill.

tions as his “Laws for the Lone Wolf,” carried on his Resist.com website. Metzger advised fellow racists to avoid membership in groups, keep cash on hand for emergencies, and “never truly admit to anything.”

“Never keep any records of your activities that can connect you to the activity,” he wrote as part of a raft of suggestions. “Keep in mind that repeated activity in one area will lead to increased attention to the area and possibly to you. The more you change your tactics, the more effective you will become.”

Whether because of the admonitions of Beam, Metzger and others, or simply because the tactic makes obvious operational sense, there is little question that

the vast majority of recent terror attacks in the United States have been by lone wolves or very small leaderless cells. There’s also little question that the political violence is continuing apace and that little seems to have been effective in stopping it.

It may not have had to be this bad.

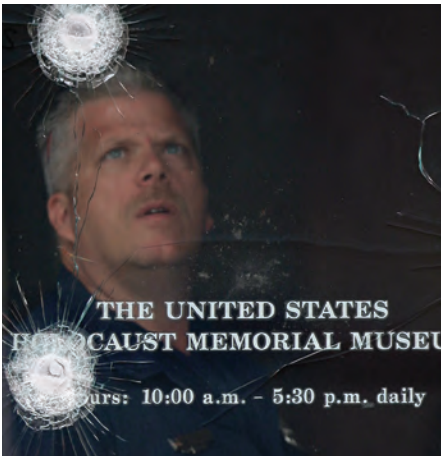
DHS Weighs In, Then Out

On April 7, 2009, the team of Department of Homeland Security analysts who study non-Islamic domestic terrorism issued a confidential report to law enforcement agencies entitled “Right-wing Extremism: Current Economic and Political Climate Fueling Resurgence in Radicalization and Recruitment.” The

report, which noted the effect the economy and the election of the nation’s first black president was having on the radical right, was almost immediately leaked to the right-wing media.

There, it was pilloried, with right-wing pundits and groups like the American Legion falsely claiming that it attacked military veterans, conservatives and others on the political right. That was clearly not true — in fact, the report was remarkably accurate in its analysis and warnings (which included the assertion that the threat of lone wolves and small cells was growing) — but enough of a political firestorm was created that then-DHS Secretary Janet Napolitano renounced its findings. The team that

The price of terror: An IRS manager in Texas (clockwise, from top left), a security guard in Washington, D.C., a 9-year-old girl in Arizona, and two sheriff’s deputies in Florida are among the recent victims of homegrown American terrorists.



AP PHOTO/TONY GUTIERREZ (IRS BUILDING); AP PHOTO/ALEX BRANNON (HOLOCAUST MUSEUM); AP PHOTO/NORTHWEST FLORIDA DAILY NEWS; NICK TOMEK/CRIME TUNER



wrote it and lead analyst Daryl Johnson were falsely accused of failing to follow DHS’ procedures and were criticized by Napolitano and others in public.

But then undeniable reality began to kick in.

Even before the DHS report’s publication — three days earlier, to be exact — the evidence was mounting. On April 4, 2009, Richard Poplowski, an extremist who believed the government was about to unleash troops against American citizens, ambushed and killed three Pittsburgh police officers responding to Poplowski’s mother’s call reporting a domestic disturbance at her home. Poplowski, who also had racist and anti-Semitic views, was eventually sentenced to death in the killings.

Three weeks later, a Florida National Guardsman named Joshua Cartwright, who had earlier expressed interest in joining a militia group and also was “severely disturbed” about Obama’s election, shot two Okaloosa County sheriff’s deputies to death as they attempted to arrest Cartwright on domestic violence charges.

About a month after that, on May 31 — after Napolitano had withdrawn the April DHS report and apologized for its contents — an anti-abortion activist who

had also been involved in the antigovernment “freemen” movement of the 1990s shot and killed Kansas abortion provider Dr. George Tiller in Tiller’s church. A few days later, on June 10, an elderly neo-Nazi named James von Brunn opened fire at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum and killed a guard. He clearly intended to get into the museum and kill many more, but was himself shot and later died.

From there, the roster of human carnage continued without pause. A nativist extremist murdered a Latino man and his 9-year-old daughter; a long-time white supremacist was indicted and later convicted of sending a mail bomb that injured a diversity officer in Arizona; an angry tax protester flew an airplane into an Austin IRS building, killing himself and an IRS manager and injuring 13 others.

The Federal Response

But by then, almost the entire DHS team led by Daryl Johnson had left, discouraged by their treatment and DHS’ new reluctance to issue any reports because of the fear that they might become controversial. They were exhausted and perplexed by the criticisms of Napolitano, who accused them of violating vetting

Raising the alarm: Then-Department of Homeland Security analyst Daryl Johnson was the chief author of a 2009 report warning of a resurgent radical right. But the report was largely forgotten after it came under fire from conservatives who wrongly saw it as an attack on them.

procedures. And Napolitano was not the only political figure that criticized Johnson and his colleagues. Then-House Minority Leader John Boehner (R-Ohio), for instance, described the DHS report as “offensive and unacceptable” and charged, without any basis, that DHS had abandoned the word “terrorist” to describe Al Qaeda and instead was using “the same term to describe American citizens who disagree with the direction Washington Democrats are taking our nation.”

In the years since then, the DHS has held up or canceled a number of planned reports on domestic terrorism of various types. Even some law enforcement briefings were cancelled. At the same time, in the aftermath of the Sept. 11, 2001, Al Qaeda attacks, the Justice Department’s Domestic Terrorism Executive Committee was allowed to go fallow for more than a decade. But in the aftermath of the April 2014 murder of three people at two Kansas Jewish institutions,



allegedly by a well-known neo-Nazi, Attorney General Eric Holder announced that he was bringing the committee back to life. It had held no meetings, however, as of press time.

Johnson's DHS unit was not a law enforcement agency, but it did play a key role in providing law enforcement with intelligence assessments. While it certainly could not prevent most terrorist attacks, the information it once produced was of high interest and importance to many police agencies. Former West Memphis, Ark., Police Chief Bob Paudert, whose police officer son was murdered by a father-and-son team of antigovernment extremists in 2010, has denounced the government for failing to brief police on such things as the "sovereign citizens" movement. His son's killers were sovereigns, who reject the laws of the federal government, and Paudert believes that if his son had been briefed on them he might have lived.

The FBI has taken up some of the slack left by DHS with occasional reports on extremism. And more than 70 fusion centers — regional centers where federal, state and local law enforcement agencies share information about threats — put out occasional papers and warnings to

Cop killer: 16-year-old Joseph Kane leaps out of the vehicle driven by his father just seconds before murdering two West Memphis, Ark., police officers with an AK-47. The father of one of the victims, now-retired Police Chief Bob Paudert (right), believes his son might have lived if the government had briefed him on the radical "sovereign citizens" movement.



possible targets. But those who study terrorism are still deeply worried by the virtual dissolution of the DHS team. "It was a big mistake to take those people off the radar," said Mark Hamm, a criminologist at Indiana State University. "As soon as Barack Obama was elected, we could almost see it in the wind that there was going to be a revival of the radical right."

Still, there does seem to be some new activity on the part of the federal government, including the planned reactivation of the Domestic Terrorism Executive Committee. The government is funding a number of studies on radicalization and other matters related to domestic terrorism. But it still remains to be seen if these initiatives and others really deal effectively with the threat.

For his part, Daryl Johnson, who warned in 2009 of the increasing move toward lone wolf and leaderless ter-

rorism — criminal acts that are almost impossible to stop in advance because so few people are involved in their planning — worries that the government still concentrates too much on foreign Muslim extremists, and that the recent *Charlie Hebdo* attacks in Paris could add to that bias. He says that another extreme-right attack on the order of Oklahoma City, which was facilitated by the fact that only four people knew of the plot in advance, is entirely likely.

"We're long overdue for a much greater attack from the far right," Johnson said as he weighed the prospects for violence by terrorists like Larry McQuilliams, who clearly intended to kill as many people as possible. "We are long overdue." ▲



WOUNDED MINDS

AN FBI AGENT WHO HELPED FOUND THE AGENCY'S ELITE BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE UNIT
DISCUSSES THE PSYCHOLOGY OF LONE WOLF TERRORISM

*There has been a tremendous amount of research about what causes a terrorist to pick up a weapon or build a bomb and, without discussing his plans or seeking affirmation from compatriots, lash out with violence — what we call lone wolf terrorism. But while this violence has frequently been assessed based on political and social motivations, few have looked at its psychological underpinnings. That is the specialty of **Joe Navarro**, a former FBI agent and one of the founders of the agency's elite Behavioral Analysis Program. The author of many books, including *Hunting Terrorists: A Look at the Psychology of Terror* and *Interviewing Terrorists: The Definitive How-to Guide From an Ex-FBI Special Agent*, Navarro has spent a lifetime studying the criminal mind. He has interviewed hundreds of terrorists and offers some profound insights for understanding what drives someone like Frazier Glenn Miller, an aging anti-Semite who in April 2014 allegedly went on a shooting spree at two Kansas Jewish facilities, killing three people, after a lifetime of racist activism. Whether discussing jihadist or radical-right terrorism, Navarro argues that all terrorists find justification for their actions through a fairly standard process that begins with the formation of a grievance against the outside world. Ultimately, they see violence as the only answer for addressing their grievance. No matter the lone wolf's politics, Navarro says the psychology involved is essentially the same.*

In your study of terrorism and those who commit lone wolf attacks, have you found universal factors that guide their actions?

The one thing we know is that the psychology has always been the same. By that, I mean you have individuals who are collecting wounds, they're looking for social ills, or things that have gone wrong, and they are nourishing these things that they're ideating, that they're thinking about. The solution for them is violence. The psychology is always the same.

What do you mean, collecting wounds?

Every terrorist I've ever interviewed, these people collect wounds. They will go back in history and tell you about the Crusades. That's a thousand years ago,

and they'll tell you about it. They're collecting these injustices and they just hang on to them, and they feed them and nourish them.

Doesn't everybody, to a degree, collect wounds?

You and I don't collect wounds. We experience wounds, but we don't feed them and nourish them.

What then compels a would-be terrorist to start collecting these wounds that ultimately cause him or her to act out violently?

Every human is different. And what triggers one individual may not trigger his brother living under the same circumstances. We see this over and over. It's a personal sort of thing. Either they experience it, they witness it, they start ideating it, or it's imbued in them by someone, by a mentor, or they're seduced by an ideology. I've talked to Palestinians who said they just grew tired of the fact that their father was being humiliated and searched every day, and that Jews didn't have to go through that. As for terrorists in the United States, look at Ted Kaczynski. He had an enlightened education. He came from a good background, and yet a lot what drove him was his paranoia and his fear of technology. If you read his manifesto, basically what he is saying is that electricity is bad and that we should use pen and pencil and no computers. Wow.

Is this a universal template to understanding terrorism?

To say that there is one giant template that applies to everybody, well, there isn't. What we do know is that all these individuals, what they have in common is that once they begin to ideate this philosophy, whatever their passion is, whatever their hatred is, whatever their ideology is, they certainly all begin to communicate this to people around them. And when we go back and do the post-event analysis, we find that they were talking about this, they were telling people about this, and the people either ignored it, didn't pay attention or didn't think it would go any further.

What happens then, when a person collecting wounds decides to follow through with their plans?

What we do know is that from ideation, they go to the next step, which is to isolate themselves, and when they begin to isolate themselves, both psychologically and physically, that's when they became very dangerous. Because now they're not getting a balance of ideas and thoughts. Now, they're fulfilling themselves and their beliefs, and so they're repetitively thinking about the same thing. Or they're hanging out with a group that feeds that.

Thinking about Terrorism: Former FBI agent Joe Navarro, a founder of the agency's Behavioral Analysis Program, is an expert on the psychology of terrorists.



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If there is no template to understand how this happens, what does that mean for law enforcement? How do they find someone on the edge?

Obviously, it makes it very tough. Because isolating yourself and ideating hatred in and of itself is not an offense. There's a lot of people out there who hate passionately. The thing that makes it tough for law enforcement is if family and friends don't keep tabs on this, then there is no way to identify where this potential threat may come from other than from the usual, which is groups, associations that are anti-this, or anti-that. Like the KKK. The FBI had penetrated the KKK so much that at one point, there were only informants. So you would have to penetrate these groups and listen to the chatter in hate groups and so forth. But what if you pull a Ted Kaczynski, what if you decide you don't want to communicate with anybody? That becomes very tough. Law enforcement can never catch that guy.

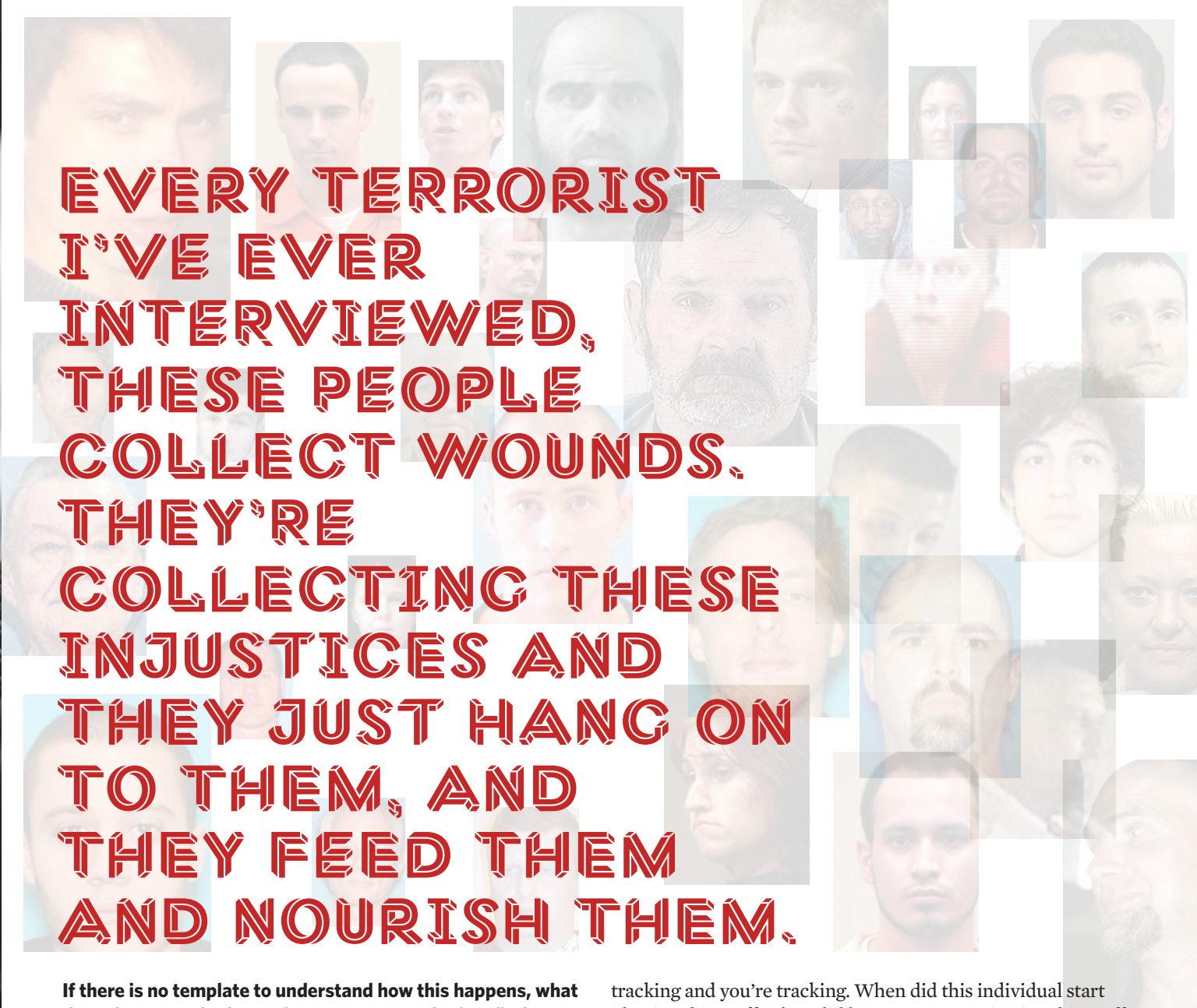
What is that X factor that pushes an extremist to act on the wounds he has collected?

That's a profound question. Under ideal situations, you're

tracking and you're tracking. When did this individual start ideating this stuff, when did he start communicating this stuff, who are his associates, who is the biggest influence on him? Are they posting online? Are they increasing their posts? Is the verbal attack becoming more vicious? Does it look like they are psychologically crossing this line where they've convinced themselves that violence is the only thing to do? And keep in mind, when these individuals are in that froth, they have a lot of anxiety. And a lot of times they feel like the only way to relieve that anxiety is to kill somebody or to harm somebody.

As someone approaches that end, is there anything anyone can do? And is it possible to track how close someone is to that line?

You can't keep track of everybody that is approaching the precipice and will cross over. So I don't think that we have the answer. Theoretically, we have that model of how these individuals progress, but I don't think anybody has a really good predictive model. Although this model comes close: Once they begin to isolate themselves, then they become increasingly more dangerous. ▲



THE YEAR IN HATE AND EXTREMISM

Hate and antigovernment ‘Patriot’ groups are down by about a fifth as activism shifts to cyberspace and lone wolf actions

BY MARK POTOK

The traditional, organized American radical right, which was swollen enormously by Barack Obama’s 2008 election and the near-simultaneous collapse of the economy, shrank significantly in 2014 for the second year in a row. The rapidly falling numbers of both hate and antigovernment “Patriot” groups seem to have been driven by a strengthening economy, continuing crackdowns by law enforcement, and an accelerated movement of radicals out of groups and into the anonymity, safety and far-reaching communicative power of the Internet.

The decline of the organized radical right came against a background of increasing losses for extremists. On the one hand, the advance of same-sex marriage, racial and religious diversity, and intolerance toward those with openly racist views has made life more difficult for those on the extreme right. On the other, the highly successful infiltration into the political mainstream of many radical-right ideas about Muslims, immigrants, black people and others have stolen much of the fire of the extremists, as more prominent figures co-opt these parts of their program.

There is also evidence that large numbers of extremists have left organized groups because of the high social cost of being known to affiliate with them. Many of those people apparently now belong to no group, but operate instead mainly on the Internet, where they can

offer their opinions anonymously and easily find others who agree with them — and where they can be heard by huge numbers of people without the hassles, dues and poor leadership associated with membership in most groups. At the same time, those with violent criminal inclinations are increasingly opting to act as lone wolves or in very small cells, not connected to organized larger groups, which is another, smaller factor in the decline of these groups.

Specifically, the Southern Poverty Law Center’s annual count found that hate groups declined by 17% between 2013 and 2014, from 939 to 784 groups, bringing that number to its lowest level since 2005. Patriot groups, which are animated by a series of conspiracy theories about the alleged evils of the federal government, fell even faster, to 874 groups from a 2012 peak of 1,360 groups. In just the last year, the number of Patriot groups declined by 20%, from 1,096 groups to 874.

But those numbers may be somewhat deceiving. More than half of the decline in hate groups was of Ku Klux Klan chapters, and many of those have apparently gone underground, ending public communications, rather than disbanding.

In any event, as the movement to the Internet suggests, the importance of organized radical groups is declining for a number of reasons. In an age where ever more people are congregating on the Web and in social media, the radical right is

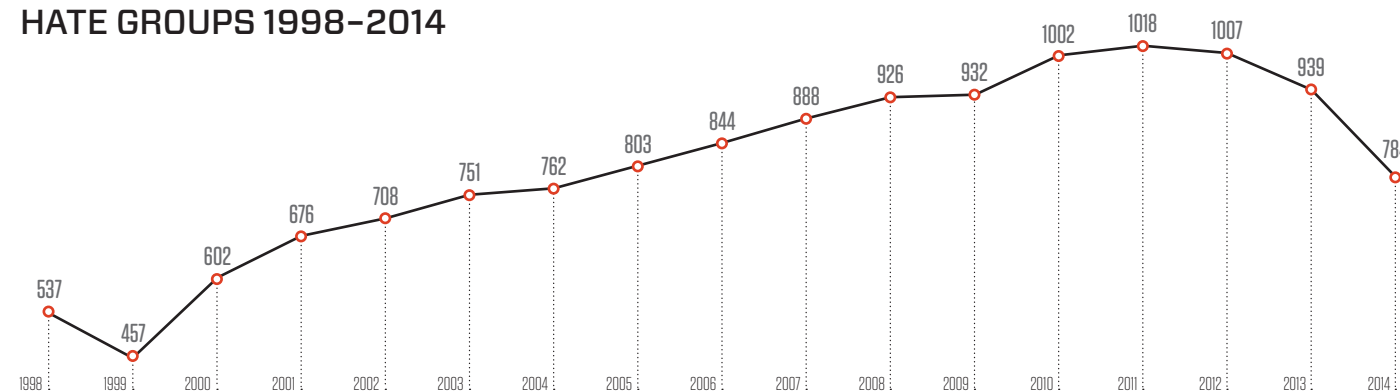
doing the same. With almost no charismatic leaders on the scene, there is little to attract radicals to join groups when they can broadcast their opinions across the world via the Internet and at the same time remain anonymous if they wish. And an enormous sector of the extreme right — the “sovereign citizens” movement, made up of as many as 300,000 people who do not believe the federal government has any authority over them — is not organized into groups at all.

Violence and the Fear of Exposure

The latest decrease in radical-right domestic groups does not seem to have dampened the level of criminal extremism in America. A new Southern Poverty Law Center study of terrorism (see story, p. 25) suggests that political violence over the last six years has been about the same as during the 1990s. Not including the 168 victims of the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing, the SPLC study finds that people were being killed by domestic terrorists at about the same average annual rate as in the 1990s. That is meaningful, because the 1990s are remembered as a time of great violence from militias, even without including the Oklahoma massacre.

The study also found that 90% of domestic terror attacks of all kinds (antigovernment, jihadist or related to other kinds of hatred) since 2009 were carried out by just one or two people. Of the 63 incidents examined during that period,

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just one — the 2011 murder of two people by a revolutionary Georgia antigovernment group called Forever Enduring, Always Ready (FEAR) — was actually planned and carried out by a named organization. The days when such attacks were planned in groups, which commonly happened during the civil rights movement of the 1950s and 1960s, are largely over. Major conspiracies are just too easy to infiltrate and disrupt, and so terrorists are increasingly acting alone.

A large part of the reason for the decline of groups seems to be the fear of exposure of their members or those who otherwise associate with them, including in many cases politicians and other relatively prominent people. In recent years, the SPLC has repeatedly exposed people, sometimes people whose family members and colleagues had no idea of their activities, as neo-Nazis, white supremacists and the like. Many others have done the same, including a variety of anti-fascist groups, the Anonymous hacking collective, and a large number of media reporters.

And today, such exposure typically carries an enormous cost. A good example of that was the scandal created when

a Louisiana blogger in December revealed that U.S. Rep. Steve Scalise (R-La.) had spoken in 2002 to a group headed by neo-Nazi and longtime Klan leader David Duke. The revelation was national news for days, and although it did not ultimately cost Scalise his job as the No. 3 man in the House leadership, it came fairly close. Ten to 15 years earlier, similar revelations about then-House Majority Leader Trent Lott and many other leading politicians led to some handwringing, but did not approach being a fatal blow to their careers.

The same phenomenon is seen in the fact that the Council of Conservative Citizens, the reincarnation of the White Citizens Councils that resisted desegregation in the 1950s and 1960s, no longer publishes the names of politicians who speak to its various chapters — something it did proudly for decades. Now, having one's name printed in the council's tabloid publication can be ruinous for politicians.

And last summer in Fruitland Park, Fla., the news that an FBI informer had fingered two men in the police department as having been involved with a Klan group resulted almost immediately

in the resignation of one and the firing of the other. The incident quickly sparked a review by prosecutors of literally hundreds of cases handled by the two men for any evidence of racially biased policing.

Power of the Internet

The move to cyberspace is reflected in the large numbers of people joining Stormfront, the largest and most active radical-right Web forum in America, especially since Obama became the nation's first black president in early 2009. That year, the site added 32,736 registered users, its largest numerical growth ever. In later years, the numbers of users steadily increased and today, the total of registered users is just shy of 300,000, a fairly astounding number for a site run by an ex-felon and former Alabama Klan leader. And that doesn't include thousands of visitors who never register as users. At press time, Stormfront ranked as the Internet's 13,648th most popular site, while the NAACP site, by comparison, ranked 32,640th.

Moreover, the action is not at all limited to Stormfront. Another major American forum, the neo-Nazi Vanguard News Network, is highly active as well, although it does not provide numbers of users. In addition, while Facebook has largely kicked haters off its network, large numbers of American extremists (along with those of many other nations) have migrated to VK, a huge Russian online social network that is much more welcoming to those with radical-right views. There, many extremists congregate anonymously in password-protected forums.

This kind of activity in cyberspace has expanded to other sites. That can be seen clearly in the propagation of often incredibly hateful forums on Reddit (see story, p. 14), which favors untrammelled free speech over the kind of rules that govern Facebook. And it's not only on forums like VK and Reddit, which don't bother to police hateful posts or comments. Increasingly, hateful views and propaganda appear regularly in newspaper and blog comment fields. There has been a conscious move on the part of U.S. extremists in recent years to propagate extreme-right memes, slogans and arguments on such mainstream sites.

Violent radicals are finding one another on the Internet as well. An example of that is Die Auserwählten, a small but incredibly violent skinhead crew that was started in 2013 by a Nebraska man. Members of the short-lived group — it collapsed in 2014 amid a raft of criminal charges — met each other in cyberspace.

Some analysts have suggested that posting extremist material actually lessens violence, serving as a kind of safety valve for people who might otherwise engage in terrorism or, at least, real-world movement-building activity. And there is probably some truth in that — most “keyboard commandos” don't accomplish much.

But an SPLC study last year found that in the prior five years, registered users of Stormfront had murdered close to 100 people. In their cases, the forum seems to have helped cultivate their thirst for violence or at least nurtured and rationalized their ideological hatreds. Almost all of the killers had been posting regularly on Stormfront and other racist sites in the 18 months prior to picking up the gun, and many of them had posted thousands upon thousands of comments.

Even in the cyberworld, however, radical rightists are being scared off by their fear of arrest or exposure. While the number of registered users of Stormfront remains high, Alexa ratings show a dramatic falloff in general popularity — the number of all visitors to the site, not just registered users — last year. The fall in overall traffic of close to 60% followed the April 2014 murder of three people in Kansas, allegedly by a well-known neo-Nazi, and, days later, the publication of the SPLC report on Stormfront killers. It seems clear that much of the general public was driven away, at least temporarily, by the fear of government tracking.

The reason for such fears was partly illustrated this February, when a 28-year-old man was arrested in Montana just days after anonymously allegedly tweeting a series of threats to kill Jews and schoolchildren. The man was almost immediately tracked down after a reader pieced together several clues to his identity and notified authorities. The suspect was charged with two counts of felony intimidation.

But the decline has apparently been offset, and then some, by a rising number of extremists who post on other sites — sites that are not associated with criminal violence the way Stormfront is and therefore are not of high interest to law enforcement officials. That can be seen in the racist or anti-Semitic threads on media and similar sites, along with forums like Reddit, which now has a community of savagely anti-black sites known as “the Chimpire” and a variety of other hate-drenched “subreddits.”

Role of the 'Mainstream'

Another strong sign of persistently high levels of extremism in America is the way that a wide variety of hard-right ideas, racial resentments and demonizing conspiracy theories have deeply penetrated the political mainstream, infecting politicians and pundits alike. That can be seen clearly in the role of right-wing media outlets like Fox News, which regularly propagate racially charged accusations, baseless conspiracy theories, and “facts” that are simply untrue.

A prime example of the public expression of racial resentment came from Fox's Bill O'Reilly, who expressed the feeling of many whites when discussing Obama's looming victory on Election Day 2012. “It's a changing country,” he complained on Fox News that night. “The demographics are changing. It's not a traditional America any more. And there are 50% of the voting public who want stuff. They want things. ... The white establishment is now the minority.”

Early this year, another reminder came from Steve Emerson, the Islamophobic founder of the Investigative Project on Terrorism and a self-described “internationally recognized expert on terrorism and national security.” Emerson told Fox's Jeanine Pirro that there are “places where the governments, like France, Britain, Sweden, Germany — they don't exercise any sovereignty so you basically have zones where Shariah courts are set up, where Muslim density is very intense, where police don't go in. ... In Britain, it's not just no-go zones. There are actual cities like Birmingham that are totally Muslim, where non-Muslims just simply don't go in.”

This baseless claim brought widespread ridicule. “When I heard this,

frankly, I choked on my porridge and I thought it must be April Fool's Day,” said British Prime Minister David Cameron. “This guy's clearly a complete idiot.” PolitiFact declared the claim a “Pants on Fire” falsehood. Even Emerson had to admit his “inexcusable error” in defaming “the beautiful city of Birmingham.”

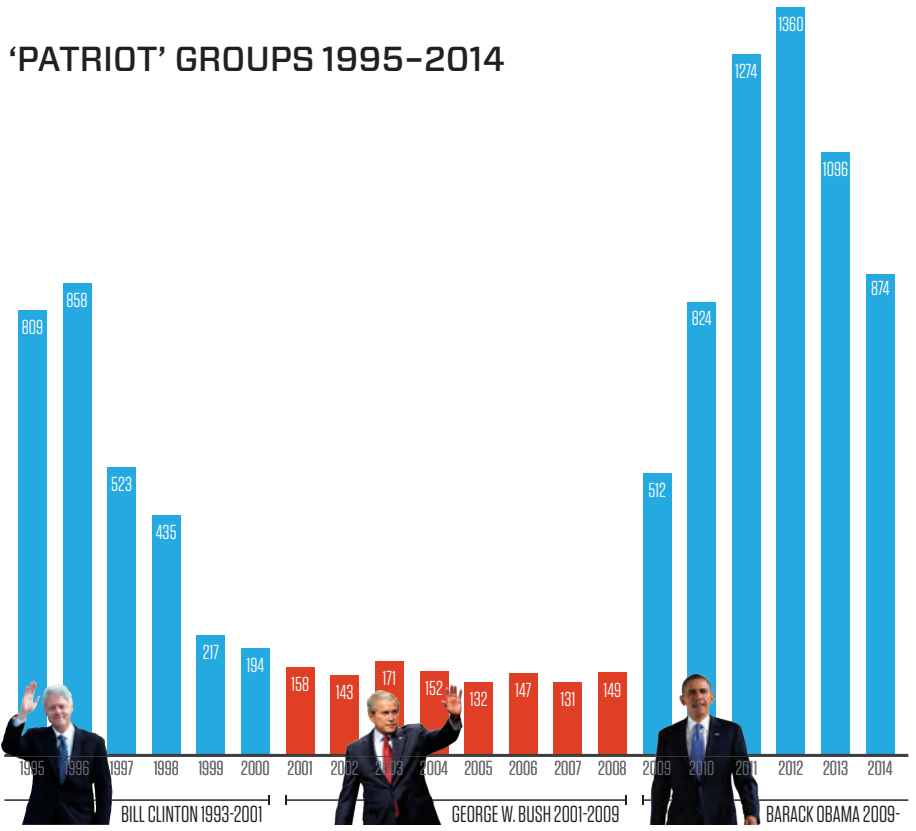
The fact that such claims have also been adopted and promulgated by politicians can have another effect — taking the wind out of the sails of radical groups which are, in effect, co-opted. As the fortunes of the major political parties rise and fall, the situation of radical-right groups tend to change, too. When extremist ideas are held by some of those in power, the number and impact of radical-right groups tends to decrease.

That can be seen clearly in the recent history of “nativist extremist” groups — anti-immigrant outfits that go beyond merely advocating for lower levels of immigration and actively confront suspected undocumented workers. The number of such groups peaked in 2010, when there were 319 of them. But as state legislatures and politicians around the nation took up increasingly extreme anti-immigrant legislation, the energy of the nativist vigilante movement was stolen. Last year, the nativist groups bottomed out at just 19 organizations (see story, p. 40).

Today, radical antigovernment ideas are very much in evidence among hefty portions of the political class. In Nevada, for example, many politicians last spring loudly championed rancher Cliven Bundy, who called in armed militias to help him resist a federal effort to force him to pay \$1 million in accrued grazing fees — at least until Bundy began to declaim on the problems of “the Negro.”

This can also be seen in the kind of Islamophobia pushed by Steve Emerson and many others. Last year, Alabama became the seventh state to ban Shariah religious law, following Arizona, Kansas, Louisiana, North Carolina, South Dakota and Tennessee — something that couldn't happen anyway under the Constitution. Missouri passed a similar law, but it was vetoed; Oklahoma's statute was thrown out by the courts. Altogether, 36 of the states have considered passing such laws.

'PATRIOT' GROUPS 1995-2014



Around the country, a number of county sheriffs have vowed to resist federal gun control laws and other lawful actions. In Texas, State Rep. Tim Kleinschmidt introduced a law that would declare all federal gun control laws “invalid.” In Eddy County, N.M., Sheriff Scott London early this year wrote the IRS to say he would “not allow” the sale of a resident’s land to satisfy a tax judgment. A federal court had ordered the sale after the resident failed to file a timely notice of appeal.

And early this year, the Tenth Amendment Center, a radical group that strongly opposes federal power, exulted that more than 200 state bills had already been introduced in the current legislative session to block or curtail federal powers. The center describes these bills as “nullification” legislation, a reference to the legal doctrine adopted in the past by defenders of slavery and school segregation.

The Beat Goes On
The decline in radical groups does not seem to have been accompanied by a decline in violence from the right. Last year saw an array of attacks that reminded Americans that the jihadist threat is not the only kind of terrorism they face.

In March, federal agents arrested a man in Katy, Texas, who they said was plotting to rob banks and armored cars, kill police officers, and blow up government buildings and mosques. The next month, neo-Nazi Frazier Glenn Miller allegedly murdered three Kansans he wrongly thought were Jewish. In May, six people were slain in California by a 22-year-old woman-hater during a killing spree.

It continued from there. A neo-Nazi in Florida was charged with 10 counts of attempted murder after 50 rounds were fired at police outside his home. A Georgia man with antigovernment views was killed as he attempted to storm a court-

house. In June, a radical couple walked into a Las Vegas restaurant and murdered two police officers before killing another man and being killed themselves. Extremists in Utah, California and Pennsylvania allegedly attacked police or plotted to do so. And in Austin, Texas, a white supremacist opened fire on a federal courthouse, the Mexican consulate and police headquarters before being shot dead by a police officer.

The authorities have not reacted passively to all this. Large numbers of sovereign citizens, extremists who believe that most laws don’t apply to them, have been prosecuted and harshly punished. Two elderly men in Georgia last year were sentenced to 10 years in prison in an antigovernment conspiracy despite their lawyers’ claims that they were harmless old men jawboning. Bill White, a well-known neo-Nazi already serving lengthy sentences for making threats, was handed

another 17½ years for threatening officials involved in a Florida court case.

But that hasn’t stopped extremists who are not involved in criminal actions from issuing a drumbeat of scary warnings meant to terrify Americans. Steve Eichler, CEO of TeaParty.org, claimed in November that Obama was about to impose martial law, and added that his group was “working ‘underground’ with top retired military generals and officers to strategize our takedown of the Obama regime.” Craig James, hosting a radio show for the anti-LGBT hate group Family Research Council, said he was concerned Obama would illegally seize a third term. And the Rev. Austin Miles, writing for the right-wing Renew America website, agreed, saying Obama was getting set “to declare himself President for Life.”

At the same time, radical ideas were widely held by members of the public.

Last September, a Reuters/Ipsos poll found 24% of Americans strongly supported or tended to support their state’s secession from the union. A month later, another study, published in Social Science Research, found that the Tea Party movement was still “a powerful force,” and that it was “an outlet for mobilizing and expressing [anti-black] racial grievances.” And whites are increasingly leaving the Democratic Party, voting by a 62-38 margin for GOP House candidates in 2010 and 2014.

For years, the number of hate and antigovernment groups has served as the best available, if still imperfect, gauge of the strength of the American radical right. Today, as the movement grows more atomized, with more individuals acting outside of the context of organized groups, that may be a less accurate method. While the number of groups are declining — in part, perhaps, because hot

social movements like the contemporary radical right tend to run out of steam after a few years — the level of extremism, and the danger of radical terror, seem just as high as ever.

More detailed reports on several radical-right sectors follow.

ANTI-LGBT GROUPS

It was another bad year for anti-LGBT groups, as a series of court decisions made same-sex marriage legal in 36 states, up from 18 a year before. At the same time, the Supreme Court was expected to rule on the issue by mid-summer, and most analysts expected the justices to come down on the side of national legalization.

Many of these groups turned their energies abroad, seeking to criminalize homosexuality in other countries after failing in this one. At home, meanwhile, the groups worked to get “religious liberty” laws passed in a dozen states that

‘NATIVIST EXTREMIST’ GROUPS CONTINUE FALL

BY HEIDI BEIRICH

The number of “nativist extremist” groups dropped from 33 to 19 in 2014, continuing a long fall from a peak of 319 such groups in 2010. The fall in the number of these groups — anti-immigrant organizations that go beyond mere advocacy to personally confront suspected undocumented immigrants and those who hire or help them — masked a rising anger at immigrants that lit up much of the rest of the radical right last year, especially antigovernment militia groups.

The decline of nativist extremist groups is part of a long-term trend sparked by bitter movement infighting, the adoption of the harshest movement goals by certain state legislatures, and criminal scandals like the conviction of the leader of one of the groups for the murder of a Latino man and his 9-year-old daughter. But the arrival of thousands of undocumented immigrant children last year sparked a resurgence in nativist anger that infected numerous militia and other groups.

This new eruption began after it was announced in May that up to 60,000 unaccompanied children had been detained recently at the border, leading President Obama to declare a humanitarian crisis and

order a federal takeover of relief efforts in June. Despite the fact that many of the children had been raped or otherwise abused on their voyages and a federal law signed by President George W. Bush prevented their immediate deportation, thousands of Americans reacted with rage and accusations that Obama was deliberately flouting immigration law.

That anger animated a wide variety of far-right groups, including major nativist organizations like the Federation for American Immigration Reform, but it was in the militias that it seemed strongest. By the end of the summer, as many as 20 to 30 armed militias had traveled to the border, especially in Texas, to try to prevent people from illegally crossing into the United States.

The real conflagration began in July in Murrieta, Calif., where a howling mob of furious nativists blocked three buses carrying 140 undocumented children and women to a temporary shelter. In the end, the government was forced to take the frightened children to another Border Patrol facility near San Diego.

The events in Murrieta set off a kind of mini-movement, which looked like it might lead to a revitalization of the vigilante nativist

extremist phenomenon that started on the Arizona border with the Minuteman movement and then swept the country between 2005 and 2011. Along with a large number of politicians and “mainstream” pundits, the radical right rapidly joined the rising chorus.

One of the first extremists to get involved was a Texas militia member named Chris Davis, who set up a group that he called Operation Secure Our Border-Laredo Sector. But Davis’ star faded when a video he had posted to YouTube came to light, showing Davis saying, “You see an illegal. You point your gun at him, right between his eyes, and you say, ‘Get back across the border or you will be shot.’”

Prominent antigovernment leaders soon joined in. Stewart Rhodes of the conspiracy-minded Oath Keepers called the refugee crisis “a planned invasion, being carried out by the executive branches of foreign nations ... the executive branch of this nation ... [and] cartel and gang smugglers.” The call was also taken up by the Patriot Information Hotline, run by Barbie Rogers, the right-wing Free Republic website, and many other antigovernment “Patriot,” or militia, organizations.

Then the militias began to arrive.

The *San Antonio Express-News* published photos of what it said were several armed, camouflage-clad militiamen patrolling the Texas border. Law enforcement officials reported spotting militiamen on the border during their regular patrols.

Jim Gilchrist, a co-founder of the original Minuteman organization that largely birthed the nativist extremist movement, weighed in, saying he supported the deployment of militia groups in light of “the approximately 30 million illegal aliens currently occupying U.S. territory,” and promising to recreate the Minuteman movement in 2015 with some 3,500 new volunteers.

At the same time, anti-immigrant rhetoric grew uglier.

By mid-September, the Patriot Information Hotline was claiming that there were 22 groups of “armed Patriots” on the border, and there were scattered reports of sightings of militiamen, particularly in Texas. Even more groups appeared later.

To many extremists, the apparent surge of armed radicals on the border heralded what they hoped would be a rebirth of the nativist vigilante movement, which peaked in 2010 with more than 300 Minuteman and other groups. But the crisis ultimately seemed to produce little in terms of real organizing. The militias had apparently disappeared from the

border by late fall. And the nativist extremist groups ultimately fell in number, despite the fervent hopes of their leaders.

What follows is a list of 19 nativist extremist groups active in 2014:

- ARIZONA (2)**
American Freedom Riders
Phoenix
Arizona Border Recon
Phoenix
- CALIFORNIA (4)**
Long Beach Minuteman Project
Long Beach
Minuteman Project (MMP)
Laguna Hills
San Diegans for Secure Borders
San Diego County
We the People Rising
Claremont
- FLORIDA (1)**
Floridians for Immigration Enforcement, Inc.
Pompano Beach
- GEORGIA (1)**
The Dustin Inman Society
Marietta
- IOWA (1)**
Minuteman Civil Defense Corps (MCDC)
Des Moines
- MARYLAND (1)**
Help Save Maryland
Rockville

- MICHIGAN (1)**
Michiganders for Immigration Control and Enforcement
Frankenmuth
- MINNESOTA (1)**
Minnesotans Seeking Immigration Reform (MINN-SIR)
Hanska
- NEW JERSEY (2)**
New Jersey Citizens for Immigration Control
Carlstadt
United Patriots of America
Linden
- NORTH CAROLINA (1)**
North Carolinians for Immigration Reform and Enforcement (NCFIRE)
Wade
- OREGON (1)**
Oregonians for Immigration Reform
McMinville
- RHODE ISLAND (1)**
Rhode Islanders for Immigration Law Enforcement
Central Falls
- TEXAS (2)**
Stop the Magnet
Houston
Texas Border Volunteers
Waxahachie

would allow some businesses to discriminate against certain people if they have religious objections. Although most did not explicitly say so, they were aimed at allowing businesses not to service same-sex weddings. But despite these efforts, only Mississippi saw the proposal actually become law.

The National Organization for Marriage illustrates the dilemma of many of these groups as they lose support in an increasingly uphill battle. The group's 2013 tax returns showed it had fallen \$2.5 million into debt after raising only \$5.1 million (a 50% drop from 2012), with two donors accounting for half that amount.

Early this year, the American Family Association, listed by the SPLC as an anti-gay hate group, was the prime sponsor of an all-expenses-paid trip to Israel for an estimated 60 members of the Republican National Committee. But the group came under fire by the SPLC and others for its history of extremist remarks, to the point that, two days before the trip, it repudiated its best-known spokesman, Bryan Fischer, and a whole series of his comments. In response to a letter from the AFA, SPLC President Richard Cohen wrote that "it's difficult to see the AFA's disavowal as anything other than an effort to quell the negative press attention you're receiving in connection with your sponsorship" of the trip for RNC members.

Cohen also pointed out that Fischer would remain as an AFA radio host and that other AFA officials had often shown similar "narrow-minded bigotry."

KU KLUX KLAN GROUPS

Klan groups were very much in the news in the last year, but mainly because two of them — the Traditionalist American Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, based in Missouri, and the Loyal White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, headquartered in North Carolina — leafleted extensively. The reality was that the leafleting, despite the press attention it got, was more a sign of weakness than of Klan strength.

Overall, in fact, the number of Klan chapters, or "klaverns," fell by more than half, from 163 in 2013 to just 72 last year. Several Klan groups, notably the Fraternal White Knights of the Ku Klux

Klan and the Knight Riders Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, disappeared completely. It appeared that most of the groups simply faded as their leaders and members got older, but it is also very possible that many simply stopped announcing where their chapters were. A case in point: Both the Traditionalist American Knights and the Mississippi White Knights, which in 2013 each listed several klaverns, only listed their headquarters chapters last year.

At least two Klan groups had earlier announced that they were no longer making their chapter lists public. As with other groups, exposure of membership in the Klan has cost at least some members their jobs, families or friends.

NEO-CONFEDERATE GROUPS

In a year when rallies, concerts and other public events put on by groups on the radical right were at a dramatic low, the League of the South, the most important neo-Confederate group in the United States, was a clear exception.

The group, which seeks a second Southern secession and the creation of an independent country ruled by "Anglo-Celts," held an unprecedented number of rallies and street protests around the Southeast. That appeared to be the result of a new set of leaders who are younger and more energetic than founder Michael Hill.

Late last year, the SPLC also revealed another aspect of this apparently new period in the history of the league, which was founded in the mid-1990s — the creation of a secret paramilitary unit to be called The Indomitables. Although the group is believed to include some of the league's most hardcore members, including former Klansmen, it did not appear very active at year's end.

NEO-NAZI GROUPS

The big story of the last year in the neo-Nazi sector was the takeover of the wreckage of the National Alliance, once the most important and best-organized radical-right organization in the United States. The group had fallen on hard times in the aftermath of the unexpected 2002 death of its founder, William Pierce.

The group had been run since Pierce's death by Erich Gliebe, but he faced wide-

spread dissatisfaction with his leadership, several major splits, and accusations that he was looting the organization. Then, last October, a former member, veteran racist William W. Williams, announced that he had secretly concluded an agreement with Gliebe to turn the group over to him. Gliebe resigned, the group's board of directors confirmed Williams' new role, and within months Williams had announced that he expected to soon reopen the group's old National Vanguard Books.

The putsch shocked a small group of Alliance veterans called the National Alliance Reform & Restoration Group, which had filed a civil suit against Gliebe and others that sought \$2 million and control of the Alliance. It was unclear where all this maneuvering left the once-powerful group, but for the time being it seems that "White Will" Williams has the advantage and is its effective führer.

WHITE NATIONALIST GROUPS

Last October, a group called the National Policy Institute — a white hate group that favors suits and ties and the appearance of scholarly objectivity — tried to hold an international conference in Hungary, where the neo-fascist Jobbik Party had recently become the third-largest party in the country. It was a miserable failure.

First, Prime Minister Viktor Orban announced the government would use "all legal means" to prevent the gathering. Then, as its participants began to arrive, a number were arrested, including organizer Richard Spencer and far-right publishing scion William Regnery. Some of the participants did manage to meet briefly, but their meeting was ultimately broken up and many participants were deported.

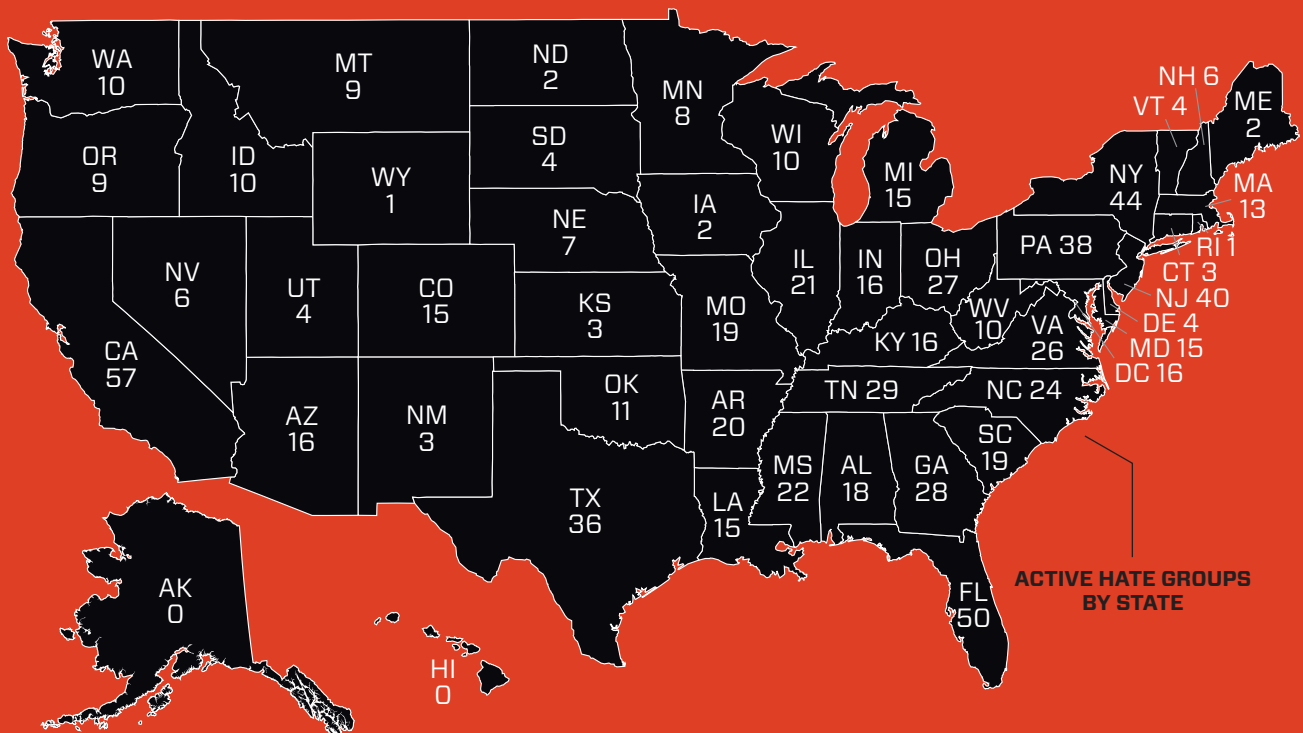
Even before participants' arrival, officials of Jobbik, which had been listed as a co-sponsor of the gathering, dropped their support and sponsorship. In the end, Spencer, an American, was deported and forbidden to return for three years. ▲

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ACTIVE HATE GROUPS

IN THE UNITED STATES IN 2014

This list of 784 active hate groups (map, p. 43), down from the 939 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 2014, 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 (*).



ACTIVE HATE GROUPS
BY STATE

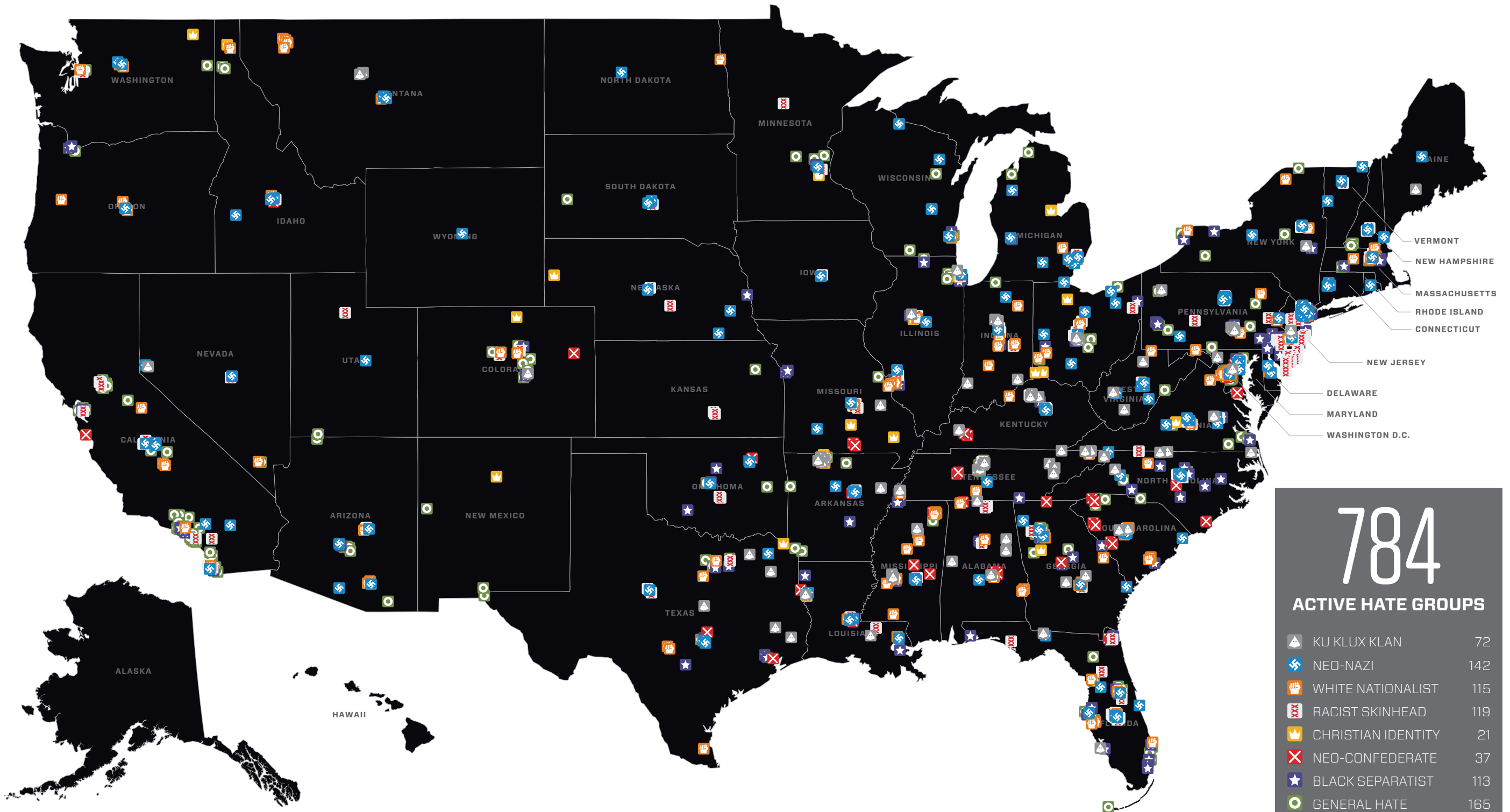
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detailed map inside

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-LGBT 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).

ACTIVE HATE GROUPS

IN THE UNITED STATES IN 2014



784

ACTIVE HATE GROUPS

▲	KU KLUX KLAN	72
⚡	NEO-NAZI	142
👤	WHITE NATIONALIST	115
XXX	RACIST SKINHEAD	119
👑	CHRISTIAN IDENTITY	21
✠	NEO-CONFEDERATE	37
★	BLACK SEPARATIST	113
○	GENERAL HATE	165



115 WHITE NATIONALIST

White nationalist groups espouse white supremacist or white separatist ideologies, often focusing on the alleged inferiority of non-whites. Groups listed in several other categories — Ku Klux Klan, neo-Confederate, neo-Nazi, racist Skinhead, and Christian Identity — could also be described as white nationalist.

Advanced White Society
Pemberton Township, NJ*
Delaware

Georgia
Massachusetts
New York
Ohio

Pennsylvania
Alternative Right
Atlanta, GA

American Freedom Party
Los Angeles, CA*
Bradenton, FL
Lakewood Ranch, FL

Indiana
Baldwyn, MS
Montana
Grand Forks, ND

New York, NY
Oregon
Granbury, TX
Milwaukee, WI

Maidsville, WV
American Nationalist Association
Porterville, CA

American Nationalist Union
Las Vegas, NV
American Renaissance/

New Century Foundation
Oakton, VA
American Vikings

Knightstown, IN
Aryan Wear
Keller, TX

Bob's Underground Graduate Seminar/BUGS
Columbia, SC

carolynyeager.net
Kerrville, TX
Center for the

Advancement of Occidental Culture (CAOC)
Highland Township, 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
Eufaula, AL

Florence, AL
Montgomery, AL
Washington, DC
Beverly Hills, FL

Waynesboro, GA
Silver Spring, MD
St. Louis, MO
Calhoun City, MS

Jackson, MS
Vaiden, MS
Walthall, MS
Winston-Salem, NC

New York, NY

Parishville, NY
Springboro, OH
Oregon

Revere, PA
Summerville, SC
Kingsport, TN
Pulaski, TN

Counter-Currents Publishing
San Diego, CA
The Daily Stormer

Worthington, OH
European American Action Coalition
Pittston, PA

European American Front
Baldwyn, MS
Faith and Heritage

Raymondville, TX
The Fitzgerald Griffin Foundation
Vienna, VA

Free American
Tucson, AZ
Free America Rally
Groveland, CA

Georgia
Idaho
Louisiana
Hardwick, MA

New York, NY
Pineville, OR
Washington
Free Edgar Steele

Sagle, ID
Heritage and Destiny

Little Orleans, MD

H.L. Mencken Club

Elizabethtown, PA

The Kinist Institute

Orlando, FL

Malevolent Freedom

Lowell, MA

National Association for the

Advancement of America

McComb, MS

Nationalist Movement

Metter, GA

National Policy Institute

Whitefish, MT

National Youth Front

Indianapolis, IN

New Century Productions —

A Conversation About Race

Littleton, CO

Northwest Front

Seattle, WA

Occidental Dissent

Eufaula, AL

Occidental Quarterly/

Charles Martel Society

Atlanta, GA

Pacifica Forum

Eugene, OR

Patriotic Flags

Charleston, SC

Pioneer Fund

New York, NY

Pioneer Little Europe

Kalispell Montana

Kalispell, MT

The Political Cesspool

Bartlett, TN

Protestant White

Nationalist Party

Louisville, KY

Racial Nationalist

Party of America

Lockport, NY

Radix Journal

Whitefish, MT

Red October

Hamilton, OH

Scott-Townsend

Publishers

Washington, DC

South Africa Project

Mandeville, LA*

Corinth, NY

Stormfront

West Palm Beach, FL

Traditionalist Youth

Network

Tucson, AZ

Bloomington, IN

VDARE Foundation

Warrenton, VA

Washington Summit

Publishers

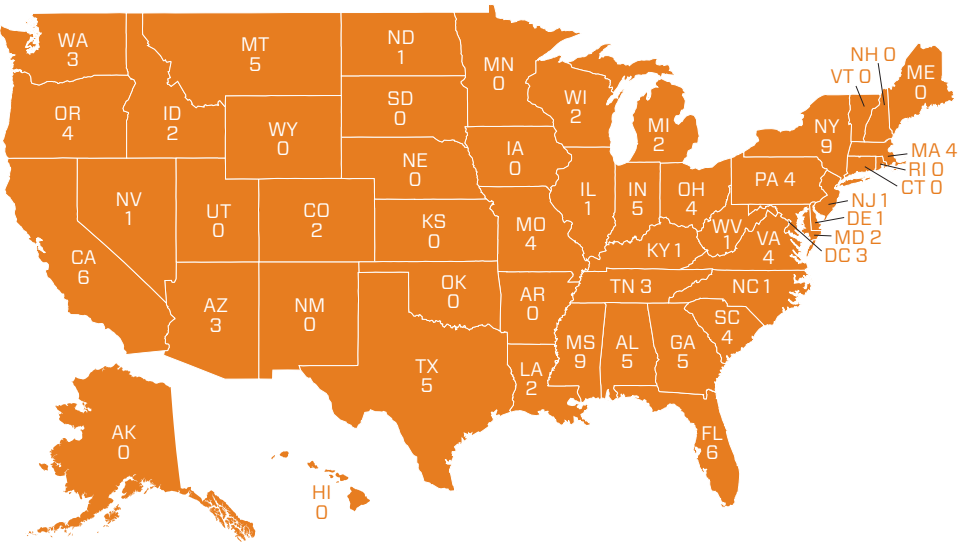
Whitefish, MT

Whitakeronline

South Carolina

White Advocacy

Movement



Florida
White Boy Society
Illinois*
Arizona
California
Colorado
Missouri
Virginia

Washington
Wisconsin
White Man's March
Massachusetts
The White Network
Kerrville, TX
White Rabbit Radio
Dearborn Heights, MI

The White Voice
New York, NY
World View Foundations
Porterville, CA
WTM Enterprises
Roanoke, IN



119 RACIST SKINHEAD

Racist skinheads form a particularly violent element of the white supremacist movement and have often been referred to as the “shock troops” of the hoped-for revolution. The archetypal skinhead look is a shaved head, black boots with red laces, jeans with suspenders, and an array of typically racist tattoos. Skinheads are migratory and often not affiliated with groups.

AC Skins

Absecon, NJ
Atlantic City, NJ
Brick, NJ
Brigantine, NJ
Camden, NJ
Galloway, NJ
Hamilton Township, NJ
Little Egg Harbor, NJ
Marmora, NJ
Pemberton Township, NJ
Pine Hill, NJ
Somers Point, NJ
Wildwood, NJ
Woodbine, NJ
American Front
Sacramento, CA*

Lynn Haven, FL
Saint Cloud, FL
Hackensack, NJ
Haledon, NJ
Roselle, NJ
Aryan Strikeforce
Somerville, NJ*
Arizona
California
Colorado
Florida
Iowa
Illinois
Indiana
Kentucky
Massachusetts
Minnesota

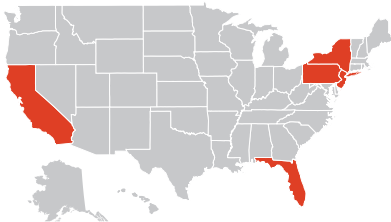
Missouri
New York
Ohio
Oklahoma
Pennsylvania
Texas
Vermont
Virginia
Aryan Terror Brigade
Arkansas
California
Florida
Kentucky
Louisiana
Massachusetts
Missouri
Nebraska

Nevada
New York, NY
Ohio
Oklahoma
Oregon
Pennsylvania
Virginia
West Virginia
Blood and Honour U.S.A.
Richardson, TX*
Littleton, CO
Woodbridge Township, NJ
Salem, OH
Altoona, PA
Confederate Hammerskins
Orlando, FL*
Huntsville, AL
Jacksonville, FL
Ocala, FL
Georgia
North Carolina
Columbia, SC
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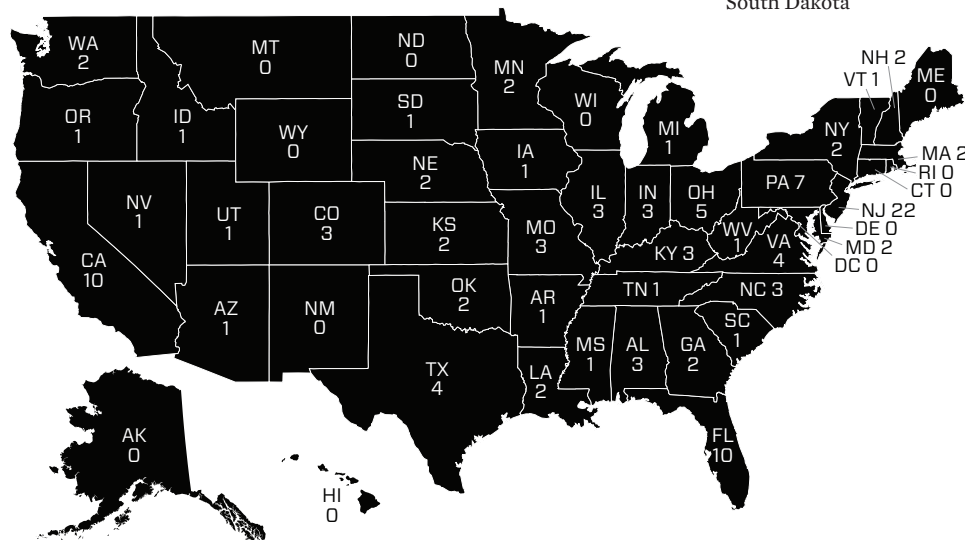
TOP FIVE STATES FOR HATE GROUPS 2014

1. CALIFORNIA
2. FLORIDA
3. NEW JERSEY
4. NEW YORK
5. PENNSYLVANIA

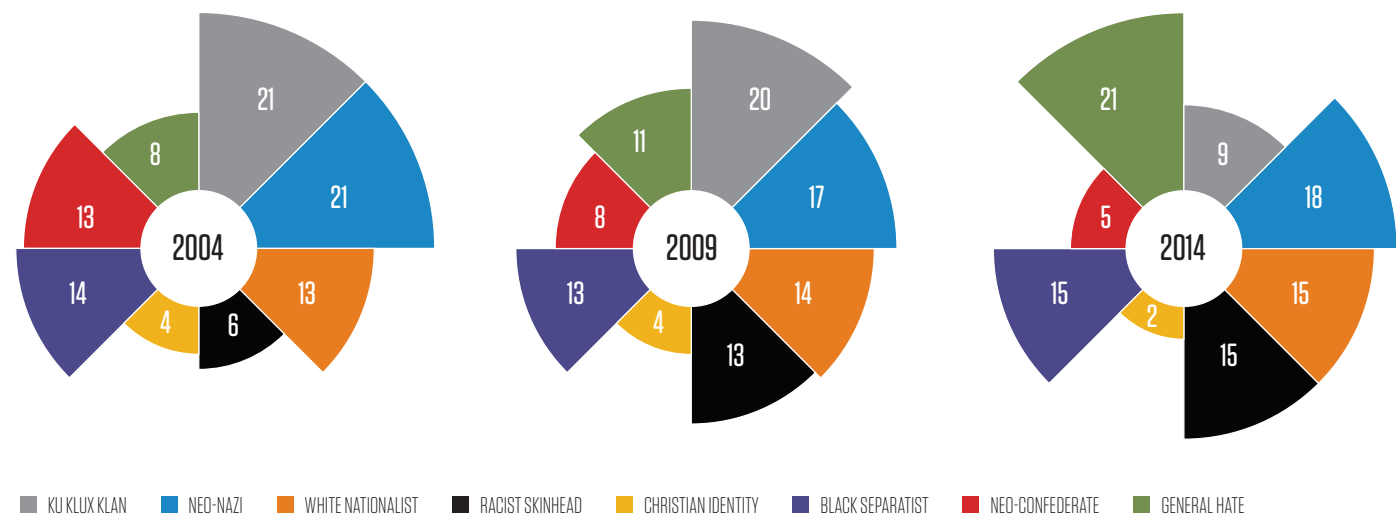
Though the number of hate groups fluctuates each year, states with large populations like California and Florida regularly have the most. Due to its thriving racist skinhead culture, New Jersey also regularly makes the top five. It's unusual for New York to come in so high, but Pennsylvania has long had a large number.



Northern Hammerskins
Chicago, IL
Detroit, MI
Northwest Hammerskins
Idaho
Seattle, WA
Old Glory Skinheads
Mt. Airy, NC
Orange County Skinheads
Orange County, CA
Sacto Skinheads
Sacramento, CA
Sadistic Souls Skinheads
Wood Ridge, IL
Supreme White Alliance
Columbus, OH*
Frankfort, KY
Missouri
United Society of Aryan Skinheads
San Diego, CA
Vinlanders
Knightstown, IN*
Florida
Saint Paul, MN
Cherry Hill, NJ
Point Pleasant Beach, NJ
Columbus, OH
Texas
Western Hammerskins
San Diego, CA
Menifee, CA



HATE GROUP COUNT BREAKDOWN IN PERCENTAGES



Over the last decade, the composition of the hate movement has changed. The percentage of Klan and neo-Nazi hate groups has dipped, while the share of racist skinhead crews has grown. It appears that in 2014 certain KKK groups went underground, disappearing from the Web. The neo-Confederate movement has fallen, while Christian Identity has dropped to the point where the racist religion has nearly disappeared. Rising anti-Muslim and anti-LGBT sentiment has contributed to considerable growth in the general hate category.

 113 BLACK SEPARATIST

Black separatist groups are organizations whose ideologies include tenets of racially based hatred. These groups typically oppose integration and racial intermarriage, and want separate institutions — or even a separate nation — for blacks. Most forms of black separatism are strongly anti-white and anti-Semitic.

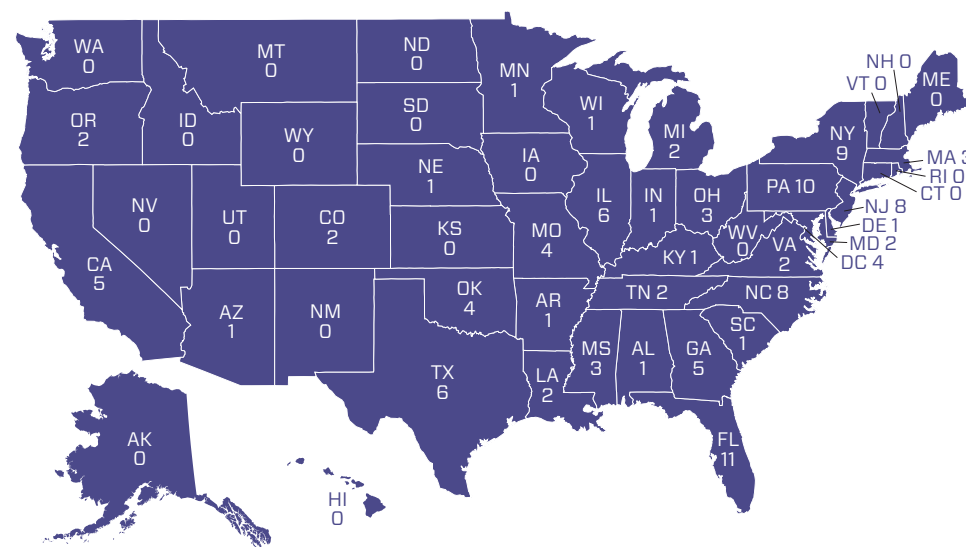
All Eyes on Egypt Bookstore	West Palm Beach, FL
Chicago, IL	Baltimore, MD
Brooklyn, NY	North Minneapolis, MN
All Eyes on Egypt Bookstore	Kansas City, MO
Macon, GA	Fayetteville, NC
Milledgeville, GA	Goldsboro, NC
Black Riders Liberation Party	Wilmington, NC
Los Angeles, CA	Omaha, NE
Albany, NY	Asbury Park, NJ
The Israelite Church of God in Jesus Christ	Camden, NJ
New York, NY*	Jersey City, NJ
Washington, DC	Vineland, NJ
Fort Myers, FL	Harlem, NY
North Miami, FL	Langston, OK
Orlando, FL	Lawton, OK
	Oklahoma City, OK

Tulsa, OK	Fort Lauderdale, FL
Beaverton, OR	Miami, FL
Portland, OR	Orlando, FL
Allentown, PA	Pensacola, FL
Coatesville, PA	St. Petersburg, FL
Norristown, PA	Atlanta, GA
Philadelphia, PA (2)	Augusta, GA
Pittsburgh, PA	East St. Louis, IL (2)
Nation of Islam	Peoria, IL
Chicago, IL*	Rockford, IL
Birmingham, AL	Indianapolis, IN
Pine Bluff, AR	Lexington, KY
Phoenix, AZ	New Orleans, LA
Compton, CA	Shreveport, LA
Los Angeles, CA	Boston, MA
Oakland, CA	Springfield, MA

San Diego, CA	Baltimore, MD
Aurora, CO	Detroit, MI
Colorado Springs, CO	Grand Rapids, MI
Washington, DC	Kansas City, MO
Wilmington, DE	St. Louis, MO
Fort Lauderdale, FL	Horn Lake, MS
Miami, FL	Jackson, MS
Orlando, FL	Southaven, MS
Pensacola, FL	Charlotte, NC
St. Petersburg, FL	Durham, NC
Atlanta, GA	Greensboro, NC
Augusta, GA	Greenville, NC
East St. Louis, IL (2)	Raleigh, NC
Peoria, IL	Camden, NJ
Rockford, IL	Newark, NJ
Indianapolis, IN	Plainfield, NJ
Lexington, KY	Willingboro, NJ
New Orleans, LA	Brooklyn, NY
Shreveport, LA	Buffalo, NY
Boston, MA	Harlem, NY
Springfield, MA	Rochester, NY

Baltimore, MD	Columbus, OH
Detroit, MI	Dayton, OH
Grand Rapids, MI	Youngstown, OH
Kansas City, MO	Chester, PA
St. Louis, MO	Harrisburg, PA
Horn Lake, MS	Philadelphia, PA
Jackson, MS	Pittsburgh, PA
Southaven, MS	Charleston, SC
Charlotte, NC	Chattanooga, TN
Durham, NC	Memphis, TN
Greensboro, NC	Austin, TX
Greenville, NC	Dallas, TX
Raleigh, NC	Fort Worth, TX
Camden, NJ	Houston, TX
Newark, NJ	Norfolk, VA
Plainfield, NJ	Richmond, VA
Willingboro, NJ	Milwaukee, WI
Brooklyn, NY	New Black Panther Party
Buffalo, NY	Atlanta, GA*
Harlem, NY	Washington, DC
Rochester, NY	Jacksonville, FL

Columbus, OH
Dayton, OH
Youngstown, OH
Chester, PA
Harrisburg, PA
Philadelphia, PA
Pittsburgh, PA
Charleston, SC
Chattanooga, TN
Memphis, TN
Austin, TX
Dallas, TX
Fort Worth, TX
Houston, TX
Norfolk, VA
Richmond, VA
Milwaukee, WI
New Black Panther Party
Atlanta, GA*
Washington, DC
Jacksonville, FL



Tampa, FL
Boston, MA
St. Louis, MO
Queens, NY

Houston, TX
San Antonio, TX
War on The Horizon
Washington, DC

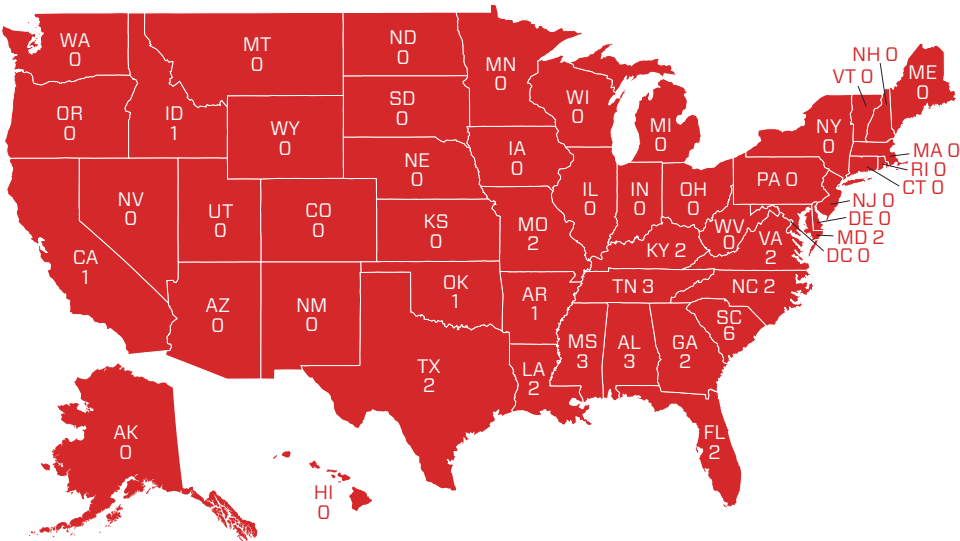
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NEO-CONFEDERATE

Many groups celebrate traditional Southern culture and the Civil War’s dramatic conflict between the Union and the Confederacy. But neo-Confederate groups go further and embrace racist attitudes toward blacks and white separatism. Neo-Confederate groups seek to revive many of the racist principles of the antebellum South.

Dixie Republic	Pace Confederate Depot	Arkansas
Travelers Rest, SC	Baldwyn, MS	Jacksonville, FL
Kingdom Treasure Ministries	Southern National Congress	Morganton, GA
Owasso, OK	Alexandria, VA*	Fruit Hill, KY
League of the South	Wetumpka, AL	Louisiana
Killen, AL*		Columbia, MD
Wetumpka, AL		
Scotts Valley, CA		
Jacksonville, FL		
Macon, GA		
Idaho		
Crofton, KY		
Logansport, LA		
Clements, MD		
West Plains, MO		
Collinsville, MS		
Wilmington, NC		
Abbeville, SC		
Aiken, SC		
Lobelville, TN		
LaPorte, TX		
Virginia		
Mary Noel Ker-shaw Foundation		
Lobelville, TN		

West Plains, MO
Carthage, MS
Sanford, NC
Travelers Rest, SC
Franklin, TN
Round Rock, TX
Southern Nationalist Network
Aiken, SC
Southern Patriot Shoppe
Abbeville, SC



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GENERAL HATE

These organizations are subdivided into anti-LGBT, 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-IMMIGRANT (10)	Mauldin, SC	Arlington, VA
American Border Patrol	California Coalition for Immigration Reform	Social Contract Press
Sierra Vista, AZ	Huntington Beach, CA	Petoskey, MI
American Immigration Control Foundation/Americans for Immigration Control	Federation for American Immigration Reform	US Border Guard
Monterey, VA	Washington, DC	Mesa, AZ
Americans for Legal Immigration (ALIPAC)	New Yorkers for Immigration Control and Enforcement (NYICE)	ANTI-LGBT (44)
Raleigh, NC	New York, NY	Abiding Truth Ministries
Americans Have Had Enough	ProEnglish	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
ATLAH World Missionary Church (All The Land Anointed Holy)
Harlem, NY
Catholic Family and Human Rights Institute (C-FAM)
Washington, DC

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CHRISTIAN IDENTITY

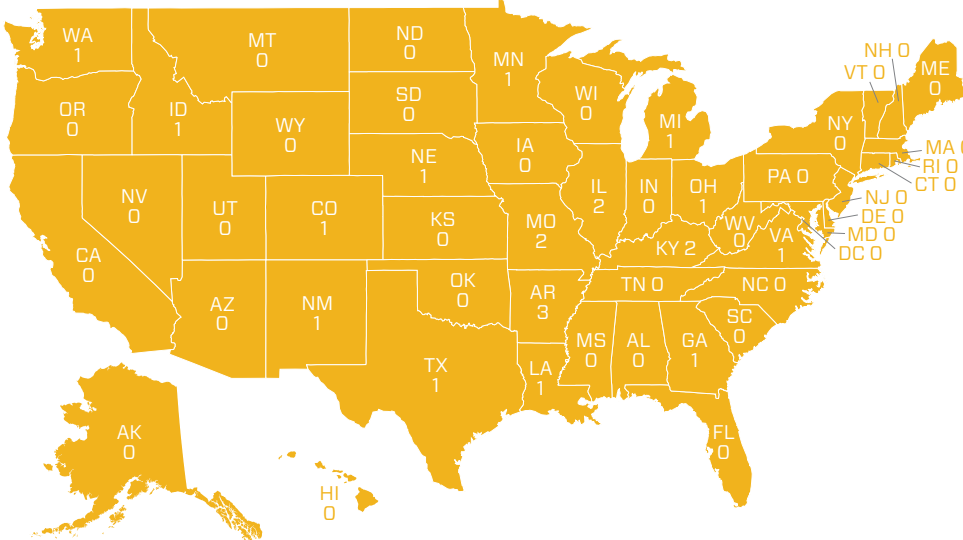
Christian Identity describes a religion that is fundamentally racist and anti-Semitic. It asserts that whites, not Jews, are the true Israelites favored by God in the Bible. In most of its forms, Identity theology depicts Jews as biologically descended from Satan, while non-whites are seen as soulless “mud people” created with the other Biblical “beasts of the field.” 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
America’s Promise Ministries
Sandpoint, ID
Christian Revival Center
Harrison, AR
Church of the Sons of Yhvh
Converse, LA
Covenant People’s Ministry
Brooks, GA
Divine International Church of the Web
Morton, IL
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

Holy Order Ministry
De Kalb, TX
Kingdom Identity Ministries
Harrison, AR
Kinsman Redeemer Ministries
Alexandria, KY
Mission to Israel
Scottsbluff, NE
Non-Universal Teaching Ministries
Fostoria, OH
Our Place Fellowship
Colville, WA
Scriptures for America Ministries
Laporte, CO
Thomas Robb Ministries
Bergman, AR

Virginia Publishing Company
Lynchburg, VA
Watchmen Bible Study Group
Wappapello, MO

Weisman Publications
Apple Valley, MN
Yahweh’s Truth
Linwood, MI



New York, NY
Chalcedon Foundation
Vallecito, CA
Christ the King Church
Larkspur, CO
Family Research Council
Washington, DC
Family Research Institute
Colorado Springs, CO
Family Watch International
Gilbert, AZ
Generations With Vision
Elizabeth, CO
Heterosexuals Organized for a Moral Environment (H.O.M.E.)

Downers Grove, IL
Illinois Family Institute
Carol Stream, IL
Jewish Political Action Committee
New York, NY
Liberty Counsel
Orlando, FL
Mass Resistance
Waltham, MA
Mission: America
Columbus, OH
Pacific Justice Institute
Sacramento, CA
Parents Action League
Champlin, MN

Pass the Salt Ministries
Mt. Hebron, OH
Pilgrims Covenant Church
Monroe, WI
The Pray in Jesus Name Project
Colorado Springs, CO
Probe Ministries
Plano, TX
Providence Road Baptist Church
Maiden, NC
Public Advocate of the United States
Falls Church, VA
Ruth Institute

San Marcos, CA
Save California
Sacramento, CA
Sons of Thundr (Faith Baptist Church)
Luthersville, GA
Stedfast Baptist Church
Fort Worth, TX
TC Family (Traverse City Family)
Traverse City, MI
Tom Brown Ministries
El Paso, TX
Traditional Values Coalition
CONTINUED »

GENERAL HATE CONT'D

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

Citizens for National Security
Boca Raton, FL
Citizen Warrior
Nashville, TN
Counter Jihadist Coalition of Southern California
Santa Monica, CA
Faith Freedom
Bellevue, WA
Islam: Making a True Difference in the World -- One Body at a Time
Marietta, GA
islam: the Religion of

Coalition
Nashville, TN
United States Defense League
Monroe, NC
The United West
Lake Worth, FL

HOLOCAUST DENIAL (10)
Barnes Review/Foundation for Economic Liberty, Inc.
Washington, DC
Campaign for Radical Truth in History
Coeur d'Alene, ID

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
NSM88 Records
Detriot, MI
Poker Face
Allentown, PA
Stahlhelm Records
Milwaukee, WI
Tightrope
Calico Rock, AR

RADICAL TRADITIONAL CATHOLIC (17)
Alliance for Catholic Tradition
Pleasant Unity, PA
Catholic Action Resource Center
Orlando, FL
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
Fatima Crusader/International Fatima
Rosary Crusade
Constable, NY
IHM Media
Richmond, NH
IHS Press
Norfolk, VA
In the Spirit of Chartres Committee
Carrolton, VA
Most Holy Family Monastery
Fillmore, NY
OMNI Christian Book Club
Palmdale, CA
The Remnant/The Remnant Press
Forest Lake, MN
Robert Sungenis
State Line, PA
Slaves of the Immaculate

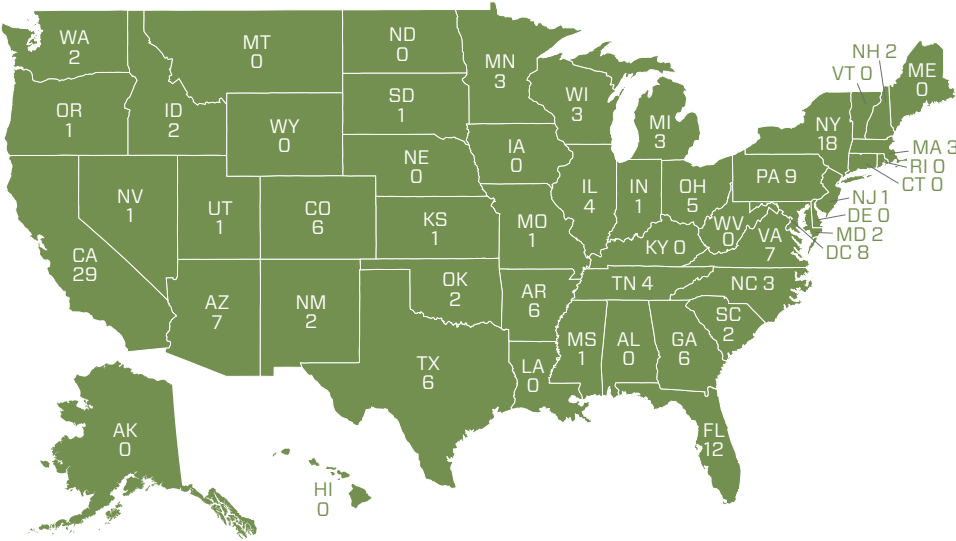
Heart of Mary
Richmond, NH
St. Michael's Parish/Mount St. Michael
Spokane, WA
Tradition in Action
Los Angeles, CA

OTHER (49)
a2z Publications
Las Vegas, NV
Aggressive Christianity
Fence Lake, NM*
Berino, NM
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
Bill Keller Ministries
St. Petersburg, FL
The Brother Nathanael Foundation

Frisco, CO
Chick Publications
Ontario, CA
Christian Anti-Defamation Commission
Vista, CA
The church at Kaweah
Three Rivers, CA
Concerned Citizens and Friends of Illegal Immigration Law Enforcement
Framingham, MA
Cultural Studies Press
New York, NY
The Dakota Voice
Rapid City, SD
Dove World Outreach Center
Bradenton, FL
European-American Evangelistic Crusades
Carmichael, CA
Faithful Word Baptist Church
Tempe, AZ
Florida Family Association
Tampa, FL
Fundamentalist Latter Day

Saints
Hildale, UT*
Colorado City, AZ
Geauga Constitutional Council
Mayfield Heights, OH
Holy Nation of Odin
Kingsburg, CA
Insight USA
Longwood, FL
Invictus Books
Wentzville, MO
Jamaat al-Muslimeen
Baltimore, MD
Jewish Task Force
Fresh Meadows, NY
Masjid al Islam
Oakland, CA
National Prayer Network
Clackamas, OR
Official Street Preachers
Los Angeles, CA
Ozark Craft LC
Harrison, AR
Power of Prophecy
Austin, TX
Reformation-Bible Puritan-Baptist Church
Newmanstown, PA

Samanta Roy Institute of Science and Technology
Shawano, WI
Sharkhunters International
Hernando, FL
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 At Last
Marietta, GA
White Pride Home School Resource Center
Bergman, AR ▲



World Congress of Families/Howard Center for Family, Religion, and Society
Rockford, IL
You Can Run, But You Cannot Hide
Annandale, MN

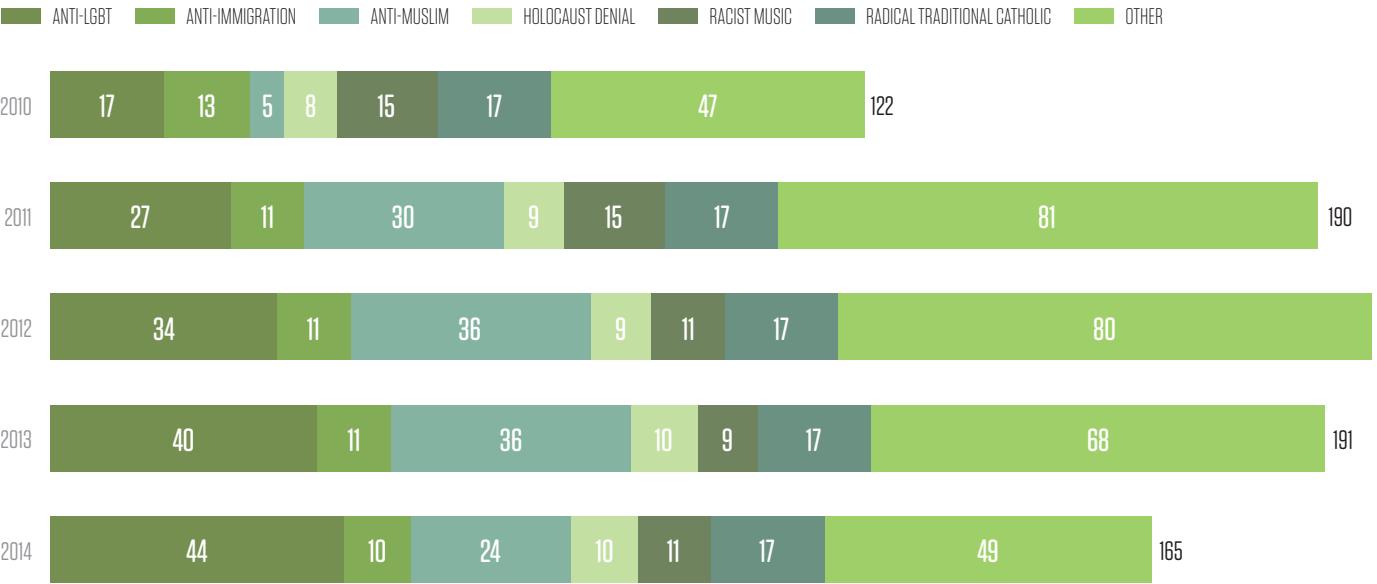
ANTI-MUSLIM (24)
American Defence League
New York, NY
American Freedom Defense Initiative
New York, NY
Atlas Shrugs
New York, NY
Bare Naked Islam
Marina Del Rey, CA
Casa D'Ice Signs
North Versailles, PA
Christian Action Network
Forest, VA
Christian Guardians
San Francisco, CA

Peace (and a big stack of dead bodies)
Marietta, GA
Jihad Watch
Sherman Oaks, CA
Political Islam
Nashville, TN
Radio Jihad
Little Falls, NY
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

Castle Hill Publishers
New York, NY
Committee for Open Debate on the Holocaust
Drums, PA
Inconvenient History
San Diego, 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

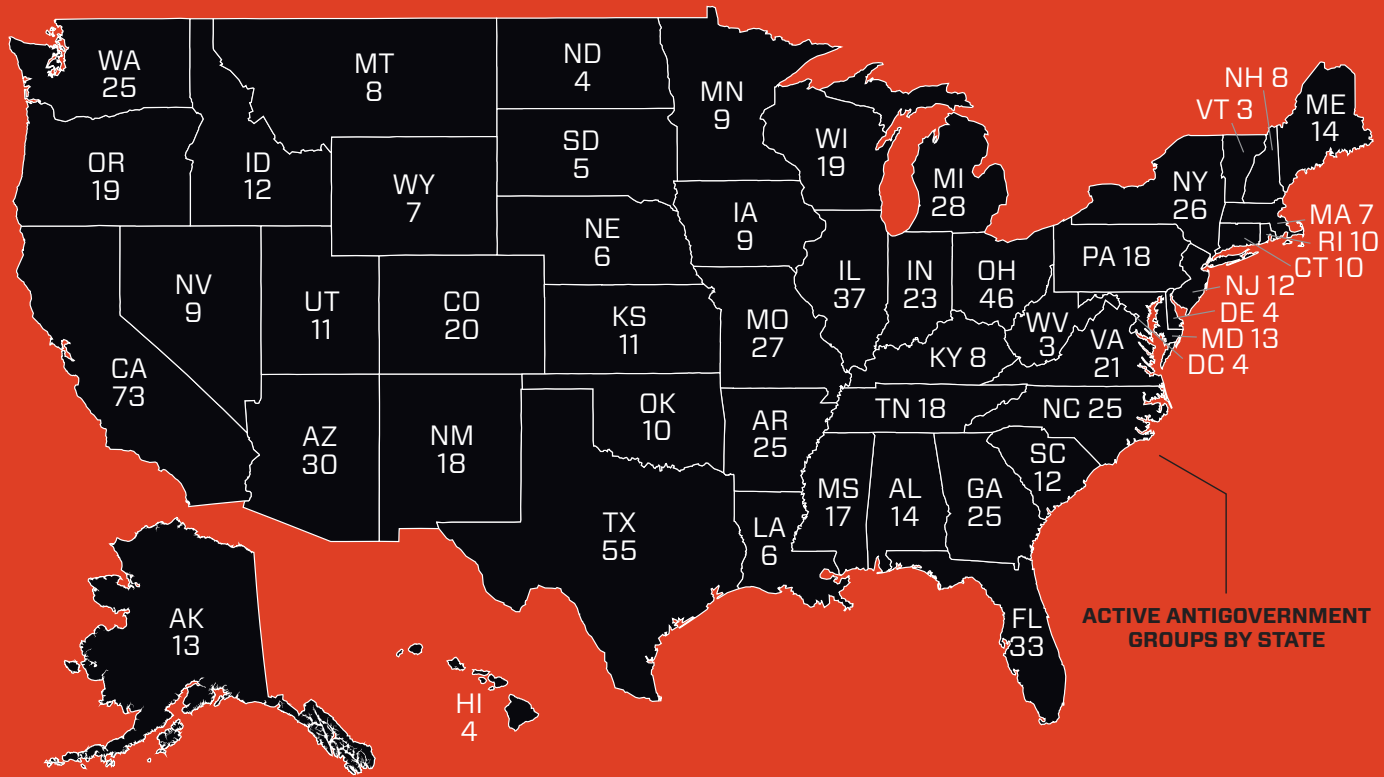
GENERAL HATE COUNT BREAKDOWN



The mix of certain types of hate groups has changed over the last five years. Anti-Muslim groups mushroomed after the 2010 dispute over the so-called “Ground Zero Mosque,” but have lost some of their steam since and fallen. The anti-LGBT movement has steadily expanded as battles over same-sex marriage spread. Racist music groups have declined as the selling of hate music has spread to more mainstream websites. Other sections, such as the Radical Traditional Catholic groups, have remained steady for several years.

ACTIVE ANTIGOVERNMENT GROUPS

IN THE UNITED STATES IN 2014



ACTIVE ANTIGOVERNMENT GROUPS BY STATE

THE INTELLIGENCE PROJECT IDENTIFIED 874 EXTREME ANTIGOVERNMENT GROUPS THAT WERE ACTIVE IN 2014. Of these groups, 202 were militias, marked with an asterisk, and the remainder included “common-law” courts, publishers, ministries and citizens’ groups. Generally, such 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, group publications, the Internet, law enforcement sources and news reports. Groups are identified by the city, county or region where they are located.

ALABAMA (14)

- Constitution Party**
- Montgomery
- Eagle Forum**
- Bessemer
- Freedom Yell**
- Ozark
- Free Patriot Press**
- Birmingham
- Get Out Of Our House (GOOOH)**
- Birmingham
- John Birch Society**
- Mobile
- LewRockwell.com**
- Auburn

- Oath Keepers**
- Montgomery
- Republic for the united States of America**
- Dothan
- Southeast Constitutional Militia***
- Montgomery

- THREE%ER**
- Pinson
- Watchmen of Alabama***
- Montgomery
- We are Change**
- Birmingham
- Fultondale

- ALASKA (13)**
- Alaska Citizens Militia***
- Nikiski
- Anchorage Municipality Defense Force***
- Anchorage

- Bethel Citizens Militia***
- Tuluksak
- Central Alaska Militia***
- Delta Junction
- Fairbanks
- North Pole
- Central Kenai Peninsula Militia***
- Kenai
- Constitution Party**
- Haines

- Eagle Forum**
- Anchorage
- Get Out Of Our House (GOOOH)**
- Juneau
- Juneau Territorial Guard***
- Juneau
- Oath Keepers**
- Statewide
- South Central Patriots***
- Wasilla

- ARIZONA (30)**
- American Patriot Friends**

- Network**
- Peoria
- American Patriot Party**
- Flagstaff
- Arizona Militia***
- Glendale
- Arizona State Militia***
- Flagstaff
- Kingman
- Parker
- Phoenix
- Sierra Vista
- Tucson
- Committee of Safety**
- Mesa
- Committees of Safety**
- Tucson

- Constitutional Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association**
- Higley
- Constitution Party**
- Glendale
- Goodyear
- Tempe
- Eagle Forum**
- Maricopa

- Freedom's Phoenix**
- Glendale
- Get Out Of Our House (GOOOH)**
- Phoenix

- Hour of the Time**
- Eagar
- John Birch Society**
- Mesa
- Molon Labe**
- Phoenix

- Oath Keepers**
- Flagstaff
- Riders United for a Sovereign America, Corp.**
- Phoenix
- SheriffMack.com**
- Pima
- Surprise Tea Party Patriots**
- Surprise
- Tenth Amendment Center**
- Tempe

- We Are Change**
- Statewide
- Tucson
- We the People**
- Phoenix
- You Have the Right**
- Statewide

- ARKANSAS (25)**
- Arkansas State Militia Corps***
- Conway County
- Drew County
- Fayetteville
- Grant County

- Jackson County
- Johnson County
- Lawrence County
- Lee County
- Madison County
- Nevada County
- Ouachita County
- Poinsett County
- Polk County
- Prairie County
- Saline County
- Sevier County
- Stone County
- Constitution Party**
- Fayetteville
- Eagle Forum**
- Little Rock

- Get Out Of Our House (GOOOH)**
- Little Rock
- John Birch Society**
- Texarkana
- Oath Keepers**
- Little Rock
- Secure Arkansas**
- Little Rock
- We are Change**
- Little Rock
- We the People**
- Dover

- CALIFORNIA (73)**
- Aggressive Commentary By Dr. Jerome Corsi — 1776 Nation**
- Irvine
- American Independent Party**
- Vacaville
- Christian Exodus**
- Northern California
- The Constitution Club**
- Hemet
- Constitution Party**
- Gardena
- Statewide

- DEMOCRATS AGAINST U.N. AGENDA 21**
- Santa Rosa
- Dprogram.net**
- Sebastopol
- Eagle Forum**
- North Highlands
- Educate Yourself**
- Costa Mesa
- Freedom Advocates**
- Santa Cruz
- Freedom Law School**
- Phelan

- Free Enterprise Society**
- Fresno
- Free Republic**
- Fresno

- Get Out Of Our House (GOOOH)**
- Sacramento
- HISAdvocates.org**
- Costa Mesa
- Inland Empire Oath Keepers**
- Riverside
- Jeremiah Films**
- Los Angeles
- Liberty Under Fire**
- Freedom Fighters**
- Taft
- Northern California State Militia***
- Sacramento
- Nullify Now!**
- Los Angeles
- Oath Keepers**
- Angels Camp
- Apple Valley
- Auburn
- Bakersfield
- Campbell
- Citrus Heights
- Huntington Beach
- Janesville
- La Mesa
- Napa
- Orange County
- Redding
- Riverside
- Roseville
- San Luis Obispo
- Sonora
- Southern California
- Temecula
- Victorville
- Windsor
- Yucca Valley

- The Post Sustainability Institute**
- Santa Rosa
- Radio Liberty**
- Soquel
- The Resistance--Mark Dice's Official Website**
- San Diego
- Second Amendment Committee**
- Hanford
- Sheriff Mack's Constitutional Posse**
- Hemet
- Southern California State Militia, El Toro Platoon***
- Riverside County
- Tenth Amendment Center**
- Los Angeles
- Truth Radio**
- Nipomo
- United States Justice**

Foundation
Ramona
Washitaw Empire de Dugdahmoundyah
San Pedro
Watchmen of California
Fresno
We Are Change
Bakersfield
Chico
Durango
Fresno
Grass Valley
Hollywood
Humboldt
Long Beach
Los Angeles
Orange County
Red Bluff
Riverside County
Sacramento
San Bernardino
San Diego
San Dimas
San Francisco
San Luis Obispo
We the People
Riverside
San Leandro
COLORADO (20)
American Constitution Party
Arvada
American Freedom Network
Johnstown
American Patriot Party
Denver
Christian Exodus
Loveland
Colorado Western Slope Militia*
Aspen
Discharge Debt
Broomfield
Eagle Forum
Denver
Freedom First Society
Colorado Springs
Get Out Of Our House (GOOOH)
Los Angeles
Oath Keepers
Arvada
SteveQuayle.com
Pueblo West
Team Law
Grand Junction
Tenth Amendment Center
Broomfield
We Are Change
Boulder
Colorado Springs

Denver
Fort Collins
La Veta
We the People
Colorado Springs
Delta
CONNECTICUT (10)
Connecticut Survivalist Alliance
Middlefield
Constitution Party
Hartford
Eagle Forum
New Britain
Get Out Of Our House (GOOOH)
New Haven
John Birch Society
Southington
Oath Keepers
Oxford
The Post & Email
Stafford
Tenth Amendment Center
Bridgeport
We Are Change
Wallingford
Waterbury
DELAWARE (4)
Constitution Party
Bear
Get Out Of Our House (GOOOH)
Claymont
Oath Keepers
Statewide
We Are Change
Statewide
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA (4)
National Committee Against the U.N. Takeover
Washington, DC
We Are Change
Washington DC
WND Books
Washington, DC
WorldNetDaily
Washington, DC
FLORIDA (33)
Agenda21Today
Shady Grove
American Coalition 4 Property Rights
Indian River
Martin
St. Lucie
American Patriot Party
Winter Haven
Constitution Party
Jupiter
The Villages

Eagle Forum
Orlando
Florida Charter Oaks Militia*
Sarasota
Florida Constitution Guard*
Orange City
Get Out Of Our House (GOOOH)
Orlando
John Birch Society
Winter Garden
KrisAnne Hall
Wellborn
Now the End Begins
Jacksonville
Oath Keepers
Jacksonville
Southeast Constitutional Militia*
Sarasota
Tenth Amendment Center
Jacksonville
Tallahassee
We Are Change
Miami
Orlando
Palm Beach
Port Saint Lucie
Tallahassee
Tampa
We the People
Cape Coral
Dunedin
Fort Lauderdale
Jacksonville
Naples
New Port Richey
North Palm Beach
Sanford
Tarpon Springs
GEORGIA (25)
American Patriot Party
Macon
American Resistance Radio
Martinez
Constitution Party
Woodstock
Discount Book Distributors/ The Patriot Depot
Powder Springs
Eagle Forum
Atlanta
Freedom Fighter Radio
Martinez
Get Out Of Our House (GOOOH)
Atlanta
Liberty Alliance
Powder Springs
The Moorish Science Temple of America 1928

Atlanta
Oath Keepers
Atlanta
The Order of Constitution Defenders.com
Monticello
Southeast Constitutional Militia*
Statewide
Tenth Amendment Center
Athens
True Patriots
Dallas
We Are Change
Atlanta
LaGrange
Savannah
We the People
Atlanta
Cumming
Duluth
Gainesville
Jefferson
Marietta
Richmond Hill
Woodstock
HAWAII (4)
Eagle Forum
Honolulu
Get Out Of Our House (GOOOH)
Honolulu
We are Change
Maui
Pahoa
IDAHO (12)
Ada County '1/43' Light Foot Militia*
Kuna
Constitution Party
Coeur d'Alene
Eagle Forum
Boise
Get Out Of Our House (GOOOH)
Idaho Falls
Idaho Observer
Spirit Lake
The Micro Effect
Kamiah
North Idaho Light Foot Militia*
Bonner County
Boundary
Kootenai
Oath Keepers
Boise
We Are Change
Lewiston
We the People
Parma

ILLINOIS (37)
American Patriot Party
Decatur
Constitution Party
Belknap
Eagle Forum
Alton
Eagle Forum Operations Center
Alton
Get Out Of Our House (GOOOH)
Chicago
Illinois Sons of Liberty*
Adams County
Bloomington
Bureau County
Champaign County
Clark County
Clay County
Cook County
Ford County
Henry County
Jackson County
Kane County
Kankakee County
Macoupin County
McHenry County
Peoria County
Pike County
Rockford
Saline County
Shelby County
St. Clair County
Warren County
Will County
Martial Law Survival
Thomson
Oath Keepers
Alden
Restore the Republic
Northbrook
The Roger Sherman Institute
Altona
Tenth Amendment Center
Aurora
We Are Change
Chicago
Peoria
Rockford
We the People
Chicago
Evanston
INDIANA (23)
American Patriot Party
Indianapolis
Constitution Party
Evansville
Indianapolis
Constitution Preservation
Hammond

Eagle Forum
Indianapolis
Get Out Of Our House (GOOOH)
Indianapolis
Indiana Sons of Liberty*
Adams County
Bartholomew County
Boone County
Carroll County
Clark County
Clay County
Dearborn County
Delaware County
Dubois County
Fountain County
Huntington
Jasper County
Indianapolis Baptist Temple
Indianapolis
Oath Keepers
Indianapolis
Tenth Amendment Center
Indianapolis
Watchmen of Indiana*
Indianapolis
We Are Change
Lafayette
IOWA (9)
American Patriot Party
Ames
Constitution Party
Eldon
Eagle Forum
Slater
Get Out Of Our House (GOOOH)
Cedar Rapids
Oath Keepers
Statewide
We Are Change
Davenport
Des Moines
We the People
Burlington
Davenport
KANSAS (11)
American Patriot Party
Salina
Constitution Party
Wichita
Eagle Forum
Raymond
Get Out Of Our House (GOOOH)
Kansas City
Kansas State Militia*
Wichita
Oath Keepers
Kansas City
Patriot Freedom Alliance

Hutchinson
The Prophecy Club Resources
Topeka
Tenth Amendment Center
Kansas City
We Are Change
Lawrence
Wichita
KENTUCKY (8)
Constitution Party
Lexington
Eagle Forum
Mackville
Get Out Of Our House (GOOOH)
Lexington
Oath Keepers
Lexington
PatriotResistance.com
Lexington
Take Back Kentucky
Clarkson
Watchmen of America
Lexington
We Are Change
Ashland
LOUISIANA (6)
American Patriot Party
Alexandria
Eagle Forum
Saint Landry
Get Out Of Our House (GOOOH)
Baton Rouge
Oath Keepers
New Orleans
Southeast Constitutional Militia*
Statewide
We Are Change
New Orleans
MAINE (14)
Citizens of the American Constitution
Bingham
Discerning Today
Bangor
Eagle Forum
Dover
EPI — Environmental Perspectives Incorporated
Bangor
Get Out Of Our House (GOOOH)
Bangor
John Birch Society
Damariscotta
Maine Highlands Defense Force*
Bangor
Oath Keepers

Augusta
Tenth Amendment Center
Bangor
Watchmen of Maine*
Kennebunkport
Sanford
We Are Change
Bangor
We the People
York County
Warren
MARYLAND (13)
III Percent Patriots
Gaithersburg
American Patriot Party
Columbia
America's Survival, Inc.
Owings
Beverly Eakman
Kensington
Cecil County Patriots
Elkton
Constitution Party
Rockville
Eagle Forum
Edgewater
Get Out Of Our House (GOOOH)
Annapolis
The Institute on the Constitution (aka American View)
Pasadena
Oath Keepers
Pikesville
Save A Patriot Fellowship
Westminster
We Are Change
Annapolis
Baltimore
MASSACHUSETTS (7)
Constitution Party of Massachusetts
Townsend
Get Out Of Our House (GOOOH)
Statewide
Oath Keepers
North Reading
Watchmen of Massachusetts
Statewide
We Are Change
Boston
Springfield
Worcester County
MICHIGAN (28)
American Patriot Party
Alger
Constitution Party (U.S. Taxpayers Party of Michigan)
Grand Rapids

Delta 5 Mobile Light Infantry Militia*
Eaton County
Marshall
Eagle Forum
Rosebush
The Heartland USA
Crystal Falls
Jack Van Impe Ministries International
Troy
Liberty Tree Radio
Dexter
Lost Horizons
Commerce Township
Michigan Downriver Volunteer Militia*
Dearborn Heights
Northern Michigan Backyard Protection Militia*
Northern Michigan
Southeast Michigan Volunteer Militia*
Genesee County
Livingston County
Monroe County
Southwest Michigan Volunteer Militia*
Lapeer County
Shiawassee County
We Are Change
Detroit
Fenton
Fremont
Grand Rapids
Northville
West Central Michigan Volunteer Militia*
Ionia County
West Michigan Volunteer Militia*
Hart
Ottawa County
Rockford
White Cloud
Whitehall
We the People
West Bloomfield
MINNESOTA (9)
American Patriot Party
Litchfield
Constitution Party
Redwood Falls
Eagle Forum
Cushing
Genesis Communication Network
Eagan
Oath Keepers
Minneapolis
We Are Change

Cedar Falls
Duluth
Statewide
We the People
Duluth
MISSISSIPPI (17)
912 Project Hattiesburg
Hattiesburg
Constitution Party
Seminary
Eagle Forum
Sallis
Get Out Of Our House (GOOOH)
Jackson
Mississippi Militia*
Southaven
Mississippi Preparedness Project*
Greenville
Gulfport
Jackson
Picayune
Porterville
Prentiss
Tunica
Mississippi Tea Party
Jackson
Oath Keepers
Jackson
Southeast Constitutional Militia*
Jackson
We Are Change
Blue Mountain
We the People
Perkinston
MISSOURI (27)
Constitution Party
Buffalo
Eagle Forum
Russellville
Eagle Forum Education Center
St. Louis
Get Out Of Our House (GOOOH)
Joplin
Heal Our Land Ministries
Branson
Missouri Militia*
Cameron
Columbia
El Dorado Springs
Joplin Area
Kansas City
Lebanon
Maysville
Rolla
Springfield
St. Joseph

St. Louis
Texas County
West Plains
Oath Keepers
Springfield
The Order of Constitution Defenders.com
St. Louis
The Power Hour
Versailles
Tenth Amendment Center
Springfield
We Are Change
Branson
Kansas City
St. Louis
We the People
Cedar Hill
William Lewis Films
Columbia
MONTANA (8)
Eagle Forum
Geyser
Get Out Of Our House (GOOOH)
Missoula County
Liberty Defense League
Kalispell
Lincoln County Watch
Bozeman
Militia of Montana*
Noxon
Oath Keepers
Bozeman
The Order of Constitution Defenders.com
Livingston
Stand Up America U.S.
Bigfork
NEBRASKA (6)
American Patriot Party
Lincoln
Constitution Party of Nebraska
Omaha
Eagle Forum
Lincoln
Get Out Of Our House (GOOOH)
Statewide
Oath Keepers
Lincoln
We Are Change
Omaha
NEVADA (9)
Eagle Forum
Austin
Get Out Of Our House (GOOOH)
Henderson
Independent American

Party of Nevada
Elko
Oath Keepers
Las Vegas
The Order of Constitution Defenders.com
Las Vegas
Save Our Sheriff
Las Vegas
Southern Nevada Militia*
Las Vegas
We Are Change
Henderson
Las Vegas
NEW HAMPSHIRE (8)
American Patriot Party
Plymouth
Constitution Party
Fremont
Eagle Forum
New Hampton
Get Out Of Our House (GOOOH)
Manchester
John Birch Society
Windham
Oath Keepers
Statewide
We Are Change
Manchester
What Really Happened
Concord
NEW JERSEY (12)
Eagle Forum
Egg Harbor City
Get Out Of Our House (GOOOH)
Caldwell
John Birch Society
Flemington
Holmdel
Oath Keepers
Trenton
R.V. Bey Publications
Pleasantville
Tenth Amendment Center
Statewide
tomatobubble.com
Saddle Brook
We Are Change
Frenchtown
Stanhope
We the People
Monmouth
Newark
NEW MEXICO (18)
Christian American Patriots Militia*
Bernalillo County
Constitution Party
Albuquerque

Eagle Forum
Estancia
Get Out Of Our House (GOOOH)
Albuquerque
New Mexico Citizen's Militia*
Alamogordo
Algodones
Arenas Valley
Farmington
Los Lunas
Rincon
Roswell
Oath Keepers
Albuquerque
Southern New Mexico Militia*
Alamogordo
Clovis
Hobbs
Las Cruces
Portales
We the People
Los Lunas
NEW YORK (26)
American Patriot Party
Utica
Constitution Party
Buffalo
Get Out Of Our House (GOOOH)
New York
National Liberty Alliance
Hyde Park
New York Mutual Assistance Group*
Bellport
Tenth Amendment Center
New York
Watchmen of New York*
Syracuse
We Are Change
Hamburg
Long Island
Middletown
Rochester
Staten Island
Syracuse
Westchester
We the People
Albany
Binghamton
Cooperstown
Lake Luzerne
Lewis
Middletown
New Baltimore
Pleasant Valley
Queensbury
Syracuse
Watertown
We the People —

Constitution Lobby of New York
Queensbury
NORTH CAROLINA (25)
America's Remedy
Charlotte
American Patriot Party
Raleigh
Constitution Party
Charlotte
Eagle Forum
Willow Spring
Free North Carolina
Cape Carteret
Get Out Of Our House (GOOOH)
Charlotte
Moccasin Creek Minutemen
Zebulon
NCRenegade
Raleigh
NORTH-CAROLINA American Republic
Charlotte
Gastonia
Maggie Valley
Rutherfordton
Salisbury
Vale
Yadkinville
Oath Keepers
Faith
Raleigh
Stokes County Militia*
Pinnacle
Tenth Amendment Center
Charlotte
We Are Change
Asheville
Charlotte
Mt. Airy
Purlear
Raleigh
We the People
Winston-Salem
NORTH DAKOTA (4)
Constitution Party
Tioga
Eagle Forum
Wing
Get Out Of Our House (GOOOH)
Bismarck
We Are Change
Fargo
OHIO (46)
American Patriot Party
Delaware
Constitution Party
Delaware
Eaton

Don't Tread on Me
Cleveland
Eagle Forum
Lewis Center
Get Out Of Our House (GOOOH)
Hamilton
John Birch Society
Columbus
Oath Keepers
Saint Joseph
Ohio Defense Force Home Guard*
Defiance
Lebanon
Madison
Zanesville
Ohio Minutemen Militia*
Adams County
Ashtabula County
Athens
Auglaize County
Belmont County
Clark County
Clinton
Coshocton County
Defiance County
Franklin County
Gallia County
Geauga County
Hamilton
Hardin County
Jefferson County
Licking County
Lorain County
Lucas
Morrow County
Perry County
Pike County
Preble County
Putnam County
Richland County
Sandusky
Stark County
Union County
Washington County
Westerville
Wyandot County
Sons of Liberty Academy
Cleveland
Tenth Amendment Center
Brecksville
We the People
Dayton
Lebanon
OKLAHOMA (10)
American Patriot Party
Shawnee
Constitution Party
Chandler
Eagle Forum

Wellston
Get Out Of Our House (GOOOH)
Statewide
Oath Keepers
Yukon
OK SAFE, Inc. (Oklahomans for Sovereignty and Free Enterprise)
Tulsa
Overpasses for America
Tecumseh
Tenth Amendment Center
Oklahoma City
We Are Change
Oklahoma City
We the People
Tulsa
OREGON (19)
American Patriot Party
Bend
Constitution Party
Hubbard
Eagle Forum
Prineville
Embassy of Heaven
Stayton
Emissary Publications
Colton
Get Out Of Our House (GOOOH)
Portland
McCutcheons Ink.
Central Point
News With Views
Merlin
Oath Keepers
Portland
Oregon Militia Alliance*
Bend
Tenth Amendment Center
Portland
The Voice of Freedom
Klamath Falls
We Are Change
Bend
Cave Junction
Eugene
Florence
Lincoln City
We the People
Grants Pass
Junction City
PENNSYLVANIA (18)
Alt Market
Pittsburgh
American Patriot Party
State College
Constitution Party
Lancaster
Osceola

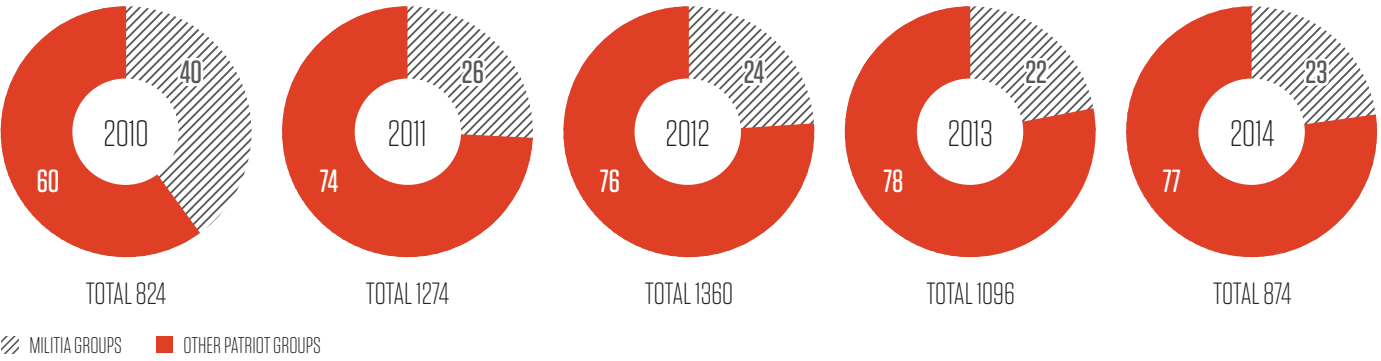
Eagle Forum
Philadelphia
Rochester Mills
Get Out Of Our House (GOOOH)
West Mifflin
Liberty Dollar of Chambersburg
Marion
Oath Keepers
Harrisburg
Pennsylvania American Patriot Radio
Crawford County
Tenth Amendment Center
Harrisburg
The Unsolicited Opinion with Maggie
Norristown
We Are Change
Lehigh Valley
Reading
Shenandoah
We the People
Greensburg
New Kensington
WING TV
State College
RHODE ISLAND (10)
American Patriot Party
Cranston
Constitution Party
Middletown
Oath Keepers
Providence
Rhode Island Citizen Militia*
East Providence
Middletown
North Smithfield
Richmond
Statewide
West Warwick
We Are Change
Providence
SOUTH CAROLINA (12)
Christian Exodus
Fort Mill
Constitution Party
Taylors
Eagle Forum
Hopkins
Get Out Of Our House (GOOOH)
Columbia
Oath Keepers
Columbia
The Order of Constitution Defenders.com
Anderson
Southeast Constitutional Militia*

Statewide
Tenth Amendment Center
North Charleston
We Are Change
Columbia
Myrtle Beach
We the People
Fort Mill
Rock Hill
SOUTH DAKOTA (5)
Constitution Party
Sioux Falls
Eagle Forum
Pierre
Get Out Of Our House (GOOOH)
Pierre
Oath Keepers
Pierre
We Are Change
Rapid City
TENNESSEE (18)
Black Robe Regiment
Springfield
Christian Exodus
Savannah
Constitution Party
Germantown
Hendersonville
Eagle Forum
Woodbury
East Tennessee Mountain Militia*
Knoxville
Get Out Of Our House (GOOOH)
Nashville
Lawful Path
Lynnville
Oath Keepers
Memphis
The Order of Constitution Defenders.com
Chattanooga
Salt and Light Institute
Nashville
Southeast Constitutional Militia*
Bedford County
Tenth Amendment Center
Townsend
The United States Patriots Union
Hermitage
Veteran Defenders of America
Dickson
We the People
Etowah
Fayetteville
Nashville

TEXAS (55)
Adask's Law
Utopia
The American Open Currency Standard
Frisco
American Patriot Party
Killeen
Anti-Shyster Magazine
Utopia
Brave New Books
Austin
Church of God Evangelistic Association
Waxahachie
Constitution Party
Princeton
Dallas City Troop (DCT)*
Carrollton
Eagle Forum
Anderson
Dallas
Freedom School
Austin
Get Out Of Our House (GOOOH)
Dallas
Groups Against Agenda 21
Sulphur Springs
Infowars.com
Austin
Oath Keepers
Austin
Houston
The Order of Constitution Defenders.com
Groesbeck
Hillsboro
Waco
Wharton
Republic Broadcasting
Round Rock
Republic of Texas
Bastrop
Rule of Law Radio
Austin
Silver Bear Cafe
Garland
Tenth Amendment Center
Austin
Georgetown
The Texas Militia*
Abilene
Amarillo
Conroe
Corpus Christi
Dallas
Huntington
Lubbock
Midland
Waco

TURF — Texans Uniting for Reform and Freedom
San Antonio
We Are Change
Corpus Christi
Dallas
El Paso
Fort Worth
Houston
Lubbock
McAllen
San Antonio
San Marcos
Waco
We the People
Austin
Conroe
Dallas
Denton
Grapevine
Guyton
Hideaway
Point
Tyler
UTAH (11)
American Patriot Party
Nephi
Constitution Party
Bountiful
JoelSkousen.com
Orem
Liberty RoundTable
Highland
Oath Keepers
Salt Lake City
Tenth Amendment Center
Brigham City
We Are Change
Provo
Salt Lake City
West Valley City
We the People
Ogden
Winston Shrout — Solutions in Commerce
Santa Clara
VERMONT (3)
Eagle Forum
Lyme
Oath Keepers
Burlington
We Are Change
South Burlington
VIRGINIA (21)
American Patriot Party
Charlottesville
American Policy Center
Remington
Basics Project
Virginia Beach
Constitution Ambassadors

ANTIGOVERNMENT 'PATRIOT' ORGANIZATIONS IN PERCENTAGES



The number of 'Patriot' antigovernment groups has fluctuated wildly in the last two decades, falling in 2014 to about the same size as in 2010. But the percentage of the count that consists of militias, meaning groups that actively engage in military-style training, has diminished over the years. This may be the result of several criminal conspiracies involving militias in recent years that led to the demise of certain of these organizations.

Spotsylvania
Constitution Party
Hamilton
Eagle Forum
Columbia
Get Out Of Our House (GOOOH)
Richmond
Gun Owners of America
Springfield
IRS Zoom
Arlington
Oath Keepers
Charlottesville
Fairfax
Hampton
Richmond
Wallops Island
Rappahannock Guard*
Fredericksburg
TAX-FREEDOM.com
Arlington
Tenth Amendment Center
Richmond
We Are Change
Blacksburg
Chantilly
Virginia Beach
We the People
Fredericksburg
WASHINGTON (25)
American Patriot Party
Wenatchee
Church of Sovereigns: Sacred Family Temple of the Living Saint

Satsop
Citizen Review Online
Sequim
Constitution Party
Spokane Valley
Eagle Forum
Wenatchee
Eastern Washington Lightfoot Militia-63rd Lightfoot Btn 42nd Field Force*
Spokane
Get Out Of Our House (GOOOH)
Seattle
National Association of Rural Landowners (NARLO)
Fall City
Issaquah
Oath Keepers
Seattle
The Sovereign Project
Vancouver
Sovereign-Citizenship.net
Satsop
Stevens County Assembly
Chewelah
Washington State Militia*
Central Washington
Clark County
Northeast Washington
Southeast Washington
Southwest Washington
We Are Change
Seattle
Spokane
Tacoma

We the People
Bellevue
McKenna
Onalaska
Prosser
WEST VIRGINIA (3)
Constitution Party
Martinsburg
Get Out Of Our House (GOOOH)
Statewide
Oath Keepers
Beckley
WISCONSIN (19)
:David-Wynn: Miller
Milwaukee
American Opinion Foundation, Inc.
Appleton
American Opinion Publishing
Appleton
American Patriot Party
Wausau
Constitution Party of Wisconsin
Milwaukee
Eagle Forum
Wild Rose
Get Out Of Our House (GOOOH)
Statewide
John Birch Society
Appleton
John Birch Society — Liberty News Network

Appleton
John Birch Society Shop JBS
Appleton
Northwoods Patriots
Eagle River
Oath Keepers
Appleton
Tenth Amendment Center
Statewide
We Are Change
Madison
Marinette
Milwaukee
We the People
Janesville
Madison
Peshtigo
WYOMING (7)
American Patriot Party
Alcova
Constitution Party
Torrington
Get Out Of Our House (GOOOH)
Casper
Natural News
Cody
Oath Keepers
Cheyenne
We Are Change
Cheyenne
We the People
Casper ▲

REDEMPTION SONG

Christian Picciolini was one of the first on
America's racist skinhead scene.
But now he's singing a different tune

BY DON TERRY

Redemption songs play over and over in Christian Picciolini's head.

The first American-born son of hard-working Italian immigrants, Picciolini wasted much of his adolescence and young manhood angry and racist in a blue-collar suburb just south of Chicago. He became something of a white power pioneer. He was the front man for the first American neo-Nazi skinhead band to play in Europe.

The name of the band was Final Solution.

But these days Picciolini sings a much different tune. When he opens his mouth, he sounds like the 21st century version of a 19th century black woman — abolitionist Harriet Tubman. Like Tubman, the 41-year-old Picciolini wants to lead people to freedom, guiding them away, in his case, from the bondage of racial hatred, anti-Semitism and the romance of violence that consumed his life for seven years and nearly cost him his family and his future.

The map he plans to use is the story of his own escape. The coordinates to his destination are etched in the tattoos that cover much of his body and written on the pages of his soon to be self-published raw and honest memoir, *Romantic Violence: Memories of an American Skinhead*.

"My hope in writing this book," he states in the introduction, "is that others

will read it and heed how easy it is to enter a world laden with prejudice and unadulterated hate; that others may see the desire to belong can have repugnant results, and the promise of power is so seductive an impressionable mind can be persuaded to commit atrocious acts in its pursuit."

"I hope," he adds, "that by exposing racism, hate will have fewer places to hide."

The hows and whys of the way he got drawn into the twisted world of white supremacy, he says, are not all that different than the reasons an inner-city kid of today might get suckered into a street gang, or, perhaps, a suburban youth might be lured into the ranks of wannabe violent religious fanatics. "I was a lonely teenage kid, searching for an identity," Picciolini tells the *Intelligent Report*. "I was always looking for a place to belong. And I was angry. I resented my parents, especially my father, for not being around more."

Picciolini's life in hate dates back



Christian Picciolini was the singer and star of the racist band Final Solution in the 1980s.



MARK SELIGER (PICCIOLINI PORTRAIT); CHRISTIAN PICCIOLINI (BAND)

to the early days of neo-Nazi skinheads in America, who first burst into the national consciousness in the mid-1980s. Picciolini became a white power skinhead at 14, when he was personally recruited into the violent racist scene by Clark Martell, the violent, charismatic, ex-con, Charles Manson-like founder of one of the nation’s first neo-Nazi skinhead gangs, Chicago Area Skinheads, or CASH.

“Clark was an Aryan Johnny Appleseed,” Picciolini says. “He was a very smart sociopath.”

At 16, with Martell locked up in prison for at least the second time, Picciolini became the leader of the gang. He eventually merged CASH with the notoriously violent Hammerskins after a drunken organizing meeting just outside Chicago that was held in a small shabby apartment crammed with as many as 30 skinheads from Wisconsin, Michigan, Texas and Illinois. “Nazi flags draped the walls,” he writes. “Armbands with swastika insignias were plentiful. Some tough-looking skinhead girls hung onto the arms of some of the bigger guys, making it easy to see who the important players were.”

Arno Michaelis, a neo-Nazi skinhead from Milwaukee, was at the meeting and was impressed by Picciolini. “Christian was ridiculously good-looking back then,” says Michaelis, who is now a dedicated anti-racist and peace advocate. “He was very outspoken and articulate. When we met kids like that, we’d say this guy is going to be a great leader.”

At 18, Picciolini stood on a stage in what used to be a cathedral in Weimar, Germany, with, as he writes, Hitler’s spirit and ideas “pulsating through my arteries, pumping my heart to one hundred times its natural human size.” At his steel-toe-booted feet was a roiling sea of 3,000 neo-Nazi skinheads, gathered not far from the Buchenwald concentration camp for a concert of white power bands, including Picciolini’s Final Solution.

Final Solution had traveled all the way from Chicago to perform in a kind

of racist international cultural exchange and bridge-building program. Picciolini was the singer, songwriter and star. That night in Weimar — “veins popping” on his tattooed arms, “muscles rippling, sweat flowing down” his face and neck — Picciolini raised his fist, the signal for his bandmates to start filling the old stone church with the sounds of white supremacy.

*“The holocaust was a fucking lie
Because six million Jews could
never die!
There’s white pride all across America
White pride all across the world
White pride flowing through the streets
White pride will never face defeat!”*

‘I’m Clark Martell’

Picciolini wants to make one thing absolutely clear. He did not learn his hate at home. “I wasn’t raised to be a racist,” he says as he drives through his hometown of Blue Island, a southern suburb of Chicago. “My parents weren’t racist. They were great, hardworking people. They’re still married.”

His parents came to Chicago from small towns in Italy and settled in a suburban parish filled with family and friends from the old country. They owned a unisex hair salon and later a restaurant. They worked day and night to make their American Dream come true for Christian and his younger brother, Alex. They bought a house across the street from Picciolini’s grandparents, where young Christian spent much of his time, waiting for his folks to come home from work. Then the family moved to a more upscale suburb — bigger house, better schools. But they missed the old neighborhood and the grandparents were slowing down, so they returned to Blue Island.

Growing up, Picciolini says he never felt completely at home anywhere. He was constantly on the lookout for someplace to be somebody. As a pre-teen, he threw himself into sports, playing football and Little League baseball. He also began hanging around with a group of

tough white kids from the neighborhood. They called themselves the High Street Boys. But neither Picciolini nor his crew gave much thought to race. Beefs were about turf and girls, not skin color.

That all changed when Picciolini was 14. He was smoking a joint with a buddy in an alley in Blue Island when a car roared to a stop in front of the boys. The passenger door flew open and “this dude with clenched fists and anger emoting from every pore,” Picciolini writes, “headed straight toward us.”

Picciolini was afraid and fascinated at the same time. He had never seen anything like the angry man, not up close, not in real life. The dude’s head was clean-shaven. He was wearing black combat boots and oxblood-colored suspenders held up his jeans. He looked scary, dangerous and cool — super cool — like someone other scary, dangerous guys would cross the street to avoid.

“I wanted to be just like him,” Picciolini says.

The man must have been 26, 27. He got right into the kid’s face about smoking pot.

“Don’t you know,” he said, “that’s exactly what the Communists and Jews want you to do so they can keep you docile?”

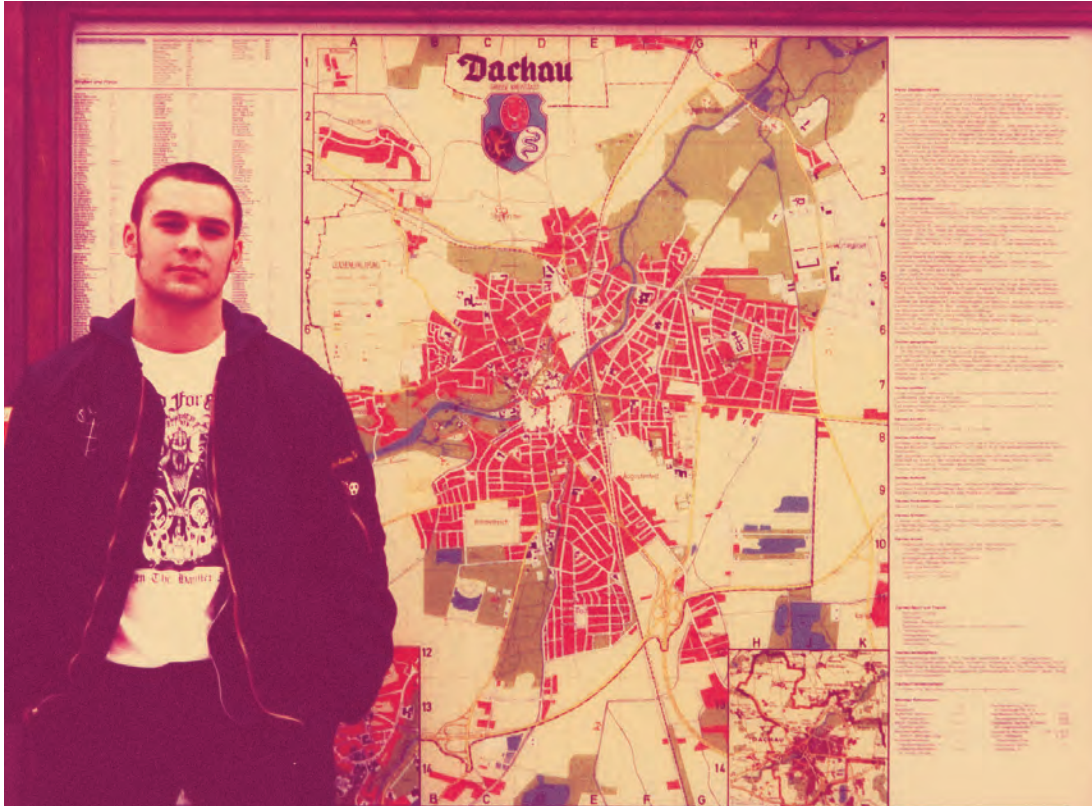
Picciolini didn’t know what a Communist was and as far as he knew had never met a Jew. All he knew was he didn’t want to get punked by some bald dude in an alley on his turf. So, he took a long drag on the joint and blew a cloud of smoke in the man’s face.

In a flash, the man snatched the joint out of Picciolini’s mouth and smacked him on the back of the head — hard.

“I’m Clark Martell,” the man said, “and I’m going to save your life.”

Romantic Violence

Martell was a founding father of the American neo-Nazi subculture. Like Picciolini, Martell lived in the suburb of Blue Island, about 20 miles south of Chicago, a city with a long history of



The bad old days: A smug Christian Picciolini poses at the Dachau concentration camp in Germany, one of the first opened by Heinrich Himmler, a primary architect of the Holocaust.

racial strife and segregation. “Chicago was always pretty stratified about where people lived and that made it easier for people to be racist,” says Tiffini A. Travis, co-author with Perry Hardy of *Skinheads: A Guide to an American Subculture*.

“To create CASH,” Travis and Hardy write, “Martell targeted disenfranchised teens who were eager to hang out with anyone accepting of them; he would invite them over to his apartment and introduce them to racist ideology.”

He also introduced them to hate music, a depressingly effective recruitment tool over the years. “He’s a neo-Nazi,” one of Martell’s crew from the neighborhood told Picciolini. “But people hear Nazi and get all freaked out, so he’s using music to get the message out.” Martell performed in a band called Romantic Violence and was one of the first American distributors of Skrewdriver records, the soundtrack for white power skinheads around the world.

“Clark was a magnetic recruiter,” Picciolini says. “That is what he was



born to do. When I met Clark, I became really drawn into the movement and the subculture, not necessarily the politics, because I didn’t understand the politics.”

But Picciolini was a quick learner. “The politics of race pumped me up,” he writes. “I was involved in something far more important than things other kids my age cared about. I’d become part of a new brotherhood, a cool world that was so brand new it scared people to death

even though they didn’t know much about it. And here I was — all of fourteen years old, in at the ground level, with a real chance to make a difference, to demonstrate my courage, dedication. My leadership skills.”

Martell used his skills to wreak havoc. Before he became a skinhead gang leader, Martell was a violent neo-Nazi. In 1979, when Martell was a member of the American Nazi Party, he was sentenced to four years in prison for attempting to firebomb the Cicero, Ill., home of a Latino couple and their five children. He served 30 months.

Upon his release, he went to work luring young Christians into his racist den. When he first started recruiting for CASH, there were likely fewer than 200 racist skinheads in the U.S. By 1989, when he was convicted of home invasion, aggravated battery and robbery and sentenced to 11 years in prison, there were more than 3,000.

The Problem of His Reality

Picciolini had nothing to do with Martell’s legal troubles. After Martell’s fall, a lot of the older skinheads in the crew grew out their hair and fled the scene. The kid was more than happy to step in and fill the vacuum. “Becoming a leader of the new wave of skinheads took little serious effort,” Picciolini writes. “Blue Island was a natural place to recruit. Kids and their families were lower middle, working class [and] they lived in neighborhoods that were rapidly changing. ... Kids were into music and could easily be made to relate to the message I was spreading.”

His romance with violence was kicking into gear. He writes that “skinheads and the word fear became synonymous, some people considering skinheads

racial terrorists. Terrorists. I liked the sound of that. The power behind it. But people had it wrong. Skinheads were patriots, not terrorists.”

He beat up black kids in the street. He got into fights at school. Sitting across from the African-American principal in her office after a fight, he called her “nigger.” He was kicked out five times from four schools in four years. Once he was led out of school in handcuffs. He felt proud as police officers walked him past his classmates and placed him in the backseat of a squad car.

Yet, when he managed to stay in

says, “there was an unspoken bond.” His time on the gridiron was precious to him. The brutal sport was his tenuous connection to a normal life.

“Most kids involved in this stuff [white supremacy, street gangs, etc.] aren’t fully in,” he says. “There is always that real you just underneath. I didn’t set out to be a racist. I just wanted to belong. It just so happens that the first group that came along was the first white power skinhead gang in the country.”

He wouldn’t admit it to his crew, but Picciolini was getting tired. When he wasn’t fighting black kids, he was fighting anti-racist skinheads — white and black. His parents were on his case, especially his mother. She hated his tattoos and Nazi flags. She pleaded with him, saying if he needed a homicidal maniac to look up to, why not Al Capone? Anyone was better than Hitler, even the notorious gangster.

And then Picciolini met a girl. She was pretty and smart, headed for college. She wasn’t a racist, but nobody’s perfect. He

dropped to one knee. She said yes. They got married and he started pulling back from the street brawls and the hate talk, at least at home. He also got a job with a construction crew. Most of his co-workers were black and Latino. “We were a crew,” he writes. “We worked together, watched each other’s backs; got the job done without letting politics screw things up.”

Still, he attended neo-Nazi rallies and marched with the Ku Klux Klan through the streets of Pulaski, Tenn., widely considered the KKK’s birthplace. Anti-racist demonstrators far outnumbered the hoods and the swastikas. As the rally started, Piccionlini writes, the protest-



Christian Picciolini hopes his forthcoming book will help others leave the world of organized hate.

ers were waving “peace flags and love everyone banners.” But before too long, the protesters were “literally ripping up pieces of concrete from the sidewalk to pelt us with.”

Picciolini was stunned at the level of hate he and his comrades had inspired in the protesters. “I felt as if someone had landed a solid blow to my chest,” he writes, “but instead of air, my commitment was knocked out of me for the first time, and I clearly saw there was a problem with my reality.”

Atonement

Picciolini’s life began to change for good when his wife gave birth to their first child, a son, in 1992, and their second child, another boy, in 1994. She wanted him out of the movement. She did not want his hatred to consume their children. Picciolini was not ready to quit. But he needed to make more money to support his family. He opened a record shop and called it Chaos Records.

White power music was his “bread and butter.” But he also carried hard-to-find punk, rockabilly and heavy metal; and he made a business decision to treat everyone who came in — black, white, Latino, even anti-racist skinheads — with

respect. Green was the color that most interested him now. “My livelihood depended on it,” he writes. “And because it did, I started becoming more tolerant of people whose views didn’t jive with mine.”

He started meeting and being civil to Jews for the first time. Latinos and blacks came in, too. And after a while he hoped they wouldn’t notice the white power music he kept in a glass case. “Our conversations were brief,” he writes. “Guarded at first, but slowly we got to know each other through our shared interest in music.” He found himself liking them and thinking, “These are good people.”

Although his marriage was falling apart, Picciolini gradually let go of his “biases” and his racist crew. “I could no longer in good conscience vilify anyone based on the color of their skin or religious beliefs,” he writes. “...And I was



fucking exhausted. Spending seven years willfully denying the truth of humanity and compassion drains an incredible amount of energy. I simply didn’t have the strength anymore to continue to engage in a constant battle with my conscience.”

When he decided to pull racist music from his inventory, sales plunged.

He had to close the store.

Today, Christian Picciolini is married to his second wife. The swastika tattoo on the back of his neck is covered over by an image of Jesus Christ and the words “Love/Pain.” The swastika on his left bicep has been blackened over and a jukebox covers a white Skrewdriver fist holding a lightning bolt. In 2010, he co-founded, with Michaelis, the former skinhead from Milwaukee, Life After Hate, a nonviolent anti-racist organization. His Wikipedia entry lists his occupation as peace advocate, entrepreneur, business executive, television producer, music executive, visual artist, author and musician. He’s working

“THERE IS ALWAYS THAT REAL YOU JUST UNDERNEATH. I DIDN’T SET OUT TO BE A RACIST. I JUST WANTED TO BELONG. IT JUST SO HAPPENS THAT THE FIRST GROUP THAT CAME ALONG WAS THE FIRST WHITE POWER SKINHEAD GANG IN THE COUNTRY.”

with a group of fellow “formers” — former white supremacists — on developing a so-called Exit program to help current white supremacist, gang members and even jihadists leave their violent movements. He plans to donate a copy of *Romantic Violence* to every library in Chicago.

A few years ago, Picciolini was reunited with some of his old racist friends for the first time in years. They came for the funeral of his brother, Alex, who had been shot to death. Alex was riding in a van with three friends, including a black man and woman. They were in a tough part of Chicago, hoping to buy some marijuana. Apparently, a group of drug dealers got nervous about a possible drive-by and opened fire, killing Alex.

“My brother was killed because he was in a car with people whose skin color threatened a bunch of ignorant kids,” Picciolini writes. “My brother’s death was on me.”

At the funeral, his old friends urged Picciolini to seek revenge. He said no. He was finished with violence, finished with hate.

“My brother had paid for my sins,” he writes. “I would spend the rest of my life atoning for them.” ▲

Down by law: Most racist skinheads are in frequent trouble with authorities, and Christian Picciolini was no exception.

school longer than a few months, he was named the captain of his high school football team, playing alongside black and Latino teammates. By then he had several white power tattoos, including two swastikas. He paid for one of his tattoos with \$60 in quarters he stole from his parent’s laundry stash. Yet the moment the coach blew the whistle for practice or a game, the only thing that mattered was football. “In the locker room,” he

For the Record

FOURTH QUARTER OF 2014

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 almost 260,000 reported and unreported hate crimes that a 2012 Bureau of Justice Statistics report estimated occur annually. This listing carries a selection of incidents from the fourth quarter of 2014. Any additional listings can be found on the Intelligence Project’s website. SPLCENTER.ORG/GET-INFORMED/HATE-INCIDENTS

ALABAMA

Prattville • Oct. 25, 2014

Fliers from the Traditionalist American Knights of the Ku Klux Klan were distributed in neighborhoods.

ARIZONA

Phoenix • Nov. 17, 2014

Brice Johnson, 19, was sentenced to 183 months in federal prison for kidnapping and assaulting a young gay man because of his sexual orientation in September 2013.

ARKANSAS

Bentonville • Oct. 24, 2014

Fliers from the Traditionalist American Knights of the Ku Klux Klan were left in a neighborhood.

CALIFORNIA

Los Angeles • Dec. 18, 2014

Former white supremacist Richard Phillip Ritchie, 39, was convicted of first-degree murder in the racially motivated killing of Howard Garfield McClendon, a 32-year-old black man, in 1997.

Marysville • Dec. 9, 2014

Anthony Merrell Tyler, 34; Billy Hammett, 30; and Perry Jackson, 29, were sentenced to prison terms ranging from 3 years and 10 months to more than 7 years for their roles in yelling racial slurs and assaulting an interracial couple in 2011. Tyler, Hammett and Jackson all have tattoos that read “white pride” or “white power.”

Oakland • Nov. 14, 2014

Richard Thomas, 17, was sentenced to seven years in a state juvenile facility for setting another teen on fire last November because of the teen’s sexual orientation.

Sacramento • Nov. 20, 2014

Joseph Paul Leonard, Jr., a 62-year-old white man, was convicted of first-degree murder with a hate-crime enhancement for the June 2013 death of Toussaint Harrison, a black man. Leonard ran over Harrison with his truck

after a verbal altercation in a parking lot where Leonard used racial slurs. He was also convicted of attempted murder for assaulting Harrison’s business partner.

San Bernardino • Oct. 2, 2014

Self-proclaimed white supremacist Thomas Joseph Murphy, 46, was sentenced to 248 years to life for the 2009 kidnapping, assault and battery of three women, animal cruelty and dissuading a witness.

San Francisco • Nov. 23, 2014

Hugo John Scherzberg, 46, was charged with suspicion of arson with a hate crime enhancement for allegedly pouring gasoline on the front door of a church and setting it on fire.

COLORADO

Colorado Springs • Dec. 19, 2014

Zachary Ballenger, a 21-year-old white man, pleaded not guilty to charges of attempted first-degree murder, multiple counts of bias-motivated crime resulting in injury, assault and resisting arrest for allegedly shooting at two black men in September in a parking lot after yelling racial slurs at them.

ILLINOIS

Chicago • Oct. 21, 2014

Terry Glover, 25, pleaded guilty to two felony counts each of aggravated battery and hate crime charges and was sentenced to 3 years in prison for attacking a lesbian couple in July.

Homewood • Oct. 11, 2014

Pol Danilov, 26, was charged with attempted first-degree murder and committing a hate crime after allegedly stabbing a 79-year-old black woman in a grocery store.

Plano • Dec. 16, 2014

Dakota Malert, 21; Frank Faybik, 24; Christian Cervantes, 19; Tyler Debolt, 21, and Kevin Cox, 22, were charged with felony mob action for allegedly beating two men on Nov. 8 because of their sexual orientation.

INDIANA

Winchester • Oct. 12, 2014

Fliers from the Traditionalist American Knights of the Ku Klux Klan were left in yards.

MARYLAND

Baltimore • Oct. 16, 2014

Karen Murphy, a black former bus driver with the Baltimore MTA, was charged with assault and conspiracy for allegedly arranging for a group of black student teens to attack a white family riding her bus.

MISSISSIPPI

Jackson • Dec. 12, 2014

Two 21-year-old white women, Shelby Brooke Richards and Sarah Adelia Graves, pleaded guilty to conspiracy in a series of attacks on blacks that culminated when a black man, James Craig Anderson, was run over and killed in Jackson in 2011.

MISSOURI

Fenton • Oct. 7, 2014

Fliers from the Traditional American Knights of the Ku Klux Klan were left at residences in a neighborhood.

Kansas City • Dec. 5, 2014

Ahmed H. Aden, 34, was charged with first-degree murder and armed criminal action in a hit-and-run crash that fatally injured 15-year-old Abdisamad Sheikh-Hussein at a Somali Center.

St. Louis County • Nov. 13, 2014

The Traditionalist American Knights of the Ku Klux Klan distributed fliers around the St. Louis area threatening violent action against Ferguson “terrorists” if they become violent.

NEW YORK

Clarkstown • Dec. 22, 2014

Chris Bujaj and Ardijan Mehaj, both 17; and Florend Gjevukaj, 18, were charged with assault as a hate crime for three unprovoked assaults on five Jewish customers at the Palisades Mall

on Black Friday. Anti-Jewish slurs were used.

New York • Oct. 25, 2014

Prabhjot Singh, a Sikh professor at Columbia University, was assaulted by a group of people who allegedly called him “Osama” and a “terrorist” while punching him in the face.

New York • Oct. 28, 2014

Matthew Smith, 20, was charged with three counts of second-degree attempted murder as a hate crime and assault for a September 2014 attack on a group of transgendered women.

NORTH CAROLINA

Spindale • Dec. 9, 2014

Five members of Word of Faith Fellowship were charged with kidnapping and assault for allegedly attacking and beating a fellow church member who is gay.

OHIO

Toledo • Nov. 3, 2014

Christopher Temple, 20, was charged with assault for allegedly attacking a transgender woman. Temple was one of three men who yelled derogatory comments at the woman, knocked her to the ground, beat and robbed her.

TENNESSEE

Nashville • Oct. 10, 2014

Timothy Flanagan, 33, a former member of the Church of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, pleaded guilty for his role in the 2012 cross burning in front of an interracial family’s home.

UTAH

Hurricane • Nov. 30, 2014

Robert Keller, 71, pleaded guilty to a federal hate crime charge for threatening to kill two white neighbors if they didn’t force a black relative to leave their apartment complex. ▲

NostrObamus

A thousand years of darkness? Two years after a series of apocalyptic predictions, life goes on more or less like before. Only better

BY BOOTH GUNTER

It’s been two years since President Obama was sworn in for a second term.

My, how the world has changed.

The economy is purring like a kitten after years of growling like a sour tummy. Jobs are coming back, wages are beginning to rise. The stock market is way, way up.

The war in Afghanistan is finally over. Finally.

More than 10 million previously uninsured Americans now have health insurance.

Did I mention the price of gas? I could go on. But I won’t, because this isn’t an article extolling the policies and virtues of our commander in chief.

No, this is a look back at what, two years ago, we called the paranoid prophecies of the right’s most rabid Obamaphobes — the most frightening predictions of the doom that awaited all of us if Obama were to be re-elected in 2012. You remember: real end-of-the-world stuff.

Just for fun, let’s review.

Joseph Farah, the proprietor of WorldNetDaily, the supermarket tabloid of the black helicopter crowd, seemed to have a firm grasp of his fate in a second Obama term. The scribe had already reported drones surveilling his Northern Virginia property. “If [Obama is] re-elected, it’s gonna be war,” he said. “We will be hunted down like dogs.”

Anyone seen signs of war on American soil? Nope. Not real war, anyway.

We believe that if Obama wanted to round up Farah, he could find him. And if, say for dramatic effect, he wanted to send in the hounds to chase him like a



Nuts and fruit department: Among those making unusual predictions about President Obama two years ago was (clockwise from lower left) Wayne LaPierre, Joseph Farah, Dick Morris, and Gena and Chuck Norris.

fox, he would do just that. Perhaps he’s just waiting for the right moment.

Let’s move on. A motivational speaker and self-help author named **Robert Ringer** (it’s OK if you haven’t heard of him) predicted the “Marxmeister” would quickly unleash the “dictatorial full monty”: instant citizenship for all Third World immigrants, a new sedition act criminalizing criticism of the government, forced equalization of income, suspension of habeas corpus, the end of fossil fuel production, and more.

Not yet — though Obama has been exercising his executive powers. We don’t know where that will lead!

Next up: **Wayne LaPierre**, the NRA chieftain who makes nearly \$1 million a year scaring the bejesus out of gun lovers, claimed Obama would take away

our firearms and “erase” the Second

Amendment. His first term was, of course, a clever ruse “to ensure re-election by lulling gun owners to sleep.”

We don’t know if Obama’s veto pen has an Amendment eraser on it, but he still has two more years. So, we’ll see. For now, guns abound!

Not to be outdone (which would make him irrelevant), the former Clinton aide **Dick Morris** prophesied to Fox’s Sean Hannity that the president’s “big focus” would be to make the U.S. a “vassal state to a globalist entity.” To make it even worse, he would sign a treaty so that we’d need permission from Russia and China just to launch a new war. (But what if we wanted to attack Russia and China? They’d probably say no.)

We’ll put this one in the too-soon-to-tell category, though if vassal-ness (vassalitude?) is the president’s “big focus,” we’ve seen no sign of it. Yet.

In Texas, some county judge named **Tom Head** called for a property tax INCREASE to help defend his county during the coming civil unrest.

Here’s what he told a TV station: “He’s going to send in U.N. troops. I don’t want ‘em in Lubbock County, OK? So I’m gonna stand in front of their armored personnel carrier and say, ‘You’re not coming in here.’”

OK, then.

Two years later, we’ve seen no sign of UN troops invading Lubbock County. Or any other of Texas’ proud (but militarily vulnerable) counties.

Finally, we reach our favorite prediction.

The actor **Chuck Norris** and his wife, **Gena**, posted a video on YouTube warning of “socialism or much worse.”

All right. That’s fair. You could argue we have all sorts of socialism built into our system: Social Security, the Post Office, etc.

But then Gena quoted a 1964 speech by Ronald Reagan: “We will preserve for our children this last best hope for man on earth, or we will sentence them to take the first step into *1,000 years of darkness* [emphasis ours].”

A full millennium. Of darkness!

Now *that* would take an act of Congress. ▲

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