
Source, Reference, and Dissemination Information

Source Summary Statement	<p>(U//FOUO) This <i>Reference Aid</i> is based on open source media reporting from US media, criminal complaints, and law enforcement reporting. We have medium confidence in our findings regarding the group affiliation and motivation of the attackers. We also have medium confidence in the media reporting, as information about actors' motivations and backgrounds continues to develop in connection with several of the incidents cited. Additional media reporting or law enforcement reporting regarding investigations opened in response to such incidents would increase our confidence in the findings.</p>
Definitions	<p>(U//FOUO) Anti-Abortion Extremists: Anti-abortion extremists are groups or individuals who facilitate or engage in acts of violence directed against the providers of abortion-related services, their employees, and their facilities in support of the belief that the practice of abortion should end.</p> <p>(U//FOUO) Black Supremacist Extremists: Groups or individuals who facilitate or engage in acts of unlawful violence to oppose racial integration and/or to eliminate non-black people and Jewish people.</p> <p>(U//FOUO) Boogaloo: A term referencing a violent uprising or impending civil war, which is sometimes used by violent extremists from a variety of movements – including some militia extremists and white supremacist extremists – adhering to their version of accelerationism. This is sometimes also referred to as the “Big Luau” or “Big Igloo.”</p> <p>(U//FOUO) Critical Infrastructure: The physical and cyber assets, systems, and networks considered so vital to the United States that their incapacitation or destruction would have a debilitating effect on security, national economic security, national public health or safety, or any combination thereof. The following are the 16 designated critical infrastructure sectors: chemical; commercial facilities; communications; critical manufacturing; dams; defense industrial base; emergency services; energy; financial; food and agriculture; government; healthcare and public health; information technology; nuclear reactors, materials, and waste; transportation; and water and wastewater.</p> <p>(U//FOUO) Domestic Terrorism: Any act of unlawful violence that is dangerous to human life or potentially destructive of critical infrastructure or key resources committed by a group or individual based and operating entirely within the United States or its territories without direction or inspiration from a foreign terrorist group. This act is a violation of the criminal laws of the United States or of any state or other subdivision of the United States and appears to be intended to intimidate or coerce a civilian population, to influence the policy of a government by intimidation or coercion, or to affect the conduct of a government by mass destruction, assassination, or kidnapping. A domestic terrorist differs from a homegrown violent extremist in that the former is not inspired by and does not take direction from a foreign terrorist group or other foreign power.</p> <p>(U//FOUO) Homegrown Violent Extremist: A person of any citizenship who has lived and/or operated primarily in the United States or its territories who advocates, is engaged in, or is preparing to engage in ideologically motivated terrorist activities (including providing support to terrorism) in furtherance of political or social objectives promoted by a foreign terrorist organization but is acting independently of direction by a foreign terrorist organization. HVEs are distinct from traditional domestic terrorists who engage in unlawful acts of violence to intimidate civilian populations or attempt to influence domestic policy without direction from or influence from a foreign actor.</p> <p>(U//FOUO) Involuntary Celibate Violent Extremists: DHS uses FBI's definition, which defines involuntary celibate violent extremists as individuals who use unlawful force or violence in the furtherance of their ideological belief that society unjustly denies them</p>

sexual or romantic attention. The term Incel, which originated in the 1990s, refers to individuals, mainly males, who believe that women deny them the romantic or sexual attention they believe they deserve, attributing this denial to social movements such as feminism. There is an online community of self-described Incels, and a subset of this community supports using violence to further its goal of achieving male supremacy in society.

(U//FOUO) **Lone Offender:** An individual motivated by one or more violent extremist ideologies who, operating alone, supports or engages in acts of unlawful violence in furtherance of that ideology or ideologies that may involve influence from a larger terrorist organization or a foreign actor.

(U//FOUO) **Militia Extremists:** Groups or individuals who facilitate or engage in acts of unlawful violence directed at federal, state, or local government officials or infrastructure in response to their belief that the government deliberately is stripping Americans of their freedoms and is attempting to establish a totalitarian regime. These individuals consequently oppose many federal and state authorities' laws and regulations, particularly those related to firearms ownership, and often belong to armed paramilitary groups. They often conduct paramilitary training designed to violently resist perceived government oppression or to violently overthrow the US Government.

(U//FOUO) **White Supremacist Extremists:** Groups or individuals who facilitate or engage in acts of unlawful violence directed at the federal government, ethnic minorities, or Jewish persons in support of their belief that Caucasians are intellectually and morally superior to other races and their perception that the government is controlled by Jewish persons.

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Dissemination

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