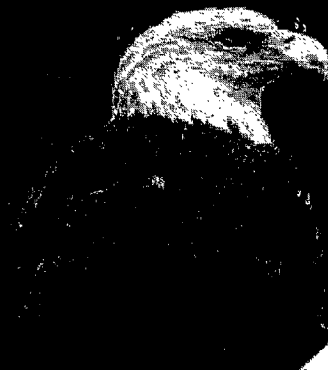
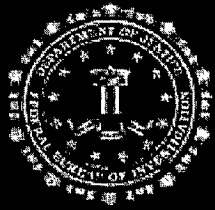




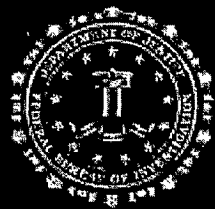
Federal Bureau of Investigation Militia Extremists

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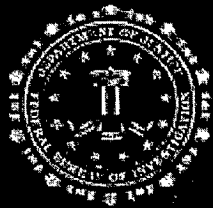




- Militia extremists are individuals and/or groups adhering to militia ideology who further their political or social goals through activities involving force or violence and a violation of federal criminal law.
 - Possess and use illegal weapons and explosives and conduct paramilitary training
 - Anti-immigration
 - Anti-government
 - Fear of the government overstepping their authority
 - May claim legitimacy from US Constitution

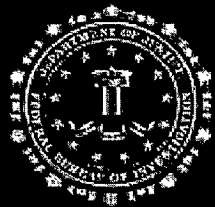


- Conspiracy Theories
 - New World Order taking over the US government
 - “Black helicopters”
- “Patriotism”
 - Foreign invaders/forces taking over US, etc.
- Perceived infringement of rights
 - Legislation interfering with gun rights
 - Federal government placing citizens in FEMA camps
- Collapse of US government/economy
- Interference with law enforcement



- **The Minutemen**
- 1970's-1980's: **Posse Comitatus/Christian Patriot Movement**
- 1984: Ban on production of class III firearms.
- 1989: Ban on importation of some semi-automatic rifles.
- August 1992: **Ruby Ridge** (Weaver family)
- April 1993: **Waco** incident (Branch Davidians)
- November 1993: passage of the **Brady Bill** (5-day waiting period for gun buyers).
- May 1994: **assault weapons ban**.
 - Interpreted by some as a conspiracy to take away all guns in order to disarm the people for the New World Order takeover
- All of these events sparked a feeling among militia extremists that the government was out of control.

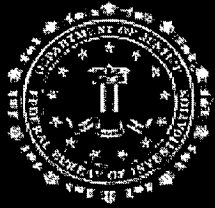




- **Militias sometimes mix together with elements of the extremist white supremacist, sovereign citizen, and anti-abortion movements.**
 - **Guardians of the Free Republics (defunct)**
 - **Schaeffer Cox**
 - **Immigration/Border Issues**



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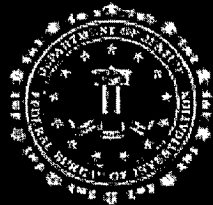


- **ACTIVITIES**

- Online rhetoric
- Preparing for weapons control/confiscation
- Paramilitary training
- Weapons/Ammunition/Explosives acquisition/stockpiling

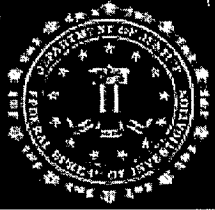
- **POSSIBLE TRIGGERS FOR ACTIVITY**

- Rumors of federal gun control legislation/proposed legislation
 - 08 January 2011: (Tucson shooting: although Loughner was not a militia extremist, subsequent discussions on increased gun control could have triggered militia extremist activity)
 - Confrontations with law enforcement
 - Announcements of US military conducting joint exercises/liaison with foreign militaries (ties to belief of New World Order)
 - Rumors of takedowns *or* actual arrests of other militia members
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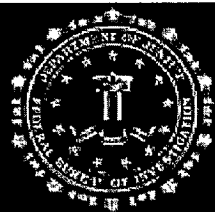


- Paramilitary training in rural areas
- Acquisition/stockpiling of weapons/ammunition/supplies
- Fortification of residences/compounds
- Escalated anti-government rhetoric
- Surveillance of US government installations
- Concern over “communications security” and surveillance.

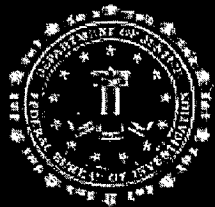




- Indications of cooperation/collaboration between Sovereign Citizen extremist groups and Militia extremist groups.
 - Indications of cooperation/collaboration between White Supremacist extremist groups and Militia extremist groups.
 - Indications of cooperation/collaboration between militia extremist groups.
 - Indications of militia extremist group recruitment of LEOs or current/former military personnel.
 - Redlines/triggers for Militia extremist action against USG
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- Threats against USG and Law Enforcement
- Targeting of USG property
- Acquiring Military weapons
- Military/Law Enforcement involvement
- Inciting violence
- Detonating explosives
- Creating illegal weapons (conversion of firearms to automatic fire, making IEDs, etc)
- Militias unifying and/or working together
- Lone offenders



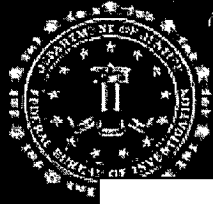
- **Advantages:**

- **Drawbacks:**

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- Advantage:

- The Internet can give a false impression to investigators regarding **strength**, **scope**, and **intent** of a group.
- Harmless affinity groups can appear to be dangerous



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•26 USC § 5861(d) and § 5871 - Possession of Unregistered Destructive Devices

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•26 USC § 5861(d) and 5871 - Possession of an Unregistered Machine Gun

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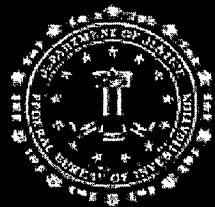
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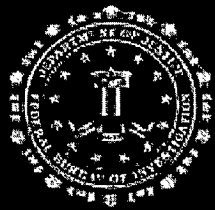
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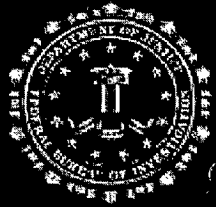


- Title 18 USC § 842 (Importation, manufacture, distribution and storage of explosive materials)
- Title 18 USC § 922 (Unlawful possession, sale or transfer of firearms)
- Title 26 USC § 5812 (Illegal transfer of a firearm)
- Title 26 USC § 5861 (National Firearms Register & Transfer Act)
- Title 18 USC § 111 (Assaulting, resisting, or impeding federal officer)
- Title 18 USC § 115 (Threats against a federal official)
- Title 18 USC § 876 (Mailing threatening communication with intent to extort)
- Title 18 USC § 1114 (Protection of officers and employees of the United States)
- Title 18 USC § 372 (Conspiracy to impede or injure officer)
- Title 18 USC § 371 (Conspiracy to commit offense or to defraud United States)
- Title 18 USC § 912 (False personation- Officer or employee of the United States)
- Title 18 USC § 2385 (Advocating overthrow of the Government)

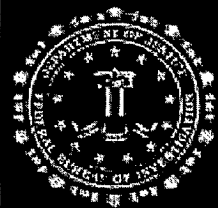


- Specialty Training
- Prosecution strategy
 - DOJ/OGC/AUSA's -

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- The militia movement will continue to grow due to continued conspiracy theories and the current political/economic climate.
- Due to recent law enforcement actions, militias will continue to seek covert means of communication as well as security measures to prevent infiltration of their groups.



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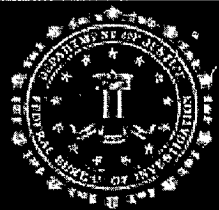
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