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## Origins

- In the early part of the present decade, myriad personnel noted [ ] connections in numerous IT cases ranging across myriad [ ]
- Various parties debated the nature of the [ ] within the US. Diffuse ideology or hierarchical organization?

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[ ] A number of forward-leaning agents in the field opine the FBI should take a look at the [ ]

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Working group formed in [ ] Interest in [ ] in part a response to [ ]

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Concerns driving collection [ ]

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# Eureka!

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- reveals conclusively that the  is a highly structured organization. As information is nearly a decade old upon our receipt, many questions arise.

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Debate decisively resolved upon receipt of  Based on

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Collection efforts needed to update our knowledge re

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Meanwhile, back at the ranch

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## Joint Venture

- IA [redacted] and IA [redacted] (a member of [redacted] decide to join forces to further develop the [redacted] and apply it to an emerging target, [redacted]
- [redacted] proposes [redacted]  
[redacted] then-AD John Billy  
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## Manifesto

- The role of [redacted] lies in integrating strategic assessment with investigative strategy. [redacted]

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## Taking it to the streets

- IAs [redacted] and [redacted] convene a meeting [redacted]  
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- SAs are thoroughly briefed on [redacted]  
[redacted] findings and emergent gaps.  
Collection directives are issues.

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Fostered a high level of communication between HQ and Field and field and field.

Agents developed a strengthened sense of ownership in the program and were interested in determining how they could contribute to the program.

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## The Program Matures

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- Robust liaison relationships are developed with other key USIC players, and mutually beneficial collection plans are developed.
- Field Offices designate individuals to handle  issues.
- programs inaugurated.

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## Hamas

- **The Islamic Resistance Movement: Harakat al-Muqawama al-Islamiya (HAMAS)**
- **Acronym HAMAS also means: "enthusiasm, fire, ardor, fervor, zeal, fanaticism"**
- **Sunni Islamist Organization – Fundamentalism**
- **Palestinian Organization**
- **Approx. 1,000 active members in military wing – Tens of thousands of supporters and sympathizers**
- **Believed to be responsible for 2,905 injuries and the deaths of 603 people in over 555 separate terrorist attacks**

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**HAMAS MOTTO:**

**ALLAH IS OUR GOAL; THE PROPHET IS OUR MODEL; THE QU'RAN IS OUR CONSTITUTION; JIHAD IS OUR PATH; AND DEATH FOR THE SAKE OF ALLAH IS THE LOFTIEST OF OUR WISHES.**

Sunni – One who follows the tradition of reliance on the Qu'ran and the Hadith (Huh Deeth) (teachings and actions of the Prophet Mohammed) Shiite – Traditions go back to Ali, the fourth Caliph (idea of family succession) Iran is primary Shi'ite Muslim state:

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## Hamas Strengths

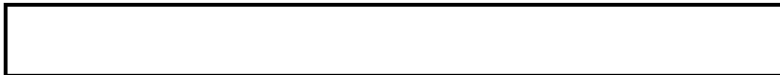
- **Clear Ideology**
- **Efficient & Upfront**
- **Tangible Benefits**
- **Social and Welfare Services**
- **Adaptive**
- **Grass-roots organization**

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IDEOLOGY IS VERY INCLUSIVE: MEMBERSHIP IS FOR ALL MUSLIMS WHO FEAR ALLAH AND WAVE THE BANNER OF JIHAD IN THE FACE OF OPPRESSORS.

SERVICES: HOSPITALS, SCHOOLS, MOSQUES, ORPHANAGES, SOUP KITCHENS, ETC.



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## Hamas- Important Figures

- **Khalid Mishal – Leader of HAMAS**
- **Ismail Haniyah- Hamas Prime Minister**
- **Mohamad Zaher- more radical HAMAS**
- **Sheikh Rantisi- Hamas ideological head, killed by Israel**
- **Maher Odeh – has many connections in US, hometown Ein Yabroud, West Bank**

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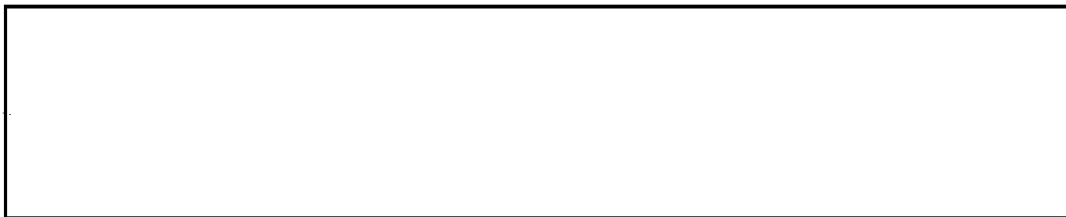


BECAUSE IT IS A

"MILITARIZED" SOCIETY – KIDS, ELDERLY

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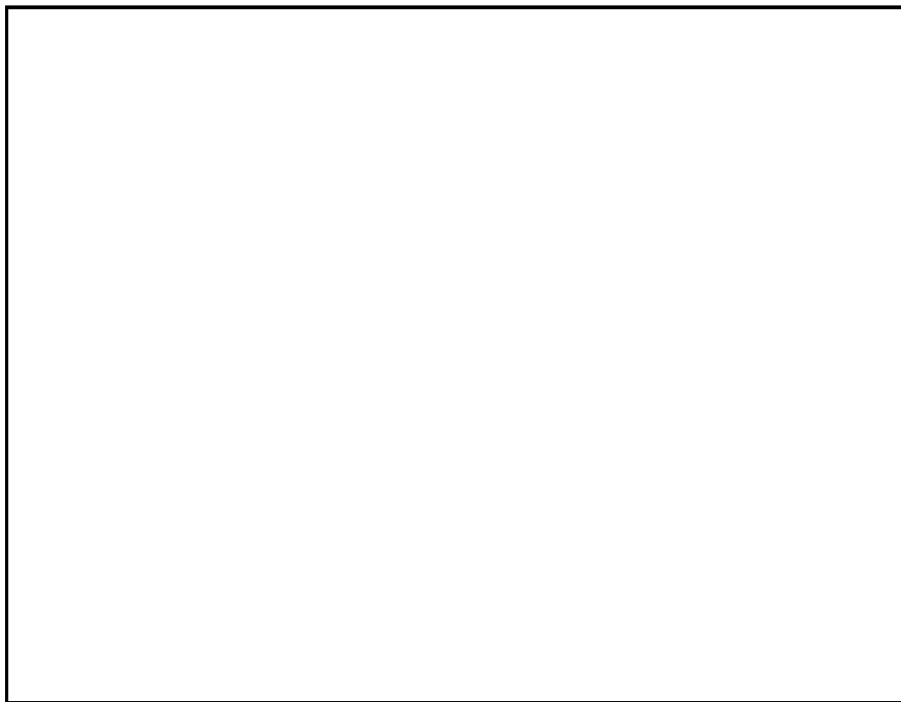
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- Remote Detonation
- 9 Killed (5 U.S.)
- 80 Wounded (4 U.S.)



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**BACKPACK REMOTELY DETONATED**

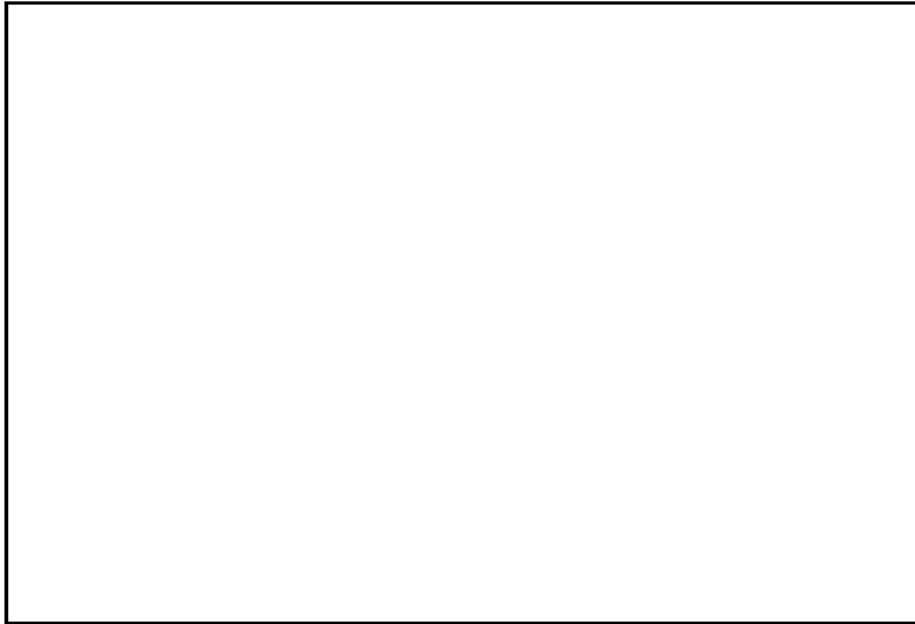
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- DURING THE SUMMER SESSION NEAR THE AMERICAN SCHOOL BUILDING

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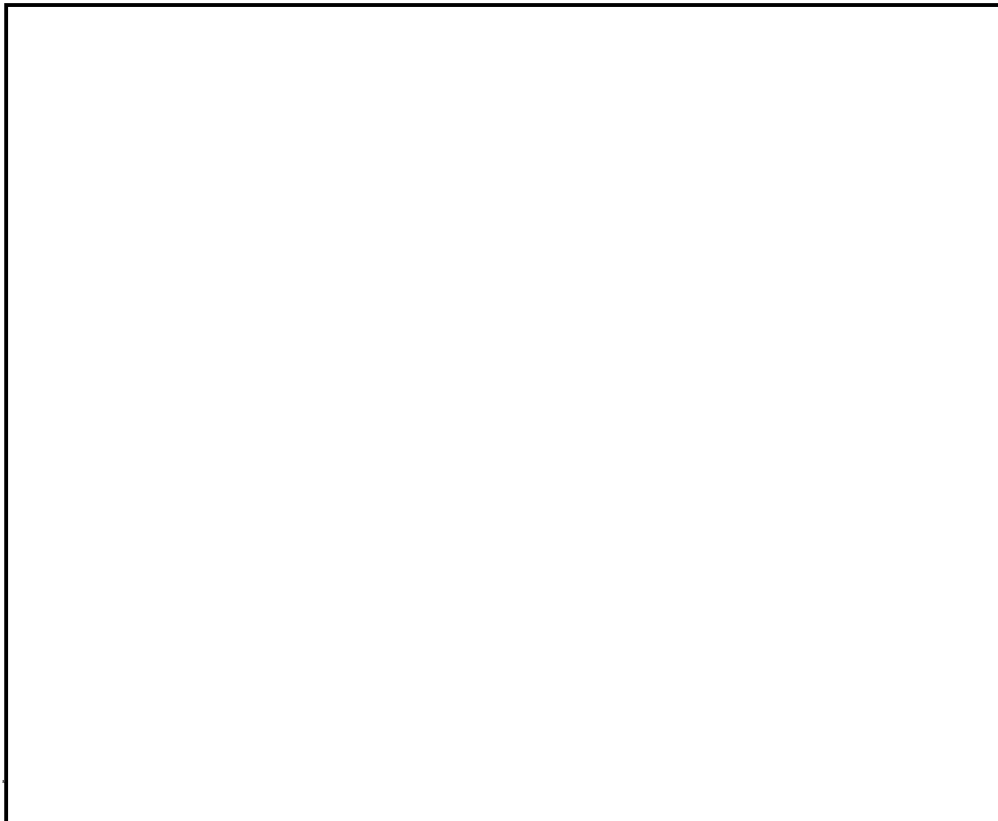
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The Israeli Embassy bombing in Buenos Aires, Argentina on March 17, 1992, where 29 people were killed, mostly Argentinean .

Argentine-Israeli Cultural Center, Buenos Aires, Argentina, on July 18, 1994, one hundred people dead.

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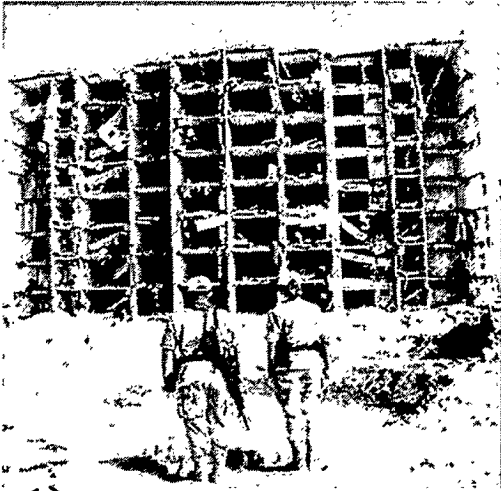
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### Khobar Towers JUNE 25, 1996

- 19 Americans killed, over 280 injured
- June 2001 indictment:
  - Iranian officials
  - [redacted]
  - [redacted]



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Other attacks committed by [redacted] or with [redacted] involvement include [redacted]

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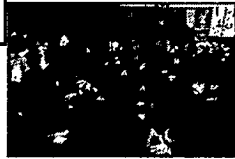


## Background and Threat Overview

- Background**
  - Imad Mughniyah assassinated on 12 FEB 2008 in Damascus, SYR
  - Though overt statements by [redacted] blame ISR, source reports indicate US also held responsible
- [redacted]
- Threats Against US Interests**
  - FBI Assessment: [redacted]
  - [redacted]
  - [redacted]



Imad Mughniyah



"Our enemies forever, USA and Israel"

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(U) **Background:**

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**Modus Operandi:**

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**Threats Against US Interests...:**

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|  | <b>Activities in U.S.</b>                                                                                              |            |
|                                                                                   | <b>Presence in U.S.</b>                                                                                                |            |
| (S)                                                                               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>[Redacted]</li><li>Significant Lebanese populations include [Redacted]</li></ul> | [Redacted] |
|                                                                                   | <b>Communication Between U.S. and Lebanon</b>                                                                          |            |
| (S)                                                                               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>No hierarchy in United States; direction from Lebanon-based leadership</li></ul> | [Redacted] |
| (S)                                                                               | [Redacted]                                                                                                             | [Redacted] |
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Notes:

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(S) ~~(S//REL TO USA,~~ [Redacted] Communication: Though many U.S.-based  
[Redacted] members do maintain personal and business relationships, often extending over  
state lines, [Redacted]  
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 **Primary Activity: Fundraising** [redacted]

• Via: [redacted]

• [redacted]

• Unknown to FBI how much money is raised in US

• [redacted] unofficial offices/personnel in other locations

• [redacted]

• [redacted]

• [redacted] tied to U.S.-based suspected [redacted] members.

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~~(S)~~ REL TO USA, [redacted] - Fundraising

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[redacted] illegal to raise money for [redacted]

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~~(U)~~ REL TO USA, [redacted] Via: "Legitimate" Businesses (Amount Unknown)

• Distinction: Though businesses may be legitimate, any business, and its agents, materially supporting [redacted] are subject to criminal prosecution.

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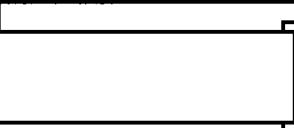
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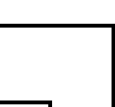
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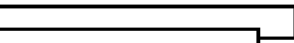
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-  **other Criminal Enterprises** 

- **Relationship between activities is unclear**

- **Funds possibly directed to financially compensate** 
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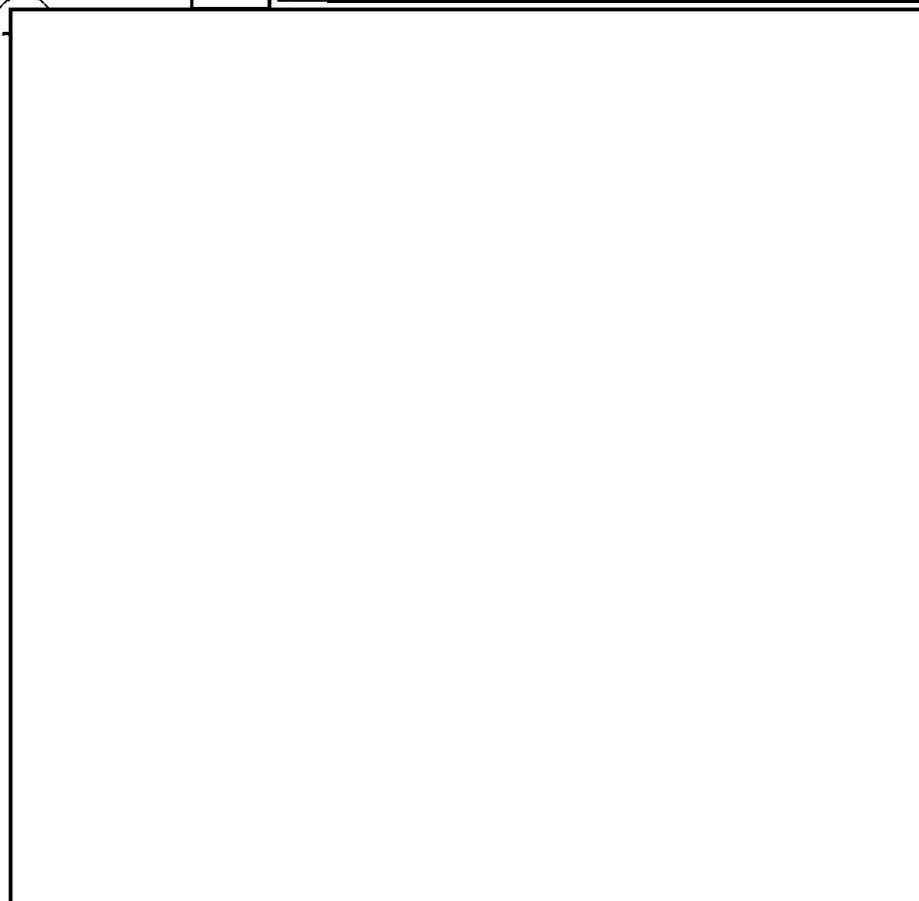
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**Via:** 



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Activities in U.S. ~~continued~~

**Additional Activities:**

- Intelligence Agents Inside the United States
  - Intelligence
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  - Counterintelligence
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  - Using existing network as cover for intel ops
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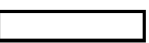
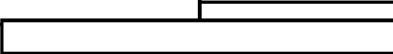
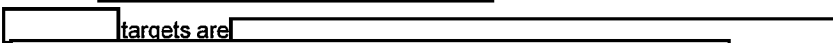
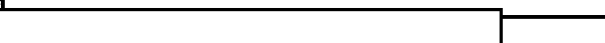
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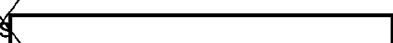


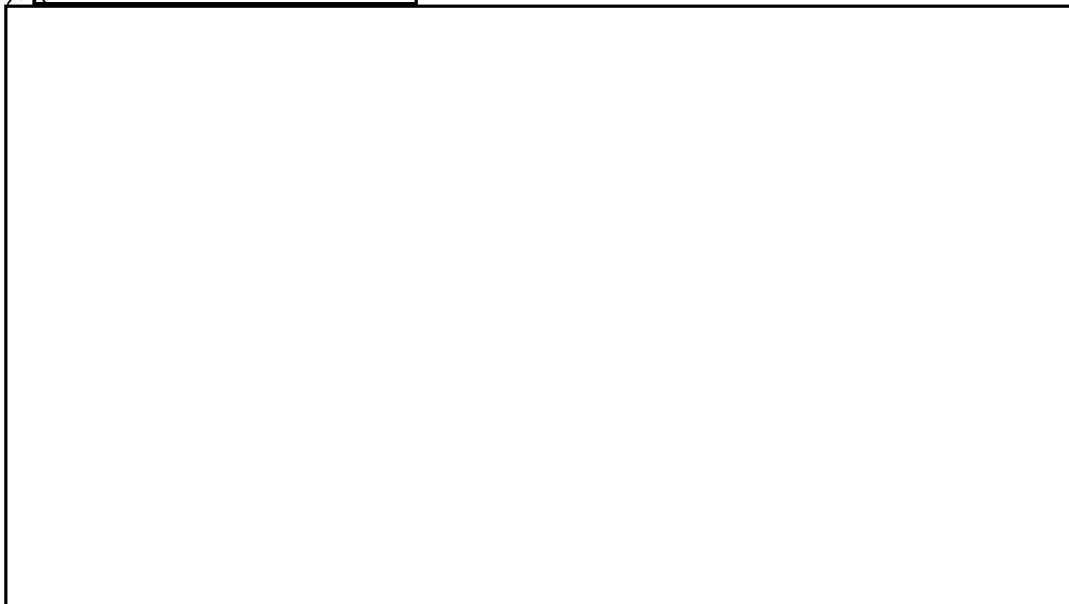
- **FBI assessment:**  is tasking members/operatives with 
- **Methods:** 
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-  targets are 
- **Also provide:**
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## FBI Strategic Concerns and Current Efforts

### FBI Strategic Concerns

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Current FBI efforts: [Redacted]

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## Domain Awareness

### Mission

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### Goals

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### Methodology:

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## Demographics

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## Social Structure

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## General Information

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