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Domestic Extremist Movements: Radical Subcultures in America



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Topics of Discussion

- White Supremacists
 - Recent Incidents
- Militia Movement
 - Alabama Free Militia
 - Volunteer Organizations for Assistance & Disaster
- Sovereign Citizen Movement
 - Little Shell Pembina Nation
 - U.S. Constitution Rangers
 - Others
- Anti-Abortion Movement.
 - Recent Incidents
- Violent Anarchists
 - Anti-War Violence
- Black Separatists
 - New Black Panther Party
 - Moorish Adherents



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White Supremacist Trends & Activity

- Proliferation of the Internet for communication, networking and recruitment - an estimated 400 racist websites and unknown number of private sites.
- Some hate groups continue to use white power music to recruit younger racists.
- Increasing cooperation and crossover with violent anti-government groups. Issues such as illegal immigration, second amendment rights, abortion bridge the gap between different extremist groups and ideologies.
- "Old School" racist groups (i.e. Aryan Nations, WCOTC, National Alliance, etc.) are in a state of disarray and some regrouping under new names.
- Formation of hybrid skinhead groups (white street gang, racist prison gang, racist skinhead crew).
- More radical rhetoric emanating from female members in the movement.
- Transient racists perpetrating crimes and violence outside their communities.



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White Supremacists (cont.)

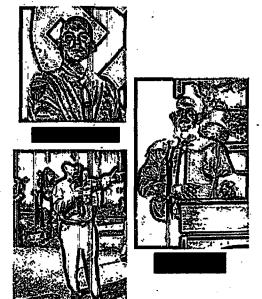
- Neo-Nazis: Movement is growing; slightly criminal activity is high; many national groups in disarray; Nazi subculture is thriving; proliferation of on-line social networks; moderate level of violence
- Skinheads: Geographically concentrated; steady growth; criminal activity is high; growing number of violent incidents; presence of women increasing; high level of violence
- Christian Identity: Membership size is static; keeping a low profile; shift to home ministries and smaller groups; moderate level of criminal activity and violence
- Ku Klux Klan: Membership size static; increasing its profile; criminal activity is moderate; shift to smaller local groups; moderate level of criminal activity and violence
- Aryan Prison Gangs: Membership is growing; increasing cooperation between gangs focused on criminal activities; criminal activity is high; increased activity outside of correctional facilities; leadership changes often; high level of violence



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National Socialist Movement

Nationwide



- Personality clashes led to factional splintering
- National Socialist
 Movement
- (former NSM Media relations)-American National Socialist Workers Party
 - Claims 21 former NSM leaders & 96 former NSM members
- (former NSM Chairman)-National Socialist Freedom Movement
- Some key figures have dropped off the radar and many regional chapters have dissolved



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Vinlanders Social Club

Nationwide



- Hammerskins try to assert control over the skinhead scene, several smaller groups begin to discuss acting against the Hammerskins
- October 2005, coalition of state-based skinhead groups form - dedicated to eliminating Hammerskin Nation in their areas
- Led by a committee of representatives from the member groups called the "Blood and Honour Council," or Council28



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Vinlanders Social Club (cont.)

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 - Conferate Hammerskins
 - Northern Hammerskins
 - Midland Hammerskins
 - Arizona Hammerskins
 - Eastern Hammerskins
 - Volksfront USA
 - B&H North America
 - Florida Hatedskins

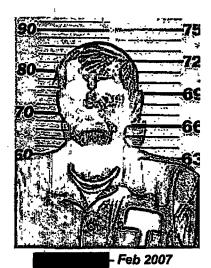
- Vinlander Allies:
 - Ohio State Skinheads
 - Hoosier State Skinheads
 - Keystone State Skinheads
 - Maryland State Skinheads
 - Canyon State Skinheads
 - Delaware State Skinheads
 - Vinlanders Virginia
 - American Thule Society
 - Florida State Skinheads
 - Imperial Klans of America



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David Eden Lane - The Order

Terre Haute, IN



- Died 28-May 2007 (age 68)
- Epilepsy Related Heart Failure
- Serving 190 consecutive year sentence (co-founded The Order)
- Propagandist for the white supremacist movement
 - Coined the "14 words"
 - Wrote "88 Precepts" for white nationalists
- Some blame the government for Lane's death
- Others believe he was murdered (due to cuts and bruises on face)

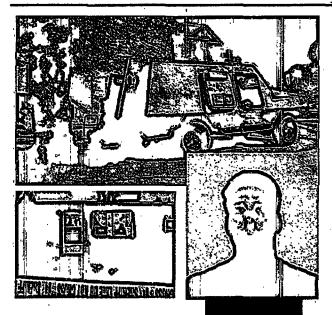


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Moscow, ID

- Aryan Nations





- Murder's wife at home
- Attacks Latah County Courthouse, Sheriff's Office, Dispatch Center, Police Vehicles (using M1 rifle, fired 75 rounds)
 - Killed local police officer, wounded another
- Fled to Presbyterian church (firing another 20-30 rounds)
 - Killed caretaker
- Assumed sniper's position on 2nd floor of church
 - Shot & wounded sheriff's deputy, killed student
- Long history of mental illness, violence & domestic abuse
- Four days prior, court ordered to complete 90-day jail sentence and counseling

- Silent Aryan Warriors

Salt Lake City, UT



- 25 June 2007
- Failed Escape Attempt During Hospital Visit
- Shot & Killed Corrections Officer
- Conducted Carjacking
- Apprehended at fast food restaurant
- Recently sentenced to 9 years for Felon possession of a firearm
- Criminal history included forgery, burglary, and escape charges



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Militia Movement Trends & Activity

 Movement has declined nationally; criminal activity is moderate; keeping a low profile; level of violence is moderate; threats to law enforcement; low level of violence



Emergence of Volunteer Organizations for Assistance & Disaster



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Alabama Free Militia

Dekalb County, AL



- 26 April 2007 ATF Investigation
- Weapons Recovered:
 - 130 grenades
 - Improvised rocket launcher with live rounds
 - Grenade launcher
 - Title Il Firearms (machinegun &short barreled shot-gun, two silencers)
 Numerous other firearms

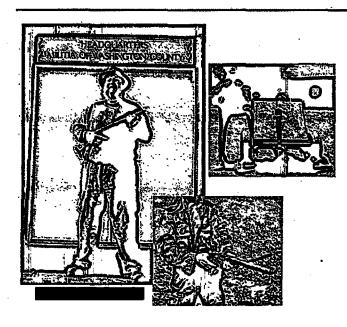
 - 2500 rounds of ammunition
 - 70 Improvised Explosive Devices
 - Thousands of rounds of ammunition
 - 120 Marijuana plants
- Plot to murder alleged informant
- Standing order to shoot Federal agents
- Discussed a plan to kill Mexican immigrants



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Militia of Washington County

Fayetteville, AR



- 8 November 2006 ATF Investigation
- Unlawful manufacture, possession and transfer of machineguns
- Sent Notice to Governor of Arkansas in August 2002
 - Declaration of Citizens' Right to Keep & Bear Arms
 - Rebuttal to All Gun Laws, Controls, Regulations, Statutes, and Ordinances
 - Constructive Notice of the Sovereign State of Arkansas
 - Public Notice Volunteer Artillery Company Commissioned



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Volunteer Organizations for Assistance & Disaster

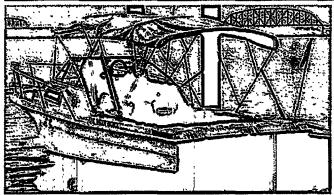
- Organizations that are not affiliated with any government agency
- Deny being a vigilante organization or a militia
- Describe themselves as "volunteer organizations" with a mission to safeguard the United States and assist with public safety
- Claim to have active and retired members of the United States Armed Forces as well as law enforcement officers
- Often wear uniforms, patches, and insignias that impersonate military or law enforcement personnel
- Engage in "citizens" arrests, unlawful search and seizure, unlawful detention, search and rescue, and emergency response activities
- Often possess badges, credentials, and display firearms (either openly or concealed)
- Examples:
 - National Defense Forces Service Command; Homeland Security Special Forces Team; U.S. Water Patrol; Oregon Rangers



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United States Water Patrol

Louisville. KY





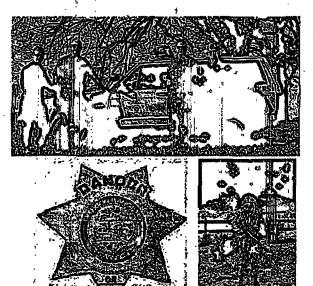
- 21 April 2007
- Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife encountered group
- Attempting to launch their boats into a restricted part of the Ohio River
- At least one member was armed with a semi-automatic handgun.
- Members wear blue law enforcement style uniforms with shoulder and chest patches
- Uniforms resembled U.S. Coast Guard and/or U.S. Navy.
- Leader refers to himself as "Admiral"
- Group emblems resemble those of the Coast Guard



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Oregon Rangers

Eugene, OR



- Approximately 5 members
- Certified as "Armed Officers"
- Wear uniforms, carry firearms, possess badge & credentials
- Alleged Activities/Services:
 - Counter-drug interdiction efforts on U.S. Park land
 - Search for missing persons
 - Assist hikers and other outdoorsmen as needed
 - Emergency response
 - First aid and CPR training
 - Other community service
 - Patrol remote areas for criminal activity
 - Rapid Response Perimeter Security



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Sovereign Citizen Movement Trends & Activity

- Membership size is static; criminal activity is high (primarily white collar crimes); moderate level of violence; threats to law enforcement
- Anti-tax component of SCM is growing slightly; activity increasing in some areas of the country; criminal activity is high (primarily tax evasion and tax fraud); low level of violence; threats to law enforcement (specifically IRS, ATF, and other treasury officials)
- Corporation Sole popular among anti-government groups (i.e. making your home a religious institution).
- Redemption theory financial scheme is declining in popularity.
- Norfed liberty dollars financial scheme still active throughout the country.
- UCC filings are still being filed against government officials throughout the country.
- National resurgence of the U.S. Constitutional Rangers.
- Little Shell Pembina Tribe of North America continues to grow in popularity throughout the country.
- Several anti-government groups are using debt elimination schemes (i.e. home mortgage schemes, credit card schemes, etc.).



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Little Shell Pembina Nation

Nationwide

- - LSPN first appeared as part of a lawsuit filed by section of the "Little Shell Pembina Band of North America," thus he had over a nundred million dollars in restitution due to him as leader of a recognized tribe within the Chippewa Nation
- By early 2004, LSPN claimed that it was a "free sovereign nation" holding claim to tens of millions of acres in North Dakota
- LSPN formed its own executive branch, and asserted that it had full authority to establish its own lending institutions and court system
- Began offering mail order memberships, thus increasing its influence and presence within anti-government circles
- Estimated national membership between 1,000 and 1,500 people
- Four Factions
 - (North Dakota) North Dakota) (North Dakota)
 - (Colorado) **Criminal Activity**
 - Fraudulent Identity Documents
 - Scams (redemption, insurance fraud, mortgage/debt elimination scheme)
 - Bogus Financial Instruments





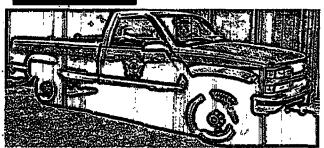
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U.S. Constitution Rangers

Nationwide







- Members believe they are responsible for policing government offices
- Do not recognize state or federal government - typically do not pay taxes or adhere to law of the land
- Membership is self-governing, operate their own law enforcement agency, claim allegiance to only the U.S. Constitution
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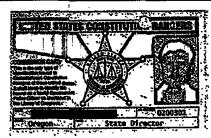
Commander

- Two Factions (Resulted from allegations of misuse of USCR funds)
 - (New Hampshire)
 (Colorado)
- USCR Activity Reported in 10 States (WA, ID, AZ, CO, MO, NE, AR, MI, VT, NH)

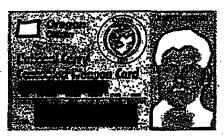


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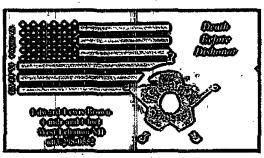
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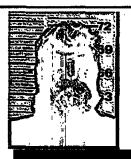




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Sovereign Citizens / Freemen

Miami / Juno Beach / Melbourne, FL









- Wontana Freeman (Federal BOP Inmate, Ft. Leavenworth & Marion Correctional Institution)
- Mailed packages containing handwritten bogus legal documents to the in Florida
- and mailed bogus legal documents to a bank president in Montana
- Documents demanded reimbursement of \$3 million deposited in the mid-1990s using fraudulent financial instruments
- Bank President also received harassing phone calls from subjects



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Republic of Anodyne Fake Badges, Credentials, Concealed Carry Permits

Florida & Elsewhere





- May 26, 2007 (Marlington, WV)
 - (Resides in

Nettie, WV,

- Traffic Stop Near Entrance to National Alliance Compound
- Claimed to be a citizen of the "Country of Anodyne"
- Possessed loaded semi-auto .25 caliber pistol, and an international concealed weapons permit from the Republic of

Anodyne

Subject's Address



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Anti-Abortion Extremist Trends & Activity

- Membership size is static; moderate level of criminal activity; level of violence decreasing; threats to clinic patients and staff.
- The level of severe violence declined in 2005 to affect 18.4% of clinics, down from 23% of clinics in 2002 and 20% in both 1999 and 2000.
- Nevertheless, one in five clinics throughout the country is targeted with a variety of forms of anti-abortion violence.
 - Tactics includes blockades, invasions, bombings, arsons, chemical attacks, stalking, physical violence, gunfire, bomb threats, death threats, and arson threats.
- Bomb threats, stalking, death threats, and blockades were the most commonly reported types of severe violence in 2005.
- The number of clinics experiencing three or more forms of violence or harassment declined dramatically from 14% in 2002 to 7% in 2005.
- As many as 25% of clinics reported suffering at least one type of vandalism in 2005.

Sources: Planned Parenthood; National Abortion Federation; Feminist Majority



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Austin, TX

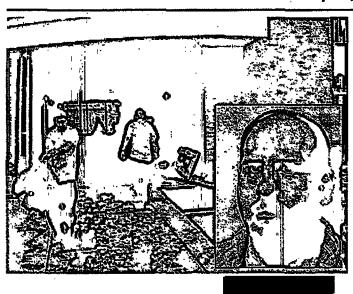


- 25 April 2007
- Attempted Bombing of Austin Women's Health Care Center
- Possibly Inspired by Recent Supreme Court Ruling Upholding Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act
- Used shrapnel in device meant to harm
- White supremacist tattoos (lightning bolts and swatzika)
- Possessed copy of the "Turner Diaries"



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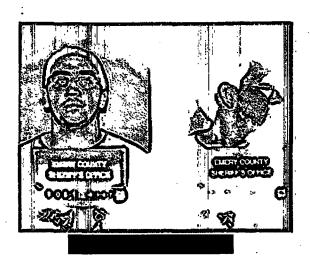
Davenport, IA



- 11 September 2006
- Rammed vehicle through entrance of Edgerton Women's Health Center
- Further attempted to burn facility
- Mistakenly believed center was an abortion clinic
- Planned to commit suicide during attack



Riverdale, MD



- 8 June 2006
- Bomb detonates while authorities attempt to disable it
- Planned to bomb a family planning clinic in Greenbelt, MD
- Acquired handgun to shoot anyone involved with performing abortions
- Attended anti-abortion protests (May 2006)
- Had past white supremacist affiliation, but no formal membership
- Previous conviction for obstructing police



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Peebles, OH



- August 1988 Convicted/three counts for planning to bomb a clinic in Pensacola, FL (Sentenced to 26 months)
- While incarcerated, pled guilty for two attempted clinic arsons in Cincinnati, OH (Jan. 2001, sentenced to an additional seven years)
- Released on February 17, 1995, after serving four years in prison
- jail sentences did not dissuade him from his terrorist goals
 - In 1999, he attended the White Rose Banquet in Bowie, MD
 - in 2003, he showed up at the vigil held outside the prison where convicted murderer was being executed



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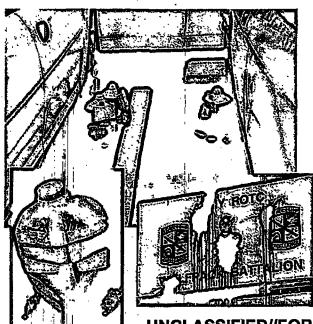
Violent Anarchist Trends & Activity

- Movement is growing (due to ongoing military actions); exploiting anti-war movement and global conflicts for recruitment; criminal activity is increasing; level of violence growing
- Not all anarchists believe they have to overthrow the government - some believe it will collapse naturally.
- Revolutionary anarchists differ from other anarchists in that they feel they have to play an active role in overthrowing the government.
- Black Bloc is an anarchist tactic, not a formal organization. It is also a secretive, loose-knit group of people
- Believed responsible for several, recent acts of vandalisms, arsons, and attempted arson against military recruiting centers



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Violent Anarchists (cont.)



- Dec 12, 2006 Bombing (Dresden, TN)*
- Nov 10, 2006 Attempted Arson (Lynchburg, VA)*
- Oct 19, 2006 Vandalism (Lawrence, KS)
- Oct 3, 2006 Vandalism (Silver Spring, MD)*
- Oct 1, 2006 Bombing (Everett, WA)*
- Aug 10, 2006 Attempted Arson (Webster Grove, MO)
- May 15, 2006 Vandalism (Jacksonville, FL)*
- May 8, 2006 Vandalism (Salem, OR)*
- April 15, 2006 Vandalism (Reno, NV)*

*incident Likely involved Anarchists



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Black Separatist Trends & Activity

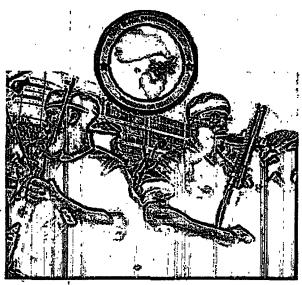
- Black Separatists membership is growing slightly; advocate separation of the races; embrace revisionist forms of Islam; criminal activity is low (primarily white collar crime); low level of violence; espouse violence to obtain goals and objectives
- Recruitment of black youth/street gang members into black separatist groups.
- Incorporation of sovereign citizen tactics into some black separatist groups.
- Some members engaging in firearms training and surveillance activity
- Some black separatist groups recruit in prisons as well as share radical views (i.e., reinforce beliefs of "brotherhood of the oppressed") of other extremist groups.



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New Black Panther Party

Nationwide



NBPP Raily in Jasper, TX, during 1998

- Formerly known as NBPP for Self Defense
- Formed in Dallas, TX during 1989-1990
- Establish separate homeland in the U.S. for African-Americans
- Membership consists of former gang members
- Proficient in variety of criminal activity
- Familiar with law enforcement techniques
- Reported firearms training
- Search for private property for training facility



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Moorish Sovereign Citizens

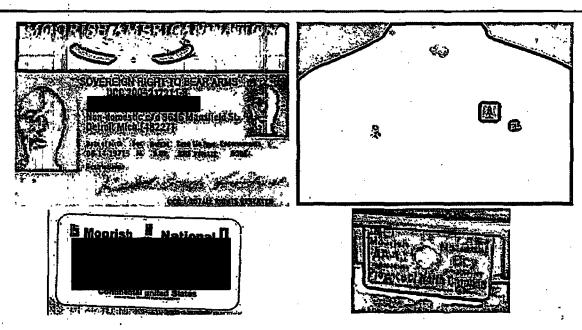
East Coast/Upper Midwest

- Two distinct movements (Moorish Religion & Moorish Sovereign Citizens)
 - Moorish Science Temple of America (1913)
 - Teaches obedience to law, respect for government, loyalty to one's citizenship
 - Moorish Sovereigns (1990s)
 - Use Moorish beliefs to justify breaking the law, rejecting government authority, and emancipate oneself from responsibilities of citizenship
- Both movements interpret teachings from – founder of American Moorish doctrine
- Both emphasize importance of fundamental teaching the importance of claiming their "Moorish identity"
- Both show allegiance to this principle through similar means
 - Adopting the Moorish honorific "El" or "Bey" to the end of their names
 - Use of Moorish identity cards and other documents



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Moorish Sovereigns (cont.)



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