Hate Groups' Newest Target

White Supremacists Report an Increase in Visits to Their Web Sites

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Sen. Barack Obama's historic victory in the Democratic primaries, celebrated in America and across much of the world as a symbol of racial progress and cultural unity, has also sparked an increase in racist and white supremacist activity, mainly on the Internet, according to leaders of hate groups and the organizations that track them.

Neo-Nazi, skinhead and segregationist groups have reported gains in numbers of visitors to their Web sites and in membership since the senator from Illinois secured the Democratic nomination June 3. His success has aroused a community of racists, experts said, concerned by the possibility of the country's first black president.

"I haven't seen this much anger in a long, long time," said Billy Roper, a 36-year-old who runs a group called White Revolution in Russellville, Ark. "Nothing has awakened normally complacent white Americans more than the prospect of America having an overtly nonwhite president."

Such groups have historically inflated their influence for self-promotion and as an intimidation technique, and they refused to provide exact membership numbers or open their meetings to a reporter. Leaders acknowledged that their numbers remain very small -- "the flat-globe society still has more people than us," Roper said. But experts said their claims reveal more than hyperbole this time.

"The truth is, we're finding an explosion in these kinds of hateful sentiments on the Net, and it's a growing problem," said Deborah Lauter, civil rights director for the Anti-Defamation League, which monitors hate group activity. "There are probably thousands of Web sites that do this now. I couldn't even tell you how many are out there because it's growing so fast."

Neo-Nazi and white power groups acknowledge that they have little ability to derail Obama's candidacy, so instead some have decided to take advantage of its potential. White-power leaders who once feared Obama's campaign have come to regard it as a recruiting tool. The groups now portray his candidacy as a vehicle to disenfranchise whites and polarize America.

Obama has worked hard to minimize the issue of race in his presidential campaign. When asked about divisiveness and hate, he talks instead about ways in which unity between blacks and whites has inspired him. He chose to "reject and denounce" an endorsement from Nation of Islam minister Louis Farrakhan. Obama quit his church after his pastor, the Rev. Jeremiah A. Wright Jr., spoke of racism and oppression in the "United States of white America."

Earlier this month, Obama's campaign launched a Web site to defuse the false rumors that hate-mongers spread on the Internet. The site lists a series of untruths about Obama -- that he is Muslim; that his books contain racist passages; that his wife, Michelle, used the word "whitey" -- and discredits them.

"The Obama campaign isn't going to let dishonest smears spread across the Internet unanswered," Obama spokesman Tommy Vietor said in a statement. "We have to be proactive and fight back."

But on a Web site run out of a house in West Palm Beach, Fla., the other side is also fighting.

Don Black spends 16 hours each day on his laptop computer reading hundreds of derogatory Obama comments posted on Stormfront.org, a Web site with the motto "white pride world wide." Black, a former Ku Klux Klan leader, launched the site in 1995 to create a central meeting place for the white power movement. In the wake of Obama's securing enough delegates for the nomination, Stormfront, he says, has begun to fulfill his vision.

A site that drew a few thousand visitors per day in 2002 has expanded into Black's full-time job, attracting more than 40,000 unique users each day who can post on 54 different message boards, he said. Black has enlisted 40 moderators and his 19-year-old son to help run Stormfront.

Posters on Stormfront complain that Obama represents the end of "white rule" and the beginning of "multiculturalism." They fear that he will promote affirmative action, support illegal immigration and help render whites, who make up two-thirds of the U.S. population, "the new minority."

"I get nonstop e-mails and private message from new people who are mad as hell about the possibility of Obama being elected," said Black, a white power activist since the 1970s. "White people, for a long time, have thought of our government as being for us, and Obama is the best possible evidence that we've lost that. This is scaring a lot of people who maybe never considered themselves racists, and it's bringing them over to our side."

Almost all white power leaders said they are benefiting from the rise in recruits. David Duke, a former Louisiana state representative and a longtime advocate of racial segregation, said hits to his Web site have doubled and that more organizations now request him as a guest speaker. Dan Hill, who runs an extremist group in northern Michigan, says his cohorts are more willing to "take serious action" and plan rallies to protest politicians and immigration. Roper says White Revolution receives about 10 new applicants each week, more than double the norm.

The past few months reflect a recent trend of hate group growth, watch organizations said. Fueled primarily by anti-immigration sentiment, white supremacy groups have increased by nearly half since 2000, according to the Southern Poverty Law Center, which monitors hate groups. The KKK has diversified regionally and now has about 150 chapters spread through 34 states.

"Our side does better when the public is being pressured, when gas prices are high, when housing is bad, when a black man might be president," said Ron Doggett, who runs a white power group called EURO in Richmond. "People start looking for solutions and changes, and we offer radical changes to what's going on."

The new interest has led to a debate among white supremacists about how to harness it. So far, groups have executed a few small efforts to disrupt Obama's campaign. A bar in Georgia sells T-shirts depicting Obama's campaign slogan under the image of a monkey. A New York group distributed bumper stickers that read: "Wake up white people." Hill, who trains in militia and survival techniques with his group in northern Michigan, drove to an Obama rally and tried to "fire people up, maybe get a riot started or something."

The groups also despise Republican Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.) for his moderate views on immigration and his willingness to stick with the Iraq war. Better for Obama to win,

leaders said, because his presidency could fuel a recruitment drive big enough to launch events that the white power movement has spent decades anticipating.

"One person put it this way: Obama for president paves the way for David Duke as president," said Duke, who ran for president in 1988, received less than 1 percent of the vote and has since spent much of his time in Europe. "This is finally going to make whites begin to realize it's a necessity to stick up for their own heritage, and that's going to make them turn to people like me. We're the next logical step."

There is also another possibility, of course, one that makes white power leaders despise Obama even more.

"What you try not to think about is that maybe if Obama wins, it will create a very demoralizing effect," Doggett said. "Maybe people see him in office, and it's like: 'That's it. It's just too late. Look at what's happened now. We've endured all these defeats, and we've still got a multicultural society.' And then there's just no future for our viewpoint."

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HR 45 Blair Holt's Firearm Licensing and Record of Sale Act of 2009

111th Congress

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Prescribes criminal penalties for violations of firearms provisions covered by this Act.
Directs the Attorney General to: (1) establish and maintain a firearm injury information clearinghouse; (2) conduct continuing studies and investigations of firearm-related deaths and injuries; and (3) collect and maintain current production and sales figures of each licensed manufacturer.

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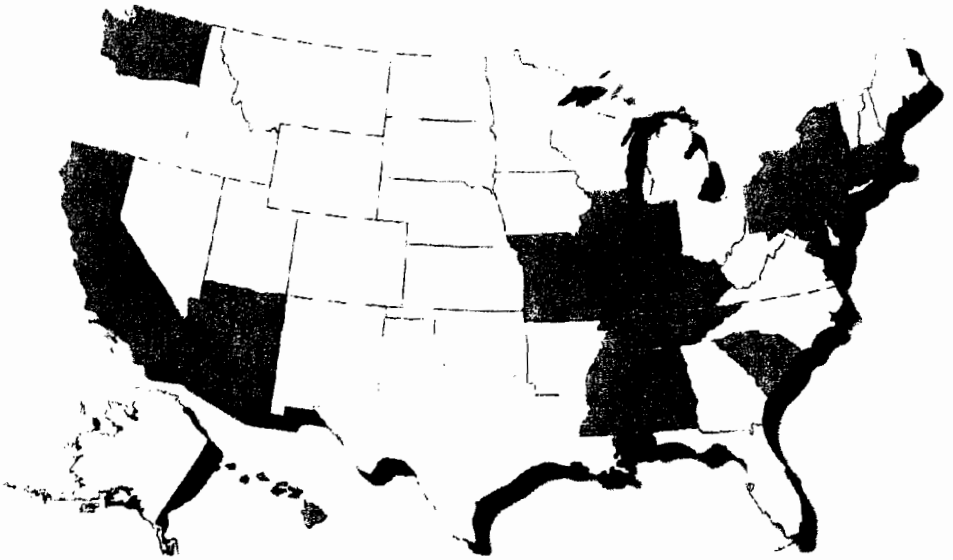

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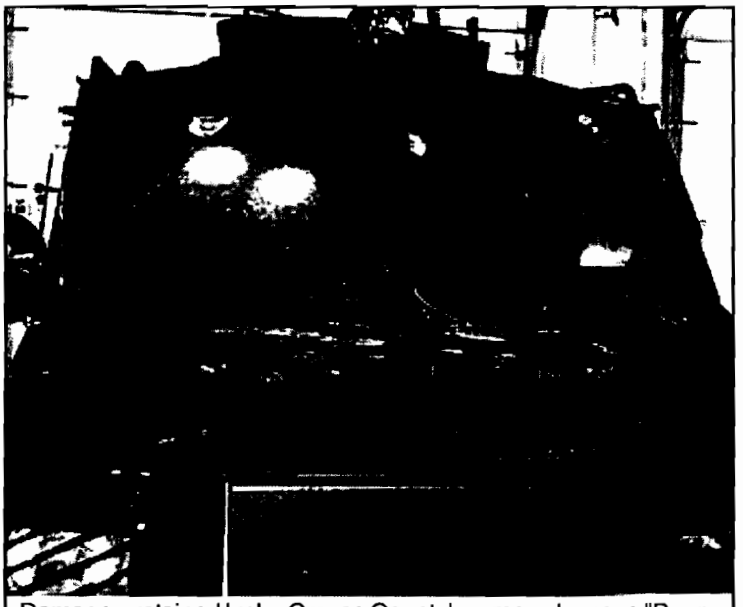
Officers dodged rifle fire, hand grenades to apprehend rural Viola man

Law officers attempting to arrest a rural Viola man Thursday had to withstand rifle fire and explosions from approximately 15 military-style hand grenades.

The Vernon County Sheriff's Department, which was acting in mutual aid of the Richland County Sheriff's Department, had 12 tactical team officers at the scene when Robert Bayliss, 60, was apprehended after he was subdued by non-lethal beanbag rounds. Vernon County Sheriff Gene Cary said the fact that officers were able to escape injury and also arrest Bayliss unharmed was a combination of having the proper equipment, training and a good plan. "We do a lot of training and sometimes it's so much you wonder if we'll ever use it," Cary said. "But yesterday I became convinced training saved lives."

On Monday, Richland County officers attempted to serve papers to Bayliss at his home on Co. G about two miles from Viola. When they approached his residence, they were fired upon.

The Richland County Sheriff's Department then sought mutual aid from Vernon and La Crosse counties. While they kept surveillance on Bayliss' residence, they formed a plan to arrest him.



Damage sustained by La Crosse County's armored rescue "BearCat" vehicle was evident after two raids on the residence of Robert Bayliss in rural Viola, Thursday. The vehicle was shot seven times. Vernon County Sheriff Gene Cary said the impact points from the bullets fired at the vehicle showed that Bayliss was aiming to injure law enforcement officers. Bayliss was firing a high-powered rifle of unknown caliber.
(Matt Johnson photo)

That plan included using La Crosse County's BearCat armored rescue vehicle and approaching Bayliss, who didn't have a telephone, and using the loudspeaker that the vehicle is equipped with to contact him. As the BearCat approached the residence, it was fired upon by Bayliss, Cary said. Two of the bullets impacted on the passenger's window, which was thick, high-density bulletproof glass. The vehicle retreated.

"We gave him every opportunity to surrender to us peacefully and he responded to us with gunshots," Vernon County Chief Deputy Jim Hanson said.

Then authorities from Dane, Sauk and Eau Claire counties were contacted and Dane and Eau Claire counties sent their BearCat vehicles to the scene.

Just after 4:30 p.m., a second attempt to arrest Bayliss was launched using all three of the armored vehicles. This time, law officers fired on Bayliss' residence with cover fire, Cary said. Bayliss was also firing at the vehicles and struck all three of them. He also threw about 15 military-style grenades at the law officers, Hanson said. Between Thursday morning and afternoon, between 300 and 500 rounds of ammunition was fired at the scene by Bayliss and law officers, Cary said.

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Officers dodged rifle fire

The armored vehicles were able to approach Bayliss' residence close enough to deploy tear gas. Shortly after that, a fire broke out in the residence and Bayliss emerged. He was fired on by officers, who used non-lethal beanbag rounds, which are specialized to subdue people without injuring them. Bayliss was then apprehended.

"With everything that happened and the threat he presented, the total outcome of this couldn't have been better," Cary said. "Kenosha's Air One helicopter was on the scene and they said of all the missions like this they've seen, this plan came together perfectly. They complimented the radio communication and the tactics."

Vernon County Tactical Team Commander John Spears coordinated the final raid to apprehend Bayliss, Cary said. "While Eau Claire, Sauk, Dane and Richland counties all had their tactical commanders there, John really ran the whole show from the command center," Cary said.

All told, Vernon County had 12 tactical team members at the scene, some of whom participated in both the morning and afternoon raids.

Bayliss owed more than $5,000 in back taxes to Richland County. Officers initially went to his home to serve him papers regarding the taxes, Lt. Robert Frank of the Richland County Sheriff's Department said.

The Associated Press reported that Bayliss had not paid taxes on his 18-acre property for seven years and Richland County took over ownership of the property late last year. Bayliss was being held by Richland County authorities after his arrest.

Hanson said officials in some of the jurisdictions that received the BearCat vehicles took political criticism for having them. He said they proved to be necessary, Thursday.

"There are officers who got to go home, hug their wives and bounce their children on their knees last night because of this vehicle," Cary said.

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http://www.policeone.com/active-shooter/articles/1805292-It-was-like-a-war-zone-in-Wisconsin/

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SWAT Officer
with Lt. Dan Marcou

It was like a "war zone" in Wisconsin

Editor's note: *One year ago today in a rural part of Wisconsin, Richland County Sheriff Darrel Berglin and his Special Response Team were manning the perimeter around a house in which a self-proclaimed survivalist named Robert Bayliss was holed up and heavily armed. In Lt. Dan Marcou's excellent account below, we're reminded of the professionalism and preparedness demonstrated by police across the country every single day. If you've got a story you'd like to share, please let us know by sending us an E-Mail. If you don't want to write it in your own "First Person" voice, then one of PoliceOne's columnists can tell the tale in your stead.*

One of the officers at the scene in Richland County, Wisconsin said it was "like a war zone." The scene was reminiscent of the SLA shootout in Los Angeles, except this gun battle took place around the crest of a hill, on the wooded, junk-littered property of a self-proclaimed survivalist named Robert C. Bayliss.

It all started during the afternoon of March 31, 2008 when several Richland County Deputies approached Bayliss's enclave to serve civil process on him. They had tried many times since January to serve the process, without success. Bayliss was being evicted from his property for failing to pay taxes since 2000. The deputies maneuvered cautiously through the 18-acre property toward the home, which held a commanding view of the area from its location on the crest of a hill.

Suddenly the silence of the woods was shattered by 15 rounds from a high powered rifle. The deputies took cover and immediately called the in the situation, triggering a three-day stand-off.

Containment

Richland County Sheriff Darrel Berglin responded to the scene along with the Richland County Special Response Team. Due to the size of the property and the tactically superior position of the home, a painstaking effort was taken to establish a command post and achieve containment. Negotiators continually attempted to contact Bayliss with no indication that he was even slightly willing to negotiate.

On April 3, 2008 at 9:00 AM an attempt was made to approach the house by the Richland County Team and the Vernon County Sheriff's Department Special Response Team,

utilizing their Bear Cat (Ballistic Engineered Armored Response Counter-Attack Truck). As the team approached the house, Bayliss opened fire again, striking the sides and windshield of the Bear Cat. The windshield held, but the decision was made to disengage.

Mutual Aid

Throughout the day, negotiators continued to use voice-projecting equipment in their attempts with to convince Bayliss to surrender. The attempts proved futile. Sheriff Berglin then requested assistance and received an immediate response from the Dane County Tactical Response Team, The Eau Claire County SWAT Team, the La Crosse County Emergency Response Team, The Sauk County Emergency Response Team. These groups joined Vernon and Richland already on scene.

A chain of command was established and the tactical team leaders formulated a plan. The additional teams allowed for a rotation of the counter-sniper teams. Intelligence gathered on the perimeter suggested that Bayliss' possessed incendiary devices and home-made explosive devices.

In addition to the teams mentioned above, Richland County had requested and received assistance from Wisconsin Department of Criminal Investigation, The Dane County Bomb Squad, The Wisconsin Fire Marshall, Kenosha Air One, The Wisconsin State Patrol Fixed Wing Aircraft, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Viola Fire, and Viola Emergency Medical Services.

A plan was devised to end this deadly encounter.

The Battle is Joined

At 4:52 PM three Bear Cats in a formation began an approach the house, enabling team members to concentrate their fire power forward. Bayliss instantly opened fire on the teams, firing from the upper windows of the home, moving from window to window as if they were gun ports. Bayliss concentrated his fire on the Bear Cats, containing the teams. His fire was extremely accurate, but the Bear Cats did what they were designed to do. They protected the teams.

Both counter-sniper teams fired back at the ducking and moving suspect, but Bayliss had fortified his home for this battle. The house had been reinforced in spots with steel plating, which protected the suspect and were found later pock marked by police hits. All of the Bear Cats were hit, but the assault continued forward in the face of this relentless fire. The gunfire was general now as Bayliss began to lob home made explosives out of the upper windows of his home. Some 50 rounds of non-burning chemical munitions were fired back into the Bayliss compound.

For 12 minutes—what seemed like and "eternity" to the tactical officers on scene—there was a continuous exchange of gunfire. One officer at the scene said "I was trying to keep the suspect's head down by shooting where I thought he was. If I could keep his head down I thought he could not shoot at the teams." Bayliss would appear take a shot, then quickly disappear and move. Surrender was clearly not on his agenda.

The Fire
As the arrest teams closed in, it is suspected that Bayliss either accidentally or deliberately set his house alight with one of his incendiary bombs. As the fire quickly spread there were a series of explosions inside the fortress. Fire Departments had been on stand by, but they could not approach, because of the extreme danger posed by Bayliss, his burning ammunition and his improvised explosive devices.

Tactical Team Members called for Bayliss to surrender, warning him that he would die inside the house if he did not come out. When it seemed to be over for Bayliss, he appeared exiting an upstairs window and began to climb down a makeshift ladder. His sweatshirt shifted, revealing a pistol in a holster on his right hip.

One officer warned the rest, "He's got gun on his hip!"

Another officer cautioned the others, "Look out boys he's going to hit the ground shooting."

A chorus rang out "Drop the gun!" followed by a solo voice singing clearly, "Less Lethal! Less Lethal! Less Lethal!"

The distinctive pop of less lethal rounds replaced the still echoing gun fire and Bayliss reacted to a double-shot to the thigh. He stopped on the ladder and for the first time in three days he was communicating, and at long last listening. Using his finger tips he removed the pistol from his holster and threw it to the ground. Robert Bayliss was ordered down the ladder and to the ground and after a minor bit of physical resistance was over come he was handcuffed. It was over.

The Aftermath
At his trial, Bayliss conducted his own defense and even though he did not belong to any particular group, he possessed views that questioned governmental "sovereignty." He felt that after posting his property and giving warning, anyone on his property was "trespassing."

The jury didn't buy his defense and after eight hours of deliberation, on February 10, 2009 found Robert Bayliss guilty on 13 of the 17 charges lodged against him, including being found guilty of four counts of Attempted First Degree Intentional Homicide. He will be sentenced after a pre-sentence investigation.

His property, minus the home which burned to the ground, was sold at auction for $35,000 to make up for his back taxes.

Robert Bayliss had more than 90 weapons in his home and fired more than 200 rounds from his favorite, a 300 Winchester Magnum. He threw in excess of 30 incendiary grenades at the officers. Officers returned fire with approximately 150 rounds and 50 chemical munitions along with the less lethal rounds that inspired Bayliss' final capitulation.

Recognition
Local media in all jurisdiction involved had universally questioned the acquisition of Bear Cats, which were strategically placed recently around Wisconsin by Homeland Security. After the Bayliss battle, local media begrudgingly agreed that lives were protected by these vehicles, which seemed to arrive from Homeland Security minus the blare of the bugle like the cavalry of old "in the nick of time."

The Association of SWAT Personnel of Wisconsin, which every year recognizes a SWAT Officer of the Year and a SWAT Team of the Year, gave unprecedented recognition for this unprecedented incident. The 2008 SWAT Team of the Year Award went out to six separate SWAT Teams for their extraordinary coordinated response to this extraordinary circumstance. They are:

The DANE County Tactical Response Team
The Eau Claire County SWAT Team
The La Crosse County Emergency Response Team
The Richland County Special Response Team
The Sauk County Emergency Response Team
The Vernon County Combined Tactical Unit

Rodney Stearns, who is a member of the Eau Claire County SWAT Team had this to say about this incredible experience:

"It was a battle that can not be explained with an end result that carries that same amazement. This was one of those tactical missions that relied heavily on proper planning and preparation and the end result was a direct reflection of both."

To all of those officers who faced the ferocious fire of a man bent on killing, and who ultimately thwarted the suspect through superior tactics, equipment, and professionalism above and beyond the call of duty, PoliceOne salutes your courage.

Dan Marcou retired as a highly decorated police lieutenant and SWAT Commander with 33 as a police officer. He is a nationally recognized police trainer in many police disciplines and is a Master Trainer in the State of Wisconsin. He has authored two novels *The Calling: The Making of a Veteran Cop* and *S.W.A.T. Blue Knights in Black Armor* available at Barnes and Noble and Amazon.com.

Visit his website.

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Bayliss convicted on 13 charges in April shoot-out

George Hesselberg and Lisa Miller
Wisconsin State Journal

RICHLAND CENTER — Robert Bayliss, the loner who tried to hold off armored cars, snipers and SWAT teams from several counties and two dozen agencies during a rural Richland County shoot-out last spring was found guilty Monday night on 13 of 17 felony charges in connection with the incident.

Richland County Circuit Court Judge Edward E. Leineweber ordered a pre-sentence investigation, which could take up to 60 days, and Bayliss was returned to the county jail. Bayliss listened intently as the guilty verdicts were read following about three hours of deliberation. He nodded, and shook his head.

The jury found him guilty on 13 of 17 charges, including four counts of first-degree attempted intentional homicide, the most serious. He was found not guilty on two charges of unlawful possession of explosives and two of recklessly endangering safety. Other guilty charges covered intentionally pointing a firearm at a law enforcement officer and endangering safety by the reckless use of a firearm.

Bayliss, in defending himself in court and in an interview last spring, said the no trespassing sign at his driveway should have been enough to deter deputies from coming on to his property March 31, 2008.

He also hinted during the trial and in his closing argument that a mysterious stranger might have been responsible for shooting at deputies. Bullets from a high-powered rifle heavily damaged the bulletproof windshield of at least one armored car. Deputies from several counties and state law enforcement squads converged on the Bayliss property from the land and air last April. Those riding in armored cars were shot at from a vantage point within the home.

Bayliss was pulled from the smoking home after tear gas was thrown inside. The property burned to the ground, along with all of his belongings. He later said he was left with one boot and a cache of silver coins hidden, and retrieved by authorities, in a wrecked truck.

Bayliss, who in court wore boots, too-big blue jeans and a T-shirt of the Viola Volunteer Fire Department, briefly took the witness stand Monday in his own defense to deliver a narrative of events.

The trial drew fewer than a dozen spectators, at most, to the regal old Richland County Courthouse.

Bayliss, a Navy veteran who had worked in Illinois repairing electronic medical instruments, bought the land outside of Viola in 1974, built a home and worked at odd jobs, heating with wood and listening to short-wave radio. He had worked as a meter reader, apple picker and newspaper delivery man. In recent years, he had to haul water to his property, a factor, he said, in his distrust of county government, which he blamed for ruining his well in a road-widening project. He also said, in an interview, that his property taxes were, at first, unpaid because of a mailing mix-up. He made references in an interview and during his trial to oaths and constitutional issues and trespassing laws. All are familiar themes in what are commonly known as "sovereign" beliefs, though Bayliss was not a member of any formal anti-government group, he said.

During and up to the trial, he had some supporters among his neighbors, who described him as a quiet, helpful, handy man and a good shot.

The non-payment of taxes after 2000 stayed on the books and the sum due increased over several years, leading the county to eviction process.

The property was sold by the county last fall for $35,500.

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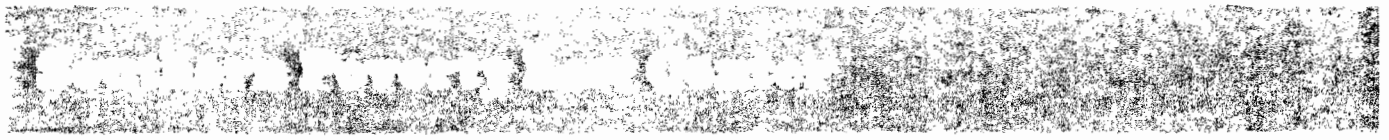

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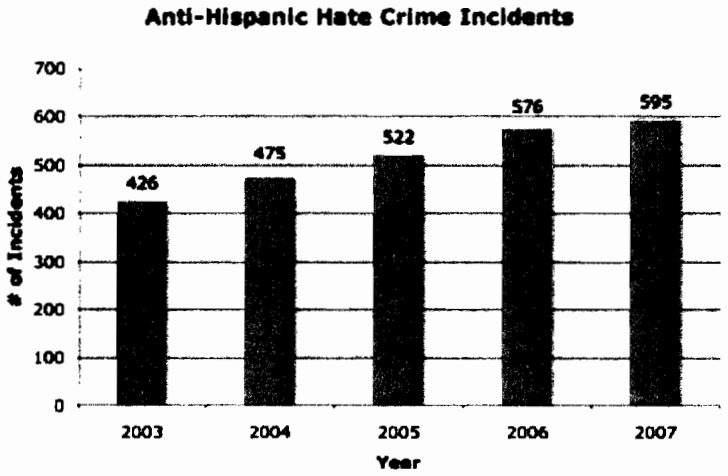
Anti-Latino Hate Crimes Rise for Fourth Year in a Row

Posted By Mark Potok On October 29, 2008 @ 6:11 pm In Anti-Immigrant, Anti-Latino, Hate Crime | 38 Comments

Hate crimes targeting Latinos increased again in 2007, capping a 40% rise in the four years since 2003, according to [1] FBI statistics released earlier this week.

As [2] anti-immigrant propaganda has increased on both the margins and in the mainstream of society — where pundits and politicians have routinely vilified undocumented Latino immigrants with a series of defamatory falsehoods — [3] hate violence has risen against perceived "illegal aliens." Each year since 2003, the number of FBI-reported anti-Latino hate crime incidents has risen (see table, below), even as a [4] swelling nativist movement has become larger and more vitriolic.



The FBI statistics, which are simply compilations of state statistics as mandated by federal law, are notoriously sketchy. Because of a variety of problems in the voluntary reporting system, including the failure of many victims to report crimes to police, the FBI figures have long been suspected of being far lower than the actual level of such crimes. And that turns out to be true. The FBI has reported national hate crime totals of between about 6,000 and about 10,000 since it began publishing the numbers in 1992, depending on the year (the new report counts 7,264 incidents in 2007). But a definitive 2005 study by the Department of Justice's Bureau of Justice Statistics ([5] PDF), based on detailed and highly accurate National Crime Victimization Surveys, found that the real annual level of hate crime in America averaged some 191,000 incidents — in other words, about 20 to 30 times higher than the numbers annually reported by the FBI.

Although the numbers of FBI-reported anti-Latino hate crime attacks are small — from 426 incidents in 2003 to 595 incidents in 2007 — the trend they suggest is almost certainly a real one. California, which does a better job of reporting hate crimes than most states, has also seen a major uptick in anti-Latino violence, and the growth of hate groups has been most dramatic in Southern border states like California, Arizona and Texas, the front lines of the immigration controversy.

At the same time as anti-Latino violence has risen, the Southern Poverty Law Center has reported a [6] major increase in hate groups — from 602 in 2000 to 888 in 2007, a 48% percent jump — and said that the growth has been almost entirely driven by the immigration debate. White supremacist groups that normally target African Americans and Jews have focused heavily for the last several years on the "threat" of Latino immigrants, exploiting the issue successfully in order to recruit more and more members, especially in the border states. That has only begun to change recently, as hate groups increasingly turn their attention to the subprime crisis (which they blame on minorities) and the likely prospect of a black president.

There are other problems in the FBI hate crime statistics, as is reflected in the new report for 2007. Mississippi, for instance, reported zero hate crimes last year, while Alaska reported one and Georgia had three. If there are more than 190,000 hate crimes nationally each year, it is obviously utterly implausible that the number of hate crimes in those states could be so low. A part of the problem has been the reluctance of some police departments and states to report hate crimes (one reason may be fear of bad publicity), along with reporting errors by various local and state officials. The 2005 Department of Justice study also pointed to another huge

problem, finding that fully 56% of hate crime victimizations were never reported to police at all. That problem is exacerbated in the undocumented community, whose members are typically afraid to report crimes to police for fear of being deported.

The FBI's latest report also found, as it has in most years, that schools and colleges were the third largest venue for hate crimes (with 11.3% of the total reported on campuses) after "in or near residences or homes" (30.5%) and "on highways, roads, alleys, or streets" (18.9%). Although many think of campuses as being bastions of open-mindedness, in fact they suffer the same pathologies as the rest of society. They also hold concentrations of young people, who are more crime-prone that other segments of the population.

The definitive 2005 government study also highlighted several other key facts about hate crimes, including that per capita rates of victimization "varied little by race or ethnicity: about 0.9 per 1,000 whites, 0.7 per 1,000 blacks, and 0.9 per 1,000 Hispanics." Perhaps more importantly, the study concluded that hate crimes were vastly more violent than others — almost 84% of hate crimes included violence ranging from rape to assault, while only 23% of non-hate crimes did.

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#1 Comment By GENO: the warrior1492 On October 29, 2008 @ 9:27 pm

And there were only 75 anti-Native offenses for 2007 as reported by the exact same source. The hatecrimes against Natives have stayed the same from the year before. The FBI also states that "Natives were less than 1% of the hate crimes victims".

Sadly, the vast majority of hate crimes offenders are for the most part–Whites, Aryans and Anglos(Saxons). En Spaniol–"the Gringos". This is the race that percieves every other race as the enemy. Especially on the Jews and Blacks(in recent times). Nowadays, they have shifted their attention towards the Hispanic population. Do you not see that, Al Rodriquez(You Don't Speak For Me)? You are not immune to racial profiling, discrimination and most of all hatecrimes. No matter how hard you try to deny it, the basis of the facts are undisputed. Simply because you share the same skin color as the numerous "Latino" victims as quoted in the FBI`s statistics. Your brainwashed, illusory decrepit thoughts in believing that racial profiling doesn't exists among your own people is just another tawdry nadir on your low buffooneries. Al Rodriquez of 'You Don't Speak For Me" is nothing more of a spam at best! Sure buddy, half of your people broke the laws trying to cross the border(which is a misdemeanor by the way). But its the domestic laws broken on your people by the ones who treat you as fodder(sort of like a sock puppet)–for the Natavists.

#2 Comment By Jeronimus On October 30, 2008 @ 10:45 am

Latinos are counted as "Latino" only when they are victims of a crime. When they perpetrate a crime, they are counted as "White" by the Department of Justice.

Therefore, when a Mexican attacks a Mexican, that would be counted as an anti-Latino hate crime by an evil White person. When you have a bunch of Mexicans and other Latinos moving in, naturally by the above method you will get more "anti-Latino crime."

#3 Comment By Aslan Maskhadov On October 30, 2008 @ 4:03 pm

No, actually they aren't. Why don't you do some research for yourself instead of buying into something a WN on a forum told you. If that were the case, Latinos would commit no crimes whatsoever in the US, and the DOJ would have no data on Latino crime whatsoever. How likely does that sound?

#4 Comment By GENO: the_warrior1492 On October 30, 2008 @ 6:18 pm

As stated in the article, the epicenter of the immigration battles are largely concentrated in the Southwest. States that share the border with Mexico.
Arizona is no exception when it comes to the victimization and demonizing of "Latinos" by political demagogues such as the notorious Sheriff Joe Arpaio, County Attorney Andrew Thomas and the co-spnsor of the controversial legistlatures designed to eradicate illegals in its entireity–Rep. Russell Pearce(who is also known to have ties to the Neo-Nazi movement according to A.P. sources in Az.) All of them up for re-election come Nov. 4th.

Furthermore, Arizona for the most part has also been a breeding ground for virulent anti-Latino hategroups such as Rusty`s "United for a Sovereign America", racist mother(f****rs) like the hirsute milf Michelle Dellacroce of "Mothers Against Illegal Aliens", as well as that rabid little hobbit lady-the infamous traitorous, self-loathing-pride lacking anti-Hispanics Hispanic Anna Gaines formerly of (You Don't Speak For Me) among other numerous untold hordes of grubby dirtcrusted alter kockers.

Hatecrimes against Latinos can be pinpointed to one major factor–
Illegal Immigration.
But even when states like Arizona whichever was the first to enact such laws preventing the infux of aliens from down South, could not fully sustain the number of Latinos living in that state alone. Despite the exodus of aliens leaving the state since the "Employer Sanctioned Law" went into effect on Jan. 1st of this year, the vast remaining Hispanic Americans were still subjected to racial profilings by the geriatric lawman who believes he's John Wayne of today.
Likewise but ironically, racism still runs amok under his tyranny that smacks square in the face of our Constitutional Rights as Americans.

#5 Comment By MdeG On October 31, 2008 @ 10:49 am

Yes, it's more intense on the border. But it is not absent from the rest of the country. I live in a small city in the northeast, where immigrants of all statuses and national origins feel a good deal of hostility from the town gov't. (Which is, by the way, solidly European-descended, 80% of the same national origin — non-anglo) Some of us tried to interest ACLU in pursuing a profiling case based on the police blotter published in the local paper — every week at least one person with a Spanish or Portuguese person is reported to have been arrested for driving without a license, no other charges. Unless our local constabulary have x-ray vision, they're profiling. The police have so far not complied with a FOIA request, and ACLU's attorneys said that the newspapers' ethnic and racial bias was so blatant that we couldn't discount that the editors might be selecting cases to make the immigrant community look bad. How's that for a nice atmosphere?

And yes, there is more. A lot more, close to here. I bird-dog the blogs in one local paper where a cabal of old duffers (having resorted to a virtual coffee-shop) spend their mornings saying nasty things every time an "ethnic" type gets arrested for anything. Ombudsperson doesn't do a lot, though it's been explained to her very clearly that some of what's said is incitement to violence. And the violence does happen ...

Sometimes I am tempted to despair of human nature.

#6 Comment By xenophobesnightmare On October 31, 2008 @ 6:29 pm

And because of a Sheriff, whose infamous "crime suppression sweeps" has brought nothing but fear into a little town called Guadalupe(which sits between Tempe and P-town aka Phoenix). It has become a "Ghost Town", according to this article:

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(Guadalupe is domiciled by Nativez(as in American Indian) and Latinos).

#7 Comment By Irving On November 1, 2008 @ 9:51 am

There's really nothing wrong with advocating a liberal policy, nor a conservative one, but IT IS ABSOLUTELY MANDATORY that gross exaggerations and lies be kept out of whatever point or situation is being debated. The above posters should please take note.

I'm an Obama supporter that believes we need someone like him in office to stop the US wars of aggression by power hungry politicians, like Bush, who want to run the entire globe. Also, the capitalist system has run amuk from what it was intended. Greater controls and taxes have to be placed on the George Soros's, the Warren Buffets, the RothChilds, the Rupert Murdocks and the Bill Gates types.

Also, justice must be given to the Palestinians. Their land was stolen by the Israeli's and they have been denied a legitimate government to protect and advance their interests.

We must understand that ALL these terrorists attacks against our infrastructure throughout the West are the result of the unjust wars and killings of innocent muslim civilians by Israel. That has to stop and Israel must be made to disarm its nuclear capabilities in order to stop being the bully of the Middle East as the US is the bully of the world.

Justice must be the order of the day in the Middle East as well as the US. Hispanics must be allowed to freely cross into this country without fear of being deported. They must be given Tax I.D.'s in order to hold down jobs.

It's been argued that Hispanics are taking black jobs. But they're doing work the blacks refuse to do, so what could possibly be wrong with having them working construction, gardening, etc.? All the blacks have to do is stop dropping out of school, and they could be as successful as Obama. They wouldn't need low tier jobs the Hispanics are working.

Likewise all Cacasucasians here.....Anglos, Irish, Italians, Greeks, Jews, French, Saxons, Spanish, etc.....will all have to wait in line behind Hispanics for jobs, schooling, etc., since they have been favored for so many years.

The Hispanic crime rate is high, but would it be high if drugs were declared legal, because many of them are serving time for possession or sale? Like liquor in the thirties, drugs will continue to be used no matter how many laws are enacted to prevent it. Eurpeans have legalized drugs and their societies are better for it. The same should be done here.

An Obama presidency will rectify the many problems listed here, because he has indicated a desire to see that the Palestinians are treated fairly and Israel is held to account for their crimes, and he will give amnesty to the Hispanics living here now. And, surely, the blacks will strive toward more dedication to learning and trying to get ahead, since they will have a presidential model. If they do not, then it is absolutely justifiable for them to be moved to the back of society for failing to do so, since their opportunities are FAR greater than those of Hispanics.

The election is all but assured. Obama will help us to help ourselves. We need a better society, somewhere between what the Swedes have and what Castro has created in Cuba and Hugo Chavez is now creating in Venezuela. Bolivia, Brazil, Peru, Nicaragua. All moving further away from the US. Obama will assure they remain our friends, by creating friendly alliances with Venezuela and Cuba, and Russia.

The day of US and Israeli Imperialism is coming to an end and so be it. China and India must now come to the forefront to lead the world, especially China since it is more technologically advanced and has a far superior political system.

Injustice against Hispanics aren't the only problem here. The entire situation needs to change. And it will.

#8 Comment By GENO: the warrior1492 On November 1, 2008 @ 11:38 am

Irving cites some valid points. And I won't dispute his assertions. But bare in mind that there are many "patriotic" Americans who are in favor of protecting our beloved Nation and our interests as Americans(not by race as of what the Aryans want to lead) who do not call themselves "liberals" nevermind the scurrilous antiquated attitudes by those who refer to themselves as "Neo-Con", GOPs and other wing-nut titles typical for this Nation`s discord. I am an Independent Centrist and a Comformist as well as a Native Nationalist(traditional American Indian) and I share a common fundamental beliefs with "moderates" and I never call myself a Republican. I care about our Nation as much as the next "patriotic" American. But because I am a non-White or a non-Aryan, I don't fully get the "labels" throw fits that the GOPs always seemed to be so concerned with. Many of their distorted verbiages directed at others Americans who are not "Republican" or "White" are always juxtaposed into the lame idiotic catagories such as "Commie", "Socialists", "Open Borders Crowd" or "Pro-illegal Immigration" et al. That's all hyperbole and exaggeration bent only on to serve the interests of their likings. Ever since I took up interests in politics during the last 4 years(and I'm only 20 something) and I have began to noticed this trend. This common fallacy by the Republitoons who hold scorn for all those who aren't "White" and "GOP" as nothing more than false innuedo. And in my mind, they are wrong. They have become the Party of Bigots and Racists, rather than the Party of legitmacy, respected businessmen, and fundamental conformists. They have lost my respect as a once respected Party.

#9 Comment By Jonathan On November 1, 2008 @ 2:56 pm

"Obama will help us to help ourselves."

There are dishes in my kitchen that need washing, will Obama somehow help me with them?

#10 Comment By GENO: the warrior1492 On November 1, 2008 @ 3:57 pm

I also forget to note that I disagree with Irving on one item:

"and Isreal must be made to disarm its nuclear capabilites in order to stop being the bully of the Middle East."

That would be a death sentence for a small Nation surrounded by Nations that breeds Islamic terrorists. As you stated you are an Obama supporter. Barak Obama is in favor of Isreal defending itself and rightfully they should. But what you Democrats fail to acknowledge is that Isreal is our top allies in the war on terrorism. Al Qaida is still active and Osama Bin Laden is possibly still alive and at large.
But as far as the "killings of innocent Muslims" is concerned. That is the fault of this current Bush Administration, primarily centered around the most dangerous right-wing war monger Dick Cheney. And Old Man McCain is equally held culpable for his role as an avid support of Cheney`s false alarms(regarding Saddam`s Iraq, no WMD was ever found). But at last, I agree that Isreal needs to stop building settlements on Palistianian lands. That would be a form of unjustified occupation and to some degree I can relate to that.

#11 Comment By Jonathan On November 1, 2008 @ 4:53 pm

"That would be a death sentence for a small Nation surrounded by Nations that breeds Islamic terrorists."

So by whom exactly is Israel threated, the surrounding nations or the terrorists themselves? If it by the terrorists are you advocating that Israel nukes them?

In my humble opinion, Israel doesn't need to worry very much about being "driven into the sea" by her neighbors with or without her nuclear weapons. Israel has a far superior military bolstered by the high Ashkenazi IQ. An article worth reading is "Why Arabs Lose Wars" - it's long but worthy read.

The biggest threat to Israel is the Arab womb from within Israel proper.

#12 Comment By Irving On November 1, 2008 @ 6:47 pm

Well, I kind of like what you're saying, Geno, but there are a couple points, with all due respect, that I think you need to reconsider:

First of all, Israel is killing the Muslims and Palestinians even more than Bush and Cheney.

Now, before you think I'm anti-Israel or something, let me tell you that my father is Jewish and as far as Native Americans are concerned, on my mother's side my great grandfather was Cherokee. I have an olive skin that will attest to that, and I was raised Jewish but at this point in my life I'm agnostic.

My dad works as a volunteer for the Obama campaign, and the one thing about Obama he doesn't like at all is that he's pro-Palestinian, and although he isn't anti-Israel he firmly believes, as the Europeans do, that Israel has to be brought in line in order to stop the indiscriminate killing of Palestinians. Obama believes the Palestinians should be a sovereign nation state, and he's intensely anti-nuclear, believing no nuclear arms should be allowed in any nation in the MIddle East. He's going to insist Iran halts their nuclear armament, but in order to achieve that goal he's convinced the US must pressure Israel to give up its nuclear weapons. He has the Europeans with him on this, as well as Russia, and almost all the nations in Latin America but Mexico. He wants the wall to go also.

So, look at it this way. Wouldn't it be a better world to have a bare minimum of nuclear weapons? Obama is for nuclear disarmament for the US, Russia, China, India and Pakistan as well. If the US cut back seriously on its nuclear armaments and encouraged Israel to scrap theirs entirely, Obama would be on higher moral ground to demand other countries do the same.

Most importantly though, Israel must disarm in order for Iran to halt their nuclear weapons program, and with a nuclear-free Middle East the degree of safety will increase substantially.

There are rumors in the Obama camp that the main concern of Wesley Clark, who advises Obama, is to create a nuclear free world or one as close to it as we can get, and Obama and General Clarke have identical philosophies.

Believe me, there WILL be a reduction in nuclear arms and you can take it to the bank that the Middle East will be nuclear-free within two years even if the US has to withdraw aid from Israel and apply other pressures in order to get them to reduce the danger and destroy the weapons of mass destruction as Sadam was forced to do.

No nukes so our children will have a future.

#13 Comment By GENÖ On November 2, 2008 @ 10:35 am

Irving you pretty much summed it up.I don't percieve you as anti-Isreal as I shouldn't be viewed as pro-Isreal. But its highly unlikey that the disarmament of Isreal would result in the disarmament of Iran. That notion might be a little overtly naive expecially since Iran`s tyrannical leader has 'vowed to wiped Isreal off the map." And I think the continued sanctioned on Iran would probably help lead towards Iran`s nuclear disarmament as did with N. Korea. But

I wouldn't lump both countries commitments into the same boat. The sanctions process would worked on N. Korea, but would not necessarily mean that it will work on Iran.
However, I'm optimitstic about it, if the U.S. and its allies would keep its pressure on Iran.

As far as Jews in Isreal is concerned. I recently read an article somewhere. It stated that the Rabbical High Courts in Isreal has turned for a far more strict methods of requirements on 'Jewishness". Jews in Isreal have distant themselves from the Jews in the U.S, Russia, and other countries with high populations of Jews. Because the way they(Isreal) see it. They percieve the Jews in the United States as "too liberal", and they do not follow the strict guidlines for Judaism. To which they feel it might be a threat to their identity. Its funny how they refer to these Jews from foreign countries as "immigrants".
As a result, they annulled over 40,000 converted Jews in that country alone. Maybe more.
I can see where this is coming from and I think Isreal is alienating herself from the world.
Perhaps nuclear disarmament of Isreal is probably not such a bad idea after all. As long as if they continue to harbor the mistrust and suspicions at everyone around them, especially at Jews of foreign decent. It might be the right thing to do for Obama to follow up on it, the goal for a nuclear free global community.

#14 Comment By Jonathan On November 2, 2008 @ 2:42 pm

GENÖ,

"It stated that the Rabbical High Courts in Isreal has turned for a far more strict methods of requirements on 'Jewishness"."

It sounds like an interesting article. I wonder what the High Court does about liberal Jewish Israelis? Yes, they do exist.

"I can see where this is coming from and I think Isreal is alienating herself from the world."

I don't blame such Israelis for wanting to defend their Jewishness. They should be wary of such liberals, they often are the "fifth column". I doubt that Israel would alienate itself from the rest of the world for wanting to be Jewish, if that's what you are implying. It would be more likely due to treatment of the Palestinians or nuclear weapons.

#15 Comment By Elaina On November 4, 2008 @ 6:13 pm

With regards to the latino hate crimes issue:
There are many of us "latinos" living here that ARE legal. I was born and raised here just as both my parents were. Yet because my name is latino, or of spanish nature and I have the dark hair, eyes and skin I have been presumed to be illegal. I am 30 years old and only recently have I had any problems due to my ethinicity. I do not even speak spanish fluently! I do believe that the problems I have had have been consistent with the recent rise in anti latino attitudes which is strongly motivated by the government villifying illegals.
I believe that immigrants need to do whatever they can to make themselves legal, I believe in that 100%. However, I do not see the government giving back the billions of dollars that has accumulated from all of the false social security numbers held by many illegals. What happens is the illegals obtain false social security numbers and then when tax time comes, they get a letter saying that their number does not match and the number holder never gets that money back, the government keeps it. That right there, shows me that the government knows who many of these people are, yet is doing nothing about it except making these people out to be monsters. Why? It is because of all the money it is making off of these people. if the government really wanted to do something, they would.They know who many of these illegals are and they could deal with them but they won't because they are making too much moneyoff of them. The government villifies these people while at the same time taking their hard earned money. If the government wants to keep the money, fine but how about using it to help get this country out of it's financial crisis, don't let it just sit there.
Lastly, I no more presume that a middle eastern person is a terrorist than I presume a blonde haired blue eyed person is a german nazi, and it would be great if I were exempt from the presumption that I am an illegal.
Maybe I should bleach my hair?

#16 Comment By xenophobesnightmare On November 5, 2008 @ 12:39 pm

Elaina I don't blame your fustrations and stresses of the illegal immigration mess. Its imperative that you remain vigilant as a U.S. Citizen. And there is one thing you should bare in mind:
It is not illegal to be a Latino or a Hispanic American Citizen of the U.S.
A cop(especially the Sheriff) has no right to stop you simply because your skin is bronze.(unless of course, if you commit a crime) That would be called "racial profiling" and a violation of your Civil and Constitutional Rights as an American. Nor do they have the right to questioned your citizenship status when it comes to you being a victim of a crime.
You can always file a complaint and possibly sue, because the Aryan controlled law enforcement needs to learn how to maintain and uphold the law without retorting "racial profiling".
More Americans commit crimes than Illegal Aliens(this does not mean I promote open borders nor am I a pro-illegal alien supporter as the WNs love to accused everyone of).
Infos on criminal stats can be acquire from the FBI`s and DOJ`s websites to prove my point.

Freedom!

#17 Comment By Jonathan On November 5, 2008 @ 2:24 pm

"Aryan controlled law enforcement " Ha! That's a good one!

Maybe if illegal "Hispanics" would learn to respect the law and stay on their side of the border there would be far less problems for everyone.

If I recall correctly, there are about 43 million Hispanics in the USA and about 12-20 million illegals. So it's no wonder people associate Hispanics with illegals when up to almost half of *could* be illegal.

I'd recommend that we have a new national program where legal Hispanics vigorously turn in illegals just like Cesar Chavez did. We could call it TIL (Turn in Illegals) similar to President Nixon's TIP (Turn in Pushers) and President Ford's WIN (Whip Inflation Now) programs. I think that would really help.

#18 Comment By Irving On November 5, 2008 @ 3:23 pm

"Infos on criminal stats can be acquire from the FBI`s and DOJ`s websites to prove my point.'

You post sparked my interest.

I scanned the DOJ web site pretty thoroughly and nothing at all was reported on illegal aliens, so far as the commission of crime is concerned.

However, I did find stats revealing that Hispanics in general had much higher crime rates, as a percentage of their population than whites. Their crime rate was lower than blacks, however.

I found a couple of articles quoting The Border Patrol higher ups, and they asserted that 10% of all illegals coming across the border are criminals.

If anybody can find additional info , please let me know, because I'm a stickler for tossing out all emotion and basing my beliefs on facts.

#19 Comment By xenophobesnightmare On November 5, 2008 @ 3:55 pm

Ah yes, Irving. But you missed my point.

"Hispanics had a much higher crime rates, as a percentage of their population than White."

However, I'm not disputing this fact and I'm not sure why you bothered asking me. But regardless of the outcome of the criminal stats quoted therein. You foolishly juxtaposed "Hispanics" with "Illegal Aliens" and that's not a fact based assertion but a sketchy assumption. The point I was making was that Americans(that includes all racial ethnicities) commit more crimes than Illegal Aliens and Illegal Aliens in prisons only make up a very small percentage of the prinson population. This particular answer could be found in another forum where Mark Potak writes a letter to the American Legion(see the next forum).
But simply ask yourself this:
Who commits the most *HATECRIMES*???
The answers lies in the FBI`s hatecrime statistic data. And I'd be more than glad to debate you on this.
Whites, Caucasians and Aryans commit the vast majority of hatecrimes in the U.S. Some of the answers are already quoted in this article regarding Latinos and Immigration.(see above).

#20 Comment By Elaina On November 5, 2008 @ 4:05 pm

Jona
Has anyone ever read George Orwells book 1984? If not then you should because what Jonathon is suggesting is what happens in that book. The books tells the tale if a totalitarian state where people turn against eachother , turning eachother in for various alleged crimes and trying to find favor for themselves within their government and it escalates and innnocent people get hurt. This is also simliar to what happened during WWII when all the Asian Americans were forced into camps, simply because they were Asian. Other Americans were turning them in and innocent people suffered.
Which is exactly waht will happen if we start turning eachother in. Unless we delve into a persons personal life, credit, etc, we have no way of really knowing who is legal and who is not. I am not going to nose my way into someones personal life and assume they are illegal.
Even though I have never even been out of this country I was forced to prove my citizenship by my state government. I had to have an original copy of my birth certificate sent to me to give to the state. I have a social security card, I pay taxes I am legally eligible to work and there is no reason for me to have to prove myself. Yet due to our country and it's government motivated anti-latino attitude (my case in point) I was made to prove myself. How would you like it if you were forced to prove who you are? I do not know what you look like or who you are but just imagine how you would feel IF you were dark haired and olive skinned or were of some other ethinicity and were forced to prove that you belong here simply because of your ethnicity.
Another thing that people seem to be forgetting, the Native American people are the only group of people who do not come from a long line of immigrant ancestors. Everyone but the Native Americans is here because someone in their family immigrated here!

Now who has the true right to be here?
I'll bet that had my ancestors not immigrated here my life would be very different and so what that of many others.
Immigrants today come to this country no for the same reasons they did when this country first began, for a better life and for FREEDOM! Freedom has many different aspects and parts to it, one being the right to be FREE from judgement and predjudice.
I do believe (as I said before) that illegals need to do whatever they can to become legal. But I will not turn into a Nazi and start targeting people.
Besides that, what would all the business owners who employ illegals and pay them substandard wages and force them to work in substandard and often unsafe conditions do without all the hard working illegasl that they employ? I sure would not work under such conditons, and I doubt many others would either. I do not come from a third world impoverished country where I have to live in a hut and drink contaminated water and am lucky to make a few dollars a week to survive so I surely would not work for less than I deserve. Because I live in a country where I know I do not have to, where I know I can have a better life That is all these immigrants want, is a better life! So they are willing to work in substandard conditions and get paid very little because the fact is, it's better than where they came froma nd that is sad!
What if, just what if the US got so bad that our country's conditions became that of Mexico, or South America? Wouldn't we all be trying to get to a better place? I know I would!

#21 Comment By Jonathan On November 5, 2008 @ 4:35 pm

From the FBI's website (http://www.fbi.gov/ucr/hc2007/offenders.htm):

"By race

In 2007, the races of the 6,965 known hate crime offenders were as follows:

" * 62.9 percent were white.
* 20.8 percent were black.
* 4.9 percent were groups made up of individuals of various races (multiple races, group).
* 1.0 percent were American Indian/Alaskan Native.
* 0.7 percent were Asian/Pacific Islander.
* 9.8 percent were unknown."

So it looks like White people commit "hate" crimes at a lower rate than Blacks; Whites are about 65% of the population and Blacks are about 13%.

Strangely absent are hate crimes committed by "Hispanics". Hmmmm … maybe they simply don't commit hate crimes? More than likely most of them are put into the White category thus making White people look worse than they are. I'm sure you've all read about how Hispanic gangs are cleansing Los Angeles of Blacks?

Additionally skewing the statistics, which I admit is my impression from reading countless articles of attacks against Whites while saying/yelling racial slurs by Blacks, is the reluctance of authorities to classify such crimes as hate crimes. When the roles are reversed such crimes are quickly classified as hate crimes.

Note the low numbers of hate crimes/criminals. It is dwarfed by the ~1.7 million violent interracial crimes committed each year. Talk about the white elephant in the room!

#22 Comment By xenophobesnightmare On November 5, 2008 @ 5:55 pm

Irving I think its important for you, if you so concerned with "Illegal Immigration" and "Crime", is to look up the facts based on known facts by several studies conducted by various resources. Its also imperative to point out the differences between the vapid fear mongering stories(such as propaganda) and the legit scientific studies.

For instance:

There have been dozens of national studies examining immigration and crime and they all came

to the same conclusion; immigrants are more law abiding than U.S. citizens. A 2007 study by the Immigration Policy Center(ICP) found that immigrants whether legal or illegal are substantially are less likely to commit crimes or to be incarcerated than U.S. citizens. Here's a couple of examples as cited by the ICP:

1.) Incarceration rates for U.S. born in the 18-39 age group was 5 times higher than incarceration rates for foreign born men in the same age group.
2.) Data from the census and other sources show that for every ethnic group incarceration rates for young men are lowest for immigrants even for those who are at least education and least acculterated.

As for the rest, you can look it up on your own.
Hence, the study noted, the fact that many immigrants enter the country illegally are framed by anti-immigration forces as an assualt to the "rule of law", thereby reinforcing the false impression that immigrants and criminality are linked.

Since the FBI and DOJ`s data seemed to be a bit sketchy on the issue of Immigrants and Crime, I suggest you can also look up *unbiased* research by the American Policy Program:

"Truth about Illegal Immigration and Crime."

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#23 Comment By Irving On November 7, 2008 @ 10:23 pm

xenophobesnightmare said,
on November 5th, 2008 at 3:55 pm

"Ah yes, Irving. But you missed my point."

Sorry, old guy, but it is you who are missing the points.

My response was data I researched that involved both illegal and legals in this country, and I juxtaposed nothing. I provided information on both, because the issue is really a Latin one, legal or illegal.

In fact, my inquiry was one in which I was trying to gather more information, but you responded as if I were trying to pull some kind of trick. If you had additional info, all you had to do was write it out without any uncalled for denigrations. If I check it out and find it to be wrong I'll say so, but I'm not going to call you a liar for being mislead.

Do try to keep your paranoia under control, old guy.

Well, in fact, I did check out your sources and found that they're not accurate, and I did that by comparing what you provided by double checking your claims against statistics from the United States Department of Justice. It takes quite a bit of searching.

I'm a stckler for accuracy, eliminating all the emotion involved as much as I can as a human, but you seem to be hung u on a particular view.

You seem to be saying don't confuse the issue with facts, I have all the facts I need from groups that have an agenda and they slant their information to fit that agenda.

But, in the final analysis, if you want to believe what you do, please feel free to do so. My original inquiry was not directed at you, and I really don't want to exchange ideas from a true believer on any particular subject.

#24 Comment By Jonathan On November 8, 2008 @ 12:43 pm

Elaina,

Yes, I've read George Orwell's book, 1984.

So, do you consider Caesar Chavez a "Nazi" for turning illegals into the INS?

"I do believe (as I said before) that illegals need to do whatever they can to become legal."
I do too by way of self-deportation. They may need a bit of "encouragement" from time to time too; if they knew that they couldn't rely on their fellow Hispanics for protection, that would be one less incentive to stay.

"... what would all the business owners who employ illegals and pay them substandard wages and force them to work in substandard and often unsafe conditions do without all the hard working illegasl that they employ?"

They would stop dumping costs for which they don't cover onto the taxpayer. I'm all for people turning in businesses, who employ illegals. Maybe this could be called the TIB (Turn in Businesses) program, sort of a "Just Say No"-like undertaking.

#25 Comment By Jonathan On November 9, 2008 @ 9:52 am

The rise in hate crimes could be due to Black/Latino tensions (no White people involved):

"Latino and Black Hate Crimes: The New Face of Hate

The arrest of Jonathan Fajardo brought a momentary breath of relief to Charlene Lovett. Fajardo is one of two purported Latino gang members charged with the murder of Lovett's daughter, 14-year-old black teen ..."

"These aren't just garden variety white on black hate crimes. Blacks and Latinos are committing many of these crimes, and they are victimizing each other. This represents two tormenting new trends. One is that blacks and Latinos now commit the majority of hate crimes in L.A."

(http://www.huffingtonpost.com/earl-ofari-hutchinson/latino-and-black-hate-cri_b_38396.html)

What about "garden variety" Black on White hate crimes? Oh well, at least White people didn't get too much blame beyond that single comment!

#26 Comment By Mike On November 10, 2008 @ 6:57 am

MdeG -Sometimes the police drop the other chrages and just go with the bigger charge or lesser charge, depending on the person cooperation, though it does happen that some police profile, lets not think all of them do.

#27 Comment By Jonathan On November 10, 2008 @ 8:28 am

" though it does happen that some police profile, lets not think all of them do."

The police are more than likely to "under-profile" as they correctly fear that they'll be fired, sued or persecuted by federal agencies for "racism".

#28 Comment By Irving On November 11, 2008 @ 6:04 pm

"Jonathan said, on November 9th, 2008 at 9:52 am
The rise in hate crimes could be due to Black/Latino tensions (no White people involved):
"Latino and Black Hate Crimes: The New Face of Hate"

A definitive search finds you are exactly right, Jonathan.

In addition to that, the SPLC published a report by Suzy Buchanan entitled "The Rift," and it highlighted CONSIDERABLE black/Hispanic fighting.

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Here's a brief excerpt"

The Rift
Evidence of a divide between blacks and Hispanics mounting
By Susy Buchanan

Intelligence Report
Summer 2005

In May, Mayor-elect Antonio Villaraigosa spoke to parents and students from Jefferson High School, where police gang units were brought in, after the third major brawl in six weeks. (AP Wide World Photos)

One after another, the reports have rolled in. From Florida to California, Nevada to New Jersey, even as far away as the state of Washington, the news is getting harder to ignore: There's trouble brewing between blacks and browns.
At Hug High School in Reno, Nev., an emergency task force began work last October after a series of fights between black and Hispanic students that interim Schools Superintendent Paul Dugan said reflected "definite racial tensions." In Monroe, Wash., similar tensions shot up after a Mexican flag was torn down and thrown into a bathroom and several off-campus fights broke out. In Chicago, seven students were arrested after an interracial brawl in January left teachers and security guards injured and parents complaining of mounting racial strife.

But it was in schools in California, where so many of the nation's trends first take shape, that this disturbing conflict was most obvious.

On Nov. 8, hundreds of black and Latino students got into two separate battles in the streets around Wilmer Amina Carter High School in Rialto. Two days later, another interracial fight broke out on campus, and four days after that a huge battle erupted in the lunchroom, leaving 57 of the hundreds of students involved injured. At around the same time, more than 20 police officers broke up a series of street fights between black and Latino students outside Fremont High School in Oakland that involved as many as 150 participants and bystanders. In San Jacinto, a riot at San Jacinto High School between black and Hispanic students resulted in three arrests, six suspensions and the lockdown of 1,700 students. Some 500 students were involved in the fight, and police reported some arriving parents added fuel to the fire by shouting racial slurs and urging their children to keep up the battle. Similar racial conflicts hit Crenshaw, Manual Arts and Jordan high schools in Los Angeles.

The Presumed Alliance
Traditionally, black and brown activists have seen themselves in a natural alliance in a country historically dominated by whites — an alliance of mostly poorer, darker-skinned minorities whose struggles are not dissimilar. But like the civil-rights-era alliance between blacks and Jews, the black/brown coalition has grown more and more strained. Many blacks resent what is seen as Hispanics leapfrogging them up the socioeconomic ladder, and some complain of the skin-color prejudices that are particularly strong in some Hispanic countries, notably Mexico. Just this May, the Rev. Al Sharpton bitterly demanded that Vicente Fox apologize after the Mexican president made what some blacks interpreted as a racist comment. Similarly, many Hispanics say they are treated in racist ways by blacks, some of whom have apparently singled out undocumented immigrants for robbery and worse.

#29 Comment By farberfoto On November 12, 2008 @ 9:39 pm

Equadorian man was attacked and stabbed to death in Long Island, NY because of his supposed Mexican ethnicity. The 7 perpetuators were looking to "f-up a Mexican".

Just now on the local news, another story was reported about ethnic slurs and anti-Obama graffiti vandalism sprayed on cars and property in Long Island. The northeast is surely not the place I hoped it would be when I left the south so many years ago.

How unfortunate that at this great moment in our nation's history, it is just an excuse for some to react with violence and more hate. Anyone with any sense could have predicted this but we

must not let it fester.

Lou Dobbs, Rush Limbaugh, Tom Tancredo, the list is filled to the brim. Intolerance, fear, scapegoating, reducing people to what we don't know about them as opposed to what we do know. Them vs. us. It's never ending, as we witnessed in the recent Presidential election, when Sarah Palin upped the ante on carefully scripted inflammatory speeches that invited instant hateful reactions from large crowds that felt like mobs during those moments.

While a lot of the country and most of the world has experienced a moment of euphoria after the victory of President-elect Obama, the demons of zenophobia, nativism and racial hatred are rearing their ugly heads. I am not surprised that it happened in a New York minute.

It happened in the other suburbs of New York as well. A young black student was brutally beaten by a military thug because he was excited about the election of Obama. I'm sure there have been many such incidents since 11/04/08.

But I don't expect those non-Hispanics amongst us to take action, who stand for tolerance and unity, who understand the plight of immigrants who have come to this country without documentation simply because for them there was and is no line to stand in, who are economic refugees. I don't expect that most of us will have the courage or take the time to rally around these vulnerable people who chose between starving or filling undesirable jobs, willing to accept poor conditions and wages that no one born in this country in their right mind would want no matter how bad things get, not when we have the right to unemployment insurance, food stamps, and other government assistance.

But those that spew hatred truly believe that an undocumented (call them illegal if you must) immigrant is entitled to those benefits. When will someone explain to them that nothing is further from the truth. They can NOT get free anything, with the exception of emergency room services, that no one can be denied. Then they are billed and many do what they can to pay. Perhaps the employers are to blame for that.

Perhaps the employers are to be blamed for a lot. Including contributing to the "push-pull" economy that benefits all of us. Teach your children that, Long Islanders. Research the cause and effect of illegal immigration. They didn't just show up in your back yard because they thought they thought being a nuisance to your sequestered bedroom communities would be good for their health. If you are so appalled by the sight of brown skinned people dominating your once bleached blissful landscapes, stop buying the products that they produce or start washing your own dishes after going to the restaurants where they do your dirty work.

As everyone moans and groans while prices for food and services consistently and steadily rise because of current economic conditions, be prepared for how much more they would rise if all those "Mexicans" that your children want to "f" up, suddenly disappeared and those Americans that you insist would take those jobs at exponentially higher salaries with benefits, just imagine how much more you'll be paying for that lettuce, those tomatoes, that red wine, those home renovations.

I hope that others like me will stand up and be counted for. There is no time to lose to do what all good religions preach, to be our brother's keepers.

#30 Comment By Jonathan On November 14, 2008 @ 12:11 pm

farberfoto,

Maybe the "Mexicans" should simply stay on their side of the border and thus would avoid such issues?

#31 Comment By Irv On November 14, 2008 @ 1:14 pm

"If you are so appalled by the sight of brown skinned people dominating your once bleached blissful landscapes, stop buying the products that they produce or start washing your own dishes after going to the restaurants where they do your dirty work. "

That sounds racist, guy. I don't agree with denigrating all white people if it's just a few you dislike. If my skin were really white, I'd take offense to that, and I don't really blame those who might.

Too, you've got to be as unbiased as posible. We humans have to watch that constantly. The three people you mentioned above are all complaining about people entering the country illegally. I couldn't find anything where they were against legal immigration. In fact all three support it. It relgates your entire argument to file thirteen by distorting the facts due to emotion.

You raised an economic matter, also about the cost of picking our own lettuce and other farm labor. If you Google the subject you'll see that many people who decry illegal immigration, and if I'm rembering correctly, about 80% of the populastion does, the ones I read about all are in favor of guest worker programs, but Congress won't get in gear and enact anything along those lines.

But, you know, I really think the immigration issue isn't going to get a lot of attention in 09, because the economy is still falling precipitously and several very prominant Trend Analysts, Gerald Celente in particular, are predicting a depression greater than any the world has ever seen, so I don't think the US is going to be able to bail out everybody and pay for extra social benefits too. In fact, from what this well-respected man says, we're going to have to resort to growing our own gardens for food.

He was on CNN. Here's the link along with an explanation from an author on Celente:

"Celente is not your garden variety doom-and-gloom crackpot. Celente, director of Trends Research Institute, forecasted the subprime mortgage financial crisis and the decline of the dollar a year ago and gold's current rise in May. He also predicted the 1997 Asian Currency Crisis and the fall of the Soviet Union. "We are going to see economic times the likes of which no living person has seen," he told United Press International."

Here's how he describes his organization. "As Political Atheists — independent thinkers, unencumbered by rigid ideology, political persuasions, fixed agendas or conventional wisdom — The Trends Research Institute observes and analyzes the current events forming future trends for what they are - and not for the way they want them to be."

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If anybody has any valid information on the issue, I'd REALLY appreciate getting it. Right now I'm planning on growing a garden. I live in a rural area, but anybody can grow one. It's possible to get a LOT of veggies from just a small garden. My wife's mother grows one, and she does canning also. She has a food pantry filled with what looks to me like hundreds of jars of food.

It would't hurt living close to a body of water that still has fish in it. I mean, uncontaminated like few are nowadays.

#32 Comment By Jack the ripper On November 14, 2008 @ 11:16 pm

Jonathan,

One thing. It is one thing to respect people but your opinion does not force the respect but disgust and a sense of advanced obscurantism. I would suggest you to travel a bit leave your box and experience brotherhood and respect and intelligence. Obviously you seem ignare and racist or anyway intolerant in all aspect, a category that should disappear in the new world. Get some education before you express yourself…maybe that way you will not spray your bad breath…..

#33 Comment By Jack the ripper On November 14, 2008 @ 11:19 pm

One last thing….do not forget that this land was for the natives and nobody else. If you came here and live, you must accept everybody to share a piece…..

Enough of these species who hate latinos, blacks, jews , whites etc....

I hope you are not one of them.....

#34 Comment By Jonathan On November 15, 2008 @ 10:58 am

Jack,

One thing: I would suggest that learn to spell, write coherently and open your mind beyond ignorant, multi-cultural blather.

PS:
There are already too many people in the USA, the USA doesn't need anymore of them.

#35 Comment By ViolentMouse On November 15, 2008 @ 3:20 pm

LOL! wow you all got way off topic for a minute there, let me lay it out for you from a real perspective. I have lived in the southwest most of my life, and of the things I have witnessed, one thing stands out more than any. Every day thousands of Hispanics come across the border from Mexico into America and travel as far north as L.A for work. this flood of people who live in another country yet are considered "Legal" citizens causes huge confusion as to what an illegal is down here. Most illegal immigrants come here and stay here they do not traverse the border daily, it's improbable they could do so without getting caught, and most of the illegals come here to get away from a corrupt government in Mexico. Seeking freedom from a place that is run by evil men doing evil deeds is an instinct and I do feel pity for them, but the fact is this, if you are a legal citizen you should not live in another country, you should support your country by living in it, this will allow valuable man power to be redirected at preventing illegals from entering in the first place, and reduce the amount of stress put on the borders and customs department.

As far as crimes against Hispanics, I really do not want to know the statistics, all I can tell you at this point is that I see some of these numbers, like the white to Hispanic population ratio, and I find them unbelievable. When you live in a city where in order to find a good job you are REQUIRED to be bi-lingual? or when you call your bank and you have to choose which language you wish to use, and the ONLY options are English or Spanish? That simply says to me, that there is a much higher ratio of Hispanics than are actually being reported. Is this perhaps due to the fact that there is literally such a high ratio of illegal residents in this country?

I'm sorry perhaps I stand alone when I say that English is the primary language of this country and employers should not be allowed to put a language restriction on job requirements, schools should not have papers that are bi-lingual, and I surely should not have to choose what language to use when I deduct money from my bank account!!!.

There were 5 "White" kids in my high school, and all of them were severely beat, or chased off by Hispanic gangs. The neighborhood I grew up in used to be clean and upstanding, now it is a dust bowl with trash filling the gutters and walls that have enough spray paint on them that you cannot even make out the original color of the wall!

My life is one double standard after the next, I cannot get this job because I do not speak Spanish, yet I am an American citizen and the job is in America? not to mention people like me who do live here, have to fight to survive, because the Hispanics who are allowed to own homes in Mexico, are able to live much better off ten dollars an hour than any U.S resident EVER could. This causes employers to keep their wages down, and hire these people who are willing to take the jobs at a lower wage, does that not incite some animosity? Of course it does, it's outrageous!!!

Imagine this, an A.S.E certified auto technician, in 1995 made a flag hour rate of $20, thats for every hour of labor the shop billed out, the employee earned $20. move forward ten years and the flag hour rate is LOWER? how can this be?, simple. because an unskilled laborer who is willing to do the same work for $7 instead of $20 means there is no need for the shop to shell out any money to the trained technician who will demand his worth. That caused a huge decline in quality of repairs, in 2005 we saw a shop return rate of 80%, or in common terms, 80% of my

shops clients came in with previous problems that another shop was unable to satisfactorily repair.

I'm not saying that they are not hard workers, god knows they are some of the hardest workers around. But that hard work is plagued by a severe lack of skill, and in a field like automotive, where there is actually some trade school skills required to do complex diagnostics, they have caused a huge deficit in the private shop owners realm. This has lead up to consumers believing that only the dealership has the ability to do the repairs correctly. When in fact, the dealerships are actually the majority employer of these unskilled laborers, these "R&R (Remove and Replace)" tactics have killed the auto repair economy and that's just for starters.

Remember back in the days when you were a high school kid you could get a job at the fast food place to make some money for that first car? or that motorcycle? Well now days, teens and adults alike can barely get a job with a fast food chain, because these legal immigrants who traverse the border daily, have filled ALL of these positions. Now when you go to a drive through, and you try to order a meal, if you don't speak Spanish, you have a language barrier!

Perhaps we could employ these guerrilla tactics back on them, by living in the U.S and working in Mexico...Only problem is, they pay about 2 dollars a day, and I could never afford my housing nonetheless my internet, or my phone.

So in closing I leave you with a realistic daily view from someone who lives in the middle of it, and has to deal with it every day. And now maybe you have a better understanding of why these crimes are committed, I'm under the impression that these crimes are meant to be aimed at illegal immigrants, but are being misdirected by the actual legal ones that traverse our country's great border every morning, flooding the lower states with traffic jams, and strangling our economy by forcing wages down.

#36 Comment By James Hallman On December 9, 2008 @ 3:47 am

I think we must keep in mind that what makes a country isn't it's sacred documents and institutions as many are lead to believe, but the people and general gene-pool that makes up the nation they inhabit. There is a reason why Mexico is a dung-heap of corruption, a society where crime,violence and corruption is so widespread that it's become part of the culture itself. It's the PEOPLE .
It's what makes Haiti and many of your African nations what they are. Contrary to what the politically correct would have us believe, race matters and if we continue to allow literally millions of these non-whites to flood into our country illegally or legal,we'll eventually wake-up to an entirely different country than we've known before.
The economics of cheap-labor doesn't even have to play a part in any opposition to non-white immigration. It's the genetic factor that really matters.

#37 Comment By Evelyn On February 13, 2009 @ 1:04 pm

"Can't we all just get along" =)

#38 Comment By Fred On February 15, 2009 @ 3:39 am

Legal Immigrants and illegal aliens should never be grouped together! Nor should they ever be counted as one group for any reason at all! Because they are NOT all legal immigrants in the first place!

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The Year in Hate

Active U.S. Hate Groups Rise to 888 in 2007

By David Holthouse and Mark Potok

Sheriff's deputies gunned down by "Aryan" gangsters in Bastrop, La. Tax protesters with bombs arrested in New Hampshire. Gun-toting white supremacists marching in Jena, La. A police officer murdered in Salt Lake City. Nativist leaders demanding sniper teams and mines along the Mexican border. Calls for assassinating politicians, immigrants and Jews. Rapidly spreading racist conspiracy theories.

The end of 2007 brought to a close another year marked by staggering levels of racist hate in America. Even as several major hate groups struggled to survive, other new groups appeared, and the radical right as a whole appeared to grow.

The latest annual count by the Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC) found that the number of hate groups operating in America rose to 888 last year, up 5% from 844 groups in 2006. That capped an increase of 48% since 2000 — a hike from 602 groups attributable to the exploitation by hate groups of the continuing debate about immigration. And it comes on top of some 300 other anti-immigration groups, about half listed by SPLC as "nativist extremist," formed in the last three years.

At the same time, FBI statistics suggested that there was a 35% rise in hate crimes against Latinos between 2003 and 2006. Experts believe that such crimes are typically carried out by people who think they are attacking immigrants.

Although there were some signs that nativist hatred may be starting to abate, you wouldn't know that by listening to the furious rants of many groups. "America is being destroyed from within by a modern version of Genghis Khan's army," the Emigration Party of Nevada, listed by the SPLC as a hate group, said. The group's leader, Don Pauly, wants to send government "sniper teams" to the border and forcibly sterilize Mexican women after a first child.

"If the Jew government waits, and hell breaks out here in the USA, our citizens will not be asking to see any documentation," added Michael Blevins, the Florida state leader of the neo-Nazi American National Socialist Workers Party. "They will go after anyone they think an illegal alien based on race first."

The growth of these groups is being helped by conspiracy theories and other racist propaganda about immigrants that is being spread by mainstream politicians and pundits. While theories about a secret plan to merge Mexico, Canada and United States into a single country began in radical groups, for instance, many key figures have endorsed them.

Indeed, 18 states' houses of representatives have now passed resolutions opposing the "North American Union" — an entity that does not exist and has never been planned, but nonetheless inhabits nativists' nightmares.

Promoting such theories, coupled with a history of ties to white supremacist groups and ideology, is what caused the Southern Poverty Law Center to add a major anti-immigration group, the Federation for American Immigration Reform (FAIR), to its list of hate groups last year. FAIR has also promulgated the theory that Mexico is involved in a secret plot to "reconquer" the American Southwest.

"You need to understand that WE ARE AT WAR RIGHT HERE IN AMERICA," is the way another nativist group, the Nebraska-based United Citizens of America, put it. "We are being invaded by a foreign country and we are being betrayed from within. Our government, from top to bottom, is being controlled by global elites. They have infiltrated our government at ALL levels."

Here's a more detailed look at several sectors of the radical right:

NEO-NAZIS

Neo-Nazi groups

While the number of neo-Nazi group chapters increased over the course of 2007 from 191 to 207, this rise was largely due to a shake-up within the **National Socialist Movement** (NSM). Although the NSM remains the largest neo-Nazi organization in the country, with 73 chapters in 34 states (down from 81 chapters in 36 states in late 2006), it suffered a mass exodus of high-profile members last year, most of whom quickly either founded new chapters of rival neo-Nazi groups or established their own new spin-offs.

The NSM's troubles in 2007 began last February, when it was accidentally revealed during a public court hearing that Florida state leader David Gletty was a paid FBI informant. Discontent over the group's finances, tactics and internal security began to swell among rank-and-file members as well as officers. Last October, several NSM heavy-hitters abruptly quit. These included Ohio division commander Mark Martin, Storm Troop leader Tim Bishop, Washington state leader Justin Boyer, NSM presidential candidate John Taylor Bowles and website designer Jim Ramm, all highly visible and active NSM members.

Bowles, along with another disgruntled NSM officer, Nick Chappell, formed a new group, the **National Socialist Order of America**, based out of **The Redneck Shop**, a hate memorabilia store in Laurens, S.C., that is owned by Chappell and had been the site of many NSM gatherings.

Ramm launched a website, "NSM Watch," where he posted a list of 111 ex-NSM members who, according to Ramm, had either resigned or been kicked out. NSM "commander" Jeff Schoep countered that he was merely pruning "troublemakers and drama queens." Then, last November, Schoep issued an open letter to NSM members in which he branded Ramm and other defectors "oath breakers and race traitors" and accused them of "working for the enemy."

The following month, Schoep announced that he was leaving his common-law wife and six children in Minneapolis to move in with a new girlfriend in Detroit, where he was relocating NSM's national headquarters. Rumors abound in the neo-Nazi movement that Schoep's new flame is non-white, and that he's using NSM money to support her in a supposedly extravagant lifestyle.

"In 2006 NSM did over $110,000 in sales, and ... current projections for [2007] are around $180,000," Ramm claimed on his website late last year. "NSM Records [the group's hate rock music company] is a business that doesn't report total profits to the members, who are expected to just smile and hope the Commander is spending the money wisely."

The greatest beneficiary of the NSM's internal strife was the **American National Socialist Workers Party** (ANSWP), a neo-Nazi group led by another former NSM stalwart, neo-Nazi gadfly Bill White. White boasted that he's accepting "the best of the best" NSM castaways and, indeed, ANSWP chapters more than doubled from 13 to 30 last year.

Two former powerhouses of the neo-Nazi scene, **Aryan Nations** and the **National Alliance**, were in states of more or less suspended animation last year. Aryan Nations still exists but is barely active. In early 2007, two of the group's leaders, Clark Patterson and Jonathan Williams, quit to form a new Christian Identity group called the **United Church of YHVH**

after complaining that Aryan Nations had forgotten its roots in Identity, a theology that says people of color are soulless non-humans and Jews are biologically descended from Satan.

The National Alliance, a West Virginia-based group that has declined precipitously since the death of its founder in 2002, showed signs of life last May when it held a Holocaust denial conference that drew 75 attendees, nearly three times as many people as have attended Alliance "leadership conferences" in recent years. But in August, the Alliance suffered a major setback when Chairman Shaun Walker and two other Alliance members were convicted of federal civil rights violations in a string of three racially motivated assaults in Salt Lake City in 2002 and 2003. Walker was sentenced to 87 months in federal prison, while his underlings received shorter sentences. Former Chairman Eric Gliebe, who had stepped down amid much criticism earlier, re-assumed leadership of the troubled group amid swirling rumors of drug use and a pending divorce and custody battle with his estranged wife, former stripper Erica Gliebe — a woman who now calls herself "Hollycast," an apparent sarcastic reference to the Holocaust.

Finally, the **National Vanguard** looks to be all but finished. Its leader, Kevin Alfred Strom, pleaded guilty to possessing child pornography and is facing up to 10 years in prison when he is sentenced in April.

RACIST SKINHEADS

Racist Skinhead groups

Racist skinhead gangs, or "crews," are unstable and often transient by nature, making them difficult to track. However, over the course of 2007, it was possible to identify 90 racist skinhead outfits operating in the United States, up from 78 in 2006. Five of the new chapters are reactivated or recently established divisions of **Hammerskin Nation** (HSN), a once-mighty coalition of skinhead crews whose power waned earlier in this decade but is now clearly resurging. In addition to the five new domestic chapters, HSN also now claims active crews in at least 10 foreign countries, including Australia, Hungary and Switzerland.

Last September, the leaders of HSN and the **Vinlander Social Club**, a rival skinhead coalition in the Midwest, unexpectedly announced they had reached a peace agreement, ending a blood feud of nearly 10 years. The following month, Hammerskin Nation celebrated its 20th anniversary at Hammerfest 2007, a hate rock festival held near Portland, Ore., and hosted by the **Northwest Hammerskins**, a regional affiliate of HSN. The Portland-based, neo-Nazi skinhead gang **Volksfront** provided security. Members of the neo-Nazi group **White Revolution** and the white nationalist organization **Women for Aryan Unity** were in attendance. One of the speakers was Michael Lawrence, a prominent member of the **Confederate Hammerskins**, another HSN affiliate, and the founder of the **Christian Guard**, a major Christian Identity organization.

KU KLUX KLAN

Ku Klux Klan groups

Although most Ku Klux Klan factions continued to exploit the roiling national immigration debate in 2007 by holding anti-"illegal alien" rallies (rather than their more typical "anti-black crime" fare), last year was a relatively quiet one for the KKK. The number of Klan chapters dropped to 155 last year from 165 in 2006, marking the second straight year of decline after five years of rapid growth.

One important development in this sector came in August, when the **National Aryan Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, LLC**, merged with the **United Northern and Southern Knights of the Ku Klux Klan**. National Aryan Knights chapters in Louisiana resisted the merger by forming a new splinter group under the banner of the **National Aryan Knights**.

The **Imperial Klans of America** (IKA), meanwhile, declined from 23 chapters in 2006 to just 16 last year as a case filed last year by the Southern Poverty Law Center against IKA chief Ron Edwards, five followers and the group itself neared trial. The lawsuit seeks damages for a boy who was attacked and severely beaten during an IKA recruiting drive at a Kentucky county fair.

BLACK SEPARATISTS

Black Separatist groups

The death last May of black separatist cult leader Yahweh ben Yahweh (born Hulon Mitchell) coincided with the ongoing rebirth of his **Nation of Yahweh**, a notorious religious sect that has preached violence against "white devils." Nearly 500 Nation of Yahweh members, many of them

conspicuously flaunting material wealth in the form of expensive cars and jewelry, attended the funeral of Yahweh ben Yahweh, who shortly before his death was released from parole after serving 11 years of an 18-year sentence on federal conspiracy charges related to 14 murders committed in South Florida in the 1980s.

Formerly moribund Yahweh websites flared with activity following the funeral. In Rochester, N.Y., a white man who started a nonprofit food pantry for the homeless said that a Yahweh member who joined the nonprofit's board in 2004 orchestrated a campaign to push him out of the organization shortly after she returned from the funeral. The man says that he now fears for his life and that the Nation of Yahweh has taken over the building housing the organization.

The **New Black Panther Party**, a racist group unrelated to the original Black Panthers, was also highly active in 2007. Although Chairman Malik Zulu Shabazz was barred from entering Canada last May because of his radical ideology, Shabazz did successfully organize a major rally for a black hate crime victim in West Virginia, made a public show of force in Jena, La., and held an Atlanta "Black Power Summit" last October that was attended by about 100 party members from across the country.

GENERAL HATE
General Hate groups
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Anti-Immigrant groups
Racist Music groups
Other events of importance on the radical right included the emergence of **Watchmen on the Walls**, an international and incredibly virulent anti-gay organization with strong ties to Latvia. The organization has gained a foothold in the United States among Russian-speaking Slavic immigrants on the West Coast, holding a major conference in Lynnwood, Wash., in October.

Also last year, the hate group list's only campus outfit, the **Michigan State University chapter of Young Americans for Freedom**, which was added in 2006 after the group sponsored a "Catch an Illegal Immigrant Day" contest and put out a manifesto calling for white, male control of the MSU student government, continued to promote hate by hosting a series of lectures by extremists such as Nick Griffin. Griffin is a Holocaust denier and the head of the whites-only British National Party, that drew skinheads and other white supremacists to the MSU campus.

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Immigration Backlash

Hate Crimes Against Latinos Flourish

By Brentin Mock

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There's no doubt that the tone of the raging national debate over immigration is growing uglier by the day. Once limited to hard-core white supremacists and a handful of border-state extremists, vicious public denunciations of undocumented brown-skinned immigrants are increasingly common among supposedly mainstream anti-immigration activists, radio hosts and politicians. While their dehumanizing rhetoric typically stops short of openly sanctioning bloodshed, much of it implicitly encourages or even endorses violence by characterizing immigrants from Mexico and Central America as "invaders," "criminal aliens" and "cockroaches."

The results are no less tragic for being predictable: Although hate crime statistics are highly unreliable, numbers that are available strongly suggest a marked upswing in racially motivated violence against all Latinos, regardless of immigration status. According to hate crime statistics published annually by the FBI, anti-Latino hate crimes rose by almost 35% between 2003 and 2006, the latest year for which statistics are available.

What follows is a representative sampling of some of the more egregious examples of physical and psychological violence waged against Latinos over the past two-and-a-half years. The perpetrators range from racist skinheads to rogue Border Patrol agents to otherwise everyday citizens who took it upon themselves to repel an "invader," terrorize a "criminal alien," or exterminate a "cockroach."

JAN. 9, 2004
Dateland, Ariz.
Pedro Corzo, a Cuban-born regional manager for Del Monte Fresh Produce, is gunned down by two Missouri residents — 16-year-old Joshua Aston and his 24-year-old cousin Justin Harrison — who traveled with Aston's younger brother, 15-year-old Nicholas Aston, to a remote section of southern Arizona with the specific intent of randomly killing Mexicans. The brothers shaved their heads before embarking on their odyssey. Corzo was ambushed after he stopped at a roadblock the group constructed from boulders. Joshua Aston, the ringleader, is later tried as an adult and receives two life sentences for the murder. Harrison also is sentenced to

life. Charges are eventually dropped against the younger Aston brother.

DEC. 29, 2004
Redlands, Calif.
Two Latino men and a Latina woman are beaten and kicked in the parking lot of a strip club by a "gang of about 10 skinheads," as later reported by the *San Bernardino County Sun*. The neo-Nazi skinheads yell racial slurs at their victims, prompting the Redlands police chief to declare that hate crime charges will be pursued if and when the perpetrators are caught.

MAY 7, 2005
Maryville, Tenn.
A Mexican grocery store is vandalized by five white men who shatter windows, damage a refrigerator and spray-paint neo-Nazi symbols, causing over $17,000 in damage. Two men — Thomas Lovett and Jacob Reynolds — eventually plead guilty and are each sentenced to six months in prison.

FEB. 17, 2005
Fabens, Texas
Osvaldo Aldrete-Dávila, who is unarmed and fleeing apprehension on foot, is shot at 15 times by two U.S. Border Patrol agents, Ignacio Ramos and Jose Compean. One bullet strikes Aldrete-Dávila in the buttocks, severs his urethra and lodges in his groin. Though seriously wounded, he manages to escape into Mexico.

Though the border patrol officers later find that the van driven by Aldrete-Dávila contained a shipment of marijuana, they are unaware of this fact when they open fire. Ramos and Compean attempt to cover up their actions by cleaning up the spent shell casings and failing to report the use of their firearms to their superiors, as required by Border Patrol regulations. The two agents also fail to report the shooting in their incident reports. El Paso Border Patrol Sector Chief Luis Barker later testifies that Compean told Barker that he and Ramos covered up the shooting because they "knew [they] were going to get in trouble."

After the shooting comes to light a month later, Ramos and Compean are arrested and eventually convicted by a federal jury of felony assault charges, discharging a firearm in a crime of violence, civil rights violations, and obstruction of justice. They're sentenced to 11 and 12 years in prison, respectively.

Ramos and Compean will eventually be transformed by a major right-wing misinformation campaign into high-profile martyrs of the anti-immigration movement. The agents, for their part, will remain unrepentant. Ramos tells a *Texas Monthly* writer in 2007 that Aldrete-Dávila "got what he deserved."

JULY 12, 2005
Patchogue, N.Y.
A 61-year-old Ecuadorean immigrant is badly beaten by three white men as he pushes a shopping cart through the streets collecting cans. Before the attack, the man was asked if he had a green card. "Then they started pummeling him," Suffolk County Hate Crimes Det. Robert Reecks tells reporters. The man, whose name is not made public, suffers a broken eye socket and facial bruises.

JULY 15, 2005
Keansburg, N.J.
Octavio Vivanco is riding his bike to his restaurant job when Joshua Ramgoolam and James Schmidtberg chase him down and punch him in the face. About 15 minutes later, Rosalino Novorrete is attacked by the same duo as he rides his bike to work, this time with a plastic baseball bat. According to Monmouth County Prosecutor Luís Valentín, Vivanco and Novorette were attacked "solely because of their Latino ethnicity." Ramgoolam later pleads guilty to second-degree bias intimidation, third-degree aggravated assault and third-degree weapons possession for

unlawful purposes. Schmidtberg is found guilty of the same charges, plus fourth-degree weapons possession. Both are sentenced to five years in state prison.

SEPT. 30, 2005
Tifton, Ga.
Six Mexican immigrants — Mateo Gomez, his son José Luís Tías, Felipe Mauricio Esparza, Guadalupe Sanchez, Armando Perez Martínez and Mauricío Florindo — are murdered, and at least five others are badly injured, when a group of African-American robbers rampage through four trailer parks known for housing immigrant workers. The parks are also known for home invasions; over 20 homes there have been have been invaded in the months prior to the murders.

Three suspects — Jennifer Wilson, Stacy Sims and Jamie Underwood — are arrested and charged with six counts of murder each. Sims and Underwood are also charged with rape and aggravated assault. District Attorney Paul Bowden announces he will seek the death penalty.

The Georgia Bureau of Investigation's Vernon Keenan tells CNN that the victims "are easy targets because they do not speak English. They're undocumented workers. They keep cash on their persons [and] in their homes. And they are reluctant to report crimes to law enforcement."

When Tifton's mayor Paul Johnson decides to display the Mexican flag over City Hall out of respect and sympathy for the victims, callers to a local radio station bristle with anger and resentment.

OCT. 16, 2005
Sacramento, Calif.
Six people are injured by three white men who crash a private party with the intent of "beating up Mexicans," according to police. One of the assailants uses brass knuckles after shouting racial epithets and "white pride."

MARCH 30, 2006
North Bergen, N.J.

Hal Turner

After a series of pro-immigrant marches and demonstrations bring out hundreds of thousands of immigrants and their supporters in cities across the country, an acerbic neo-Nazi radio host makes an appeal for people to carry out the mass murder of any "illegal aliens" sighted.

"All of you who think there's a peaceful solution to these invaders are wrong. We're going to have to start killing these people," Hal Turner writes on his website. "I advocate using extreme violence against illegal aliens. Clean your guns. Have plenty of ammunition. Find out where the largest gathering of illegal aliens will be near you. Go to the area well in advance, scope out several places to position yourself and then do what has to be done."

APRIL 3, 2006
Tucson, Ariz.

One of the founding members of the Minuteman movement, Laine Lawless, exhorts the leadership of the neo-Nazi National Socialist Movement (NSM) to launch a campaign of violence and intimidation against Latino immigrants. "Steal the money from any illegal walking into a bank or check cashing place. ... Discourage Spanish-speaking children from going to school," Lawless writes in a private E-mail to Mark Martin, "SS commander" of the NSM"s western Ohio chapter. "Be creative. ... Create an anonymous propaganda campaign warning that any further illegal immigrants will be shot, maimed or seriously messed-up upon crossing the border."

Laine Lawless

The goal?

"Make every illegal alien feel the heat of being a person without status."

APRIL 22, 2006
Houston, Texas
David Ritcheson, 16, is attacked by racist skinheads at a house party after supposedly trying to kiss a white girl. David Henry Tuck breaks Ritcheson's jaw, knocking him unconscious, while screaming, "White power!" and calling Ritcheson a "spic" and "wetback." Keith Robert Turner joins in, and the two attackers burn Ritcheson with cigarettes, kick him with steel-toed boots, attempt to carve a swastika into his chest, pour bleach on him and finally violently sodomize him with a patio umbrella pole. It takes 30 surgeries before Ritcheson, confined to a wheelchair and wearing a colostomy bag, is able to return to school.

David Ritcheson

Tuck is later sentenced to life in prison. Turner gets 90 years.

A year after the attack, Ritcheson, who up to that point has not been identified in press accounts by name, goes public and speaks out to the U.S. House of Representative's Judiciary Committee. In wrenching testimony, the boy recalls the horrific experience for lawmakers deliberating over strengthening federal hate crime laws. "With my humiliation and emotional and physical scars came the ambition and strong sense of determination that brought out the natural fighter in me," Ritcheson testifies. "I am glad to tell you today that my best days still lay ahead of me."

Less than three months later, the teenager commits suicide, jumping from a cruise ship into the Gulf of Mexico. Before his death, he assisted the Anti-Defamation League in creating an anti-hate program at his alma mater, Klein Collins High School.

Three months after going public about the horrific attack on him in testimony to the U.S. Congress, teenager David Ritcheson committed suicide by leaping off this cruise ship. His tormentors, David Tuck and Keith Turner, were

APRIL 28, 2006
Salt Lake City, Utah
A West High School student identified only as Felipe is attacked while walking to school by two white men who he says call him a "stupid wetback" and tell him, "Go back to your country, you don't belong here." He survives the jumping with a black eye, cut lip and head swelling, reports the *Deseret Morning News*. The boy is not a documented citizen, according to his

mother, who tells reporters, "The fact that you're an immigrant here doesn't mean they get to do that."

given life and 90 years, respectively.

APRIL 29, 2006
East Hampton, N.Y.
Three Latino teenagers are lured into a shed by a neo-Nazi skinhead (also a teenager) and then threatened and terrorized with a chainsaw and a machete. The victims are held for 90 minutes while the skinhead and his friends yell racial slurs, including "White power!" and "Heil Hitler!"

"This is how you run across the border," one of the skinheads shouts as he chases the Latino youths around with the running chainsaw. The skinhead is later charged as a juvenile with reckless endangerment and menacing.

MAY 4, 2006
Southampton Village, N.Y.
Jonathan Cedillo is having lunch near a 7-Eleven when cab driver Robert Rossetti slaps his sandwich from his hand and then begins calling him derogatory racial names. Rosetti then begins ramming into Cedillo, who has American Indian and Mexican ancestry, with his taxi. Cedillo's right knee is injured. "He was cursing at me, telling me I'm an immigrant and to get out of this country," Cedillo tells reporters. Rossetti is later convicted of misdemeanor aggravated harassment.

JUNE 12, 2006
Rocky Point, N.Y.
Two Mexican men fishing at a jetty are asked for their green cards, and then beaten and robbed by four teens — William Foley, Nicholas Provenzano, Daniel Sturgis and Jesse Ward — posing as federal agents. The teens rob money from the victims while accusing them of stealing jobs from U.S. citizens. All four are charged with felony robbery and assault as hate crimes. Sturgis eventually pleads guilty to third-degree assault as a hate crime and second-degree robbery and is sentenced to two years in state prison. Provenzano is convicted of charges related to the attack, but his sentencing is deferred. Foley and Ward are charged as juvenile offenders.

JUNE 15, 2006
Yonkers, N.Y.
Miguel Vega, a native of Peru, is walking down the street where he lives when he's attacked and murdered by five men who also steal his wallet. The killers — Abraham Ghaly, David Bendezu, Alexander Mitchell, Joel Lopez and Rodolfo Ponciano — are charged with murder and robbery. Bendezu, Mitchell, and Lopez have their murder charges upgraded to hate crimes after an investigation finds that they specifically sought a Mexican to rob that night. All five plead guilty and are sentenced to between five and 15 years.

JULY 20, 2006
Dayton, Tenn.
Gilberto Mejía, owner of the Mexican grocery store Carnicería Los Primos, is verbally assaulted by anti-immigration activist June Griffin, who barges into the store and tears down a Mexican flag. Griffin then allegedly harasses Mejía and leaves threatening phone messages, which Mejia saves for police.

"It was an act of war," says Griffin, who has unsuccessfully run for the U.S. House of Representatives as a Republican. Charged with civil rights intimidation, phone harassment, theft and vandalism, Griffin is released after witnesses fail to turn up at a court hearing.

"I'm not ashamed of anything I did," Griffin tells *The Herald-News*.

JULY 25, 2006
Albertville, Ala.

The windows of six businesses owned by Guatemalans or Mexicans are shot out early in the morning, while white-owned businesses on the same street in this northern Alabama town of 17,000 go untouched. A year later, the crime is still unsolved. Albertville police say the attack wasn't racially motivated, although many observers, pointing to which businesses were targeted, suspect otherwise. "We have sporadic, random incidences of windows shot out," says Chief Detective J.T. Cartee.

JULY 30, 2006
Bradenburg, Ky.
Jordan Gruver, a 16-year-old boy of Panamanian descent, is attacked by members of the Imperial Klans of America who are recruiting for the IKA at the Meade County Fairgrounds. Unprovoked, the Klansmen call the far smaller Gruver a "spic," then beat him severely, leaving Gruver with two cracked ribs, a broken left forearm and jaw injuries requiring extensive dental repair. Two Klansmen, Jarred R. Hensley, 24, and Andrew R. Watkins, 26, plead guilty to second-degree assault and are each sentenced to three years in prison. The Southern Poverty Law Center files a lawsuit against the attackers that is later amended to add IKA, its national leader Ron Edwards, and another high-ranking IKA official.

Jordan Gruver

AUG. 20, 2006
Hahnville, La.
Two men, one from El Salvador and the other described by St. Charles Parish sheriff's deputies as "Hispanic," are shot in the legs by Mark Gautreau as they fish in a floodway near Lake Pontchartrain. Witnesses say Gautreau announced he was going to "shoot some Mexicans" before breaking into his own truck (he had locked himself out) to pull out a shotgun and fire at the anglers, who are 500 feet away. Gautreau is booked on two counts of first-degree attempted murder as a hate crime. The case is later dismissed when the victims and witnesses fail to appear for court.

SEPT. 9, 2006
Rockfield, Ky.
A cross is burned on the front lawn of Nelson Espinoza's house in this Louisville suburb next to a sign reading, "My country maybe, my neighborhood NO WAY!!!" Espinoza, a native of El Salvador, lives with his wife in the United States as part of a legal temporary worker program. Almost a year later, the investigation remains open. "We suspect it was probably just kids from the neighborhood," says Warren County Sheriff's Deputy Daniel Alexander.

SEPT. 10, 2006
Hampton Bays, N.Y.
Carlos Rivera, a construction worker from Honduras, is stabbed multiple times outside a bar by Thomas Nicotra and Kenneth Porter, who yell racial epithets during the attack. Nicotra and Porter, who witnesses say also yelled racial slurs at other patrons a night earlier, are both charged with felony robbery and assault with hate crime enhancements. Porter is sentenced to one year in Suffolk County Jail for first-degree assault after testifying against Nicotra. Nicotra is sentenced to nine years in state prison after finally pleading guilty to first-degree assault and robbery.

SEPT. 17, 2006
Laguna Beach, Calif.

A truck driven by two men reportedly hits two Latino workers at a day labor center, and one of the workers is also assaulted. The men in the truck, Artem Soloviev and Dennis Katpilniy, came to the center offering work, but Soloviev ends up in a scuffle with the workers, apparently after they decline his terms. Although witnesses say Soloviev and Katpilniy shouted racial epithets at the workers during the fight, no charges are filed and Soloviev and Katpilniy are released. "We investigated it top to bottom, having collected third-party and the actual defendants' statements, but we did not have enough evidence to support the case," Susan Schroeder, of the Orange County's District Attorney's office, says later.

OCT. 23, 2006
Annapolis, Md.
Hose Aldana and Wilfredo Rodriguez are stabbed and called ethnic slurs by two white men in a pickup truck, according to police. But county police officer Sara Schriver tells local newspapers that since Latinos are technically classified as white, the attack wasn't racially motivated.

"That's crazy," retorts Angela Arboleda, director of criminal justice policy for the National Council of La Raza. "The [victims were] called names and slurs that were derogative to [their] race. That is the most clear-cut evidence that that crime was in fact a hate crime."

NOV. 18, 2006
San Diego, Calif.
Latino workers Estanislao Gonzales and Robert Peña are allegedly assaulted by San Diego Minuteman John Monti at the Rancho Peñasquitos day labor center during a Minuteman surveillance operation. Prosecutors say Monti started the fight after grabbing one of the laborers and chasing him into the street. But jurors later acquit Monti of three counts of battery and one count of filing a false police report.

JAN. 12, 2007
Naco, Ariz.
Javier Dominguez-Rivera, a construction worker from Mexico, is shot dead at close range while on his knees by Border Patrol agent Nicholas Corbett. Corbett claims he fired in self-defense from the front of his vehicle when Dominguez-Rivera picked up a rock, but surveillance footage shows Corbett confronting Dominguez-Rivera at the rear of his vehicle. In addition, autopsy reports show the bullet was fired from between three inches and 2 1/2 feet away, and that it entered below Dominguez-Rivera's armpit and traveled down through his heart, stomach and liver into his lower abdomen.

Dominguez-Rivera was crossing the border with his two brothers and sister-and-law when Corbett apprehended them. The group's eyewitness accounts match the results of the forensic investigation and medical examiner's conclusions. As a result, Corbett is charged with second-degree murder, manslaughter and negligent homicide. Cochise County Attorney Edward Rheinheimer tells reporters: "The evidence shows that at the time he was shot, Mr. Dominguez-Rivera presented no threat to Agent Corbett."

FEB. 7, 2007
Casper, Wyo.
Richard Serafin, who has identified himself as "commanding officer" of a unit of the "Central Wyoming Militia," is arrested after illegally selling a short-barreled AR-15 semiautomatic rifle to an undercover ATF agent. Earlier, he told the agent that he planned to travel to the Arizona border to harm immigrants and boasted that "there may be fewer illegal Mexicans" after his trip. Serafin pleads guilty to possessing two illegal firearms — two of the short-barrel AR-15s — and is later convicted in federal court of possessing firearms to further a crime of violence. He faces a minimum of five years in prison and up to $500,000 in fines.

FEB. 23, 2007

Wright City, Mo.
A Latino immigrant is attacked and robbed by three men yelling, "Immigration enforcement!" who barge into his mobile home armed with a piece of lumber. The immigrant suffers injuries to his right eye and nose. Ryan Scott Harlan, 18, eventually pleads guilty to first-degree burglary and second-degree assault and is sentenced to 15 years in prison. Richard Bryant Lindaman, 17, pleads guilty to the same charges and is sentenced to eight years. The third suspect, Christopher Michael Skelton, is still awaiting trial at press time.

APRIL 18, 2007
Flagstaff, Ariz.
James Wesley Cheek submits a comment to the *Arizona Daily Sun* threatening to attack a Cinco de Mayo event in a manner similar to the Virginia Tech University rampage just a few days earlier that left 32 people dead. FBI agents arrest Cheek for sending a threatening interstate communication and find that Cheek possesses a collection of firearms and has distributed fliers for the Ku Klux Klan. If convicted, Cheek faces a maximum sentence of five years and up to a $250,000 fine.

MAY 1, 2007
Washington, D.C.
Tyler Froatz Jr., a member of the Herndon (Va.) Minutemen, is arrested after a physical confrontation with human rights activists at a rally. When apprehended by police, he has several knives, a flare gun and a stun gun, and police find a loaded rifle in his vehicle. Days later, investigators search Froatz's apartment and find an additional 15 guns, a Molotov cocktail, a grenade and large amounts of ammunition. Initially jailed on weapons and assault charges, Froatz, 24, is released to his parents in New Jersey a month later to await trial.

MAY 4, 2007
Gaithersburg, Md.
A long-established day-labor center for Latino immigrant workers is set on fire, causing about $2,000 in damage. The center is run by Casa de Maryland, an immigrant assistance organization that has been the subject of many protests and threats. Without any evidence or rationale to support his allegation, Brad Botwin, director of an anti-immigration group called Help Save Maryland, tells *The Washington Post* that the laborers may themselves have started the fire.

MAY 10, 2007
Dunlap, Tenn.
Frankie Bowman, who in 2005 launched an unsuccessful petition drive to prevent a Mexican nightclub from moving into his neighborhood, is arrested for offering an undercover Tennessee Bureau of Investigation agent $2,500 to burn down Mexico de Noche. Bowan, 52, allegedly told the agent he didn't care whether the building was empty or occupied when the fire was set. He faces trial on charges of solicitation to commit aggravated arson.

Mountain Minuteman founder Robert Crooks E-mails a video to several prominent anti-immigration activists that appears to shows a Minuteman tracking a group of Mexicans through a gun's night vision scope. In the video, an unidentified man can be heard calling the Mexicans "cockroaches" and then firing off a shotgun. "This video shows how to keep a Home Depot parking lot empty," Crooks writes in his cover E-mail, snidely suggesting that recipients know how to "Talk the Talk" but not "Walk the Walk" of effectively fighting illegal immigration. A few days later, a very similar night-vision video surfaces, this one purporting to show a Minuteman hitting a lone Mexican with a sniper shot. Crooks, who initially denies making the videos but then admits it, later says the second video was faked. Although state and federal law enforcement officials look into the incident, no victims are found.

AUG. 8, 2007
Garden Grove, Calif.

Felipe Alvarado, an immigrant working as a janitor at a fast-food restaurant, is taunted with racist threats and then attacked by three men, one of whom is carrying a loaded gun. James Joseph Kelly, Justin Louis Mullins and Cheyne Danica Wilson are arrested and charged with felony assault with hate crime enhancements for allegedly beating Alvarado after yelling, among other things, "Go back to Mexico, you wetback!" Wilson is also charged with illegally possessing a handgun.

AUG. 12, 2007
West, Texas
A Latino man is struck in the face several times after getting into a hostile exchange of words outside a convenience store with a group of white men and women who later tell police that they are affiliated with Aryan Nations, a neo-Nazi hate group. The victim, who has not been identified publicly, fled but is attacked a second time later the same night by several assailants who beat, stomp and cut him. The alleged leader of the attacks, Stephen Ray Chapman, is arrested and charged with engaging in organized criminal activity and aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. The police continue to search for five other suspects.

AUG. 23, 2007
Montgomery County, Md.
Victor Hernandez, a Honduran immigrant dishwasher, is walking home from work when he is kicked into unconsciousness by teenagers who rob him of $160. The two teens arrested tell police they were "amigo shopping" — seeking vulnerable Hispanic workers to rob. *The Washington Post* reports "alarmingly common" anti-immigrant crimes in the area of Washington, D.C., and its suburbs. Police from Montgomery County, Md., and neighboring counties tell the newspaper that the majority of local robbery victims since 2006 have been Latino.

SEPT. 30, 2007
Avon Park, Fla.
José Gonzales returns home to find his car and garage destroyed by a fire set by an arsonist who also spray-painted "Fuck Puerto Rico" on the garage walls. Gonzales, a U.S. citizen and a mechanic, loses all of his tools in the fire. No arrests are made in the town, which is famous for its passage of harsh anti-immigrant laws.

OCT. 8, 2007
Omaha, Neb.
Eduardo Garcia wakes up to find his truck and his wife's car set ablaze. Two other cars are also vandalized and have the words "white power" and a swastika spray-painted on them. No one is immediately arrested.

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Getting Immigration Facts Straight

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Almost every day now, it's possible to hear supposedly authoritative "facts" about illegal immigration and immigrants bandied about by politicians, major media commentators and even allegedly objective news reporters — statistics and other assertions that paint a frightening picture of hostile, disease-carrying and highly criminal Latino "aliens" bringing economic ruin to the United States. A case in point is the 2005 claim made by CNN's "Lou Dobbs Tonight" show that 7,000 cases of leprosy had been reported in the United States in a recent three-year period — one of the "deadly imports," in Dobbs' words, that immigration brings. In May, the night after a CBS "60 Minutes" profile of Dobbs aired, Dobbs went on the air to furiously attack *Intelligence Report* Editor Mark Potok, who had been quoted in the piece criticizing Dobbs' characterizations of illegal immigrants. Christine Romans, the CNN reporter who first brought up the 7,000 figure, said she had got it from "a respected medical lawyer and medical historian" — the late Madeleine Cosman, a woman who told a 2005 nativist conference that "most" Latino immigrant men "molest girls under 12, although some specialize in boys, and some in nuns." As it turns out, officials say there are fewer than 250 new cases of leprosy each year.

These kinds of "facts" generally originate with modern nativist groups and ideologues like Cosman or even unabashedly race-based hate groups, but that has not stopped them from making their way, often by force of sheer repetition, into mainstream venues like "Lou Dobbs Tonight." In addition, it's no longer uncommon to hear false or distorted statistics and half-truths coming from more mainstream groups like the Federation for American Immigration Reform and The Heritage Foundation, a conservative think tank, and aired on innumerable radio talk shows and major cable programs like the Fox News Channel's "The O'Reilly Factor."

This kind of mass defamation of certain immigrants is hardly a new phenomenon in American history. In earlier periods, Irish, Jewish, Catholic, Asian and other groups were publicly vilified, often by our country's leading statesmen, as lazy, degenerate, stupid, ugly, criminal, disloyal and more. Today, very few of the current roster of negative stereotypes — not to mention the conspiracy theories about immigration that are also increasingly widespread — contain any truth at all. But they play to an audience that may be predisposed to believe them; in 2000, even before the current immigration debate heated up, the General Social Survey published by the National Opinion Research Center found that 73% of Americans felt immigrants were likely to cause crime and 60% believed they were likely to cost native jobs. Today, in an even more poisonous atmosphere, millions of Americans apparently believe the lies touted by nativist extremists. What follows is an attempt to distinguish demonizing propaganda from reality.

THE CLAIM: Immigrants are infecting the country with diseases like leprosy.
THE PURVEYORS: CNN's Lou Dobbs, in an April 14, 2005, broadcast, said an "invasion of illegal aliens" was bringing "highly contagious diseases" to America "decades after those diseases had been eradicated" here. Colorado columnist Frosty Wooldridge claimed in 2003 that "7,000 new cases of leprosy" had been carried here by immigrants from Mexico, Brazil and India in the previous three years. Patricia Doyle, a "health columnist" for the hate site www.rense.com, repeated that number on Peter Boyles' KHOW-AM show in late 2006. The late anti-immigration activist Madeleine Cosman claimed in 2005 that "illegal aliens" were bringing in leprosy, malaria, tuberculosis and Chagas disease. White nationalist Pat Buchanan, appearing on Boyles' show in September 2005, asserted that undocumented immigrants were responsible for once nearly eradicated bedbugs reappearing in 26 states.

THE FACTS: The nativists' favorite health claim, about the frightening disease of leprosy, is false. According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, "200-250 new cases" of leprosy, or Hansen's disease, are reported each year. In a 2006 report, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said the number of reported cases of leprosy in the country "peaked at 361 in 1985 and has declined since 1988." The claim that malaria is being spread by immigrants is likewise false — malaria can only be transmitted by mosquitoes, not humans. The reappearance of bedbugs is a real phenomenon, but is largely blamed on "widespread use of baits rather than insecticide sprays for ant and cockroach control," according to a fact sheet from Ohio State University College of Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences. It is true that most new cases of tuberculosis have been diagnosed in immigrants, according to a 2002 government study. It is also true that immigrants from Latin America have brought Chagas disease; however, it is transmitted only by blood-to-blood contact, like HIV, so the risk of contagion is limited.

THE CLAIM: Undocumented immigrants kill 25 Americans a day.
THE PURVEYORS: U.S. Rep. Steve King (R-Iowa), in a May 5, 2006, column on his website, claimed that a day without immigrants would create a far safer America: "The lives of 12 U.S. citizens would be saved who otherwise die a violent death at the hands of murderous illegal aliens each day. Another 13 Americans would survive who are otherwise killed each day by uninsured drunk driving illegals." King's claim has been repeated hundreds of times,

sometimes by extremist activists like Clyde Harkins of the American Constitution Party, and frequently by radio hosts like Peter Boyles of Denver's KHOW-AM. Boyles also suggested last year that illegal immigrants had murdered 45,000 American citizens since Sept. 11, 2001.

Eagle Forum leader Phyllis Schlafly

THE FACTS: King claimed he had "extrapolated" his numbers from a study by the General Accounting Office, Congress' nonpartisan investigative arm, that he said showed 28% of inmates in local jails and state and federal prisons were "criminal aliens." What the GAO study actually showed was that 28% of all federal prisoners (federal prisoners make up 12%-17% of the total incarcerated population in the U.S.) were either legal or illegal immigrants. The study did not distinguish between legal and illegal immigrants. It also stated that about 50% of those immigrants were only charged with being in the country illegally, a federal misdemeanor. Just 12% of the total in federal custody were there for murder, rape, robbery or other violent crimes. Regarding the claim of 45,000 Americans murdered by illegal immigrants, FBI statistics show some 85,000 murders from 9/11 to the end of 2006. If the claim by Boyles and others were true, that would mean undocumented immigrants, who make up under 4% of the U.S. population, were responsible for 53% of all murders.

THE CLAIM: Undocumented immigrants are more criminal than natives.
THE PURVEYORS: Dan Stein, executive director of the supposedly mainstream immigration restriction organization Federation for American Immigration Reform (FAIR), claimed in a March 8 press release that illegal immigration poses "a real and documentable risk" to Americans. "Illegal aliens are more prone to criminal activity than the rest of the population," Stein said. Twenty-three days later, Jim Gilchrist, co-founder of the vigilante Minuteman Project, told an audience that it was "okay to say 'rapist,' 'robber' and 'murderer'" when describing "illegal aliens."

THE FACTS: Several studies refute the notion of relatively high criminality among Latino immigrants (the vast majority of today's immigrants). Ramiro Martinez Jr., a criminal justice professor at Florida Atlantic University who's spent years studying homicide statistics in U.S. border cities heavily populated by Mexican-born men and women, found the homicide rates were significantly lower for Latinos there than for other groups — even though the Latinos' poverty level was very high, and poverty and criminality are closely correlated statistically. Criminologist Andrew Karmen, in his 2006 book *New York Murder Mystery*, found the same trend in New York City, where the "disproportionately youthful, male and poor immigrants" of the last two decades "were surprisingly law abiding." Robert J. Sampson, chairman of Harvard's sociology department, reported in a 2005 article in *The American Journal of Health* that the rate of violence among Mexican Americans was significantly lower than among non-Latino white and black Americans. Remarkably, studies by sociologists Alejandro Portes and Ruben Rumbaut also show that second- and third-generation immigrants are significantly more criminal than their parents, suggesting that U.S. culture somehow eventually produces more, not less, criminality among its citizens.

THE CLAIM: Immigrants are depressing the wages of native Americans.
THE PURVEYORS: On his April 1, 2006, show, CNN's Lou Dobbs said that the "most authoritative" study showed that legal and illegal immigration was depressing native wages by $200 billion a year. California nativist activist Joe Guzzardi has claimed that wages remain "stagnant" because of illegal immigrants. Similar claims have been made by almost all immigration restrictionists in recent years.

THE FACTS: Despite what many view as the intuitively obvious relationship of immigration to wages, the fact is that most economists have not found a significant link between rising immigration and falling wages, the exception being studies in the early 1990s that showed a slight negative effect on African-American high school dropouts' pay. Overall, the National Academy of Sciences found in a broad look at the question in 1997, there was "only a weak relationship between native wages and the number of immigrants" in a given place. This was true for all types of native workers. The one group that did suffer were "immigrants from earlier waves, for whom the recent immigrants are close substitutes in the labor market." More recent studies have actually found a positive effect on native wages. The Public Policy Institute of California published a study this year that found that immigrants arriving in that state between 1990 and 2004 increased native-born workers' wages by 4%. The benefits, attributed to immigrants generally performing complementary rather than competitive work, extended to native workers at all educational levels.

THE CLAIM: Undocumented immigrants are "stealing" American jobs.
THE PURVEYORS: The allegation that illegal immigrants are causing native unemployment is pervasive in the nativist movement. Terry Anderson, a black Los Angeles radio host and hard-line anti-immigration activist, for instance, told "Lou Dobbs Tonight" on Oct. 23, 2003, that legal and illegal immigration was "killing the [native-born] work force." Texas nativist leader Debbie Rawlins said in 2006 that "Hispanics" were "taking our jobs, our homes." The far-right California Coalition for Immigration Reform has a billboard on the California-Arizona border that reads, "Demand Illegal Aliens Be Deported. The Job You Save May Be Your Own."

THE FACTS: A 2006 Pew Hispanic Center study, "Growth in the Foreign-Born Workforce and Employment of the Native Born," found no evidence that the large increases in immigration since 1990 have led to higher unemployment among native Americans. The center examined census data on the increase in immigrants in each of the 50 states, comparing those figures to state jobless rates and participation in the labor force by the native born. Although immigrants tended to be younger and less educated than native workers, the report found "no apparent relationship between the growth of foreign workers with less education and the employment outcome of native workers with the same level of education." These findings were in line with those of most economists, who have failed to find a link between immigration and job loss. "The big message here," said University of California economist Giovanni Peri, who conducted a similar study in California, "is there is no job loss from immigration."

THE CLAIM: Poor immigrants cost native taxpayers a fortune in social services.
THE PURVEYORS: Robert Rector, senior research fellow at the conservative Heritage Foundation, told CNN's "Lou Dobbs Tonight" on June 12, 2006, that immigrants were exponentially driving up welfare costs. "[I]f you're bringing in high school dropouts who aren't married and have children out of wedlock, what are they going to do? They're going to be on welfare. … It's going to cost at least $70 billion a year." Heather MacDonald, a fellow at the conservative Manhattan Institute and contributing editor at its *City Journal*, wrote in 2002 that illegal immigrants "do get welfare" based on having children who are born in this country and are therefore citizens (she did not explain how parents pulled this off). U.S. Rep. Steve King (R-Iowa), citing Rector, claimed this year that low-skill immigrant households were costing American taxpayers "over $1 million per head of household."

THE FACTS: As a general rule, the federal government reaps a net benefit from illegal immigrants in the form of Social Security payments that the workers are never able to collect because they are not citizens; it is the states, in terms of social services, education and medical services, that pay the bulk of costs associated with supporting the undocumented population. Even so, Rector and MacDonald's claims are disputed by numerous scholars, including even MacDonald's senior colleague at the Manhattan Institute, Tamar Jacoby. Jacoby, who studies immigration extensively, told the conservative *National Review* that while individuals might receive more in services than they paid in taxes, "they are growing the [overall economic] pie so significantly that that cost pales in comparison." Jacoby cited a recent study of immigrants in North Carolina that reported that over the prior 10 years, Latino immigrants had cost the state $61 million in a variety of benefits — but were responsible for more than $9 billion in state economic growth. The same point was made in a 1997 National Academy of Sciences study that found "the less-educated immigrants who impose a fiscal burden are the very same immigrants who provide the economic benefit reported." A major survey of the net effects of immigration, published in 2006 in *The New York Times Magazine*, cited only one economist, George Borjas of Harvard, claiming a negative net effect. Many other economists disputed Borjas. "If Mexicans were taller and whiter," University of California, Berkeley, professor David Card told the magazine, "it would probably be a lot easier" for the public to accept the majority view of economists that the net effects of immigration, which is now predominantly Latino, are positive.

THE CLAIM: Proposed immigration reform would vastly overpopulate America.
THE PURVEYORS: Heritage Foundation senior fellow Robert Rector, quoted in a May 15, 2006, article on the far-right NewsMax.com website, said that the proposed Kennedy-McCain immigration reform bill would likely result in 103 million legal immigrants in the next 20 years. He added that the maximum number in that period could reach 200 million people. Years earlier, immigrant-bashing columnist Frosty Wooldridge of Colorado claimed that current immigration "is pushing us toward 200 million added people vying for diminishing resources," though he offered no support for his number. Other nativists have repeatedly made similar assertions.

THE FACTS: As was quickly pointed out when Rector first made these claims, his numbers defy basic logic. His minimum figure of 103 million people is roughly equal to the entire current population of Mexico; to reach his high figure of 200 million people moving to the United States in the next 20 years, you'd have to throw in the equivalent of the current population of Central America, too. Several leading demographers told the *San Francisco Chronicle* in May 2006 that Rector's projections were vastly overstated, ignored the effects of emigration, and used unreasonably high estimates of legalization and naturalization. The same month, a report from the Congressional Budget Office, specifically analyzing the Kennedy-McCain proposal, estimated that the bill would result in 8 million people entering the country legally over 20 years — 4% and 8% of Rector's two estimates.

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144 'Nativist Extremist' Groups Identified

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Early one Saturday morning last November, armed men on motorcycles hounded Latino immigrants into the desert around Cave Creek, Ariz., a rustic town 20 miles north of Phoenix. It was the first day of operation "Adios Illegals," a campaign to scare off immigrants at day-labor sites organized by the American Freedom Riders, a Phoenix-based motorcycle group that held its first meeting last summer and has since grown to 12 chapters in eight states.

The belligerent tactics and rapid expansion of the American Freedom Riders represent a much larger lightning storm of militant xenophobia that is crashing over the county and swiftly gathering strength. The Intelligence Project has identified 144 nativist extremist groups active across 39 states in recent months. Most of these organizations — nearly 100 of them — have taken form since April 2006. Their rhetoric and their methods grow ever more extreme.

Throughout the morning in Cave Creek, the American Freedom Riders played cat and mouse with immigrants clustered on street corners and in front of convenience stores. The sight of the advancing bikers, some of whom were strapped with handguns, scared the immigrants into seeking cover in nearby dry washes. "They scattered like cockroaches in all directions," American Freedom Riders leader "Buffalo" Rick Galeener later boasted in a letter published in the *Sonoran News*. "They simply ran, like the criminals they are!"

In one instance, a two-ton truck flying a huge American flag roared into the parking lot of the Good Shepherd of the Hills Episcopal Church, where 20-30 Latinos were gathered at a day labor shelter provided by the church. The truck drove in tight circles around the immigrants, trailed by about 20 motorcycles. Half the immigrants fled. According to Rev. Glenn Jenks, rector at Good Shepherd, the bikers cheered and shouted, "Go back to Mexico!" Later the members of the American Freedom Riders surrounded the church, videotaping and photographing any Latinos who remained, and vowing to come back until Cave Creek is "illegal alien-free."

American vigilantes have taken on an increasingly predatory look. Intimidation, threats and worse are now normal facts of life on the border.

Paranoia and Sniper Teams

The groups identified by the Intelligence Project as "nativist extremist" groups target people, rather than policy. They do not limit themselves to

advocating, even in forceful terms, for stricter border security, tighter population control, or tougher enforcement of laws against hiring illegal immigrants.

Instead, they go after the immigrants themselves.

Their strategies include vigilante border patrols; conspicuous surveillance of apartments and houses occupied by Mexicans and Central Americans; publicizing photos and home addresses of "suspected illegal aliens"; and harassment and intimidation of Latino immigrants at day-labor sites and migrant-worker camps. Their rhetoric is frequently warlike.

"An army of illegal aliens, including criminals, drug smugglers, and terrorists, is invading our country," declares the Indiana Federation for Immigration Reform and Enforcement.

"America is being destroyed by a modern version of Genghis Khan's army," according to the Emigration Party of Nevada, whose leader, Donald Pauly, has called for the Department of Homeland Security to station "sniper teams" on the border and suggested that all Mexican women should be forced to undergo sterilization after having their first child.

Increasingly, the ideology of nativist extremist groups is shot through with paranoid conspiracy theories strongly reminiscent of the antigovernment militia movement of the 1990s.

"You need to understand that WE ARE AT WAR RIGHT HERE IN AMERICA," reads the recruiting literature of United Citizens of America, a group based in Omaha, Neb. "We are being invaded by a foreign country and we are being betrayed from within. Our government, from top to bottom, is being controlled by global elites. They have infiltrated our government at ALL levels."

According to the Minutemen Midwest, a group based in Harvard, Ill.: "There is a conspiracy afoot to merge the U.S. and Mexico. This heinous ongoing treason has been engineered by an entrenched cabal of legislators, courts, military brass, and government employees embedded at all levels of the executive branch, constituting a 'Shadow Government,' who are working to dismantle this country in plain sight."

Rogue Minutemen

Though most heavily concentrated in Arizona, California and Texas, nativist extremist groups are active in all regions of the United States. Many of the groups in non-border states are local chapters of either the Minuteman Civil Defense Corps or the Minuteman Project. These separate, competing nationwide organizations both emerged from the original month-long Minuteman "civilian border patrol" operation held in Cochise County, Ariz., in April 2005.

Combined, the local chapters of the Minuteman Civil Defense Corps and Minuteman Project comprise 57 of the 144 nativist extremist groups identified by the Intelligence Project. These Minuteman chapters raise money for their parent organizations and muster volunteers for vigilante border actions. Many also hold protest actions or conduct "surveillance ops" at day-labor sites in their home cities. In states where it's allowed by law, their members openly carry firearms.

The Minuteman Civil Defense Corps and Minuteman Project also have spawned a slew of imitators, spin-offs and splinter groups that have no official affiliation with either national Minuteman organization.

These rogue Minuteman outfits include the Antelope Valley Minutemen, whose leader, Frank Jorge, writes on his website: "We have a right, and an obligation, to defend our country, our homes, and our families not only from this invasion, but also from the very Government that is precipitating this treasonous act."

The most radical and widespread rogue Minuteman group is the so-called Minuteman of One, which consists of at least three chapters in Arizona, two in California and one in Texas. More of an extremist creed than a hierarchal organization, Minuteman of One was founded by Fred Puckett, who was expelled from the original Minuteman operation for, among other things, violating rules against openly carrying assault rifles (the original Minuteman Project restricted volunteers to handguns only).

"We don't have no by-laws, we don't have nothin'," Puckett told a Phoenix television news crew last April. "We go out in two-man teams and we hit

them like we did 40 years ago in Vietnam."

Puckett has since distributed videos of himself and other Minuteman of One members displaying and shooting a small arsenal of assault rifles, ransacking vehicles, and shouting death threats at immigrants fleeing in the desert.

"Once you shoot a few of these sons of bitches, they'll think twice," Puckett says on camera.

'Go vigilantes!'

On Jan. 28 of this year, four heavily armed men wearing military-style berets and camouflage fatigues ambushed a pickup truck carrying 12 illegal immigrants in a farm field near Eloy, Ariz. The assailants shot and killed the driver and wounded one of the passengers. The survivors described the shooters as three white men and one Latino who spoke limited Spanish.

The attack near Eloy occurred in the midst of a month-long flurry of similar ambushes in southern Arizona, in which six victims were killed, six were shot and wounded, and 18 were robbed at gunpoint in four separate incidents.

But the Eloy ambush stood out because it lacked any characteristics of typical borderland violence committed by bandits or rival smugglers. No one was robbed in the Eloy ambush, there were no drugs in the truck, and no one was kidnapped (rival immigrant smugglers, or "coyotes," frequently steal each other's human cargo). Also, three of the men were white, which is exceedingly rare for coyotes or border bandits.

The incident remains under investigation. No arrests have been made, and there is no hard evidence the killers were acting as anti-immigration vigilantes. Even so, Jeff Schwilk, the founder of the San Diego Minutemen, a highly active and aggressive new group that targets migrant worker camps in semi-rural canyons in Southern California, openly celebrated the murders.

"In America, we call incidents like that 'cleansing the gene pool,'" Schwilk declared in an E-mail to his group's members.

Online public forums hosted by various nativist extremist groups are rife with calls for more violence and support for the Arizona killers. "I really hope it IS pissed off Americans who are taking justice into their own hands, doing what the Border Patrol and the National Guard ARE NOT ALLOWED to do," a member of Save Our State posted to a public online forum in early February. "Go vigilantes! Where can I send a check?"

Mines and Machine Guns

Unlike the Ku Klux Klan or neo-Nazi organizations, the ideology of most Nativist extremist groups is not explicitly racist.

There are exceptions.

Nine of the groups identified by the Intelligence Project as "nativist extremist" also operate as hate groups. They are listed as hate groups because they disparage all Latinos on a racial basis, regardless of immigration status, or because they plainly endorse white nationalism, sometimes prophesizing impending race war.

"Ethnic cleansings and demographic warfare are being waged against European-Americans by Mexico and its proxies in the U.S. under the cloak of protecting the 'human rights' of criminal invaders," states Rescue Without Borders, a vigilante militia based in Boulder, Colo., that is identified by the Intelligence Project as both a nativist extremist group and a hate group. "The U.S. is third on the list to end White rule after Rhodesia and South Africa. First, the globalists must create a non-White majority through illegal immigration, diversity lotteries, visas, and a guest worker (invader) program... . Political correctness and 'diversity training' are the AIDS and HIV of White nations."

While only a few nativist extremist groups deal in such unvarnished white supremacist ideology, most of them are playing a role similar to that of traditional hate groups in the raging national immigration debate. They are interjecting wacky conspiracy theories, disseminating false statistics about "criminal" immigrants and the problems they create, blaming and targeting Latino immigrants as individuals, and promoting direct

intimidation, mean-spirited harassment, and even murder.

The online forum hosted by the Minuteman Civil Defense Corps, the single largest nativist extremist organization in the country, with 34 chapters in 27 states, publicized several calls last November for the U.S. government to place land mines and machine gun towers on the border. One Minuteman advised other members to keep a supply of quick lime on hand to hasten the decomposition of corpses. Another summed up his policy recommendations most succinctly: "Shoot, shovel, and shut up."

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Agent: Militia planned attack on Mexicans

Five denied bail after hundreds of explosives, weapons seized in raids

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Adam Nesmith, an agent with the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, testified that the five — Raymond Kirk Dillard, 46; Adam Lynn Cunningham, 41; Bonnell Hughes, 57; Randall Garrett Cole, 22; and James Ray McElroy, 20 — planned a machine-gun attack on Mexicans in Remlap, a town just north of Birmingham, and went there on a reconnaissance mission April 20. The agent provided no further details.

During the raids last week, agents recovered 130 homemade hand grenades, a grenade launcher, about 70 hand grenades rigged to be fired from a rifle, a machine gun, a short-barrel shotgun and 2,500 rounds of ammunition, authorities said.

Local and federal officials returned to the area Tuesday because authorities got information that explosives could be hidden in a cave, said Stanna Guice, spokeswoman for the DeKalb County Sheriff's Department. Officers on foot and horseback converged in a field and worked outward to search for a cache.

At the hearing, Nesmith said Dillard told an undercover agent that the group, which calls itself the Alabama Free Militia, viewed government agents as "the enemy" and had a standing order to open fire if anyone saw government agents approaching.

Already a fugitive

Armstrong said Dillard was denied bail because he was already a fugitive, having failed to report for probation on a weapons case.

The judge approved $10,000 bail for the sixth defendant, 30-year-old Michael Wayne Bobo, at a later hearing. Bobo, who is being kept in custody until at least Wednesday, was charged with being a drug user in possession of a firearm. The other five were charged with conspiring to make a firearm.

ATF agent Larry Alt testified that investigators who searched Bobo's home found two rooms loaded with guns and possible explosives components, including fireworks, ball bearings, primers, mouse traps, light bulbs and fertilizer. The man lived in two upstairs rooms in his parents' home in Trusville, Alt testified.

Bobby Bobo, the defendant's father, said he "knew about some of the things, and I was concerned." But he said he was less worried after a relative in the Army looked at the cache and said there was nothing illegal.

Testimony showed that agents had secretly recorded the younger Bobo meeting with Dillard and McElroy in April and talking about illegal immigrants, anti-government leanings and weapons. But there was no direct mention of Bobo being in the Free Militia, evidence showed.

Attorneys for the five did not directly address the charges during the hearing.

In questioning Nesmith, however, they did attempt to show that their clients were not directly linked to all of the weapons seized.

A lawyer for Dillard, Scott Boudreaux, has said the case had been overblown by authorities. He said his client began stockpiling items partly because of the scare of the Y2K computer glitch in 2000.

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Militia man guilty on firearms charge

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A federal court jury found Richard Serafin guilty Friday of possessing firearms to further a crime of violence.

The jury sided with Assistant U.S. Attorney Stuart Healy III, who said during closing aruments Thursday that Serafin talked about shooting illegal immigrants with an undercover U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms agent -- to whom Serafin sold an illegal rifle. Healy also said Serafin dealt in illegal silencers and weapons meant specifically to kill people.

The ATF agent who eventually bought the rifle from Serafin learned through Internet research that Serafin was the "CO for the 045th BN/44th FF Central Wyoming Militia."

Serafin pleaded guilty last week to possessing illegal firearms -- two AR 15 type rifles with barrels less than 16 inches.

Robert Rogers, Serafin's defense attorney, said during closing arguments that his client only sold the gun to the undercover agent because of government entrapment, and that he never intended to hurt anyone.

For the possession of a firearm to further a crime of violence charge, Serafin faces no less than five years in prison and up to a $250,000 fine. For the unregistered firearm charge, he faces zero to 10 years in prison and up to another $250,000 fine.

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Casper man sentenced for gun violations

By TOM MORTON
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A Casper man who threatened to kill illegal immigrants coming into Arizona will spend six-and-a-half years in federal prison for firearms violations, according to court records filed Tuesday.

Chief U.S. District Court Judge William Downes on Oct. 23 sentenced Richard Serafin to 18 months imprisonment for possessing unregistered firearms, another 60 months for possessing firearms in furtherance of a crime of violence.

Downes also sentenced Serafin to three years supervised release with conditions that include paying child support, participating in substance abuse treatment, abstaining from alcohol and being submitted to searches.

On Aug. 3, a jury convicted Serafin of one count of possessing firearms in furtherance of a crime of violence after a week-long trial in federal court in Casper.

The week before, he pleaded guilty to the possession of unregistered firearms -- two AR-15 type rifles with barrels less than 16 inches -- and desired to go to trial on the other charge.

The federal government regards the possession such firearms a crime of violence because they are designed solely for the purpose of killing people.

In March 2006, the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives began investigating Serafin after the Atlanta office of the agency learned he illegally bought a silencer over the Internet from Germany, Special ATF Agent Steve McFarland wrote in court documents.

McFarland found Serafin's last known address was in the 2200 block of South Richard Street in Casper. The agent conducted a Google search, which indicated Serafin was a member of an anti-government militia type group.

McFarland, operating undercover, contacted Serafin via the Internet and expressed an interest in learning more about militias.

The two met on Nov. 2, and Serafin explained his racist views and how he ran a militia, McFarland wrote.

They met again on Dec. 12 at his house in the 1200 block of West 13th Street, whereupon Serafin sold McFarland a handgun and showed him some other weapons including two sawed-off AR-15 .223-caliber rifles, and a fully automatic Fabrique Nationale, FAL, .308-caliber assault rifle, McFarland wrote.

In January, he told the undercover agent he intended to travel to the Mexican border and harm illegal immigrants after drug runners allegedly burned down his brother's house in Arizona, McFarland wrote.

"He added that he has a 'bad feeling' about what might happen in Arizona, once he gets there. Serafin also said that there may be fewer illegal Mexicans coming into the U.S. after he is there."

He was arrested on Feb. 7 after selling one of the AR-15 rifles to McFarland while armed himself.

During the trial, Serafin's defense attorney Robert Rogers told the jury his client was not a violent person, but the government didn't like his affiliation with militias.

McFarland pressed the issue of buying illegal weapons, and Serafin wondered whether he could legally sell them, Rogers said.

"Rick would never had sold this gun if it hadn't been for the agent's (entrapment)," he said.

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Wyoming extremist charged with weapons violations

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A Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives investigation has resulted in charges against a Wyoming white supremacist and militia activist for weapons violations related to a possible planned attack against immigrants.

Richard T. Serafin of Casper, Wyoming, was charged with possession of firearms not in the national firearms registration and transfer record, and possession of firearms to further a crime of violence.

Serafin, 37, was active in both white supremacist and anti-government militia circles in Wyoming. He led a small militia group he called the 45th Battalion, 44th Field Force, Central Wyoming Militia.

Serafin allegedly told an undercover law enforcement officer that he was relocating to the Arizona-Mexican border to harm illegal immigrants. In October 2006, Serafin posted to a white supremacist message forum that he would be moving to Phoenix in the spring of 2007 to "train and help out the citizen border patrols going on down there." Four months later, in February 2007 he stated that he was going down to Arizona to "help with some 'problems.'"

The ATF investigation of Serafin began in 2006 after he purportedly purchased a silencer from Germany over the Internet. An undercover agent contacted Serafin via the Internet, inquiring about the anti-government militia movement. A meeting was set up, at which time authorities say Serafin detailed his racist views and his connection to a militia.

Serafin had previously frequently expressed white supremacist views on the Internet. He described himself as "racially aware and proud," and in 2004 stated that he was going through a divorce at that time because his then wife was "wishy/washy" about race issues and thought he was too "outspoken." He also admitted having been kicked out of other militia groups for being racist, so he started his own, all-white militia group. Serafin stated that "the thought of mixing with n------, kikes, muds, or whatever makes me puke."

On another occasion Serafin later invited the undercover agent to his home, where he allegedly sold the agent a handgun and displayed numerous weapons, including two sawed-off AR-15 rifles, and a fully automatic assault rifle.

Serafin, who has been in custody since his detention hearing in February, pleaded not guilty to all charges on April 16. His trial is scheduled for April 30 in the US District Court in Casper.

Three other Casper residents, Jana Renae Serafin, Craig Shain and Kristine Jonelle Berwanger, were named in the case and also pleaded not guilty. They are each charged with one count of making a false record in a gun transaction. Shain and Berwanger were released on their own recognizance. Jana Renae Serafin's arraignment is scheduled for April 23.

Wyoming Militia Man Convicted of Federal Firearms Charges

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A federal jury convicted militia member and white supremacist Richard T. Serafin of Casper, Wyoming, of two charges of possession of a firearm to further a crime of violence, and possession of an unregistered firearm.

Serafin, leader of a tiny militia group calling itself the 45th Battalion, 44th Field Force (Central Wyoming Militia), previously pleaded guilty in July 2007, to possession of illegal firearms – two AR 15 type rifles with barrels less than 16 inches. Prosecutors argued that Serafin dealt in illegal silencers and weapons intentionally designed to kill people. The jury convicted him on August 3.

Serafin told an undercover U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms agent, to whom he also sold an illegal rifle, that he planned to travel to the Arizona-Mexico border and help border vigilante groups keep out immigrants.

Serafin faces up to 15 years in prison, and up to $500,000 in fines.

The investigation began in March 2006, when the Atlanta ATF office learned that Serafin had illegally bought a silencer from Germany over the Internet. An undercover ATF agent then contacted Serafin and expressed an interest in militias and purchasing weapons.

Two other defendants-- Jana Renae Serafin and Kristine Jonelle Berwanger, both of Casper-- were also named in the case and await trial. Each was charged with one count of making a false record in a gun transaction. A charge against a fourth person was dismissed.

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Suspect in officers' shooting was into conspiracy theories

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MySpace

Richard Poplawski's photo from mySpace.

Richard Andrew Poplawski was a young man convinced the nation was secretly controlled by a cabal that would eradicate freedom of speech, take away his guns and use the military to enslave the citizenry.

His online profile suggests someone at once lonely and seething. He wrote of burning the backs of both of his hands, the first time with a cigarette, the second time for symmetry. He subscribed to conspiracy theories and, by January 2007, was posting photographs of his tattoos on white supremacist Web site Stormfront. Among his ambitions: "to accumulate enough 'I punched that [expletive] so hard' stories to match my old man."

"Crazy to me is going through the motions," he wrote on his MySpace profile three years ago. "Crazy to me is letting each day slip past you. Crazy is being insignificant. Crazy is being obscure, pointless."

No longer obscure, the 22-year-old is charged in the worst police shooting in the modern history of Pittsburgh. No one is calling his actions anything but pointless.

"He was really into politics and really into the First and Second amendment. One thing he feared was he feared the gun ban because he thought that was going to take away peoples' right to defend themselves. He never spoke of going out to murder or to kill," said Edward Perkovic, who described himself as Mr. Poplawski's lifelong best friend.

Mr. Poplawski's view of guns and personal freedom took a turn toward the fringes of American politics. With Mr. Perkovic, he appeared to share a belief that the government was controlled from unseen forces, that troops were being shipped home from the Mideast to police the citizenry here, and that Jews secretly ran the country.

"We recently discovered that 30 states had declared sovereignty," said Mr. Perkovic, who lives in Lawrenceville. "One of his concerns was why were these major events in America not being reported to the public."

Believing most media were covering up important events, Mr. Poplawski turned to a far-right conspiracy Web site run by Alex Jones, a self-described documentarian with roots going back to the extremist militia movement of the early 1990s.

Around the same time, he joined Florida-based Stormfront, which has long been a clearinghouse Web site for far-right groups. He posted photographs of his tattoo, an eagle spread across his chest.

"I was considering gettin' life runes on the outside of my calfs," he wrote. Life runes are a common symbol among white supremacists, notably followers of The National Alliance, a neo-Nazi group linked to an array of violent organizations.

"For some time now there has been a pretty good connection between being sucked into this conspiracy world and propagating violence," said Heidi Beirich, director of research at the Southern Poverty Law Center and an expert on political extremists. She called Mr. Poplawski's act, "a classic example of what happens when you start buying all this conspiracy stuff."

Mr. Perkovic said Mr. Poplawski's parents had split when he was young.

"His dad's totally out of the picture," said Mr. Perkovic.

According to his MySpace profile online, Mr. Poplawski lived in Stanton Heights, was an avid Penguins fan, considered Mario Lemieux his hero, and held his grandmother, Catherine Poplawski, whom he called "Cukie," in warm esteem.

Mr. Perkovic said his friend essentially dropped out of North Catholic High School. Officials there would only say he was asked to leave.

After the 9/11 terrorist attacks -- a day before Mr. Poplawski's birthday -- he decided to join the military, stopped going to classes and pursued a general educational development certificate.

"In boot camp he had missed his girlfriend so he had to make a decision ... he got himself dishonorably discharged so he could come back," Mr. Perkovic said.

According to Mr. Perkovic, Mr. Poplawski tossed a lunch tray at a drill instructor.

The relationship with his girlfriend, Melissa Gladish, went sour after Mr. Poplawski returned to Pittsburgh.

Court records show that on Sept. 14, 2005, Mr. Poplawski attacked Miss Gladish outside 1016 Fairfield St., the same address at which he would later be accused of killing the three police officers.

Miss Gladish said she had gone to Mr. Poplawski's house "and he began to argue with me and call me names. When I argued back he grabbed me by my hair and said, 'Do you think I'm going to let you talk to me like that? I don't let anyone talk to me like that.'"

He threatened to kill her, the records show. In a form asking Miss Gladish to list all weapons Mr. Poplawski had used, she listed "gun that the defendant says is buried in the park near his house."

Less than a month later, police sought Mr. Poplawski for violating a protection-from-abuse order after he went to Miss Gladish's workplace, a King's Restaurant, and asked her to marry him. He then moved to the West Palm Beach, Fla., area. Mr. Perkovic said he worked there as a glazier for two years.

Two years later, back in Pittsburgh, Mr. Poplawski wrote on MySpace of the episode: "She's lucky I didn't kill that broad myself. Hahaha."

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Return of the Sovereigns

Resurgence of Far-Right Movement Reported

By Casey Sanchez

In the middle of the morning rush hour last July 8, a dapper, 49-year-old gentleman by the name of Angel Cruz tapped his walking cane against the pavement as he serenely orchestrated the armed takeover of a strip mall branch of the Bank of America in a Miami suburb.

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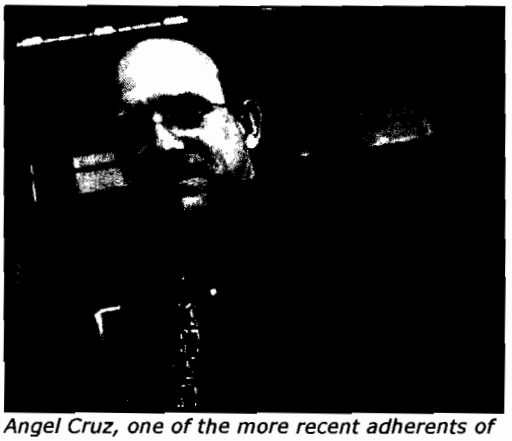
Wearing counterfeit U.S. Treasury badges, 30 of Cruz's followers, including 10 armed guards, blocked the bank's main entrance, parking lot and drive-through lanes. They were fiercely loyal to their fashionable leader, and with good reason: As employees of Cruz's company, The United Cities, they'd been guaranteed lucrative jobs for 30 years and promised new cars while their mortgage, credit card and utility bills were to be paid off in full by their employer. Cruz paid for this largesse — or, rather, purported to pay — with fake bank drafts and fistfuls of "United States Private Dollars," a counterfeit currency he churned out in his Orlando, Fla., home.

As they cordoned off the Bank of America branch, the members of the United Cities crew were calm and officious, behaving as if they had every right to be there, which they apparently believed they did.



Angel Cruz, one of the more recent adherents of the "sovereign citizens" movement, allegedly used phoney bank drafts and armed guards to try to rip off institutions.

One week before the attempted takeover, Cruz had walked into Palmetto Bay, Fla., police headquarters and politely requested backup for his impending "eviction" of the Bank of America. To an incredulous police officer, Cruz handed over a "court order" signed and sealed by a "judge" from the "The United Cities Private Court." It referenced a pending $15.25 billion lawsuit against the Bank of America filed by Cruz the previous month in Miami-Dade County Court. Cruz claimed the bank had wronged him because an Orlando branch refused to cash $14.3 million in phony United Cities bank drafts. Taking his beef public, Cruz also had posted a YouTube video announcing his upcoming "foreclosure" of two Miami-area Bank of America branches while ranting about the Federal Reserve as "Satan's banking system."

"In his own mind, [Cruz] was exercising legitimate authority," Secret Service agent Jim Glendinning told the *Intelligence Report*.

With his three-piece suit, gold-rimmed glasses and red suspenders, Cruz appeared more like a caricature of a wealthy banker than an antigovernment extremist. But the United Cities leader actually personified a particularly flamboyant example of the so-called "sovereign citizens" movement.

Based on financial schemes, paperwork shenanigans and mind-numbing conspiracy theories, the sovereign citizens movement promotes the tantalizing fantasy that anyone can declare himself or herself above and beyond the jurisdiction of government by invoking arcane legal terminology. Its far-right ideology overlaps with and informs that of many anti-Semitic groups, militias, Christian Patriot outfits and other organizations of the American radical right. And now, after swelling for a time in the 1980s and then again during the 1990s, the movement and its ideas seem to be making yet another comeback, with thousands of followers making life miserable for judges, law enforcement officers and a host of other enemies. Court officials, scholars, police and prison officials are all reporting signs of a real resurgence.

In the case of Angel Cruz, the bank raid that capped his embrace of the movement's ideas quickly fizzled after local police arrested him later that morning for trespassing. Out on bail the next day, Cruz was indignant. He continued to taunt Bank of America officers with threats of seizing branches, while informing his followers in online posts that the whole affair was "a dispute between two banks."

Bank of America filed a civil suit against Cruz two weeks later. The following month, Cruz and his right-hand man William Marrero were indicted on federal charges of bank fraud. Cruz's response was to file hundreds of pages of pleadings filled with rambling jargon lifted from decades' worth of sovereign-citizen teachings. Boiled down to their bizarre essence, Cruz's documents argued that the U.S. government has no authority over him and implored the judge to defer to the "Constitution" of The United Cities. When the courts dismissed his pseudo-legal gibberish, Cruz fled Miami. At press time, he remained a fugitive.

Irwin Schiff, now serving a prison term for tax evasion and fraud, wrote tax-protest books that are widely revered by so-called sovereign citizens.

Once More, With Feeling

The roots of Cruz's outlandish ideology stretch back to the Posse Comitatus of the 1970s, an ultra-right, anti-Semitic vigilante movement whose members denied the legitimacy of taxes and of the U.S. government, often filing millions of dollars in fake liens against perceived enemies. (In many states, citizens can file liens against property, often people's homes, that prevent that property from being sold until an outstanding debt is satisfied, even without proof of that debt.) After a Posse adherent killed two U.S. marshals in 1983, the movement largely faded. By that time, however, its core beliefs about sovereign citizenship had taken on a life of their own.

In the early and mid-1990s, the ideas of the sovereign citizens movement gained an ardent new following among antigovernment militia, white supremacist and other radical groups. The movement's so-called "paper terrorism" tactics, in fact, prompted new laws in dozens of states aimed at preventing the use of bogus liens and fake legal documents. More recently, in the late 1990s, the movement incorporated another pseudo-legal strategy, called "redemption theory," that claims the federal government has enslaved its citizens by using them as collateral against foreign debt. Like other theories of the movement, redemption offers a way for adherents to supposedly make fortunes with the use of certain documents.

Originally taught in seminars at remote extremist compounds, sovereign-citizen and redemptionist doctrine and tactics are now spread in online forums like suijuris.net or via DVD courses available through organizations such as Paper Advantage or Citizens of the American Constitution, two sovereign-citizen groups that instruct clients in the wording of the movement's nonsensical legal pleadings. Sovereign-citizen newsletters like American's Bulletin are popular within prisons. College radicals post

sovereign-citizen videos on YouTube and MySpace.

What's more, some observers suggest, it could get worse.

The economic forces that fueled a surge in the sovereign citizens movement in the 1980s — a recession, a spike in interest rates and farm foreclosures — are finding echoes in the current sagging economy and mortgage crisis. Now, worsening financial turmoil, combined with new means of dissemination like the Internet, seem to have helped engender a reenergized sovereign citizens movement. The movement has proliferated beyond its traditional antigovernment base, expanding aggressively among an unlikely mix of black separatist fringe groups, disgruntled police officers and IRS agents, con artists capitalizing on the mortgage crisis, and wholly unclassifiable figures like Cruz.

"It's cyclical," said Jay Adkisson, a finance lawyer who runs the online watchdog Quatloos.com, which monitors and exposes financial and tax-avoidance schemes and frauds. "Anytime the economy is down, you see a resurgence of people blaming the government for what goes wrong."

A 'Resilient' Threat

Although hard numbers don't exist, Michael Barkun, a Syracuse University professor who has studied right-wing extremism in the U.S. for more than 20 years, says anecdotal evidence suggests that there are tens of thousands of followers of sovereign-citizen ideology in the United States. In a 2007 paper for The Journal for the Study of Radicalism, Barkun described the movement as "a stubbornly resilient subculture, a community of the alienated unlikely to disappear any time soon, and a troubling irritant to the rule of law at a time when we scarcely need any additional challenges."

On Jan. 11, 2007, FBI Director Robert Mueller sounded a similar note in testimony to the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence. "The militia/sovereign citizen movement," he said, "continues to present a threat to law enforcement and members of the judiciary. Members of these groups will continue to intimidate and sometimes threaten judges, prosecutors, and other officers of the court."

Although Cruz's armed guards never pulled their guns while blocking access to the Palmetto Bay bank, other recent encounters between law enforcement authorities and followers of sovereign-citizen ideology have resulted in shoot-outs, the use of improvised explosive devices and, most commonly, threats of violence and retaliation directed at judges, jurors and law enforcement officials.

Last April, millionaire tax protester Robert Beale convened a "common-law jury" over his jailhouse phone in Minneapolis to threaten a federal judge. "God wants me to destroy the judge," said Beale. "That judge is evil. He wants me to get rid of her." (The use of so-called common-law juries dates back to the early 1970s, when the Posse Comitatus convened small groups of followers into "common-law courts" that, among other things, issued arrest warrants and subpoenas against local sheriffs and judges, often threatening violence if they did not reply. Many of those in the militia movement of the 1990s also set up common-law courts.)

Beale's common-law jury issued unjustified property liens and "arrest warrants" targeting U.S. District Judge Ann Montgomery. According to an indictment, Beale's goal was to dodge prosecution for tax evasion (he was eventually found guilty on seven counts of evading $1.6 million in back taxes) by violently intimidating the judge. "Once I take down Ann Montgomery, no judge in the whole court will have anything to do with me," Beale said, according to an affidavit filed by an FBI agent. Last October, three members of Beale's common-law group were convicted of threatening a federal judge.

Beale holds bizarre beliefs, but he has not been without his successes. He is an MIT grad who earned $700,000 a year as CEO of the Comtrol computer firm and served as the Minnesota campaign manager for televangelist Pat Robertson's 1988 presidential bid. From 2000 to 2002, Beale was on the board of the far-right news website WorldNetDaily. But his "court," which counted a retired police officer as its chief justice, was based on often absurd interpretations of Old Testament lore.

"God needs us to be like Gideon against the Midianites — 300 versus 120,000 men," Beale said in a recorded call to a member of his common-law court. "We rise up and God will take care of us." The name of the court that Beale believed he operated was a typical sovereign-citizen mouthful of gobbledygook: "Our one supreme court Common-Law court for the de-jure Ramsey: the county: Minnesota; the land a superior court for the People, original jurisdiction under Almighty Yahweh exclusive jurisdiction in and for confederation-government United States of America."

Penetrating the Prisons

Beale and other incarcerated sovereign-citizen activists meet plenty of willing recruits behind prison walls, where the movement is thriving, experts say. Mark Pitcavage, director of research for the Anti-Defamation League and an analyst of the movement, says many sovereign-citizen ideologues have successfully indoctrinated fellow prisoners. "The result," says Pitcavage, "has been a flood of 'traditional' criminals, ranging from embezzlers to drug dealers, employing sovereign-citizen theories in fruitless attempts to get themselves out of prison or, more dangerously, in attempts to retaliate against the public officials and law enforcement officers who put them there in the first place."

Prisoners are being reached in other ways, as well. America's Bulletin sells "The Prison Packet" to inmates for $22. A green, spiral-bound notebook, "The Prison Packet" reformulates sovereign-citizen theories for inmates, focusing on a nonexistent set of "prison bonds" that supposedly underwrite inmates' incarceration. By filing a blizzard of liens and complaints, the notebook promises, inmates can not only free themselves, but also walk away with hundreds of thousands of dollars. (Although outgoing prisoner mail is usually monitored, sovereign-citizen literature often slips by officials because the dense and often incomprehensible jargon they contain doesn't register as glaringly extremist.)

Sgt. Paul Hestekind of the Wisconsin Department of Corrections told the Report about one inmate who recently fell under the spell of "The Prison Packet." "He thinks once he gets all these bonds listed, he cannot be held liable to the laws of counties or states," said Hestekind, adding that he had only recently spotted signs of the sovereign citizens movement in Wisconsin prisons. "He believes he is going to be released," the official said, even though he's not eligible for parole until the 2030s.

Claiming to be the son of original Posse Comitatus members, the inmate last year convinced five other prisoners to file the same paperwork. Still, "They all rescinded theirs" when they learned that the inmate was put in isolation and written up for associating with a security threat group, said Hestekind.

In still other cases, redemptionists worm their way into the prisons through "religious" outreach. Beginning in 2006, Robert Fox, head of the House of Israel, a Texas-based sovereign citizens group, ran a prison ministry that recruited inmate clients for his sovereign-citizen legal practice, even though Fox was neither a lawyer nor a pastor. Police raided the House of Israel three times in May 2008, and Fox was arrested in December on charges of barratry, or improperly trying to solicit business for his legal practice, a felony under Texas law.

Officials in the Crosshairs

The apparently escalating levels of sovereign-citizen activity over the past three years has borne out predictions in a 2006 report by the National Center for State Courts of a resurgence in the antigovernment movement that frequently targeted judges in the 1990s.

Speaking at the Nevada Federal Courts Media Conference last June, Nevada federal judge Kent Dawson described the harassment, vandalism and intimidation that marred the 2005 trial of Irwin Schiff, the "granddaddy" of the tax protest movement. In February 2006, Dawson sentenced Schiff to more than 13 years in prison for tax evasion and fraud.

Although the 80-year-old Schiff wasn't really a part of the sovereign citizens movement, many of its adherents promote his tax-evasion workbooks and Schiff hid his money through the anonymous "banking" services of the

Oregon-based Christian Patriot Association. During the trial, IRS agents had acid splashed on their cars and court personnel had their tires punctured. One Schiff supporter was sentenced to a month in jail for verbally urging a juror to acquit, while another showed up during Sunday services at Dawson's church to harass the judge. During the trial, Dawson and his wife were escorted by federal marshals for their safety.

It was federal marshals rather than judges who were targeted in a prolonged 2007 standoff with New Hampshire tax protesters and former militia enthusiasts Ed and Elaine Brown. (Ed Brown, who once served time for armed robbery, had by then renounced his U.S. citizenship and declared his hatred for "Zionist Jews.") Scores of supporters, from unaffiliated fans to longtime leaders of sovereign-citizen militias, convened at the Browns' heavily fortified house in Plainfield.

After the Browns were finally arrested in late 2007 (they are both now in federal prison), four of their supporters were charged with trying to prevent U.S. marshals from seizing the Browns by stockpiling improvised explosive devices and aiming scoped assault rifles out the second-floor windows of their house.

Earlier this year, members of this "security team" were sentenced to lengthy prison terms. Among them was Robert Wolfe, 50, the Vermont state leader of the Constitution Rangers, a sovereign citizens group. Wolfe received a comparatively light sentence of 30 months after helping prosecutors build a case against Jason Gerhard, 23, Daniel Riley, 42, and Cirino Gonzalez, 31. Gerhard, Riley and Gonzalez had posted YouTube videos and MySpace blogs throughout the nine-month standoff, garnering a following among teenagers and college students. Gonzalez's MySpace blog inspired hip-hop tribute videos and gushing comments.

"I find that Mr. Gonzalez specifically went to the Brown residence prepared to intimidate, prevent and, and if necessary, kill members of the United States Marshals Service," New Hampshire federal judge George Singal said as he sentenced Gonzalez to eight years in prison last October. For their parts, Gerhard and Riley were sentenced to 20 and 36 years, respectively.

Scam Artists or Extremists?

The sovereign citizens movement veers wildly between the deadly serious — threats, bombs and sniper rifles — and the utterly ridiculous, like the notion that legal documents signed in red crayon are not subject to U.S. law.

That particular tenet inspired the title of Bombs, Taxes and Red Crayons, a forthcoming book by J.J. MacNab, an expert on sovereign citizens who has recently testified before the U.S. Senate and other regulatory committees on the growing violence and sophistication of sovereign-citizen movement adherents and other so-called tax protesters. (MacNab argues in favor of replacing the popular term "tax protester" with "tax denier," which, she says, better represents the movement's total disregard for both taxes and the legal consequences of evading them.)

MacNab believes there are effective ways to keep others from falling into the same pit as followers of groups like The United Cities. Among the recommendations she made in a 2006 report to the U.S. Senate Committee on Finance was that the IRS and law enforcement agencies counter sovereign citizens and tax protesters in their preferred locale — the Internet. For example, someone searching the Internet for "UCC sovereign taxes" or "redemption debtor" is led to a rat's nest of antigovernment extremist sites with very little factual information to counter their false propaganda. By contrast, someone entering "Nigerian investment E-mail" into an Internet search engine is immediately confronted with headlines and URLs that scream "scam" and "fraud."

Another problem, Syracuse University's Barkun points out, is that because sovereign citizens often seek money or valuables such as land, "they tend to be regarded by law enforcement as con artists" rather than politically motivated antigovernment extremists. "Yet this misses the point, for there is every reason to think that they believe what they say," Barkun says. That may be why putting sovereign citizen leaders in prison has typically done very little to temper their views. "My guess is that they are utterly convinced of the correctness of their legal position," Barkun says. "Or, failing that, that

the cause is worthy of martyrdom at the hands of what they regard as an illegitimate legal system."

Typically, sovereign-citizen activity is not detected by law enforcement until a group has already started wreaking legal havoc. Many bogus liens are filed in rural county courts, where officials with little or no knowledge of the movement often fail to notice them. Fake incorporation papers, among other legal documents, can be filed digitally with state business bureaus with virtually no oversight.

"One of the most effective ways [of countering sovereign-citizen activity] is not to let it happen in the first place," says Pitcavage. "A bogus lien that never gets filed is just a harmless piece of paper; a bogus lien that is successfully filed becomes a frustrating weapon of retaliation. While some county recorder offices and secretary of state offices are good about refusing to accept bogus sovereign-citizen filings, other offices allow people to file all sorts of abusive documents. Some offices may be afraid of lawsuits, but the plain fact is that more harm always comes out of allowing bogus filings than out of preventing them."

Dethroning Sovereigns

There have been some efforts to fight back. The Michigan Judicial Institute, a training branch of that state's Supreme Court, offers a course on "managing pro se and militia litigants" to familiarize judges, clerks and court security with sovereign-citizen tactics and legal arguments. The National Center for State Courts suggests training court and business filing administrators with a "red flag" list of phrases to watch out for in filings, such as copyright symbols placed after a person's name and zip codes placed in brackets.

In court documents, Cruz, for example, signed his name as "Angel Cruz Durand@, UCC 1-308," an arcane reference to the Uniform Commercial Code, the set of U.S. commercial laws which, in the conspiratorial mindset of the movement's adherents, has replaced civil and criminal law. (According to this conspiracy theory, the U.S. went bankrupt in 1932 and ever since has used its citizens as collateral for foreign loans, hence the turn to UCC law.) Cruz also referred to the U.S. as the "UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INC, a nonprofit Delaware Corporation, amended and Incorporated on 4/19/89." Sovereign-citizen adherents commonly believe the U.S. government, along with the CIA and the U.S. Social Security Administration, operate as religious nonprofits with no accountability.

Many of Cruz's victims — his former "employees," who transferred actual U.S. currency to Cruz's control in return for his extravagant promises — seem to still be invested in this mindset. The Report contacted several persons listed on fraudulent drafts issued by Cruz's organization only to have them immediately hang up the phone. "The loyalty that his victims continue to display to him is remarkable," said Secret Service agent Glendinning.

That's characteristic of the movement, says Pitcavage. "They just don't trust the government at all. As a result, many victims are credulous to the extreme, incredibly unwilling to admit they have been scammed. Others, even when recognizing that someone has taken their money, are still so hostile to the government that they have no interest in cooperating."

Cirino Gonzalez, one of the men charged in connection with turning the Brown residence in New Hampshire into a fortress, may have been a prime example of that stubborn intractability. Even as he faced the possibility of serious prison time, Gonzalez didn't hold back, ripping up a copy of the Bill of Rights on the witness stand and sarcastically telling the judge: "You want me to say I learned my lesson? I did. The lesson is you don't fuck with the government."

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Fear drives rush to stockpile guns

Shop owners swamped, say distributors running out of assault rifles as customers arrive with lists and load up.

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Army Pfc. Ira Crusan, 23 (left) and Army Specialist Tristan Swain shop for personal firearms at Jim's Pawn Shop in Fayetteville on Wednesday. They said they already owned other personal weapons, for which they have permits. TED RICHARDSON – (RALEIGH) NEWS & OBSERVER

Barack Obama said he would improve the economy. Turns out he already has, at least in one retail niche: gun sales.

Starting in the days before the election, gun shops across the state have been mobbed by buyers who fear that Obama and a larger Democratic majority in Congress will restrict firearm sales.

Many were stocking up on things such as assault rifles, high-capacity magazines and handguns that they think would be the most likely targets of new laws, though practically everything related to shooting has been selling more quickly.

"It's been an absolute madhouse," said Trey Pugh, a manager at Jim's Pawn Shop in Fayetteville, which is selling 15 to 20 AR-15 assault rifles a day. "I'm getting guys come in and say I always wanted that gun, and give me that one too and that one and, oh, I need a gun safe, too."

Distributors are running out of assault rifles, he said, and prices are rising.

On the stump, Obama didn't discuss sweeping changes to gun laws. But his stance that local authorities should be able to make "sensible" laws has worried some, as has the fact that many Democrats in Congress favor additional restrictions. The NRA, among others, stoked these fears during the election.

Many purchases appear to be panic buying, Pugh said, because the government could not pass new gun laws before next year. Between the election, fears that the sour economy will spur more crime, hunting season and Christmas sales, the next couple of months will likely be wild for firearms dealers, he said.

"Everybody, and I mean everybody, is buying guns right now," Pugh said.

Stores in the Triangle, such as Young Guns in Apex and Perry's in Wendell, reported hectic sales and lines at cash registers.

"It's been tremendous," said Barry Perry of Perry's Guns in Wendell.

"We have so many customers that parking has been a problem."

Online gun and shooting supply shops say sales in recent weeks climbed along with Obama's poll numbers.

At Villagetactical.com in Oklahoma City, which concentrates mainly on gun parts, sales have doubled since summer, said owner Andy Glunt.

"Some of them have said that they think if they don't buy it now, they won't be able to later," he said.

Fears of more regulation were fueled by an NRA campaign that said Obama would crack down on guns. That notion was amplified in gun forums such as glocktalk.com and AR15.com, where swarms of posters talked of having bought "Obama guns" or detailed election-related gun and ammo purchases. Some even speculated on things such as how a firearms confiscation plan would work.

Longtime handgun owner Bob Nitchke of Mooresville, who posts on glocktalk.com, isn't thrilled with the possibility of more regulation. But he thinks the panic over Obama is out of proportion to any threat.

"I don't think anything is going to happen, particularly in the first couple of years," he said. "I just don't think it's a priority right now, because they've got bigger things to deal with, like the economy."

Anything that's more extreme than the assault weapons ban, such as a bill to stop handgun sales, would be a political disaster, and just seems unlikely.

"What I do know is that gun stores are making a lot of money," he said.

Political likelihoods

It's hard to gauge the likelihood of new laws. Obama has said that local jurisdictions should be able to impose regulations on guns to reduce crime on city streets. At the same time, he said owning guns, including handguns, is an American tradition and should remain legal.

Obama, who taught constitutional law, has said that he believes gun ownership is an individual right.

It's also unclear whether a serious push for regulation is likely from Congress. The number of Democrats there who support gun rights has been increasing. Also, the party fell short Tuesday of winning a filibuster-proof majority in the Senate, leaving Republicans leverage against laws they don't like.

Still, many gun owners fear that Obama will cave in to demands from members of his party who harbor extreme anti-gun views, said Wayne LaPierre, vice-president of the National Rifle Association.

Obama campaigned as a supporter of gun rights, but the media never pinned him down completely on contradictions in his record, LaPierre said.

"The reason gun sales are rising is that gun owners and Second Amendment enthusiasts are justifiably suspicious," he said.

A Clinton-era ban on some semi-automatic assault weapons and parts such as high-capacity, military-style magazines was a political disaster for the Democrats, said LaPierre. The party would pay an even higher political toll if Obama broke the implicit promises he made to gun owners during the campaign.

Expecting new laws

Alan Chapman, an IT professional who lives in Durham, bought a rifle similar to the AK-47 and a semi-automatic handgun in recent weeks because he expects tighter laws and higher prices. A neighbor bought a handgun for the same reason, he said.

"I just wish I could afford more," Chapman said. "Prices are going to go up after the election just based on fear."

He thinks the Democrats could attack permits to carry concealed weapons, but that the most likely change is a new assault weapons ban.

Glunt, the owner of the online shop, said he wasn't completely happy about that windfall.

"I'd rather have business a little slower and not have a threat to our Second Amendment," he said.

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On Concerns Over Gun Control, Gun Sales Are Up

Michael Stravato for The New York Times

Barack Obama is "a gun-snatcher," said Jim Pruett, left, owner of Jim Pruett's Guns and Ammo in northwest Houston. He said sales had been booming recently.

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DENVER — Sales of handguns, rifles and ammunition have surged in the last week, according to gun store owners around the nation who describe a wave of buyers concerned that an Obama administration will curtail their right to bear arms.

"He's a gun-snatcher," said Jim Pruett, owner of Jim Pruett's Guns and Ammo in northwest Houston, which was packed with shoppers on Thursday.

"He wants to take our guns from us and create a socialist society policed by his own police force," added Mr. Pruett, a former radio personality, of President-elect Barack Obama.

Mr. Pruett said that sales last Saturday, just before Election Day, ran about seven times higher than a typical good Saturday.

A spot check by reporters in four other states easily found Mr. Pruett's comments echoed from both sides of the counter.

David Nelson, a co-owner of Montana Ordnance & Supply in Missoula, Mont., said his buyers were "awake and aware and see a dangerous trend."

Mr. Nelson said sales at his store had risen about 30 percent since Mr. Obama declared his candidacy. "People are concerned about overreaching legislation from Washington," he said. "They are educating themselves on the Internet."

In Colorado, would-be gun buyers set a one-day record last Saturday with the highest number of background check requests in a 24-hour period, according to figures from the Colorado Bureau of Investigation.

"We're not really sure who is promoting the concept that a change in federal administrations might affect firearms possession rights," said an agency spokesman, Lance Clem, "but we do know that it's increased business considerably."

Federal law-enforcement officials cautioned that gun sales were extremely volatile. Nationally, rifle and handgun sales surged 17 percent, for example, in May, compared with May 2007, according to Federal Bureau of Investigation figures. That was before Mr. Obama had clinched the Democratic nomination. Sales then fell and were essentially flat by September compared with the year before, even as the campaign heated up, before rising 14 percent in October. November figures were not yet available.

What is clear is that every gun seller — not to mention every advocacy group for gun ownership that depends on dues-paying members — has an incentive to stoke the concern that can prompt a gun sale. Political uncertainty, gun dealers say, is great for business.

“Clinton was the best gun salesman the gun manufacturers ever had,” said Rick Gray, owner of the Accuracy Gun Shop in Las Vegas. “Obama’s going to be right up there with him.”

Sales at his shop doubled on Wednesday, Mr. Gray said, to more than 20 guns from three to 10 on a typical day.

Asked if that made him root for Democratic candidates, Mr. Gray said no. “It’s not all about profits; it’s about what’s he going to do for the country,” he said, noting that he had supported Senator John McCain, who was the Republican nominee.

A National Rifle Association spokesman, Wayne LaPierre, dismissed the notion that the group had any incentive to increase gun sales or membership. “Ridiculous,” Mr. LaPierre said. “I hope President-elect Obama keeps his promises and protects gun rights. If he does that, we’ll be cheering.”

The political battle over guns raged fiercely throughout the campaign in many states where gun ownership is common. On Monday, the day before the election, home-delivered copies of The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette arrived in plastic bags that said, “Vote Freedom First” and “Defend Freedom — Defeat Obama.” The bags were paid for by the N.R.A., whose initials were printed on each one.

Democrats fired back all over the country, with mail campaigns in many states with fliers stating flatly that as president, Mr. Obama would respect an individual’s right to own guns.

“Obama will protect our gun rights,” said one flier sent to homes in Minnesota.

In Montana, Gov. Brian Schweitzer, a Democrat, was photographed shooting his guns outdoors.

But some gun buyers and sellers never forgot, or forgave, Mr. Obama’s widely reported comment in April to a group in San

Francisco that some Americans “cling to guns or religion” in times of adversity.

“It was an annoying comment, and it showed there’s a lot more to him,” said Mike Warner, 38, of Las Vegas, who was shopping for a gun there on Thursday.

Mr. Warner said he was an N.R.A. member and an owner of two guns but wanted at least one more.

Other people, even some shopping for guns, said they thought that some gun enthusiasts’ fears about Mr. Obama were unjustified. James Sykes, a gun collector who was shopping at the Gun Room in Lakewood, Colo., called the rush to buy guns “a lot of hysteria about very little.”

Mr. Sykes, who said he had voted mostly Republican in the past but supported Mr. Obama this year, said that issues like war and the global economic crisis were more pressing for him right now and that he imagined the same was true for Mr. Obama.

“My Second Amendment rights are unquestionably important to me, but so is feeding my family,” he said. “In reality, you won’t be able to afford to buy a gun if your job goes overseas.”

But markets, whether for guns or stocks and bonds, tend to move with their own internal dynamics even in — perhaps especially in — gloomy economic times.

Chris Casella, general manager of Federal Firearms Company in Oakdale, Pa., a suburb of Pittsburgh, said he had been fielding about 30 calls a day from people interested in buying assault-type rifles, especially semiautomatic weapons, often with magazines that could hold lots of ammunition.

“A lot of people are buying them as an investment,” Mr. Casella said. “Better than gold.”

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At Gun Show, Conservatives Panic About Obama Kentucky Gathering Finds Worry About 2nd Amendment, Democratic 'Socialism'
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WEST POINT, Ky. - The sound of gunfire rumbles and echoes from half a mile away, long before anyone can see the entrance. The walk up to the Knob Creek Machine Gun Shoot starts on the country road outside the range, lined with cars from Kentucky, Indiana, Ohio and Georgia. Their occupants scramble for space before grabbing their ammo and starting uphill. They trudge through dirt that mostly, mercifully, has not yet turned into mud, and up to a gate where for $10 ($15 if they want to shoot video) they get an all-day pass to the biggest high-powered arms show in the country.

The noise, loud enough to interrupt a conversation outside of the gates, is deafening inside. Earplugs are not mandatory, only recommended, but everyone has them, from flimsy foam things handed out near the entrance to shapeable rubber plugs on strings to full-coverage, noise-deadening headphones. Every thirty-odd minutes a loud horn blares, and the shooting begins - dozens of Brownings, AK-47s and mini-guns open fire, some with armor-piercing rounds, on a range of broken-down cars, flaming barrels, and metal cans. There are people who've attended this twice-a-year event for decades who flinch when the volleys begin and the smell of gunpowder is wind-blown back into the audience.

As fun as this is - and for the people who arrived before 7 a.m. to set up shop, it is very fun - there's a sense of foreboding this year. At the October 2008 gun show, said one of the organizers of the Jungle Walk
($35 for an Uzi and a stroll through a path of pop-up targets), "it was like a McCain-Palin rally in here. It felt like we were going to win. Then you know what happened."

Ever since the election of President Barack Obama, gun store owners have reported massive increases in sales of firearms and ammunition. Attendees and sellers at Knob Creek can confirm that. Ron Hansen, a retiree from Michigan, grumbles that the ammunition supply at the show has "declined dramatically" since the displays of only a year ago. Myron Moore, a seller making a brisk trade in pistols and clips, explains that sales spiked right after the election and have slipped only a little because people worry this will be their last chance to stock up. "I'm selling everything Obama's trying to ban," he laughs.

Other attendees were uncomfortable revealing their first or last names. As massive as the event is - the Knob Creek Gun Range estimated that around 15,000 people passed through the gates-it does not keep tabs on who comes in. This is a safe haven, where guns can change hands without a lot of paperwork, and where ammunition is relatively cheap, though the prices have skyrocketed in the last few years. A purchase of an old

Mauser rifle that would take some red tape-cutting in a gun shop is hassle-free at the gun range.

This is a place where vendors can sell T-shirts that read "The Fourth Reich: Obama-Biden 2012," and "Hitler Gave Great Speeches Too.." and, most succinctly, "Fuck Obama." It's somewhere for people with hard-to-explain interests in World War II memorabilia can pick up items from Wehrmacht uniforms ("I'm putting the stuff together to make me a German officer," says a man buying a Wehrmacht officer's cap), Adolf Hitler mousepads ("Next time... no more Mr. Nice Guy"), and coffee mugs with Nazi commanders' faces etched on them.

This leads to a certain skepticism of the media. Mark Stevens, whose Nazi merchandise is not moving very quickly on Saturday, declines to talk about it. "Any publicity from the media is bad publicity," he explained.

One man asks a vendor if she has any "Impeach Obama" bumper stickers. Initially, he's open to talking about his problems with the president. "There's a black man in the White House," he said. "What else do you need to know?" He suggests that journalism isn't much of a career and tells me to look for something else to do. But 15 minutes later, he spots me in the range's gun shop and asks me to cross his name out of my notebook. He grabs the book, grabs a pen, and scratches dark black ink onto the paper. "I don't know who you are," he said. "I don't know if you work for the Southern Poverty Law Center. I don't know if you work for the government."

For other attendees, the president's race couldn't matter less. The problem is his ideology, a gun-grabbing fanaticism that they have opposed for decades, as seen in the anti-Bill Clinton stickers and T-shirts that are still visible in some parts of the show. But the ideology has never been quite as threatening. "Within a month everyone knew that we were right about Obama," says Mark Koernke, the militia leader and radio host sometimes known as "Mark from Michigan," who was freed from prison in 2007 after serving a six-year sentence for assaulting police, fleeing, and resisting arrest.

James Delk and his namesake son say that they've bought more ammo and supplies not just because they fear what might become illegal under Obama, but because they fear what could happen in an unarmed, increasingly economically disparate society. "I stocked up on food a little bit," says the elder James Delk. "I've got one bedroom I converted into a food pantry. If it keeps getting worse, and it seems like it is, people are going to start breaking into your home to get food. You need to try to protect your family."

"Now, I hope that Obama succeeds," interjects the younger James Delk, "as long as he obeys the Constitution. They should enforce the laws they have instead of taking it out on innocent gun owners."

Plenty of Knob Creek attendees echoed those sentiments. They forked over as much as $125 for short sessions with AK-47s, and as little as $20 to fire their own guns into the smaller of the event's two ranges. Charles and Daisy Joan Brittain were among the people who'd driven up to shoot their heavy artillery on the big range, their Tennessee drivers'

licenses pinned to their chests in a new security measure. They lounged all day in a tent stocked with drinks, Nutter Butters, Hostess Donuts and cupcakes, shooting a Browning M-2HB, an M-16, and other guns, talking to friends they'd seen six months or a year ago.

The thousands of attendees who only showed up to shoot could avoid some of the more extreme political elements at the event, even if the extremists were hard to miss. The Barack Obama "Birthers," who believe that the president cannot prove that he is an American citizen, were present in a table located close to the main range, near the NRA's sign-up booth. It's a location that allows them to pass out fliers for RiseUpAmerica.com, with a 10-point explanation of how "Barry Soetoro" could be removed from the presidency, to anyone walking through to the rest of the event. "He's an illegal alien!" shouts Theresa Padgett, one of their volunteers. "We have an illegal alien running the country."

"We need your help," says Carl Swensson, the group organizer who has put together a "citizen jury" to indict the president. "They can't go across the country and arrest everybody, although they do have pretty good facilities in the FEMA camps," he says, referring to a conspiracy theory about the government building holding centers for dissidents. In the early afternoon Swensson and Padgett were joined by Orly Taitz, an attorney who has filed multiple lawsuits challenging the president's citizenship, and they got organizers to read an announcement about their effort over the loudspeakers. By the end of the day they have collected at least 400 signatures, and dozens more from retired military members who wanted to sign on to one of Taitz's lawsuits. Still, some people who signed onto the Obama citizenship petitions are grim about the chances of surviving this presidency with something as quick and easy as a legal disqualification.

Alan, a registered nurse from Illinois, asks whether last week's massacre in Binghamton, N.Y. was a set-up. "How many government shooters or special ops teams," he asks, "how many guys were in there killing people just so they could make gun owners look bad?" He's not convinced by media reports about the massacre, especially because the shooter killed himself. "These people always kill themselves. They're either mind-controlled or they're set up."

Alan says that he gets the real story on the threat to gun-owners from Mark Koernke, the militia leader who hangs around the show until the end, wearing Swiss camouflage and carrying copies of "How to Start and Train a Militia Unit." He thinks that the revolution against the government in Washington and "the corporation of the United States" will begin this year, kicked off by some Lexington and Concord stand-off. He gives one attendee some advice about how to take care of his Mauser.

"When this is used in the next war," Koernke says, "it'll be part of the victory weapons that liberated America. 'Yeah, my granddaddy used this in 2011! It was a hell of a fight!'"

View a photo essay of the Knob Creek Machine Gun Shoot here.

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The man charged with murdering three Pittsburgh police officers Saturday posted messages to a racist Web forum, considered getting a white supremacist tattoo, used racial insults online, and reportedly believed that Jews control America.

Richard Andrew Poplawski, who was arrested after a four-hour standoff that began when police intervened in a domestic dispute with his mother, said in a 2007 online profile that his "favorite cuss word[s]" included "you fucking nigger." Around the same time, Hatewatch found, he posted a message to Stormfront.org, the largest white supremacist forum in the world, with a photograph of an eagle tattoo that he has on his chest and a mention that he was thinking about adding more tattoos. "I was considering getting life runes on the outside of my calfs [sic], or just one on my penis maybe," he said in the posting, referring to the symbol of the National Alliance, for decades America's leading neo-Nazi group until nearly collapsing in recent years.

At the same time, the Pittsburgh *Post-Gazette* reported today, Poplawski, 22, believed that the United States was run by a secret cabal of Jews, feared an attack on gun rights, thought that U.S. troops would be used against citizens, and concluded that 30 states had already declared their "sovereignty." He also was said to be a fan of far-right websites run by antigovernment conspiracy-monger Alex Jones. Much of the *Post-Gazette*'s information came from Edward Perkovic, who told the paper — and numerous other media outlets — that he was Poplawski's lifelong best friend. Perkovic said that his friend was opposed to "Zionist propaganda" and had told him that he would "defend himself" if anyone tried to take his guns away.

Perkovic appears to share those beliefs and then some. Until the MySpace profile belonging to "Eddie Perkovic" (which mentions his friend, Richard Poplawski) was scrubbed over the weekend, it contained a wealth of neo-Nazi material captured by Hatewatch. "I must point out the dangers of … our Zionist occupied government, and a slow, painstaking movement toward censorship, mixed bloodlines that will erase national identity … and the way the Zionist media controls everything you see and heard [sic] on your television and radio's [sic]." Perkovic goes on to recommend *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion*, the notorious anti-Semitic forgery; *The Turner Diaries*, the infamous race war novel by National Alliance founder William Pierce; *Jewis*

Supremacy by former Klan leader David Duke; and *Civil War II*, a fictional portrayal by Thomas Chittum of a civil war that tears America apart.

Poplawski is accused of shooting to death three Pittsburgh police officers — Eric Kelly, Stephen Mayhle, and Paul Sciullo III — and wounding a fourth before he was himself wounded in a furious shootout and taken into custody. Officials said that he and his mother had gotten into frequent disputes over the years, and acquaintances said that he had been dishonorably discharged from the Marines three years ago. The *Post-Gazette* also reported that court records showed Poplawski in 2005 threatened to kill his then-girlfriend. He was later accused of violating a protective order in that case.

Alex Jones, the conspiracy theorist in whom Poplawski reportedly was interested, runs two websites, Infowars and Prison Planet, that specialize in a series of the kind of paranoid ideas that animated the militia movement of the 1990s. Jones is a radio talk show host based in Austin, Texas, who has produced or directed films like "Martial Law 9/11: Rise of the Police State," "Endgame: Blueprint for Global Enslavement," "Matrix of Evil: Exposed," and "The Obama Deception." In 2006, he was detained by Canadian authorities as he headed to an Ottawa meeting of the Bilderberg Group, a body frequently accused by radical and anti-Semitic groups of being part of a shadowy international effort to destroy U.S. sovereignty.

14 Responses to 'Alleged Cop-Killer in Pittsburgh Linked to White Supremacist Beliefs'

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1. **GENO said,**

   on April 5th, 2009 at 3:44 pm

   Why do you call the National Alliance "America's leading neo-Nazi group."? Maybe for a very short period as they were. Also, I was correct in the previous blog, that this domestic terrorist who killed 3 officers was indeed caught up on so much propaganda, that it brainwashed and f*ed up his mind with extreme paranioa commonly associated with the scum mentioned in this article.**
   In any given case, this latest incident by a "lone wolf" gunman whose love for white supremacy fantasy, literatures, idealogy, and rhetoric, shall serve as a pretext for what the law enforcement community nationwide may want to consider them the enemy of

the United States. After all, our history is full of this sort of violent conflicts between pro-law and anti-government forces such as the WN. To forget history, we are bound to see more bloodshed like this one in the coming days. If law enforcement still does not see this as grave and gathering threat, then how many more officers must be killed in the line of duty before the WN is taken seriously?

2. **Carter said,**

   on April 6th, 2009 at 9:01 am

   The "Lone Wolf" fantasy may be a by-product or the direct leaderless resistance element we don't know because we don't know the real detail of how this guy got the drop on 3 cops. They respond to a domestic and they let this shit a guy with a dishonorable discharge, a guy who couldn't graduate high school, get straight up to them with a rifle?
   I very sorry for the loss but it sounded like they (the cops) took the shit for granted, that he was harmless. I'm also very surprised that anyone would go to a domestic dispute & have a "walk in" attitude about it. More pubic service personnel are killed in a domestic disturbance than ANY other issue.

   It's pretty crazy what the Germans would have thought of a guy with the last name Poplawski. It was both Jews AND Slavs that made up the population model to be exterminated. But aside all that, I'm there with Geno. The powers that be need to take WN seriously. They need to crush them like the cowardly domestic terrorists they are & give them a serious taste of their own mayhem.
   We already have the laws on the books. Anyone with a dishonorable discharge from the armed services are considered "prohibited" (totally) from buying or owning a firearm. We don't NOT need MORE "feel like we're doing something" laws now.

We need to start to enforce the ones we have.

Perhaps we should develop "re-education camps" for these shits We could give them a job (which they have a tough time with anyway). Because they have to get that low-functioning mentality out of the gene-pool. When this garbage breeds, they just abuse their children with redundant rhetoric.
Wow, this one pushed my buttons! I realized that one cannot "fence sit" with WN. Either you permit these shits to foster their seditious garbage or you crush them. Because they WILL kill you; they are no friend to even their own, let alone public service personnel, or anyone not aligned with their ever-warping psychosis.

3. **Josh Roy said,**

   on April 6th, 2009 at 5:19 pm

   This guy sounds like that fruitloop, Hardy Lloyd. He even lives in the same town. Is there a connection? This jerk has been praising this kid for four days now off his sick, twisted, evil as crazy website! Well…?

   Look at this nut: http://www.hardylloyd.com

   Poster child for insanity!

4. **Ryan the non-Aryan said,**

   on April 6th, 2009 at 6:07 pm

   Speaking of Hardy Lloyd. He is only an upgraded mutant version of Hal Turner, a virulent mouthpiece, a garbage spewing megaphone. He works for the Feds now, in other words he is indebted to them which means that the Feds own him head to toe. Several factors contribute to this bizarre theory. But won't

address them here…..

But in all and all, the SPLC keeps referring to him to that which he is not, i.e. such as a "Creator"(indeed he was a former member of the WCOTC), a "Satanist", or "the Doctor of all evil" et al. That supposed classic photo of Hardy Lloyd seen as a nerd, where he is wearing glasses looking relatively thin with darker hair, is not him. That was a fake imitator designed to make him look like some sort of a retarded computer freak.

Thus, Hardy Lloyd's father is a doctor or surgeon of some sort, working for the Jews. They were said to be members of the Mormon church, yet, for some odd reason, the church refuses to excommunicate him. Rendering the question of Hardy Lloyd's credibility or true intentions as a legitimate threat, despite his screaming juvenile incohorencies for violence on his site. But the average nazi simpleton will surely fall for his philosphical decrepit. While infighting becomes the norm, furthering the divide within the aryans and "anglos".
Sure, he killed a woman back then, but its the agenda behind it all that leads me to doubt him, hence questioning him.

5. **Sam Goldman said,**

   on April 7th, 2009 at 4:13 pm

   Hardy Lloyd is a racist! Pure and simple! He posts racist stickers in the Jewish area, where I live, all the time! He infiltrated the local Libertarian Party and spoke under their banner in Pittsburgh to local area whites! He spreads his racist, hate filled message every other week on telephone poles and car windshields! Every month I find racist stickers in Squirrelhill with the occasional flier on a block of parked cars! He is a part of YOUR SICK MOVEMENT, and you cannot save face by claiming him to be an "agent"! An "agent" of whom? The FBI? Is the FBI anti-

Semitic now? I have spoken to the Libertarian Party and I shall continue to speak out against Mr. Lloyd's racist views! And don't try to tell me that he isn't one of you White Power freaks just because he hangs with Latinos now…! Latinos are also anti-Semitic! La Raza hates Jewish people and wants them out of Mexico!

6. **liam said,**

   on April 8th, 2009 at 7:48 am

   BY THE WAY THE GUY THREW A HISSY FIT BECAUSE HIS MOM THREW HIM OUT OF THE HOUSE AND SHE CALLED THE COPS AND HE SHOT AND KILLED THEM . THE REPORT IS BOGUS. ITS LAZY JOURNALISM DISINFO OR THE REPORTED IS A RETARD

7. **Sovereignty Soldier said,**

   on April 8th, 2009 at 3:20 pm

   What a sham of a site you have. You are nothing more than another globalist arm operating against and lying about people and groups who resist world government. Now you and your cohorts are so obvious in your lies and tactics that your making our job of waking up the masses incredibly easy. We Americans love our nation and our people and will NEVER let fascist/socialist elites destroy what our great founding fathers left us. Now even the police and military are waking up thanks to the ADL and their MIAC report. Sorry but the tactic of divide the people and conquer the land is over. Now the people will unite against the traitors.

8. **Sovereignty Soldier said,**

on April 8th, 2009 at 3:34 pm

True this spoiled little brat was a racist, but trying to say he got ideas or was a fan of Alex Jones is a complete lie. He stated Alex was covering for zionists. This guy was a loon. There have always been loons amongst the people. Now all of a sudden we want to blame others for an individuals actions, try to point the finger at websites exposing tyranny, at free speech, at firearms. I'm starting to think the media clowns and politicians are the loons. This is America and yet everything the politicians and media are talking about, (as far as policies) is completely contrary to American ideals. As far as the system, it is a system of control and I turn my back on it.

9. **Tommy Dewalsh said,**

on April 8th, 2009 at 8:54 pm

The more people like this are encouraged by people such as the National Alliance and groups like the Holy Nation of Odin the more activities like this are going to occur. I was surprised when I read the article on Casper Crowell and was surprised that the Holy Nation of Odin was not on the Hate Map? If a guy like this sees a person like Casper Crowell as a hero, what better way to placate your hero than to murder officers of the law that you despise so much???
I would imagine that the SPLC would be more pro-active on trying to stop the encouragement. Kind of like the DEA tries to stop the drug problem–nip the suppliers! I believe that people have a right to believe however they want but when their actions create criminal acts and their actions are lauded and encouraged by criminals, it is time for groups like the SPLC to step up to the plate and start focusing their efforts on the big dogs. I have friends that have differing religious beliefs and I feel for them and the entire Germanic peoples when some jerk off uses symbols that

have nothing to do with hate.

10. **Josh Roy said,**

    on April 9th, 2009 at 1:49 pm

    Free speech protects guys like Hardy Lloyd, Matt Hale, George Rockwell and Adolf Hitler. You can't claim to be a promoter of civil rights if you are going to say that hate filled crazies like Mr. Lloyd or Mr. Hale or Mr. Poplawski can't speak their peace in safety! If you start to clamp down then many more will turn violent as they begin to see no option BUT violence!

11. **GENO said,**

    on April 10th, 2009 at 11:29 pm

    In reference to those "racist stickers" being posted around in your hood, according to the one hysterical poster above. What you should do is do what the gangbangers in the cities usually do. Get a black marker and simply scribble your choice of words over the "racist stickers". Doing so, is a form of disrespect to the local KKKrauts who posted those them. They spend their worthless dough on producing these stickers, and in essence, they get nothing in return.

12. **Sam Goldman said,**

    on April 12th, 2009 at 12:03 pm

    The guy doing it, Hardy Lloyd, just likes to do it. He does not care if anyone becomes racist, just as long as it pisses us off, which it does! Mr. Lloyd is a different type of racist. He works with nonwhites to attack Jews! What type of racist is this? He seems to hate his own people more than he hates mine!?

13. Hawkeye said,

on April 15th, 2009 at 9:39 am

This is about extremism, folks!!

White supremacists, conspiracy mongering ilk like Alex Jones, religious radicals, political zeolots, eco-terrorists, and so on are nothing more than a irritating, proverbial boil on society's butt.

This type of extremism sickens the average American citizen. These people do not represent America; they do not represent its citizens; and they do not represent freedom, justice, or liberty. They are a threat to our nation and to the world around us; they do not negotiate; they do not resolve conflicts peacefully; they are radical and will stop at nothing to get their way.

They are not a group of people, but rather the sickness that infects the minds of human beings across the globe who absolutely refuse to reason or use constructive logic to draw their conclusions. They are hellbound and determined to drive home their points. They are absolutists and they are a serious threat. They are no different than the Taliban, the Nazis, or ruthless, fascist dictators. When they don't get there way, they don't go off and pout. Nope…they go out and kick the shit out of someone or something; they blow up a clinic, they shoot a few cops, they blow up a building, they fly planes into buildings, they hang someone, they spit in someone's face, and then duck into the shadows like a coward.

Those of you who sympathize with them because of their battle cries for free speech are only fooled by your own political opinions and emotions. The average American believes in the Bill of Rights for reasons involving a collective conscience and the willingness to allow everyone the opportunity to pursue life, liberty, and happiness. Instead, these extreme lunatics take our Bill of Rights

and abuse the freedoms bestowed in it to escape investigation and criminal prosecution in order to carry out of their acts of extreme and grotesque violence. Wanna blame someone for taking away your rights??? How 'bout blaming these extremist loonies who abused your rights to be a free American by robbing society of its safety and security!!

There is no reasoning with these mentally deranged nutcases–only handcuffs, prison, or (depending upon their crime), a lethal injection or a bolt of electricity would do them and the innocent, potential victims around them a world of good.

Sadly, Poplawski is only one of many… I expect to see more violence…

14. Josh Roy said,

on April 16th, 2009 at 11:54 am

The reason why these guys do this stuff is because the system leaves them no other way out other than violence! If the state would leave people alone to live their lives, then we wouldn't have these problems!!

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From the Los Angeles Times
White extremists lash out over election of first black president The Ku Klux Klan is emerging from decades of disorganization and obscurity, and the turnaround is acutely evident -- more than 200 hate-related incidents have been reported since the Nov. 4 election.
By Howard Witt
November 23, 2008

Reporting from Bogalusa, La. - Barely three weeks since America elected its first black president, noose hangings, racist graffiti and death threats have struck dozens of towns across the country.

More than 200 such incidents -- including cross burnings, assassination betting pools and effigies of President-elect Barack Obama -- have been reported, according to law enforcement authorities and the Southern Poverty Law Center, which monitors hate groups.

Racist websites have been boasting that their servers have been crashing because of an exponential increase in traffic.

And America's most potent symbol of racial hatred, the Ku Klux Klan, is reasserting itself in a spate of recent violence, after decades of disorganization and obscurity.

Nearly two weeks ago, the leader of a cell based in Bogalusa, La. -- a backwoods town once known as the Klan capital -- was charged with second-degree murder in the shooting of a woman who allegedly sought to become a member but then changed her mind.

Late last month, two men with ties to a notoriously violent Klan chapter in Kentucky were charged in a bizarre plot to kill 88 black students and then decapitate an additional 14 students -- and then assassinate Obama by shooting him from a speeding car while wearing white tuxedos and top hats.

"We've seen everything from cross burnings on lawns of interracial couples to effigies of Obama hanging from nooses to unpleasant exchanges in schoolyards," said Mark Potok, director of the Intelligence Project at the Southern Poverty Law Center, based in Montgomery, Ala. "I think we're in a worrying situation right now, a perfect storm of conditions coming together that could easily favor the continued growth of these groups."

Experts attribute the racist activity to factors including the rapidly worsening economic crisis; trends indicating that within a generation whites will not comprise a U.S. majority; and the impending arrival of a black family in the White House.

The FBI is investigating whether the recent Klan-related incidents involve conspiracies. And the Secret Service is monitoring the racist

activity "to try to stay ahead of any emerging threats," according to spokesman Darrin Blackford.

One white supremacist leader, describing himself as moderate, professes alarm.

"There is a tremendous backlash" to Obama's election, said Richard Barrett, the leader of the Nationalist Movement in Learned, Miss. "My focus is to try to keep it peaceful. But many people look at the flag of the Republic of New Africa that will be hoisted over the White House as an act of war."

The FBI has no hate-crime statistics yet for 2008.

But based on local media reports, some experts are calling the rise in hate incidents surprising and unprecedented.

"The rhetoric right now is just about out of control," said Brian Levin, director of Center for the Study of Hate and Extremism at Cal State San Bernardino. "When you get this depth of hatred, it usually is the smoke before the fire."

In the small Louisiana town of Angie, 58-year-old Judy Robinson put an Obama sign outside her home a few weeks before the Nov. 4 presidential election. The morning after Halloween, she awoke to find the words "KKK"
and "white power" spray-painted around her yard.

"I thought all that KKK stuff was in the past," said Robinson, who is black. "But now I look at people and think, 'Could he be Klan?' Suddenly I'm feeling like my town is hostile territory."

Experts say modern Klan chapters remain isolated and small, with perhaps 6,000 members nationwide -- a shadow of the group's membership of 4 million in the early 1900s.

Bogalusa, a lumber and paper mill town of about 13,000, is just down the road from Angie.

In the 1960s, historians say, the Ku Klux Klan so dominated Bogalusa's commerce, politics and law enforcement that the group once held a public meeting to debate which black church to burn down next.

Several Bogalusa Klan members were long suspected of shooting two black sheriff's deputies in a 1965 ambush, killing one. No one was ever brought to trial.

"To this day, most white people in Bogalusa know who the killers were, and they were never brought to justice," said Lance Hill, a Tulane

University law professor and Klan expert.

That past now seems less distant.

On Nov. 10, local law enforcement authorities arrested Raymond "Chuck" Foster, 44, the leader of a Bogalusa Klan chapter called the Sons of Dixie, and seven other Klan members in connection with the shooting

death of a Tulsa, Okla., woman who went to the group's remote campsite in St. Tammany Parish for an initiation ceremony.

Authorities say Foster shot the woman when she tried to change her mind about joining the group. He has been charged with second-degree murder; the other Klan members, including Foster's 20-year-old son, have been charged with obstruction of justice.

City officials say they had no idea that Bogalusa has Klan cells.

"I've been here 13 years, and this was a complete surprise to me that there was Klan here," said Police Chief Jerry Agnew.

Yet members of the town's black community say they have been reporting Klan sightings to the police for more than a year. About 40% of residents are black.

In October 2007, residents of one black neighborhood reported white-hooded Klan members riding horses through the streets.

And in March, Klan members openly handed out fliers advertising the second annual Sons of Dixie Knights of the Ku Klux Klan Craw Fish Boil -- held at the house on Louisiana Avenue that Foster was renting from a Bogalusa deputy sheriff.

"The city leaders want to make it look like this is just some small fringe group," said former City Councilman Marvin Austin, 61, who once belonged to the Deacons for Defense, a black group that formed in the 1960s to defend black residents from the Klan.

"But the Klan still has a lot of sympathizers here."

Witt writes for the Chicago Tribune.

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Militia group to meet Saturday
By Kory Loucks Journal Inquirer
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EAST WINDSOR - A newly formed militia group is scheduled to hold a recruitment meeting in town Saturday, the second such meeting in as many months.

The first meeting of the Northern Connecticut Constitutional Militia happened Dec. 6 at Sunrise Park in Suffield, an event that police kept a close watch over.

Suffield Police Chief Michael Manzi said two of his police officers attended the event "to keep the peace" if necessary. However, Manzi said, the meeting, which attracted about 20 men and one woman, took place without incident.

"We attended to ... maintain peace and there were no issues," Manzi said.

"They are pro-NRA," Manzi said of the National Rifle Association. "They want to make sure we have the right to bear arms. They are not extremists."

Manzi added, "They are a bunch of fundamentalist guys who spoke about survivalist things."

The group's literature says it is looking to "meet like-minded people" who "support the second amendment and the U.S. Constitution."

The second amendment says that "a well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed."

According to Northern Connecticut Constitutional Militia, its intent is to inform and to "improve readiness" in case terrorists attack or a global financial crisis occurs.

"A well-armed citizenry is the best homeland security," literature says, "and can better deter crime, invasion, terrorism, or tyranny."

It says all people are welcome, "regardless of race, creed, color, tint, or hue," or political affiliation. Those who are not welcome are those who "intend to bring harm or destruction to our fellow citizens" or "if you are a communist/socialist you are not welcome."

Manzi said the group wasn't "really bashing the government." Actually, he added, its was "kind of disorganized."

East Windsor police said they did not intend to send officers to the event Saturday, which will start at 10 a.m. at the Sportsman's Club, 30 Apothecaries Hall Road.

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Bad Economy May Fuel Hate Groups, Experts Warn Experts Warn That Downturn Could Drive Discontent, Help Extremists Recruit By Carrie Johnson Washington Post Staff Writer Sunday, January 11, 2009; A04

For 20 years, Bart McIntyre has tracked white supremacist movements, even spending two years undercover in Alabama to penetrate a violent young band of criminals who called themselves the Confederate Hammerskins.

Away from his wife and young daughter, McIntyre took the alias "Mark," attended Ku Klux Klan rallies and educated himself in racist propaganda.
He and a law enforcement partner ultimately helped build criminal cases that sent more than 10 men to prison for their involvement in the murder and vicious beatings of black men in the Birmingham area in the early 1990s.

Now, as McIntyre prepares to retire from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, he and other analysts are warning that the threat from hate groups and splinter organizations connected to the Klan should not be underestimated, especially at a time of economic unrest.

"In society, you have a very small number of people who are going to push the envelope and take it to the next step," said McIntyre, the resident ATF agent in charge in Roanoke.

Veteran investigators say they have advocated for increased attention to the problem since late September, when the nation's economic troubles widened, giving white supremacists a potent new source of discontent to exploit among potential recruits.

The number of U.S. hate groups has increased by 48 percent, to 888, since 2000, according to experts at the Southern Poverty Law Center, an independent organization that monitors racist movements.

Although questions persist about the ability of such groups to carry out violent plans, several recent national developments have combined to worry analysts, said Mark Potok, chief of the law center's Intelligence Project. In addition to the economic downturn, he cited rising immigration, demographic changes that predict whites will not be a majority within a few decades, and what some might see as "the final insult -- a black man in the White House."

The election of Barack Obama, who will become the first African American president when he is inaugurated Jan. 20, prompted a short-term burst of hateful incidents including racist graffiti, cross burnings and violence from New York to California, according to news reports and criminal indictments. On Wednesday, the U.S. attorney in Brooklyn indicted three Staten Island men on hate crimes charges,

alleging that they assaulted black residents "in retaliation for President-elect Barack Obama's election victory."

Last week, intelligence officials assessing security threats to Obama's inauguration found no evidence of an organized plot, although they expressed concerns about "individuals on the extremist fringe of the white supremacist movement" who might see the event as an ideal time to make a powerful statement.

Law enforcement officials declined to discuss the impact of Obama's victory, but several recent criminal cases investigated by the FBI and the ATF touch on the issue. In Tennessee, two young men -- one with ties to the Southern White Alliance, an offshoot of the Imperial Klans of America -- were arrested in October and charged with conspiring to threaten and kill African Americans. Daniel G. Cowart and Paul M. Schlesselman carried a short-barreled shotgun, a .357-caliber handgun and cases of ammunition across state lines as part of the alleged plot.

Authorities say the men planned to overtake a predominately African American school, kill scores of people, and then attempt a drive-by attack on Obama while wearing white top hats and tails, according to government court filings. Cowart and Schlesselman have pleaded not guilty and are being held without bond until their trial.

"They sound crazy, like a really bad movie -- Quentin Tarantino gone awry," Potok said. "You listen to that, and you say, 'In a hundred thousand years, they never would have reached Obama.' But the reality is, they might have walked into a black high school and killed 20, 30, 40 people before anybody knew who they were."

Last month, federal prosecutors in Roanoke lodged new criminal charges against William A. White, a prominent young movement leader who calls himself the commander of the American National Socialist Workers Party. White sent letters laced with racial epithets and swastikas to the homes of black tenants involved in a housing discrimination lawsuit, according to the seven-count indictment. He also posted threats on his Web site, Overthrow.com, and in Internet chat rooms visited by white supremacy supporters, authorities said.

Shortly before he was taken into custody in mid-October, White posted on his web site a photo of Obama "with cross-hairs taking the form of a "swastika" over his face, according to a sworn statement by FBI special agent Maureen E. Mazzola in the bureau's Chicago field division. White had solicited $10,000 that would have allowed him to print 20,000 copies of the image and distribute them in 14 "major drops" before the November election, Mazzola reported.

White is one of many hate crime suspects who have used the Internet to connect with like-minded people, said Jim Cavanaugh, a 34-year veteran of the ATF. Cavanaugh said he based his observations on long experience, not any specific pending cases.

"These three things -- the Internet, immigration and the economic crisis -- that is the molten mixture for these guys," said Cavanaugh, who leads the ATF's Nashville office. "That is the furnace of hate. As we speak, this is happening."

In recent years, the racist hate movement has veered away from large-scale, Klan-type gatherings as many of its most prominent leaders died, went to prison or buckled under personal and financial troubles, according to scholar Brian Levin. Instead, followers come together online at Web sites such as Stormfront.org, which attracts an estimated 150,000 registered users who view instruction manuals, learn movement history and exchange stories.

The Stormfront site allows users to share information about birthdays, dating preferences and "white nationalist demonstrations," as well as self-defense tips. One recent day a headline about Jewish fund manager Bernard Madoff, the alleged mastermind of a $50 billion Ponzi investment scheme, ran across the top of the site.

"The number of real, hard-core hate-mongers is quite low," added Levin, director of the Center for the Study of Hate and Extremism at California State University at San Bernardino. "The major risk is some splintered part of a hate group or an unstable person who uses the Internet to identify methods, targets, timing and opportunity."

One of the ATF's biggest recoveries came in 2007, when agents arrested seven members of a group calling itself the Alabama Free Militia.

A government informant met a militia member at a flea market, infiltrated the group and eventually reported that he saw grenades in a member's home. The group allegedly stockpiled weapons while planning to attack a group of Latino residents near Birmingham. Ultimately, authorities seized 130 grenades, a grenade launcher, a machine gun and 2,500 rounds of ammunition. The trailer home of one suspect was booby-trapped with tripwires and hand grenades, according to law enforcement agents.

All seven men have pleaded guilty.

The FBI reported in October that the number of hate crime incidents dropped last year by a little more than 1 percent, to 7,624. But violence against Latinos and gay people slightly bucked the downward trend, bureau officials said.

At the same time, according to the Anti-Defamation League, "most sections of the country have seen a significant and troubling resurgence of racist skinhead activity" over the past five years.

The trick for investigators, the ATF's Cavanaugh said, is separating hateful words from impending violence. "They all hate, they all go to rallies, but for the most part, most of them will not go out and plant a bomb or shoot," he said. "Maybe four or five out of 100 will go out and do that. The hard part for us is to sort out the free speech and find the person who's really going to make a bomb or shoot someone."

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Hate groups pose new security concerns for inauguration By Carolyn Peirce Examiner Staff Writer 1/13/09

Law enforcement officials are facing a new set of security concerns on Inauguration Day as racist and white supremacist groups boast growing membership numbers in the wake of President-elect Barack Obama's victory.

An estimated 2 million people, including several thousand from the Baltimore region, will gather next week in Washington, D.C., to witness the first black president being sworn into office, a moment symbolizing progress to many Americans and daunting security challenges to law enforcement.

"Obviously, there's rhetoric out there and comments that have been made," said Brian Carter, an FBI spokesman from the Washington, D.C., field office.

"We've been working on this for six months from an FBI standpoint, and based on the intelligence that we've gathered, as it stands right now, there are no specific or credible threats to any of the events involved in inauguration."

The U.S. Secret Service is overseeing 58 federal, military, state and city law enforcement and public safety agencies working in concert to ensure a smooth event, but "if an incident takes place, that's when the FBI takes the lead in crisis management," Carter said.

Between 500 and 700 FBI agents dressed in plain clothing will be blending in with the crowd, watching for any suspicious activity or packages left unattended during the Jan. 20 ceremony and parade on the National Mall, Carter said.

"I don't want to comment on any specific techniques and fail-safe measures that we have in place," said Baltimore FBI spokesman Richard Wolf.

"We're going to abstain from giving details."

Though authorities don't anticipate any violent plots, several white supremacy groups are calling on members to wear black arm bands and carry the U.S. flag upside down as a symbol of their disapproval on Inauguration Day, said Marilyn Mayo, spokeswoman of the Anti-Defamation League, a national civil rights and human relations agency.

"They think this is a tragedy for America now that we have an African-American president," she said.

Obama's election spurred a new fervor among white supremacists exchanging racist rhetoric on Web sites like Stormfront.org, which crashed from the number of visitors logging on to blast Obama, Mayo said.

"We obviously have to be concerned about the safety of Obama as the first black man in the White House ... but the reality is that it's extremely difficult to anticipate any kind of attack," said Mark Potok, spokesman for the Southern Poverty Law Center, a nonprofit that tracks the 888 active hate groups nationwide.

"Presumably, anyone targeting Obama is not going to chit-chat about it on a Web site. The more likely scenario is a 'lone wolf' who's not working with a group."

The Secret Service has released few details of safety measures in place, other than screenings at entry points on the Mall, a loudspeaker for crisis notification and increased security in the air and water for the Washington metropolitan area.

Security checkpoints and K-9 units also will be implemented around critical transportation infrastructures, including MARC lines.

For a list of road closures and other security requirements, visit www.secretservice.gov.

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Ex-cop sentenced for makeshift bomb
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By Paula Reed Ward, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

A former Pittsburgh police officer was sentenced to 52 months in federal prison yesterday for possessing improvised explosive devices at his home.

Paul A. Palmer Jr. received a five-month break on the recommended sentence because U.S. District Judge David S. Cercone said he's already been punished to some degree.

Mr. Palmer lost part of his left arm below the elbow in an explosion at his Oakdale trailer in May 2007.

"The biggest victim of this incident was the defendant himself," Judge Cercone said.

North Fayette police officers responding to the scene found Mr. Palmer sitting on a step outside his trailer with burns to his upper chest, singed hair and a severely injured left hand, which was later amputated.

During a search of the home, investigators found a number of components for IEDs, including black powder, cardboard tubes, red phosphorous and a green pyrotechnic fuse that was hidden in the padding of an armchair.

"Paul's use and construction of these explosives were not meant to harm anybody, and he did not harm anyone but himself," said Mr. Palmer's defense attorney, James Wymard.

Some of the explosives found were used by Mr. Palmer to "go out in the woods to blow up pumpkins -- which is a common practice in the area where he lives," Mr. Wymard said.

Mr. Palmer referred to those as "home-made" M-80s.

"I didn't even know the potential damage until this happened," he said. "I never meant to harm anybody."

But Assistant U.S. Attorney Shaun Sweeney disagreed.

"These devices also included metallic BBs," he said. "If you just want to blow something up, there's no need for that ingredient."

During a search of his home, agents also found a large amount of literature from white supremacy groups, in particular the Aryan Nation. There were 15 books and two flags, they wrote. Mr. Palmer also has a number of tattoos consistent with those groups.

He was previously convicted in a road rage incident from 2003 in which he fired a gun at a passing motorist on the Parkway West. He was sentenced to time served plus three years' probation.

Mr. Wymard asked the judge for a lesser sentence, arguing that his client suffered sexual abuse as a child and is mentally ill -- taking five psychiatric medications each day.

At the time of the incident, Mr. Palmer, who had been an officer with Pittsburgh for more than 10 years, had been off-duty for a year with carpal tunnel syndrome. He resigned after his arrest.

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Extremism in the News

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Washington Man Pleads Guilty in Weapons Arsenal Case

On March 13, 2009, Ronald Struve pleaded guilty to five federal charges of illegal possession of firearms and explosives in U.S. District Court in Seattle. In accordance with the federal plea agreement, Struve pleaded guilty to possession of plastic explosives, a North Vietnamese machine gun, a silencer, a grenade launcher, and a grenade. Struve faces up to 78 months in prison at his June 5 sentencing.

Weapons Arsenal Found in Washington Storage Units

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Federal agents with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) arrested a Spokane, Washington, man after finding a huge arsenal of military-grade weapons in a storage facility he was renting.

Ronald L. Struve, 65, is charged with illegally possessing automatic weapons including grenade launchers, rockets, machine guns and plastic explosives, and illegally storing them.

During the search of Struve's Spokane home, agents found anti-government literature, including a bumper sticker reading, "End the Fed," an example of the hostility of anti-government extremists to the Federal Reserve. Right-wing anti-government extremists (the so-called "patriot" movement) generally believe that Federal Reserve Notes (i.e., paper money) are not legitimate currency, and advocate repealing the entire Federal Reserve U.S. banking system. Recent "End-the-Fed" rallies have taken place across the United States promoting legislation to repeal the Federal Reserve Act.

Struve's attorney characterized his client's ideology as "unusual political views."

Agents were first alerted to the situation in early November, after the rent for Struve's public storage locker went unpaid and the lot auctioned off the contents. The man who purchased the contents brought the weapons home, but called the ATF after realizing that many of the items were illegal to possess, including over seven pounds of C-4 plastic explosives.

Months of investigation connected the items to Struve, who has reportedly not denied ownership.

Following his January 6, 2009, arrest, agents searched two additional storage units and a stored vehicle belonging to and leased to Struve, where they discovered more weapons.

In part, agents have seized 37 machine guns, a Russian sniper rifle, an AK-47 assault rifle, two grenade launchers, 54 grenades, 12 silencers, the C-4 explosives, and various machine gun parts that are illegal to own without federal licenses. Over 30 legal firearms are also currently being kept in federal custody for safekeeping while the investigation continues.

According to the authorities, Struve told the agents that he did not have any intention of selling the weapons, but believed that he would need to use them at some point in the future.

Struve was transferred from Spokane to Seattle, where he appeared in federal court for a preliminary hearing on January 23. He was ordered held without bond as a danger to the community and a flight risk.

Struve may face additional charges.

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Group of men accused of leading an anti - government faction
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Action News is learning more about a group of men accused of leading an anti-government faction and being involved in money laundering, tax scams, and threats to law enforcement.

Among that new information, none of those four men have a criminal history.

That, in part, led to their release from federal custody Friday evening after being arraigned.

However, a prosecutor argued that one of those men said "law enforcement officers need to duck for an attack because I'm hunkered down."

When federal agents raided Harold Call's home in Northwest Las Vegas Thursday, they raided it heavily armed and heavily armored.

Those tactics ATF Special Agent, Thomas Chittum, knows all too well.

"The allegations of possession of illegal firearms is one the ATF takes seriously," he says.

Call pleaded not guilty to firearms charges Friday in federal court.

But outside his home, he advertised with stickers what federal agents say they found inside, much of which was hidden in a makeshift crawl space in the attic.

Agents seized:

-27 firearms, including machine guns

-stockpiles of food supplies

-night vision goggles

-surveillance cameras.

Former FBI agent, Jan Alan Lindsey, was arrested on tax charges.

He pleaded not guilty Friday to not paying income taxes, filing false forms, and hiding assets under third party names from 1999 through 2006.

Two other suspects were arrested in the raids, charged with laundering hundreds of thousands of dollars.

One of them is accused of masking it behind the charity of being a rabbi.

He pleaded not guilty too.

The other suspect wouldn't cooperate with the judge, who entered a not guilty plea for him.

"We'll continue to investigate with the FBI and our partners at the JTTF all across the country," says Chittum.

Much of what the Joint Terrorism Task Force is investigating in this case is all four suspects' involvement in an anti-government sovereign movement.

Part of the prosecutor's argument to remand the suspects was that they said they didn't recognize the court's jurisdiction over them.

He even cited Lindsey as saying "a few dead IRS agents and a revolution would shake them up."

However, all of the suspects gave their word they'd appear for trial.

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'Bean can grenade' recipe lands man in U.S. custody

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By Paula Reed Ward, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

A Clearfield County man who gave undercover federal agents explicit instructions on how to make what he called "bean can grenades" has been arrested on weapons charges.

Bradley Kahle, 60, of Troutville, who said the election of Hillary Rodham Clinton or Barack Obama would prompt a civil war, is being held pending a detention hearing today in Johnstown.

He is one of four men now charged in separate but related investigations by the U.S. attorney's office related to possible militia activity.

The three others, also in custody, were indicted by a federal grand jury last week. They have detention hearings in Pittsburgh today.

According to an eight-page affidavit filed in Mr. Kahle's case in U.S. District Court yesterday, undercover officers have been meeting with him for more than a year.

On Sunday, federal agents served a search warrant at his home, finding 16 improvised explosive devices in a "gun reloading room." They were made out of cardboard cylinders and sealed on both ends with epoxy, with non-electric fusing systems. Agents also found cans of fragmentation and bags of lead shot.

At a previous visit to his home on April 10, according to the affidavit, Mr. Kahle showed two undercover agents several firearms, including assault rifles and a sniper rifle, as well as 5,000 rounds of ammunition.

The information in the affidavit dates to Feb. 1, 2007, when Mr. Kahle described for the undercover officers how to make what he called a "bean can grenade."

Such a grenade, he told them, is made by cutting the top off a bean can and putting an M-1000 firecracker inside. Then, police said, Mr. Kahle described in detail how to attach a fuse and pack shrapnel inside.

"Kahle continued that a tactic for employing a bean can, if raided, is to wait until the police shoot gas through your door," the affidavit said. "The hole made by the gas projectile can then be used to throw a bean can grenade back out at the approaching entry team to kill as many law enforcement officers as possible."

Over the next several months, the undercover agents met with Mr. Kahle multiple times. At one meeting, they talked about a terminally ill person.

Mr. Kahle said if he had terminal cancer he "might as well" shoot a judge or a few police officers, the agent wrote. "You wouldn't want to be near me. SWAT teams included. Bring them all on. ... don't send the kids, bring your very best. Hey, 8 or 10 good bean bombs ... 5 or 600 rounds of ammo and some good equipment. I would be a tough take," he was quoted as saying.

Later, in July, Mr. Kahle told the undercover officers that he made 20 bean can grenades at a time, concealing them in toilet paper and plastic bags, which kept them dry and provided an easy fuel for lighting.

"On Aug. 11, 2007, Kahle advises the [undercovers] that shooting judges, magistrates and chiefs of police would start the doomsday process, or words to that effect."

Then, on March 27, according to the affidavit, Mr. Kahle offered to make the grenades at their next meeting, saying that he had five or six M-1000s.

Two weeks after that, the affidavit said, "Kahle said words to the effect of, that 'if Hillary Clinton or Barack Obama get

elected, hopefully they will get assassinated. If not they will disarm the country, and we will have a civil war.'"

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Friend says 2 accused in Woodburn bombing talked of robbing bank for years

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Two suspects charged in the Woodburn bank bombing last December had talked so much about robbing banks that it became "white noise," a friend told police.

And one of the suspects, Joshua A. Turnidge, had even called in a fake bomb threat against a Woodburn bank in 1994, according to an affidavit from investigators relaying the friend's account.

Joshua A. Turnidge and his father, Bruce A. Turnidge, face aggravated murder and other charges stemming from the bomb blast at a West Coast Bank that killed two police officers and seriously injured a third. They have pleaded not guilty, and a pre-bail hearing is scheduled for next week.

The recollections of the friend, Ronald Joseph Laughlin, were made public as part of investigators' request for a search warrant in the ongoing investigation.
Laughlin, a longtime friend of Joshua Turnidge, contacted investigators through a tip line, the affidavit said.

Laughlin said that in 1994, he met Joshua Turnidge for lunch at Kentucky Fried Chicken on the Newberg highway. Joshua Turnidge told him of his bomb threat to a nearby

Woodburn bank, and his demand that workers deliver $20,000 to $40,000 to a construction site port-a-potty. Laughlin recalled watching as police arrived, the affidavit said.

He also told investigators that the Turnidges -- as well as another family member, Pat Turnidge of Salem, talked extensively about robbing a bank and how to do it. Laughlin said he remembered a specific idea they had to blow up a propane tank on Commercial Street in Salem to divert law enforcement while they robbed a bank on the other side of town.

Laughlin told police "He would laugh at some of the dumb plans and never thought the Turnidges were serious about their robbery plans," the affidavit by Salem Detective Mike Bethers said.

Pat Turnidge, who is Bruce Turnidge's brother, has not been implicated in the crime. Laughlin had been friends with Joshua Turnidge from the eighth grade, when they attended Salem Academy. They remained friends and in 2003, became business partners in a cell phone tower company, Rosh Construction Co. in Washington.

But Laughlin, the affidavit states, told investigators that "Joshua was foolish with his money and not a good business partner," and the two stopped working together in 2005. The split was amicable, the statement said, and Joshua Turnidge last communicated with

Laughlin in November about large batteries used in cell phone towers.

He also told investigators that Joshua Turnidge was a Constitutionalist, although "he didn't believe that Joshua knew what that meant," the affidavit states.

Constitutionalist is a name taken by many far-right critics of the U.S. government. The term, defined in dictionaries as one who adheres to constitutional principles, was co-opted in the 1990s by self-professed patriot and militia organizations whose members felt the government was not following the Constitution.

Laughlin also said he believed that Joshua Turnidge was influenced by his father's beliefs and that the two were "anti-government although not specifically against police." They had talked in front of him "about sniping police officers who responded to a hoax incident with a high-powered rifle."

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Marine's Arrest Again Raises Issue of Extremists in the Military

Posted in Extremists in the Military by Mark Potok on February 12, 2009

It's no surprise that a person who allegedly hoped to kill President Barack Obama has white supremacist leanings. But the fact that the threat allegedly came from a U.S. Marine has again raised the issue of extremists in the military.

Marine Lance Cpl. Kody Brittingham, stationed at Camp Lejuene, N.C., was arrested in mid-December on an unrelated armed robbery charge and, as a result, separated from the service on Jan. 3. But a search of Brittingham's barracks also turned up a journal containing white supremacist material and a plan to kill Obama, according to a newspaper account. That reportedly prompted a Secret Service investigation of his alleged threats against the president that is ongoing.

The incident is the latest disturbing account that suggests extremists are infiltrating the military — even as officials deny there's a problem. Yesterday, Southern Poverty Law Center President Richard Cohen wrote to the Pentagon expressing his disappointment that military officials have taken no action on evidence of white supremacist activity in the military provided as early as 2006 by the SPLC.

"To be frank, it appears that we're not getting anywhere," Cohen wrote to Under Secretary of Defense David Chu in his Feb. 11 letter. "We provide evidence from multiple sources about the problem of extremists in the military, and you continue to claim that the military already has a zero-tolerance policy. You tell us that we should bring any information we have about extremist activity by specific Service members to the attention of appropriate Service authorities. But, as we have explained in our reports and in previous letters to you and the Secretary, we have done so, and the authorities have not taken action."

The SPLC first brought the problem of extremists in the military to the attention of Pentagon officials in 1995, when three neo-Nazi soldiers stationed at Fort Bragg murdered two black North Carolinians. Then-Defense Secretary William Perry responded forcefully, saying there was "no room for racist and extremist activities within military." A major investigation and crackdown followed in 1996.

But a decade later, military recruiters, under intense pressure to meet quotas for the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, began to unofficially lower entrance standards. As a result, in 2006, the SPLC issued a major report, "A Few Bad Men," that revealed that large numbers of neo-Nazi skinheads and other white

supremacists were joining the armed forces to acquire combat training and access to weapons and explosives.

The SPLC report was sent to then-Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld along with a letter from Cohen urging the military to adopt a zero tolerance policy with regard to extremists in the ranks. Forty members of Congress wrote a similar letter, as did Sen. Richard Shelby (R-Ala.). But in his letters of reply, Chu dismissed all their concerns as exaggerated. The military took no remedial action.

Two years later, in 2008, the SPLC reported on new evidence — including an unclassified FBI report — that supported its initial findings. After that report, Cohen wrote Chu, again asking that the military adopt a zero tolerance policy. Chu replied on Dec. 28, saying the military already had such a policy in place and needed nothing more. "We are committed to sustaining a culture in which all personnel from diverse backgrounds serve together in defense of our great nation," Chu wrote.

But numerous cases suggest otherwise.

One example of the military's failure to act was cited in SPLC's original 2006 report — the case of Matt Buschbacher, a Navy SEAL who attended the 2002 leadership conference of the neo-Nazi National Alliance while on active duty. This group's leader has espoused murdering America's Jews in abandoned coal mines and was the author of The Turner Diaries, the race war novel Timothy McVeigh used as a blueprint for the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing. The SPLC alerted military officials to the fact that Buschbacher was producing neo-Nazi recruitment fliers via his Racialpride.com website while on active duty. But Buschbacher was allowed to complete his tour of duty in Iraq and given an honorable discharge.

Also mentioned in the 2006 report was the case of Robert Lee West, then an active duty member of the Air Force. When the SPLC informed officials of West's activities, which included posing in front of a swastika flag with two assault rifles and ranting about the "Zionist Occupied Government," they said no action would be taken unless he recruited fellow extremists or committed a crime.

Extremist infiltration of the military was also detailed in a much more recent report from the FBI, "White Supremacist Recruitment of Military Personnel Since 9/11," which was released last summer to law enforcement officials. "The military training veterans bring to the [white supremacist] movement and their potential to pass this training on to others can increase the ability of lone offenders to carry out violence from the movement's fringes," the FBI report said.

Also in 2008, a new report by the SPLC revealed that 46 members of the white supremacist social networking website Newsaxon.com then identified themselves as active-duty military personnel. Six of these individuals were members of the "White Military Men" subgroup on the site. The report also quoted a racist skinhead who last year posted a comment to a neo-Nazi online forum, excitedly saying that he'd joined the Army and specifically requested an assignment where he would learn how to make an explosive device. "I have my own reasons for wanting this training but in fear of the government tracing me and me loosing [sic] my clearance I can't share them here," the poster, "Sobibor's SS," wrote. Sobibor's SS provided enough biographical information that military officials should have been able to identify him. The SPLC reported this information to the military, but no action seems to have been taken.

In this week's letter, the SPLC's Cohen asked Chu not to again ignore the warning signs. "In our view, the continued presence of racial extremists in the military is a recipe for disaster," Cohen wrote. "The recent case of Marine Lance Cpl. Kody Brittingham illustrates the point. … We urge you to take action."

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Southern Poverty Law Center

A Few Bad Men

Ten years after a scandal over neo-Nazis in the armed forces, extremists are once again worming their way into a recruit-starved military.

by David Holthouse

July 7, 2006 -- Before the U.S. military made Matt Buschbacher a Navy SEAL, he made himself a soldier of the Fourth Reich.

Before Forrest Fogarty attended Military Police counter-insurgency training school, he attended Nazi skinhead festivals as lead singer for the hate rock band Attack.

And before Army engineer Jon Fain joined the invasion of Iraq to fight the War on Terror, the neo-Nazi National Alliance member fantasized about fighting a war on Jews.

"Ever since my youth -- when I watched WWII footage and saw how well-disciplined and sharply dressed the German forces were -- I have wanted to be a soldier," Fain said in a Winter 2004 interview with the National Alliance magazine *Resistance*. "Joining the American military was as close as I could get."

Ten years after Pentagon leaders toughened policies on extremist activities by active duty personnel -- a move that came in the wake of the Oklahoma City bombing by decorated Gulf War combat veteran Timothy McVeigh and the murder of a black couple by members of a skinhead gang in the elite 82nd Airborne Division -- large numbers of neo-Nazis and skinhead extremists continue to infiltrate the ranks of the world's best-trained, best-equipped fighting force. Military recruiters and base commanders, under intense pressure from the war in Iraq to fill the ranks, often look the other way.

Neo-Nazis "stretch across all branches of service, they are linking up across the branches once they're inside, and they are hard-core," Department of Defense gang detective Scott Barfield told the *Intelligence Report*. "We've got Aryan Nations graffiti in Baghdad," he added. "That's a problem."

The armed forces are supposed to be a model of racial equality. American soldiers are supposed to be defenders of democracy. Neo-Nazis represent the opposite of these ideals. They dream of race war and revolution, and their motivations for enlisting are often quite different than serving their country.

"Join only for the training, and to better defend yourself, our people, and our culture," Fain said. "We must have people to open doors from the inside when the time comes."

Soldier Shortage

In 1996, following a decade-long rash of cases where extremists in the military were caught diverting huge arsenals of stolen firearms and explosives to neo-Nazi and white supremacist organizations, conducting guerilla training for paramilitary racist militias, and murdering non-white civilians (see timeline), the Pentagon finally launched a massive investigation and crackdown. One general ordered all 19,000 soldiers at Fort Lewis, Wash., strip-searched for extremist tattoos.

But that was peacetime. Now, with the country at war in Iraq and Afghanistan, and the military under increasingly intense pressure to maintain enlistment numbers, weeding out extremists is less of a priority. "Recruiters are knowingly allowing neo-Nazis and white supremacists to join the armed forces, and commanders don't remove them from the military even after we positively identify them as extremists or gang members," said Department of Defense investigator Barfield.

"Last year, for the first time, they didn't make their recruiting goals. They don't want to start making a big deal again about neo-Nazis in the military, because then parents who are already worried about their kids signing up and dying in Iraq are going to be even more reluctant about their kids enlisting if they feel they'll be exposed to gangs and white supremacists."

Barfield, who is based at Fort Lewis, said he has identified and submitted evidence on 320 extremists there in the past year. "Only two have been discharged," he said. Barfield and other Department of Defense investigators said they recently uncovered an online network of 57 neo-Nazis who are active duty Army and Marines personnel spread across five military installations in five states -- Fort Lewis; Fort Bragg, N.C.; Fort Hood, Texas; Fort Stewart, Ga.; and Camp Pendleton, Calif. "They're communicating with each other about weapons, about recruiting, about keeping their identities secret, about organizing within the military," Barfield said. "Several of these individuals have since been deployed to combat missions in Iraq."

Every year, the Army's Criminal Investigation Division conducts a threat assessment of extremist and gang activity

among army personnel. "Every year, they come back with 'minimal activity,' which is inaccurate," said Barfield. "It's not epidemic, but there's plenty of evidence we're talking numbers well into the thousands, just in the Army."

Last July, the white supremacist website Stormfront hosted a discussion on "Joining the Military."

"There are others among you in the forces," wrote one neo-Nazi in the Army. "You are never alone."

Nazi SEAL

Not all military commanders fail to give known extremists the boot. "The response differs from command group to command group," Barfield said. "Most put up a front and say, 'Oh, this guy's in big trouble,' but actually do nothing unless he commits a felony. But some kick their ass out right away."

Barfield noted that commanders are far more likely to take immediate action if the soldier is stateside in a non-combat role, rather than fighting overseas. In late June, Airman First Class Andrew Dornan, who was assigned to the firing party in the U.S. Air Force Honor Guard, was sentenced to nine months confinement and dishonorably discharged after he posted messages glorifying Adolf Hitler on his personal webpage and threatened to detonate a bomb on a military base.

But the military took no such action against former Navy SEAL Matt Buschbacher, who continued to fight in Iraq after the Southern Poverty Law Center had alerted officials to his active support of neo-Nazi groups.

Buschbacher told the *Intelligence Report* he joined the neo-Nazi movement "for the same reason everyone joins: I was angry and looking for some answers. I wanted to belong to something that made me feel good about myself."

In 1998, when Buschbacher was still a teenager living in Terrace Park, Ohio, a wealthy, almost exclusively white suburb of Cincinnati, he was ordained as a reverend in the World Church of the Creator, a violent neo-Nazi organization. He rose fast. In 1999, he was the head of the hate group's Cincinnati chapter when Chicago member Benjamin Smith went on a three-day, two-state shooting spree that targeted Jews, Asians and blacks. Smith killed two people and wounded nine before committing suicide as police closed in.

Afterward, Buschbacher praised Smith as "a dedicated activist for our racial cause" in *The Cincinnati Inquirer*. "We have pride in our race, heritage, and culture, and we will do anything to prevent it from being destroyed," he said. "White man is the creator, the creator of civilizations."

In May 2000, Buschbacher attended Nordic Fest, an annual skinhead festival sponsored by the Imperial Klans of America in Kentucky, where he posed in front of a flaming swastika, seig heiling. He joined the Navy shortly afterward. Again, Buschbacher advanced quickly. In October 2001, he completed 26 weeks of SEAL training at the Naval Special Warfare Center in Coronado, Calif.

In August 2002, while an active duty SEAL but not yet stationed in Baghdad, Buschbacher attended the National Alliance's invitation-only "leadership conference" at the neo-Nazi group's West Virginia compound. The conference was held just weeks after the death of National Alliance founder William Pierce, author of *The Turner Diaries*, the fantasy novel about revolution and race war that inspired Oklahoma City bomber Timothy McVeigh. Pierce also wrote the seminal pamphlet, "What is the National Alliance?" It was in that tract that Pierce explained that a National Alliance member in the military "[u]ses his daily interactions with career personnel to select exceptional individuals who are receptive, and he then gives them the opportunity to serve their race while carrying out their military functions."

'Heroes Among Us'

Today, Matt Buschbacher denies recruiting Navy personnel into the Alliance. What's clear is that for years after becoming a SEAL, he violated military regulations without repercussions by staying active in the neo-Nazi movement.

Using the online pseudonym "Mattiasb88" [88 is neo-Nazi code for "Heil Hitler"] to hide his identity, Buschbacher designed and distributed National Alliance fliers, white power screen savers, and a photo montage of Pierce on the Internet via his website, racialpride.com, which displayed a logo of a burning swastika and this mission statement: "The purpose of this website is to provide white patriots with a large database of information for recruiting and self-improvement." Buschbacher also posted messages to the white supremacist website Stormfront and the website of Resistance Records, a hate rock music company owned by the National Alliance. In the fall of 2003, the National Alliance magazine *Resistance* even published a collage of "Scene Shots" that included a small photo of Buschbacher wearing a *Turner Diaries* T-shirt and giving a Nazi salute.

Buschbacher hasn't been the only neo-Nazi to fight in Iraq. Forrest Mackley Fogarty, a member of the Tampa, Fla., unit of the National Alliance, was deployed for 18 months during Operation Iraqi Freedom with his Army National Guard unit. "There are some dirty Arabs enjoying their 70 virgins because of my actions and that of my fire team," Fogarty boasted in the Winter 2005 issue of *Resistance*. (Fogarty was identified in the article only as "Forrest of Attack.")

Jon Fain, a neo-Nazi who currently lives on the National Alliance compound, was part of the original Iraq invasion force in 2003, as a U.S. Army engineer. Shawn Stuart, the Montana state leader of the National Socialist

Movement, another neo-Nazi group, served two combat tours in Iraq as a U.S. Marine before he was discharged in 2005. Stuart told the *Missoula News* that he joined the NSM in 2004, while he was still a Marine, because he "came to believe the United States is fighting the war on Israel's behalf."

None of these men, it appears, were ever disciplined for neo-Nazi activities. All were honorably discharged.

James Douglas Ross Jr. was not so fortunate. Ross, a military intelligence officer stationed at Fort Bragg, was caught shipping disassembled AK-47s to the United States from Iraq in 2004, officials said. When investigators searched his off base housing, they found a weapons arsenal, thousands of rounds of ammunition, and hate group materials. Ross was forced to return from Iraq and given a bad conduct discharge. "But they let him keep the weapons [he kept in his house]," said Department of Defense investigator Barfield, adding that Ross has since relocated to Washington, where he's a leader of the Eastern Washington Skins, a neo-Nazi gang. "He kept his military connections, and he's still trying to recruit soldiers, so we're still dealing with him."

For his part, despite his sometimes brazen activities, Matt Buschbacher tried hard to avoid exposure as a neo-Nazi in the military. But his identity became clear after he posted a photo of himself in a "Mattiasb88" Yahoo profile in 2004, and then advertised his neo-Nazi E-mail address in a July 2004 posting to a currency trading forum. "I am in the military and currently in Iraq," he wrote there. "If anyone would like to purchase some Iraqi dinars I have access to as much as you would like." That September, Buschbacher was profiled in his hometown Terrace Park community newspaper, *Village Views*. The article, "Heroes Among Us," reported he was fighting terrorism with a SEAL unit based in downtown Baghdad.

Two years later, Matt Buschbacher is back from Iraq -- also with an honorable discharge, despite the fact that the Southern Poverty Law Center informed the military of his background while he was still on active duty. He lives in Denver, Colo., and teaches classes on how to pick up women. "I have no connection with any neo-Nazi anything any more," Buschbacher told the *Intelligence Report*. Photographed holding a red rose, he was recently splashed across the cover of a weekly newsmagazine in Denver promoting his new book, *Date the Women of Your Dreams*. The cover story made no mention of his neo-Nazi past.

Training for Race War

According to a 1998 study commissioned by the Department of Defense, "Young civilian extremists are encouraged by adult leaders to enlist in the military to gain access to weapons, training, and other military personnel."

The reasons are obvious: Soldiers are trained to be proficient with weapons, combat tactics, and explosives, to train others in their use, and to operate in a highly disciplined culture that is focused on the organized violence of war. This is why military extremists present an elevated threat to public safety, and why extremists groups both recruit active duty personnel -- especially those with access to classified information or sophisticated weaponry -- and influence their members to join the armed forces.

"The threats posed by extremism to the military are simultaneously blatant and subtle," the Defense Department study said. "On the one hand, high-profile terrorist acts and hate crimes committed by active and former military personnel can have seriously detrimental effects on the civil-military relationship as well as on the morale and security of military personnel. On the other hand, even the non-violent activities of military personnel with extremist tendencies (e.g., possessing literature and/or artifacts from the extremist 'movement'; dabbling in extremism through computerized telecommunications activities; proselytizing extremist ideologies, etc.) can have deleterious consequences for the good order, discipline, readiness, and cohesion of military units."

Special Forces soldiers who double as extremist operatives present a special danger, since they have commando skills gained at huge taxpayer expense -- often including urban warfare, long-range reconnaissance, and combat demolitions.

"Hate groups send their guys into the U.S. military because the U.S. military has the best weapons and training," said T.J. Leyden, a former racist skinhead and Marine who recruited inside the Marine Corps for the Hammerskins, a nationwide skinhead gang. He later renounced the neo-Nazi movement and now conducts anti-extremism training seminars on military bases.

"Right now, any white supremacist in Iraq is getting live fire, guerilla warfare experience," Leyden said. "But any white supremacist in Iraq who's a Green Beret or a Navy SEAL or Marine Recon, he's doing covert stuff that's far above and beyond convoy protection and roadblocks. And if he comes back and decides at some point down the road that it's race war time, all that training and combat experience he's received could easily turn around and bite this country in the ass."

Department of Defense investigator Barfield confirmed that threat assessment. "Today's white supremacists in the military become tomorrow's domestic terrorists once they're out," he said. "There needs to be a tighter focus on intercepting the next Timothy McVeigh before he becomes the next Timothy McVeigh."

'White Soldier's Burden'

In April 1995, the same month Timothy McVeigh detonated a 7,000-pound truck bomb outside a federal building in Oklahoma City, killing 168 people, the National Alliance erected a billboard on the main road leading into Fort Bragg, an Army base in Fayetteville, N.C. The billboard's message read, "Enough! Let's Start Taking Back America," and listed the neo-Nazi group's toll-free number.

The billboard was the work of Robert Hunt, a National Alliance recruiter and active duty member of the Army's elite 82nd Airborne Division, which is based at Fort Bragg. By late 1995, a large neo-Nazi skinhead gang had formed within the 82nd Airborne. Members saluted a Nazi flag in their barracks, distributed National Alliance literature on base, and held drunken barracks parties where they blasted "Third Reich," a rockabilly white power anthem by the band Rahowa (short for "Racial Holy War") with lyrics about killing blacks and Jews.

In December 1995, two members of the 82nd Airborne skinhead gang gunned down a black couple in a random, racially motivated double murder that shocked the nation and sparked a major investigation of extremism in the military as well as congressional hearings. The killers were eventually sentenced to life in prison, and 19 other members of the 82nd Airborne were dishonorably discharged for neo-Nazi gang activities.

"The fallout from the skinhead killings was immediate," racist skinhead Steve Smith recalled in his 2005 essay, "The White Soldier's Burden." Smith was in the Army from 1991 to 1996 and was stationed at Fort Bragg at the time of the murders. "White soldiers at Fort Bragg were inspected to see if they had any 'racist' tattoos. The Army also held mandatory classes on 'extremist' organizations."

Before the Fort Bragg slayings, military regulations on extremist activity by active duty soldiers were ambiguous. There were no specific regulations on extremism at all until 1986, when it came to light that active duty soldiers were providing guerilla training and stolen military weapons to a paramilitary Ku Klux Klan faction led by a former Green Beret. The Southern Poverty Law Center then urged Secretary of Defense Casper Weinberger to "prohibit active-duty members of the armed services from holding membership in groups like the Klan or from taking part in their activities." Weinberger responded by issuing this directive: "Military personnel must reject participation in white supremacy, neo-Nazi and other such groups which espouse or attempt to create overt discrimination. Active participation, including public demonstrations, recruiting and training members, and organizing or leading such organizations is utterly incompatible with military service."

Though sternly worded, many commanders interpreted that order to mean that while active participation in extremist groups was prohibited, so-called "passive support," such as distributing propaganda, listening to hate rock, displaying flags or symbols, and "mere membership," were still allowed. After the Fort Bragg slayings, however, the Department of Defense toughened military policy somewhat to read, "Engaging in activities in relation to [extremist] organizations, or in furtherance of the objectives of such organizations that are viewed by command to be detrimental to the good order of the unit is incompatible with Military Service, and is, therefore, prohibited."

Then-Defense Secretary William Perry used even stronger language to describe the intent of the updated regulation. "Department of Defense policy leaves no room for racist and extremist activities in the military," Perry stated. "We must -- and we shall -- make every effort to erase bigotry, racism, and extremism from the military. Extremist activity compromises fairness, good order, and discipline. The armed forces, which defend the nation and its values, must exemplify those values beyond question."

Lowering Standards

Neo-Nazis have no respect for the values of a free democracy or the shining example of equal opportunity its military is meant to be. When Jon Fain, the Army engineer, was interviewed in 2004 for a *Resistance* article titled, "On the Front Lines for the Jews," he advised neo-Nazis considering a military career to "[n]ever allow yourself to be brainwashed into the 'everybody's green' lie." In the Stormfront discussion on joining the military, neo-Nazi "Ulfur Engil" wrote that he was stationed with the Army in Europe and offered this guidance: "Nothing will change what you are. If you join, you are still the same enlightened white man (or woman) you always have been."

Hundreds of neo-Nazis online identify themselves as active duty soldiers. "When you are in, after you finish basic training, your discretion is very important," Ulfur Engil wrote in a recent Internet posting. "If you are someone who wears boots and braces keep a second pair that's neutral looking (black). Remove any obvious pins from your jacket (runes by themselves are okay, though. They don't take issue with them, providing there is no obvious [racist] arrangement. The USO in Keflavik, Iceland, actually sold runes!) Do NOT use any Internet connection offered by the base or do ANYTHING on a military server. NOTHING. Get an Internet connection that is private and off-base, invest in EvidenceEliminator, and set up an email account with Hushmail and/or Ziplip."

Extremists in the military are tricky to unmask. "They're a lot smarter about it than street gang members," said Barfield. "They don't brag and boast like gang bangers." The best way to reduce the number of extremists in the armed forces is to prevent them from entering the military in the first place. "But now we're lowering our recruiting standards. We're accepting lesser quality soldiers," Barfield said. In a move to boost enlistment, the military is allowing more and more recruits with criminal records to sign up. A recent *Chicago Sun-Times* article revealed the percentage of recruits granted "moral waivers" for past misdemeanors had more than doubled since 2001. The military also revised its rules on inductee tattoos earlier this year to allow all tattoos except those on the front of the face. Both changes in the rules made it easier for extremists to join. And while military regulations prohibit (PDF) all gang-related or white supremacist tattoos, many recruiters are ignoring such tattoos, or even literally covering them up. "I had one case where a recruiter and his wife took a guy to their house and covered up his tattoos with make-up so he could pass his [physical examination]," Barfield said.

Military regulations also call for any superior officer who spots a soldier with a neo-Nazi or white supremacist tattoo

to refer the soldier to a commander, who then is supposed to demand the soldier have the tattoo removed. If the soldier refuses, he's supposed to be kicked out.

"But there's a loophole," Barfield said. "If they never refer them, they can't refuse, so they just never refer them, and they stay in."

"If you have any kind of tattoo prior to going in, they will require you to write out a statement as to what it is, and what it means to you," advised a neo-Nazi in the Stormfront military forum. "If it's something obvious like a swazi [swastika], then they will probably say, 'No go.' But, something more obscure, like a Schwarze Sonne [a "black sun," another Nazi symbol] or a Celtic cross would probably be okay, so long as no phraseology accompanies it."

"The average Joe recruiter can spot the most obvious tattoos," said Leyden, who trains the military in identifying hate group members. "But the vast majority of them don't know what 'White Power' in German looks like, they don't know what 88 in Roman numerals means, and now, they may not even care, because they're under this extreme pressure to fill the void, and who are they filling the void with? Therein lies the danger."

'Switchblades and Smeared Blood'

The large tattoo on the right arm of Air Force airman Robert Lee West depicts a menacing wizard with a scythe. His recruiter probably saw no problem there, but the photo of himself West has up on his EveryonesSpace web page should wave a red flag. In it, West, with his head shaved, is standing in front of a swastika and Iron Eagle banner, holding an assault rifle and a shotgun. West, 23, who's stationed at Warner Robins Air Force Base in Georgia, lists his general interests as "switchblades and smeared blood."

In his "About Me" section, he writes: "I train most days for marksmanship, combat, demolition, politics, economics, religion, military tactics, oratory, and propaganda. I will give my life for a cause greater than my own. My mind and spirit shall ensure life for my people, and death for yours. I shall fight until I have achieved victory. Just remember when you speak to me that I don't play by ZOG [Zionist Occupation Government] rules and I will not hesitate to sever your subclavian artery."

Special Agent Will Manuel of Air Force's Office of Special Investigations at Warner Robins said he's "well aware" of West's neo-Nazi identity. "We've seen all his pictures, we've read his website, and we know what's he doing." Yet despite the toughened policy declared by the Pentagon a decade ago, Manuel says, "We're not going to go after him just based on what he says he believes, or on him making a lot of claims. There has to be an overt act first. He has to actually organize or recruit or commit a crime. But even his pictures and writings raise concerns, obviously, because we know that where you have one [neo-Nazi], there's usually another, and what he claims to represent totally goes against the core values of the military."

Ten years after the military crackdown on extremism, it's clear that there are still a great many Robert Lee Wests in the U.S. armed forces. And that should worry all Americans. In 1996, the Ft. Bragg murders sparked Congressional hearings on extremism in the military. Then-Air Force Secretary Sheila E. Windall said in her testimony, "We have an absolute obligation, and the American people have an absolute right to expect, that military members will use their expertise and the lethal tools of their trade to protect them and never to harm them."

But some in the military appear to have lost sight of that obligation in the fog of war. "The regulations could use some fine tuning, but they're already on the books," Barfield said. "They're just not being enforced. My fear is that it's going to take another Fort Bragg before that changes."

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Police shooting suspect may have been white supremacist

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By KC Wildmoon
CNN

(CNN) -- "Braced for Fate" believes that Jews control American media, financial institutions and government and that federal authorities plan to confiscate guns owned lawfully by American citizens.

Those chilling beliefs are revealed in posts on a white supremacist Web site that the Anti-Defamation League says were made by Richard Poplawski, the man who allegedly ambushed and killed three Pittsburgh police officers last week.

The organization, which tracks anti-Semitic activity, says Poplawski posted on the Web site first under the username "Rich P" and more recently under the ominous username "Braced for Fate."

In one post, "Braced for Fate" describes the eagle tattoo he sports in a photograph taken from Poplawski's MySpace page before the page was taken down, calling it a "deliberately Americanized version of the [Nazi] Iron Eagle."

The Anti-Defamation League says that other posts match up -- "Braced for Fate's" comments about Wellington, Florida, where Poplawski lived a few years ago, some names and some common links.

"Braced for Fate" is not shy about his beliefs.

"ZOG (Zionist-occupied government) is," he wrote in a lengthy post on March 13. "One can read the list of significant persons in government and in major corporations and see who is pulling the strings. One can observe the policies and final products and should walk away with little doubt there is Zionist occupation and -- after some further research & critical thinking -- will discover their insidious intentions."

"Braced for Fate" made just 52 posts, but in a post late last fall, he wrote that he sees himself "probably ramping up the activism in the near future."

"He didn't like the Zionists controlling the media and controlling, you know, our freedom of speech," Eddie Petrovic, who described himself as Poplawski's best friend, told CNN. "He didn't like the control of the guns that was about to happen. He believed everything our forefathers put before us and thought that it was being distorted."

Petrovic said that Poplawski received a dishonorable discharge from the Marine Corps for an incident during boot camp.

"He believed the Jews were coming, the Jews controlled society, you know, we're all under the thumb of Zionists and so on," said Mark Potok of the Southern Poverty Law Center, which tracks the movements of hate groups.

"Braced for Fate" referred to himself as a "skinhead" in some posts, and urged his compatriots to fight for the "ultimate victory for our people" by "taking back our nation."

"A revolutionary is always regarded as a nutcase at first, their ideas dismissed as fantasy," he wrote on November 1.

He feared that a total collapse of all order in the country was "inevitable," but, he wrote, that might be a blessing in disguise.

"If a total collapse is what it takes to wake our brethren and guarantee future generations of white children walk this continent, if that is what it takes to restore our freedoms and recapture our land: Let it begin this very second and not a moment later," wrote "Braced for Fate."

In another post, answering a question about what weapon he'd like to have if he were allowed only one, he said, "I guess I'd have to say my AK. Which is nice because it doesn't have to fall from the sky -- it's in a case within arms reach."

Police believe Poplawski, wearing a bullet-proof vest, fired more than 100 rounds at officers on April 4 with an AK-47, another rifle and pistol. Poplawski himself was wounded in the four-hour stand-off with police and is hospitalized.

Police initially responded to a 911 call for a domestic disturbance call from his mother. But a dispatcher's error kept police from learning there were guns in the home.

CNN's David Mattingly contributed to this report.

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Can *you* survive economic crisis?

Booming preparedness industry says Americans are stockpiling

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To some, the term "survivalist" conjures images of camouflage-clad men stockpiling freeze-dried food in a mountain cabin, but in the current economic crisis, the people quietly preparing to survive catastrophe may just be your next-door neighbors.

In his column in last month's Financial Times, business and technology expert Ade McCormack writes, "The world is in crisis and with it the world of business. Many of us have two plans. Plan A involves President Barack Obama performing some economic magic. Plan B involves a revolver, a vegetable patch and a subscription to Survivalist Monthly."

And while McCormack was writing with a hint of jest, dissent over the president's trillion-dollar spending approach to the economy has left many average, everyday Americans considering something looking suspiciously like plan B.

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Bill Heid of Survival Seeds, a company that sells "banks" of high-yielding vegetable seeds sealed for long-term storage and awaiting a family's need to grow its own food, says business is skyrocketing.

"It's been dramatic, nothing short of dramatic," Heid told WND. "The survivalist mentality used to be considered a fringe element, but now that economic times are such as they are, many more average, regular folks are adopting the same set of preparations."

Heid told WND what's most notable is that his boom in sales isn't coming from just the usual survivalists stocking up for a Y2K-like event.

"Ninety percent of our increase in business is new business," Heid said, "people who have never thought about surviving in case of emergency before."

The Christian Science Monitor reports that Lehman's, an Ohio retailer of home self-sufficiency equipment, has recorded huge sales increases from across the preparedness spectrum, from curious buyers to the stereotypical die-hards, according to Glenda Ervin, the company's vice president of marketing.

Vic Rantala, founder of Minnesota-based Safecastle, which markets home shelters for protection against disasters such as hurricanes and chemical attacks, told the Monitor his company's revenues have more than doubled since 2007.

"If most people think of a survivalist as an armed loner with extreme views – there are folks like that out there, but there are many more in America who are simply involved in preparing for down times, lean times or disaster," Rantala, a former U.S. intelligence analyst, told the Monitor. "It's logical. It's common sense."

Seattle Times Columnist Danny Westneat interviewed Claire Anderson, a 68-year-old woman who was prompted by Obama's call for community organization to host a meeting of neighbors in her apartment. Their discussion of the slumping economy and fears of what lies ahead harkened back to the leaner days of her World War II childhood.

"I think we're headed back to the days of the victory gardens," Anderson said. "We have to figure out how to help ourselves. We can't be isolated. We can't sit around and wait for the government."

(Story continues below)

A New York Times article from last summer suggests last year's elevated fuel and food prices sparked a surge of interest in gardening that hasn't slowed since.

"Seed companies and garden shops say that not since the rampant inflation of the 1970s has there been such an uptick in interest in growing food at home," writes Times reporter Marian Burros. "Space in community gardens across the country has been sold out for several months. In Austin, Texas, some of the gardens have a three-year waiting list."

George C. Ball Jr., owner of the major seed and plant supplier W. Atlee Burpee Company, told the Times sales shot up by 40 percent last year, double the annual growth for the last five years.

Ball said of the surge in business, "You don't see this kind of thing but once in a career."

Anxiety over the economy has generated a spike in other areas of the survival and emergency preparedness industry, too.

Harry Weyandt is president of Nitro-Pak, a company that sells freeze-dried food, survival kits, fuel, camping gear and a variety of emergency preparedness products.

"Since the middle of last September, the demand for our long-storing foods and supplies has been very high," Weyandt writes in a column on his company's website. "We are shipping orders as fast as possible, but the demand for preparedness supplies and long storing foods is gaining steam again."

Last summer, an ABC News report said "there are worrying signs appearing in the United States where some … locals are beginning to hoard supplies." The report said some suppliers were concerned the U.S. government may be competing with consumers for stocks of storable food.

Spokesman Bruce Hopkins of Best Prices Storable Foods told WND his company was having trouble obtaining No. 10 cans and other storable foodstuffs, in part, because the federal government was purchasing such large amounts.

"We don't know why," Hopkins said. "The feds then went to freeze dried companies and bought most of their canned stock."

A statement from one of the world's larger suppliers of food stores, Oregon Freeze Dry, also confirmed that sales of No. 10 cans had increased so significantly, the company couldn't keep up and had to remove the products from their online catalog. The company has since contacted WND to explain the shortage has been corrected and supplies are again available.

WND also reported a spike in gun sales in the wake of Obama's election that was even more intense than in the days following Y2K and the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks

And since November, the sale of weapons and ammunition hasn't slowed.

The Orlando Sentinel reports months of steady, heavy buying have left gun dealers in Florida facing shortages on ammunition.

"The survivalist in all of us comes out," John Ritz, manager of a Florida shooting range, told the Sentinel. "It's more about protecting what you have."

"People are just stockpiling," said a spokeswoman for Georgia arms, which has seen bullet sales jump 100 percent since the election. "A gun is just like a car. If you can't get gas, you can't use it."

Newspapers from around the world reported last month on people facing the economic crisis with increased preparations for catastrophe.

The Sydney Morning Herald reports the story of Tony, a 44-year-old stockbroker who lives in a Sydney suburb with his wife and three children. Tony has been stockpiling supplies including rice, multivitamins, peanut butter, honey, soap and toilet paper.

Simon Beer, who operates a survivalist website in Australia, told the newspaper he has seen a surge in interest lately.

"Climate change, peak oil, the economic situation," Beer told the Herald, "people are seeing we're headed for catastrophic changes."

The Toronto Star reports the story of Paul, a man in his mid-50s who only three years ago became alarmed over the possibility of fuel shortage and began a plan to prepare for survival should the worst happen.

"When cars stop running? And grocery stores go bare? What do you think is going to happen?" Paul asked the Star. "It's mind boggling once you grasp it."

And while the newspaper did depict Paul as the more kooky kind of survivalist, labeling him "a conspiracy-minded fellow," the reporter nonetheless was surprised to find him "disarmingly self-aware and funny."

As for Paul, he laughed at the reporter for assuming a man who prepares for catastrophe necessarily fits some "survivalist" stereotype.

"What did you expect?" he asked the Star reporter with a smile. "Head-to-toe camouflage?"

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White supremacists hope Obama win prompts backlash

By EMILY WAGSTER PETTUS - 17 hours ago

PEARL, Miss. (AP) — They're not exactly rooting for Barack Obama, but prominent white supremacists anticipate a boost to their cause if he becomes the first black president. His election, they say, would trigger a backlash — whites rising up, a revolution of sorts — that they think is long overdue.

He'd be a "visual aid," says former Ku Klux Klan leader David Duke, in trying to bring others around to their view that whites have lost control of America. Obama's election, says another, would jar whites into action, writing letters, handing out pamphlets rather than sitting around complaining.

While most Americans have little or no direct contact with white supremacists, organizations such as the Anti-Defamation League and the Southern Poverty Law Center keep close tabs; the law center estimates some 200,000 people nationwide are active in such groups. These observers think the prospect of a white revolution is fantasy.

White supremacists — many call themselves nationalists or "White activists," with a capital W — have had limited political success: Duke served in the Louisiana Legislature. And the public has periodically been unsettled by their public events, like the effort by uniformed Nazis to march through Skokie, Ill., the annual Aryan Nations meetings in Idaho and elsewhere or the FBI's clashes with armed white supremacists in several Western compounds.

Richard Barrett is a 65-year-old lawyer who traveled the country for 40 years advocating what he perceives as the white side in racial issues — like his public support for a white teenager who hung a noose in a Jena, La., school yard.

Barrett is convinced Democratic Sen. Obama will defeat Republican Sen. John McCain in November.

And that could cause an upheaval, Barrett, a leader in the Nationalist Movement, told The Associated Press in an interview at his rural Mississippi home.

"Instead of this so-called civil rights bill, for example, that says you have to give preferences to minorities, I think the American people are going — once they see the 'Obamanation' — they're going to demand a tweaking of that and say, 'You have to put the majority into office,'" Barrett said.

Across the United States, some white supremacists are saying an Obama presidency could create a racial backlash that will give their groups a boost.

Barrett is evasive about his ideology and tries to keep reporters from using "buzz words" to describe him. He doesn't call himself a white supremacist, although the Anti-Defamation League and the Southern Poverty Law Center do.

The law center tracks the Nationalist Movement, the Klan and like-minded groups from its Montgomery, Ala., headquarters. The center's "Hatewatch"
newsletter reported in June that some neo-Nazis, Klansmen and anti-Semites are saying an Obama presidency could prompt a race war, which many on the "radical right" believe whites would win.

Although not all white supremacists agree, "large numbers of these people really seem to think that an Obama election would benefit them hugely,"
Mark Potok, the center's intelligence director, said in an interview. He called that view "essentially a fantasy."

Duke, the former Klan leader, posted an essay on his Web site in June titled, "Obama Wins Demo Nomination: A Black Flag for White America."

Obama "will be a clear signal for millions of our people," Duke wrote. "Obama is a visual aid for White Americans who just don't get it yet that we have lost control of our country, and unless we get it back we are heading for complete annihilation as a people."

Jason Robb, a Harrison, Ark., attorney who represents the Klan's Knights Party, describes himself as a "white nationalist."

"It doesn't really matter if Obama wins the election or McCain wins the election," Robb said in an interview. "Neither of them are going to try to fight to preserve the white race or heritage."

Robb said, however, that Obama's election could prompt more whites to get involved in politics by distributing pamphlets or writing letters to editors.

Although the South has had more racial violence than most of the country, Randy Blazak, a sociology professor at Oregon's Portland State University, says white supremacists live all over the United States. Blazak, who has studied skinheads for two decades, calls white supremacists a counterculture, not a movement, contending the latter term overstates their numbers.

Blazak said white supremacists thrive on fear of changing race relations, the women's movement and gay rights. Blazak said white working class people in particular long for a "Leave It To Beaver" society.

"Those were the 'good old days' for straight, white males. But for everyone else, it was a pretty raw deal," Blazak said.

Barrett, a New York City native who moved to Mississippi in 1966, said the Nationalist Movement has members in 36 states, but he won't say how many.
He compares today's skinheads to the minutemen of the American Revolution.

"The Revolution, if you will, in 1776 brought the 13 colonies together against the king. And the same thing can happen now against Martin Luther King, with the 50 states," Barrett said, if Obama's elected.

Barrett says he is a Democrat but won't say whether he's voting for Obama.
He'll only say he won't support McCain, Libertarian Bob Barr or independent Ralph Nader.

Charles Evers, brother of Medgar Evers, the Mississippi NAACP leader killed by a sniper in 1963, chuckles when told about Barrett's assertions.

"See, Richard doesn't really mean what he says. It's popular for him to say it. That's the way he makes a living," said Evers, who hosts a talk show on WMPR-FM in Jackson. "Same as Jesse Jackson, some more of our black revolutionaries who make a living off of keeping things emotional."

Although a longtime Republican, Evers supports Obama. He says the Democrat is more qualified than McCain.

Evers, whose office has photos of him with Robert Kennedy, Richard Nixon, George W. Bush and other politicians, said he sees broad, multiracial support for Obama, even in parts of the South where the white establishment dug in to try to preserve racial segregation decades ago.

"I think we're past that stage," Evers said. "I don't think the majority of white people are thinking that way anymore."

Kim Edwards of Matteson, Ill., a black woman who traveled to Mississippi with a racially mixed group so her son could play in a baseball tournament, is more skeptical. Edwards worries that extremists want Obama to be elected so they can assassinate him.

"I'm really concerned for his safety," said Edwards, who plans to vote for Obama. "I'm concerned that once he gets in office that he won't be recognized as an American president."

However, former Mississippi Gov. William Winter, a white Democrat who served on President Clinton's commission on racial reconciliation, doesn't foresee widespread white backlash if Obama is elected.

"We are a diverse country," said Winter, who supports Obama. "We are made up of people of every conceivable racial background."

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[PHOTO] Derek Black, left, gets help from his father, Don, on his Internet radio show Sunday in Lake Worth Fla. Don Black is a former Ku Klux Klan leader, and Derek holds a seat on the Palm Beach County, Fla., GOP committee.

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White supremacists target middle America October 20, 2008 By Marisol Bello, USA TODAY

The white-power movement is changing its marketing strategy to broaden its appeal.
The USA's largest neo-Nazi group is ditching its trademark brown Nazi uniform with swastika armband for a more muted look in black fatigues.

In Pennsylvania, the Keystone State Skinheads is changing its name to Keystone United to attract members.

The nation's largest white-power website, Stormfront, has a new feature that lets members create social-networking pages. The site has had as many as 42,700 unique visitors in a 24-hour period this month, a steady rise since it started in 1995.

Supremacist groups are on the rise as they market themselves to middle America, according to leaders of the groups and organizations that monitor them. They are fueled by the debate over illegal immigration and a struggling economy.

"Many white supremacist groups are going more mainstream," says Jack Levin, a Northeastern University criminologist who studies hate crime. "They are eliminating the sheets and armbands. ... The groups realize if they want to be attractive to middle-class types, they need to look middle-class."

Levin estimates fewer than 50,000 people are members of white supremacist groups, but he says their influence is growing with a more sophisticated approach.

From 2006 to 2007, the number of such groups rose by 5% to 888, says the Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC), which tracks them through news reports and other sources. The number is up 48% since 2000.

The FBI knows of about 24 domestic terrorist groups. Spokesman Richard Kolko would not say how many are white supremacists.

Jeff Schoep, head of the National Socialist Movement, says the government classifies his group as a domestic group of interest, not domestic terrorists. The FBI would not comment.

Interest in the group "has really spiked up," says Schoep, who would not say by how much.

"Historically, when times get tough in our nation, that's how movements like ours gain a foothold," he says. "When the economy suffers, people are looking for answers. ... We are the answer for white people.

"And now this immigrant thing in the past couple of years has been the biggest boon to us," Schoep says. "The immigration issue is the biggest problem we're facing because it's changing the face of our country. We see stuff in English and Spanish. ... They are turning our country into a Third World ghetto."

The National Socialist Movement is the largest neo-Nazi group in the USA, according to the SPLC and the Anti-Defamation League, which works to fight bigotry. The NSM has chapters in 38 states, its website says.

Mark Potok, director of the SPLC's Intelligence Project, says the debate over immigration has led to a rise in hate groups.

In Pennsylvania, where the Hispanic population increased by 41% from 2000 through 2007, Keystone United has been busy.

Members distribute fliers calling on residents to fight crime they say is committed by illegal immigrants, gangs and drug dealers. In September, members joined a rally against illegal immigration in Shenandoah that was organized after four white teens were arrested in connection with the beating death of a Latino illegal immigrant.

"A lot of these small working-class towns are being invaded by different types of people," says Douglas Myers, one of Keystone United's founders.
He says the group speaks out for the rights of whites being pushed aside by newcomers.

"It appears they are tapping into and fanning the flames of mainstream America's fear of immigrants," says Ann Van Dyke of the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission. "They are increasingly using the language of Main Street, things like, 'We want safe communities to raise our children.' "

Myers says the group is organizing family-friendly activities, rejecting the violence that made skinheads notorious. For example, they plan gatherings in public libraries.

"It's not the footage from the '80s with people burning crosses. It's a very healthy environment," Myers, 26, says.

The renewed activity includes a boom on the Internet, says Don Black, creator of the Stormfront website. The site has 144,000 registered members.

"Many people in this country, even if they were upset with the country's immigration policies, never felt that threatened until now," Black, 55, says. "White people were the majority. That's rapidly changing."

Black says the candidacy of Barack Obama has raised his site's profile.

In the past year, members have posted 337 entries on Stormfront related to Obama, ranging from whether an Obama victory will start a revolution among whites to whether the candidate will take away gun rights.

Black's son, Derek, 19, was elected to the Palm Beach County, Fla., Republican committee in August. Local Republican leaders are trying to unseat him after learning of his white supremacist ties.

Don Black, once a Ku Klux Klan leader in Alabama, says he's encouraged by the enthusiasm he sees.

"We see a lot of people coming out of the woodwork," he says.

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After Obama's win, white backlash festers in US The election of a black president triggered at least 200 hate-related incidents, a watchdog group finds.
By Patrik Jonsson | Staff writer of The Christian Science Monitor from the November 17, 2008 edition

Atlanta - In rural Georgia, a group of high-schoolers gets a visit from the Secret Service after posting "inappropriate" comments about President-elect Barack Obama on the Web. In Raleigh, N.C., four college students admit to spraying race-tinged graffiti in a pedestrian tunnel after the election. On Nov. 6, a cross burns on the lawn of a biracial couple in Apolacon Township, Pa.

The election of America's first black president has triggered more than 200 hate-related incidents, according to the Southern Poverty Law Center
- a record in modern presidential elections. Moreover, the white nationalist movement, bemoaning an election that confirmed voters' comfort with a multiracial demography, expects Mr. Obama's election to be a potent recruiting tool - one that watchdog groups warn could give new impetus to a mostly defanged fringe element.

Most election-related threats have so far been little more than juvenile pranks. But the political marginalization of certain Southern whites, economic distress in rural areas, and a White House occupant who symbolizes a multiethnic United States could combine to produce a backlash against what some have heralded as the dawn of a postracial America. In some parts of the South, there's even talk of secession.

"Most of this movement is not violent, but there is a substantive underbelly that is violent and does try to make a bridge to people who feel disenfranchised," says Brian Levin of the Center for the Study of Hate and Extremism at California State University, San Bernardino. "The question is: Will this swirl become a tornado or just an ill wind? We're not there yet, but there's dust on the horizon, a swirling of wind, and the atmospherics are getting put together for [conflict]."

Though postelection racist incidents haven't posed any real danger to society or the president-elect, law enforcement is taking note.

"We're trying to be out there at the cutting edge of this and trying to stay ahead of groups that are emerging," says Special Agent Darrin Blackford, a spokesman for the Secret Service, which guards the US president.

"Anytime you start seeing [extremist propaganda] floating around, you have to be concerned," adds Lt. Gary Thornberry of the Oklahoma Highway Patrol, a member of the FBI's Joint Terrorism Task Force. "As far as it being an alarmist situation, I don't see that yet. From a law enforcement point of view, you have to be careful, because it's not illegal to have an ideology."

After sparking conflict and showdowns in the 1990s - think Ruby Ridge, Waco, the Oklahoma City bombing - white supremacist and nationalist groups began this century largely splintered and powerless. Though high

immigration levels helped boost the number of hate groups from 602 in 2000 to 888 in 2007, key leaders of such groups had died, been imprisoned, or were otherwise marginalized.

But postelection, at least two white nationalist websites - Stormfront and the Council of Conservative Citizens - report their servers have crashed because of heavy traffic. The League of the South, a secessionist group, says Web hits jumped from 50,000 a month to 300,000 since Nov. 4, and its phones are ringing off the hook.

"The vitriol is flailing out shotgun-style," says Mr. Levin. "They recognize Obama as a tipping point, the perfect storm in the narrative of the hate world - the apocalypse that they've been moaning about has come true."

Supremacist propaganda is already on the upswing. In Oklahoma, fringe groups have distributed anti-Obama propaganda through newspapers and taped it to home mail boxes. Ugly incidents such as cross-burnings, assassination betting pools, and Obama effigies are also being reported from Maine to Alabama.

The Ku Klux Klan has been tied to recent news events, as well. Two Tennessee men implicated for plotting to kill 88 black men, including Obama, were tied to the KKK chapter whose leader was convicted in a civil trial in Brandenburg, Ky., last week, for inciting violence. The murder last week in Louisiana of a KKK initiate, allegedly killed after trying to back out of joining, came at the hands of a new group called Sons of Dixie, authorities say.

"We're not looking at a race war or anything close to it, but ... what we are seeing now is undeniably a fairly major backlash by some subset of the white population," says Mark Potok of the Southern Poverty Law Center's Intelligence Report in Montomgery, Ala. "Many whites feel that the country their forefathers built has been ... stolen from them, so there's in some places a real boiling rage, and that can only become worse as more people lose jobs."

In an election in which barely 20 percent of native Southern whites in Deep South states voted for Obama, the newly apparent political clout of "outsiders" and people of color has been unnerving to some.

"In states like Mississippi, Louisiana, and Alabama, there was extraordinary racial polarization in the vote," says Merle Black, a political scientist at Emory University in Atlanta. "Black Americans really do believe that Obama is going to represent their interests and views in ways that they haven't been before, and, in the Deep South, whites feel exactly the opposite."

But for nonviolent secessionist groups like the League of the South, the hope is for a more vigorous debate about the direction of the US and the South's role in it, says Michael Tuggle, a League blogger in North Carolina.

Mr. Tuggle says his group isn't looking for an 1860-style secession but, rather, a model that Spain, for one, is moving toward, in which "there's a great deal of autonomy for constituent regions" - a foil to what is seen as unchecked, dangerous federal power in Washington.

"To a lot of people, the idea of secession doesn't seem so crazy anymore," says Tuggle. "People are talking about how left out they feel, .. and they feel that something strange and radical has taken over our country."

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Is the KKK making a comeback?
HATE GROUPS AN INCREASE IN KLAN ACTIVITIES IN OKLAHOMA MAY BE TIED TO THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION, AN EXPERT SAYS BY RON JACKSON
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MIAMI, OK - Johnny Lee Clary had a unique perspective when he read of Cynthia C. Lynch's death at a Ku Klux Klan initiation in the Louisiana bayous. He viewed the tragedy through the eyes of a former Ku Klux Klan leader.

Johnny Lee Clary warns others to be vigilant of hate propaganda.

Now he has a warning.

"The KKK is making a comeback in Oklahoma," said Clary, 49, who now travels the world preaching against hate. "I've seen this coming for some time now, and my message to fellow Oklahomans is: Don't buy their messages of hate. There are a number of things they will try to use to their advantage to spread their hate propaganda - the poor economy, illegal immigration, the election of a black president. Just remember, this is the kind of violence they are capable of."

Clary's words were echoed last week by other experts who track hate groups. They say the landscape is fertile for the recruitment of targets such as Lynch - a divorced 43-year-old who drifted in and out of legal trouble.

"In the 1980s, we had the recession and the farm crisis when we saw a spike in KKK membership," said Mark Pitcavage, an Anti-Defamation League historian and analyst on extremist groups. "Then in the 1990s, despite relatively prosperous economic times, we saw another spike with the election of Bill Clinton, which didn't sit well with a number of right-wing, militant groups. Now, in a sense, we have both - an economic crisis and the first black president."

Numbers vary on how many Ku Klux Klan organizations there are in Oklahoma because some choose to remain in the shadows of society. Pitcavage estimates there are at least "four or five contact points," ranging from an individual recruiter to a full-fledged chapter.

The Southern Poverty Law Center names six organizations in Oklahoma - five chapters of the Pennsylvania-based Brotherhood of Klans Knights of the KKK and a group associated with the Louisiana-based Bayou Knights of the KKK. Clary's intelligence suggests "many, many more splinter groups."

Nationally, the Anti-Defamation League estimates somewhere between "4,000 and 5,000" Klan members exist.

"The Klan preys on people during hard economic times - times when they are vulnerable," Clary said.

Clary rose through the ranks of White Knights to the status of imperial wizard. Publicity about his title brought about the demise of his professional wrestling career.

Disillusioned, he quit the Klan in 1989.

With nowhere to turn, Clary reached for the Bible. He attended a multi-racial church in Tulsa and soon started seeing beyond the color of a person's skin. His journey inspired him to speak out against the Klan, which marked him as a "race traitor."

He still receives several death threats a week.

The Klan preys on people during hard economic times - times when they are vulnerable."

Johnny Lee Clary
Former Ku Klux Klan leader

Gunman 'lying in wait' kills 3 Pittsburgh officers

By RAMIT PLUSHNICK-MASTI and DAN NEPHIN, Associated Press Writers Sat Apr 4, 6:58 pm ET

PITTSBURGH – A gunman wearing a bulletproof vest and "lying in wait" opened fire on officers responding to a domestic disturbance call Saturday, killing three of them and turning a quiet Pittsburgh street into a battlefield, police said.

Police Chief Nate Harper said the motive for the shooting isn't clear, but friends said the gunman recently had been upset about losing his job and feared the Obama administration was poised to ban guns.

Richard Poplawski, 23, met officers at the doorway and shot two of them in the head immediately, Harper said. An officer who tried to help the two also was killed.

Poplawski, armed with an assault rifle and two other guns, then held police at bay for four hours as the fallen officers were left bleeding nearby, their colleagues unable to reach them, according to police and witnesses. More than 100 rounds were fired by the SWAT teams and Poplawski, Harper said.

The three slain officers were Eric Kelly, 41, Stephen Mayhle, 29, and Paul Sciullo III, 37. Kelly had been on the force for 14 years, Mayhle and Sciullo for two years each. Another officer, Timothy McManaway, was shot in the hand and a fifth broke his leg on a fence.

Poplawski had gunshot wounds in his legs but was otherwise unharmed because he was wearing a bulletproof vest, Harper said. He was charged with three counts of homicide, aggravated assault and a weapons violation.

The shooting occurred just two weeks after four police officers were fatally shot in Oakland, Calif., in the deadliest day for U.S. law enforcement since Sept. 11, 2001. The officers were the first Pittsburgh city officers to die in the line of duty in 18 years.

"This is a solemn day and it's a very sad day in the city of Pittsburgh," Harper said. "We've seen this kind of violence happen in California. We never would think this kind of violence would happen in the city of Pittsburgh."

At 7 a.m., Sciullo and Mayhle responded to a 911 call from Poplawski's mother, who remained holed

up in the basement during the entire dispute and escaped unharmed, Harper said.

When they arrived at the home, Sciullo was immediately shot in the head. Mayhle, who was right behind him, was also shot in the head.

"It appears he was lying in wait for the officers," Harper said.

Kelly, who was on his way home after completing his overnight shift when he heard the call for help, rushed to the scene and was killed trying to help Sciullo and Mayhle, Harper said. SWAT teams and other officers arrived and were immediately fired on as well.

Don Sand, who lives across the street from Poplawski, said he was woken up by the sound of gunfire. Hunkering down behind a wall in his home, he saw the first two officers go down and then saw Kelly get shot.

"They couldn't get the scene secure enough to get to them. They were just lying there bleeding," Sand said. "By the time they secured the scene enough to get to them it was way too late."

Deputy Chief Paul Donaldson, who lives nearby, was one of the first officers to arrive. He saw Mayhle by a bush to the right of the door; Kelly was in the street and McManaway, his hand injured, was kneeling beside him, yelling that Kelly needed help.

Donaldson suggested using a police van to get them. They draped a bulletproof vest on the window to protect the driver and several officers got into the van to get Kelly and McManaway.

During this time, Poplawski was somehow distracted, Donaldson said.

"We were fortunate that he didn't fire on us. I don't know why he was distracted, but he apparently didn't see us coming down to get them," he said. "It could have been worse."

Poplawski had feared "the Obama gun ban that's on the way" and "didn't like our rights being infringed upon," said Edward Perkovic, his best friend.

Perkovic, 22, said he got a call at work from him in which he said, "Eddie, I am going to die today. ... Tell your family I love them and I love you."

Perkovic said: "I heard gunshots and he hung up. ... He sounded like he was in pain, like he got shot."

Poplawski had once tried to join the Marines, but was kicked out of boot camp after throwing a food tray at a drill sergeant, Perkovic said.

Another longtime friend, Aaron Vire, said Poplawski feared that President Barack Obama was going to take away his rights, though he said he "wasn't violently against Obama."

Vire, 23, said Poplawski once had an Internet talk show but that it wasn't successful. He said Poplawski owned an AK-47 rifle and several powerful handguns, including a .357 Magnum.

Obama has said he respects Americans' constitutional right to bear arms, but that he favors "common sense" gun laws. Gun rights advocates interpret that as meaning he would approve some curbs on assault and concealed weapons.

Poplawski had been laid off from his job at a glass factory earlier this year, said another friend, Joe DiMarco. DiMarco said he didn't know the name of the company, but knew his friend had been upset about it.

The last Pittsburgh police officers killed in the line of duty were Officers Thomas L. Herron and Joseph J. Grill, according to a Web site that tracks police killings. They died after their patrol car collided with another vehicle while chasing a stolen car on March 6, 1991.

In 1995, an off-duty officer was shot with his own gun after he confronted a group of teenagers about graffiti. Tests later showed the officer had been drinking.

According to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund, 133 law enforcement officers died in the line of duty in 2008, a 27 percent decrease from year before and the lowest annual total since 1960.

Poplawski had often fought with neighbors and had even gotten into fist fights with a couple, Sand said.

"This is a relatively really quiet neighborhood except for him," Sand said. "He was just one of those kids that we knew to stay clear from."

Harper confirmed police had responded to calls from the Poplawski house several times but said the incidents were still being investigated.

Rob Gift, 45, who lives a block away, said the well-kept single-family houses with manicured lawns are home to many police officers, firefighters, paramedics and other city workers.

"It's just a very quiet neighborhood," Gift said.

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What Does it Mean conspiracy site - http://www.whatdoesitmean.com – seen as "out there" even by some militia folks but the materials do still reappear in places such as awrm – for example: http://www.awrm.org/ubb/ultimatebb.php?ubb=get_topic;f=21;t=004018

Below are some of the titles of the pieces – and the full text of each is posted after I listed the titles...

http://www.whatdoesitmean.com/index1131.htm

August 28, 2008

US-Russia Begin Catastrophic End Time War On World

http://www.whatdoesitmean.com/index1132.htm

August 30, 2008

Russian '*Sleeper*' Agents Begin '*Day X*' Attacks In US

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September 18, 2008

Economic World War Has Begun, Warns Russia

http://www.whatdoesitmean.com/index1144.htm

September 22, 2008

Russia-China Prepare Massive Gold 'Shock' For Global Economy

http://www.whatdoesitmean.com/index1148.htm

October 1, 2008

US Sends $800 Billion In New Amero Currency To China

http://www.whatdoesitmean.com/index1149.htm

October 4, 2008

Chinese Police Units Begin Entering US To Protect Assets

http://www.whatdoesitmean.com/index1177.htm

December 15, 2008

American People Warned To Prepare For Financial Armageddon

http://www.whatdoesitmean.com/index1209.htm

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Russia Sinks Chinese Ship Bound For US With Nuclear Warhead

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February 15 2009

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February 11, 2009

Global Alert Issued As Massive Strike On US Feared As China Prepares For War

Also – these books:

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This book is a MUST for those Americans seeking to survive their growing Police State!

Picking up the Pieces: Practical Guide for Surviving Economic Crashes, Internal Unrest and Military Suppression

By: Sorcha Faal (Translated into English Special Offer! $25.95 US)

In the span of less than 3 months: Gasoline prices will rise 500%. The prices of both food and shelter rise over 300%. Unemployment levels reach over 30% and are still climbing. The savings of millions evaporate overnight due to currency devaluation and bank failures. Unrest will begin in the larger cities first, then spreading out into the countryside. Strong and repressive laws are newly enacted as Police and Military forces spread throughout the country to counter all signs of growing rebellion.

If you are an American reading these words you must understand two things: 1.) This is what is soon to happen to you, and 2.) The description written above applies equally to the United States of 2005, The United States of 1929, The former Soviet Union of 1989, The German Republic of 1924, The Cuba of 1960, Argentina of 1986, Iran of 1979 and the Czarist Russian Empire of 1917, to just name a few.

From each of these historical examples further lessons have been learned on how not only to survive, but on how to remain as free as possible and keep your family clothed, housed, fed and alive.

While in the midst of these cataclysmic human events is not the best time to learn the lessons provided in this book, but rather beforehand.

Your number one resource then will be exactly what it is now, YOUR KNOWLEDGE!

Gathered from historical archives, and hundreds of personal accounts, this book will provide you with all of the information you need (and from those who have lived through,

and survived these same events) to survive what you are about to face in your lives. It will give you this information, KNOWLEDGE, when you need it most, NOW.

This book begins with the most basic rule of survival, LEAVE before it gets worse. Prior knowledge about events soon to occur have saved millions over the past Century allowing them to flee the most dangerous areas ahead of time, and when they still could.

What countries are available to Americans now to immigrate to should they choose to flee? What are the ramifications in becoming an International refugee? How can ones property and wealth be converted into allowing them leave their countries of origin? These are important questions, this book provides those answers.

Not everyone that can leave will leave; history has taught this lesson well….especially to the almost complete annihilation of all the Jewish peoples in Europe during World War II.

To those who are trapped and not able to leave how then can they survive these events? By utilizing the practical knowledge and information passed down to them by those who have gone through these things before.

This massive book (over 400 pages) contains perhaps the largest archive of survival information for those facing the imminent dangers of collapsing economies and currencies and the subsequent dictatorial or revolutionary regimes that inevitably follow.

How do you function in an underground economy? How do you bribe officials and why do you need to know this? What are the advantages in having multiple sets of identification papers for yourself and your family members BEFORE the onset of events you know are coming?

What are the advantages and disadvantages in grouping with other people? What are the ethical, moral and legal implications for protecting those wanted by the State, and if necessary having to kill to protect them, yourself or your children?

These are only the beginning of the hardest questions you will ever have to ask of yourself and your family. These are also questions that have already been asked and answered by those who have faced what you are facing now.

You have a rare choice before you now: 1.) To acquire this Knowledge now, or 2.) Keep living your lives in denial of the overwhelming evidence staring right at you, and telling you it is almost passed the time you should be prepared.

Do not believe foolishly either that your governments will allow much longer this book, or those by other groups seeking to assist Americans, to be available much longer into the future.

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Code Red: The Coming Destruction Of The United States

By: David Booth (Special Offer! $30.00 US)

For the first time since 2004, the Booth Family Trust has authorized a limited printing of what is, without doubt, one of the most reviled and intriguing books of the past decade, rivaling only the 1950 publication of Immanuel Velikovsky's 'Worlds In Collision', and which was, likewise, met with a storms of protests and spurious allegations.

Upon its initial release in February, 2004, Code Red and David Booth garnered World-Wide attention, and scathing attacks, which, of course, led to very limited sales of what has in the past 3 years turned out to be one of the most prophetic books about America written in our lifetime.

In interviewing Mr. Booth prior to the writing of this review I asked him if now, three years later, and after the controversy Code Red caused upon its initial release, and in looking back, 'Was it worth it?' to which he replied:

"Truth is one of the rarest commodities in the times we are living through, to expose it to the masses is tantamount to slapping the entrenched power structure of the United States in their very face, but which, at times, someone needs to take the risk and do, otherwise, and what we are seeing in America now, lies become the truth because they are more comfortable for people to believe."

What I personally found most important about Code Red was it's laying the precise groundwork for understanding the headlines of today, such as "Americans Have Lost Their Country" and "The Pentagon's Power to Arrest, Torture, and Execute Americans", and from the perspective of a country that in 2004 could not even fathom how fast, and far, their country could descend into a virtual, and growing, Police State with an economy near collapse.

What I found most interesting about Code Red was in researching the Booth Family Trust's original sales invoices for 2004, and which showed that at the same time the elite media forces within the United States were castigating Code Red they were the exact ones who were buying it!

From the corridors of power in Washington D.C., to the entrenched media elite in Hollywood, the 'power brokers' of America made sure they knew what David Booth had to say, they just didn't want you to know.

Not all of the elite power structure within the United States are against David Booth, in fact the numbers of his supporters, within both the media and government, grows by the month, and for good reason as Mr. Booth is the only person in the World to have had a pre-cognitive experience fully documented by a United States government agency prior to the event happening, and which you can learn more about by watching him on the A&E Network Television Special Programme to air on March 8th and 9th, 2007.

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The Great Famine Of 2009-2012

Authorized for a limited 2009 release by Sister Adalsinda Bachmeier to the readers and subscribers of The Order of the Sisters of Sorcha Faal

Special Offer: $38.00 plus $4.50 Shipping and Handling [US Funds]

"When I was asked recently by one of my dear Sisters as to why I had written this book my thoughts traveled back to when I traveled to Bremen after the war with my father in January, 1946, and where the images of starvation and suffering were nearly too powerful for any young girl of 13 to bear, and which have been seared into my mind to this very day.

Our village of Martfeld had remained virtually untouched by the ravages of war due to its rural location and population makeup of mainly Amish Mennonite and Old Order Amish farmers like my father. The British soldiers who began occupying our region in 1945 were no more, nor no less tolerated by our people than the Nazis had been, both being content that we posed no threat to their order and so we were allowed to continue living our mostly quiet lives.

But, in Bremen on that starkly clear and bitterly cold January day in Bremen I was visiting so long ago, my own quiet mind was shattered forever by the masses of humanity literally starving to death in queues numbering in the thousands for their weekly rations doled out to them by their new British overseers. "*What had happened to this once fat and happy people?*" my young mind wondered as I struggled to comprehend the incomprehensible. After all, it had only been 4 years earlier in 1942 that I had last visited this great city whose people seemed like giants to me because of their great height and weight. What had, indeed, happened?

My life since those days has taken me too many different lands of equally suffering human beings, and even though their stories of suffering were different from my own home country, I was amazed to find the many similarities that occurred as precursors to mass starvation, no matter if the cause was war, drought or mass relocation of populations."

These powerful words begin Sister Adalsinda's book of warning **The Great Famine Of 2009-2012** lays the historical path proving beyond all doubt, to even the most hardened skeptic, that our World is entering into one of its most perilous times it has ever faced and that will find the vast majority of today's Western Nations resembling those of the Third World in just a few short years time.

One of the most astounding evidences of the coming Great Famine, Sister Adalsinda writes,, is staring every one of these Westerners in their very faces as the rates of obesity among them skyrocket to levels not seen since the "*years before every major Global conflict*" and "*every famine ever recorded*". But not being told to these Westerners, Sister Adalsinda continues, is that every human being has within them a '*psychic-genetic*' connection that when great famines or lack of access to food for long periods of time are near our bodies shut down their normal metabolic functions and begin storing fat to enable its survival.

Sister Adalsinda's research expands on those of other researchers, including Dr. Martin Seligman, an authority on obesity, who states that *"when a person is subjected to starvation repeatedly or over long periods, the body gradually adjusts by storing more fat in preparation for the next time. This would have been a crucial survival feature in early humans, when hunting seasons could alternate between feast and famine, not only for days but even weeks or months at a time. Natural selection would have favored those who could survive periods of prolonged starvation by storing fat more efficiently."*

In her book Sister Adalsinda states that hidden within each and every human beings DNA is a "***Great Famine Gene***" that upon its activation by future events it knows will occur, but seldom in today's '*modern*' World acknowledged, begins excreting its power over our bodies leading to rapid and sustained weight gain, feelings of hopelessness, depression and acts of self destruction.

Sister Adalsinda further lays out to the reader the actions they need to take, immediately, to begin preparing themselves for a World that is on the very brink of starvation that the ordinary people in the West continue to mistakenly believe will not affect them, but their own bodies are proven they will be the hardest hit.

In her book Sister Adalsinda also explains how the leaders of all the Western Nations have long know of this **Great Famine** to come and have been preparing for it, right under the very noses of the tens of millions they have consigned to death as not worth saving and have no place in their New World Order they plan to establish to cement their rule over all of the Earth.

This book is a **MUST** for anyone seriously planning for their and their family's long-term survival as food stocks are beginning to run out all over the World right now, and as Sister Adalsinda explains in her book… the current '*manufactured*' Global Economic Crisis is but the '*last and most vital*' mass population control mechanism put into place for the elite rulers to better manage a starving World.

And if you believe these headlines are going to get better you couldn't be more mistaken!

February 11, 2009 (LPAC)--The current drought in China and California, mark the fact that now harvests are threatened by bad weather, and lack of water infrastructure, in both Northern and Southern Hemisphere farm regions at the same time. This was not so over the past 18 months, when production in the Northern Hemisphere grain belts--China, Russia, France, the U.S. and Canada, somewhat "made up for" the drought losses down under in Australia, Argentina and Brazil. No longer. Add to this the impact of the farm credit crisis, commodity speculation and other factors associated with the financial collapse, and the makings of a food catastrophe are at hand.

"In an "unforeseen and unprecedented" shift, the world food supply is dwindling rapidly and food prices are soaring to historic levels, the top food and agriculture official of the United Nations warned Monday.

The changes created "a very serious risk that fewer people will be able to get food," particularly in the developing world, said Jacques Diouf, head of the UN Food and Agriculture Organization.

The agency's food price index rose by more than 40 percent this year, compared with 9 percent the year before - a rate that was already unacceptable, he said. New figures show that the total cost of foodstuffs imported by the neediest countries rose 25 percent, to $107 million, in the last year."

"China's monthslong drought has worsened in northwestern Gansu even after snow and rainfall eased the crisis in seven other provinces, the Agriculture Ministry said Wednesday.

The ministry's Web site called the current situation "grim," with 80 percent of the farmland for winter crops affected — a total of 1.1 million acres (483,000 hectares) — because of little precipitation, high temperatures and decreased river flow".

"In a blow to California farmers struggling with a persistent drought, federal authorities released projections on Friday showing that little or no water would be available from federal sources this year for agricultural use.

State water supplies were also expected to be severely curtailed, state officials said.

The announcements — from the federal Bureau of Reclamation and the California Department of Water Resources — confirmed fears long held by farmers, who had been warned in recent months to expect little water from state and federal reservoirs, which are collectively less than half full."

There **IS** going to come a time in **YOUR** very near future when you are either going to be faced with starvation or you will be protected. The choice of which of these two it is going to be is yours.

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US-Russia Begin Catastrophic End Time War On World

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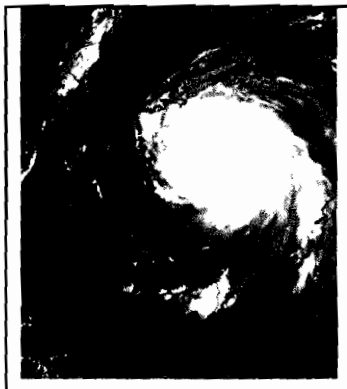

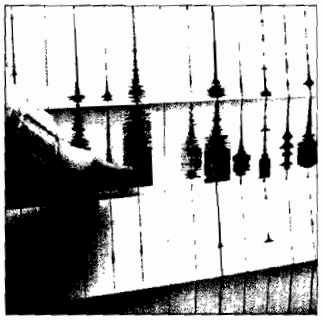

In the shadow of Western public blind to their own government's propaganda that such technology does not exist, the first attacks of Total Global War between the West and East have been launched against each other by the United States and Russia.

The Americans are reported to have struck first in their Alaskan HAARP based attack upon Russia's similar array of atmospheric radars located on the shores of Lake Baikal (also home to Russia's Deep Underwater Neutrino Telescope) which was hit by a devastating 9.0 magnitude earthquake. (6.7 on the Richter scale)

Russian Forces were quick to counterstrike with a massive 9 billion volt surge from their "**Hurricane Gun**" directed towards the Gulf of Mexico, and which American meteorologist Scott Stevens had previously accused Russia of utilizing against the US over the catastrophic Katrina Hurricane which virtually obliterated the city of New Orleans.

This is not the first time this year that the Americans have struck against their Eastern adversaries as their early summer attacks against the Chinese were brought to an abrupt halt following China's threat of '*massive retaliation*', and as we had previously reported on in our June 21st report titled **'Stop Now Or We'll Bury You', China Warns US As Weather War Intensifies**".

No such warning, however, is being heeded by America's War Leaders in their confrontation with Russia as the Gulf of Mexico is now in turmoil in expectations of Tropical Storm Gustav growing into a possible monster Category 5 Hurricane ready to cause catastrophic destruction to the United States vital off shore oil facilities and refineries located along their southeastern coasts.

It should be noted that Russia's State Duma had previously (2002) "*prepared two addresses: to President Putin and to the UN, international organizations, parliaments and governments of all countries, to the scientific community of the world, as well as to mass media*" for the banning of US based "*geophysical weapons*".

Researcher Vladimir V. Sytin had, also, previously warned in his Ukraine Times report:

"In the opinion of many scientists, ecological catastrophes which befell Europe and Asia in summer, testify to some common global reasons behind their origin. First of all, they believe there is a possibility of secret and unsanctioned use of geophysical weapons.

It is worth remembering that at the end of the 1970s the U.S.A. and the U.S.S.R. signed an agreement banning use of engineering developments in the sphere of geophysics for military

purposes. In fact, these developments were made under the pretext of scientific research or dual-purpose technologies.

According to most experts, it is the High frequency Active Auroral Research Program (HAARP) which involves such developments. As recently as the 1980s the American scientist who drew up this program, received a patent on a method and a device for changing layers of the atmosphere, ionosphere or magnetosphere.

Yuri Solomatin, deputy of the Supreme Rada, Ukraine's parliament, stated that the U.S.A. has already constructed high-frequency emitters which are capable of heating the atmosphere to the temperature of the plasma by means of the power pumping of ions. This plasma can be controlled in space and it can influence strongly processes in the atmosphere, ionosphere and magnetosphere of the Earth. The above emitters are deployed in the Norwegian town of Tromso and the U.S. military base in Alaska.

Meanwhile, critics point to the danger that after commissioning of the third most powerful emitter in Greenland, the American geophysical weapon will be able to cover Eurasia with its influence from the Atlantic to Pacific Oceans.

Theoretically, this weapon can program floods, typhoons and tornados in any part of the globe or paralyze civilian and military electronic control systems, including communication ones, in any country."

To the fullest dynamics that are driving the rapid plunge of our World into Total War we can read as reported by Russia's Vedomosti News Service in their report titled "**Medvedev takes first step toward new world order**", and which says:

"Russia's recognition of the independence of Abkhazia and South Ossetia several months after the leading Western countries recognized Kosovo's independence has closed the door on a short period of a stable world order.

Analysts say Moscow has provided a much more radical example of solving international problems without resorting to traditional mechanisms.

Russia put off the recognition of the breakaway Georgian republics for as long as possible, until it had to choose between doing it or bowing to the West - although it did not consider itself guilty of anything, and eating humble pie in this situation would have been vivid proof of its inefficiency.

Boris Shmelev, head of the Center for Comparative Political Studies at the Institute of International Economic and Political Studies, said in chess such situations are described as zugzwang, or the necessity to move when every decision has negative consequences. It is a choice between bad and worse.

Russia's recognition of Abkhazia and South Ossetia will enrage the West, and a crisis in bilateral relations that began several years ago will deteriorate into confrontation.

However, a decision not to recognize the two republics would have seriously damaged Russia's prestige and possibly destabilized the situation in Russia's North Caucasus, which would be still worse, Shmelev said.

Nikolai Zlobin, director of Russian and Asian programs at the U.S. Center for Defense Information, said Russia had delivered the final blow at the system of international relations agreed by the anti-Hitler coalition in Yalta, and opened the door to what the United States and other Western countries have demanded for the past few years - a revision of the fundamentals of the current world order.

"Dmitry Medvedev, the first Russian president to become a politician after the Cold War, has driven the last nail in the coffin of the system that has long become ineffective and inadequate, and has more than once led the international community into a dead-end," Zlobin said."

To the unsuspecting US public these warnings of current events will, like always, fall upon deaf ears as they have been conditioned to not accept the true, and monstrous, reality of who rules over them, and a glimpse of whom the rest of us can see through the efforts of the American writer and documentary filmmaker, Jon Ronson, who pens in his 2004 book, "**The Men Who Stare At Goats**":

"In 1979 a secret unit was established by the most gifted minds within the US Army. Defying all known accepted military practice-and indeed, the laws of physics-they believed that a soldier could adopt a cloak of invisibility, pass cleanly through walls, and, perhaps most chilling, kill goats just staring at them.

Entrusted with defending America from all known adversaries, they were the First Earth Battalion. And they weren't joking. What's more, they're back and fighting the War on Terror."

As President Medvedev has just stated that Russia will not back down in facing the West, and has further stated that he is '*ready for anything*', one cannot be at all surprised by his stance in the face of barbaric American monsters he is facing.

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Russian '*Sleeper*' Agents Begin '*Day X*' Attacks In US

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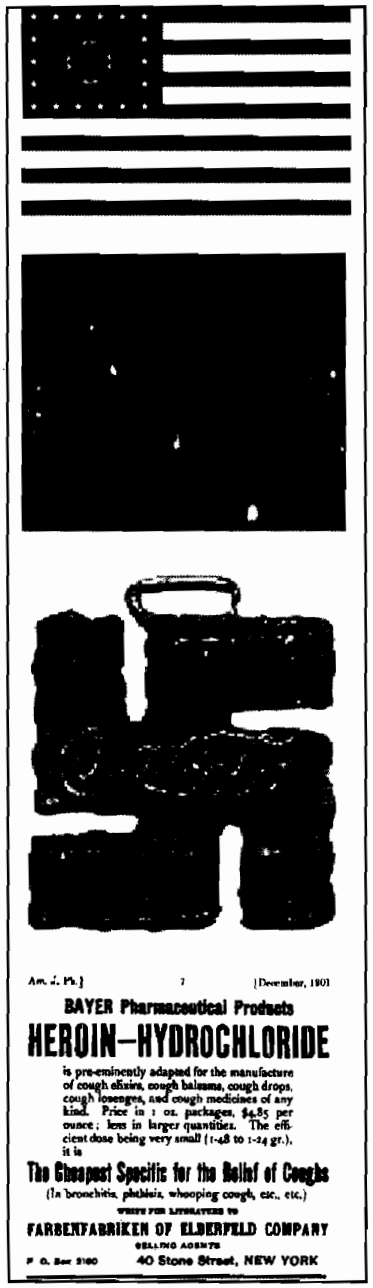

A number of conflicting, and disturbing, reports are circulating in the Kremlin today that are stating that '*someone*' appears to have '*activated*' Russia's '*deep core sleeper agents*' in America, and who are members of Russia's most powerful Department 12 of Directorate S Foreign Intelligence Service known as Sluzhba Vneshney Razvedki (SVR), to begin attacks on the United States Homeland.

The long feared existence, and use, of Russian sleeper agents in Western Nations was confirmed by former KGB spymaster, Alexander Kouzminov who had headed the ultra-secret unit, Department 12 of Directorate S. prior to his defection to the West and confirmed these Nations worst fears by detailing the former Soviet Unions placement of their agents in these countries along with biological and nuclear weapons to be used in time of war.

Most chilling of former Director Kouzminov's revelations to the West of his directorates work was his stating the ominous warnings of 'Day X':

"The formula 'Day X' in our documents meant the beginning of a large-scale war against the West. Our Department 12 (together with Department 8, - in charge of preparing acts of sabotage and terror on the enemy's territory in an event of war and/or a large scale military conflict) had to participate in this through so-called 'direct actions,' which were clandestine acts of biological sabotage and terrorism against 'potential strike targets' on the enemy's territory.

The 'potential strike targets' were:

Army targets, including classified military biological and medical research labs/centers; biological warfare ammunition stockpiles; military garrisons and bases; and military biological (and other) defense commands, including those that were looking after

surveillance of biological weapons activities; civil (or so-called 'soft') targets, including public drinking-water supplies, food stores, and processing plants; water purification systems; vaccine, drug and toxin repositories; pharmaceutical and biotechnological plants, etc; and

The economy of a potential enemy.

The list of potential targets could be extended.

Terrorist 'illegals' who were trained for 'direct actions' were to be used in the event of 'Day-X.' Among the ongoing tasks of Department 8 were the training of deep-core [sleeper] agents, 'illegal' terrorists, and fighters responsible for the preparation and carrying out of single and massive terrorist acts, acts of sabotage and diversion, and the assassination of key officials in important positions in various target countries in the event of a large-scale war or a local military conflict of the Soviet Union."

Russian Intelligence Analysts reporting to Prime Minster Putin are now stating that a '*Day X*' attack has, indeed, occurred in the United States with the massive explosion at the Bayer Crop Science Bio Weapons Plant located in the US State of West Virginia [see photo second left], which was listed as a '*high priority*' target by Department 12 of Directorate S as not only was it owned (since 1925) by the giant Nazi German chemical and weapons firm IG Farben (IG (Interessengemeinschaft) stands for "Association of Common Interests), but was also controlled by Bush Families war profiteering company Carlyle Group.

Also interesting to note about this Bayer Bio Weapons facility in the US targeted by Russia is that it is the maker of the dreaded pesticide Larvin, which we had reported on in our March 26th report titled "**Fears Grow Over 'Catastrophic' US Biosphere Collapse**", and which many Russian scientists state is responsible for the catastrophic loss of bees and other plant pollinators in the United States attempt to cripple our World's food supply in order to foist upon humanity their genetically modified foods designed to cause mass deaths and pacify humans through the direct changing of our DNA.

These Russian FSB reports further state that this Bayer Bio Weapons plant was utilized by US War Leaders for the mass production of diacetylmorphine (heroin) from their vast poppy controlled fields in Afghanistan, and which the Taliban had managed to eradicate prompting the US invasion of their country, to further fill their coffers in their never-ending quest for total World domination, and which Bayer had invented in 1898.

The American people continue their failure to understand that as they become the largest user of the illegal drugs heroin and cocaine in the World, it is their own military forces that totally control the production and distribution of these horrific drugs in their protected territories of Afghanistan and Colombia for the financial benefit of their elite rulers, including the Bush and Clinton families, and which have long used the CIA (known as the Real Drug Lords) to control their Nations illegal drug trade.

Most importantly, however, of these events are what they are leading to, and as best stated by Dr Nikolai Sokov, senior research associate at James Martin Center for Non-proliferation Studies at Monterey Institute of International Studies, who says:

"It is time to seriously contemplate World War III. The most important elements are already in place. Just as so many experts on the Caucasus have predicted, the region has become a power keg and the main source of great-power rivalry."

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Economic World War Has Begun, Warns Russia

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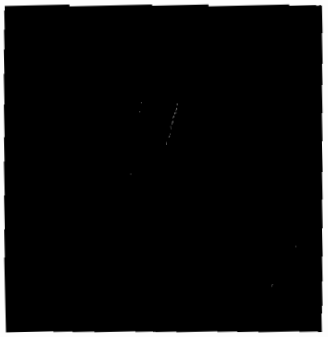

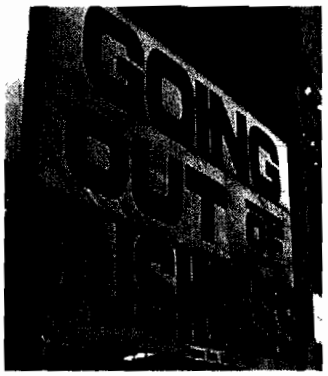

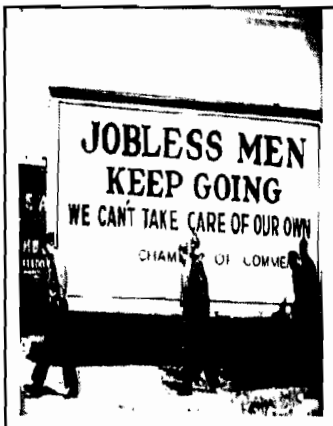

In a very disturbing report to Prime Minister Putin and President Medvedev today from the Ministry of Finance of the Russian Federation, the greatest fears for our World's economic system have been realized as the Ministry is warning that a '*full fledged*' Economic World War is now underway with the main '*target*' being the United States Federal Reserve System, and whose Chairman, Ben Bernanke, admitted to the Chicago Tribune News Service yesterday that they have "Lost Control" of the American economy.

So catastrophic have these attacks upon the US Federal Reserve been, that for the second day in a row Russian markets collapsed despite an injection of over $20 billion to stem the flow of outbound capital headed toward the Western banking system, and the United States main stock market was crushed by a further 450 point loss as the Associated Press News Service reports that the Americans are '*scared to death*' as their entire economic system nears total collapse.

So catastrophic has the collapse of the Western Banking system been that Israel's Haaretz News Service is reporting that losses have now exceeded $1 Trillion and is the '*worst financial crises*' since the beginning of the Great Depression in 1929.

Britain's Telegraph News Service is further reporting that the combined injection of nearly $500 billion by the US Federal Reserve, Bank of England and the European Central Bank into the Western Banking system over the past two days has done nothing to stem the financial blood spilling on the floors of markets throughout the World.

Not just to the American system either has this crisis struck as the United Kingdoms Halifax Bank of Scotland (HBOS) is said near collapse with Prime Minister Brown now urging for its sale before its total collapse.

China is reported to be, also, growing increasingly concerned over the West's financial crisis, and as we can read as reported by the Reuters News Service:

"Threatened by a "financial tsunami," the world must consider building a financial order no longer dependent on the United States, a leading Chinese state newspaper said on Wednesday.

The commentary in the overseas edition of the People's Daily said the collapse of Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc (LEH.P: Quote, Profile, Research, Stock Buzz) "may augur an even larger impending global 'financial tsunami'."

The People's Daily is the official newspaper of China's ruling Communist Party, and the overseas edition is a smaller circulation offshoot of the main paper."

The greatest insight into the causes of this Economic World War, these reports state, lies in the powerful consortium of European Banks ruled by Britain's Queen Elizabeth and the Netherlands House of Orange, ruled by Queen Beatrix, and who control the largest bank in the World, Switzerland's UBS , and its allies, the United Kingdoms HSBC and the Netherlands ING Group, both of which are, also, among the top ten banks on our planet.

The United States Federal Reserve, these reports continue, became alarmed this past year with the unprecedented ascendancy of Democratic Presidential Candidate Barack Obama, who Russian Intelligence Officers had previously ascertained was a '*deep cover*' agent of British Intelligence during his detention in the Siberian city of Perm in 2005 while he was accompanying US Senator Richard Lugar on a nuclear disarmament tour of Russia, and sought to uncover his US and European financial backers through the use of what are called 'offshore accounts', and as we can read as reported by the Wall Street News Service:

"*US prosecutors are expected to confront Swiss banking giant UBS with a broad subpoena for the names of wealthy American clients who may have used its services to avoid income taxes, according to lawyers and others involved in the case*."

Not being understood by the American people is that US Federal Reserve is a private bank established by the US Congress in 1913 after the murder of most of America's top bankers and industrial leaders in the deliberate 1912 sinking of the Titanic, and who opposed the establishment of a Central Bank in the United States.

Further to be noted is that the direct financing of both World War's I and II were accomplished through the machinations of the German Jewish Warburg family, and who through Felix Warburg, Chairman of the US Federal Reserve Bank, and Max Warburg, one of the founders of Nazi German industrial giant IG Farben and head of the Deutsche Bank, nearly destroyed the power of the European Royal Houses, including Russia's, and began the hegemony of the United States.

To the greatest fears, however, of the outbreak of Economic World War, between the European Royal Houses and the United States, along with its Israeli ally, lies in the American's response with their military power, and which is the only power they have remaining in order to prevent the total collapse of their economy.

Russian Military Analysts have repeatedly warned that this is the only course of action left for the Americans to preserve their Nation, but which with the election of Obama to the Presidency of the United States would accomplish a coup of the US government by the European Royal Houses and the dismembering of that once great country.

What remains to be known is the response to these actions against them by the present Fascist backed regime of the Bush-Clinton cabal who have, essentially, run the American Empire since the attempted assassination of President Ronald Regan in 1981, in what Russian Intelligence

Analysts have stated was a successful coup staged by their former CIA Director, and then Vice President George Bush, and who was the father of the current US President.

If the World Wars of last century which, also, pitted these American and European powers against each other, are any indication, one can surely state that the bombs will start falling much sooner than later as the battle for our Earth enters this final and most catastrophic of stages.

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Russia-China Prepare Massive Gold 'Shock' For Global Economy

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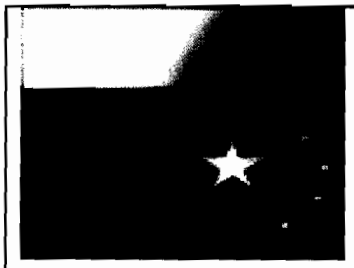

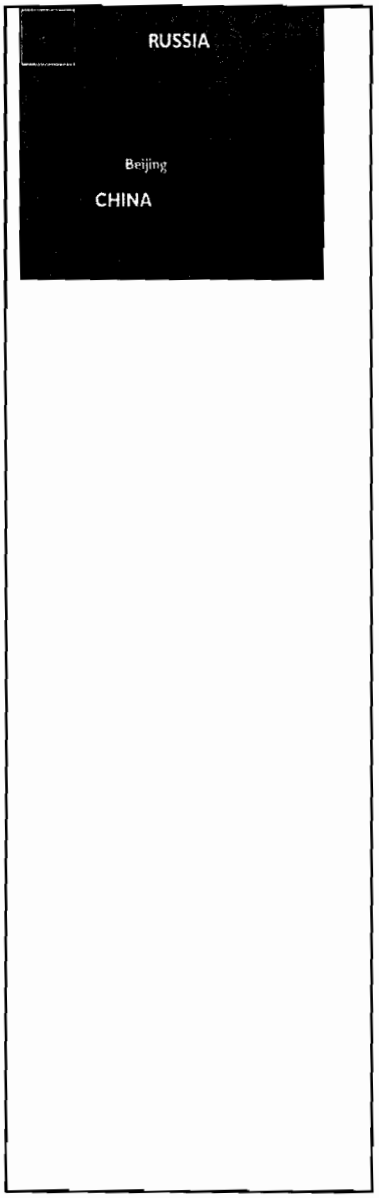

A visibly angry Prime Minister Putin addressing the media during his visit with French Prime Minister Francois Fillon in Sochi blasted the United States plans for dealing with the collapse of the Western Banking system by stating, "*We all need to think about changing the architecture of international finances and diversifying risks. The whole world economy cannot depend on one money-printing machine*".

Putin's warning, however, has fallen upon deaf ears in the United States as that financially beleaguered Nation prepares to further implode their economy by injecting a staggering $1 Trillion into their stock and banking markets by doing nothing more than printing up more money as they have completely bankrupted themselves, and which has brought them to this latest crisis.

Not being explained to the American people, in the millions of words currently assaulting them by their propaganda media about their economic collapse, is the almost childlike equation that their Nations debt is virtually worthless on the World markets as the US Dollar has no real value as their US Federal Reserve System is broke, and as we can read from their own statement, but in much more convoluted terms designed to completely confuse their own people:

"The Federal Reserve has announced a series of lending and liquidity initiatives during the past several quarters intended to address heightened liquidity pressures in the financial market, including enhancing its liquidity facilities this week. To manage the balance sheet impact of these efforts, the Federal Reserve has taken a number of actions, including redeeming and selling securities from the System Open Market Account portfolio.

The Treasury Department announced today the initiation of a temporary Supplementary Financing Program at the request of the Federal Reserve. The program will consist of a series of Treasury bills, apart from Treasury's current borrowing program, which will provide cash for use in the Federal Reserve initiatives.

Announcements of and participation in auctions conducted under the Supplementary Financing Program will be governed by existing Treasury auction rules. Treasury will provide as much advance notification as possible regarding the timing, size, and maturity of any bills auctioned for Supplementary Financing Program purposes."

In simple terms: When the US Federal Reserve System announced it was broke, the US Treasury turned on its printing presses to create new Treasury Bills which have no value whatsoever, except giving the illusion of liquidity to the unsuspecting American public so they will cease

withdrawing their dollars from their crashing banks and stock markets prior to their savings becoming completely worthless.

To the astounding plan unveiled by the US Government to address their financial collapse, one could justifiably be confused to if they are reading a pronouncement from the old Soviet Politburo, instead of the largest capitalistic economy system in the World, and as we can read as reported by the Bloomberg News Service:

"The Bush administration sought unchecked power from Congress to buy $700 billion in bad mortgage investments from financial companies in what would be an unprecedented government intrusion into the markets.

Through his plan, Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson aims to avert a credit freeze that would bring the financial system and the world's largest economy to a standstill. The bill would prevent courts from reviewing actions taken under its authority.

"He's asking for a huge amount of power," said Nouriel Roubini, an economist at New York University. ``He's saying, `Trust me, I'm going to do it right if you give me absolute control.' This is not a monarchy.'"

As we had reported in our September 20th report, **'Seven Days That Shook The World': Democracy In America Dies**, US Senator Jim Bunning was, indeed, correct when he stated, *"The free market for all intents and purposes is dead in America. The action proposed today by the Treasury Department will take away the free market and institute socialism in America."*

But, to the fullest extent of this US financial crisis we can read as reported by the Washington Post News Service:

"What we are witnessing may be the greatest destruction of financial wealth that the world has ever seen -- paper losses measured in the trillions of dollars. Corporate wealth. Oil wealth. Real estate wealth. Bank wealth. Private-equity wealth. Hedge fund wealth. Pension wealth. It's a painful reminder that, when you strip away all the complexity and trappings from the magnificent new global infrastructure, finance is still a confidence game -- and once the confidence goes, there's no telling when the selling will stop.

But more than psychology is involved here. What is really going on, at the most fundamental level, is that the United States is in the process of being forced by its foreign creditors to begin living within its means."

And, what the American economy, and its people, are not even close to being prepared for is how both China and Russia are going to be dealing with the new "Peoples Republic of Wall Street" in demanding their debts be paid immediately in full.

One particularly crushing response to the United States current crisis circulating in the Kremlin today, written by Alexander Dugin, described as the "New sage of the Kremlin", advocates the combining of both Russia's nearly $500 billion and China's 20,000 tons [est.]gold reserves to

back a new gold-backed Eurasian Currency modeled on the Euro, and which if implemented would '*shock*' the American dollar to such an extent that it would cease exist on International markets.

This report further notes that the United States is already preparing for such a response from Russia and China by this past weeks invoking of the Gold Reserve Act of 1934 by the US Government in a desperate move to protect their money markets for the first time since the Great Depression, and of which the vast majority of Americans remain oblivious to the fact that their personal gold holdings can still be confiscated by their officials at anytime of their choosing despite the 1975 laws allowing these people to own gold again.

In all of these events, and as we have mentioned many times before, the greatest enemy of these American people appears to be their own ignorance as they, seemingly, have absolutely no idea on how to protect themselves, but which even Russian schoolchildren knows is the exchanging of a collapsing currency for one that is doing better, and which millions of ordinary Russians did during the collapse of the Soviet economy by purchasing American Express Travelers Cheques in US Dollars and British Pound Sterling.

To whatever becomes of these American people entering what is, in essence, a Third World Economy, it remains a main fact that they continue to ignore the many warnings from outside their country of the many catastrophes still to come, even to their false bravado of laughing these warnings off as they plunge into the abyss.

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US Sends $800 Billion In New Amero Currency To China

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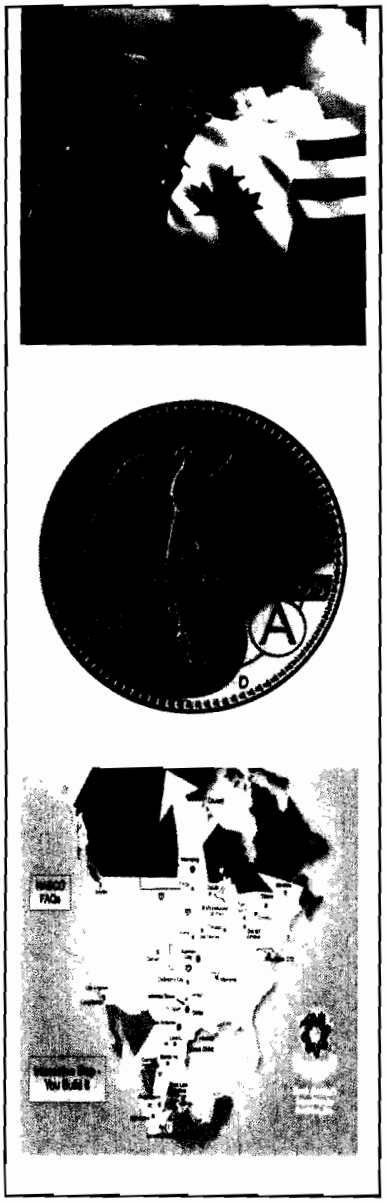

A chilling report circulating in the Kremlin today states that the US Secretary of the Treasury has informed the China Development Bank that the US has shipped $800 Billion of a new currency called the Amero, which is to be based upon the merging of the economies of The United States, Mexico and Canada into what is termed as The North American Union.

The current American debt obligation to China, currently based on the US Dollar, is now estimated to be the staggering sum of $2.5 Trillion, and which this new Amero will be exchanged for $400 Billion of this debt as the current American currency is set to be devalued by 50 percent before the end of the year.

Virtually unknown to the American people is that their current leader of the US Department of Treasury, Henry M. Paulson, Jr., has been tasked by President Bush to lead the efforts to join the economies of the US, Canada and Mexico and is also the head of the North American Development Bank, the bi-national financial institution established by the United States and Mexico to further the merging of their economies, and the leader of the Border Environment Cooperation Commission (BECC), the organization created by the governments of the United States and Mexico to further the implementation of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA).

This is important to note as the final provisions of the NAFTA Agreement were implemented on January 1, 2008, leaving only the final merging of the economies of the US, Mexico and Canada into a North American Union to be accomplished, of which we can read:

"President Bush is pursuing a globalist agenda to create a North American Union, effectively erasing our borders with both Mexico and Canada. This was the hidden agenda behind the Bush administration's true open borders policy.

Secretly, the Bush administration is pursuing a policy to expand NAFTA politically, setting the stage for a North American Union designed to encompass the U.S., Canada, and Mexico. What the Bush administration truly wants is the free, unimpeded movement of people across open borders with Mexico and Canada.

President Bush intends to abrogate U.S. sovereignty to the North American Union, a new economic and political entity which the President is quietly forming, much as the European Union has formed."

It is also interesting to note that American economists have been warning about the replacing of the US Dollar with the Amero, due to pressure from China, for nearly two years, and as we can read in this December, 2006 report titled **Analysts: Dollar collapse would result in 'amero'**, and which says:

"*As WND reported earlier this week, in an unusual move, the Bush administration is sending virtually the entire economic "A-team" to visit China for a "strategic economic dialogue" in Beijing Thursday and Friday. Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson and Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke are leading the delegation, along with five other cabinet-level officials, including Secretary of Commerce Carlos Gutierrez. Also in the delegation will be Labor Secretary Elaine Chao, Health and Human Services Secretary Mike Leavitt, Energy Secretary Sam Bodman, and U.S. Trade Representative Susan Schwab.*

But Chapman doubts the trip will help the Fed to engineer a slow dollar slide.

"*The Chinese are going to do what the Chinese want to do, not what we want them to do," he said. "I believe the Chinese are going to send Treasury Secretary Paulson and Fed Chairman Bernanke home packing, with little or nothing to show for the trip."*

How severe will the coming dollar collapse be?

"People in the U.S. are going to be hit hard," Chapman warned. "In the severe recession we are entering now, Bush will argue that we have to form a North American Union to compete with the Euro."

"Creating the amero," Chapman explained, "will be presented to the American public as the administration's solution for dollar recovery. In the process of creating the amero, the Bush administration just abandons the dollar."

The prophetic warnings of these American economists are, indeed, coming to pass as during the month of September alone, 10 years worth of gains on US stock markets have been wiped out in their entirety and bank runs are now occurring in the United States for the first time since the days of the Great Depression leading to the failure of 13 banks, some of their largest, and the imminent failure of 117 more forecasted by the US government.

US Treasury Secretary Paulson, however, continues leading the charge attempting to force upon the American people the '*final peg*' to their own demise by completely bankrupting the United States leaving no other choice but to completely discard the almost totally worthless US Dollar and its replacement with the Amero.

It goes without saying that the American people will greatly resist the replacement of their Dollar, but this cannot be said when tens of millions of them are without jobs and their life savings have become worthless leaving them with no other choice but accept what their own leaders have planned for them all along.

To this growing crisis currently battering the US, and its destruction of the entire Western Economy, Russian Military Analysts state in their reports that the establishment of a North American Union is by no means a foregone conclusion as aligned against it are the combined, and powerful, forces of the United States Military establishment and the State of Israel, both of whom see their demise should this planned merger occur.

This is important to note because both the US Military and Israel are proponents of what is termed as '***Disaster Capitalism***' which advocates the seemingly contradictory view that '*shocks*' and '*crashes*' to populations and economies are quickly followed by long periods of sustained growth and stability.

The phenomena of Disaster Capitalism was first observed during the 2007 World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland, where this '*puzzling trend*' was discussed and debated at great length, but which none of the participates could dispute after the full reports of the effects of September 11, 2001, in the United States, and other such catastrophic disasters, were fully analyzed.

To the growing Western adherence to the new ideology of Disaster Capitalism, and its dangers, we are further warned by the eminent writer Naomi Klein in her seminal work "**The Shock Doctrine: The Rise Of Disaster Capitalism**", and where she states:

"*The creeping expansion of the disaster capitalism complex into media may prove to be a new kind of corporate synergy, one building on the vertical integration so popular in the nineties. It certainly makes sound business sense. The more panicked our societies become, convinced that there are terrorists lurking in every mosque, the higher the news ratings soar, the more biometric IDs and liquid-explosives-detection devices the complex sells, and the more high-tech fences it builds.*

If the dream of the open, borderless "small planet" was the ticket to profits in the nineties, the nightmare of the menacing, fortressed Western continents, under siege from jihadists and illegal immigrants, palys the same role in the new millennium.

The only prospect that threatens the booming disaster economy on which so much wealth depends-from weapons to oil to engineering to surveillance to patented drugs-is the possibility of achieving some measure of climatic stability and geopolitical peace."

To which of these powerful forces, **North American Union** or **Disaster Capitalism**, the American people will ultimately be forced into choosing it is not in our knowing. But, what is in our knowing is that these Americans are woefully ill equipped, on every level imaginable, to either fully understand, or know how to survive, the horrific future being planned for them.

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Chinese Police Units Begin Entering US To Protect Assets

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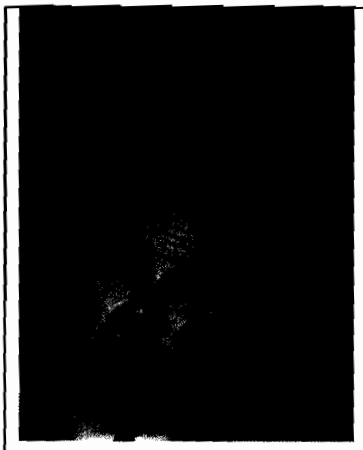

Reports circulating in the Kremlin today are stating that the first deployment of China's elite People's Armed Police (PAP) under an agreement signed between the United States and China, and as we had previously reported on in our September 20th report "US Homeowners Soon To Be Evicted By Chinese Police Under New Law", have arrived in America and begun to deploy to protect Chinese assets in this now insolvent First-World country.

Unbeknownst to the American people, however, is that since September 20th, the $700 billion bailout bill signed into law by their President yesterday was expanded from its original 3 pages to a 451 page virtual novel of new laws virtually enslaving them to the foreign holders of their debt.

Even more disturbing, these reports continue, are that these new laws not only give Chinese and European banks control over the mortgage debt of the American people, they now include their credit card balances, and which virtually the entire US populace have indebtedness to.

To how utterly chilling this new US law for the American people, titled the "**Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008**", Russian legal experts point out in these reports that:

"*Section 101 (a)(1) establishes what is termed the Troubled Asset Relief Program (TARP) to which substantial portions of what the American people currently owe to their banks and financial institutions is to be turned over the US Government for redistribution to foreign banks.*

Section 101(c)(3) Designates for the first time in American history these foreign banks as financial agents of Federal Government with full law enforcement authority over the citizens in the US.

Section 3 (b) allows the US Secretary of the Treasury to put any kind of debt, including credit card, home loans, personal loans, automobile loans, etc., into the TARP programme.

Section 112 allows the US Secretary of the Treasury to astoundingly extend financing to foreign banks to purchase the debt of the American people.

Section 112 (1)(a) allows the US Government to hold stocks in companies for the first time in their history and which completely destroys the capitalist economy of their Nation.

Section 119 (2)(a) gives the US Secretary of the Treasury dictatorial powers not reviewable by courts making this position the most powerful one in America.

Section 122 increases the US public debt to the incredible amount of $11,315,000,000,000 (Trillion)

Section 204 puts the United States under emergency economic rule and states, "all provisions of this Act are designated as an emergency requirement and necessary to meet emergency needs".

But, these reports warn, the two most chilling measures put into this new law are titled "**Section 511 "Paul Wellstone and Pete Domenici Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act of 2008**" and "**TITLE II-SPECIAL PROJECTS ON FEDERAL LAND Section 201**".

The new mental health provisions contained in these new laws allows the United States to label dissident citizens as being *'mentally ill'*, and the '*Special Projects*' section allows for the reimbursement to US cities and counties for the building of concentration camps for these mentally ill dissidents.

The fear of the United States Government against their dissidents is becoming more evident as many of them are beginning to sound the alarm of events to come, and as we can see evidenced by one such report from the SteveQuale.Com website:

"THERE IS STRONG INDICATION THAT A "BANK HOLIDAY" UNDER A DECLARATION OF AN ECONOMIC EMERGENCY MAY BE DECLARED IN THE U.S. SOMETIME WITHIN THE NEXT 2 WEEKS AND POSSIBLY AS EARLY AS SATURDAY 10/4/2008.

THE INFORMATION INDICATES THAT IT MAY BE ANNOUNCED TO LAST A WEEK OR TWO AND THAT ALL BANKS AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS WILL CLOSE DURING THAT PERIOD. NO ACCESS TO YOUR DEPOSITS WILL BE POSSIBLE, ATMS WILL NOT WORK, CREDIT CARDS WILL NOT WORK, AND BROKERAGE ACCOUNTS WILL NOT BE ACCESSIBLE EITHER.

THIS WOULD BE DONE UNDER A STATE OF MARTIAL LAW THOUGH TROOPS MAY NOT APPEAR ON ALL STREETS IMMEDIATELY UNDER THE FAINT HOPE THAT THE POPULACE WILL SIMPLY ACCEPT THESE MATTERS, BUT THE BANKS AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS WILL BE HEAVILY GUARDED WHETHER OVERTLY VISIBLE OR NOT.

IF RIOTS OR CIVIL UPHEAVAL BREAK OUT, WHICH OF COURSE WOULD BE EXPECTED IN MANY LOCALES, THEN YOU WILL SEE TROOPS, LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, SWAT TEAMS, PRIVATE SECURITY CONTRACTORS, AND EVEN FEDERALLY AUTHORIZED U.S. GOVERNMENT, STATE GOVERNMENT, AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT WORKERS OPERATING UNDER THE REGIONAL MILITARY GOVERNORS OR FEMA CONTINUTITY OF GOVERNMENT CONTROLLERS TO ATTEMPT TO PUT DOWN THE RIOTS AND UPHEVAL WITH SANCTIONED ANY FORCE NECESSARY.

FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF ALL 500 + EXECUTIVE ORDERS AND PRESIDENTIAL DECISION DIRECTIVES ALREADY EXTANT AFTER THE 911 ATTACKS PROMPTED THEIR INVOCATION BY THE PRESIDENT, PLUS ANY STANDING ORDERS UNDER FEMA COG

PLANS OR MILITARY PLANS UNDER THE CURRENT VERSIONS OF "REX 84" ....."GARDEN PLOT"....OR "CABLE SPLICER" WILL BE CARRIED OUT.

EXPECT CURFEWS , CHECK POINTS, RESTRICTIONS ON TRAVEL, CONFISCATION OF FOOD, WATER, TRANSPORTATION, WEAPONS, COMMUNCATIONS, HOMES FOR BILLETTING TROOPS, ALL MONEY, AND SHOOT TO KILL ORDERS IF THE REGIONAL MILITARY GOVERNOR DEEMS IT NECESSARY. ORGANIZATION OF CIVILLIAN WORK GANGS AND EVEN TRANSPORT TO CONCENTRATION CAMPS WILL BE SEEN IF EVENTS GO AS THE MILITARY AND FEMA PLANNERS HAVE EXPECTED."

Not just to US dissident websites either are these warnings being issued, and as we can read:

"The next day, the Los Angeles Times, in an article on the Senate passage of the bailout measure, noted in passing a statement by Democratic Rep. Brad Sherman from the San Fernando Valley in Southern California which underscores the authoritarian atmosphere surrounding the proceedings in Congress.

Sherman, who voted against the bailout bill on Monday, said, "The one thing that's been proven is the absolute fear-mongering that's being used to drive us is false." He continued, "I've seen members turn to each other and say if we don't pass this bill, we're going to have martial law in the United States."

Though it is not in our knowing to the know the full outcome of these events we can state what is plainly evident, the Untied States of America as it was originally founded is now gone, forever.

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American People Warned To Prepare For Financial Armageddon

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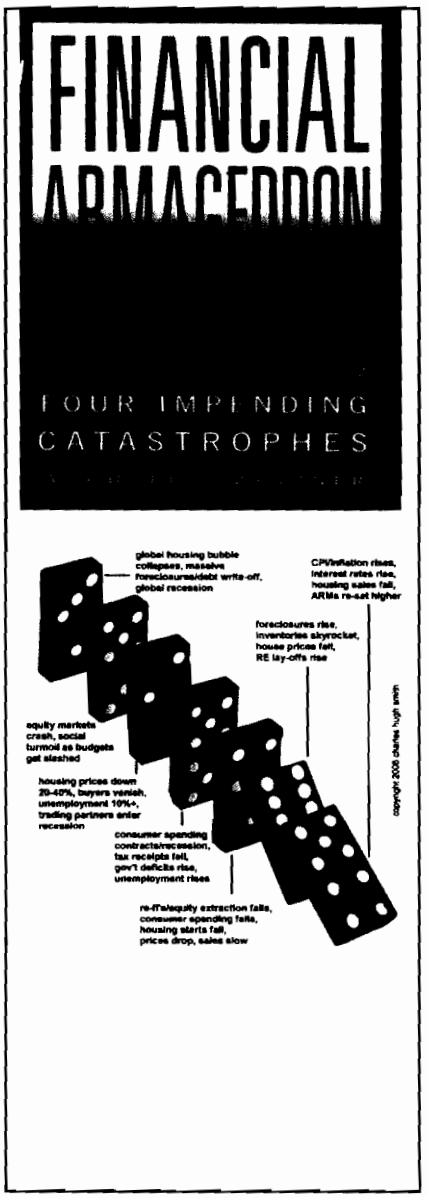

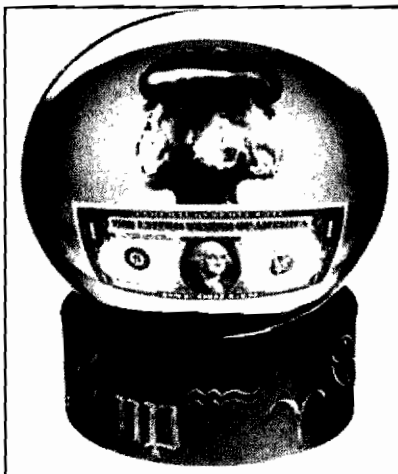

Deputy Economics Minister Andrei Klepach in issuing his stark warning to President Medvedev that the Russian economy is now in recession has stated in even more catastrophic terms that the United States is facing nothing less than a total '***Financial Armageddon***'.

Klepach's warnings also echo those of the American researcher Michael J. Panzner who in his book titled 'Financial Armageddon' had tried to warn his Nations peoples about their coming collapse, none of whom listened to his warnings though while their was still time to protect themselves.

More directly, however, Klepach's warnings were based upon the collapse of the buyout for Canada's phone giant this past week which he states is the *'beginning of the end'* of American financial hegemony over the World, and as we can read:

"The collapse of what would have been the the largest leveraged buyout in history has some private equity executives fearing a financial "Armageddon," The Financial Times reported.

On Wednesday night, the $50 billion takeover of BCE, parent of the phone giant Bell Canada, by a consortium of private equity firms collapsed, bringing the recent era of blockbuster corporate buyouts to an end."

The '*domino effect*' of this buyout collapse is reverberating through all of the World's finance ministries and markets today with one of the United States largest hedge funds now informing its depositors that they can no longer access their money, and as we can read:

"*Citadel Investment Group, the hedge fund firm run by Kenneth C. Griffin, halted year-end withdrawals from its two biggest funds after investors sought to take out $1.2 billion, according to a letter sent to clients.*

The Kensington and Wellington funds, which together manage about $10 billion, have lost 49.5 percent of their value this year through Dec. 5. Withdrawals may resume as early as March 31, said the letter, signed by Mr. Griffin and sent to investors on Friday, Bloomberg News reported."

Adding to the woes associated with this Global economic collapse is the just released World Bank report warning that we are now entering a time not seen since the Great Depression, and as we can read:

"The world could go through its worst recession since the Great Depression as a massive financial crisis has slashed global investment and sharp drops in commodity prices severely hurt poor-country exports, the World Bank warned.

The global development bank slashed its previous estimates for global growth to 2.5 percent in 2008 and 0.9 percent in 2009, well below the three percent rate typically considered the dividing line between global growth and contraction.

"The financial crisis is now likely to result in the most serious recession since the 1930s," said the World Bank's chief economist Justin Lin, as the group released its annual report on the global economy."

To the catastrophic fate awaiting the American people however, is the collapse of their currency, and as we can read is already occurring:

"The biggest foreign-exchange strategists and investors say the best may be over for the dollar after a four-month, 24 percent rally.

The currency weakened 5.9 percent measured by the trade- weighted Dollar Index after strengthening between July and November as investors bought the greenback to flee riskier assets and repay dollar-denominated loans from lenders reining in credit. Ever since peaking on Nov. 21, the dollar fell against all 16 of the most-widely traded currencies, according to data compiled by Bloomberg.

U.S. policy makers are flooding the world with an extra $8.5 trillion through 23 different plans designed to bail out the financial system and pump up the economy. The decline shows that the increased supply of money may be overwhelming investors just as the government steps up debt sales, the trade and budget deficits grow and de-leveraging by investors slows.

"The dollar will go to new lows as the U.S. attacks its currency," said John Taylor, chairman of New York-based FX Concepts Inc., which manages about $14.5 billion of currencies."

In an even greater affront to the American people about the trillions of dollars being '*unleashed*' upon the World by their government is that they are not allowed to even know who is receiving these staggering amounts of money, and as we can read:

"The Federal Reserve refused a request by Bloomberg News to disclose the recipients of more than $2 trillion of emergency loans from U.S. taxpayers and the assets the central bank is accepting as collateral.

Bloomberg filed suit Nov. 7 under the U.S. Freedom of Information Act requesting details about the terms of 11 Fed lending programs, most created during the deepest financial crisis since the Great Depression."

Even worse for these American people is their not even realizing that the current financial chaos enveloping them is just beginning and is nowhere near seeing its ending point as another giant

wave of home foreclosures is about to erupt and which is being termed as a 'Foreclosure Storm' getting ready to hit them as the new year begins and Jim Rogers, one of the World's most prominent International investors, is warning that most of the largest US banks are "*totally bankrupt*".

In an even more bitter indictment of the American people, who many Russian economists have already labeled as '*insane*', Klepach points out in his reports that these deluded people are actually still paying great portions of their monthly wages on home mortgages, auto loans and credit card bills which have already been taken off the books of their already failed banks as '*uncollectible*' debts as all of these people will fall into bankruptcy by the end of 2010.

One can only wonder as to why these people are paying anything at all to anyone other than their own family's survival. It is as if they actually believe they will '*somehow*' return to the spendthrift days of their past where they cared not one wit for the future as they, even now, continue plunging into the abyss.

We can only guess as to whether these people deserve our scorn or sympathy as they themselves appear to be living their lives in continued denial of the monstrous future being planned for them.

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Russia Sinks Chinese Ship Bound For US With Nuclear Warhead

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Russian Military Analysts are reporting today that Russian Coast Guard and Naval forces were '*forced*' to sink the Chinese registered cargo ship New Star bound for US Port of Seattle after it refused orders to stop and be boarded over fears it was carrying a '*missing*' nuclear warhead from a Russian Topol-M intercontinental ballistics missile.

Just released video of the warnings given to the New Star to halt clearly show its violations of International Law giving Russian Naval forces no choice but to sink the vessel, and the battle of which can read:

"The Global Times said the New Star was sequestered in Nakhodka for 'alleged smuggling,' a charged rejected by J-Rui. The newspaper said a Russian Coast Guard cruiser fired at least 500 rounds on the ship and 'forced it to sail back toward the port in force-6 winds.'

The ship began to sink on the way back to port and one of the two lifeboats was engulfed by high waves, the newspaper said. It said three of the eight missing crew were Chinese and the rest were Indonesian.

China's Foreign Ministry gave different numbers for the crew and missing, saying three of the 10 Chinese crew on board were rescued and seven were missing."

Most disturbing about these reports are them stating that the New Star is owned by the J Rui Lucky Shipping Co Ltd. which is a private limited company registered in Hong Kong and has long been known by Russian FSB Analysts to be an International shipping carrier of US Military and CIA cargo to support their Global War on Terror under contract with the American giant services company KBR whose former leader was US Vice President Cheney.

These reports further state that President Obama and the Globalist elite he represents are now '*desperate*' in their attempts to stage a 9/11 type false flag operation in order to complete the subjugation of their citizens prior to the expected outbreak of massive social unrest they state will be occurring during the coming summer months as their economy continues to implode.

To the fears being felt by the American and European Globalists we can read as reported by German experts:

"The global financial crisis could lead to an economic meltdown - and to instable democratic structures in the western world. Because governments spend more billions than they possess, the outcome will probably be a massive inflation connected with millions of lost jobs - or even the

total collapse. That's why President Barack Obama needed an astronomic 3B-stimulus. But the Big Bailout will probably end as Big Bang: With no changes on the more-growth-more-capital-more financial market power mentality there will be no escape from the crisis. A global monetary reform seems to be the last exit from chaos and before social unrests will inevitably start."

These German fears were further confirmed yesterday by the former head of the US Federal Reserve, and as we can also read:

"Former U.S. Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan said on Tuesday the current global recession will "surely be the longest and deepest" since the 1930s and more government rescue funds are needed to stabilize the U.S. financial system."

Virtually unknown to the American people is that their government has long planned for their subjugation and of the massive concentration camps planned for them we can read:

"There over 800 prison camps in the United States, all fully operational and ready to receive prisoners. They are all staffed and even surrounded by full-time guards, but they are all empty. These camps are to be operated by FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) should Martial Law need to be implemented in the United States and all it would take is a presidential signature on a proclamation and the attorney general's signature on a warrant to which a list of names is attached."

Most surprising of all of these events, is that even though these American people have lost more of their wealth than even their ancestors did during the Great Depression, and as their new President Obama continues vigorously perusing the Globalist agenda fully implemented by the nearly 25 year US rule by the Bush and Clinton Families, they continue to remain ignorant of the many catastrophic events to come that this latest incident shows the mad bloodlust of these monsters has no bounds whatsoever.

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Obama Turns US Over To *'New World Order'* On February 17th

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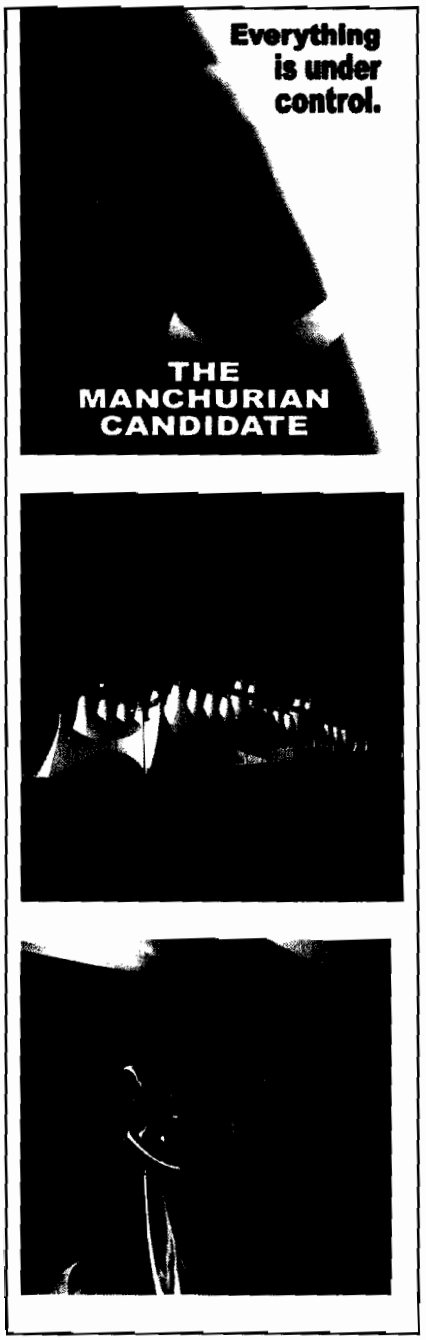

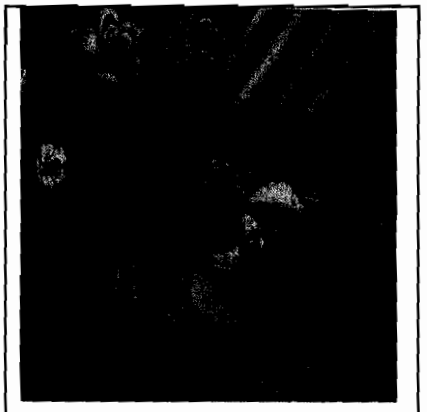

Russian reports coming from the G-7 meetings being held in Rome are stating that under pressure from his European Union peers, President Obama has '*agreed in principal*' to totally surrender the sovereignty of the United States to the New World Order before this year has passed.

News reports coming from the United States are further stating that in his acceptance of his Nations destruction, President Obama, this coming Tuesday, will sign the most important bill in his country's entire history (and also the most expensive in all of history) at the planned World Headquarters for this New World Order, Denver, Colorado, and not in Washington D.C. as had been expected.

Further evidence of President Obama's capitulation to the New World Order lies not only in the location he has chosen to open this new, and catastrophic, chapter of his Nation, but also in the date he has chosen to sign this bill overturning all the American people have held sacred, February 17th.

The reason for this being so is that February 17, 2009, falls upon one of the most important Illuminati astrological '*signs of great changes*' with the conjunction of Mars and Jupiter, and which in its most simplistic sense means *"With the conjunction of Mars and Jupiter, you have an abundance of energy and enthusiasm to take on tasks that would frighten all but the most courageous."*

To his choosing of Denver to be the location of his capitulation to the New World Order for his American people, President Obama has plunged his Nation deep into the heart of Illuminati symbolism, and nowhere is this more evident than in the mysterious Denver International Airport [2nd photo left], and of its vast strangeness we can read:

"Even though the area is basically flat (with a stunning view of mountains all around, since it's in a valley), the expense and time was taken to extensively lower some areas and raise others. They moved 110 million cubic yards of earth around. This is about 1/3rd of the amount of earth they moved when they dug out the Panama Canal.

The airport has a fiber optic communications core made of 5,300 miles of cable. That's longer than the Nile River. That's from New York City to Buenos Aires, Argentina. The airport also has 11,365 miles of copper cable communications network.

The fueling system can pump 1,000 gallons of jet fuel per minute through a 28-mile network of pipes. There are six fuel hold tanks that each hold 2.73 million gallons of jet fuel. This is somewhere in the "no one will ever ever need this much" range.

Granite was imported from all over the world - Asia, Africa, Europe, North and South America - and used in making the main terminal floor. This is a ridiculous expense, especially when you're already over budget. They say, "The floor pattern echoes the roof design and subtly reinforces passenger flows". Ah... subliminal messages to move your ass. It might look pretty but would any of us know Chilean granite from Chinese granite? Or care? You can dye rock if it's colors you're after. Cheaper rocks. (I wonder what the "stones have power" people say about this...)

The huge, main terminal is Jeppesen Terminal, named after Elfrey Jeppesen, who was the first person to create maps specifically for aviation (the company is still in business today). This area is known as the "Great Hall"; it's said this is what the Masons name their meeting place.

It is 900 feet by 210 feet big. This is over 1.5 million square feet of space. All told, there is over 6 million square feet of public space at DIA. The airport brags that they have room to build another terminal and two more concourses and could serve 100 million passengers a year. The airport flew 36 million in 2001.

The only way to get to the other two concourses/terminals from the Great Hall, or vice versa, is via the airport's train system.

There are more than 19 miles (30 km) of conveyor belt track, luggage transport cars and road in their own underground tunnels that move baggage and goods. They're so huge you can drive trucks through them, and some remain unused.

The entire roof of DIA is made of 15 acres of Teflon-coated, woven fiber glass. The same material is on the inside as a layer, also. The place looks like a bizarre scene out of "Dune", comprised of huge, spiked tent-like structures. The material reflects 90% of the sunlight and doesn't conduct heat. So you can't see into the place with radar or see heat signatures."

Also to be noticed about this New World Order airport in Denver are its shocking murals [3rd and 4th photos left], also of which we can read:

"An African woman in colorful native garb; a Native American woman who's heritage the airport's art supposedly celebrates; a blonde girl with cupid bow lips, a Star of David on her chest and a bible in her hands. Each lay dead in open coffins for your viewing pleasure. A burning city, children sleeping on piles of bricks, a line of mourning women in rags with dead babies, limp in their arms. A huge, looming military figure in a gas mask brandishes a sword and machine gun. Part of an actual note written by a child interred in a Nazi death camp. Strange words embedded in the floor with no explanation about what they mean."

Further anomalies of this New World Airport are nothing but chilling to comprehend, and include:

"What you don't see are 8 sub-basements, low- and high- frequency sounds that make people sick, air vents jutting out of the surrounding barren acres of fenced lots that have barbed wire along their tops - pointing in. Whole buildings that were constructed below ground level and then buried as is, the excuse being they were "built wrong". An entire runway constructed, then buried under a layer of dirt and "forgotten". The layers of workers and companies who were fired so no one would have a Big Picture. And workers even reported seeing Aliens working there."

Also to be noted about this area is that in 2005, the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) relocated the headquarters of its domestic division, which is responsible for operations and recruitment in the United States, from the CIA's Langley headquarters to Denver and that the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) has based its much feared International and Domestic Counterterrorism Forces there too.

It is also important to note that the United States Northern Command, recently given new powers to unleash US Military Forces against its own citizens, and the US Space Command are both located less than 100 miles from Denver at Peterson Air Force Base, and which Russian Military Analysts state is the single most defensively protected area on our entire Earth.

Of these new powers granted to the US Northern Command we can also read as reported by the Washington Post News Service in their December 1, 2008, article titled "Pentagon to Detail Troops to Bolster Domestic Security", and which states:

"*The U.S. military expects to have 20,000 uniformed troops inside the United States by 2011 trained to help state and local officials respond to a nuclear terrorist attack or other domestic catastrophe, according to Pentagon officials.*

The long-planned shift in the Defense Department's role in homeland security was recently backed with funding and troop commitments after years of prodding by Congress and outside experts, defense analysts said."

As to why these US Troops are being prepared to be unleashed upon the American people one need look no further than the massive New World Order '*stimulus*' bill President Obama is set to sign in Denver, and which unknown to virtually all of these poor souls had '*slipped*' into it, in ink, and just minutes prior to its passing by the US Congress (rendering them unable to read it), a provision titled "***Blair Holt's Firearm Licensing and Record of Sale Act of 2009***" and named after a 16-year old honor student in President Obama's hometown of Chicago who was murdered in May, 2007.

It is no wonder that this **new law** has been kept secret from the American people by their propaganda media organs as with its coming into law means that every single American owning a firearm will have to possess a US National Firearms Permit [**Section 922 of title 18, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following**]and that all guns in the United States will have to be registered and that no private sales of guns [**Section 922 of title 18, United States Code, as amended by section 101 of this Act**] between Americans will be allowed, all of which are designed to effectively disarm the entire population of this Nation exactly one year [**SEC. 901. EFFECTIVE**

DATE OF AMENDMENTS.The amendments made by this Act shall take effect 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act.] upon President Obama's signing on February 17th.

Most astounding of all about these events are the American people themselves have virtually no knowledge of the New World Order they are becoming a part of, and called for by British Prime Minister Brown (***British Prime Minister Gordon Brown says that the current financial crisis should be viewed as an opportunity to create a "new global order", ahead of a week of meetings with world leaders.)***, French President Sarkozy (**Speech given to United Nations**), and German Chancellor Merkel (**Made in joint statement with Brown and Sarkozy**).

But, perhaps nothing captures the true dynamic of these times better than the words of one of the New World Orders main architects, Henry Kissinger as reported by the World Net Daily News Service in their report titled **"Kissinger: Obama primed to create 'New World Order'**, and which says:

"Conflicts across the globe and an international respect for Barack Obama have created the perfect setting for establishment of "a New World Order," according to Henry Kissinger, the Nobel Peace Prize winner and former secretary of state under President Nixon.

Kissinger has long been an integral figure in U.S. foreign policy, holding positions in the Nixon, Ford and Reagan administrations. Author of over a dozen books on foreign policy, Kissinger was also named by President Bush as the chairman of the Sept. 11 investigatory commission.

"The president-elect is coming into office at a moment when there is upheaval in many parts of the world simultaneously," Kissinger responded. "You have India, Pakistan; you have the jihadist movement. So he can't really say there is one problem, that it's the most important one. But he can give new impetus to American foreign policy partly because the reception of him is so extraordinary around the world. His task will be to develop an overall strategy for America in this period when, really, a new world order can be created. It's a great opportunity, it isn't just a crisis."

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Global Alert Issued As Massive Strike On US Feared As China Prepares For War

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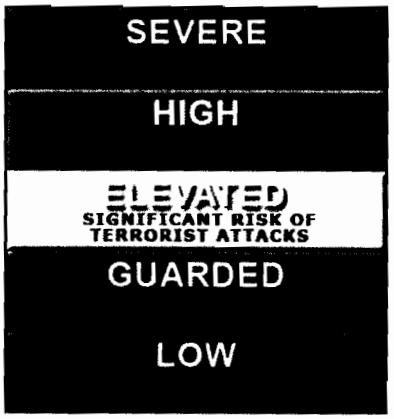

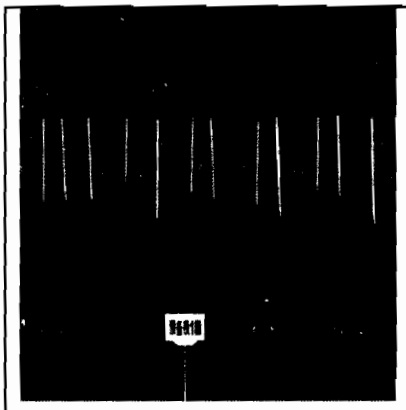

Disturbing reports circulating in the Kremlin today are stating that Interpol has issued an '*unprecedented*' Global Alert for Saudi Arabian terrorists believed planning an imminent and massive attack upon the United States on, or near, the 16th anniversary of the first World Trade Center bombing in New York.

Western news sources are further confirming this Global Alert, and as we can read as reported by the CNN News Service:

"Interpol has issued a rare global security alert for 85 suspected al Qaeda-linked terrorists wanted by Saudi Arabia. The "orange alert," issued on Tuesday, comes after Saudi Arabia asked for Interpol's help last week in apprehending the 83 Saudis and two Yemenis. Interpol Secretary General Ronald Noble said the alert is unprecedented."

These reports further state that FSB sources in the United States fear that the CIA-Mossad backed terror group responsible for the September 11, 2001 attacks are accelerating their plans to topple to newly installed President Obama prior to his destroying their vast International Drug Empire which over the past 25 years has funneled hundreds of billions into the coffers of the Bush-Clinton Families from the Narco States of Afghanistan, Colombia, Panama, Honduras and Mexico established under their fascist rule.

Even greater fears are being raised over this vast terror network after the United States is now reporting that some of its most deadly nerve gas may be missing, and President Obama order for the US Army's Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases (USAMRIID) to immediately suspend research with deadly agents after the FBI discovering some of the most deadly pathogens from that lab may, also, be missing.

It is interesting to note that this US Army lab ordered closed down by President Obama was the one responsible for the September, 2001 Anthrax attacks upon the United States that killed 5, injured 17 and kept the US on "*knife-edge*" for weeks.

FSB reports further state that the pending attack upon the United States could not be coming at a worse time for our World as President Obama has just warned his Nation that they are now in a '*perfect storm*' as their economy continues to implode and a secret report just released in Brussels warns that European Banks are facing a staggering potential loss of $25 Trillion due to toxic assets said poisoning their financial system.

These reports also state that China is preparing itself for Total Global War over the collapse of the Worlds economy and that its Top Military Command has ordered an '*unprecedented*' mobilization of its forces under the guise of using them in its October 1st National Day celebrations, but which, according to the FSB, Chinese Communist Leaders are preparing to use to occupy what they believe by then will be a '*totally collapsed*' United States.

Most interesting about these reports are the codicils appended by top Russian Economic Experts who state that the factional wars ongoing in the United States and Europe over the Rothschild controlled Central Banking System, put into place after the defeat of Nazi Germany, and the current attempt by the Vatican backed United States, France and Britain to take back control of their monetary systems by first destroying the US Federal Reserve System, will '*most certainly*' lead to World War as it did during the West's last attempt during the 1930's to end the stranglehold on their economies by these monsters.

Not being noticed by the American people about this titanic struggle that is going to determine if their Nation is to survive, is that their new President Obama is openly reaching back to the last American President facing his Nations destruction, Abraham Lincoln, and of one such comparison we can read as reported by the Newsweek News Service:

"It is the season to compare Barack Obama to Abraham Lincoln. Two thin men from rude beginnings, relatively new to Washington but wise to the world, bring the nation together to face a crisis. Both are superb rhetoricians, both geniuses at stagecraft and timing. Obama, like Lincoln and unlike most modern politicians, even writes his own speeches, or at least drafts the really important ones—by hand, on yellow legal paper—such as his remarkably honest speech on race during the Reverend Wright imbroglio last spring."

"The theme of Obama's Inauguration is taken from a line in Lincoln's Gettysburg Address: "A New Birth of Freedom." Asked in January by CBS anchor Katie Couric which book, aside from the Bible, he would find essential in the Oval Office, Obama answered, "Team of Rivals." Doris Kearns Goodwin's 2005 bestseller recounts how Lincoln surrounded himself with advisers who were better educated and more experienced and who made no secret of coveting Lincoln's job."

Continuing to remain nearly clueless to the catastrophic events currently gathering strength around them are the American people, and who though repeatedly being warned about what is to come still fail to prepare for the worst horrors to come.

Even from the many warnings sent at great cost to these peoples, from our **December 15, 2008** report titled "**American People Warned To Prepare For Financial Armageddon**", even back to our **March 1, 2007** report titled "**French Security Reports Urges Food Ban on US Ahead of Massive Drought, Economic Collapse**", they continue to ignore them all.

But, to the most important warnings we have sent to these people they seem unable to comprehend, especially our **March 5, 2005** report titled "**The Last Ritual Has Been Preformed, 'Around the World Flight' Signals All Out Global War, Great Strife in America**", and which to those few who listened were able to convert their cash, savings,

retirements and stocks into gold for less than $500.00 an ounce, and which is now nearly $1,000.00, and has protected these peoples long term wealth.

So deluded have the masses of these people become that even this critical warning, like all of those before it, will be ignored by them, at best, and have ridicule heaped upon at its worst….all occurring without them ever discovering for themselves how much we have been trying to protect them.

Not to the greater wisdom of these times, nor the signs and portents we put before them in our words do they see, hear or even attempt to comprehend. But, should they begin to turn away and break free from the mass illusion they call reality that has been spun around them by their propaganda media and its private agents, we can only hope that we will be here to continue guiding them to the greater truths and knowledge they all so desperately need in these most darkest of times.

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All Private Guns Will Be Confiscated By September 2009, US Tells Russia

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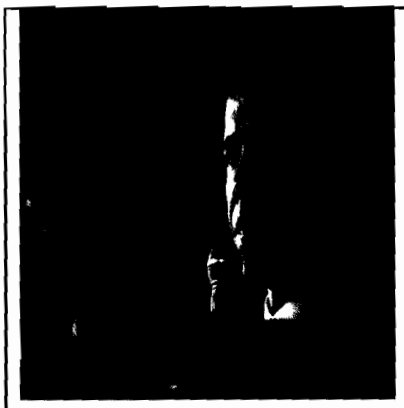

Kremlin reports on the extraordinary meeting held today between President Medvedev and former United States Secretaries of State Henry Kissinger (under Nixon), James Baker (under Bush Sr.), Charles Shultz (under Regan), former United States Defense Secretary William Perry (under Clinton), and former US Senator and top defense expert Sam Nunn, are stating that the Americans are acknowledging for the first time their acceptance of a New Global Order in which they seek to partner with natural resource rich Russia and the oil rich Nations of the Middle East in order to ensure their survival into the 21st Century.

Leading the United States to the shocking conclusion that their very survival is at risk has been the evaporation of 45 percent of the World's wealth which has caused a rapid plunge in Global manufacturing leading to a 49 percent collapse in US trade exports which the International Monetary Fund is reported has caused the World's economy to shrink for the first time in 60 years and has lead Canada's Central Bank chief David Dodge to state the World is *"facing a long and deep recession that will fundamentally alter the nature of capitalism"*.

Though Prime Minister Putin has warned that "*resorting to a printing press would be unwise and extremely dangerous*", the already bankrupt United States, whose staggering debt is four times higher than their entire National income, has allowed its Federal Reserve Bank Chairman Ben "*Throw Money Out of Helicopters*" Bernanke to '*create out of thin air*' a further $1.2 Trillion to stabilize the American economy, but which in turn has led to the collapse of the US Dollar leading the United Nations to recommend next week that the World "*ditch the dollar as its reserve currency in favor of a shared basket of currencies*".

Russian economists further state in these reports that the United States has been left with '*no other option*' than to force the massive devaluation of the US Dollar in order to '*shake lose*' from banks and private investors the hundreds of billions they are currently hoarding and is being blamed for collapsing a United States where consumer spending accounts for two-thirds of its economy and which without money to borrow, or borrowers to loan to, is fast approaching the abyss.

With the devaluation of the US dollar, however, massive inflation will ensue causing the value of these currently hoarded hundreds of billions of US Dollars to plummet and

forcing them to be spent before they become totally worthless, a policy which China, the largest Global holder of US debt, has voiced increasing concerns about and have cut back on their purchases of American debt even as desperation hits their own factories as orders plunge.

These top American Officials have also assured President Medvedev that new laws being written by the Obama administration will '*completely*' reform the American financial system by fully integrating it into a single Global Economy due to be enacted during the coming G-20 summit in London.

When President Medvedev voiced his concerns to the Americans over his belief that the US Congress would not allow such a radical new set of laws to pass, these reports continue, Kissinger stated that the American people were being '*primed*' to overwhelm their lawmakers into swiftly enacting '*in its entirety*' the Obama administrations new banking and financial laws by the outrageous behavior of those collapsed financial giants that includes: 1.) The insurance giant AIG which after receiving over $300 billion in US taxpayer money paid out nearly $200 million in bonuses; 2.) The collapsed stock selling giant Merrill Lynch which after receiving $20 billion in US taxpayer money paid out $3.6 billion in bonuses; and 3.) The collapsed US banking giant Citigroup who after receiving $45 billion in US taxpayer money announced a $10 million redecoration of their executive office suites.

News from the United States today further confirm Kissinger's assertions to President Medvedev as US Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner has now admitted that he had ordered US Senator Christopher Dodd to include the executive pay provision into the stimulus bill which was, in fact, a loophole allowing these controversial bonuses to be paid out.

To such machinations being utilized by their supposed '*leaders*' against them in order to pave the road from a once sovereign United States to this New World Order these Americans remain nearly clueless, but when pressed by President Medvedev on the plans to ensure that civil society on the North American continent doesn't break down Kissinger reportedly replied, "*By September we'll have confiscated all privately owned guns so it really doesn't matter what we do, we'll still be in charge*".

Russian Intelligence reports state that gun ownership statistics in the United States vary widely, but is estimated to be that nearly 50 percent of US households have nearly 270 million guns, none of which these Americans seem now ready to part with without a fight.

But, new reports coming from the United States show that they are fast adopting the tactics used by the German Nazis to disarm their society prior to the installation of fascist rule and martial law by first rendering all private guns useless by eliminating and restricting the ammunition they use. And from new reports coming from the United States we can see that this 'plan' is already being instituted with ammunition shortages

being reported in Idaho, Georgia, and Louisiana, and a new law just introduced in California which would:

1. Stop the private transfer between individuals of more than 50 rounds of ammunition.

2. License and tax anyone selling handgun ammunition commercially and force these stores to get background checks on anyone selling ammunition.

3. Get a thumbprint from anyone buying handgun ammunition.

4. Ban all ammunition sales that don't take place face-to- face, in other words, ban mail-order sales.

Even more chilling for American gun owners was the Obama administrations order to the US Military on March 12 which stated: "*Effective immediately DOD Surplus, LLC, will be implementing new requirements for mutilation of fired shell casings. The new DRMS requirement calls for DOD Surplus personnel to witness the mutilation of the property and sign the Certificate of Destruction."* which would have crippled the US ammunition industry, who are the largest purchasers of used military ammunition brass, but after found out about by US Senators was quickly withdrawn.

To the reasons feared by the leadership class in the United States of their citizens retaining the right to firearms we can read:

"As the growing world-wide economic crisis deepens, military forces from Canada, the United States, and the United Kingdom are preparing to meet angry citizens on the street. The economic crisis - and the public outrage it is causing - is at the forefront of intelligence agencies and military forces in the western world.

Prominent trends forecaster Gerald Celente has been sounding the alarm for years, warning that riots and tax revolts are coming to America. The Pentagon, U. K. Ministry of Defense, and Canadian military apparently agree. In November of 2008 the United States Army War College released the report Known Unknowns: Unconventional "Strategic Shocks" in Defense Strategy Development. The report identifies economic collapse as a reason for the defense establishment to conduct domestic operations. The report states,

"Widespread civil violence inside the United States would force the defense establishment to reorient priorities in extremis to defend basic domestic order and human security. Deliberate employment of weapons of mass destruction or other catastrophic capabilities, unforeseen economic collapse, loss of functioning political and legal order, purposeful domestic resistance or insurgency..."

The CIA and MI5 are both watching the economic situation for signs of unrest and political instability. As the Washington Post reports, the CIA has added an economic situation report to its threat assessment for the White House. A further sign that the

United States government is anticipating widespread unrest comes with the domestic stationing of the 1st Brigade Combat Team of the 3rd Infantry Division. The Army Times reports,

"They may be called upon to help with civil unrest and crowd control or to deal with potentially horrific scenarios such as massive poisoning and chaos in response to a chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear or high-yield explosive, or CBRNE, attack."

Canadian military forces have been given a nearly identical domestic mission in a synchronized move with the United States. Canada's National Post reports that,

"The Canadian military has embarked on a wide-ranging plan to turn its reserve soldiers into focused units trained and equipped to respond to a nightmarish array of domestic threats, including terrorist "dirty bomb" attacks, biological agent containment, Arctic catastrophes and natural disasters."

Reports from the United States are also revealing that for the first time since their Civil War, active duty US Army Troops were put into the streets of Alabama after the killing spree of a crazed gunman, but which the US Army is now reporting it is '*investigating*' because it doesn't know who deployed them.

To whom the leadership elite in America are actually planning on protecting themselves from we can further read: *"A new document meant to help Missouri law enforcement agencies identify militia members or domestic terrorists has drawn criticism for some of the warning signs mentioned.*

The Feb. 20 report called "The Modern Militia Movement" mentions such red flags as political bumper stickers for third-party candidates, such as U.S. Rep. Ron Paul, who ran for president last year; talk of conspiracy theories, such as the plan for a superhighway linking Canada to Mexico; and possession of subversive literature."

As to what these dangerous American terrorists can expect once they are in the custody of their US intelligence services?

"The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) concluded in 2007 that US methods to extract information from prisoners at secret CIA jails as part of the "war on terror" amounted to torture."

Even worse for these dissident Americans are the chilling revelations from top investigative news journalist Seymour Hersh: *"After 9/11, I haven't written about this yet, but the Central Intelligence Agency was very deeply involved in domestic activities against people they thought to be enemies of the state. Without any legal authority for it. They haven't been called on it yet. That does happen."*

So today, as the United States '*watch list*' for domestic and International terrorists has hit 1 million names, in a country that already has more prisoners than any other Nation in the

World, or our entire Earths' history for that matter, and as sales of weapons and ammunition are still hitting record highs in America since President Obama's election, it would appear more than likely that the assertions of US officials to Russia that they remain in control of their country is highly doubtful…and needing just one single 'spark' to plunge it into full scale civil war.

And whose to say that hasn't been their 'plan' all along?

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ARRESTS MADE AFTER EXPLOSIVES RECOVERY

BIRMINGHAM, AL - This morning in DeKalb, Marshall and Jefferson Counties, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF) spearheaded the execution of four federal search warrants at the homes of members of a group called "The Free Militia." During the search warrants, ATF, along with state and local law enforcement recovered 130 grenades, an improvised rocket launcher with live rounds, a grenade launcher, a machine gun, a short barreled shot-gun, two silencers, numerous other firearms, 2500 rounds of ammunition, explosive components, approximately 70 Improvised Explosive Devices (IED), and commercial fireworks. Also recovered was enough ammunition to fill a U-Haul trailer, and over 120 Marijuana plants. While executing the search warrants, officers encountered booby traps at one location.

"Deadly explosives have been removed from these communities due to outstanding investigative efforts," stated Alice H. Martin, United States Attorney. "All evidence developed will be presented quickly to a federal grand jury. We will also ask that those arrested be detained without bond."

"Today's arrest and search warrants have been significant due to the success of the combined efforts by ATF, as well as our state, local and federal partners," stated James Cavanaugh, Special Agent in Charge, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. "The communities in the area are a lot safer, considering the fact that large quantities of live grenades and other explosive materials have been safely removed. Excellent investigative team work led us to this point in our investigation."

Those arrested today include:

RAYMOND KIRK DILLARD, a/k/a JEFF OSBORNE, 46,

of Collinsville (DeKalb County), Alabama;

ADAM LYNN CUNNINGHAM, 41, of Collinsville (DeKalb County), Alabama;

BONNELL HUGHES a/k/a BUSTER HUGHES, 57, of Crossville,

(Marshall County) Alabama;

MICHAEL WAYNE BOBO, 30, of Trussville (Jefferson County), Alabama;

RANDALL GARRETT COLE, 22, of Gadsden (Etowah County), Alabama;

JAMES RAY MCELROY, 20, of Collinsville (Etowah County), Alabama.

The criminal complaint charges those arrested with conspiracy to make a firearm, which carries a maximum penalty of five years in prison, and a fine of $250,000. Michael Wayne Bobo was charged with being a drug user in possession of a firearm, which carries a maximum penalty of ten years in prison, and a fine of $250,000.

All the defendants appeared in U.S. District Court for an initial appearance. They will remain in Federal custody and are scheduled to appear for Detention Hearings on Tuesday, May 1, 2007, at 1:30 pm before a Magistrate Judge in U.S. District Court. An indictment has not been filed at this time, additional charges are likely.

"Governor Riley and I are pleased this operation was successful," said Alabama Homeland Security Director Jim Walker.

"The U.S. Marshal Service, particularly in the Northern District, has enjoyed an excellent relationship with ATF," stated U.S. Marshal Martin Keely. "We were pleased that we could contribute to the success of the operation."

This investigation involved numerous federal, state and local law enforcement. The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives is the lead agency assisted by the Bomb Squads from Huntsville Police Department, Jefferson County, and Gadsden County Sheriffs' Departments and Alabama Department of Public Safety Bomb Squad who worked with ATF Bomb Techs in securing the IEDs (Improvised Explosive Devices). Other Agencies include, The U.S. Marshal Service, The Alabama State Fire Marshals, The Alabama Bureau of Investigation, and the Sheriff's Offices and District Attorneys' Offices of DeKalb, Etowah, Marshall, and Jefferson Counties.

Members of the public are reminded that a criminal complaint contains only charges. A defendant is presumed innocent of the charges and it will be the government's burden to prove a defendant's guilt beyond a reasonable doubt at trial.

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MEMBERS OF ANTI-GOVERNMENT MOVEMENT ARRESTED ON FEDERAL MONEY LAUNDERING, TAX EVASION AND WEAPONS CHARGES

LAS VEGAS - - Four members of an anti-government movement known as the "Sovereign Movement," have been arrested following a three-year investigation by the Nevada Joint Terrorism Task Force into allegations of money laundering, tax evasion, and possession of unregistered machine guns, announced Greg Brower, United States Attorney for the District of Nevada.

Samuel Davis, 54, of Council, Idaho, Shawn Rice, 46, of Seligman, Arizona, Harold Call, 67, of Las Vegas, Nevada, and Jan Lindsey, 66, of Henderson, Nevada, were arrested Thursday morning, March 5, 2009, in the Las Vegas area. Davis and Rice are charged in a federal indictment with one count of conspiracy to commit money laundering and 30 counts of money laundering. If convicted, they face up to 20 years in prison and a $500,000 fine on each count. Call is charged in a federal indictment with two counts of possession and transfer of a machine gun and three counts of possession of an unregistered machine gun. If convicted, Call faces up to 10 years in prison and a $250,000 fine on each count. Lindsey is charged in a federal indictment with one count of evasion of payment of tax and four counts of evasion of assessment of tax. If convicted, Lindsey faces up to five years in prison and a $250,000 fine on each count.

The indictments were returned by the federal grand jury on March 3, 2009, and unsealed on Thursday, March 5, 2009. The defendants are scheduled to appear

before U.S. Magistrate Judge Lawrence R. Leavitt at 3:00 p.m. today, March 6, 2009.

According to the court records, from March 2008 through the date of the Indictment, Davis and Rice allegedly laundered approximately $1.3 million of monies for FBI undercover agents. Davis and Rice were told by the undercover agents that the monies were proceeds of a bank fraud scheme, specifically from the theft and forgery of stolen official bank checks. Davis and Rice laundered the monies through a nominee trust account controlled by Davis and through an account of a purported religious organization controlled by Rice. Davis and Rice took approximately $74,000 and $22,000, respectively, in fees for their money laundering services.

On September 11, 2008, and January 20, 2009, Call allegedly possessed and transferred an "auto sear" or "lightening link," a combination of firearm parts designed to convert a weapon from manual to automatic use. On October 9, 2008, Call allegedly possessed a STEN machine gun, which was not registered to him in the National Firearms Registration and Transfer Record.

Lindsey allegedly failed to timely file or pay federal income tax for the years 1999 through 2006, and committed various acts that were designed to hide his income and assets from the IRS, including the filing of false tax returns, making false statements to the IRS, placing funds and property in the names of nominees, using factious negotiable instruments to attempt to pay his taxes and filing fraudulent documents with the IRS and Clark County, Nevada.

Unsealed search warrant affidavits allege that Rice, Davis, Lindsey, and Call are heavily involved in the "Sovereign Movement," an extreme anti-government organization whose members attempt to disrupt and overthrow government and other forms of authority by using "paper terrorism" tactics, intimidation and harassment, and violence. Members believe they do not have to pay taxes and believe the federal government deceived Americans into obtaining social security cards, driver's licenses, car registrations, and wedding licenses, etc., and that if these contracts are revoked, persons are "sovereign citizens." Members of the sovereign movement also believe that U.S. currency is invalid. They widely use fictitious financial instruments such as fraudulent money orders, personal checks, and sight drafts, and participate in "redemption" schemes where the fictitious financial instruments are used to pay creditors.

Davis is allegedly a national leader of the movement, traveling nationwide to teach different theories and ideologies of the movement. Rice allegedly claims that he is a lawyer and Rabbi, and uses his law school education and businesses to promote his sovereign ideas and to gain credibility in the community. Lindsey, a retired FBI Agent, and Call are leaders of the Nevada Lawmen Group for Public Awareness, a group that is associated with the sovereign movement.

The public is reminded that an Indictment contains only charges and is not evidence of guilt. The defendants are presumed innocent and entitled to a fair trial at which the government has the burden of proving guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

The cases are being investigated by the FBI-led Nevada Joint Terrorism Task Force, which also includes ATF, Henderson Police Department, IRS Criminal Investigation, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department, Nevada Department of

Public Safety, North Las Vegas Police Department, and other federal, state and local law enforcement agencies in Nevada, Council, Idaho, and Flagstaff and Seligman, Arizona.

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OAKDALE MAN FACES EXPLOSIVES CHARGES

United States Attorney Mary Beth Buchanan announced today, August 3, 2007, that an Oakdale man has been indicted by a federal grand jury in Pittsburgh on charges of Possessing Unregistered Destructive Devices, and being a Felon in Possession of Ammunition.

The four-count indictment, returned on July 24, 2007 and unsealed this week, named Paul Anthony Palmer, Jr., age 38, as the lone defendant in the case. Palmer made an initial appearance in federal court today. An arraignment and detention hearing are scheduled for Tuesday, August 7, 2007, at 10:00 a.m.

According to the indictment, between April 26, 2007 and May 1, 2007, Palmer possessed two destructive devices described as containing commercial explosives known as "bird bombs", black powder, incendiary ammunition and BBs. The indictment further alleges that, on May 1, 2007, Palmer also possessed .45 caliber firearm ammunition, and that he was prohibited from doing so due to the fact that he was convicted in Allegheny County in 2006 on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Assistant United States Attorney Shaun Sweeney, who presented the case to the grand jury, indicated that the law provides for a maximum total sentence of 10 years in prison, a fine of $250,000, or both, for each count. Under the Federal Sentencing Guidelines, the actual sentence imposed would be based upon the seriousness of the offenses and the prior criminal history, if any, of the defendant.

The investigation leading to the indictment in this case was conducted by the Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Allegheny County Police Department and the North Fayette Police Department.

This case is being prosecuted under Project Safe Neighborhoods, a collaborative effort by federal, state and local law enforcement agencies, prosecutors and communities to prevent, deter, and prosecute gun crime.

- An indictment is only a charge and is not evidence of guilt. A defendant is presumed innocent and is entitled to a fair trial at which the government must prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

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Former city police officer sentenced in blast By Jason Cato TRIBUNE-REVIEW Saturday, June 21, 2008

A former Pittsburgh policeman who was fired after shooting at a big rig during a fit of road rage told a federal judge Friday he didn't mean to hurt anyone when the bombs he was making last year blew off part of his arm.

"I didn't even know what the potential damage was before this happened," said Paul Anthony Palmer Jr., 39, who sports a teardrop tattoo below his right eye and a spider web design over the nub left by the amputation on his left forearm. Investigators claim Palmer's tattoos are typically associated with the Aryan Nations, a white supremacist group whose motto is "violence solves everything."

U.S. District Judge David S. Cercone sentenced Palmer, formerly of North Fayette, to 52 months in prison for his guilty plea to a charge of possessing an unregistered destructive device.

The former police officer faced up to 63 months, but the judge said he imposed a lesser sentence because of Palmer's police service, reports of mental health issues related to sexual abuse and family problems from his childhood and the fact that he injured only himself in the explosion.

"So, there's already been some punishment imposed, not by the court, but by himself," Cercone said.

Defense lawyer James Wymard argued his client deserved leniency due to serving more than 10 years on the police force, which would make him a target behind bars, and the fact Palmer is missing his left hand, which would make it difficult to defend himself if attacked.

On May 1, 2007, Palmer was making explosives inside his Redwood Drive home when static electricity sparked the blast that caused his injury, investigators determined. Palmer told Cercone he was making explosives in cardboard tubes that he planned to detonate with friends as part of a July 4th celebration. He said he'd made small explosives using wax and gun powder that he used to blow up pumpkins.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Shaun Sweeney questioned Palmer's explanation, saying his devices included BB pellets -- which are often used to injure others.

Investigators last year seized from Palmer's house more bomb-making components, ammunition and "a large amount of literature and items commonly associated with white supremacist groups, in particular, the Aryan Nations," according to court documents.

In 2006, Palmer was convicted of aggravated assault for firing seven bullets into a tractor-trailer on the Parkway West in December 2003.

Palmer, who was off-duty at the time, reportedly became enraged following a minor traffic incident with the truck driver on Interstate 279 near I-79.

Pittsburgh police fired him five months later.

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ARRESTS MADE AFTER EXPLOSIVES RECOVERY

BIRMINGHAM, AL - This morning in DeKalb, Marshall and Jefferson Counties, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF) spearheaded the execution of four federal search warrants at the homes of members of a group called "The Free Militia." During the search warrants, ATF, along with state and local law enforcement recovered 130 grenades, an improvised rocket launcher with live rounds, a grenade launcher, a machine gun, a short barreled shot-gun, two silencers, numerous other firearms, 2500 rounds of ammunition, explosive components, approximately 70 Improvised Explosive Devices (IED), and commercial fireworks. Also recovered was enough ammunition to fill a U-Haul trailer, and over 120 Marijuana plants. While executing the search warrants, officers encountered booby traps at one location.

"Deadly explosives have been removed from these communities due to outstanding investigative efforts," stated Alice H. Martin, United States Attorney. "All evidence developed will be presented quickly to a federal grand jury. We will also ask that those arrested be detained without bond."

"Today's arrest and search warrants have been significant due to the success of the combined efforts by ATF, as well as our state, local and federal partners," stated James Cavanaugh, Special Agent in Charge, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. "The communities in the area are a lot safer, considering the fact that large quantities of live grenades and other explosive materials have been safely removed. Excellent investigative team work led us to this point in our investigation."

Those arrested today include:

RAYMOND KIRK DILLARD, a/k/a JEFF OSBORNE, 46,

of Collinsville (DeKalb County), Alabama;

ADAM LYNN CUNNINGHAM, 41, of Collinsville (DeKalb County), Alabama;

BONNELL HUGHES a/k/a BUSTER HUGHES, 57, of Crossville,

(Marshall County) Alabama;

MICHAEL WAYNE BOBO, 30, of Trussville (Jefferson County), Alabama;

RANDALL GARRETT COLE, 22, of Gadsden (Etowah County), Alabama;

JAMES RAY MCELROY, 20, of Collinsville (Etowah County), Alabama.

The criminal complaint charges those arrested with conspiracy to make a firearm, which carries a maximum penalty of five years in prison, and a fine of $250,000. Michael Wayne Bobo was charged with being a drug user in possession of a firearm, which carries a maximum penalty of ten years in prison, and a fine of $250,000.

All the defendants appeared in U.S. District Court for an initial appearance. They will remain in Federal custody and are scheduled to appear for Detention Hearings on Tuesday, May 1, 2007, at 1:30 pm before a Magistrate Judge in U.S. District Court. An indictment has not been filed at this time, additional charges are likely.

"Governor Riley and I are pleased this operation was successful," said Alabama Homeland Security Director Jim Walker.

"The U.S. Marshal Service, particularly in the Northern District, has enjoyed an excellent relationship with ATF," stated U.S. Marshal Martin Keely. "We were pleased that we could contribute to the success of the operation."

This investigation involved numerous federal, state and local law enforcement. The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives is the lead agency assisted by the Bomb Squads from Huntsville Police Department, Jefferson County, and Gadsden County Sheriffs' Departments and Alabama Department of Public Safety Bomb Squad who worked with ATF Bomb Techs in securing the IEDs (Improvised Explosive Devices). Other Agencies include, The U.S. Marshal Service, The Alabama State Fire Marshals, The Alabama Bureau of Investigation, and the Sheriff's Offices and District Attorneys' Offices of DeKalb, Etowah, Marshall, and Jefferson Counties.

Members of the public are reminded that a criminal complaint contains only charges. A defendant is presumed innocent of the charges and it will be the government's burden to prove a defendant's guilt beyond a reasonable doubt at trial.

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According to a recent public report, a U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) five-year budget planning document failed to mention right-wing domestic terrorist groups in its list of terrorist threats facing the United States, even though the document listed left-wing domestic groups such as environmental terrorists.[1] Democratic Members of the House Committee on Homeland Security are very concerned that this oversight demonstrates DHS administrators are not adequately considering right-wing domestic terrorist groups that are focused on attacking America in order to further their political beliefs.

As the bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Building in Oklahoma City ten years ago demonstrated, right-wing domestic terrorists are capable of harming America in ways similar to al-Qaeda. Indeed, white supremacists, violent militiamen, anti-abortion bombers, and other right-wing hate groups have shown a remarkable ability to resist law enforcement authorities. In 2003, for example, the American radical right staged a "comeback," with the number of skinhead groups doubling from the prior year.[2]

The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) is the lead agency for investigating acts or preparation of domestic terrorism.[3] However, the Department has a key role in fighting domestic terrorism, especially with respect to its duties to conduct threat analysis and protect critical infrastructures. As DHS implements its new plan to focus on risk as a means of allocating scarce anti-terrorism resources,[4] it must consider the threat that right-wing

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[1] Justin Rood, "Animal Rights Groups and Ecology Militants Make DHS Terrorist List, Right-Wing Vigilantes Omitted," *Congressional Quarterly* (March 25, 2005) can be seen at http://www.cq.com/corp/show.do?page=crawford/20050325_homeland. The actual 5-year planning document, entitled "Integrated Planning Guidance, Fiscal Years 2005-2011," was produced in a "sensitive" and "for official use only" format, and now is marked "Sensitive." Therefore, any discussion of the contents of the DHS document in this report is based solely on the public reports of the document, not an actual review of it.

[2] "The Year in Hate," *Southern Poverty Law Center Intelligence Report*, Issue Number 113, Spring 2004, available at http://www.splcenter.org/intel/intelreport/article.jsp?aid=131.

[3] Both Presidential Decision Directive-39 (PDD-39), titled "U.S. Policy on Terrorism," dated June 21, 1995, and Executive Order 12333 designate the FBI as the lead agency for countering acts of terrorism within the United States.

[4] On March 16, 2005, in his first major policy address, the new Secretary of DHS, Michael Chertoff, stated that DHS needs to adopt a "risk-based approach in both our operations and our philosophy." The speech is available at http://www.dhs.gov/dhspublic/display?content=4391.

domestic terrorists pose to critical infrastructure and America as a whole. Moreover, it must re-define what it considers to be critical infrastructure by re-evaluating the risk that right-wing domestic terrorists pose to schools, large churches, or other public places in order to publicize their beliefs. Better coordination and sharing of information between the FBI and DHS may be necessary in order to evaluate these risks.

If DHS' long-term planning documents do not consider these and other risks posed by right-wing domestic terrorists, then lower-level agents working to fight these groups may not be receiving enough budgetary, policy, or administrative support from their superiors. This means possible threats to our homeland could go undetected. In order to correct this potential security gap, a renewed effort should be made to catalogue the risks posed by right-wing domestic terrorists, determine how DHS is already working to fight these risks, and evaluate what can be done to improve these efforts.

This report provides some of the framework for this analysis, but it is only a first step in the process. As 9/11 showed us, America's security can only be assured if our intelligence and law enforcement agencies do a better job evaluating threats, including thinking of risks that are "outside the box," and break down bureaucratic barriers to information sharing and action. There may be right-wing terrorists here in America that want to create just as spectacular a disaster as the 9/11 attacks, and we cannot fail to meet this threat.

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Domestic Terrorism Defined

Incidents such as the 1995 Oklahoma City Bombing and the 1996 bombing of Olympic Park in Atlanta, Georgia during the 1996 Summer Olympics prove that domestic groups with radical agendas, or people inspired by them, will continue their attempts to attack America in order to make their message heard. Thus, law enforcement agencies are continually redefining the line between criminal acts and acts of terrorism. The definition of domestic terrorism differs across Federal agencies, but the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), which has been designated as the lead Federal agency to investigate domestic terrorism or related acts,[5] defines domestic terrorism as

> the unlawful use, or threatened use, of force or violence by a group or individual based and operating entirely within the United States or its territories without foreign direction committed against persons or property to intimidate or coerce a government, the civilian population, or any segment thereof, in furtherance of political or social objectives.[6]

The U.S.A. Patriot Act, passed shortly after the September 11 attacks, defines domestic terrorism as criminal acts that "involve acts dangerous to human life…and appear 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…"[7]

According to a 2004 issue paper written by the Council on Foreign Relations and the Markle Foundation, the FBI also distinguishes three primary categories of domestic terrorism: left-wing, right-wing, and special interest.[8] Left-wing groups generally are opposed to capitalism, while right-wing groups are opposed to taxation, the Federal government, and international organizations, or motivated by racial or religious hatred.

The FBI's third domestic terror group targets "special interest" issues, which can be left or right-wing in affiliation - such as animal rights, environmental protection or abortion. While the FBI does not consider these groups to pose a terrorist threat, last week's guilty plea by Eric Rudolph[9] proved that even "special interest" groups are capable of conducting attacks beyond their "traditional" targets. Although Eric Rudolph and his family were connected with the Christian Identity movement, a militant, racist and anti-Semitic organization that believes whites are God's chosen people,[10] he indicated that he bombed the

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[5] Presidential Decision Directive 39 and Executive Order 12333.

[6] FBI, Counterterrorism Threat Assessment and Warning Unit, Counterterrorism Division, "Terrorism in the United States, 1999," available at http://www.fbi.gov/publications/terror/terror99.pdf.

[7] Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism (USA PATRIOT ACT) Act of 2001, § 802 (P.L. 107-56), codified at 18 USC § 2331.

[8] Terrorism: Questions & Answers," issue paper by the Council on Foreign Relations and the Markle Foundation can be found at http://www.terrorismanswers.org/groups/american2.html.

[9] Eric Rudolph plead guilty to three bombings in Atlanta, Georgia -- including the fatal 1996 Olympics attack which killed one person and injured more than 100 -- and a blast at a Birmingham, Alabama, women's clinic that killed an off-duty police officer.

[10] http://www.cnn.com/2003/US/05/31/rudolph.profile/index.html.

1996 Summer Olympics in Atlanta, Georgia because he wanted to shame the United States for its legalization of abortion. He said his goal was to knock out Atlanta's power grid and shut down the Olympics.[11]

FBI officials say right-wing militants—including skinheads, neo-Nazis, violent militia members, and the so-called Christian Patriot movement—now pose America's most serious domestic terrorist threat.[12] In fact, white supremacists, traditionally the most violent right-wing group, have strengthened their recruiting and rhetoric since 9/11.[13]

DHS' Current Efforts to Fight Domestic Terrorism

DHS' Statutory Duties

Congress established DHS after the 9/11 terror attacks "to prevent terrorist attacks within the United States."[14] In the Homeland Security Act of 2002, DHS is specifically required to

- identify and assess the nature and scope of terrorist threats to the homeland;
- detect and identify threats of terrorism against the United States; and
- understand such threats in light of actual and potential vulnerabilities of the homeland.[15]

These requirements necessarily include preventing terror attacks posed by domestic groups as well as traditional foreign groups such as al-Qaeda.[16]

How DHS Defines Threats

DHS officials noted in staff interviews[17] that the Information Analysis and Infrastructure Protection (IAIP) Directorate reviews intelligence information from the FBI, Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) and other intelligence agencies on a daily basis. In addition, IAIP also reviews intelligence information from its own agencies such as the Secret Service, the Coast Guard, and U.S. Customs and Border Protection. When the Department encounters intelligence information indicating a possible terrorist threat, it forwards an investigation request to one of the FBI's joint terrorist task forces (JTTF), and the FBI then decides how to proceed.

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[11] http://www.cnn.com/2005/LAW/04/13/eric.rudolph/index.html.
[12] Terrorism: Questions & Answers," issue paper by the Council on Foreign Relations and the Markle Foundation can be found at http://www.terrorismanswers.org/groups/american2.html.
[13] FBI, Strategic Plan 2004-2009, 27, available at http://www.fbi.gov/publications/strategicplan/strategicplanfull.pdf.
[14] The Homeland Security Act of 2002, § 101 (P.L. 107-296).
[15] Homeland Security Act of 2002, § 201 (P.L. 107-296).
[16] Domestic terrorism is defined in 28 CFR § 0.85 and in the USA Patriot Act of 2001 (P.L. 107-56).
[17] Democratic staff of the House Homeland Security Committee conducted a telephone conference call with Department officials on April 15, 2005.

Regarding domestic terror threats, IAIP officials stated that they analyze the information to determine whether domestic groups possess the "capability and intent" to conduct a "catastrophic" attack on U.S. critical infrastructure or resources.[18] However, nothing in the Homeland Security Act limits IAIP analysis to "catastrophic attacks" or critical infrastructure or resources. It is unclear why the Department has chosen this limited interpretation of its statutory responsibility to identify and assess "the nature and scope of terrorist threats to the homeland."

DHS' lack of certainty over how to categorize the risk posed by domestic terrorist groups is further revealed in its strategic planning. According to a recent news article, DHS distributed a January 2005 budgetary planning document entitled "Integrated Planning Guidance, Fiscal Years 2005-2011," which identified certain domestic terror groups as posing potential threats to the homeland.[19] Given the FBI's designation of right-wing groups as "the most serious domestic threat," it is surprising that, according to the article, DHS' planning document did not name right-wing domestic terrorists or terrorist groups as a potential threat. However, the document reportedly does list left-wing domestic groups, "such as the Animal Liberation Front (ALF) and the Earth Liberation Front (ELF)," as terrorist threats.[20] A subsequent interview with DHS officials revealed that the document included eco-terrorists because they "will continue to focus their attacks on property damage in an effort to change policy." The document notes that although "publicly ALF and ELF promote nonviolence toward human life . . . some members may escalate their attacks."[21]

Other terrorism experts still consider right-wing terrorists as serious threats, and were surprised that DHS did not. "They are still a threat, and they will continue to be a threat," said Mike German, a 16-year undercover agent for the FBI who spent most of his career infiltrating radical right-wing groups. "If for some reason the government no longer considers them a threat, I think they will regret that," said German, who left the FBI last year. "Hopefully it's an oversight," he added.[22] Another terrorism expert, James O. Ellis III, a senior terror researcher for the National Memorial Institute for the Prevention of Terrorism (MIPT), stated that whereas left-wing groups, which have been more active recently, have focused mainly on the destruction of property, right-wing groups have a much deadlier and more violent record and should be on the list. "The nature of the history of terrorism is that you will see acts in the name of [right-wing] causes in the future."[23]

DHS' Risk Assessment Differs from Other Agency Views

The war on terror is a huge undertaking that requires consistent cooperation between Federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies that each monitor different domestic terror groups based on their agency's mission.

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[20] *Ibid.*

[21] *Ibid.*

[22] *Ibid.*

[23] *Ibid.*

The FBI develops and continually revises a long-term strategic plan that identifies potential threats, sources of those threats, and actions needed to confront and prevent these threats. However, neither the FBI nor any other Federal agency maintains a comprehensive list of domestic terror groups or individuals.[24]

Nonetheless, the FBI's Strategic Plan does consider domestic threats from both right-wing and left-wing terrorists, stating "[r]ight-wing extremists exposing anti-government or racist sentiment, will pose a threat because of their continuing collection of weapons and explosives coupled with their propensity for violence."[25]

According to DHS officials, even though the FBI and DHS are working closely, they do not consider the same groups to present the same terrorist threat.[26] This is because they are "looking for different types of threats."[27] Given the FBI analysis of the risk posed by right-wing extremists, it remains unclear why DHS does not give higher priority to this threat, such as by mentioning it in the Department's planning document.

It should be noted that while both the FBI's Strategic Plan and DHS' planning document both reportedly name al-Qaeda as the greatest threat to the United States, the two agencies categorize the risk posed by other international terrorist groups differently.[28] Considering the emphasis placed on fighting international terrorists since 9/11, if the two agencies are still assessing different risks to these groups, then we should be very concerned about their ability to coordinate threat assessment of domestic terrorists.

Post -9/11 Risks and DHS' Need to Think of Risks "Outside the Box"

According to *USA Today*, there have been some chilling cases of right-wing domestic terrorism planning since 9/11.[29] For example, in May, 2004, William Krar, of Noonday, Texas, was sentenced to more than 11 years in prison after he stockpiled enough sodium cyanide to kill everyone inside a 30,000-square-foot building. Krar, described by federal prosecutors as a white supremacist, also had nine machine guns, 67 sticks of explosives and more than 100,000 rounds of ammunition. Investigators and the federal prosecutor said they didn't know what Krar intended to do with the potentially deadly chemicals.

The Krar case demonstrates that white supremacists and other right-wing groups or individuals can obtain the capability to perform a large-scale terrorist attack in America on a scale similar to those al-Qaeda seeks to conduct. If DHS' planning document and difference in approach to right-wing domestic terrorism compared to the FBI are any indication of the

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[25] FBI Strategic Plan, 15.

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[28] FBI Strategic Plan, 26; Justin Rood, "Animal Rights Groups and Ecology Militants Make DHS Terrorist List, Right-Wing Vigilantes Omitted," *Congressional Quarterly* (March 25, 2005).

[29] Larry Copeland, "Domestic terrorism: New trouble at home," *USA TODAY*, November 14, 2004, available at http://www.usatoday.com/news/nation/2004-11-14-domestic-terrorism_x.htm.

type of threat analysis the Department is conducting, then there may be a failure to think of risks "outside the box" that is eerily reminiscent of the intelligence failures that led to the 9/11 attacks.

Recommendations

There are many opportunities for DHS to revise its approach and think as creatively as some right-wing terrorists may.

- *DHS must reassess the threat posed by right-wing domestic terrorists and revise its long-term planning to address this risk.*

First and foremost, DHS must return to its overall statutory mandate to determine "the nature and scope of terrorist threats to the homeland" by including in its long-term planning a genuine consideration of the risks posed by right-wing domestic terrorists. Without this planning, the intelligence analysts and agents on the front-line may not get the budgetary and administrative support they need from above.

- *Congress or DHS should establish an advisory council of groups with experience monitoring right-wing domestic terrorists*

There are several organizations, such as the Southern Poverty Law Center, the Simon Wiesenthal Center, the Anti-Defamation League, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the National Coalition of Anti-Violence Programs, the National Abortion Federation, and others with long-standing experience in monitoring right-wing domestic terrorist groups and assessing their danger. Congress or DHS should establish an advisory council of these groups in order to ensure that the Department has as much information as possible about the risks right-wing domestic terrorists pose.

- *DHS and the FBI should work together to create and maintain a comprehensive list of domestic terror groups or individuals.*

DHS and the FBI should close the security gap identified by the Council on Foreign Relations and the Markle Foundation by creating and maintaining one comprehensive list of domestic terror groups or individuals.

- *DHS must expand its definition of "critical infrastructure" for purposes of collecting intelligence on domestic terror groups.*

DHS must redefine its definition of "critical infrastructure" to include those "soft targets" most at risk of attack by right-wing domestic terrorists. Just as al-Qaeda may want to destroy prominent symbols of America authority and inflict mass casualties, as on 9/11, and left-wing domestic environmental terrorist groups may attack what they perceive as anti-environmental structures, such as dams, right-wing domestic terrorists may strike at what best communicates their message of hate. For example, a single African-American church in a large city can have several thousand people in it on a Sunday, and large inner-city schools

can have thousands of minority students. Both of these could be prime targets for an attack by a white supremacist group.

We cannot protect every "soft-target" as well as we can protect "hard targets," like airplanes or nuclear power plants, but DHS should consider these risks when evaluating the stream of intelligence "chatter" it receives on right-wing domestic terrorists. If this intelligence reveals a credible threat, DHS must work closely with the FBI and other law enforcement authorities, but it should also provide the threatened entity with at least some recommendations on how to reduce its risk.

- *DHS must think "outside the box" about the types of attacks right-wing domestic terrorists may conduct.*

Eric Rudolph's bombing of Atlanta's Olympic Park in order to raise his anti-abortion views demonstrates that right-wing domestic terrorists may choose to attack a symbol that is not directly associated with their particular political objection in order to prove their point. DHS must consider these risks when evaluating the threats to critical infrastructure as well as to everyday large-scale events. For example, large gatherings of women, such as a "Take Back the Night" rally, could be a target for right-wing anti-abortion terrorists.

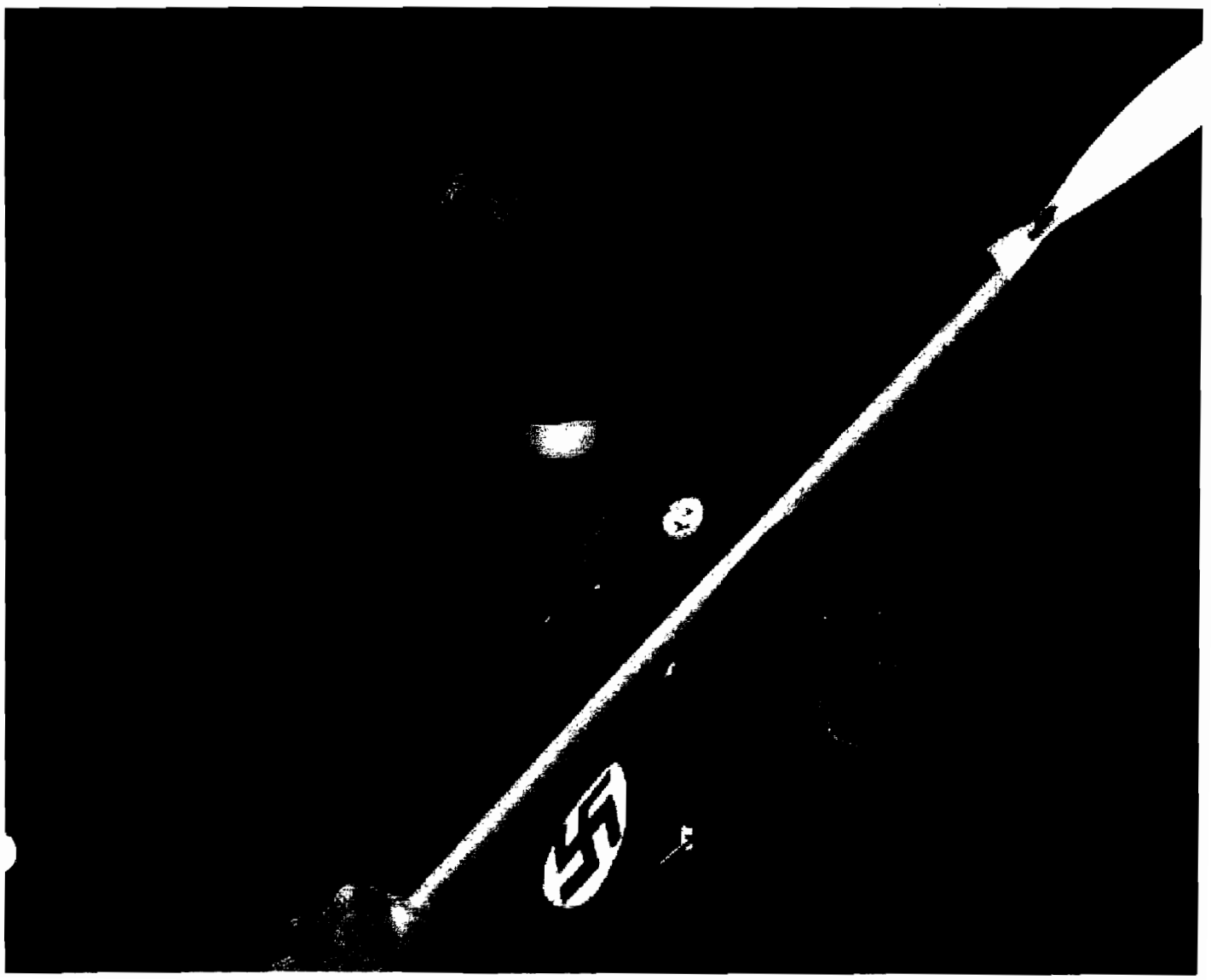
America as a whole should not develop paranoid views about the risks to every place or event posed by unassociated domestic terrorists, but that does not mean that intelligence analysts and law enforcement should not consider these risks and consider basic precautions to prevent them.

- *The FBI and DHS should work closely to set government-wide standards for focusing on right-wing domestic terrorists and sharing information on these risks.*

By focusing on both left and right-wing domestic terrorists, the FBI has a considerably more thorough view of domestic terrorism than DHS. As the lead agency in fighting domestic terrorism, the FBI should work to ensure that DHS and other agencies understand the risks posed by right-wing domestic terrorists.

Additionally, while DHS should not interfere with ongoing FBI investigations, the Department should have access to the relevant data it needs to make a determination of the risks to America posed by right-wing domestic terrorists. According to IAIP officials, this type of information sharing is presently occurring, but the two agencies should be constantly vigilant to ensure it continues. If Congress must act to ensure any bureaucratic "stovepipes" of information are eliminated, than it should do so. A prime lesson from 9/11 was that failures to share information can lead to catastrophic results.

White Supremacists and President-Elect Obama: Two Reports



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White Supremacists Vent Rage Over Obama's Win

(Published: November, 2008)

Overview

Once it became clear that Barack Obama would be the next President of the United States, white supremacists rushed to extremist online discussion forums to express their rage and disbelief that voters, particularly white voters, chose an African-American as their leader. An avalanche of comments from white supremacists appeared on numerous online discussion forums as they learned that the presidential race was over.

Although white supremacists have often expressed fear that minorities are "taking over" the country, they didn't think they would actually see the day that Americans of all kinds would elect an African-American president.

From their own racist perspective, they saw Obama's rise to the highest office in the country as evidence that things have gone incredibly wrong and that whites had lost their place in America. The most popular white supremacist Internet forum, Stormfront, was so overloaded with people trying to access the site to post comments that it actually crashed.

This racist T-shirt is being sold on Tightrope, a neo-Nazi Web site.

Other white supremacists, despite their anger, felt that Obama's win might be a catalyst that would help them recruit members to their cause. These extremists blamed a variety of people for Obama's rise--the Jews, white "traitors," or a Republican Party out of touch with the needs of white people. While some proclaimed that Obama's victory was the start of a race war in the U.S. and declared a willingness to pick up their guns, others claimed that America was heading toward disaster as it became a more diverse nation.

Obama Election a "Tragedy" for America

On a radio show on the white supremacist Internet forum Stormfront soon after Barack Obama's win, anti-Semite and racist David Duke announced, "I really believe tonight is a night of tragedy and sadness for our people in many ways…[we've lost] the fundamental values of the United States of America…the country is not recognizable any more."

Hal Turner, a New Jersey-based white supremacist, wrote on his blog that "America committed national suicide tonight because we turned control of this nation over to inferior people who, in the history of the world, have never created or maintained the kind of advanced nation that we White people created here." On the neo-Nazi Vanguard News Network forum, "Wild_Bill_Hyde" declared that America was now "OFFICIALLY DEAD!"

The *Occidental Observer*, an online magazine connected to the racist journal T*he Occidental Quarterly*, posted an editorial on the election, calling it "the worst of all possible results." It said that white people who attended Obama's victory rally in Chicago were "pathetic" and argued that Obama will likely institute "quota-style affirmative action and transfer payments that will alienate whites in droves."

Racists posting to the white supremacist Internet forum *Ni--ermania* appeared somewhat more resigned. A person using the screen-name "KOS" declared, "America will become another third-world sh-thole like Africa if it is run by people like Barack Hussein Obama and other minorities." Another extremist, posting as "Himmler SS," wrote, "America [sic] flags should be flown upside down as the international symbol of distress." "Anti-Nigram added, "It's a nightmare I can't shake myself out of...We may not be perfect for being a bit 'racist' but God forgive us our flaws and help us survive these dark times to come back and fix it when we can."

Some racists were so angry about having an African-American president that they declared they would leave the U.S. "RightWhiteis," posting to the white supremacist White Revolution forum, wrote, "This is truly the saddest day in the history of this great nation… I am seriously thinking about moving my family to Canada for their own safety from the ape riots that are about to no doubt happen in major metropolitan areas everywhere." In a comment on white supremacist Hal Turner's blog, an anonymous poster wrote, "I have burnt the American flag in my front yard… I am seeking political asylum in Russia."

An anonymous individual posting to a Yahoo! group connected to the neo-Nazi National Socialist Movement was convinced that whites would lose their rights in America and stated, "You all have the worst of everything. He is a Black, communist, muslim, racist

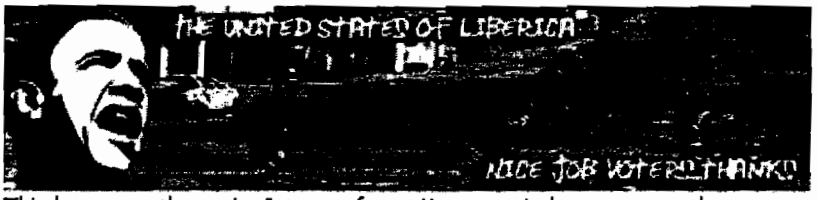
against white, and friends with jews… Well be prepared to have to fight harder for freedoms you use to have. I doubt the bill of rights will be enforced after his swearing in."

Some white supremacists angrily declared that Caucasians who had chosen an African-American to be president were traitors to their race. On White Revolution, "Fallschirmjager173" claimed that "the recent election of a negroid as president of america, was brought about by dumbed down white traitors, to this nation." An anonymous poster made a similar comment on Hal Turner's blog: "Congratulations to all you f--king sleeping mesmerized race traitors who just made the United States a 3rd world country filled with Illegal Mexicans and f--king Ni--ers who will run free and have a Ni--er commander and chief looking over their shoulders. You all make me f--king sick. I have burnt the American flag in my front yard."

Pushing Whites to "Start a Race War"

Many white supremacists, despite their rage, felt that Barack Obama's election win would provide a catalyst that would move whites to become active on behalf of the white race. And anger and frustration led a number of extremists to talk about picking up guns and ammo, "before it's all outlawed." They expressed fear that they would now lose their rights and have to defend themselves and their families.

In his radio interview on the white supremacist online forum Stormfront, anti-Semite and racist David Duke predicted that Obama's presidency was a wake-up call: "Maybe it's good in one sense in that it's making white people clear of the fact that that government in Washington DC is not our government...We, as European Americans, have got to rally for our own heritage, our own freedom, our own survival as a people, and if we don't...begin now to build a...dedicated movement...we're going to lose everything that's important to us."



This banner on the racist Internet forum *N--germania* demonstrates the anger white supremacists felt about Barack Obama being elected.

Posting a Klan Internet forum, an Illinois Klansman, Jeremy Eastwood, expressed his hope that the Klan would save a nation "on the brink of distruction [sic]." He encouraged his followers to take action: "Start throwing flyers every week. Making signs anything passing out bussiness [sic] cards.... Get out there and RECRUIT RECRUIT RECRUIT. We must take bake [sic] our nation that is being taking away."

Billy Roper, the leader of White Revolution, declared on the group's Internet forum, "Now is the time to be more active than ever before." An individual on the same forum using the name "Saturn" was sure that white supremacists could build "our own society that has nothing to do with this current one." He added "Bury your American flags and bibles and hopes of making America great again."

On Stormfront, extremists also felt that this was a moment that they could seize to make an impact. "White Apex" declared, "It is obvious as of tonights [sic] overload that white people are already waking up and looking for answers. If we handle this obamanation correctly we can gain many new comrades! We can't mess this up, can't you see this is

what we need!" Greg Johnson, an editor for *The Occidental Quarterly,* agreed, writing that "the election of Barack Obama as president of the United States is a good thing for white nationalism. Whites will regain control over our nation and our destiny only when we have a change of consciousness." On Vanguard News Network (VNN), a white supremacist Internet forum, posters declared that they were ready to put themselves on the line to fight for the white race. "Toe Cutter" wrote, "Get used to the idea of having to sacrifice Yourself, for a greater good."

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> -- Anti-Semite and racist, David Duke

A number of white supremacists ominously predicted a race war, an event that they feel will be necessary to create a "white revolution" and have a county run for and by whites. On Stormfront, "DarkSystem9" declared, "Welcome to the grand opening of the worlds [sic] first Race War." On the White Revolution Internet form, "Joe Mayham" told fellow racists to prepare for the race war: "We are at war, put down your compromises, stock pile for your family while the men are away, buy up a gun for yourself and a couple for me and start causing the fight to come to our door. Make it don't wait for it."

On VNN, "Metal Warrior" declared, "We have allowed the jews to set up the game, and the lemmings to sell our collective soul. We need our own clean break from this. I have a feeling there's going to be a lot of dying in store on the way there." On Stromfront, "Werewolfblood" was no less angry: "We may be at the steps of a nationwide revolution. Whites are PISSED!"

Klan members posting to the United Northern and Southern Knights of the KKK Internet forum wrote about readying themselves for the future. "Cole Thornton" announced, "We are making plans and we need each and every member intact. It may get real hairy, so PLEASE be careful out there until we get things sorted out." An angry poster "JP311" warned: "KKKEEP YOUR GUNS LOADED BOYS!!!!! WE 'ARE' THE NEW MINORITY...WHITE AND PROUD!!!!! PRESIDENT OBAMA?? HE AIN'T MY PRESIDENT."

Hoping Obama Will Not Survive

Some white supremacists, resigned to Barack Obama's win, expressed their hope that he would be killed or die, but were generally careful not to make direct threats against the president-elect.

On the white supremacist forum, *Ni--ermania*, angry posters openly hoped that Obama would die in office or be killed. The adminstrator of the forum, Tom Shelly, cautioned them to be prudent about what they said: "Be careful what you write there, we can't allow threats against his life so you're treading on thin ice there." Nevertheless, he added, "I'm sure we all wish he would die and someday he will but probably not before he f--ks up our country for the next four years."

"Clean White Man" took a different route, speculating that "maybe Ni--er Obama will die between now and the end of President Bush's term. I'll be praying ever day that it does." Corn Flake responded that, "I do hope that he dies soon. But I don't want him killed; that will only make a martyr. I would rather see him die doing something stupid like pluggin [sic] in a toaster or falling in the bathtub or stepping out of Air Force One before they put the stairs by the door." Trellen R shared these sentiments and referred to a recent alleged plot by neo-Nazi skinheads to kill Obama and minorities: "....hopefully he'll get assassinated before he gets into office. Just don't be f--king idiots about it like those skinheads were."

An anonymous poster on white supremacist Hal Turner's blog went further: "Someone will kill him! And I will celebrate! It's just a matter of time. When someone kills him, Ni--ers will riot and the race war will be on!"

Blaming the Jews

Not surprisingly, white supremacists also found a way to focus their anger against Jews, blaming them for controlling the U.S. government and media, and promoting a multicultural society, thereby pushing Barack Obama to victory.

Anti-Semite and racist David Duke claimed that Obama was being run by the Jews. On his radio show on the white supremacist Internet forum Stormfront soon after Obama was elected, he stated, "I realize why Barack Obama won…Barack Obama has proven himself to be totally subservient to Israel…He's their guy, and his top advisers are Jewish extremists."

An anonymous poster in the comments section of white supremacist Hal Turner's blog alleged that Jews had ruined his country and that the Mossad would likely assassinate Obama: "Some kike will probably blow his black ass away just after shouting 'White Power!' and 'Sieg Heil!' a few times so the jewsmedia blames White 'Supremacists' for the Mossad hit as arch-Zionist Biden is sworn in. Whether McPain or Obongo won, the America that I knew and loved as a child was already dead decades ago, killed by kikes."

"Joe Mayham," writing on the racist White Revolution Internet forum, declared, "Sure we must all realize that the president of the United States is really just a puppet in the arms of Zog [Zionist Occupied Government], nationally, or by more direct of isreal [sic], bureaucrats, and many many more. Another individual on the forum groused that "the jews have done it again. They managed to brainwash an entire generation into thinking race doesn't matter and that putting a ni--er in the White House will benefit this nation."

Some blamed alleged Jewish control of the major political parties for Obama's election. On Stormfront, "Metal Warrior" wrote that the Republicans have been "overrun by red-diaper neocon jews and their gentile allies, and they deserve to die off." "Wuzzarepublikan" added similar sentiments: "The GOP has deteriorated into a neo-con led cesspool of anti-White race traitors. In order to revitalize itself, the GOP would have to disown its jewish influences." He suggested that a third party based on "white interests" was the answer.

Similarly, "Ravencall" claimed on Stormfront that Jews exercised control over the Democrats: "I'd call it the beginning of the end of the democrats. It's the culmination of 60 years of jewish Media propaganda and financial and political control."

"Derrick Beukeboom," a poster on the white supremacist forum Vanguard News Network, blamed Jews for controlling the media and promoting multiculturalism, thus helping Obama to win the election. He commented, "Obama winning is good for the jewsmedia because they can write many columns and produce many sickening programs about the black equality in the racist Amerikwan [sic] state. They will handle Obama with such kid gloves you'd think he is the messiah of the Multiculti. .."

Barack Obama Targeted by Extremists on the Internet
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Overview

Barack Obama, the Democratic Party's nominee for President, has become a target for white supremacists and other extremists on various Websites and Internet forums since he began his campaign. White supremacists, not surprisingly, focus on Obama's African-American background and the threat they feel he poses to America's white population. Some warn people to be ready for an oncoming disaster if Obama is elected. Many suggest that Obama is a good target for an assassination attempt. Some anti-Semitic posts focus on how Jews control Obama and his candidacy. Still others claim that Obama has ties to radical movements or that his former church has carried out murders.

The comments below are from neo-Nazis, white supremacists, and adherents of Christian Identity, a racist, anti-Semitic religion. Some are from well-known haters like former Klan leader David Duke and white supremacists Hal Turner and Tom Metzger while others are from unknown individuals posting to extremist forums and Websites and individual blogs. Most of the commentators use blatantly racist, hateful language to express their views.

White supremacist anger about Obama's candidacy

Contempt for Obama's run for the presidency figures strongly on white supremacist Internet forums. Posters on those forums rail against Obama and talk of the upheaval that would ensue if he were elected President.

"Pandering" to Jews and Israel

One frequent claim is that Obama is allegedly pandering to the will of the Jews and Israel, and, if elected, he will act on behalf of the Jewish "lobby."

In an October 2008 post to his Web site, anti-Semite and white supremacist David Duke claimed that "Obama has prostrated himself at the feet of the Jewish Lobby and the extremists who run Israel." In an earlier October post, Duke argued that Obama and McCain "are trying to outdo each other in going against American true interests on behalf of Israel."

Also in October 2008, Bill White, who leads the Virginia-based American National Socialist Worker's Party, a neo-Nazi group, posted an article to his Website that alleged, "If elected to office, Barack Obama plans to work with the Jew communists who support him to commit acts of genocide against the same white working class he seeks to appeal to."

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> Dan Gayman, a Missouri-based leader in the racist and anti-Semitic Christian Identity religious sect
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> October 2008

Predicting race warfare

In October 2008, individuals posting to the forum of the Hammerskin Nation, one of the most violent and best-organized neo-Nazi skinhead groups in the United States, discussed the possible assassination of Obama if he is elected, and they predicted that members of the black community will riot if McCain becomes President. "Bald Bastard 1488" wrote, "If he [Obama[wins, ni--ers are going to get ten times more brazen and uppity...If Obama loses to McCain on the other hand, the ni--ers will probably scream about some racist conspiracy and start rioting across the country...So lock and load either way."

Also in October 2008, Dan Gayman, a Missouri-based leader in the racist and anti-Semitic Christian Identity religious sect, sent out a mailing attacking Obama as the "Obomination of Desolation." He wrote that Obama's possible election would "mark the beginning of the end for the American nation, civilization, and culture, as we have known it." Democratic control of all branches of government, Gayman wrote, will lead to disenfranchisement of "the Caucasian Population of America for all time to come!"

As is often the case, extremists translate the sentiments they express on anti-Semitic Websites and forums into real-world activity. In September 2008, members of the League of American Patriots, a New Jersey-based white supremacist group, placed racist fliers in New Jersey neighborhoods concerning Obama's candidacy. The fliers reportedly questioned, "Do You Want A Black President?" and "Why should we seal our fate by allowing a black ruler to destroy us?" They also stated that "Black Ruled Nations [sic] most unstable and violent in the world" and pictured Obama with a beard and turban. Founded in March 2008, the League of American Patriots espouses a white supremacist, anti-immigrant ideology.

In a September 2008 post to the Vanguard News Network (VNN), a forum popular among white supremacists and anti-Semites, an individual stated his intentions if a race war breaks out after the election: "Bring it on ni--ers! The first twenty I'm gonna skin and stretch out on 'X' stakes like a fence in my front yard (like the 'scarecrows' in the forbidden zone shown in the openning of Planet of the Apes). I got bad voodoo for you monkeyshines."

Hal Turner, a New Jersey-based white supremacist, made a post to his blog in September 2008, suggesting that Obama is a "half-breed" and a "sub-human," who will lead the United States into "failures" similar to those experienced by other "black-run failed states." He stated:

> I do not want a half-breed negro prancing around the White House in a loin cloth, smoking crack…I see no reason at all to allow a Communistic negro to occupy the most powerful political office on earth. I see no reason at all to allow a sub-human to do for the United States, what his sub-human pals have done in their countries like Zimbabwe, South Africa and other black-run failed states…Wherever blacks run things, those things are totally corrupt, grossly dysfunctional and ultimately, complete failures.

Racist ramblings

In a July 2008 post to VNN, an individual named "Sgruber" began a discussion thread by suggesting "Obama" as a "New Word For Ni--er:"

> Try it out. "An Obama stole my watch." "A drunk-ass Obama yelled in the street last night." "Three Obamas are walking down the middle of the street." "A bunch of Obamas are torching cars in France." Omit the article when referring to a specific Obama: "Obama beat the hell out of her." "Obama filed a racial harassment lawsuit." Don't stop using the word "ni--er"...or "shine"...or "mooncricket"...etc. But, change it up now and then with the new word for ni--er: "OBAMA" [sic]

"It's part of his agenda to destroy the White race."

Posting on Stormfront, a forum popular with white supremacists and anti-Semites

In a June 2008 post to Stormfront, another forum popular among white supremacists and anti-Semites, "Eastcoast Warrior" suggests that Obama seeks the destruction of the White race: "Obama is a commie leftist who knows that by banning guns innocent Whites will be at the mercy of illegally armed black thugs. It's part of his agenda to destroy the White race."

In a comment posted in June 2008 on VNN, "Wild_Bill_Hyde" expressed rage that Obama thinks he could get elected President:

> Did anyone else catch that arrogant ass this past weekend? So help me - he was actually bobbing up and down just like a rooster and bragging & boasting of how "in 2016 - he'll be wrapping up two terms as President." What an insufferable ego-maniacal blow-hard! Couldn't even win but 6 of the last 15 primaries or match Hillary overall in total votes but in his afro-centric fantasy-world he's already won 2 terms! This past weekend Barack Hussein was really letting his Ni--er Flag FLY! An Obama nation is an abomination.

Hal Turner wrote in March 2008:

> After all, do we really want a mixed-race, mongrel negro, half-breed in the most powerful political office on the planet? I can see it now, Barak [sic] Obama doing for America what Robert Mugabe did for Zimbabwe. . .or what Nelson Mandella [sic] did for South Africa. . . skyrocketing crime, disease and a collapsed economy. No thanks.

On another thread on the VNN forum entitled "Obama will form an all black police force and will round you all up and water board u," an individual named "brain" wrote in June 2008, "You know it's coming. If you're not scared then you're stupid. As soon as they can do it, they will. They are chomping at the bit. They have real military training, they can buy real law enforcement weapons, you can't. run, run, hide. you are the rabbit, quit sticking your chest out."

Continuing with this theme, in a June 2008 article entitled "A Black Flag for White America," David Duke wrote, "In auto racing, a black flag is the signal used for the car to go to the pits. Barack Obama winning the Democrat Nomination is a black flag for America, a sign of where we as a people and nation are heading…to the pits."

Assassination of Obama

Many of the individuals posting on extremist forums imply or state directly that Obama will not survive his run for the presidency. Also in these posts, extremists angry over the Obama campaign threaten violence against the black community. Some extremists have gone from the Internet to planning action against Obama.

White supremacists' plot to kill Obama

In late October 2008, authorities arrested two white supremacists, Daniel Cowart, of Tennessee, and Paul Schlesselman, of Arkansas, for allegedly planning a "killing spree" that would involve assassinating Obama and killing 102 others. Cowart and Schlesselman met on the Internet and apparently decided to translate a virtual alliance into real-world action. Cowart had recently been involved with Supreme White Alliance, a hardcore racist skinhead group with members from several states, mostly in the Midwest.

Authorities charged the white supremacists with possessing an unregistered firearm, conspiring to steal firearms from a federally licensed gun dealer, and threats against a major candidate for the office of president. Court documents indicated the two suspects discussed a multi-state killing and robbing spree, including targeting a predominantly African-American school. The murder spree would allegedly end with an attempt to assassinate Obama with a high-powered rifle.

Images of violence against Obama

In October 2008, on the forum of the neo-Nazi skinhead group, Hammerskin Nation, "wc_skin" predicted that Obama will be killed. He stated, "i [sic] think someone will shoot him hopefully from a book suppository building wouldn't that be funny..[sic] but we have all seen what a pissed off marine and his rifle can accomplish."

On the same forum, "Bald Bastard 1488" responded to predictions that Obama will not be assassinated. He wrote, "Sad to say, Youre [sic] probably right about that asshole not getting whacked."

> "I think someone will shoot him"
>
> Posted on the forum of the neo-Nazi skinhead group, Hammerskin Nation

Also in October, Mike Lunsford, a Fairfield, Ohio resident and avowed white supremacist, made an overt demonstration of his racist views regarding Obama. Lunsford hung a ghost featuring Obama's name and the word "Hussain," a misspelled form of Obama's middle name, from a noose on a tree. Following public attention and condemnation, Lunsford reportedly moved the racist display from the tree to a spot next to his porch.

Neo-Nazi Bill White entitled the September 2008 issue of his magazine "Kill this Ni—ger?" The cover of the magazine features a picture of Barack Obama pictured through a rifle scope with a swastika surrounding it.

Also in September, an individual calling himself "MrWidowmaker" posted a message to Stormfront, predicting that if Obama is elected, the black community will riot, and Obama will be assassinated by "one of the true patriots of our country." He wrote, "I think the nigs will riot. But I also think that if Obongo is elected he'll be taken out by one of the true patriots in our country. So the nigs will riot at such time anyways. So either way prepare yourselves."

In July 2008, an individual posting to VNN wrote about a speech by Obama, which a CNN article described as addressing "the burning anger among the nation's poor African-Americans." The VNN poster commented, "Bring it on Obamas. I have rope, trees, shotgun, carbine, .380 and plenty of shells to go around Come for the TNB [typical ni--er behavior], stay for the decomposition."

In June 2008, Tyrranicide, a racist blog, began to allude openly to the assassination of Obama as in evident in this section of a longer post:

> I'd give almost even money: when somebody finally parts Hussein's nappy hair with a bullet, if it isn't someone hired by Hillary, it will be some wasted street coon from a D.C. gang or some other "disillusioned Affikin-Amurkin" who has finally realized that Brother Barry has sold de cullud folks down the river.

On a thread titled "Obama Assassination: Where Will You be?" posted to the VNN forum in June 2008, "yankee jane" focused not just on an assassination attempt on Obama but his wife, as well, and made insidious allusions to the assassination of Abraham Lincoln:

> Maybe his wife will even get hit with a bullet ... this is good. Maybe the more they talk about the Obongo assassination, the juicier a target he could become for a sniper looking to put a historical notch on his belt ... we can only hope he won't wait until the elections! Who doesn't know John Wilkes Booth? Its [sic] a REAL opportunity for the right person!

That same month, another poster to VNN, named "matthew," wrote, "f--- that dirty banana eating ni--er! he'll get my guns over my dead body! if ever there was a reason to hate this ni--er, this is it. ill [sic] be glad when he's pushing up daisy's [sic]." On Stormfront, an individual wrote also in June, "That's ALL we need .. [sic] another dead negro day...That's the day all the white people show up and get to work without coons to slow things down..."

Jewish control of Obama

As is often the case, posters to extremist forums voice the anti-Semitic belief that Jews are controlling events, and manipulating both Barack Obama and the 2008 Presidential race.

Obama helped by "Jewish-run" media and government

In an October 2008 post to his Website, David Duke argues of both McCain and Obama that "they are simply in the pockets of the Jewish extremist financial network, the all powerful Jewish Lobbies like AIPAC, and the Jewish-dominated mass media! They don't listen to the vast majority of the American people..."

In another post to his Website that month, Duke wrote that "Obama has prostrated himself at the feet of the Jewish Lobby and the extremists who run Israel. His biggest single source of campaign money comes from the hyper-globalist, Zionist, international banking house of Goldman Sachs..."

In an October post to the forum of the neo-Nazi American National Socialist Worker's Party, neo-Nazi figure Philip Anderson invoked the anti-Semitic claim that a "Zionist Occupied Government (ZOG)" exists and controls world events, specifically concerning media and the election. Anderson wrote, "zogs [sic] media is declaring that Obama is gonna win all the states that Kerry did, and McCain is only set to win a handful of states Bush won. In reality the media is just pushing Obama forward trying to set his victory."

In a September 2008 speech, Erich Gliebe, the leader of the neo-Nazi National Alliance, stated, "Without exception, every White political leader knows about the power of the Jews. They know that the Jews call the shots in the media world and that the Jews therefore effectively manage the elections by guiding the electorate into voting for this candidate or that. These White political leaders also know that the Jewish lobby carries the biggest stick in Washington..."

Also in September 2008, Bill White released a draft of an article to be included in that month's issue of his magazine. The article explained, "The truth is that Obama is a creature of the Jews, a Jewish - communist alternative to the Jewish - Zionist's candidate John McCain, and everything about his campaign and its methods underscores this point."

In July 2008, "Thunderhead" on Stormfront suggested that "Jews in media" were responsible for a controversial *New Yorker* cover which depicted Obama as a Muslim extremist. The post stated, "Characterizing Obama as a Muslim terrorist tells me that enough Jews in media are against him to sway the vote toward McCain." Another

individual on Stormfront, suggesting that Jews were behind the magazine cover, wrote in a July 2008 post, "Some neocon Jew from the Council on Foreign Relations probably greased some palms there."

In June 2008, Tyrannicide talked about the Jews "running" Obama "behind the scenes."

> How do you think they're going to feel when BO is elected, there he sits in the Oval Office with Michelle crawling around on the floor and getting her fleas all in the carpet, and he turns out to be nothing more than a sock puppet for the smart Jews who have been running him from behind the scenes all along? You know, the mysterious pale-skinned backers who came up with that $250 million no one quite seems to know where he got? (Or is even asking?)

On Stormfront, one poster, named "Norman in the Army," extended Jewish control over the election process to John McCain's campaign, as well, writing in June 2008, "I don't want McCain or Obama to be the president. They're both New World Order candidates and are on the payroll of the Jews. You're throwing your vote away if you choose either candidate. This election is rigged. The Zionist have [sic] set it up to where either person will take us further into bondage."

That same month, "Wolf," another Stormfront poster commented, "Obama has shown itself [sic] to be a good slave for the jew scum."

A person using the name "Valkoinen," posted to the forum of the neo-Nazi American National Socialist Worker's Party in May 2008 that Obama's recounting of his uncle's experience in World War II is evidence that "Obviously Obama only came out with this story to try and win over the Jews. All the candidates have to show they love Jews."

Obama's alleged Jewish ties used against whites

Since March 2008, Bible Study Site, a Web site dedicated to the racist and anti-Semitic religion Christian Identity, has been posting material to a page featuring negative writings about Obama. The virulently anti-Semitic site attributes the success of Obama's campaign to "Judaics" who have instilled "white guilt" into non-Jewish Americans. One statement on the site says:

> [Y]ou cannot deny that *White America is being phased out purposely*... And where do these goofs get this self-hatred from? From the Judaic intellectuals, of course

(who do not identify themselves as 'of the White race' but rather as a separate race they call 'Jews')... [T]he International Judaics have craftily succeeded in creating an artificial balance of power in America between the 68% population of Whites and the 13% population of Blacks... They are *playing America and the Western Christian nations like a harp*, fundamentally altering our accepted and traditional social norms, turning us into a people that God would be want to despise... Those evil seducing people are the International Judaics and their lackeys, both their 'lesser brethren Judaics' and their 'useful idiot Gentiles'... It has been stated (but not sufficiently documented *at this time* for my liking) that Barak [sic] Obama's mother was a Communist *Jewess*, which would actually go a long way to explaining much about Obama

"Obama has shown itself [sic] to be a good slave for the jew scum."

Posting on Stormfront, a forum popular with white supremacists and anti-Semites

Obama's alleged ties to radicals and extremists

Other white supremacists have posted articles and comments on their Websites stating that Obama has ties to Communists, terrorists and other radicals or that his former church was involved in murdering congregants.

Painting Obama as a Communist

In an October 2008 post to Stormfront, "aryanchrist" argued that Obama and the Democrats are "Commies," He explained, "Wake up America! The Communist conspiracy within still exists. Barack Obama and the rest of the Democrats are total Commies. Time to face the music!!!! Protect yourselves and get your money out of the bank as soon as you can if this **** eating Commie gets elected!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!"

The same month on Stormfront, "Hispanic001" alleged that the "communist party of this country created a doccument [sic] of support of the obama's campaign." In the same post, he referenced a "militia of 500,000 neegers that he (Obama) want [sic] to create" and went on to explain, "I can imagine that bunch of negros dressed of civilian clothes killing whites during riots of white people in the streets."

In a September 2008 post to Stormfront, an individual using the name "british74" asserted that "Obama has a 30 year history of associating with unsavory characters, beginning with communist Frank Marshall Davis and continuing with Jeremiah Wright and communist terrorists Bill Ayers and Bernardine Dohrn, which should disqualify him from getting a security clearance in the government that he wants to run....."

Another post to Stormfront, made in August 2008 by "Ravening Wolf," alleged the existence of "Obama's drug use, communist tendencies, Muslim background, and closet black supremacism!!!"

Claiming Obama has ties to murderers and racists

The Website of the Council of Conservative Citizens (CofCC), a white supremacist organization, posted a May 2008 article containing totally unsubstantiated information claiming that Obama's former church has carried out murders. The article by the CofCC News Team says that Obama's "militant 'Black Liberation Theology' church" is connected to the "execution style" murder of three "openly gay" parishioners. Another longtime white supremacist, Tom Metzger, wrote in an April 2008 "journal" entry, "Obama favours [sic] an unholly [sic] alliance between Marxism and Islam."

On his Website, David Duke posted an article in April 2008, entitled "Barack Hussein Obama's ties with unrepentant communist, terrorists!" In February 2008, Duke authored another article entitled "Why I oppose Obama as President of the United States," in which he stated that Obama's wife is a "Black racist and dedicated Black separatist":

> Compelling evidence shows that Barack Obama is an Afro-American whose ultimate loyalty is not to 'all the people of the United States,' but primarily to his fellow African-Americans....Few Americans are even aware yet of this side of Obama. Here is quick rundown of the undisputed facts: Barack Obama is an active member of an extremist, Afro-Centrist Black church in Chicago and is admittedly very close to its Afro-centrist and unarguably (by media standards) racist pastor, the Rev. Jeremiah A. Wright, Jr....In addition to his very close relationship with Rev. Wright, Obama also has a long and warm friendship with Louis Farrakhan, who is also unashamedly a Black nationalist and Afro-centrist....there is another Black racist, and dedicated Black separatist that Obama shares an even closer relationship: his wife Michelle Obama.

It is likely that extremists, particularly white supremacists, will become even more vehement in their attacks on Obama as the election draws closer.

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Financial Crisis Sparks Wave of Internet Anti-Semitism

Overview

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As the financial crisis continues to affect markets around the world, anti-Semites are still using it to promote conspiracy theories about Jewish involvement in the crisis, and anti-Semitic statements and other anti-Jewish messages are appearing on a daily basis on financial Internet discussion groups and on Web sites and blogs both in the U.S. and abroad.

The crisis has also given birth to new anti-Semitic conspiracy theories. One of the most common rumors being circulated on the Internet suggests that, just prior to the collapse of Lehman Brothers, "$400 billion was frantically transferred to banks in Israel" by the company.

That conspiracy theory, which has no basis in fact, is reminiscent of the one that emerged immediately after the 9/11 terrorist attacks, which claimed that "4,000 Jews" did not report to work at the World Trade Center that day because they had advance warning that an attack was imminent. That Big Lie is now believed by many around the world.

Posts and public comments on financial message boards, Web sites and blogs have perpetuated anti-Semitic stereotypes and conspiracy theories alleging Jewish control of the U.S. economy, banking and government and blaming Jews for the country's financial turmoil. Some posts have gone so far as to resurrect Nazi-era propaganda with threads such as, "The Jewish Problem...They need to be stopped....." or comments such as, "The Final Solution 2??

Anti-Semitic posts regarding Lehman Brothers, American International Group (AIG) and other companies began appearing in mid-September 2008, on the Yahoo! Finance group and other financial message boards as these companies' financial difficulties received increasing media attention. While some Web sites hosting finance boards have been quick to remove offensive statements, new posts have continued to appear as the financial crisis has unfolded.

Blaming the Jews

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Starting in mid-September 2008 and continuing through October 2008, numerous posts have scapegoated the Jews for causing the economic crisis in the United States and have claimed that Jews purposely cause crises in order to benefit themselves. These posts, as well as videos on

YouTube, depict Jews as evil plotters whose only goal is to do harm by lying, cheating, and manipulating others.

Some examples include:

- In mid-October, *La Voz de Aztlan*, an anti-Semitic online news service that claims to represent the Hispanic community, posted an article that blamed Goldman Sachs, a company founded by Jews, not only for the financial crisis in the United States but for causing a similar crisis in Mexico. Ernesto Cienfuegos, the author of the article, evoked an anti-Semitic conspiracy theory claiming that Jews in American financial companies sent money to Israeli banks during the crisis by claiming that Goldman Sachs and Israeli banks benefited from the crisis. He wrote: Preliminary findings by the the [sic] Mexican Congress indicate that during the onslaught on the peso on Friday, billions of dollars flowed into the coffers of Goldman Sachs in New York and certain banks in Israel. As a result of the heist on the Banco de Mexico, Mexican families and small businesses are now experiencing great economic distress...."

- In the same article, Cienfuegos claimed that Goldman Sachs "also spends millions of dollars to buy the favors of elected government officials." He added, "The recent $700 billion Wall Street bailout passed the US Senate easily primarily because of the huge contributions Goldman Sachs made to US senators."

- In an earlier article in October, Cienfugos used deliberately vague language implying that the anti-Semitic comments in the article were coming from the American public and not from *La Voz de Aztlan* itself. The article stated, "The Federal Reserve is a private cartel of banks controlled by international Jewish families say the Americans who are blaming the Jewish lobby and Israel for the financial crisis…These Americans say that the Federal Reserve Act of 1913 was the creation of New York 'banksters' and approved by crooked congressmen in the pockets of the Jews."
- An online group devoted to astronomy, which features hundreds of anti-Semitic posts, started a thread in October 2008 entitled "The Lehman Brothers Were Jews Who Made Their Money off Slavery." Another thread was called "Why bail out Jewish bankers?" On that thread, "Warhol" wrote, "Instead of bleeding ourselves dry paying for Jewish wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, we ought to wage war on World Jewry and the State of Israel, which are waging war on us." "Don Ocean" commented, "Don't be a purveyor of the Talmudic murderous laws."
- In a September 2008 thread on Yahoo! Finance group that blames the Jews for the current financial crisis as well as the financial market's problems after the 9/11 terrorist attacks, "Richlynchjunior" wrote, "Jews are behind the bubbles which started from the creation of all these new speculative hybrid financial instruments…"

- That same month, in another thread on Yahoo!, "Farmerangels" commented, "jews [sic] do not pay for their sins. they [sic] only glorify their sins as they bask in their keen ability to lie, get others to kill and maim for them, and partner with the psychopath gentiles...."

- In September 2008, on AOL Money and Finance pages, "Youngmike11" pitted Jews against the rest of the population by asking, "jews helping jews when do we Amaricans [sic] stand up?

- Also in September, on Raging Bull, a financial blog, "jacknorthernest" commented, "Alas there is nothing we can do. It is the Jews, the Jews I tell you...."

- A September 2008 video on YouTube entitled "The Court Jewsters" displayed articles and pictures of failing banks and companies while repeatedly depicting Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke, former Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan, as well as other Jews with the implication that they have led America into this crisis.

- Judicial Inc., a virulently anti-Semitic Website, reposted a mainstream article about the collapse of Lehman Brothers and entitled it "Lehman Brother's Zionist owners laugh all the way to the bank." The September 2008 article alleged Jewish control of the bank and echoed the broader anti-Semitic argument that Jews hold complete power in government and the financial services.

Stereotypes of Jewish Greed

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On the Yahoo! Finance message boards, Google groups, online discussion groups and newspapers and on YouTube, individuals have asserted the stereotype of Jewish greed to blame Jews for the collapse of the financial market and for harming the country. Anti-Semitic conspiracy theories that accuse Jews of taking Americans' money and hiding it in Israel or fleeing to Israel with the funds have begun to appear all over the Internet

In the following posts and articles, Jews are depicted as purposely allowing the financial market to crash so they could benefit financially while non-Jews suffer. In some articles, there is an implicit call for violence against Jews.

Alleging Jewish profiteering to harm non-Jews

In an October 20, 2008 article in the *American Free Press*, an anti-Semitic conspiracy-oriented newspaper that also appears online, Michael Collins Piper accused Jews of being the biggest threat to America and of purposely "pillaging" the American people. He declared that "their crimes constitute treason and they should be treated as the traitors they are." Piper wrote:

While viewing Manhattan from their $25 million penthouses, weekending on Long Island at the exclusive Hampdens [sic], and spending time at their vacation homes in Israel, these racketeers have been pillaging the American people and now they come asking for the cash-strapped, debt-burdened taxpayers to bail them out....The Lehman Brothers were hailed as financial geniuses, princes of the Earth. Maurice Greenberg of AIG was crowned as a high priest of money. It turns out that they were nothing less than big-time crooks, highly paid henchmen of the international House of Rothschild.Their crimes are greater than fraud and theft. Their crimes constitute treason and they should be treated as the traitors they are....They are fear-mongers, war-mongers, hate-mongers—demagogues of the first and worst order. They tell us that unless we pay them off, our economy will collapse. In truth, they will take the money and run.They will cash in U.S. dollars for gold and Swiss francs and head for them thar' hills—the Seven Hills of Jerusalem...

A post the day before on the anti-Semitic blog, Zsidozas, made similar claims and stated that Jews should be "confronted and dealt with":

A New Dark Age of unchecked Jewish hegemony descends upon America and possibly the entire developed world unless these nation-wrecking/war-mongering international economic parasites are eventually confronted and dealt with in an organized, methodical, humane, and rational manner by those of us who care about humanity and do not wish to continue to see humankind perpetually exploited by these highly dangerous Jewish swindlers.

Earlier in September, "Harryslon," a member of a Google group devoted to Jewish culture, also accused Jews of cheating taxpayers out of their money to make a profit:

> These institutions created this subprime bad debt to inflate their balance sheets so their Jewish owners could boast higher profit figures...The jewish [sic] insiders at these investment banks get rid of their stock ... then speculate against their own banks to profiteer further, while their financier and executive friends continue to walk away with appalling bonuses. Finally when the penny drops and these securities are shown to be worthless (which the Jews knew all along), the taxpayer is left to pick up the bill, and the Jew profits at the expense of the general public.

Depicting Jews as swindlers and cheaters

In an early October 2008 post on the Yahoo! finance group, "stockguygolfer" wrote, "the heebs are just stealing all the cheap shares they can get... it will turn soon..you got to know how these heebs work, all a bunch of thieve [sic] and whores."

In the same time period, "flavia," a poster on an online discussion group about Israel, wrote, The simple fact is that KAK JEW-Controlled government 'agencies' have concocted a financial bailout SCAM to financially protect corporate KAK JEWS to the tune of $700/$800 BILLION DOLLARS charged to and taxed back upon the common U.S. Citizen whether currently employed or not."

This anti-Semitic image accompanied a blog article about the financial crisis, which referred to Jews as "nation-wrecking/war-mongering international parasites" and accused Jews of perpetually exploiting humankind.

A month earlier, in September, "Uswarcriminals" commented, "It's difficult, if not impossible, for one honest investor to neutralize the efforts of thousands of Jewish swindlers." Following the same theme, "Zimmyzee" wrote, "They've infiltrated Wall Street and Government and have ruined our country." "Hoghedge25" commented, "What is a GS Jew? Goldman Sachs? Jews are greedy, rotten slimeballs." "Liffaga" added, "They run Wall Street so they should be to blame. There is at my count roughly 1500 of them that should be in the penitentiary. Not a single one will suffer." "Horizon_blue" commented about Jews, "They love money nothing else, no faith or religion can be so heartless to their victims."

A series of statements that are part of a YouTube video, "We the People" posted in September 2008, blamed Jews for "enslaving" non-Jews to serve their own interests and greed. The video stated, "... the same Jewish bankers have been robbing us in this same manner for nearly an

entire century now. And we continue to allow them to. Like the willing and loyal slaves that we all are."

Alleging Jewish or Israeli Control of the Government

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Some posts on Yahoo! Finance group have tied the country's financial problems to alleged Jewish or Israeli control of the U.S. government. A few of the posts have also blamed Israel or the Zionists for the economic crisis. Anti-Semitic comments about the financial crisis have also appeared on online discussion groups, Web sites and blogs.

"Zionists" dictating American policy caused the crisis

James Petras, a retired professor of sociology and the author of numerous books and articles that advance an anti-Israel and anti-Semitic narrative blamed the current economic crisis on the power of the "Zionists" to control the U.S. government and world events. He focused on the activities of what he called the "Zionist Power Configuration" or "ZPC." Petras wrote:

It was the massive infusion of financial contributions that allowed the ZPC to vastly expand the number of full-time functionaries, influence peddlers and electoral contributors that magnified their power – especially in promoting US Middle East wars, lopsided free trade agreements (in favor of Israel) and unquestioned backing of Israeli aggression against Lebanon, Syria and Palestine...No economic recovery is possible now or in the foreseeable future as long as the US Congress and executives provide trillion dollar bailouts to Wall Street's insolvent speculators, bankroll 700 billion dollar budgets of ever expanding war spending and while Zionist power brokers dictate US Mideast policies.
In an online group devoted to discussing Israel and which often features anti-Semitic material, "Peace Power" posted sections of an October 2008 article, blaming "Zionist Robber Barons" for the financial crisis. The article written by Khalid Amayreh, a Palestinian journalist based in the West Bank city of Hebron, stated:

Yesterday, America had to allocate 700 billion dollars to bail out another ramshackle American financial institution. I am afraid there will be more bad news in this regard if America doesn't reclaim its liberty from the Zionist Rober [sic] Barons who have come to tightly control the American financial establishment...It is time ordinary Americans wake up from their slumber to reclaim their country from rapacious Zionism. Because their very future is at stake.

Claims that Israel will benefit from the crisis

In September 2008, on the Yahoo! Finance message board, "Anh2sike" wrote, "With many big Jewish brokerages going down, I'm sure Israel will lose some welfare money coming from America...But I'll bet Israel is not worry [sic] too much though, because the US govt is always there to issue blank checks to Israel. Americans need to wake up and take control of their lives again."

That same month, a YouTube video "We the People" asserted "We have a bunch of foreign citizens (Israeli's) [sic] that have infiltrated what was once 'our' government at the highest

levels…. The 'U.S. Government' is ripping us off for trillions of dollars and giving it to their fellow Jews."

Anti-Semitic 9/11 Conspiracy Theories

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Some posts on Yahoo! Finance and other Web sites promote conspiracy theories that blame Jews for catastrophic world events, and tie Jewish involvement in the financial crisis to involvement in the 9/11 attacks.

9/11 attacks and economic crisis part of a Jewish "plot"

In a September 2008 thread entitled, "Republican's... Divorce Yourselves, "dr.law70" wrote, "Well, the Zionists did 9/11 too...but they didn't make sure EVERY jew knew not to go to work/ WTC's that day...only the most powerful-connected 50% were explicitly told an 'event' was planned there that day…"

That same month, "Cheifmate" commented:

> That's how they work [sic] they short the stock all the way making billions and then cover right it [sic] up sell and then tax payers to the rescue and it is true all those institutions are ran by jews, and yes i heard about those isrealies [sic] video taping before the plane hits from buildings across the street. but i thought they were in custody, i also read that alot [sic] of jews that work at the world trade center didn't show up for work that morning….

A September 2008 article entitled "Taxpayers Forced to Bailout Zionist Gangsters; The Financial Crisis on Wall Street & The Gang of Zionists Behind 9-11," by anti-Semite Christopher Bollyn appeared on numerous conspiracy-oriented Web sites, blogs and on-line discussion groups. Bollyn is a former writer for the *American Free Press*, an anti-Semitic conspiracy-oriented newspaper.

He asserted that Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke, who is Jewish, is orchestrating the bail-out of companies owned by some "Zionist gangsters" complicit in the 9/11 attacks. Bollyn claimed that Maurice Greenberg, AIG former chairman and CEO, was "one of the key individuals in the Zionists criminal network behind 9/11."

Extremists Exploit Financial Crisis

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Articles being posted to white supremacist, neo-Nazi, and conspiracy-oriented sites, which blame Jewish greed and self-interest for the economic crisis, are winding up on a wide range of Web site, blogs and even on meet-up groups, thus furthering the spread of anti-Semitism in cyberspace. Claims from one anti-Semitic article about Jews allegedly sending money from their

failing companies to Israel, originally posted on a U.S.-based extremist site, has even made its way to the commentary pages of a mainstream newspaper in Europe.

Conspiracy theory about "hiding" money in Israel

TBR News, an anti-Semitic site sponsored by *The Barnes Review*, a Washington, DC.-based Holocaust denial publication, posted an article in early October 2008 falsely claiming that American businesses sent $400 billion to Israeli banks during the current economic crisis. Under a deceptive headline, "The Voice of the White House," and masquerading as a genuine news report, the article stated that "it is not necessary to mention that the senders are all Jewish" and "that Israeli-oriented economic criminals will use the Jewish state as a refuge."

To "prove" this blatantly anti-Semitic claim, this article was juxtaposed with an actual article from the Bloomberg.com Web site stating that Lehman Brothers lost more than $400 billion in assets before declaring bankruptcy. This claim from TBR News has now circulated on various sites on the Internet, including the comments section for articles on the Web site of a mainstream British newspaper, *The Independent.*

One visitor to the comments section, identifying himself as "Errol Flynn," responded to an article in the paper about the financial crisis by referring to the TBR News claim about the alleged money transfer to Israel by American businesses. Flynn indicated that the information had come from an "Internet source, giving reliable info in the past." That comment has since been removed from the newspaper's Web site.

Conjuring up myths about Jewish banking families

Brother Nathanael, a rabidly anti-Semitic preacher who describes himself as a Jewish convert to Greek Orthodoxy, posted an article, "Jewish Bankers at War," in October 2008 on his anti-Semitic Web site Real Jew News. In the article, he wrote that Henry Paulson, the Secretary of the Treasury, and other government officials are "puppets of the Jews." He also alleged that the financial crisis might be a deliberate Jewish "war strategy."

This followed other anti-Semitic articles related to the financial crisis that Brother Nathanael has recently written and posted to his Web site, including "Is the Bailout a Rothschild Trick?" In that article, he alleged, "Some are blaming the mortgage lenders, legislators, and investment bankers for the current crisis. This is a Rothschild lie spun to perfection by the Jewish occupied press. But the ones behind the lie are the culprits — the Rothschilds, their stooge, Ben Shalom Bernanke, & their propaganda arm, the Jewish occupied mainstream press." Brother Nathanael's articles have been posted on Rense.com, a conspiracy-oriented Web site known for articles promoting anti-Semitic stereotypes and Holocaust denial.

American Free Press, an anti-Semitic conspiracy-oriented newspaper, has focused a great deal of its attention of late on the financial crisis. In its September 29, 2008 issue (appearing both in print and online), Willis Carto, a well-known anti-Semite and Holocaust denier who publishes the paper, alleged that the "Federal Reserve System" is privately owned and designed to funnel wealth to its owners. Its creation, he wrote, was the result of an "evil conspiracy" of bankers, and he called it a "Rothschild bank." The Rothschilds, an old European Jewish banking family, have frequently been invoked over the last 100 years by anti-Semites who charge that Jews control world financial markets.

Blaming same Jews for 9/11 attacks and economic crisis

In September 2008, an article entitled "Taxpayers Forced to Bailout Zionist Gangsters; The Financial Crisis on Wall Street & The Gang of Zionists Behind 9-11," by anti-Semite Christopher Bollyn also appeared on Rense.com. Bollyn is a former writer for the *American Free Press.*

Bollyn asserted that Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke, a Jew, is orchestrating the bail-out of companies owned by some "Zionist gangsters" complicit in the 9/11 attacks. He claimed that Maurice Greenberg, AIG former chairman and CEO, was "one of the key individuals in the Zionists criminal network behind 9/11." To Bollyn, the current fiscal crisis and the 9/11 attacks were both part of a vast Jewish conspiracy to control "a nation of 300 million non-Jews."

Since its appearance on Rense, Bollyn's article has been reposted in dozens of blogs and forums across the Internet, including Google groups and Yahoo groups, often accompanied by comments like "How dare the f--king government use our money to protect greedy plunderers."

White Supremacists Demonize Jews

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Not surprisingly, extremists on white supremacist Websites and Internet forums have expressed glee that a Jewish "empire" (Lehman Brothers) had fallen, while others have referred to Jews as "parasites" who "sucked" dry the economy of the United States. Many of the extremists have commented that white Americans will now understand how Jews can impact their lives through their alleged control of banking and the government.

Jews destroying white race and other nations

In an October 2008 speech broadcast on the Internet, Erich Gliebe, the head of the National Alliance, a West Virginia-based neo-Nazi group, claimed that Jews use the economic system to intentionally "destroy the White race." He stated:

> We need TO BAIL OUT of this System. Bail out of this democratic System in which Jew-approved office seekers fly around the country telling the sheep-like masses what they want to hear in an attempt to sit on the perceived seat of power in Washington...Bail out of this System in which the media and the economy are simply tools of the enemies of our people, which are used to gather wealth and power for the Jews and to destroy the White race. The System is run by Jews, and they don't have our people's future in their plan.

Bill White, head of the American National Socialist Workers Party, a Virginia-based neo-Nazi group, posted an October 2008 article to his Website that alleged that through "control of the American financial system," "Jews have destroyed nations" and caused the current financial crisis. The article claimed:

> For thousands of years, Jews have destroyed nations by attaching themselves to the banking and trade systems and then using usury and internationalist open borders policies to bleed the countries dry. Jews took control of the American financial system during the Great Depression, then took control of the social system during the 1960s, creating so much chaos that they were able to dictate financial and international policies in the 1980s and 1990s that led directly to the financial collapse of today.

Another article White posted to his Web site, in September 2008, entitled "Major Jew Investment Bank Fails," alleged Jewish control of financial institutions and world economies and stated that

Jews "have bankrupted economy after economy for the past two thousand years, sucking one country dry, then moving on to suck dry another."

In posts to the forum of the neo-Nazi National Socialist Movement group made in October 2008, individuals claimed that Jews are "parasites" and guilty of "bleeding this economy's finances dry." A poster named "Thor" urged readers to "Know who the parasites are!!!" Another poster, "Lone Wolf," wrote:

Jews are bleeding this economy's finances dry! Israel is just a sliver of a nation! What right do jews have to regulate anything in anyones [sic] country?Just because the lies of the old testament say god favors jews, does not give them the right to infiltrate other nations and steal its currency!!!!A tree is known by its fruit!!!!

Jews benefiting themselves and Israel

Hal Turner, a New Jersey-based white supremacist, made an October 2008 post to his Web site, implicitly claiming that, through "deliberate action," "Zionists" caused the financial crisis to benefit Israel.

> The present financial meltdown is a product of deliberate action by those who control the banking and finance sectors of most national economies. We all know who "they" are. The reason "they" chose to cause this worldwide financial meltdown has to do with the state of Israel. You see, Zionists wanted - then demanded - the west attack Iran to destroy its nuclear power plants because the Zionists fear those plants will allow Iran to develop a nuclear bomb.

In an October 2008 post on Vanguard News Network (VNN), a white supremacist Internet forum, a poster using the name "Jett Rink" outlined how he believes the Jews manipulate the financial system for their own gain:

> This is where jews shine. They get everyone to panic and sell solid companies that are in no financial troubles, then they buy them up at a deep discount and make the price go up, the goys think everything is great and they try to rebuy their old stocks, of course the jews sell and the market goes back down again. Jews walk away with the gold.

In a September 2008 post on VNN, "Socrates" suggested that "Congress should pass a law that bans Jews from working in America's money-and-finance sector."

Another poster on VNN commented, "Look at how they are portraying these people who are staying up late in the capitol to pass this 700 billion dollar bailout. They're makin it look like they're 'workin hard', 'takin action', 'reaching a solution'....Yeah, they are probably sittin around eating crumpets while the Jews are driving away with truck loads of hundred dollar bills."

Blaming Jewish companies

On Stormfront, the largest white supremacist Internet forum, Seattle-based "zoomcopter" alleged in an October 2008 post that "Jews are the undisputed masters of money manipulation, they've been doing it for thousands of years."

In another October post to Stormfront, "Knight Ranger" asked, "Can you see why the jews need to be routed out and sent packing....**they are a cancer on our society!!!**...these scoundrels have the **biggest** hand in ruining our economy!!!!" [emphasis in original]

That same month, "blueearth" on Stormfront wrote, "Yes, the ZIONIST economy of America is failing!! Ben Bernanke is a jew. The federal reserve is a separate zio entity."

This altered anti-Semitic image of sterero-typical "plotting" Jews appeared in a blog article that asked if Americans' taxes would "replenish the coffers of Lehman Brothers." The original image is from a white supremacist Web site.

Also on Stormfront, California-based "racedefender" gleefully wrote in September 2008, "Good. Let all the previous Jewish empires topple and fall, maybe some Gentile Americans will have the sense to set more honest banks up when the rubble clears."

That same month, other posters claimed the government is bailing out failing companies because they are owned by Jews. An individual from Central Europe wrote "No doubt many of the Board of directors, which is usually composed of the major shareholders that wield power, are still largely Jewish…I would imagine the likelihood of the Fed etc. bailing the company out depends largely to what degree it is Jewish owned."

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Immigration Fervor Fuels Racist Extremism

The raging national debate over immigration is stoking the fires of racist extremism across the country. Neo-Nazis and other white supremacists are ratcheting up the intensity of their bloodthirsty "race war" rhetoric, and violent hate crimes against Hispanics, regardless of their immigration status, appear to be on the rise.

Center ties hate groups to border debate
USAToday examines racism and the immigration debate.
USAToday

"The immigration furor has been critical to the growth we've seen in hate groups over the last several years," said Mark Potok, director of the Southern Poverty Law Center's Intelligence Project, which recently reported a 33 percent growth in hate groups over a five-year period, from 602 in 2000 to 803 in 2005.

"Hate groups think they've found an issue with racial overtones and a real resonance with the American public, and they are exploiting it as effectively as they can," he said. "They're trying to generate a hostile social climate that fosters bigotry and violence towards all Hispanics, whether they're in the country illegally or not."

In recent alarming events:

- On May 6, the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan held an anti-immigration rally in Russellville, Alabama, that drew more than 300 Klansmen and Klan supporters, including members of the neo-Nazi hate group Aryan Nations. At the rally, robed Klansmen burned a 22-foot-high cross and yelled, "Let's get rid of the Mexicans!"

- Also on May 6, when Hispanic families in Tucson gathered in a park to celebrate Cinco de Mayo, anti-immigration extremist Roy Warden arrived, strapped with a pistol, and led a demonstration. "Listen up, Mexican invaders," Warden said. "We will not permit you, the ignorant, the savage, the unwashed, to overrun us, as happened in Rome...Land must be paid for in blood. If any invader tries to take this land from us we will wash this land and nurture our soil with oceans of their blood!"

  Warden later e-mailed a death threat to Isabel Garcia, a Tucson public defender who co-chairs the human rights group Derechos Humanos. The e-mail was titled, "Warden to Isabel Garcia: I will blow your freaking head off!"

- On April 29 a neo-Nazi in East Hampton, New York, was arrested for threatening two Hispanic teenagers with a machete and chainsaw, holding the blade to the throat of one while threatening to kill them.

- On April 22, a 17-year-old Hispanic high school football player was dragged from a suburban house party in Texas and savagely attacked by two white assailants, one of them a neo-Nazi skinhead, according to Harris County law enforcement officials.

  Police said the attackers, Keith Robert Turner, 17, and David Henry Tuck, 18, apparently were enraged because the victim tried to kiss a young Hispanic girl they believed to be Caucasian. After forcing the Hispanic youth into a backyard, Turner and Tuck burned his neck with cigarettes, stomped his head with steel-toed boots, slashed his chest with a knife, all while shouting racial slurs. They then stripped him naked and sodomized him with a patio umbrella pole.

  Tuck, the skinhead, kicked the pole repeatedly.

  "I don't mean just a little bit," said Harris County prosecutor Mike Trent. "He kicked it in and shoved it so far in that he has caused major organ damage. It looks like they were really trying to kill him and torture him anyway they could."

  The victim remains in critical condition.

- On April 3, a prominent anti-immigration leader in Arizona secretly contacted the nation's largest neo-Nazi organization to urge its leaders to launch a campaign of violence and harassment against undocumented immigrants. Border Guardians founder Laine Lawless, who has been interviewed on CNN and Fox News, sent an e-mail to Mark Martin, commander of the Western Ohio unit of the National Socialist Movement. The e-mail was titled, "How to GET RID OF THEM." The e-mail detailed 11 suggestions for ways to terrorize immigrants. "Maybe some of your warriors for the race would be the kind of people willing to implement these ideas," Lawless wrote.

  Lawless' suggestions included: "Steal the money from any illegal walking into a bank or check cashing place," "Make every illegal alien feel the heat of being a person without status...I hear the rednecks in the South are beating up illegals as the textile mills have closed. Use your imagination," and "Discourage Spanish-speaking children from going to school. Be creative."

- On March 27, New Jersey-based neo-Nazi radio host Hal Turner called for the mass murder of Hispanics and the assassination of U.S. senators who support guest worker programs. "All of you who think there's a peaceful solution to these invaders are wrong. We're going to have to start killing these people," Turner said. "I advocate using extreme violence against illegal aliens. Clean your guns. Have plenty of ammunition. Find out where the largest gathering of illegal aliens will be near you. Go to the area well in advance, scope out several places to position yourself and then do what has to be done." Turner directed his listeners to a website that provides detailed instructions on constructing pipe bombs, ammonium nitrate "fertilizer bombs," car bombs, chlorine gas bombs, and other homemade explosive devices.

For more information about anti-immigration extremism, read these articles from the Southern Poverty Law Center's Intelligence Report:

The Nativists
A survey of hardliners who are fanning the flames of anti-immigration extremism.

The Little Prince
An investigative profile of Minuteman Civil Defense Corps leader Chris Simcox.

Playing Rough
Profiles of some of the more than 40 anti-immigration vigilante outfits formed in the first six months after the Minuteman Project.

Arizona Showdown
A feature on the April, 2005 Minuteman Project in Arizona.

The Puppeteer
A report detailing links between white supremacist organizations and anti-immigration groups backed by Federation for American Immigration Reform (FAIR) founder John Tanton.

Open Season
A 2003 feature on anti-immigration vigilantes in the pre-Minuteman era.

The Battle of Georgiafornia
A feature on the hate crime backlash against Hispanic immigrants in Georgia.

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Extremists Declare 'Open Season' on Immigrants: Hispanics Target of Incitement and Violence _____Overview

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As the public debate over immigration reform has taken center-stage in American politics and public life, white supremacists, neo-Nazis and other racists have declared "open season" on immigrants and attempted to co-opt and exploit the controversy by focusing their efforts -- and their anger -- on the minority group at the center of the controversy: Hispanics.

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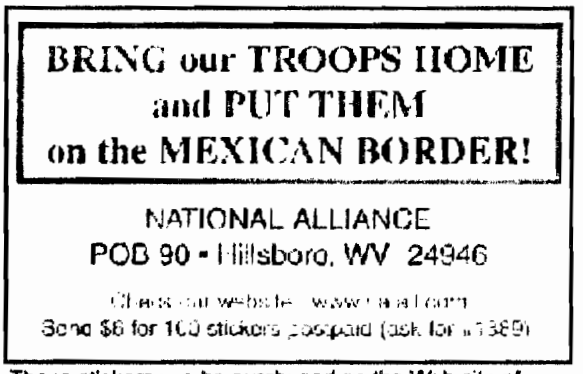
This racist, anti-Hispanic image was posted on the Web site of the Northwest unit of the neo-Nazi National Socialist Movement

As a result, to a level unprecedented in recent years, America's Latino immigrant population has become the primary focus of hateful and racist rhetoric and extreme violence -- aided, abetted and encouraged by America's white supremacist and racist haters.

Spurred in recent weeks by the debate on Capitol Hill and the groundswell of grassroots activism in support of America's immigrant community, extremists have become increasingly emboldened by, and fixated on, the controversy over immigration policy, encouraging their supporters to capitalize on the issue by encouraging anti-immigrant activism, and even violence against all Hispanics.

While white supremacists have for many years attempted to exploit rising anti-immigration sentiments in the U.S., the level and intensity of their attacks against Hispanics has reached dangerous new highs, with right-wing extremists joining anti-immigration groups, distributing anti-immigrant propaganda and holding frequent anti-immigration rallies and protests.

As a result, Hispanics, regardless of their citizenship or immigration status, increasingly are becoming the targets of hatred and violence from hardcore white supremacists.



These stickers can be purchased on the Web site of the neo-Nazi National Alliance.

Racists ranging from neo-Nazis to Klansmen to racist skinheads are among the most active anti-immigration activists in the country. Motivating their actions is the core conviction of modern white supremacist ideology: That the white race itself is threatened with extinction by a "rising tide of color" controlled and manipulated by Jews.

This following report examines the recent record of extreme rhetoric and violence from white supremacist groups and their followers that has played out against the backdrop of the immigration debate in America.

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White supremacists have taken to the streets in a deliberate attempt to attract publicity and to exploit and co-opt the national discussion on immigration for their own hateful purposes. Viewing immigration as a "wedge" issue through which they believe they can foist their racist and anti-Semitic views on the American public, and attract recruits and attention for themselves, white supremacists have organized a number of rallies and protests with anti-immigration and anti-Hispanic themes.

Many of the extremist events have taken place in southern states. There, white supremacists hope to exploit anti-immigration sentiment that has risen as a result of a significant influx of Hispanic immigrants, primarily agricultural workers, into areas of the South that had never before had a substantial Hispanic population.

Demonstrations, rallies and other events taking place in spring 2006 included:

- In Seattle, Washington, and Las Vegas, Nevada, members of the neo-Nazi National Vanguard held anti-immigration protests on May 20. On its Web site, the National Vanguard declared that day to be a "day of protest against George W. Bush's plan to destroy America," calling the president's immigration proposals a "sellout of the nation." In Seattle, neo-Nazis appeared along Interstate I-5, displaying signs for motorists stuck in

traffic to read. In Las Vegas, white supremacists held a small rally in front of the federal courthouse.

- In Keene, New Hampshire, New England members of the Arkansas-based neo-Nazi group White Revolution held a self-described "anti-invasion" demonstration on May 7 to protest "the invasion of America by illegal non white hordes." Members of other white supremacist groups, ranging from the National Socialist Movement to the American Front, also showed up.
- In Russellville, Alabama, members of the Alabama chapter of the Indiana-based National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan held an anti-immigration rally on May 6, yelling "Let's get rid of the Mexicans!" National Knights leader Ray Larsen was on hand, telling the crowd that gathered that immigrants "want you out of here because they want this as their land." After the rally, the Klansmen burned a cross in a field outside of town.
- In Montgomery, Alabama, the neo-Confederate group League of the South and the Coalition against Illegal Immigration together organized an anti-immigration "Cinco de Mayo" demonstration on May 5. Promoting the event in his racist and anti-Semitic newspaper First Freedom, Olaf Childress wrote that he planned to be there, "maybe even with a baseball bat. Already got a placard in mind: MEX GET THE HELL OUT OF MY COUNTRY." Childress did show up with such a placard and a baseball bat, telling a local reporter that "Jewish supremacists" had a plan to abolish the borders of the U.S. Other signs at the demonstration displayed slogans such as "multi-culturalism is liberal insanity."
- In Greenville, South Carolina, the racist Council of Conservative Citizens held an anti-immigration demonstration on April 29 in front of the offices of Republican Congressman Lindsey Graham, where they burned Mexican flags and displayed signs such as "More INS, Less IRS," "Vote for Pedro to Go Home," and "I Didn't Fight in Iraq for Illegal Aliens."

White supremacists also showed up to counter events organized by immigration and human rights activists, in particular the May 1 "Day without Immigrants" events organized around the country by immigrant rights activists. In San Angelo, Texas, members of the Empire Knights of the Ku Klux Klan showed up to counter local events. In Dayton, Ohio, half a dozen members of the neo-Nazi National Socialist Movement appeared in Nazi uniforms at a pro-immigration march to protest, in their words, "the illegal wetback scum and Shabbat goy mud lovers." In Madison, Wisconsin, in April, members of the neo-Nazi New Order passed out literature at an immigrant rights event at the capitol.

Even where white supremacists have not shown up in person, they have plastered communities around the country with crude anti-Hispanic and anti-immigration fliers. In Bakersfield, California, for example, one community was littered with National Vanguard fliers that read "Civilization: One Job Mexicans Won't Do." Residents of Pasadena, Texas, discovered racist fliers that urged people to burn down the homes of people thought to be illegal immigrants.

Border Vigilante Group Events

Anti-immigration border vigilante groups have also organized anti-immigrant events around the country this spring. The largest border vigilante group, the Minuteman Project, held a reprise in April of their 2005 vigilante border patrols along the Arizona-Mexico border, and followed up with a caravan that staged anti-immigration events across the country. One Minuteman event in Birmingham, Alabama, was organized by Mike Vanderboegh, a former militia leader. At the rally, an attendee distributed copies of Olaf Childress's racist and anti-Semitic newspaper, First Freedom. Other anti-immigration groups held rallies from Arizona to Minnesota.

Anti-immigration groups have also turned to publicity stunts. The Minutemen, for example, declared on May 9 that they would start building their own "border security fence" on private property along the border with Mexico, unless the federal government itself deployed the military or erected such fencing. The Minutemen claimed that they had received nearly $200,000 in

donations to build such a fence. Other border vigilante groups have already begun or announced similar projects.

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White supremacists have not simply expressed racist convictions, but have urged each other and white Americans generally, to "fight back" against the perceived invasion of the "white" United States by Hispanics from Mexico.

The rhetoric in such pronouncements has grown increasingly radical. "Beaner Brown Supremacist Militias of Latino Communist immigrants firmly intend to conquer [the southwest]," suggested a topic heading on the white supremacist Legion of Saints message board recently. "Will White Americans sit back, watch it happen & let them do it? Or will White Americans 'remember the Alamo!?'"

Such voices are unfortunately hardly isolated. Here are just a few recent examples:

- Alabaman Larry Darby, a Holocaust denier and candidate for Alabama attorney general, recently stated in a May 3 interview on Alabama Public Television that he wanted National Guard troops on the border with orders to "shoot to kill, absolutely...we are at war, we are being invaded by a foreign country, we are at war."
- James Wickstrom and Frances Farrell, the virulently racist and anti-Semitic hosts of the "Yahweh's Truth" radio program, blamed Jews for the immigration "invasion" on his May 3 broadcast. Wickstrom claimed that pro-immigrant marches were being organized and financed by "communist Jews" and the "communist Catholic church," and that Jewish organizations are "criminal accomplices of these illegal aliens." Farrell suggested that "one attack on one of their marches with automatic weapons or even just rifles will put a stop to them and the time's coming when this is going to happen."
- One member of an Aryan Nations faction, "Pastor" Jay Faber of Pennsylvania, claimed on April 10 on the Aryan Nations Internet forum that "I already know they will not throw one of these stumpy little brown beasts out of here, so for the amount of guats in my area, I have at least 10 rounds of ammunition for each of them."
- Aryan Nations faction leader August Kreis in October 2005 claimed on his Web site that "this infestation of cockroaches need deportation or extermination!" If legal means of "stopping this rising tide" were not enough, "then these brown squat monsters should begin to turn up dead all across Amerika...We now have another game animal to add to our list of available targets for our favorite pastime, hunting, and we'll declare permanent OPEN SEASON on these dirty wetbacks! From what I have heard through the grapevine the Skinheads and Klans across the country are more than prepared for this type of action. I say let's play by state and see which state can claim the most kills and let the jewsmedia whores keep score!"
- Oregon National Socialist Movement leader Jim Ramm wrote in June 2005 that "the browner invasion is much like a cancerous tumor that should of [sic] been removed. But

instead, it was allowed to grow and infect other organs…as this brown disease rages out of control the white patient faces racial death."

- Kevin Strom, leader of the neo-Nazi National Vanguard, gave a shortwave radio broadcast in June 2005 in which he claimed that "These Mestizo invaders are so different from us that by mixing with them or being dispossessed by them we will cease to live, we will cease to be ourselves or have a place to exist to support the lives of our future generations. And that is the *crucial* reason why this invasion must be stopped."
- "AllisioRex," a member of the neo-Nazi web forum Stormfront, wrote in July 2005 that "they are barbarians, they are our enemies, they want to destroy our civilization and we have to fight them. We need to organize better and be more open activists; otherwise, I only see race war in the future." Another Stormfronter, "Strasser," wrote in November 2005 that "White minorityhood on a national level is a very real possibility. How can White folk tolerate this? Do they care that most minority populations become a cultural hostage? What is the interest in having their children a minority on a mestizo dominated campus? Mestizo immigration is going to force White America to make some very important decisions."

The neo-Nazi National Socialist Movement creates offensive flyers that denigrate Hispanic immigrants.

Such statements appear routinely on white supremacist Web sites and in white supremacist literature.

Perhaps the white supremacist most active in explicitly advocating extreme violence against Hispanics is New Jersey racist radio talk show host Hal Turner. He reserves his most extreme statements to urge violence against illegal immigrants from Mexico:

- **May 3, 2006:** Following the May 1 demonstrations, Turner posted to his Web site a 145-page "ethnic cleansing manual" that he said explained "in graphic detail why WHITE people need to prepare to ethnically cleanse this nation and HOW TO DO IT using force and violence."
- **October 31, 2005:** "Slowly but surely we are headed toward the solution that I have been advocating for years: KILL ILLEGAL ALIENS AS THEY CROSS INTO THE U.S. When the stench of rotting corpses gets bad enough, the rest will stay away."
- **October 11, 2005:** "For years I have been publicly advocating on my radio show and this web site, that Mexican illegal aliens be SHOT DEAD as they cross into the U.S. illegally...I plant the seeds verbally and the seeds grow in the minds of others...I am proud to advocate even MORE killings!"
- **July 15, 2005:** "I once again advocate EXTREME VIOLENCE against Mexicans...Once they're dead, their heads should be cut off and put on pike poles as a warning to others."
- **May 17, 2005, responding to news that a restaurant owned by the mayor of Denver had employed an illegal alien who allegedly murdered a police officer:** "...his policy of affording sanctuary to other illegal aliens makes Mayor John Hickenlooper worthy of being KILLED. I sincerely hope that someone takes a rifle with a scope and puts a bullet through [his] head."
- **May 15, 2005:** "I advocate extreme violence against illegal aliens...I think it would be terrific to trap them by their ankles in steel bear traps then beat them to death when you return and find them in the trap...Oh, if any American sides with the illegals—like a bigmouth politician or a politically correct, ass-kissing local sheriff, lawyers, judges, or the like—it would be a real public service to kill them too!"

Anti-Immigration Groups

The violent rhetoric has not come only from explicitly white supremacist groups, but also from members and leaders of anti-immigration groups. Anti-immigration activist Fred Puckett, the leader of "Minuteman of One," was caught on camera in late April telling an undercover reporter for a local Phoenix television station that "once you shoot a couple of these sons of bitches, they'll think twice."

Perhaps most strikingly, Arizona anti-immigration activist Laine Lawless, who has been associated with several border vigilante groups and eventually started the group Border Guardians in 2005, sent an e-mail in April to a prominent Ohio member of the neo-Nazi National Socialist Movement, Mark Martin, asking him to pass its contents on to his white supremacist contacts. Martin did so, forwarding the message to several white supremacist forums on Yahoo and Usenet in early April, but unfortunately for Lawless, Martin ignored the part of her message which read, "Please don't use my name," and instead forwarded the message in full.

Lawless's e-mail, titled, "How to GET RID OF THEM," urged a variety of intimidating, harassing, and even illegal and violent tactics to intimidate immigrants into leaving the U.S., including cutting down the broadcast tower for a Spanish language radio station near Phoenix and stealing money from illegal aliens. "I hear the rednecks in the South are beating up illegals as the textile mills have closed," she wrote. "Use your imagination."

Lawless's suggestions were consistent with previous statements she had made, including a late

March posting to an anti-immigration Internet forum in which she wrote that "my Southern friend tells me the rednecks in the South just beat [illegal aliens] up. Unfortunately, there are too many of them to use that tactic there any more."

Earlier, in February, Lawless posted to a Texas Minuteman message forum that "We need borders to...preserve our culture, instead of accepting any kind of flotsam and jetsam that seeks to float into our territory."

Mark Martin himself seemed willing to personally engage in intimidating tactics. In early May, he admitted in a Google Internet forum that he and another member of the National Socialist Movement had passed out racist fliers in Covington, Ohio, at houses "surrounding a suspected illegal Mexican jobsite." The two neo-Nazis also approached workers at the jobsite and demanded to see identification from them. When workers refused, Martin allegedly told one of them that he "was an illegal, wetback who was stealing American jobs and...spreading disease." Workers called the police, who told the neo-Nazis to leave or be charged with harassment.

The Violence: Growing Number of Assaults

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Not surprisingly, white supremacists have not limited their actions to hateful or even violent rhetoric. The past several years have seen a growing number of violent assaults and attacks by white supremacists against legal and illegal Hispanic immigrants, as well as Hispanic American citizens. The crimes have ranged from vicious vandalism to brutal assaults and murders. In most cases, the perpetrators did not even know the victims, but targeted them solely because of their appearance.

Only a minority of hate crimes are committed by ideological extremists, but such extremists have committed some of the worst hate crimes in America. The increased willingness of such white supremacists, especially racist skinheads, to attack Hispanics represents a dangerous and disturbing trend.

Here are some of the hate crimes committed by white supremacists against Hispanics in the U.S. in the past three years.

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April 29, 2006, New York. A teenager was arrested in East Hampton, Long Island, after he allegedly threatened a Hispanic teenager with a machete and chased a second teenager with a chain saw while shouting racial epithets. Described by classmates as a skinhead, the alleged perpetrator had previously posted to the Internet photographs of himself posing as a Nazi and adorning a shed with swastikas. He and two others, whom police have allegedly linked to the incident, were suspended from school.

April 22, 2006, Texas. David Henry Tuck, 18, and Keith Robert Turner, 17, were arrested and charged with aggravated sexual assault in the brutal attack of a teenage Hispanic high school student in Houston. The victim was beaten and sodomized with a plastic pipe from a patio umbrella, then kicked in the head with steel-toed boots. He was left with head wounds and major internal injuries. The victim had bleach poured on him and was burned with cigarettes. Witnesses allegedly stopped the attackers from carving something onto the victim's chest. Tuck is a self-described skinhead who sports Nazi tattoos. In 2003, at age 14, Tuck and two adult white supremacists were implicated in the racially motivated beating of a Hispanic man, according to court records and witnesses. The two adults received federal and state sentences for their role; juvenile records are not public in Texas.

January 2006, California. Ryan Nicholas Newsome, a member of the Another Order white supremacist gang, pleaded no contest on January 20, 2006, to assault charges in Yuba County. He pleaded no contest to assault with force likely to cause great bodily injury with a criminal street gang enhancement as a result of an August 2005 incident, in which he and an associate allegedly assaulted a Hispanic man.

December 2005, Tennessee. A Blount County judge on December 1, 2005, sentenced Jacob Allen Reynolds and Thomas Matthew Lovett to four years in prison and six months in prison (and two and a half on probation) respectively after they pleaded guilty to vandalizing a Mexican food store in Maryville on May 7, 2005, causing over $17,000 in damages. The men allegedly broke windows and a refrigerator, vandalized a car, and spray-painted Nazi symbols on the store.

Three others charged still await trial.

November 2005, Texas. Christopher Chubasco Wilkins, a prison escapee, was recaptured on November 5 and charged with murdering three men in the Fort Worth area during his month-long escape. Wilkins, who is according to police a self-proclaimed white separatist heavily tattooed with a variety of white supremacist tattoos, including a portrait of Adolf Hitler, is alleged to have killed two Hispanic men and one African-American man by gunshots to the head. Police are examining a possible racial motive. Wilkins had been living at a halfway house in Houston, after being released from federal prison, and left the house without permission.

November 2005, Tennessee. A federal judge sentenced former Klansman Daniel James Schertz to 14 years in prison for selling pipe bombs to a person he thought would use them to kill Mexican and Haitian immigrants. The person turned out to be an undercover informant. Schertz, a former corrections officer and member of the North Georgia White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, pleaded guilty to making five pipe bombs to be used to blow up a bus carrying Mexican workers. Later, Schertz expressed gratitude that the government had stopped him, but said, "We should have people here who know how to speak English. They are over here illegally and nothing gets done to them."

October 2005, California. A Sacramento man and two other suspects who allegedly attacked and injured six people in a hate-crime spree at two local parties were arrested in the early morning of October 16, 2005. Ryan Marino, 22, posted bail from El Dorado County Jail later Sunday after being charged on four counts of assault with a deadly weapon with an extenuating circumstance of a hate crime. He allegedly used brass knuckles after shouting epithets against Hispanics and proclaiming "white pride" at a home Sunday evening. Party attendees later identified Marino, who police said crashed the parties with the intent of "beating up Mexicans."

September 2005, Utah. A federal judge on September 27, 2005, sentenced Lance Vanderstappen to 20 years in prison for trying to kill a Hispanic man while in a holding cell in July 2005 awaiting sentencing for a racketeering charge. The victim had stab wounds to his neck, throat and chest. In court, Vanderstappen, a member of the notorious Soldiers of Aryan Culture white supremacist prison gang, admitted that he targeted the victim because he was Hispanic, saying "I intentionally tried to kill him." Vanderstappen pleaded guilty to attempted murder.

September 2005, New Jersey. Joseph Schmidt of Little Egg Harbor received a sentence of three years' probation in September 2005 after pleading guilty in June to two counts of bias intimidation, two counts of aggravated assault, two counts of criminal mischief, two counts of possessing weapons for an unlawful purpose, and simple assault. The charges were related to a string of attacks on minorities, primarily Hispanics, in Ocean County in 2003. Schmidt, a member of the white supremacist skinhead group East Coast Hate Crew, received a light sentence because he had cooperated with authorities in prosecuting other members of the group. Three others involved in the incident pleaded guilty and one was acquitted. Others have yet to go to trial.

July 2005, California. Four people, three men and one woman, were arrested in Riverside, California, on July 11-12, 2005, charged with making terrorist threats with a hate crime enhancement. Some of the people arrested had "white pride" tattoos, according to authorities, who also seized a variety of white supremacist items. According to police, the suspects drove to a home and challenged several Hispanics there to a fight, threatening them and using racial slurs. A similar episode occurred the next night. According to police, the people arrested claimed no particular group affiliation but said they were proud to be "members of the Aryan race."

May 2005, Arizona. White supremacist Steve Boggs was sentenced to death on May 13, 2005, for murdering three fast-food workers in Mesa, Arizona, in 2002 during a robbery. He had been convicted of three counts of first-degree murder and various robbery, burglary and kidnapping charges. Boggs shot the victims, a Native American and two Hispanics, then stuffed their bodies

into a freezer at the store. Boggs wrote to a Mesa police detective that he had wanted to "rid the world of a few needless illegals. I don't feel sorry." Another defendant still awaits trial. According to prosecutors, the two men were members of a small hate group they called the Imperial Royal Guard.

May 2005, Texas. Two racist skinheads pleaded guilty on May 5, 2005, to a racially motivated beating of a Hispanic man in January 2003. Douglas Brannan of Hockley and Mark Fletcher Smith of Spring, both sporting many white supremacist tattoos, were convicted of civil rights violations. The two men, and a teenager, had attacked a Hispanic customer at a gas station, beating him and kicking him with steel-toed boots until he was unconscious while shouting "border jumper," "spic," and "we kill people like you." Brannan received a five year sentence and Smith a three year sentence.

December 2004, California. Ten racist skinheads from Redlands and Riverside attacked three Hispanics in the parking lot of a topless bar on December 29, 2004. According to police, they assaulted the men while yelling racial slurs at them and identifying themselves as members of skinhead groups. No arrests have yet been made.

November 2004, Wisconsin. Mark Lentz of Sheldon, Wisconsin, received a three-month sentence and two years of probation, as well as 40 hours of community service, after pleading no contest to a misdemeanor hate crime. Lentz was the last of four racist skinheads to be sentenced for luring a Hispanic man outside a bar in Waukesha, then hitting him on the head with a bottle and repeatedly kicking him. Mark Davis II of Watertown earlier received a 3 ½ year sentence and two years of extended supervision, Kasey Bieri received an 18-month jail term and three years of probation, and Jeffrey Gerloski received four months in jail and two years probation.

June 2004, Texas. Ranch Rescue member Casey Nethercott was convicted by a Texas jury of felony firearm possession in connection with an attack on two illegal immigrants from El Salvador outside of Hebbronville, Texas, in 2003. He was sentenced to five years in prison. The two immigrants (now in the U.S. legally) successfully sued Nethercott and others involved in the incident for a total judgment of $1,450,000.

November 2003, Idaho. Aryan Nations member Zachary Beck was arrested for felony malicious harassment as a hate crime for attacking a Hispanic male in the parking lot of a supermarket after asking if the victim was Mexican. While awaiting trial on that charge, he was later re-arrested after allegedly shooting at a police officer in Longview, Washington, during a standoff. He still awaits trial on the alleged crimes.

June 2003, California. Two racist skinheads, Waylon Kennell and James Grlicky, were convicted in separate trials for the brutal beating of a Mexican migrant worker in San Diego in the fall of 2003. Grlicky was convicted of attempted murder, conspiracy, robbery, assault and battery, with a hate crime enhancement. Kennell was convicted of assault causing great bodily injury and battery with serious bodily injury. According to the prosecutor in the case, the two went hunting for a "beaner" to beat and rob. They kicked the victim in the head around a dozen times, including "curbstomping" him—kicking down on the back of the head when the victim's open mouth is placed against a concrete curb (emulating a scene in the movie "American History X"). The victim suffered brain damage as a result of the attack.

May 2003, New Hampshire. Aryan Nations member Russell Seace, Jr., of Hampton Beach, pleaded guilty on May 27 to being a felon in possession of a firearm as part of a plea bargain with the federal government. In exchange for money, Seace had agreed to kill a Hispanic inmate after he was released, in retaliation for an alleged attack by the Hispanic man on a white prison inmate.

February 2003, Oregon. A Mexican landscaper in Beaverton was beaten with a baseball bat,

robbed, and told to "go back home," by a man with a shaved head and a coat with "KKK" on it. Baseball bats are one of the weapons preferred by racist skinheads. Authorities posted a reward but were unable to make an arrest in the crime.

Anti-Immigration Activists and White Supremacists

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It is not surprising that the most radical anti-Hispanic sentiment is coming from white supremacists; however, there are other groups joining the anti-Hispanic crusade. With mounting public awareness and concern over illegal immigration in America, the issue is also being exploited by extreme anti-immigration activists, some of whom are reaching out to white supremacists. The rhetoric of these activists is largely aimed at Mexicans, not other illegal aliens, and frequently does not distinguish between Mexicans and Mexican-Americans.

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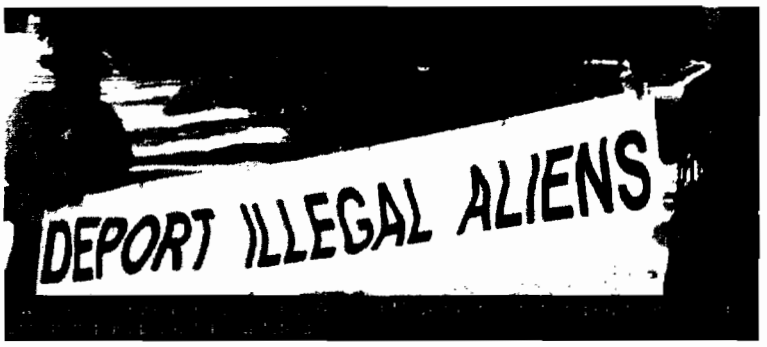

This extreme end of the anti-immigration movement includes both anti-Hispanic hate groups masquerading as immigration reform groups as well as vigilante border patrol groups, who conduct armed patrols along the borders of the United States. Several border vigilantes have been arrested on weapons charges. Casey Nethercott, for example, associated with border vigilante groups such as Ranch Rescue and the Arizona Guard, is currently serving a five-year prison term on weapons charges stemming from a 2003 incident in which he and others confronted and assaulted two Salvadorans when on "patrol."

Members of the neo-Nazi National Vanguard target Mexican immigrants at a rally in Las Vegas

The vigilante border patrol groups have operated for several years but have expanded greatly in the past twelve months, spurred on by the media attention given to the so-called "Minuteman Project." In April 2005, Chris Simcox, who founded the Arizona-based Civil Homeland Defense, a border vigilante group, and Jim Gilchrist, based in California, joined forces to create the Minuteman Project, whose purpose was to gather thousands of volunteers for a month-long watch for illegal border crossers in Arizona. The project, which was highly publicized among right-wing extremists and white supremacists, attracted far fewer volunteers, many of them armed, during its first week. However, the publicity generated by the event resulted in numerous Minuteman chapters and spin-offs forming across America, even in states such as New York, Virginia, Vermont, and Illinois. These groups use the same radical rhetoric: that the United States is being "invaded" by Mexicans who must be stopped.

That message was clear at a three-day summit, "Unite to Fight Against Illegal Immigration," held in Las Vegas, Nevada, in May 2005. More than 400 anti-immigration activists gathered at the event to hear speakers describe illegal immigrants as "the enemy within" and "illegal barbarians," while suggesting that America was "at war" with illegal immigrants and urging people to "take America back."

Many of these anti-immigrant extremists have switched their focus from the border to day laborer centers, where they photograph Hispanics whom they assume are illegal aliens. This racial profiling has also occurred at fast food restaurants and other businesses where Hispanics are employed across the United States. White supremacist and anti-government groups continue to express interest and take part in these activities, and their rhetoric has become more and more confrontational.

Internet Video Games Target Hispanics

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Extremists have shown a renewed interest in populating the Internet with links to video games that target Hispanics, portraying them not as productive contributors to society, but as objects of scorn, derision and hate. Shoot-to-kill video games such as "Border Patrol," a game created in Flash that is easily accessible on the Internet through extremist Web sites, have become increasingly popular among those opposed to immigration and are widely shared among extremists in the United States. This has especially been the case as the national discussion over immigration has gathered force.

In "Border Patrol" – one of the more popular Flash games available on the Internet through various extremist Web sites – the object is to "kill" caricatures of Mexicans as they attempt to cross the border and gain entry to the U.S.

Overview

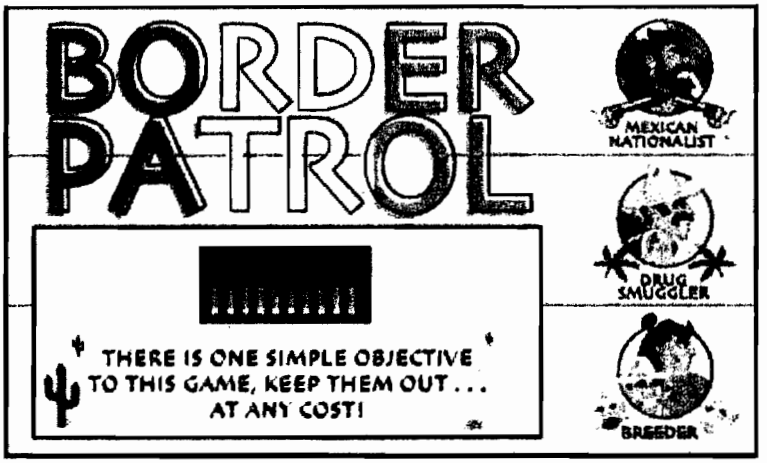
White Supremacist Anti-Immigration Protests

The Rhetoric: Declaring "Open Season" on Immigrants

The Violence: Growing Number of Assaults

Anti-Immigration Activists and White Supremacists

Internet Video Games Target Hispanics



Players control a gun and are charged with killing stereotypical Mexicans. Targets include a "Mexican nationalist," who carries a Mexican flag and a pistol; a "Drug smuggler," wearing a sombrero and carrying a bag of marijuana on his back; and finally a "Breeder" – a pregnant woman who has two small children in tow. Aside from the virulently anti-Hispanic themes within the game, it also hints at anti-Semitic myths such as "Jewish control" of the U.S. through an image where the border is represented by a bullet-ridden sign showing an American flag whose 50 stars have been replaced by a single Jewish Star of David.

Under this sign, another small sign directs the Mexicans to a "Welfare Office." The player "wins" when he or she has made 88 kills. The number 88 has significance to neo-Nazis, who use it as shorthand for "Heil Hitler" ("H" is the eighth letter of the alphabet).

"Border Patrol" was first created in 2002 by the now-defunct website "Zine14," and was soon being copied and distributed by extremists and others. In March 2003, the neo-Nazi Aryan Nations group and Christian Identity preacher James Wickstrom both linked to copies of this game from the front pages of their Web sites. In recent months, the game has enjoyed a resurgence in popularity, largely due to neo-Nazis trying to capitalize on the national immigration debate. Neo-Nazi leader Tom Metzger posted the game on his Web site, and other extremists have linked to it and promoted it on fringe online discussion groups.

Games, music and cartoons are some of the methods extremist groups rely on as part of their efforts to reach a younger audience and to expose them to their hateful ideas and beliefs. Cartoon-like Flash games are seen as ideal for this task, because they are small and easy to create and share over the Internet, or enclose in an e-mail message. In recent years, extremist

groups such as the neo-Nazi National Alliance have also created more sophisticated video games, such as "Ethnic Cleansing," a game available on CD-ROM that also engages in the stereotyping and demonizing of Hispanics. Their aim is to attact unsuspecting users to extremist Web sites, where they can be exposed to the message and goals of the hate groups.

Such games are tools that extremists increasingly use to desensitize people against acts of violence, to portray hate crimes as something to be celebrated, to dehumanize America's Hispanic population and to draw attention to their cause using the new technologies available to them on the Internet.

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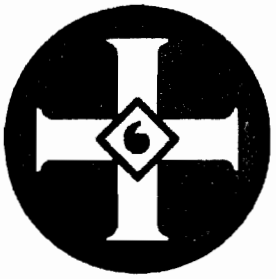


The Ku Klux Klan, which just a few years ago seemed static or even moribund compared to other white supremacist groups such as neo-Nazis, has experienced a surprising and troubling resurgence due to the successful exploitation of hot-button issues, including immigration, gay marriage and urban crime. The Klan has, in particular, exploited fears of an immigration explosion, and the debate over immigration has, in turn, helped to fuel an increase in Klan activity, with new groups sprouting in parts of the country that have not seen much activity.

In this report, ADL documents a noticeable spike in activity by Klan chapters across the country:

- Some longstanding groups have increased their activity and experienced an expansion in size.
- New groups have appeared, causing racial tensions in communities previously untroubled by racial issues. They hold anti-immigration rallies and recruitment drives and distribute racist literature with an emphasis on the immigration issue, with particular emphasis on Hispanics.
- Klan groups have become more active in parts of the country that had not seen much activity in recent years, including the Great Plains states such as Iowa and Nebraska, and Mid-Atlantic states such as Maryland, Pennsylvania and New Jersey. The report includes a state-by-state listing of active Klan groups.
- Klan groups increasingly are cooperating with neo-Nazi groups.
- The Klan has adopted new publicity tactics and has embraced the Internet as a means to spread anti-Semitism and racism.

ADL has identified the following states as being notable for active or growing Klan chapters:

SOUTH:	MIDWEST	GREAT PLAINS	MID-ATLANTIC
Alabama	Indiana	Iowa	Maryland
Arkansas	Kentucky	Nebraska	New Jersey
Florida	Michigan		Pennsylvania
Georgia	Ohio		West Virginia
Louisiana			
Mississippi			
South Carolina			
Tennessee			
Texas			

Introduction

The Ku Klux Klan is a racist, anti-Semitic movement with a commitment to extreme violence to achieve its goals of racial segregation and white supremacy. Of all the types of right-wing hate groups that exist in the United States, the Klan remains the one with the greatest number of national and local organizations around the country. More than 40 different Klan groups exist, many having multiple chapters, or "klaverns," including a few that boast a presence in a large number of states. There are over a hundred different Klan chapters around the country, with a combined strength of members and associates that may total around 5,000. After a period of relative quiet, Ku Klux Klan activity has spiked noticeably upwards in 2006, as Klan groups have attempted to exploit fears in America over gay marriage, perceived "assaults" on Christianity, crime and especially immigration.

Meeting of the National Aryan Knights of the KKK

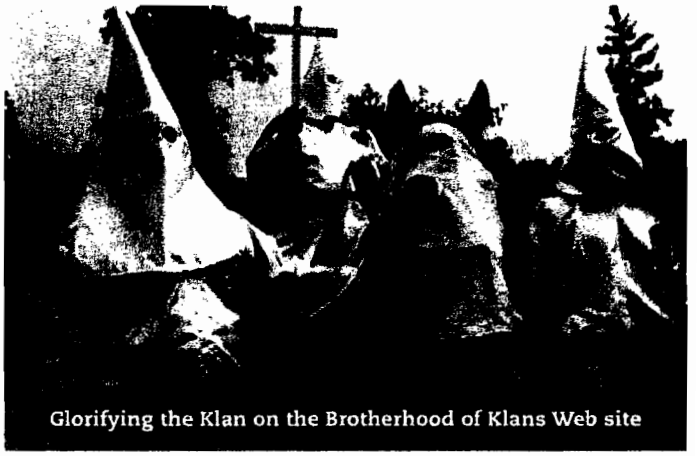
The Ku Klux Klan first emerged following the Civil War as America's first true terrorist group. Since its inception, the Ku Klux Klan has seen several cycles of growth and collapse, and in some of these cycles the Klan has been more extreme than in others. In all of its incarnations, however, the Klan has maintained its dual heritage of hate and violence.

At first, the Ku Klux Klan focused its anger and violence on African-Americans, on white Americans who stood up for them, and against the federal government which supported their rights. Subsequent incarnations of the Klan, which typically emerged in times of rapid social change, added more categories to its enemies list, including Jews, Catholics (less so after the 1970s), homosexuals, and different groups of immigrants. In most of these cases, these perceived enemies were minority groups that came into direct economic competition with the lower- and working-class whites that formed the core constituency of the Klan in most of its incarnations.

The Ku Klux Klan was overshadowed in the late 1990s and early 2000s by growing neo-Nazi activity; however, by 2005 neo-Nazi groups had fallen on hard times, with many groups collapsing or fragmenting. This collapse has helped create a rise of racist skinhead activity, but has also provided new opportunities for Klan groups.

In addition, in the early 2000s, many communities in the United States began to experience a significant influx of immigrants, especially Hispanics, for the first time in their histories. A single-issue movement opposing immigration has helped create fear and anxiety about immigration in the minds of many Americans.

Many Ku Klux Klan groups have attempted to take advantage of that fear and uncertainty, using anti-immigration sentiments for recruitment and propaganda purposes, and to attract publicity.


Glorifying the Klan on the Brotherhood of Klans Web site

The Ku Klux Klan experienced a resurgence in 2006. One sign of this resurgence was an increase in activity by some longstanding Klan groups, often accompanied by an expansion in size. Immigration and other issues have allowed these longstanding Klan groups to increase their activities in areas where the Klan has traditionally been strong, such as the eastern Midwest and the South, and to expand into some parts of the country where the Klan did not have a particularly strong presence in the early 2000s, including the Great Plains and Mid-Atlantic states.

One such Klan group, the Brotherhood of Klans (BOK), exhibited considerably more activity in 2005-2006 than they had in a long time. Originally based in Prospect Heights, Illinois, the BOK's leader, Dale Fox, moved the group to Henderson, Tennessee, and began organizing a series of Klan-related events, including large "Unity Gatherings" complete with speakers, vendors and multiple cross-burnings. Such a gathering occurred in August 2006. This represented a break from the past, in which the BOK organized few events and was not very active. The BOK also expanded considerably in size, establishing new chapters in many different parts of the country. The ability of the BOK to continue its expansion, though, was thrown into doubt by the sudden death of Fox due to a heart attack in late November 2006, although the BOK's Ohio leader and "Imperial Klaliff," Jeremy Parker, has vowed to continue expanding the racist and anti-Semitic group.

Another older Klan group, the Church of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, long based in Osceola, Indiana, has caused headaches for the local community. Its activity outside Indiana, however, was relatively limited. Like the BOK, though, the National Knights exhibited increased activity, as well as activity in parts of the country far from its base. The National Knights held a rally in May 2006 in Pauline, South Carolina, organized by Grand Dragon Joshua Fowler. They also held a rally in South Carolina in November 2005. The National Knights were active in other Southern states as well, including holding an anti-immigration rally in May 2006 in Russellville, Alabama, with 50 marchers. Ray Larsen, the head of the National Knights,

came down from Indiana to speak at the event, at which people yelled slogans such as "Let's get rid of the Mexicans!"

Other long-established Klan groups have also been active. The Mississippi White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan held a rally and cross-burning in Itawamba County in November 2006; they also had a recruiting event in Amory, Mississippi, in April 2006, among other activities that year. The Bayou Knights of the Ku Klux Klan held a rally in Smackover, Arkansas, in September 2006; that year they also held events in Oklahoma, Louisiana and Texas. Thom Robb's Knights of the Ku Klux Klan celebrated a "50th Anniversary and National Congress" in early September 2006 in Harrison, Arkansas.

Even in areas where Klan support is relatively strong, however, many individual Klan groups themselves typically do not last long before fragmenting or falling apart. Nonetheless, Klan groups such as the BOK, the Arkansas-based Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, the Indiana-based National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, and the Texas-based White Camelia Knights have managed to maintain a strong presence for quite a while. What these groups have all shared is a leader who could sustain the loyalty of followers better than the heads of other Klan groups (although the death of BOK leader Dale Fox may change that group's status).

Members of the Michigan-based United Northern and Southern Knights of the Ku Klux Klan

A sign of the Klan resurgence is the appearance of new Klan groups in different parts of the country. A certain number of new Ku Klux Klan organizations always emerge in any given period of time, as groups split apart or reform. However, what was different in 2005-2006 was the rapid expansion in size of some of these newer Klan factions.

One of the best examples of this phenomenon involves the Empire Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. The Empire Knights is a newer Klan group, formed in 2005 in part from former members of the Southern White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. From Florida, it expanded across the South, into the Mid-Atlantic states, and even as far as Oregon. In January 2007, it boasted chapters in 18 states, though Texas members soon after split off to form their own group, the Traditional Christian Knights of the KKK.

Texas has been a strong scene of Empire Knights activity. In early August 2006, members of the Empire Knights of Texas, based in San Angelo, held a heavily publicized anti-immigration rally in the northwest Texas city of Amarillo. It was only one of several recent Empire Knights events in Texas. In June 2006, over 20 Empire Knights held an anti-immigration rally in the west Texas city of Midland, while in November 2005, they held a protest in Austin against gay marriage. The Empire Knights also held an event in July 2006 in Leesville, South Carolina.

Another example occurred in the Midwest, where a group of Michigan Klansmen led by Phil Lawson broke away from the Ohio-based Mystic Knights of the Ku Klux Klan in 2005 and formed a new group, the United Northern and Southern Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. The United Northern and Southern Knights rapidly expanded to nine states. Other new Klan groups have concentrated on expansion within a state rather than across state lines; in Georgia, for example, the Georgia Knight Riders of the Ku Klux Klan formed in 2006 with members in Ellijay, Bainbridge and Norcross.

Not every attempt to jumpstart the Klan has been successful. In the 1990s, Indiana was one of the centers of Klan activity, as two major Klan groups were based in that state. However, one of them, the American Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, largely collapsed after its leader, Jeff Berry, was convicted in 2001 for conspiracy to commit criminal confinement with a deadly weapon after holding two reporters at gunpoint. Following his 2004 release, however, an effort began to reinvigorate the Klan in northeastern Indiana, with contact post office boxes set up in Auburn and Albion. This attempt fizzled, however, after the organizers, Fred Wilson and Anthony Berry (son of Jeff Berry), were arrested in July 2006 for allegedly beating Jeff Berry almost to death during a party (the motive for the alleged attack is unclear).

Geographical Expansion

The Great Plains

The Klan has been expanding into regions of the country outside the South and eastern Midwest. Klan recruiting efforts have occurred in 2006 in the Great Plains, the Mid-Atlantic states and even on the West Coast.

Klansman on a horse. Even the horse is masked.

In the Plains states, the Klan has been active in areas where it has not traditionally been strong for many years. In Iowa, for example, the Klan has exhibited a renewed energy, with recruitment efforts by the Brotherhood of Klans (BOK) in Denison, Storm Lake and other Iowa towns that have experienced a considerable influx of immigrants from Laos, Mexico and other countries in the early 2000s. The BOK established an Iowa chapter in the town of Nevada.

In addition to the BOK, former Florida Klansman Douglas Sadler has also tried to invigorate Klan activity in Iowa. Sadler was once a member of the Florida White Knights, but moved to Iowa in the mid-2000s. There he formed the Fraternal White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, based in Charles City and Cerro Gordo, which protested in Des Moines against gay marriage in January 2006.

In Nebraska, the Klan has also attracted publicity after a state investigation revealed that a Nebraska State Patrol trooper was allegedly a member of Thom Robb's Arkansas-based Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. The Patrol fired the trooper in March 2006 for conduct unbecoming an officer, and in September 2006, he was also fired from the Nebraska Safety Council, where he had taught traffic diversion classes. However, the ex-trooper and the state troopers union appealed his dismissal from the Patrol, but a judge upheld it. The BOK also has a presence in Nebraska, based in Omaha.

The Mid-Atlantic

The Klan has expanded into the Mid-Atlantic states, from Maryland up through New York. Here, relatively new Klan groups have stepped to the forefront in recruiting, organizing, and holding racist events. The World Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, based in Sharpsburg, Maryland, was originally a tiny Klan group, but has exhibited growth in the 2000s, expanding to a number of nearby states, including West Virginia and Pennsylvania. Some 30 members of the group showed up at a rally in September 2006, held in pouring rain on the Gettysburg Civil War battlefield in Pennsylvania. Considering the poor weather conditions, it was a surprisingly high turnout for the Klan group. World Knights leader Gordon Young used the event to denounce multiracial marriage and immigration.

In August 2006, 20 members of the World Knights and other white supremacist groups held a protest at Harper's Ferry, West Virginia, against a commemoration event there for the Niagara Movement (the forerunner to the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People). Following the event, one attendee was arrested for allegedly carrying a concealed handgun. Earlier in June 2006, the World Knights held a rally at another Civil War battlefield, the Antietam National Battlefield.

Klan expansion in the Mid-Atlantic states received a setback, however, with the unexpected disbanding of the World Knights in late November 2006. Members of competing factions left the World Knights to join other groups. The World Knights' leader Gordon Young took his followers into the National Socialist Movement (NSM) and became that group's Maryland state leader, while some dissident World Knights joined an NSM splinter group, the American National Socialist Workers Party. In January 2007, Young was arrested on seven criminal counts, including two counts each of second-degree assault and sex abuse of a minor, and the NSM disassociated itself from him.

The World Knights were not the only Klan group active in the Mid-Atlantic region. Also active in 2006 was the Millville, New Jersey-based Confederate Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, while in late 2006 the United Northern and Southern Knights, which already had a Virginia chapter, established a New Jersey chapter based in Merchantville.

Themes such as immigration and "black crime" have been common at Mid-Atlantic area Klan events. When Empire Knights of the Ku Klux Klan Pennsylvania leader Mike Busch announced in 2006 that his Pennsylvania members wanted to hold a rally at Keystone State Park, he told a reporter that "our messages are about immigration, same-sex marriages, and many major other topics that are killing our society today."

The basic ideology of the Ku Klux Klan today is not very different from that of many other hard-core white supremacist groups, such as neo-Nazis. Though the symbols and rituals may differ, most Klan groups share the same emphasis on the "14 Words" slogan ("We must secure the existence of our people and a future for white children") that tends to define modern hard-core white supremacy in the United States. However, there are differences. Though Ku Klux Klan groups are generally extremely anti-Semitic, a number of them, especially in the South, tend to spend more of their energy in activities opposing African-Americans and non-white immigrants, who are often seen as the more immediate enemies.

Racist skinheads at Nordicfest. On the right is Joshua Steever; shortly after Nodicfest, Steever was arrested in California on several charges, including making terrorist threats, for allegedly threatening to blow up a high school.

Another difference involves religion. Whereas many neo-Nazis and racist skinheads may be atheists or pagan, Klan groups tend to be overwhelmingly Christian (often adhering to the racist and anti-Semitic Christian Identity sect), reflecting the Klan's more traditional origins. However, even this may be changing to a certain degree. For example, in 2006, the Kentucky-based Imperial Klans of America (IKA) announced on its Web site, as part of an effort to attract new members from the white supremacist subculture, that it would now accept certain non-Christians. "Since its beginning the IKA has been a Klan that only accepted Christians into its ranks," the IKA announced in April 2006. However, now "...within the IKA, the message of all groups will be heard...Each will be able to have their own separate identity within the Klan, be they Odinists, National Socialists, Nazi's [sic], Skinheads, Defenders, Confederates, or any other group so dedicated to our Cause."

This move by the IKA reflected another noteworthy trend within the Klan—its growing Nazification. From the 1970s onward, Klan groups had to compete with a variety of other white supremacist movements, from neo-Nazis to racist skinheads, for potential recruits. Many white supremacists, especially younger ones, viewed the Klan as old-fashioned compared to these newer movements. Some Klan groups adapted to this challenge by becoming more like neo-Nazi and skinhead groups, adopting their symbols, regalia, tattoos, slogans, and even music. A number of Klan

groups have abandoned the use of the traditional hoods and robes, eschewing them altogether (typically wearing some form of military uniform instead) or only using them during ceremonies. As a result, today a Klansman might just as easily resemble a racist skinhead in dress and appearance as he might the traditional hooded and robed figure that most people associate with the Klan.

Klan groups also increased cooperation with neo-Nazi groups and occasionally even merged with them. The IKA's yearly white power music event, Nordicfest, is a perfect example of this, attracting a wide variety of racist skinheads and neo-Nazis to Kentucky every year. Another example is the number of joint events the Klan held with the National Socialist Movement across the country in 2006.

Klan members from three different Klan groups participating in a National Socialist Movement rally in Columbus, Ohio, in September 2006.

Some Klan groups try to attract a variety of Klansmen and women to so-called "klonvocations" or "Klan jams." Occasionally, different Klan groups will get together to form umbrella organizations or alliances, though they are typically short-lived. Other Klan groups hold regular "unity rallies" to which a variety of white supremacist groups are invited, or join in the rallies of white supremacist organizations in their area. There were many examples of such rallies in 2006.

A Knights of the Ku Klux Klan event, held in Fairdale, Kentucky, in August 2006, was a joint event with the neo-Nazi National Socialist Movement (NSM), billed as a "Unity Rally." This was just one of many recent attempts by a variety of Ku Klux Klan groups to coordinate their activities with the Minneapolis-based NSM, which became the largest neo-Nazi group in the United States in 2006. This NSM-Klan cooperation was a hallmark of Klan activity in 2006.

The NSM has actively sought the participation of Klan groups at its racist and anti-Semitic events, possibly in part because it had troubled relations with a number of other neo-Nazi and racist skinhead groups in 2006, and such groups are unlikely to turn out in support of the NSM. Klan groups, on the other hand, can swell its numbers at public events. A September 2006 NSM rally in Columbus, Ohio, for example, not only had NSM attendees, but also had speakers from several Klan groups, includ-

ing the World Knights, the National Knights, and the Brotherhood of Klans. In fact, almost half of the white supremacists at the event were from Klan groups.

In March 2006, about 80 members of the NSM and several different Klan groups met in Laurens, South Carolina, at a place called the "Redneck Shop" to discuss ways to increase cooperation. Groups reportedly in attendance included the NSM, Aryan Nations, the Griffin Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, the National Knights, the Teutonic Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, and the Yahweh Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. NSM members have shown up at a number of other recent Klan events, including the January 2006 Fraternal White Knights protest in Des Moines and the September 2006 World Knights rally in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.

One of the best examples of the closeness between the NSM and Klan groups occurred in late November 2006, when the Maryland-based World Knights of the KKK disbanded due to factional infighting. Its leader, Gordon Young, took his followers into the NSM and became its Maryland state leader. In January 2007, Young was arrested on seven criminal counts, including two counts each of second-degree assault and sex abuse of a minor, and the NSM disassociated itself from him.

Some Klan groups, meanwhile, have themselves become increasingly "Nazified," eschewing hoods and robes in favor of the look and regalia of neo-Nazis and racist skinheads. Perhaps the best example of this is the Kentucky-based Imperial Klans of America (IKA), one of the larger Klan groups. Many of its members resemble racist skinheads more than traditional Klansmen, and the IKA has developed even closer ties with neo-Nazi skinhead groups in the Midwest such as Blood & Honour and the Vinlanders Social Club. The IKA's annual racist music festival, Nordicfest, one of the largest racist music events in the United States, was in 2006 co-sponsored for the first time by Blood & Honour.

Klan groups have always used attention-getting stunts to spread fear and attract publicity, as well as to help spread their racist, anti-Semitic, and anti-immigration message, including participating in "adopt a highway" programs, attempting to sponsor public radio stations, and participating in museum donations programs, among others. The resurgence in Klan activity in 2006 has been accompanied by even more

such attention-grabbing tricks.

Klansmen and other white supremacists at the courthouse in Fort Payne, Alabama, for an event advertised as Klan Jam 2006

Thom Robb's Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, for example, caused a stir in western North Carolina in the late summer of 2006 when members of the group began inserting their leaflets into a local conservative tabloid, the *Rhinoceros Times*, and leaving the paper on neighborhood lawns. The Knights apparently hoped that their ploy would get more people to pick up the leaflets. In the past, other racist groups have tried to insert hate materials into grocery circulars and other printed materials, for which some were successfully sued, but this tactic involved legally obtaining copies of the free newspaper and self-distributing them.

The *Rhinoceros Times* filed a lawsuit in early September 2006 against Robb's Klan group, but its outcome is uncertain, as this tactic has not been used before. In response, Robb sued the *Times* for defamation. In September and November 2006, the National Knights used the same literature distribution tactic in the Raleigh area using old issues of the local newspaper, *The News & Observer*. The group's fliers blamed plans for year-round schools on illegal immigration.

Further north, the United Northern and Southern Knights sent racist fliers to hundreds of schools in Michigan in February 2006 to coincide with Black History Month. The fliers targeted teachers, not students, and were very disturbing, as none of the schools had experienced anything like that before. Meanwhile, the Empire Knights created KKK Radio, an Internet-based broadcast system to air white power music, racist and anti-Semitic propaganda, and more. They also created an Empire Knights Youth Corps. The Brotherhood of Klans (BOK) has also used Internet-based radio to spread its message.

There are also some indications that the extremely fragmented Ku Klux Klan movement is making at least some initial attempts for greater unification. Joint events, at which Klansmen and women from multiple Klan groups appeared, were common in 2006. One explicit attempt at such an event was the "Klan Jam," held in Fort Payne, Alabama, in June 2006. Organized by the North Georgia White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, it attempted to attract attendees from a wide variety of Klan groups. It also helped form the "Konfederation of Klans," a loose umbrella group of around 11 different Klan groups, mostly from the South. The BOK held a "Fall Unity Gathering" in

2006 and announced another for May 2007 (which may not come to pass because of BOK leader Dale Fox's death in November 2006).

The first incarnation of the Ku Klux Klan in the 19th century originated as a terrorist group and the Klan has had a high association with criminal activity ever since, with most of it centered on hate crimes and acts of domestic terrorism. In a Supreme Court dissent he authored in 2003, Justice Clarence Thomas characterized the Klan as a "terrorist organization, which, in its endeavor to intimidate, or even eliminate those it dislikes, uses the most brutal of methods." The Klan is known for terrorism, murder, and assault, all stemming from its basic hate-based ideology, but Klansmen also commit a wide variety of non-hate-related crimes, largely because of the criminal milieu from which it draws portions of its membership.

Most Klan hate crimes tend to target African-Americans or multiracial families or couples. In April 2003, for example, five members of the American Invisible Empire of the Ku Klux Klan were convicted in federal court in Louisiana on conspiracy and intimidation charges for burning a cross at the residence of three African-American men in Longville, Louisiana. The five men, who all pleaded guilty, had burned the cross in an attempt to coerce the victims into leaving the community. "Our general purpose was just to rid them from the neighborhood," Fuselier explained in court. All three victims moved out.

At the sentencing in that case, U.S. District Judge Tucker Melancon emphasized the malevolent role that the Klan plays in the United States, saying that "while foreign terrorists would kill our bodies and destroy our buildings, the American Invisible Empire and the Ku Klux Klan and what they stand for and the type of conduct these defendants engaged in to rid themselves of their black neighbors, attacks our nation's very soul."

Klan members sometimes also engage in acts of domestic terrorism. In March 2006, for example, six members of the Nation's Knights of the Ku Klux Klan pleaded guilty to a variety of weapons and conspiracy charges in connection with an illegal gun trading scheme in the early 2000s to finance a plan to blow up the Johnston County, North Carolina, courthouse.

In August 2005, North Georgia White Knights member Daniel James Schertz pleaded guilty to building pipe bombs designed to blow up buses carrying Mexican and Haitian migrant workers from Tennessee to Florida. In November 2005, he received a 170-month federal prison sentence.

Schertz was hardly alone. In 2003, Pennsylvania Klan leader David Hull was convicted of a variety of illegal weapons charges in connection with an alleged plot to use hand grenades to attack abortion clinics; he also allegedly told an informant that he had turned his car into a "suicide bomb on wheels."

In 1997, in one of the more spectacular cases, three Klansmen and a Klanswoman—Edward Taylor, Jr., Shawn Dee Adams, Catherine Dee Adams, and Carl Waskom, Jr.—were arrested for plotting a series of terrorist acts in north Texas, including an attack on a natural gas processing plant. This would merely serve as a diversion for a $2 million armored car robbery designed to finance further acts. While surveilling the natural gas refinery, Klan members noticed children nearby and realized they would be likely victims of a blast. "But if it has to be," Catherine Dee Adams said, in words caught on tape, "I hate to be that way, but if it has to be..." However, because another Klan member had reservations and alerted the police, the plot was foiled before it could be carried out. The four were arrested in April 1997 and eventually pleaded guilty to a variety of charges.

Klan members have also frequently been arrested for non-ideological crimes ranging from burglary to sex crimes to spousal assault. These arrests suggest that a number of Klan groups tend to attract people with violent or anti-social natures.

Active Klan Groups by State

Alabama

ORION (Our Race Is Our Nation) Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. Once a large and active group, the ORION Knights have mostly disappeared, with a remnant in Alabama.

White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. A small Alabama Klan group.

Arkansas

Bayou Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. An active regional Klan group, with a presence primarily in Louisiana, Arkansas, Texas and Oklahoma.

International Keystone Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. Once a larger group, the Keystone Knights are much smaller today, with active members in Pennsylvania and Arkansas.

Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. An Arkansas-based Klan group with chapters in around seven states.

Ku Klux Klan, LLC. A small Arkansas Klan group.

Southern Arkansas Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. A small Klan group based in Smackover.

California

Kalifornia Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. A small California Klan group.

White Legion Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. A small southern California Klan group.

Florida

Empire Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. A growing Klan group based in Florida, claiming chapters in some 18 states, mostly in the South, the Northeast, and the West Coast.

National Aryan Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. A small Klan group with chapters in Florida and Louisiana.

United White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. A small Florida Klan group.

Georgia

American White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. A small Klan group with chapters in Georgia and Texas.

Georgia Knight Riders of the Ku Klux Klan. A Georgia-based Klan group.

North Georgia White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. A Georgia-based Klan group.

Indiana

American Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. Possibly the most active Klan group in the 1990s, the American Knights are now nearly dead, with only a few members in Indiana.

Church of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. Headquartered near South Bend, Indiana. It claims chapters in around 20 different states, in all parts of the country.

United Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. A small Indiana Klan group.

Iowa

Fraternal White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. A small Iowa Klan group.

Kentucky

Imperial Klans of America. A prominent Klan group based in Kentucky with chapters in eight states.

White Mountain Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. A small Kentucky Klan group.

Louisiana

Bayou Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. An active regional Klan group, with a presence primarily in Louisiana, Arkansas, Texas and Oklahoma.

Louisiana White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. A Louisiana Klan group.

National Aryan Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. A small Klan group with chapters in Florida and Louisiana.

Southern White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. A small Louisiana Klan group.

Michigan

United Northern and Southern Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. A Klan group with chapters in nine states, mostly in the Midwest. It is based in Michigan.

Active Klan Groups by State

Mississippi

Mississippi White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. A Klan group with a number of chapters in Mississippi.

New Jersey

Confederate Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. A small New Jersey Klan group headquartered in Millville.

North Carolina

Cleveland Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. A small North Carolina Klan group.

Ohio

Brotherhood of Klans. One of the larger and more active Klan groups in 2006, headquartered in Tennessee until the late 2006 death of its leader. It appears its new headquarters will be in Marion, Ohio. It claims chapters in some 15 states, from all around the country.

Mystic Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. An Ohio-based Klan group that claims to be active in eight states, mostly in the Midwest, although it lost much of its membership to the United Northern & Southern Knights.

Oklahoma

Bayou Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. An active regional Klan group, with a presence primarily in Louisiana, Arkansas, Texas, and Oklahoma.

Pennsylvania

International Keystone Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. Once a larger group, the Keystone Knights are much smaller today, with active members in Pennsylvania and Arkansas.

South Carolina

International Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. A small South Carolina Klan group.

Tennessee

Great Tennessee Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. A small Tennessee Klan group.

Knights of Bedford Forest. A small Tennessee Klan group.

Knights of the Golden Circle. A small Tennessee Klan group.

Knights of Yahweh. A small Klan group based in Dandridge, Tennessee.

Texas

American White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. A small Klan group with chapters in Georgia and Texas.

Bayou Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. An active regional Klan group, with a presence primarily in Louisiana, Arkansas, Texas, and Oklahoma.

Traditional Christian Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. A Texas Klan group based in San Angelo, Texas, splintered off from the Empire Knights of the KKK.

White Camelia Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. A Texas Klan group based in Cleveland, Texas.

Virginia

Victory Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. A small Virginia Klan group.

Virginia Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. A small Virginia Klan group.

West Virginia

Knight Riders of the Ku Klux Klan. A small West Virginia Klan group.

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ABSTRACT

Family and Politics: Does Parental Unemployment Cause Right-Wing Extremism?*

Recent years have witnessed a rise in right-wing extremism among German youth and young adults. This paper investigates the extent to which the experience of parental unemployment during childhood affects young people's far right-wing attitudes and xenophobia. Estimates from three different German data sets show a positive relationship between growing up with unemployed parents and right-wing extremism, with xenophobia in particular. This paper uses differences in unemployment levels between East and West Germany, both before and after reunification, to investigate a causal relationship. Instrumental variables estimates suggest strong and significant effects of parental unemployment on right-wing extremism. This is consistent with classical theories of economic interest and voting behaviour which predict that persons who develop feelings of economic insecurity are more susceptible to right-wing extremism and anti-foreign sentiments.

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1. Introduction

Right-wing extremist ideas, parties and movements are a problem in contemporary Germany. In a speech on 10 April 2005, Paul Spiegel — the then President of the Central Council of Jews in Germany — stated: "Since right-wing extremist parties have gained or regained seats in the parliaments of Saxony and Brandenburg, not a week goes by without the right-wing extremist managing to become the focus of political discussion in Germany. What they are saying is nothing new: open racism and anti-Semitism are complemented by firing up people's weariness of the political discussion in Germany".[1]

In the above-mentioned federal state election in Saxony in September 2004, the right-wing extremist Nationaldemokratische Partei Deutschlands (NPD) received 9.2 percent of the votes.[2] Support among young male voters was particularly strong with one in five men aged 25 and younger casting their vote for the NPD (Statistisches Landesamt des Freistaates Sachsen).[3] Figure 1 illustrates the evolution of the number of "violence-prone right-wing extremists" (not in organised groups) and neo-Nazis (in organised groups) in Germany between 1990 and 2005. The period saw an over 100 percent increase in the number of right-wing extremists. Germany is also seeing increased right-wing violence by youth and young adults (Federal Ministry of the Interior, 2003). Between 1996 and 1999, more than 41,000 right-wing extremist crimes were officially registered in Germany, 6.8 percent of which were violent crimes (Falk and Zweimüller, 2005).

What are the driving forces behind right-wing extremism?[4] To what extent do family background characteristics, such as parental unemployment during childhood, affect affinity towards right-wing extremism? This paper seeks to shed new light on these questions in the case of young people in Germany. In particular, it examines the

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[1] Abstract of a speech at the Occasion of the National Commemoration of the 60th Anniversary of the Liberation of the Concentration Camps. <http://www.thueringen.de/de/politisch/veranstaltungen/17531/>.

[2] Die Republikaner and the Deutsche Volks Union (DVU), two other right-wing extremist parties in Germany, also had electoral successes in regional elections in both East and West Germany during the 1990s. (see, for example, <http://www.bundeswahlleiter.de>).

[3] Similarly, nearly one in four first-time voters cast their vote for the DVU in the 1998 federal state election in Sachsen-Anhalt (Winkler and Falter, 2002). In 2006, 17 percent of voters aged 29 and younger voted for the NPD in the federal state election in Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania.

[4] To date, there exists no agreed definition of the term right-wing extremism. I define right-wing extremism according to the following five core features: nationalism, racism, xenophobia, anti-democracy and a strong centralized state. According to Mudde (2000), these are the five most commonly used features in defining right-wing extremism in the academic literature.

extent to which maternal and paternal unemployment during childhood have an impact on political far right-wing views, affinities to right-wing extremist parties, and the chances of joining skinhead or neo-Nazi groups. Also examined are young Germans' prejudices and hostile attitudes toward foreigners and asylum-seekers.

One of the difficulties in estimating the true impact of parental unemployment on children's political outcomes is that the relationship of interest could be driven by characteristics that are unobservable to the researcher, rather than representing causality. For instance, parents who have a higher risk of being unemployed may also be more prone to antidemocratic and xenophobic sentiments, and these attitudes may in turn affect their children's political attitudes irrespective of the parents' actual employment histories.

This study accounts for these potential omitted factors influencing both parental unemployment and young people's right-wing behaviour using several econometric methods which rely on different assumptions and thereby checking robustness. A baseline reference point is produced by estimates from linear probability models. In a second step, I estimate various panel models with data from the German Socio-Economic Panel. Third, I apply instrumental variable models exploiting stark differences in unemployment levels between the region of the former German Democratic Republic (GDR) and the Federal Republic of Germany (FRD) both before and after German reunification in 1990, as an exogenous source of variation in parental unemployment. Finally, I apply propensity score matching methods.

Investigating whether parental unemployment has an impact on young people's right-wing behaviour is of substantial interest since the majority of right-wing extremist crimes in Germany are conducted by young men aged 15-25 years (Neubacher, 1999). In addition, attitudes and orientations in general are most susceptible to influences and events during childhood and early adolescence (Krosnick and Alwyn, 1989). For instance, Wahl (2003) argues that many individuals who have been either suspected or found guilty of right-wing extremist crimes in Germany had mental-health problems stemming from destructive events during their childhood. Furthermore, since attitudes and political values are relatively stable from early adulthood on (Krosnick and Alwyn, 1989), young people's right-wing extremism today may have a lasting impact on their political values and behaviour in the future.

The question of how parental unemployment influences young people's right-wing extremism is also crucial for the economic domain. First, anti-foreign sentiments within the population could have an adverse effect on the social and economic integration of immigrants and thus influence economic performance and trade (Dustman and Preston, 2001; Epstein and Gang, 2004). Second, xenophobia and right-wing extremism could influence migration patterns. For instance, fear of right-wing assaults could result in people leaving certain areas of the country, or deter immigration into particular regions. In fact, the creation of nationally liberated zones ("National befreite Zonen"), i.e. areas in which right-wing extremists exercise social control, is one declared aim of right-wing extremist groups in contemporary Germany (Döring, 2006). Third, right-wing extremism in the population could severely limit the attractiveness of certain regions as locations for business investment and thus hamper economic growth.

This paper is unique in that it is the first study trying to investigate causal effects of right-wing extremism and xenophobia. It also provides first evidence on intergenerational relationship between parental economic conditions and young people's right-wing extremist attitudes and behaviour. I find a strong and significant association between parental unemployment and various right-wing extremist outcomes for young Germans in simple cross-sectional estimations, in particular for men. I document that the relationship is robust to young people's feelings of marginalization and economic insecurity, their dissatisfaction with the political system, and the influence of parents' political attitudes and economic expectations. Various panel estimates and results from propensity score matching yield similar conclusions. Furthermore, using instrumental variable regressions I show that there is convincing evidence in favour of a causal effect from parental unemployment during childhood on young people's right-wing extremism.

The paper is organized as follows. Section 2 briefly discusses relevant economic and political theories. Section 3 presents the various data sources that are used in the empirical work. Eight different outcome measures of right-wing extremism are described in Section 4, and summarized in Section 5. Regression estimates from multiple identifying strategies are presented in Sections 6-9. Sensitivity analyses are discussed in Section 10. The final section concludes.

2. Theoretical background

Theories of economic interest (Lipset, 2002; Downs, 1957) suggest reasons why parental unemployment may help explain right-wing sentiments and xenophobia. Individuals whose parents experienced unemployment may perceive employment opportunities as scarce and develop feelings of socio-economic insecurity. They may conclude that the scarce jobs available are being occupied by foreigners. Hence, there exists a risk that these individuals will be more receptive to right-wing extremist propaganda and feel closer to right-wing parties that claim to protect their interests as natives. For example, the right-wing extremist German party, Die Republikaner, campaigned for the last election with the slogan "Jobs for Germans first!" ("Arbeit zuerst für Deutsche!").[5]

A related argument can be made based on the economic theory of voting behaviour. This assumes that individuals are self-interested, rational and vote for the party from which they expect to receive the highest utility. If individuals perceive a loss in their socio-economic status, they may be more prone to sympathises with and vote for right-wing extremist parties, believing the parties' promises to prioritize job creation for natives.

This paper also touches on arguments from the political science literature (see, for example Roth and Schäfer, 1994). Two political theories help to explain why parental unemployment may affect children's right-wing extremist sentiments and party affinities. The first concerns the hypothesis of a rational protest vote. The idea here is that individuals cast right-wing extremist votes as a protest against socio-economic conditions, or out of dissatisfaction with the political system or disillusionment with the traditional parties. Hence, a person's statement of support for a right-wing party could be a means of channelling social and economic discontent — triggered, for example, by parental unemployment — rather than representing genuine right-wing ideological conviction. A second theory argues that far right-wing voting is an expression of ideological convictions. The hypothesis is that support for extreme right-wing parties and organisations is based on genuine political beliefs and right-wing convictions rather than the result of opportunistic protest voting and behaviour. Having these theories in mind is useful in motivating and interpreting the empirical analysis below.

[5] See, for example, < http://www.im.nrw.de/pe/pm2001/pm2001/news_140.htm >.

3. Data sources

Three German data sources are used in this study. The first is the German Socio-Economic Panel (SOEP), a panel survey of approximately 17,000 individuals in about 6,000 households interviewed each year since 1984. In June 1990, following German reunification, the SOEP was expanded to the former German Democratic Republic, bringing in nearly 4,500 individuals in 2,000 new households. Ongoing representativeness of the population has been maintained by using a following rule typical of household panel surveys. This study uses the years following the German reunification from 1990 to 2004 (Waves 7-21).[6]

The second data source is the Youth and Young Adult Longitudinal Study (YYAS) which surveyed a national sample of youth and young adults in 1991 and 1996. Overall, the YYAS interviewed approximately 7,300 young people in both East and West Germany, asking detailed questions on political orientations and social experiences.

The third data source is the DJI Youth Survey, a repeated cross-sectional survey which was carried out in 1992 and 1997 on young adults aged 16-29 in East and West Germany. This survey collected data from approximately 7,000 individuals in each of the two years. The survey is representative of the total German population in that age range and contains extensive information on respondents' political orientations and behaviour. The questionnaire also asked about prejudices against immigrants and asylum seekers.

I restrict the analysis to native Germans aged 16-29 years. In addition, because some previous studies report differences in right-wing extremist crimes against foreigners between East and West Germany (Krüger and Pischke, 1997), in most cases separate regressions are estimated for both parts of Germany.

4. Measures of right-wing outcomes

This section explains the definitions of the measures of right-wing behaviour used in this study.[7] Using several measures allows me to investigate young people's right-wing attitudes and xenophobia from different angles.

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[6] See Haisken-DeNew and Frick (2005) and Burkhauser et al. (1997) for further details about the SOEP.
[7] The precise wording of the questions and a description of each of the outcome measure is provided in the Appendix, Table A1.

The first two variables measure affinity to right-wing parties in Germany and participation in right-wing extremist organizations such as neo-Nazi / skinhead groups. These groups are closely watched by the German intelligence service and regularly mentioned in the Annual Report of the Office for the Protection of the Constitution (Verfassungsschutzbericht) in the sections on right-wing extremism.[8] Furthermore, members of neo-Nazi / skinhead groups have been found guilty of numerous xenophobic crimes in Germany (Willems, 1993).

Leaning towards an extremist right-wing party. Respondents to the SOEP and the YYAS are asked which political party they are closest to. The variable takes the value one if respondents name a right-wing extremist party, and zero otherwise.[9] Similarly, if respondents to the DJY Youth survey indicated closeness to the party Die Republikaner, the variable was set equal to one, and zero otherwise.

Participation in skinhead / neo-Nazi groups. The DJI Youth Survey and the YYAS Study collect information on participation in and approval of right-wing extremist groups. In the former, respondents were asked about their attitudes towards "Neo-Nazis and right-wing skinheads" and other right-wing groups ("Nationalistische Gruppierungen"). I defined respondents as participants if they said either that they take an active part in or occasionally attended a right-wing extremist group. The YYAS Study asks individuals about their perception of "skinheads" on a six-point scale. I define participants as those individuals who answered that they were part of a skinhead group.

Far right-wing political views. In the DJI Youth Survey, respondents were asked where they placed themselves on the Left-Right political scale. I define respondents as having far right-wing political views if they placed themselves in the two outmost right boxes on the political Left-Right scale.[10]

Recent studies point to a strong relationship between right-wing political ideology, racism and anti-foreign sentiments in the German society (Alba and Johnson, 2003; Heitmeyer, 2003). The remaining outcome variables therefore measure young people's attitudes and sentiments toward foreigners and asylum-seekers in Germany.

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[8] See, <http://www.bmi.bund.de> for further information.
[9] Note that respondents in the SOEP are specifically asked about their long-term party affinity.
[10] Qualitatively similar results are obtained when using a more restrictive measure of right-wing views, i.e. a dummy variable that equals one if the respondents placed themselves at the far right end of the political Left-Right continuum, and zero otherwise.

Anti-foreign sentiments. The DJI Youth Survey includes a module of items aiming to measure respondents' xenophobia. The following questions are worded to examine individual's perceptions and sentiments about foreigners:

- "When there is a shortage of jobs, foreigners should be sent back to their home countries"
- "It would be better if all foreigners left Germany"

If respondents state the two strongest expressions of agreement ("totally agree", "agree") on a six-point scale, I set the dependent variables to one, and zero otherwise. Respondents are also asked about whether they think that "using violent means to make it clear to asylum-seekers that they should return to their home country" is acceptable, unacceptable, or whether it may possibly be acceptable. If young people say that using violent means is acceptable, I define the variable to take the value one, and zero otherwise. Attitudes toward asylum seekers are of particular relevance in Germany, given the series of right-wing extremist riots during the early 1990s, including the pogrom-like attacks on asylum-seekers in Hoyerswerda and Rostock. Some of these were supported by German bystanders who clapped and cheered while the attacks were taking place (Krüger and Pischke, 1997).

Right-wing behaviour and xenophobia. Finally, I construct two variables aimed at providing a stricter and narrower proxy for (a) right-wing behaviour and (b) xenophobia. My measure of right-wing behaviour equals one if respondents in the DJI Youth Survey state leaning towards a right-wing extremist party, participate in a skinhead / neo-Nazi group and show right-wing political views, and zero otherwise.[11] Accordingly, I define the xenophobia variable as one if respondents agree with all three anti-foreign statements described above, and zero otherwise.

Table 1 presents unconditional means for all outcome variables by sample, region of residence and parental unemployment experience during childhood. The table shows that the proportion of young people with right-wing outcomes is considerably higher among those whose parents were unemployed in all but one case. This is equally true for young people living in East and West Germany.

[11] In the YYAS, the variable right-wing behaviour equals one if respondents lean towards a right-wing extremist party and state their participation in a skinhead / neo-Nazi group, and zero otherwise.

5. Data and descriptive statistics

The definition of the main explanatory variable 'parental unemployment during childhood' varies across the three data sets. First, parental unemployment is reported retrospectively by respondents (aged 16-29) in both the DJI Youth Survey and the YYAS. In the SOEP, however, parental unemployment is self-reported. Second, the YYAS and the SOEP cover young people's entire childhoods (ages 0-16), whereas the DJI Youth Survey provides parental unemployment information only in the year respondents were aged 16. Finally, the period over which parental unemployment is measured varies as well. In the DJI Youth Survey and the YYAS the time period spans the years 1979-1997 and 1977-1996, respectively. The SOEP also covers more recent years up to 2004. If young people grow up in a single-parent family, parental unemployment covers unemployment of the single parent only.[12] Differences in both the definition of the key explanatory variable and the time period over which it is measured explain the variation in the proportion of young people who grow up with unemployed parents across the three data sets.

A common set of explanatory variables (in addition to parental unemployment) can be derived from each survey, including age, sex, year of birth, highest general schooling degree of the children and parents, and a maximum set of year and federal state dummies. The measure of educational qualification has three categories: general secondary school qualification or less, intermediate school qualification, and higher school qualification. I also control for the annual state-level unemployment rate as a proxy for local labour market conditions.[13] Furthermore, I include a variable measuring the proportion of foreigners in the population at the federal state level to capture differences in ethnic composition across states and over time. Previous research found that a higher concentration of minorities increased hostility against foreigners in Germany (Krüger and Pischke, 1997). Finally, to account for neighbourhood characteristics, I add dummy variables capturing the district size respondents live in. In the DJI Survey, I also control for father's occupation. Summary statistics of explanatory variables are provided in the Appendix, Table A2.

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[12] Note that both the DJI Youth Survey and the YYAS comprise both mother and father-only families, whereas young people who grew up in father-only families were excluded from the SOEP sample.

[13] In unreported regressions, I also controlled for youth unemployment levels. This generated similar results. These results and all estimates and robustness checks which are not reported in the paper are available from the author upon request.

6.1 Parental unemployment and right-wing extremism

I start by estimating OLS linear probability regressions of the form[14]:

$$right\text{-}wing = f + t + u^p\beta_1 + X\gamma + e, \quad (1)$$

where *right-wing* represents one of the right-wing extremist outcome variables, f are federal state dummies, t are year dummies, u^p is a dummy variable equal to one if a person experienced parental unemployment during childhood and zero otherwise, and X is a vector of child- and family-specific variables. The parameter of greatest interest is β_1, which captures the relationship between growing up with an unemployed parent and young people's propensity to show right-wing extremist attitudes. The year dummies t capture common shocks to young people's right-wing behaviour, the state dummies f control for regional differences and the error term e captures all other omitted factors.

Table 2 presents the baseline results. For brevity, only the estimates of β_1 are reported.[15] The table shows a positive significant association between experience of parental unemployment and children's right-wing extremism in 21 out of 24 regressions. The largest point estimates are obtained for the outcome variable "when there is a shortage of jobs, foreigners should be sent back to their home countries". Individuals who grow up with an unemployed parent show a 6-13 percent higher likelihood to agree with this statement. Similarly, individuals are 5-7 percent more likely to state that it "would be best if all foreigners left Germany" and show a significantly higher propensity to approve of using violence against asylum seekers if they experienced parental unemployment during childhood. Finally, Panel C reports the point estimates for the two outcome variables right-wing behaviour and xenophobia. There exists a statistically significant correlation between parental unemployment experience during childhood and right-wing behaviour for young people living in East Germany, but not in West Germany. In contrast, the association with xenophobia is positive and significant for young people living in East and West Germany, but larger in magnitude among West Germans.[16] Overall, the results suggest a significant positive

[14] The results presented here are robust to estimating the models using probit regressions.

[15] The estimated coefficients for explanatory variables besides parental unemployment are not shown here but are available from the author upon request.

[16] I also run ordered probit regressions in case an ordinal right-wing extremist scaling was possible to derive. In the DJI Youth Survey, respondents expressed the first two anti-foreign statements in Table 2,

association between parental unemployment experience during childhood and various right-wing extremist outcomes for young people in Germany.

6.2 Alternative explanations why parental unemployment affect young people's right-wing extremism

Having determined that parental unemployment is positively associated with young people's right-wing extremism I now examine reasons why this might be the case. I consider four hypotheses. The first is that young people who grew up with an unemployed mother or father might be more likely to be unemployed themselves later in life (O'Neill and Sweetman, 1998) and their political behaviour might be influenced by their own labour market prospects. Some previous studies have pointed to a positive correlation between being unemployed and the propensity to cast a right-wing extremist vote (Lubbers and Scheepers, 2001). I examine how young people's own unemployment affects their right-wing attitudes by including a dummy variable that equals one if the young person was unemployed when interviewed, and is zero otherwise.

Second, I examine the potential direct influence of young people's feelings of socio-economic deprivation and insecurity. If parental unemployment is a measure of general economic uncertainty, the positive correlation between parental unemployment and right-wing outcomes should weaken. To test this hypothesis, I control for young people's financial worries and whether or not they feel disadvantaged by the German reunification. In addition, in the regressions based on the SOEP, I can control for whether parents are currently worried about their financial situation.

The third hypothesis is that parents' political beliefs play a key role in determining their children's political attitudes (Lazarsfeld et al., 1948). To the extent that the influence of parental unemployment on right-wing outcomes is diminished by the inclusion of variables that capture parents' political beliefs, one could conclude that parents' political orientations – rather than their unemployment – are the driving force

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Panel B on a six-point scale, with (6) indicating "totally agree" and (1) "totally disagree". I collapsed the responses (1)-(3) into one category, providing a four-point ordinal indicator of intensity of anti-foreign sentiments. Intergenerational links were large, positive and highly significant. In addition, using factor analysis, I collapsed the information contained in the first six right-wing measures (Table 2) in the DJI Youth Survey and the two right-wing outcomes in the YYAS respectively, into one dependent variable. The new outcomes can be interpreted as measuring "overall right-wing extremism". With one exception, the association with right-wing extremism was positive and highly significant.

behind young people's right-wing extremism. This is tested using SOEP data. Two proxy variables are used for parents' political views: parents' affinity to a right-wing extremist party, and whether parents indicate being in favour of democracy.

Fourth, it is commonly believed and argued that right-wing extremism is closely associated with disillusionment with the political system (Backer, 2000). To account for this, covariates capturing respondents' disaffection with politicians and the government are included in the regressions. Political dissatisfaction is proxied by whether respondents think that politicians trick people (DJI Youth Survey) and whether they report having no or low levels of trust in government (YYAS).

Table 3 investigates the robustness of the baseline results by progressively adding further covariates that might be behind the positive association between parental unemployment and right-wing extremism. For the sake of brevity, I report results for one outcome only.[17] Panels A and B show the estimates obtained for young people living in East and West Germany respectively. Column (1) in each of the three surveys shows a positive and significant association between young people's own unemployment and their right-wing party affinity in East Germany, which varies considerably in magnitude among the three data sets. The relationship is much weaker for those living in West Germany.

Results in columns (2) and (3) paint a picture consistent with the theory of economic interest. Financial worries and feelings of being disadvantaged by the German reunification are positively correlated with individuals' leanings toward right-wing extremist parties. Using data from the SOEP, columns (4) and (5) present results for an intergenerational link in political attitudes. The estimates suggest that having a parent who at any point responded feeling an affinity to a right-wing extremist party is positively associated with young people's affinity to these extremist parties, and this effect is very strong. Children in West Germany whose parents responded feeling an affinity to right-wing extremist party show a 34 percent higher chance of feeling close to far-right wing parties. The intergenerational effect in East Germany is nearly double the size. Finally, column (6) in the YYAS and DJI Youth survey show that there is a positive and statistically significant association between having no trust in politicians or the government and right-wing extremism. This result is consistent with Backer (2000).

[17] The results for the other right-wing measures were broadly similar to the results reported in Table 3.

To further examine the influence of parental unemployment, I distinguish between young people who experienced unemployment of both parents during childhood and those who experienced either maternal or paternal unemployment.[18] One would expect a stronger intergenerational association if both parents were unemployed and resulting in higher levels of socio-economic insecurity within the family. Furthermore, since fathers have higher labour earnings than mothers on average, one might hypothesise that paternal rather than maternal unemployment has a larger impact on children's right-wing extremism. Table 4 presents results for two outcome measures: leaning towards a right-wing extremist party and participation in skinhead / neo-Nazi groups. There is a positive intergenerational association when both parents were unemployed during childhood years in regressions based on the YYAS and DJI Youth Survey. In the majority of regressions, the link is larger in magnitude for unemployment of both parents than for unemployment of one parent only. No clear-cut evidence emerges with respect to the second hypothesis.

6.3 Gender, household income, parental unemployment and right-wing extremism

Table 5 investigates how the impact of parental unemployment on right-wing extremism varies with gender. The table reports separate OLS estimates for women and men living in East and West Germany, respectively. Overall, the results show that the intergenerational relationship is much stronger for men than for women. For example, young male Germans who experienced parental unemployment have a 3-7 percentage point higher chance of participating in skinhead / neo-Nazi groups. For female respondents, the point estimates are between one and five percentage points.

The impact of parental unemployment on right-wing extremism might also differ across the distribution of parents' household income during childhood. For instance, young Germans who grew up with low-income parents and experienced parental unemployment might be more likely to become right-wing extremists than more affluent peers who also experienced parental unemployment during childhood. Thus, one might expect a stronger intergenerational relationship at the bottom of parental earnings distribution. Table 6 reports estimates by parental household income quartiles

[18] Due to small sample sizes, regressions are pooled for respondents living in East and West Germany.

using data from the SOEP.[19] Among young people in East Germany, the positive relationship between parental unemployment and right-wing extremism is stronger in the tails of the income distribution. For West Germans, the relationship across generations is bell-shaped, with lower intergenerational associations at the bottom and top of parental income distribution in comparison to the middle (2nd and 3rd quartile).

In sum, the results so far show a positive association between parental unemployment experience and various right-wing outcomes for young Germans, in particular for young men. However, if parental unemployment and right-wing extremism of children is correlated with some common unobservable characteristics, then the OLS estimates will be biased. In the following sections, I therefore present several econometric approaches to further identify an impact of parental unemployment, and discuss the results produced. It is important to keep in mind that each of the methods has potential limitations, but by applying a broad range of estimation methods with differing identifying assumptions, I am able to draw more robust conclusions than with one method only.

7. Panel data estimates

Using panel data from the SOEP has several important advantages over cross-sectional surveys. First, the panel data structure allows one to control for unobserved family-specific and child-specific effects. Second, since parental unemployment is self-reported, this is likely to result in lower levels of measurement error than if reported by children retrospectively. Third, using parents' retrospective employment histories enables me to measure parental unemployment over young people's entire childhood as opposed to a single point (or year) in time (Wolfe *et al.* 1996). Thus, it is also possible to investigate the impact of parental unemployment duration during childhood on right-wing extremism. Fourth, the SOEP data allows me to control for other family background characteristics, such as family structure (growing up in a non-intact family; family size and birth order). Fifth, the SOEP allows me to examine whether the intergenerational effect might differ according to when the individual experienced parental unemployment: young children may be affected differently than teenagers. Finally, maternal and paternal employment status is observed not only during

[19] Household income is post-government household income during childhood (ages 0-16) averaged over

individuals' childhood years (ages 0-16), but also at later ages, so one can measure parental unemployment over a longer period, including early adulthood. According to the impressionable years hypothesis (Krosnick and Alwin, 1989), parental unemployment during adulthood should have a lower impact on young people than during childhood. Table 7 presents results from various estimation methods using the SOEP, for East and West Germany separately. The first two columns present results from linear probability models which include additional family background variables. The remaining columns report estimates from individual random-effect models and family fixed effect linear probability models. The first method uses all person-year observations for which respondents' party affinity is observed more than once. This method controls for any unobserved individual effects assumed to be uncorrelated with the explanatory variables.[20] The second method uses the sub-sample of young people in which at least two siblings with the same mother were interviewed. Sibling models relate differences in right-wing outcomes among siblings to sibling differences in parental unemployment experience during childhood. Although family fixed effect models are not a panacea against unbiaseness, they are useful in controlling for unobserved environmental or genetic characteristics that do not change over time (Ermisch and Francesconi, 2001).[21] For example, young adults who grow up with xenophobic parents (which is unobserved in the SOEP) might show a stronger leaning towards right-wing extremist parties. Assuming that parents' anti-foreign sentiments remain stable over time, family fixed effect models help to control for family-specific influences that might have an impact both on parents' unemployment propensities and children's political attitudes.

I start by discussing the results in Panel A, Table 7. The first two columns show that the association between parental unemployment and right-wing outcomes is robust to including further explanatory variables. With the exception of the number of brothers in East Germany, family structure variables have no significant effect.[22] The random

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all the years for which positive household income is available.

[20] Note that the random-effect estimates are consistent if parental unemployment is the only endogenous variable.

[21] One potential problem with fixed effect estimation is that by using within group variation errors-in-variables bias may increase (Griliches, 1979).

[22] I also distinguished between individuals whose mother was unmarried at their birth from individuals who had ever lived with a separated/divorced mother and individuals who experienced the death of their

effect estimates in Panel A also suggest a positive and significant intergenerational relationship. In contrast, sibling difference estimates are positive and statistically significant for young people living in East Germany only.[23] The impact is large, suggesting that East Germans who grew up with an unemployed parent have a 6 percent higher risk of leaning towards a right-wing extremist party than those in East Germany whose parents were not unemployed during their childhood.

Estimates in Panel B report whether the impact of parental unemployment varies with the age at which it was experienced. To this end, I break down the most recent phase of parental unemployment into two mutually exclusive childhood stages: early childhood (birth to age 12) and late childhood (ages 13-16). From the theoretical considerations in Section 2, it became apparent that right-wing extremism might be triggered by parental unemployment, acting as an outlet for feelings of deprivation and socio-economic insecurity. This implicitly suggests that young people were aware of their parents' unemployment, which is more likely at an older stage of childhood. Hence, one would expect an impact of parental unemployment in late childhood rather than early childhood. Consistent with this hypothesis, Panel B in Table 7 shows a positive significant impact of parental unemployment during late childhood on right-wing party affinity in the majority of regressions. Hardly any significant effect appears for parental unemployment during early childhood.

The results for parental unemployment experience during childhood and adolescence (ages 17+) are shown in Panel C. Note that the point estimates from the various estimation methods are smaller in magnitude here than the corresponding ones in Panel A. This suggests that parental unemployment during late childhood – rather than at ages 17 and above – plays a crucial role in right-wing extremism. Similar conclusions can be drawn from the impact of parents' current unemployment (Panel D). In addition, I also run fixed-effect estimates of current parental unemployment on the propensity to feel close to a right-wing extremist party. The coefficients were not

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father during childhood. None of the three variables showed a significant association with the outcome measure.

[23] Note that the imprecision of the sibling fixed effects for West Germany is not surprising since there are fewer differences in parental unemployment during childhood for siblings in the West compared to the East.

significantly different from zero with -0.002 (0.018) for West Germans, and 0.002 (0.012) for East Germans, respectively.[24]

Finally, Panel E reports the impact of the number of years of maternal and paternal unemployment on affinity to a right-wing extremist party. Note that all coefficients are positive, whereas only the number of years fathers were unemployed in West Germany is significantly positive linked with right-wing extremism. On average, an additional year of paternal unemployment increases the affinity to a right-wing extremist party by one percentage point. Every year since the start of the SOEP in 1984, respondents were asked to report their employment status in the previous year using a monthly employment "calendar".[25] In contrast, for the years prior to 1983, parental unemployment status is available on an annual basis only. As a final exercise, I investigated the relationship between the number of months parents were unemployed during childhood and right-wing extremism for the period 1983-2004. Again, paternal unemployment duration showed a stronger positive link with right-wing extremism than maternal unemployment duration.[26]

Taken as a whole, the results provide further evidence for Germany that there exists a positive link between parental unemployment and young people's affinity to right-wing extremist parties. Furthermore, they indicate that parental unemployment during late childhood (ages 13-16) plays a crucial role in children's affinity to right-wing extremist parties.

8. Instrumental variable estimates

To investigate causal intergenerational effects, instrumental variable regressions are estimated. As a source of exogenous variation in parents' unemployment, I exploit the stark differences in unemployment rates between East and West Germany, both before and after reunification in 1990. The GDR had a centrally planned economy: prices,

[24] In the YYAS, young people are also asked whether their parents were unemployed in the six months prior to the interview. This sheds further light on whether it is unemployment experience during childhood or more recent parental unemployment at an older age that is most strongly associated with right-wing extremism. In all but one regression, the estimates showed parental unemployment during childhood to be more strongly associated with right-wing extremism (in both magnitude and significance) than more recent parental unemployment.

[25] SOEP respondents are asked to mark on a calendar their monthly labour market status in previous years such as full-time employment, part-time employment, short-time contract, unemployment, etc.

[26] However, smaller sample sizes reduced the precision of the estimates and the relationship was only significant at the 10 percent level for young people living in East Germany.

production and allocation of resources were state-planned, and unemployment was very low. In the years following reunification, unemployment levels surged in the area of the former GDR, reaching 20.1 percent in 2004 (ZUMA, 2005). In contrast, the West had a free market economy, with unemployment levels in the range of 3.8 to 9.3 percent during the 1980s, and "more moderate" increases in unemployment levels than East Germany in the years following the fall of the Berlin Wall. Figure 2 depicts the development of unemployment levels in East and West Germany since 1990. A steeper increase in unemployment rates in East Germany after reunification is apparent. Figure 3 shows the proportion of young people growing up with an unemployed parent over time by using data from the YYAS, separately for individuals living in East and West Germany. The vertical line represents the year of the collapse of the Berlin Wall in 1989. The figure shows (1) that the proportion of young people with unemployed parents during childhood was close to zero in the GDR before 1989 compared to the FRG, and (2) that unemployment rates increased more dramatically there than in the West following the fall of the Berlin Wall. These huge differences over time and across both parts of Germany provide an exogenous source of variation for parental unemployment experience. The regression model consists of equation (1) as well as:

$$u^p = \alpha_o + \alpha_1 childhood^{GDR} + X\alpha_3 + v. \qquad (2)$$

The equations are estimated by Two Stage Least Square (2SLS), whereas equation (2) represents the first-stage equation and the variable $childhood^{GDR}$ serves as an instrument for parental unemployment during childhood.

In the SOEP and YYAS Survey, $childhood^{GDR}$ represents the number of years an individual lived in the GDR during childhood (ages 0-16). The idea is that the more years of childhood a young person spent in the former GDR, the less likely it is that she experienced parental unemployment because the socialist state provided "better protection" against unemployment than the free-market economy in the West. In the DJI Youth Survey, $childhood^{GDR}$ is a dummy variable that equals one if the young person lived in East Germany at age 16, and zero otherwise.[27]

[27] Note that in the DJI Youth Survey, the dummy variable $childhood^{GDR}$ also equals one if the respondent lived in the former area of the GDR in the intermediate transition year 1991. This results in a stronger instrument and more precise estimates in the second stage.

To clarify the identification strategy and interpretation of IV estimates, I now use notation for potential treatment assignments following Imbens and Angrist (1994) and Angrist (2004). To keep things simple, I focus on the DJI Youth Survey, where the instrument is a dummy variable. Define potential treatment assignments (whether children experienced parental unemployment at age 16 or not) relative to binary instrument $childhood^{GDR}$ as u^p_0 and u^p_1, where u^p_0 is the binary treatment if the respondent lived in FRG at age 16 ($childhood^{GDR} = 0$) and u^p_1 is the treatment if the respondent lived in GDR at age 16 ($childhood^{GDR} = 1$). Angrist (2004) showed that '*monotonicity*' is one crucial assumption for the support of IV estimation. In simple words, this assumption requires that the instrument affects treatment assignment for everyone in the same direction. Here, I assume that $u^p_1 \leq u^p_0$ for all *i*. Since unemployment in the socialist GDR was virtually zero, nearly nobody who lived in the GDR at age 16 experienced parental unemployment, hence $u^p_1 \approx 0$ if $childhood^{GDR} = 1$ and thus monotonicity assumption is very likely to hold. Next, I turn to the remaining assumptions for identifying IV regressions, '*first-stage*' and '*independence*' and present results of IV regressions.

Results of the first-stage regressions are shown in Table 8. As expected, there exists a negative association between the number of childhood years spent in the GDR and the chances of growing up with unemployed parents in both the SOEP and YYAS. The estimates suggest that having spent an additional year of childhood in the former socialist system decreased the chances of experiencing parental unemployment during childhood by around 5-6 percentage points. Similarly, those who lived in the GDR at age 16 (DJI Youth Survey) had a 14 percent lower risk of experiencing parental unemployment in late childhood compared to those in the FRG. The first-stage relationships are very strong, suggesting that the instrument is highly correlated with the potential endogenous variable.[28]

Using the DJI Youth Survey, I also distinguish between experience of parental unemployment in East Germany during the periods 1990-1993 and 1994-1997, respectively (IV_{II}). The probability of experiencing parental unemployment is around 11 percent and 19 percent higher for East than West Germans, in both periods and previous

[28] The t-statistics are in the range of 7-16, and the lowest F-statistic is 49. This suggests that the IV estimates are unlikely to be biased toward OLS (Staiger and Stock, 1997). Similarly, partial R^2 are large, also implying that the instruments are strong (Bound, Jaeger, and Baker, 1995).

time periods, respectively.[29] This second IV strategy allows me to test for over-identification later on. Pooled OLS and 2SLS results for young people living in Germany are presented in Table 9. Again, OLS estimates show a positive and statistically significant association with the majority of right-wing outcomes. With one exception, the 2SLS point estimates are higher in magnitude than the corresponding OLS results. This indicates a causal intergenerational impact of parental unemployment on children's right-wing extremism.

Several explanations are suggested in the literature why IV estimates might yield larger point estimates than corresponding OLS results: (1) measurement error in the explanatory variable parental unemployment and (2) heterogeneity in the effect of parental unemployment experience across the population of young people. The first issue occurs if measurement error, which results in downward bias of OLS estimates, outweighs potential upward bias due to omitted variables. As discussed in Section 5, measurement problems are likely to be most severe in the DJI Youth Survey and the YYAS. Indeed, comparing differences between the OLS and the corresponding IV estimates across the three data sets show relatively large differences in both YYAS and the DJI Youth Survey compared to SOEP estimates. Third, retrospective employment histories from the SOEP not only indicate that unemployment levels were lower among parents in the former GDR than among parents in the FRG, but also that unemployment duration was shorter on average. Hence, the instrumental variables might not only explain differences in the incidence of parental unemployment during childhood but also differences in parental unemployment duration between former East and West Germany. Finally, IV estimates might be larger because they represent the average effect of a particular and selected group of young people only. For instance, the impact of parental unemployment experience on young people's right-wing extremism might be larger among children with less-educated parents. Again using treatment effect terminology, the IV estimates capture the marginal effect for the young people who are affected by the instrument, the so-called local average treatment effect (LATE), whereas unbiased OLS estimates (i.e. in the absence of measurement error and omitted variable bias) correspond to the population average treatment effect (ATE). Furthermore, it can be shown that the LATE estimator in the present case corresponds to the average

[29] This is consistent with Mayer (2000) who finds higher transition rates into unemployment among East

treatment effect on the treated (ATT).[30] To clarify this, we can partition the population of young Germans into three mutually exclusive groups. (1) '*complier children*', (2) '*never-taker children*' and (3) '*always-taker children*'. *Complier children* are those who would have grown up with unemployed parents in the FRG, but not in the GDR. *Never-taker children* are those who would have never experienced parental unemployment during childhood, independent of the political and economic system they lived in. The group of *always-taker children* would consist of individuals whose parents would have been unemployed under both political regimes. However, since unemployment was virtually non-existent in the GDR, the set of *always-taker children* is zero, and therefore LATE equals ATT (Angrist, 2004).

Hence, the present IV estimates might capture the impact of parental unemployment on young people's right-wing extremism among a sub-group of the population of young people who would have grown up with unemployed parents had they not lived in the former GDR. I argue that these are primarily individual's with working-class parents with low educational levels who would have had a higher risk of experiencing parental unemployment when growing up in a free market economy rather than in a socialist, planned economy. In fact, in the years following German reunification, unskilled and semi-skilled workers in East Germany faced the highest risk of becoming unemployed (Mayer, 2000).

Do the instruments satisfy the exclusion restriction (*independence*)? In other words, does growing up in the former GDR affect young people's right-wing extremism only through parental unemployment experience? It might be that growing up in a socialist, non-democratic state has a direct impact on individuals' right-wing extremism, irrespective of parental unemployment during childhood. However, existing empirical evidence does not support the hypothesis that differences in socialization between former East and West Germany account for differences in right-wing crime in both parts of Germany during the 1990s (Falk and Zweimüller, 2005). Similarly, Kurthen *et al.* (1997: 3) write in this context: "Because they [East Germans] had lived under the conditions of a second dictatorship, they were expected to harbor antidemocratic, authoritarian, and intolerant views. In response to these fears, numerous empirical

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Germans in the period July 1992 – March 1997 compared to January 1990 – June 1993.

[30] The ATT here measures the impact of parental unemployment on right-wing extremism among those who actually experienced maternal or paternal unemployment.

studies were begun in 1990 in the former GDR on voter profiles, issues regarding the political culture, and attitudes toward foreigners. ... The surveys' findings were surprising to many because they revealed only slight differences in levels of antisemitism and xenophobia between East and West Germans." Moreover, using survey data for the year 1992 in East and West Germany, Weil (1997: 129) summarizes: "And again, East Germans did not differ much from West Germans in ethnic tolerance after reunification — indeed, they were often even more tolerant — even though press reports suggested that long-suppressed ethnic hatreds were free to boil over." Similar findings are reported in Klingemann and Hofferbert (1994) and Veen and Zelle (1995). Overall, evidence from a broad range of studies casts serious doubt on the hypothesis that having lived in the GDR has a direct influence on right-wing extremism and xenophobia in Germany.

To further evaluate this point, the last column in Table 9 presents p-values of Sargan's (1958) test of overidentifying restrictions using IV_{II} estimation method. With the exception of the xenophobia outcome, the null hypotheses that the excluded instruments are not correlated with the error term cannot be rejected at reasonable significance levels. The result from the Sargan's test for the outcome variable xenophobia is interesting and plausible. First, it shows that Sargan's test has the power to reject the null hypothesis. Second, the xenophobia outcome captures "very extreme" respondents. Note that less than 1 percent of respondents are xenophobic according to the definition imposed. For this small and extreme group it seems that that growing up in a socialist, non-democratic state had a direct influence on right-wing extremism. Taken together, the IV estimates provide evidence of a significant causal relationship between parental unemployment experience during childhood and young people's right-wing extremism.[31]

9. Propensity score estimates

This section presents results for propensity score methods. The propensity score method compares treated individuals (who experienced parental unemployment during childhood) with a comparison group of young people who did not grow up with

[31] For the West German sample, I also used the local unemployment rate at the time individuals were aged 16 and whether respondents lived in urban areas as potential instruments. Unfortunately, these IV

unemployed parents and have observable characteristics similar to those of the treated. Again, the key parameter of interest is the average treatment effect on the treated (ATT). Table 10 presents ATT estimated using propensity score matching. Column (1) shows estimates from local linear regressions, column (2) contains results from radius matching.[32] Independently of the data set or matching method, all the estimates point to a positive and statistically significant impact of parental unemployment on young people's right-wing extremism. In line with the previous IV results, the propensity score estimates are larger in absolute value than the corresponding OLS estimates (albeit to a lower magnitude), also suggesting a causal relationship between parental unemployment experience during childhood and right-wing extremism.[33]

10. Additional Sensitivity analysis

This section examines the sensitivity of the results for the outcome variable *leaning towards right-wing extremist party*.

Residential mobility Parents may have moved to avoid unemployment. I examine whether geographic mobility might bias the results by re-estimating the models on samples of young people who did not move during childhood. In the DJI Youth Survey, non-movers are defined as those still living in the federal state where they were born. In the YYAS survey, I define non-movers as those who did not move to a different town during childhood. Geographic mobility is very low in Germany: 78 percent in the YYAS did not move to a different town during their childhood and around 90 percent in the DJI Youth Survey still live in their federal state of birth. Panel A of Table 11 shows estimates on samples of non-movers. The results are very similar to previous level estimates, suggesting that geographic mobility is not a cause of concern.

Misreporting of right-wing extremism Young people might hide the fact that they have right-wing extremist views. In particular, this could be true if parents or an

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candidates were not very strong. However, the majority of 2SLS coefficients were positive and larger in magnitude than corresponding OLS.

[32] Estimations are performed with the Stata module psmatch2 (Leuven and Sianesi, 2003) Following Sianesi (2004) and Caliendo and Kopeinig (2006), Table A3 in the Appendix reports a range of indicators of how successful matching on the estimated propensity score balanced the distribution of covariates between treatment and control group.

interviewer are present at the time of the interview. If misreporting is systematically related to parental unemployment, then estimates are biased. I try to control for potential misreporting problems by examining whether the inclusion of additional explanatory variables and their interaction with parental unemployment, such as whether respondents answered questionnaire with interviewer present (SOEP) and presence of a third party at the time of the interview (DJI Youth Survey), change the estimates. Results are presented in Panel B, Table 11. The results are mixed. Estimates based on the DJI Youth Survey indicate that misreporting might be a problem, downwardly biasing baseline estimates. In the absence of a third party at the interview, respondents in the DJI Youth Survey were more likely to report right-wing behaviour and xenophobia. The opposite was true for SOEP respondents with respect to the presence of an interviewer.

11. Summary and discussion

This paper examined whether parental unemployment experience during childhood (ages 0-16) increases the risk that young people in Germany become right-wing extremist. Estimates from cross-sectional regressions suggest that the experience of parental unemployment during childhood is significantly positive associated with right-wing extremist attitudes and anti-foreign sentiments for young people aged 16-29. For example, young Germans who grew up with an unemployed parent are 3-5 percentage points more likely to participate in a skinhead / neo-Nazi group. These are large effects, given that around 2 percent of respondents indicate having participated in skinhead / neo-Nazi groups. The intergenerational relationship is stronger in significance and magnitude for young male Germans.

By exploiting large differences in unemployment levels between East and West Germany, both before and after German reunification as an exogenous variation in parental unemployment, this paper provides evidence of a causal relationship between parental unemployment during childhood and young people's right-wing extremism. The majority of 2SLS estimates are larger in magnitude than the corresponding OLS results. Propensity score matching and panel data estimates also point to a positive

[33] Note that the lower magnitude of ATT estimates using propensity score methods compared to 2SLS estimates could be driven by measurement error in parental unemployment. See Battistin and Chesher (2004) for bias of propensity score estimates in case of covariate measurement error.

intergenerational relationship. Overall, three different data sets lead to similar conclusions: growing up with unemployed parents significantly increases young people's right-wing extremism in Germany. It is reassuring that the main conclusions appear to hold across varying data sets, time periods, outcome measures and differences in estimation methods.

Finally, some cautionary notes are in order here. First, it is not an easy task to control for any unobservable characteristics possibly influencing both parental unemployment and right-wing extremism. Different estimation methods rely on different identifying assumptions which are, depending on readers' beliefs, open to criticism. However, by applying a broad range of methods with different strengths and weaknesses, this paper aims to provide a more convincing picture than a study using one method only. Second, the results presented here do not necessarily carry over to other countries and other time periods. Third, the impact of peer group effects has not been investigated here. Interaction with peers may influence young people's political attitudes. For instance, growing up in an area where right-wing culture is strong may increase young people's susceptibility to right-wing extremism. Moreover, it is important to stress that right-wing extremism is a complex and multifarious phenomena: having found a causal relationship between parental unemployment during childhood and right-wing extremism does not mean that there are no other possible channels of influence. Similarly, unemployment might be associated with other extremist behaviour as well, such as left-wing extremism or criminal activities. Clearly, it is important for future research to investigate other mechanism that may further explain extremism in general.

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Figure 1: Right-wing Extremists in Germany

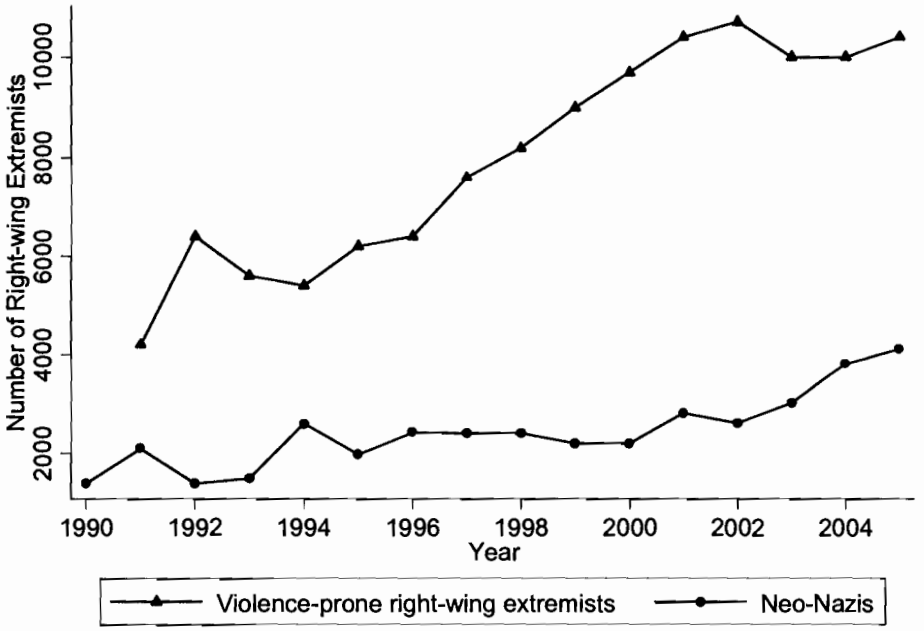

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Figure 2: Unemployment Rate in East and West Germany

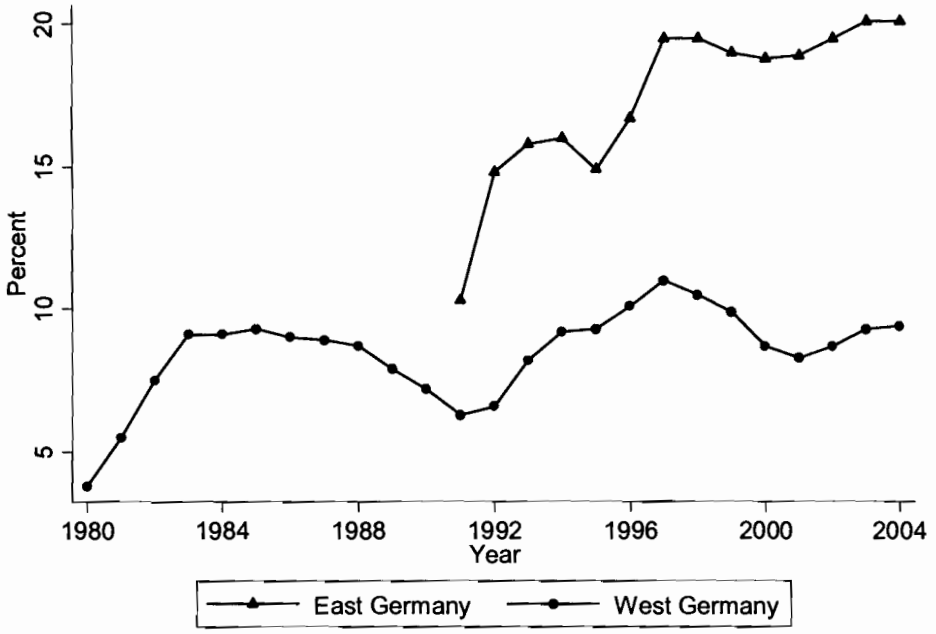

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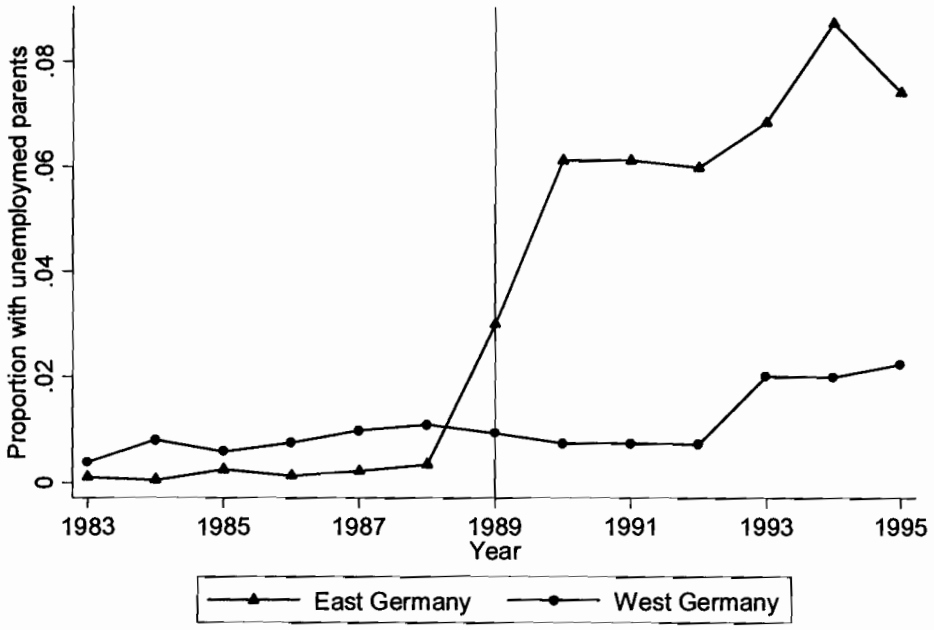
Figure 3: Proportion of Young People with Unemployed Parents by Region of Residence (East vs. West Germany) and Year



Source: YYAS, own calculation

Table 1: Means of the Outcome Variables by Sample, Region of Residence and Parental Unemployment

	German Socio-Economic Panel (SOEP)				Youth and Young Adult Survey				DJI Youth Survey			
	East Germany		West Germany		East Germany		West Germany		East Germany		West Germany	
Outcomes	[1]	[2]	[1]	[2]	[1]	[2]	[1]	[2]	[1]	[2]	[1]	[2]
Leaning towards right-wing extremist party	0.054	0.097	0.020	0.046	0.030	0.091	0.026	0.014	0.029	0.090	0.023	0.101
N	*799*	*432*	*3,437*	*1,084*	*1,270*	*121*	*2,181*	*145*				
Participation in skinhead / neo-Nazi group					0.015	0.048	0.015	0.036	0.014	0.070	0.009	0.062
N					*2,021*	*249*	*3,243*	*223*				
Right-wing political views									0.030	0.092	0.035	0.085
Totally\strongly agree with: "When there is a shortage of jobs, foreigners should be sent back to their home country"									0.360	0.476	0.201	0.372
"It would be better if all foreigners left Germany"									0.180	0.280	0.108	0.209
Acceptable to: "Using violent means to make it clear to asylum-seekers that they should return to their home country"[a]									0.054	0.138	0.029	0.123
Right-wing behaviour									0.007	0.042	0.004	0.015
Xenophobia									0.019	0.067	0.007	0.054
N									*2,917*	*357*	*5,797*	*129*

Notes: N is person-year observations in the SOEP and the number of individuals in the Youth and Young Adult Survey and the DJI Youth Survey.
[1] No parental unemployment during childhood
[2] Parental unemployment during childhood
[a] Number of observations for this outcome variable are: *1,395*; *246*; *2,646* and *81*.

Table 2: Parental Unemployment and Right-Wing Extremism

	German Socio-Economic Panel		Youth and Young Adult Survey		DJI Youth Survey	
Outcomes	East Germany	West Germany	East Germany	West Germany	East Germany	West Germany
Panel A						
Leaning towards right-wing extremist party	0.054**	0.021*	0.051**	-0.017	0.046**	0.067**
	(0.026)	(0.011)	(0.019)	(0.013)	(0.010)	(0.014)
Participation in skinhead / neo-Nazi group			0.030**	0.022**	0.044**	0.048**
			(0.010)	(0.009)	(0.008)	(0.009)
Right-wing political views					0.045**	0.040**
					(0.011)	(0.017)
Panel B						
Totally\strongly agree with:						
"When there is a shortage of jobs, foreigners should be sent back to their home countries"					0.059**	0.131**
					(0.027)	(0.034)
"It would be better if all foreigners left Germany"					0.049**	0.073**
					(0.023)	(0.027)
Acceptable to:						
"Using violent means to make it clear to asylum-seekers that they should return to their home country"					0.054**	0.083**
					(0.018)	(0.020)
Panel C						
Right-wing behaviour			0.038**	-0.001	0.030**	0.009
			(0.010)	(0.003)	(0.006)	(0.006)
Xenophobia					0.027**	0.042**
					(0.009)	(0.008)

Notes: OLS regressions with standard errors in parentheses. In regressions based on the SOEP, standard errors are corrected for person-year clustering. Each estimate represents the coefficient from a different regression. * significant at the 10%, ** significant at the 5% level. Other explanatory variables are age, female, mother's and father's highest educational attainment (three groups: no degree or secondary general school degree, intermediate school degree, high school degree), young people's highest educational attainment (four groups: no degree or secondary general school degree, intermediate school degree, high school degree, still in school), local unemployment rate, proportion of foreigners in federal state, and a maximal set of year dummies, district size dummies and federal state of residence dummies. Regressions based on the DJI Youth Survey also control for father's occupation (five groups: worker, blue-collar worker, white-collar worker, self-employed, other).

Table 3: Parental Unemployment, Feelings of Economic Insecurity, Political Disaffection and Propensity to feel close to Extremist Right-Wing Party

	German Socio-Economic Panel					Youth and Young Adult Survey		DJI Youth Survey			
Selected Covariates	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(1)	(6)	(1)	(2)	(3)	(6)
Panel A											
East Germany											
Young people's own unemployment	0.091**	0.082*	0.078*	0.077*	0.076*	0.023**	0.037**	0.037**	0.035**	0.033**	0.034**
	(0.045)	(0.046)	(0.046)	(0.043)	(0.043)	(0.007)	(0.018)	(0.011)	(0.011)	(0.011)	(0.011)
Worried about financial situation		0.032*	0.026	0.026*	0.027				0.006	0.005	0.002
		(0.017)	(0.017)	(0.016)	(0.016)				(0.006)	(0.007)	(0.007)
Feels disadvantaged by reunification										0.008	0.004
										(0.009)	(0.009)
No trust into politicians/government							0.033**				0.025**
							(0.015)				(0.007)
Parents are worried about finances			0.037**	0.020	0.021						
			(0.017)	(0.015)	(0.015)						
Parents lean toward right-wing extremist party				0.584**	0.583**						
				(0.101)	(0.101)						
Parents are very much in favour of democracy					0.038						
					(0.029)						
Parental unemployment during childhood	0.054**	0.055*	0.049*	0.044**	0.044**	0.031**	0.060**	0.054**	0.054**	0.054**	0.053**
	(0.026)	(0.026)	(0.025)	(0.023)	(0.023)	(0.010)	(0.022)	(0.011)	(0.011)	(0.011)	(0.011)
N			*1,216*			*1,378*	*709*		*3,103*		
Panel B											
West Germany											
Young people's own unemployment	0.013	0.005	0.005	0.006	0.005	0.022**	0.021	0.051**	0.046**	0.045**	0.043**
	(0.024)	(0.023)	(0.023)	(0.024)	(0.023)	(0.010)	(0.018)	(0.011)	(0.011)	(0.011)	(0.011)
Worried about financial situation		0.035**	0.035**	0.034**	0.034**				0.015**	0.013**	0.012**
		(0.014)	(0.014)	(0.014)	(0.014)				(0.004)	(0.004)	(0.004)
Feels disadvantaged by reunification										0.020**	0.018**
										(0.005)	(0.004)

No trust into politicians/government							0.032**				0.016**
							(0.013)				(0.005)
Parents are worried about finances			0.003	0.001	0.001						
			(0.008)	(0.007)	(0.007)						
Parents lean towards right-wing extremist party				0.336**	0.334**						
				(0.116)	(0.115)						
Parents are very much in favour of democracy					-0.017						
					(0.011)						
Parental unemployment during childhood	0.021*	0.020*	0.020*	0.021*	0.022**	-0.020	-0.030	0.067**	0.066**	0.066**	0.065**
	(0.012)	(0.011)	(0.011)	(0.011)	(0.011)	(0.014)	(0.024)	(0.015)	(0.015)	(0.015)	(0.015)
N			*4,389*			*2,313*	*936*		*5,516*		

Notes: See notes Table 2.

Table 4: Parental Unemployment and Right-Wing Extremism

	German Socio-Economic Panel	Youth and Young Adult Survey[a]		DJI Youth Survey	
Selected Covariates	Right-wing party	Right-wing party	Skinhead group	Right-wing party	Skinhead group
Mother unemployed	0.025	0.026**	0.003	0.041**	0.049**
	(0.016)	(0.012)	(0.007)	(0.010)	(0.007)
Father unemployed	0.036**	0.004	0.019**	0.036**	0.041**
	(0.016)	(0.013)	(0.008)	(0.014)	(0.010)
Both parents unemployed	0.009	0.030**	0.030**	0.130**	0.036**
	(0.019)	(0.015)	(0.009)	(0.023)	(0.016)
N	*5,752*	*3,524*	*5,433*	*9,200*	

Notes: [a] Information is only available with respect to parental unemployment in the last 6 months. Pooled OLS regressions for East and West Germany with standard errors in parentheses. In regressions based on the SOEP, standard errors are corrected for person-year clustering. Each estimate represents the coefficient from a different regression. * significant at the 10%, ** significant at the 5% level. Other explanatory variables are age, east, female, mother's and father's highest educational attainment (three groups: no degree or secondary general school degree, intermediate school degree, high school degree), young people's highest educational attainment (four groups: no degree or secondary general school degree, intermediate school degree, high school degree, still in school), local unemployment rate, proportion of foreigners in federal state, and a maximal set of year dummies, district size dummies and federal state of residence dummies. East is a dummy variable which equals one if respondent lives in East Germany, and is zero otherwise.

Table 5: Parental Unemployment and Right-Wing Extremism by Gender and Region

	SOEP				Youth and Young Adult Survey				DJI Youth Survey			
	Men		Women		Men		Women		Men		Women	
Outcomes	East	West	East	West	East	West	East	West	East	West	East	West
Leaning towards right-wing extremist party	0.055*	0.038*	0.040	0.008	0.095**	-0.027	0.014	-0.010	0.082**	0.114**	0.007	0.028*
	(0.029)	(0.023)	(0.039)	(0.012)	(0.035)	(0.024)	(0.016)	(0.013)	(0.019)	(0.024)	(0.011)	(0.014)
Participation in skinhead / neo-Nazi group					0.037**	0.027**	0.022**	0.015	0.068**	0.041**	0.018**	0.053**
					(0.018)	(0.013)	(0.011)	(0.013)	(0.015)	(0.016)	(0.006)	(0.009)
Right-wing political views									0.077**	0.067**	0.013	0.020
									(0.019)	(0.028)	(0.010)	(0.018)
"When there is a shortage of jobs, foreigners should be sent back to their home country"									0.098**	0.104**	0.020	0.157**
									(0.038)	(0.051)	(0.039)	(0.046)
"It would be better if all foreigners left Germany "									0.072**	0.111**	0.031	0.042
									(0.033)	(0.041)	(0.032)	(0.036)
"Using violent means to make it clear to asylum-seekers that they should return to their home country"[a]									0.077**	0.098**	0.030*	0.067**
									(0.030)	(0.033)	(0.019)	(0.023)
Right-wing behaviour									0.102**	0.079**	0.025**	0.006
									(0.020)	(0.013)	(0.009)	(0.007)
Xenophobia									0.050**	0.122**	0.005	0.033**
									(0.015)	(0.024)	(0.008)	(0.012)

Notes: OLS regressions with standard errors in parentheses. In regressions based on the SOEP, standard errors are corrected for person-year clustering. Each estimate represents the coefficient from a different regression. * significant at the 10%, ** significant at the 5% level. Other explanatory variables are age, mother's and father's highest educational attainment (three groups: no degree or secondary general school degree, intermediate school degree, high school degree), young people's highest educational attainment (four groups: no degree or secondary general school degree, intermediate school degree, high school degree, still in school), local unemployment rate, proportion of foreigners in federal state, and a maximal set of year dummies, district size dummies and federal state of residence dummies.

Table 6: Parental Unemployment and Right-wing Extremism by Parental Income Groups (SOEP)

	Household income quartiles			
Selected covariates	Bottom	2nd	3rd	Top
East Germany				
Parental unemployment during childhood	0.046	0.031	-0.019	0.099
	(0.092)	(0.062)	(0.051)	(0.062)
Average household income	22,279	28,524	34,311	46,680
West Germany				
Parental unemployment during childhood	0.026	0.046	0.038*	-0.015
	(0.017)	(0.030)	(0.021)	(0.010)
Average household income	23,444	31,400	39,781	60,693

Notes: OLS regressions with standard errors in parentheses. Standard errors are corrected for person-year clustering. Each estimate represents the coefficient from a different regression. * significant at the 10%, ** significant at the 5% level. Other explanatory variables are age, female, mother's and father's highest educational attainment (three groups: no degree or secondary general school degree, intermediate school degree, high school degree), young people's highest educational attainment (four groups: no degree or secondary general school degree, intermediate school degree, high school degree, still in school), local unemployment rate, proportion of foreigners in federal state, and a maximal set of year dummies, district size and federal state of residence dummies. Average household income is post-government household income averaged over all childhood years (0-16) income information is available (expressed in 2000 Euros).

Table 7: Parental Unemployment and Leaning towards Right-Wing Extremist Party (SOEP)

	OLS[a]		Random effect estimates[a]		Sibling difference estimates[b]	
Selected Covariates	East Germany	West Germany	East Germany	West Germany	East Germany	West Germany
Panel A						
Parental unemployment	0.055**	0.020*	0.061**	0.020**	0.058**	0.011
during childhood (0-16)	(0.026)	(0.011)	(0.027)	(0.010)	(0.023)	(0.009)
Only child	-0.009	0.010				
	(0.030)	(0.020)				
Number of sisters	0.022	-0.001				
	(0.020)	(0.004)				
Number of brothers	0.033*	0.001				
	(0.019)	(0.006)				
Ever lived in a non-intact family	-0.021	0.015				
during childhood (0-16)	(0.029)	(0.013)				
Panel B						
Most recent parental unemployment at ages:						
0-12	-0.031	0.026	-0.022	0.015	0.046*	0.004
	(0.026)	(0.018)	(0.047)	(0.013)	(0.025)	(0.011)
13-16	0.053*	0.012	0.076**	0.022	0.069**	0.020*
	(0.028)	(0.012)	(0.028)	(0.013)	(0.034)	(0.011)
Panel C						
Parental unemployment during	0.031*	0.014*	0.020	0.015		
childhood, adolescence and adulthood:	(0.017)	(0.008)	(0.018)	(0.008)		
Panel D						
Parental unemployment	0.052**	0.017	0.058**	0.020**		
during childhood (0-16)	(0.026)	(0.011)	(0.028)	(0.010)		
Current parental unemployment	0.022	-0.006	0.014	0.002		
	(0.020)	(0.012)	(0.014)	(0.009)		
Panel E						
Number of years mother was	0.008	0.001	0.006	0.001	0.026	0.007
unemployed during childhood	(0.010)	(0.003)	(0.008)	(0.004)	(0.017)	(0.006)
Number of years father was	0.015	0.008*	0.012	0.009**	-0.029	0.014**
unemployed during childhood	(0.013)	(0.004)	(0.010)	(0.003)	(0.020)	(0.007)

Notes: * significant at the 10%, ** significant at the 5% level

[a] Other explanatory variables are age, mother's and father's highest educational attainment (three groups: no degree or secondary general school degree, intermediate school degree, high school degree), young people's highest educational attainment (four groups: no degree or secondary general school degree, intermediate school degree, high school degree, still in school), local unemployment rate, proportion of foreigners, a maximal set of year dummies, district size and state of residence dummies.

[b] Linear probability models. Other explanatory variables used were the sibling (differences) in age, year of birth, gender, highest educational attainment and a constant. Standard errors are robust to any form of correlation between siblings.

Table 8: First-Step Regressions (East and West Germany together)

Outcomes	SOEP	YYAS		DJI Youth Survey			
	Leaning towards right-wing party	Leaning towards right-wing party	Participation in skinhead neo-Nazi group	All outcome variables except of attitudes towards asylum-seekers		Attitudes towards asylum-seekers	
Selected Covariates							
Panel A (IV_I)							
Number of childhood years lived in GDR	-0.047**	-0.061**	-0.063**				
	(0.006)	(0.005)	(0.004)				
Lived in GDR at age16				-0.140**		-0.131**	
				(0.009)		(0.015)	
Panel B (IV_{II})							
Parental unemployment in East Germany in the years:							
1990-1993					0.109**		0.050**
					(0.010)		(0.018)
1994-1997					0.183**		0.172**
					(0.011)		(0.018)
Partial R^2	0.022	0.042	0.048	0.022	0.028	0.015	0.020
F-Statistic	126.60	162.06	289.42	230.07	268.30	76.97	51.29
N	*5,752*	*3,717*	*5,736*	*9,200*		*4,368*	

Notes: Other explanatory variables are age, female, east, mother's and father's highest educational attainment (three groups: no degree or secondary general school degree, intermediate school degree, high school degree), young people's highest educational attainment (four groups: no degree or secondary general school degree, intermediate school degree, high school degree, still in school), local unemployment rate, local unemployment rate, proportion of foreigners in federal state, and a maximal set of year dummies, district size dummies and state of residence dummies. Regressions based on the DJI Youth Survey also control for father's occupation (five groups: worker, blue-collar worker, white-collar worker, self-employed, other). East is a dummy variable which equals one if respondent lives in East Germany, and is zero otherwise.

Table 9: OLS and Instrumental Variable Estimations (East and West Germany together)

Outcomes	German Socio-Economic Panel		Youth and Young Adult Survey		DJI Youth Survey			
	OLS	IV	OLS	IV	OLS	IV_I	IV_{II}	Over-identification test[a]
Leaning towards right-wing extremist party	0.027**	0.034	0.012	0.008	0.052**	0.121**	0.059	
	(0.011)	(0.057)	(0.011)	(0.053)	(0.008)	(0.051)	(0.046)	0.61
Participation in skinhead / neo-Nazi group			0.025**	0.063**	0.047**	0.071**	0.053*	
			(0.007)	(0.030)	(0.006)	(0.036)	(0.033)	0.12
Right-wing political views					0.046**	0.124**	0.083	
					(0.009)	(0.058)	(0.052)	0.47
Totally\strongly agree with:								
"When there is a shortage of jobs, foreigners should be sent back to their home countries"					0.089**	0.188	0.243**	
					(0.020)	(0.129)	(0.116)	0.85
"It would be better if all foreigners left Germany"					0.064**	0.231**	0.212**	
					(0.016)	(0.104)	(0.094)	0.54
"Using violent means to make it clear to asylum-seekers that they should return to their home country"[b]					0.068**	0.175*	0.190**	
					(0.012)	(0.093)	(0.080)	0.07
Right-wing behaviour			0.016**	0.065**	0.024**	0.047**	0.022	
			(0.004)	(0.021)	(0.004)	(0.025)	(0.022)	0.18
Xenophobia					0.037**	0.192**	0.156**	
					(0.005)	(0.037)	(0.032)	0.00

Notes: Pooled OLS and IV regressions for East and West Germany with standard errors in parentheses. Each estimate represents the coefficient from a different regression. * significant at the 10%, ** significant at the 5% level. Other explanatory variables are age, east, female, mother's and father's highest educational attainment (three groups: no degree or secondary general school degree, intermediate school degree, high school degree), young people's highest educational attainment (four groups: no degree or secondary general school degree, intermediate school degree, high school degree, still in school), local unemployment rate, local unemployment rate, proportion of foreigners in federal state, and a maximal set of year dummies, district size dummies and state of residence dummies. East is a dummy variable which equals one if respondent lives in East Germany, and is zero otherwise.

[a] Figures are p-values of Sargan's test of overidentifying restrictions and the test has one degrees of freedom. [b] Number of observations is 4,368.

Table 10: Propensity Score Matching (East and West Germany)

	German Socio-Economic Panel		Youth and Young Adult Survey		DJI Youth Survey	
Outcomes	(1)	(2)	(1)	(2)	(1)	(2)
Leaning towards right-wing extremist party	0.022**	0.021**	0.058*	0.057**	0.055**	0.054**
	(0.008)	(0.007)	(0.034)	(0.028)	(0.012)	(0.012)
Participation in skinhead / neo-Nazi group			0.031*	0.034*	0.049**	0.047**
			(0.016)	(0.01)	(0.012)	(0.012)
Right-wing political views					0.050**	0.051**
					(0.013)	(0.013)
Totally\strongly agree with:						
"When there is a shortage of jobs, foreigners should be sent back to their home countries"					0.106**	0.100**
					(0.025)	(0.024)
"It would be better if all foreigners left Germany"					0.078**	0.073**
					(0.021)	(0.023)
Acceptable to:						
"Using violent means to make it clear to asylum-seekers that they should return to their home country"					0.076**	0.072**
					(0.020)	(0.021)
Right-wing behaviour			0.034*	0.034	0.026**	0.026**
			(0.020)	(0.026)	(0.009)	(0.009)
Xenophobia					0.055**	0.053**
					(0.016)	(0.016)

Notes: [1] Local Linear Regression
[2] Radius matching
See also table A5 for indicators of covariate balancing and included covariates in the matching models.

Table 11: Robustness checks

	Dependent variable: Leaning towards right-wing extremist party					
	German Socio-Economic Panel		Youth and Young Adult Survey		DJI Youth Survey	
Selected Covariates	East Germany	West Germany	East Germany	West Germany	East Germany	West Germany
Panel A (excluding movers)						
Parental unemployment			0.057**	-0.006	0.047**	0.070**
			(0.020)	(0.018)	(0.011)	(0.015)
N			*1,086*	*1,803*	*2,987*	*5,332*
Panel B						
Parental unemployment * (1 – Interview)[a]	0.059**	0.025*			-0.009	0.041
	(0.027)	(0.015)			(0.027)	(0.031)
Parental unemployment * Interview[a]	0.024	0.007			0.060**	0.077**
	(0.045)	(0.011)			(0.016)	(0.021)
Equality p-value						

Note: [a] In the SOEP, the dummy variable *Interview* equals one if questionnaire was filled out without interviewer present, and is zero otherwise. In the DJI Youth Survey, *Interview* equals one if no third person was present at the time of the interview, and is zero otherwise. See also notes to Table 2.

Appendix

Table A1: Variable definitions

Outcome variable	Data	Question reads:	Variable in data set	Years available	Definition of right-wing outcome variable
Leaning towards an extremist right-wing party	SOEP	"Many people in Germany lean towards one particular party in the long term, even if they occasionally vote for another party. Do you lean towards a particular party?" If respondents answer with yes, they are asked: "Which party do you lean toward?"	Respondent can choose: (1) SPD; (2) CDU; (3) CSU; (4) FDP; (5) Bündnis'90/Grüne; (6) DVU/Republikaner; (7) other.	1990 - 2004	Variable equals one if a respondent names DVU/Republikaner, and zero otherwise. Respondents who choose (7) are excluded from the analysis
	YYAS	"Overall, which political party are you closest to?"	Respondent can choose: (1) CDU; (2) SPD; (3) DSU; (4) PDS; (5) Bündnis'90/Grüne; (6) FDP; (7) CSU; (8) Republikaner; (9) other; (10) none.	1991, 1996	Variable equals one if a respondent names Republikaner, and zero otherwise. Respondents who choose (9) are excluded from the analysis
	DJI	"In very general terms, what do you think of the political parties here in Germany? Please answer on a scale of +5 to –5, with +5 meaning that you have the highest possible opinion of the party, and –5 meaning that you have the lowest possible opinion of the party. The values in between can be used to express varying degrees of positive or negative opinion."	Respondents can indicate on the scale among the following parties: (1) CDU; (2) SPD; (3) CSU; (4) FDP; (5) Bündnis'90/Grüne; (6) Republikaner.	1992, 1997	Variable equals one if a respondent ticks the box +5 or +4 for Republikaner (6), and zero otherwise.
Participation in skinhead neo-Nazi group	YYAS	"On these cards are the names of a few groups of people who have been the subject of much public discussion recently. What is your attitude towards these groups?"	Among others, the group "Skinheads" was mentioned. Answer options: (1) I count myself as one of them; (2) I like them; (3) I don´t care much about them either way; (4) I can´t stand them; (5) I oppose them; (6) I have never heard of them.	1991, 1996	Variable equals one if a respondents chooses (1), and zero otherwise. Respondents who answer (6) are excluded from the analysis.
	DJI	"In our society there are some organizations with formal membership, but also other less formally organized groups and movements that one can view positively and be actively involved with. Please go through the list with me now and tell	Answer options: (1) I like them and am actively involved with them; (2) I like them and sometimes attend meetings or events;	1992, 1997	Variable equals one if a respondent chooses (1) or (2), and zero otherwise. Respondents who choose (6) are excluded from the analysis.

		me whether you like each group, whether or not you are actively involved with them, or whether you reject them." Among them were: (1) Skinheads; (2) Fascists / Neo-Nazis; (3) Nationalist groups.	(3) I like them but am not actively involved with them; (4) I neither like nor dislike them: (5) I reject them; (6) I am not familiar with this group.		
Right-wing political views	DJI	"Many people use the terms 'left' and 'right' to describe differing political views. Here we have a scale that runs from left to right. If you think of your own political views, where would you place them on this scale. Please tick one of the boxes."	Respondents can answer on a 10 point scale from (1) left to (10) right.	1992, 1997	Variable equals one if a respondent chooses (9) or (10), and zero otherwise.
"When there is a shortage of jobs, foreigners should be sent back to their home countries" "It would be better if all foreigners left Germany"	DJI	"This list contains opinions that are sometimes expressed about foreigners. Please state the extent to which you agree with each opinion." Among the items were: (1) "When there is a shortage of jobs, foreigners should be sent back to their home countries" (2) "It would be better if all foreigners left Germany".	Respondents can answer on a scale from (6) to (1), with (6) representing "totally agree" and (1) "totally disagree".	1992, 1997	Variable equals one if a respondent chooses (6) or (5), and zero otherwise.
"Using violent means to make it clear to asylum-seekers that they should return to their home country"	DJI	"There are a number of political acts and situations that can be judged in different ways. Please tell me whether you think each political act on this list is acceptable, unacceptable, or whether it may possibly be acceptable depending on the circumstances." One item was: "Using violent means to make it clear to asylum-seekers that they should return to their home country."	Answer options: (1) acceptable (2) unacceptable (3) depends on the circumstances.	1997	Variable equals one if a respondent chooses (1), and zero otherwise.
Right-wing behaviour	YYAS	Generated variable. Variable equals one if a respondent is (1) Leaning towards a right-wing extremist party; and (2) Participating in a skinhead neo-Nazi group, and zero otherwise.			
	DJI	Generated variable. Variable equals one if a respondent is (1) Leaning towards a right-wing extremist party; and (2) Participating in a skinhead neo-Nazi group; and (3) has right-wing political views, and zero otherwise.			
Xenophobia	DJI	Generated variable. Variable equals one if a respondent agrees with all three anti-foreign statements listed above, and zero otherwise.			

Notes: For some questions, the exact wording of the questions changed slightly over the years outcomes are measured.

Table A2: Summary Statistics by Sample

Covariates	SOEP	YYAS	DJI Youth Survey
Age	23.42	22.07	22.36
	(3.98)	(3.87)	(4.29)
Year of birth	1975.97	1970.98	1972.02
Female	0.429	0.506	0.480
East Germany	0.243	0.396	0.356
Highest school degree			
No degree or secondary general school degree	0.195	0.203	0.162
Intermediate school degree	0.370	0.396	0.357
High school degree	0.307	0.247	0.420
Still in schooling	0.129	0.154	0.061
Mother's highest school degree			
No degree or secondary general school degree	0.457	0.465	0.465
Intermediate school degree	0.420	0.375	0.385
High school degree	0.123	0.160	0.150
Father's highest school degree			
No degree or secondary general school degree	0.451	0.426	0.397
Intermediate school degree	0.343	0.321	0.339
High school degree	0.206	0.254	0.264
Parental unemployment during childhood	0.289	0.082	0.053
District size (number of inhabitants)			
< 2,000	0.102	0.097	0.109
2,000-5,000	0.146	0.103	0.088
5,000-20,000	0.202	0.182	0.201
20,000-50,000	0.176	0.130	0.158
50,000-100,000	0.092	0.095	0.079
100,000-500,000	0.166	0.185	0.193
>= 500,000	0.116	0.207	0.172
Proportion of foreigners in state of residence	8.30	6.34	7.35
	(3.89)	(4.93)	(4.61)
Local unemployment rate in state of residence	11.15	11.47	11.89
	(4.71)	(5.25)	(5.29)
Number of indidviduals	*1,786*	*5,736*	*9,200*
Additional covariates			
Blue-collar worker			0.426
White-collar worker			0.366
Civil servant			0.085
Self-employed			0.100
Other			0.023
Young people's own unemployment	0.057	0.202	0.064
Worried about financial situation	0.212		0.479
Feels disadvantaged by reunification			0.239
No trust into politicians/government		0.372	0.281
Parents are worried about finances	0.279		
Parents lean towards right-wing extremist party	0.010		
Parents are very much in favour of democracy	0.496		
Number of years mother was unemployed during childhood	0.476		
	(1.318)		
Number of years father was unemployed during childhood	0.436		
	(1.343)		
Non-movers		0.776	0.906
Interview	0.194		0.836

Notes: Figures are sample means with standard deviations in parentheses. In the SOEP, sample means are measured in the last year individuals are observed in the panel.

Table A3: Indicators of Covariate Balancing, Before and After Matching, by Sample and Outcome Variables

	Number of treated (1)	Number of non-treated (2)	Probit ps.- R^2 before (3)	Probit ps.- R^2 after (4)	Pr > χ^2 after (5)	Median bias before (6)	Median bias after (7)	Included Covariates (8)
SOEP								
Leaning towards extremist right-wing party	1,517	4,196	0.057	0.002	0.925	9.83	2.47	Age, east, parent's highest educational attainment, only child, second born, third born and more
YYAS								
Leaning towards extremist right-wing party	118	767	0.319	0.006	0.968	17.72	5.35	Number of years lived in GDR; female, parents' highest educational attainment
Participation in skinhead / neo-Nazi group	247	1,334	0.310	0.001	0.999	22.61	2.31	
Right-wing behaviour								
DJI Youth Survey								
Leaning towards extremist right-wing party	486	8,509	0.169	0.003	0.984	31.22	2.08	East, year of birth, female, parents' highest educational attainment, father's occupation
Participation in skinhead / neo-Nazi group	486	8,509	0.169	0.003	0.984	31.22	2.08	
Right-wing political views	481	8,518	0.169	0.003	0.984	31.22	2.08	
"If jobs become scarce, foreigners living here should be sent home"	486	8,509	0.169	0.003	0.984	31.22	2.08	
"It would be better if all foreigners left Germany"	486	8,509	0.158	0.004	0.995	31.22	2.08	

"Using violent means to make it clear to asylum-seekers that they should return to their home country"	327	4,031	0.158	0.005	0.995	39.19	1.99
Right-wing behaviour	486	8,509	0.169	0.003	0.984	31.22	2.08
Xenophobia	327	4,031	0.158	0.005	0.995	39.19	1.99

Notes: Results from local linear regressions. I also performed two-sample mean t-tests between treatment and comparison group for all covariates used after matching. None of the covariates is significantly different between both groups at the 5% level after matching.

(1) The number of individuals who grow up with unemployed parents during childhood (ages 0-16)
(2) The number of individuals who did not grow up with unemployed parents
(3) Pseudo-R^2 from probit estimation of the conditional probability of experiencing parental unemployment, indicating how well the covariates explain the probability of parental unemployment experience.
(4) Pseudo-R^2 from probit estimation of the conditional probability of experiencing parental unemployment. Comparison with (3) gives indication of how successful matching was. There should be no differences in the distribution of covariates between treatment and control group after matching, hence, the Pseudo-R^2 should be low.
(5) P-value of the likelihood ration test after matching. The joint significance of the covariates is always rejected.
(6) Difference of sample means between the treated and control group as a percentage of the square root of the average of sample variances in both groups before matching.
(7) Difference of sample means between the treated and control group as a percentage of the square root of the average of sample variances in both groups after matching.
(8) Covariates included in propensity score estimates.

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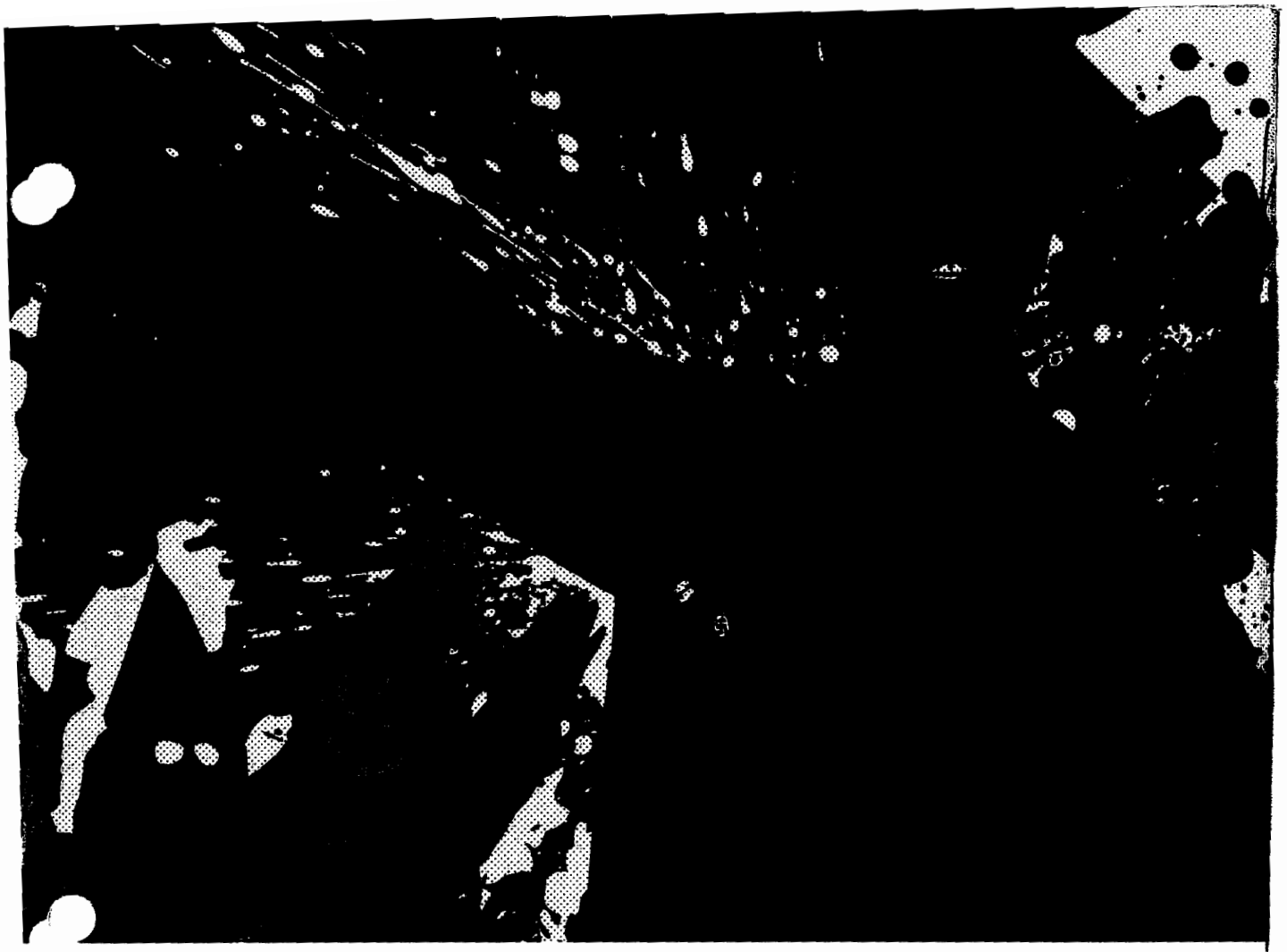

The Year in Hate

Fueled by immigration fears, the economy, and the rise to power of a black president, hate groups in America rose again last year

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From white power skinheads decrying "President Obongo" at a racist gathering in rural Missouri, to neo-Nazis and Ku Klux Klansmen hurling epithets at Latino immigrants from a house steps in Oklahoma, to anti-black separatists calling for death on bustling street corners in several East Coast cities, hate group activity in the U.S. was disturbing and widespread throughout 2008, as the number of groups operating in America continued to rise. Last year, 926 hate groups were active in the U.S., up more than 4% from 888 in 2007. That's more than a 50% increase since 2000, when there were 602 groups.

As in recent years, hate groups were animated by the national immigration debate. But two new forces also drove them in 2008: the worsening recession, and Barack Obama's successful campaign to become the nation's first black president. Officials reported that Obama had received more threats than any other presidential candidate in memory, and several white supremacists were arrested for saying they would assassinate him or allegedly plotting to do so.

At the same time, law enforcement officials reported a marked swelling of the extreme-right "sovereign citizens" movement that wreaked havoc in the 1990s with its "paper terrorism" tactics (see story, p. 38). Adherents are infamous for filing bogus property liens and orchestrating elaborate financial ripoffs.

Somewhat surprisingly, it wasn't just the usual suspects from the white supremacist underworld who sought to exploit the country's economic tur-

moil and political strife. A key 2008 hate group trend was the increasing militancy of the extremist fringe of the Hebrew Israelite movement, whose adherents believe that Jews are creatures of the devil and that whites deserve death or slavery.

These radical black supremacists have no love for Barack Obama, calling him a "house nigger" and a puppet of Israel. They preach to inner-city blacks that evil Jews are solely responsible for the recession. The rhetoric of white-skinned hate group leaders in 2008 was equally alarming. Last September, for example the cover of *National Socialist* magazine depicted then-presidential nominee Barack Obama in the crosshairs of a scope, with the headline "Kill This Nigger?"

What follows is a detailed look at the three most active and dangerous white supremacist hate group sectors in 2008: Ku Klux Klan groups, neo-Nazis, and racist skinheads.

KU KLUX KLAN

Reversing a generally declining trend since 2000, Klan groups in the U.S. increased significantly in 2008, from 155 chapters to 186. Seventeen new chapters belong to the **Brotherhood of Klans Knights of the Ku Klux Klan** (BOK), which during the past five years has grown into the largest Klan organization in the country. In 2008, the Marion, Ohio-headquartered BOK launched a handful of chapters in Canada, linking up with the Aryan Guard, a fast-growing white nationalist group based in Alberta.

A smaller but likewise rapidly expanding Klan group, the **United Northern and Southern Knights of the Ku Klux Klan**, which in 2007 absorbed the **National Aryan Knights**, more than doubled its number of chapters and tripled its geographic reach last year, going from 11 chapters in eight states to 24 chapters in 24 states.

The continued rise of the United Northern and Southern Knights and the BOK paralleled the decline of the **Imperial Klans of America** (IKA). Since 2005, the IKA has shriveled from 39 chapters in 26 states to just six chapters in five states. Last year, it suffered a crippling blow when a Meade County, Ky., jury delivered a $2.5 million judgment against members of the IKA, including $1 million against IKA leader Ron Edwards, in a lawsuit brought by the Southern Poverty Law Center on behalf of a mixed-race teenager who was assaulted by IKA thugs in Kentucky (see story, p. 12, and analysis of legal reasoning, p. 73).

Beyond the IKA trial, the biggest Klan story for the mainstream media in 2008 was the murder of a 43-year-old Tulsa, Okla., woman during a backwoods Klan initiation ritual near Bogalusa, La. According to law enforcement investigators, the victim was recruited over the Internet to join the **Sons of Dixie**, a tiny KKK faction led by Raymond "Chuck" Foster. Foster allegedly shot the woman in the head after she changed her mind about joining the Klan.

Blipping on the media's radar last December was the **National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan**, whose imperial wizard, Ray Larsen, called for all Klansmen "worldwide" to wear black armbands and fly the American flag upside down on Jan. 20, the day of Barack Obama's inauguration.

NEO-NAZIS

A slight drop in the number of neo-Nazi chapters last year from 207 to 194 was attributable largely to the dissolution of **National Vanguard** after its leader, Kevin Alfred Strom, was convicted in January 2008 on child pornography charges. (Strom was released last fall after serving prison time.)

Another major neo-Nazi leader, **American National Socialist Workers Party** "Commander" Bill White, also suffered legal troubles in 2008, culminating in his December indictment on several federal felony counts for posting death threats on his website or by making them by phone. Along with the threats, White often posted the home addresses of perceived enemies, ranging from Canadian human rights attorney Richard Warman (in an item subtly titled "Kill Richard Warman") to *Miami Herald* columnist Leonard Pitts to officials of the Southern Poverty Law Center.

When the seven-count federal indictment came down, White was already jailed in Chicago on separate charges. He was arrested last October and extradited from Roanoke, Va., where he owns apartments in black neighborhoods, to face a federal obstruction of justice charge for allegedly threatening the foreman of a Chicago jury that convicted neo-Nazi leader Matt Hale in 2004 of soliciting the murder of a federal judge. Still, despite White's legal and personal financial turmoil (he declared bankruptcy last June), the ANSWP grew last year from 30 chapters in 26 states to 35 chapters in 28 states, making it the second-largest neo-Nazi organization in the country, after the **National Socialist Movement** (NSM).

Apart from its usual literature dispersals, book burnings, swastika lightings, and its annual "Hated and Proud" hate rock festival, the NSM in 2008 targeted Latino immigrants with sizable "illegal invasion" protests in Washington, D.C., and Omaha, Neb. Subjected for years to movement ridicule for their brownshirt uniforms, NSM national and state chapter leaders also voted at the group's National Congress last April to switch to "more militant looking" black BDUs (Battle Dress Uniforms). Even with the makeover, the NSM lost 30 chapters last year (it later added 26, for a net loss of six chapters) after leader Jeff Schoep abandoned his family and relocated NSM headquarters from Minneapolis to Detroit in January 2008, reportedly to move in with a new girlfriend of dubious Aryan purity.

Nevertheless, the NSM benefited from diminished competition as the

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nerly dominant **National Alliance** tinued its long decline, shrinking 1 chapters in nine states. Similarly, **ons**, another one-time pow- o.., withered to 11 chapters in tates. **White Revolution** gained no und, ending the year as it began with ozen chapters.

Two upstart neo-Nazi groups erged in 2008. The **League of erican Patriots**, which held its inau- al meeting last March 29, appears e comprised of former National guard members. The second new- ner, **Knights of the Nordic Order**, was nded by "two former captains of the an Brotherhood," a notorious white remacist prison gang, according to website.

CIST SKINHEADS

e total number of racist skinhead ws, driven by the addition of a couple new organizations (see below), rose n 90 in 2007 to 98 last year.

Relatively inactive in 2007, **nmerskin Nation**, long a force to eckoned with in the racist skin- d s lture, came back in a big 08. The diminished tally of nmerskins chapters (which dropped n 15 to 12) is misleading, as it repre- ts the merging of smaller chapters Hammerskin leaders weeding weaker outfits, rather than a real p in the organization's strength membership. On the contrary, the nmerskins last year stepped up ruiting while forging new bonds with er skinhead groups and hosting doz- of hate rock concerts, white power kouts, Mixed Martial Arts prizefight wing parties and other widely pro- ted events.

The **Confederate Hammerskins** IS), the organization's southeastern ional division, kept particularly busy, inning last March with a St. Patty's concert in Central Florida that was vily attended by skins from across country. Represented crews included **csfront, Blood & Honour American sion, Atlantic City Skins, Troops of orrow** and **The Hated**. Members of C Motorcycle Club, a notori- b gang, also attended.

A close Hammerskins ally, the Portland, Ore.-based **Volksfront**, held its first annual "Althing" gathering last Aug. 29-Sept. 1 on private land purchased by Volksfront in rural Missouri, about an hour's drive north of St. Louis. Part three-day hate rock blowout, part skinhead summit, the Althing was held in the "Samuel Weaver Memorial Hall," named after white supremacist Randy Weaver's son, who was killed by federal agents during the infamous Ruby Ridge standoff in 1992 (Weaver's wife and a U.S. marshal were also killed). Among the white supremacist leaders who attended was veteran skinhead organizer David Lynch, leader of the resurgent Sacramento, Calif.-based crew **American Front**.

Last December, more than 100 skinheads from at least five states gathered in Florida for a "Martyr's Day" party, co-sponsored by CHS, Volksfront and American Front, that featured a keynote address phoned in from prison by Richard Kemp, a member of the white supremacist terrorist group The Order. Martyr's Day commemorates the 1984 death of Order founder Bob Mathews, who died in a shootout with the FBI.

Another noteworthy development in the skinhead sector was the severe weakening of the **Vinlanders Social Club** (VSC), a skinhead coalition that began in 2003 and grew to become Hammerskin Nation's primary rival. Plagued by infighting, criminal prosecutions and desertions, the Vinlanders made no public appearances in 2008, limiting their activities to private beer bashes. Three inner-circle Vinlanders, including co-founder Eric "The Butcher" Fairburn, were convicted last year of a March 2007 racially motivated attack on a homeless black man in downtown Indianapolis. At his sentencing hearing last August, Fairburn publicly renounced the skinhead movement.

Formerly aligned with the VSC, the **Keystone State Skinheads** (KSS) distanced their group from the Vinlanders, changed their name to Keystone United and recast themselves as media-friendly "pro-white" activists. Keystone mouthpiece Keith Carney denounced hooliganism in several newspaper and television interviews. Last October, the group held a "Leif Ericson Day Celebration," honoring the Viking explorer, in a Philadelphia public park on the banks of the Schuylkill River. In contrast to the screaming hate rock performed by Absolute Terror and Total War at the annual Keystone-sponsored "Uprise" concert in January 2008, which was held in a secret location, Celtic folk musicians provided entertainment at the two-faced crew's "family-friendly" event.

In contrast to KSS, the **United Society of Aryan Skinheads** (USAS) made no effort to revamp its image in 2008. Formed in recent years inside California's state prison system, the USAS continues to espouse white-power skinhead ideology and grow into a strong presence throughout Southern California as members are paroled. The USAS went from a single chapter in 2007 to nine chapters in 2008, including three separate crews in San Diego, the group's base of operations in the outside world. Though populated almost entirely by ex-cons, the USAS, unlike most prison-based white supremacists, actually maintains a powerful racist identity and rarely compromises principles in favor of criminal profits.

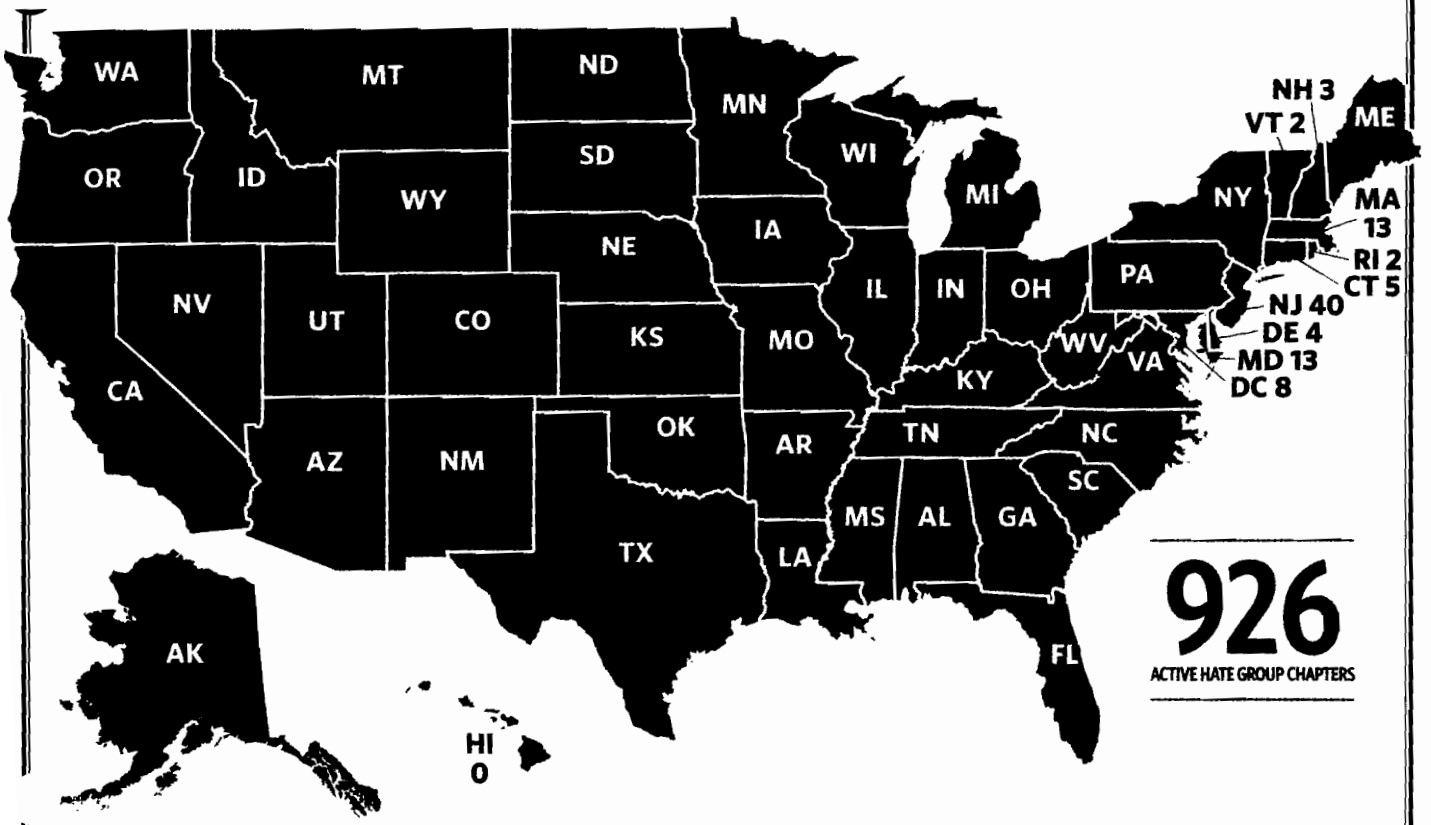
One major new racist skinhead group surfaced in 2008: the **Supreme White Alliance**, or SWA. Co-founded by Kentucky skinhead Steven Edwards, son of Imperial Klans of America leader Ron Edwards (see above), the SWA by year's end boasted eight chapters in as many states, an active website and a substantial online presence on MySpace as well as on the white nationalist social networking site New Saxon. The group's vice president is former IKA member Jarred Hensley, who served more than a year for his role in the hate crime assault that led to the SPLC lawsuit. "Out of prison and back on the streets," Hensley posted on MySpace last July upon his release. "It's gr88 to be a Skinhead!" Last October, former SWA probate Daniel Cowart was arrested in Tennesee with another skinhead he met online for allegedly plotting to assassinate Barack Obama after killing 88 black students (88 is neo-Nazi code for the phrase "Heil Hitler"). The SWA claimed that Cowart had been kicked out prior to hatching the plan. ▲

Hate Groups

ACTIVE IN 2008

This list of 926 active hate groups (map, p. 51), up from the 888 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 2008, 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 (*).

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 ideologies of hatred and include the sub-categories of Anti-Gay groups, Anti-Immigrant 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).



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KU KLUX KLAN

When the Klan was formed in 1865, it was a single, unitary organization. Today, there are dozens of competing Klan groups.

Alabama Christian Klan
Birmingham, AL
Appalachian Knights of the Ku Klux Klan
Pikeville, KY *
Dayton, OH
Tennessee
Logan, WV
Bayou Knights of the Ku Klux Klan
Shawnee, OK *
Homer, LA
Midlothian, TX
Brotherhood of Klans Knights of the Ku Klux Klan
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Florida
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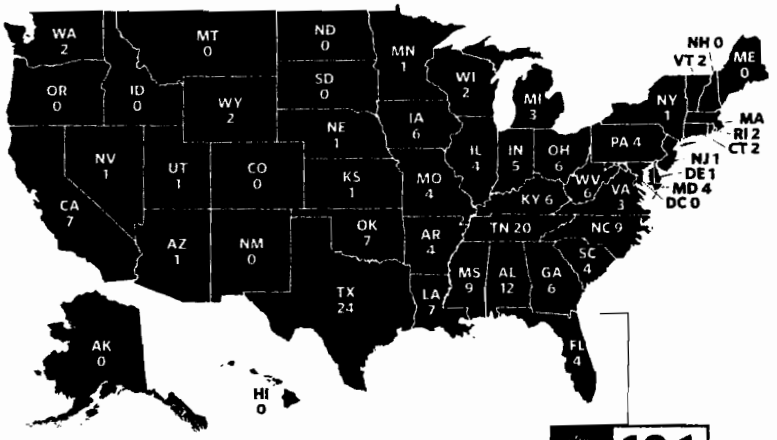
Omaha, NE
Nevada
Columbus, OH
Dayton, OH
Atoka, OK
Cement, OK
Coalgate, OK
Hinton, OK
Moyers, OK
Saint Thomas, PA
Rhode Island
South Carolina
Decaturville, TN
Dunlap, TN
Henderson, TN
Hickory Valley, TN
Lake Jackson, TX
Utah
Virginia
Rutland, VT
Washington
Hurley, WI
West Virginia
Wyoming
Dixie Rangers Knights of the Ku Klux Klan
Walker, LA
Fraternal White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan
Charles City, IA *
Florida
Cedar Falls, IA
Mason City, IA
New Hampton, IA
Lynchburg, TN
Pulaski, TN
Woodbury, TN
Free Knights of the Ku Klux Klan
Madison, NC
Georgia Knight Riders Knights of the Ku Klux Klan
Ellijay, GA *
Bainbridge, GA
Tunas, MO
Great Tennessee Knights of the Ku Klux Klan
Telford, TN *
Kellyton, AL
Essex, MD
Shelby, NC
Monterey, TN
Watauga, TN
Griffin Knights of the Ku Klux Klan
Mount Holly, NC
Henderson County Knights of the Confederacy
Wildersville, TN
Imperial Klans of America
Dawson Springs, KY *
Eugene, MO
North Carolina
Mountain City, TN
Austin, TX
Houston, TX
International Keystone Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc.
Colt, AR *
Pinson, AL
Young Harris, GA
Elwood, IN
Johnstown, PA
Memphis, TN
Knights of the Ku Klux Klan
Harrison, AR *
Concord, AR
Newport, TN
The Knights Order of Klans
Greeneville, TN *
Georgia
Kentucky
North Carolina
South Carolina
Virginia
Ku Klux Klan LLC
Compton, AR
Master Klans of America
Grove Hill, AL *
Wetumpka, AL
Mississippi White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan
Petal, MS *
Brookhaven, MS
Bruce, MS
Jackson, MS
Kiln, MS
Philadelphia, MS
Tunica, MS
Tupelo, MS
Mountain State Knights of the Ku Klux Klan
Dunbar, WV
National Aryan Knights of the Ku Klux Klan
Englewood, FL *
Winnsboro, LA
National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan
South Bend, IN *
Red Bay, AL
North American White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan
Bloomington, IN *
Tollesboro, KY
Monroe, MI
Sons of Dixie Knights of the Ku Klux Klan
Bogalusa, LA
Southern Knights of the Ku Klux Klan
Grand Bay, AL
Southern Knights of the Ku Klux Klan
Fraser, MI *
Cullman, AL
Tempe, AZ
Susanville, CA
Connecticut
Delaware
Bushnell, FL
White Oak, GA
Belleville, IL
West College Corner, IN
Kentucky
Louisiana
Massachusetts
Maryland
Mississippi
Mays Landing, NJ
New York
Pennsylvania
North Providence, RI
California
North Carolina
Clyde, OH
United White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan
Longview, TX *
Shreveport, LA
Shawnee, OK
Amarillo, TX
Atlanta, TX
Austin, TX
Beaumont, TX
Buffalo, TX
Corpus Christi, TX
Dallas, TX
DeKalb, TX
Denison, TX
Gatesville, TX
Goose Creek, TX
Houston, TX
Lufkin, TX



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Tennessee Knight Riders Knights of the Ku Klux Klan
Tellico Plains, TN
Texas Knights of the Invisible Empire, Inc.
San Antonio, TX
Traditional Christian Knights of the Ku Klux Klan
Carlsbad, TX *
Chelsea, AL
Charleston, SC
Traditional Knights of the Ku Klux Klan
Farmington, WV *
Jonesville, NC
United Northern and
South Carolina
Green Brier, TN
Gordonsville, VA
Monroe, WI
Ravenswood, WV
United Realms of America Knights of the Ku Klux Klan
Red Bay, AL
Ukiah, CA
Iowa
Shelbina, MO
Ohio
Tennessee
Spokane, WA
United Southern Brotherhood
Erwin, TN *
San Antonio, TX
Waco, TX
Wichita Falls, TX
Wyoming
White Camelia Knights of the Ku Klux Klan
Cleveland, TX
World Knights of the Ku Klux Klan
Sharpsburg, MD *
Alabama
North Carolina
Pennsylvania
Vermont
West Virginia ▲

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NEO-NAZI

This listing of neo-Nazi groups does not include racist skinheads, although most of them hold neo-Nazi beliefs.

American National Socialist Workers Party
Roanoke, VA *
Birmingham, AL
Phoenix, AZ
California
Wilmington, DE
Sarasota, FL
Villa Rica, GA
Chicago, IL
Peoria, IL
Jeffersonville, IN
Muncie, IN
Kansas City, KS
Shawnee Mission, KS
Baxter, KY
Louisville, KY
Stoughton, MA
Maine
Jackson, MI
Lockwood, MO
Mis , MT
Henderson, NC
I Iampshire
Jackson, NJ
Newark, NJ
Wilmington, OH
Tulsa, OK
Clackamas, OR
Pennsylvania
York, PA
Westminster, SC
Ingram, TX
Salt Lake City, UT
Norfolk, VA
Seattle, WA
Charleston, WV

American Nazi Party
Westland, MI

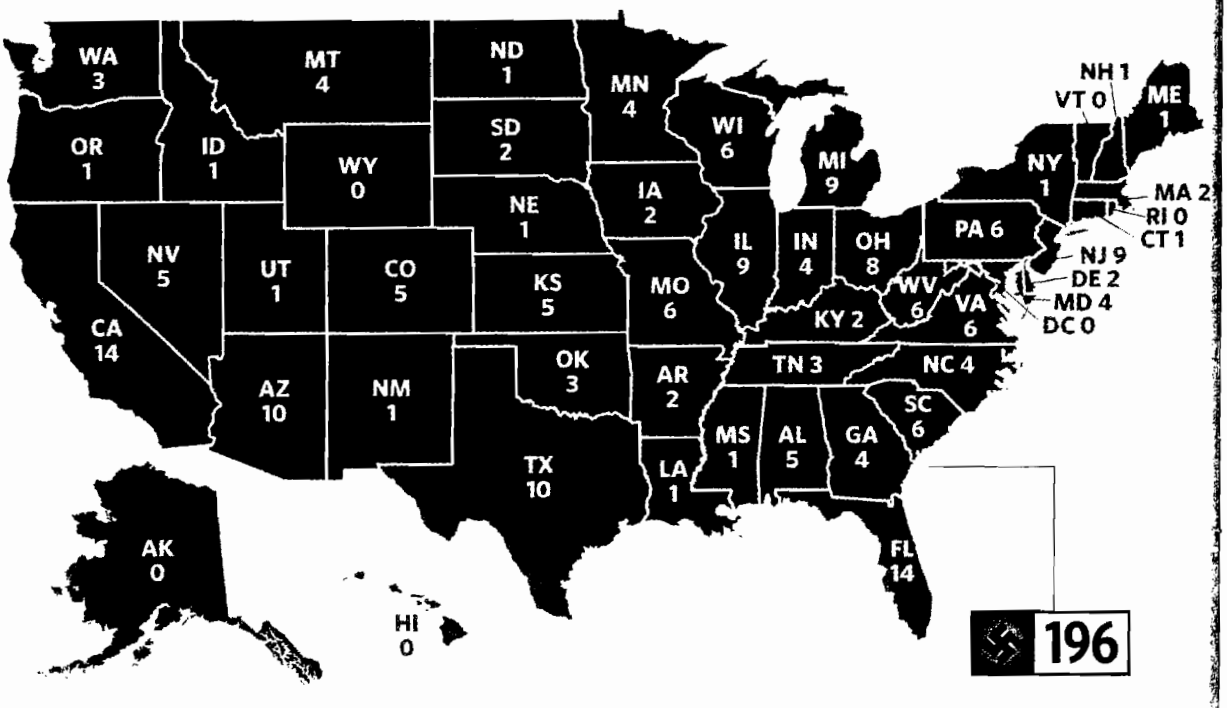
American Thule Society
Black Canyon, AZ
California
Texas

Aryan Militia
Bakersfield, CA

Ary 'lations
Coe .Alene, ID *
J n, AR
Goodyear, AZ
Phoenix, AZ
Chino, CA
Orlando, FL
Salem, MO
Lemoyne, PA
Houston, TX

Creativity Movement
East Peoria, IL *
Davie, FL
Bloomington, IL
Chicago, IL
Joliet, IL
Baltimore, MD
Minneapolis/ St. Paul, MN
Benson, NC
Raleigh, NC
Las Vegas, NV
Cincinnati, OH
Parma, OH
Dallas/Fort Worth, TX

National Socialist
Delaware
Florida
Citrus County, FL
Ocala, FL
St. Augustine, FL
Tampa Bay, FL
Georgia
Iowa
Belleville, IL
Schiller Park, IL
Las Vegas, NV
Reno, NV
Brooklyn, NY
Cleveland, OH
Covington, OH
Fremont, OH
Lewisburg, OH
Oklahoma City, OK
Bethlehem, PA
Philadelphia, PA



Seattle, WA
Appleton, WI

Aryan Nations (offshoot)
Lexington, SC *
Dulzura, CA

Aryan Nations Youth Action Corps
California

Christian Defense League
Mandeville, LA

Christian National Socialist Party
Childersburg, AL *
Florida
St. Louis, MO
Toms River, NJ
South Carolina

Church of Creativity
Pittsburgh, PA *
Raymond, MS
Hamilton, NJ
Island Heights, NJ
Jackson, NJ
Toms River, NJ
Newport News, VA

Knights of the Nordic Order
Cardiff, AL *
California
Colorado
Florida
Minnesota
Tennessee

Lebensborn Assembly Church
Birmingham, AL

National Alliance
Hillsboro, WV *
Sacramento, CA
Chicago, IL

Aryan Order
Davison, MI

National Socialist Aryan Workers' Party
Kennesaw, GA

National Socialist German Workers Party
Lincoln, NE

National Socialist Movement
Detroit, MI *
Apache Junction, AZ
Cochise County, AZ
Phoenix, AZ
California
Fresno, CA
Glendale, CA
Riverside, CA
Sacramento, CA
Colorado
Denver, CO
Wakarusa, IN
Haysville, KS
Lansing, KS
Olathe, KS
Boston, MA
Elkridge, MD
Michigan
Grand Rapids, MI
Minnesota
Minneapolis, MN
Jefferson City, MO
Springfield, MO
St. Louis, MO
Billings, MT
Butte, MT
Libby, MT
Fargo, ND
Livingston, NJ
Vineland, NJ
New Mexico
Elko, NV
Laurens, SC
Spartanburg, SC
Central Tennessee
Arlington, TX
Austin, TX
Lubbock, TX
Tyler, TX
Norfolk, VA
Shenandoah Valley, VA
Tidewater Virginia
Wisconsin
Green Bay, WI
Milwaukee, WI
Kanawha Valley West Virginia
Mid Ohio Valley West Virginia
Potomac Highlands West Virginia
Romney, WV

National Socialist

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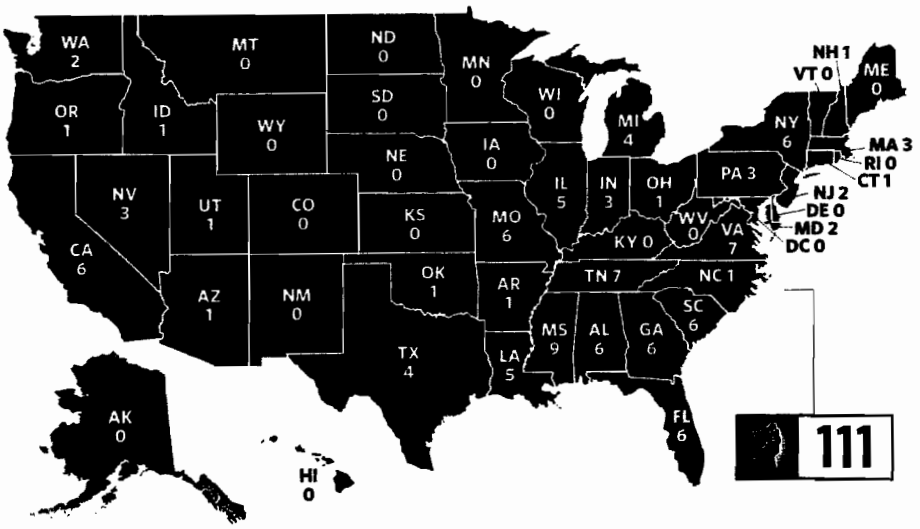
WHITE NATIONALIST

White nationalist groups espouse white supremacist or white separatist ideologies, often focusing on the alleged inferiority of nonwhites. Groups listed in several other categories could also be described as white nationalist.

Movement Women's Division
Iowa
National Socialist Order of America
Laurens, SC *
Maryland
Michigan
South Dakota
National Socialists of Washington State
Mukilteo, WA
Nationalist Coalition
St. Petersburg, FL *
Mesa, AZ
Denver, CO
Daytona Beach, FL
New Order
Milwaukee, WI
Nordwave
Lake Worth, FL *
South Dakota
NS Publications
Wyandotte, MI
Revolutionary Order of the Aryan Republic
Chattanooga, TN
Romanian National Vanguard
Michigan *
Nevada
Sons of Adolf Hitler
Chillicothe, OH
SS Regalia
Edgewater, MD
White Aryan Resistance
Warsaw, IN
White Knights of America
Arizona *
Texas
White Revolution
Russellville, AR *
Birmingham, AL
Arizona
California
Estes Park, CO
Bridgeport, CT
Loxahatchee, FL
Brooks, GA
Southport, NC
Okmulgee, OK
Texas
Union Grove, WI ▲

American Nationalist Union
Las Vegas, NV
***American Renaissance*/New Century Foundation**
Oakton, VA *
San Francisco, CA
Southern California
Chicago, IL
Arlington, VA
Americans for Self Determination
Falls Church, VA
Arizona White Pride
Maricopa County, AZ
Aryan Wear
Keller, TX
Center for Perpetual Diversity
Gaithersburg, MD
Charles Darwin Research Institute
Port Huron, MI
Conservative Citizens Foundation, Inc.
St. Louis, MO
Council of Conservative Citizens
St. Louis, MO *
Birmingham, AL
Cullman, AL
Florence, AL
Huntsville, AL
Jasper, AL
Montgomery, AL
Little Rock, AR
San Francisco, CA
Southern California
Connecticut
Jacksonville, FL
Atlanta, GA
Chicago, IL
Northern Illinois
Northern Indiana
Louisiana
Baton Rouge, LA
Boston, MA
Silver Spring, MD
Caledonia, MI
Missouri
St. Louis, MO
Calhoun City, MS
Greenwood, MS
Grenada County, MS
Jackson, MS
Mathiston, MS
Vaiden, MS
Yadkinville, NC
Fort Lee, NJ
Las Vegas, NV
New York, NY
Parishville, NY
Allison Park, PA
Pittsburgh, PA
Revere, PA
Charleston, SC
Greenville, SC
Saluda, SC
West Columbia, SC
Cleveland, TN
Franklin, TN
Kingsport, TN
Memphis, TN
Salt Lake City, UT
East Coast White Unity
Chelsea, MA
European American Issues Forum
San Bruno, CA
European Americans United
Sacramento, CA *
Sale Creek, TN
European-American Unity and Rights Organization
Mandeville, LA *
Jacksonville, FL
Columbus, GA
Savannah, GA
Thibodaux, LA
Ripley, MS
Cleveland, OH
Tulsa, OK
Columbia, SC
Woodruff, SC
Memphis, TN
Dallas/Fort Worth, TX
Irving, TX
Richmond, VA
Fitzgerald Griffin Foundation
Vienna, VA
Folk and Faith
Idaho Falls, ID
Heritage and Destiny
Falls Church, VA
Hypatia Publishing
Vancouver, WA
Iron Rain Nationalists
Utica, NY *
Chicago, IL
The Kinist Institute
Orlando, FL
The League of American Patriots
Garfield, NJ
NAAWP Florida Chapter Inc.
Jacksonville, FL
National Policy Institute
Augusta, GA
Nationalist Free Press
Dandridge, TN
Nationalist Movement
Learned, MS
North East W[illegible] Pride
Haverhill, MA *
Concord, NH
Northern Voice Bookstore
Las Vegas, NV
***Occidental Quarterly*/Charles Martel Society**
Augusta, GA
Order of St. Andrew
Southaven, MS
Pacifica Forum
Eugene, OR
Pioneer Fund
New York, NY
Pride and Honor
Ironwood, MI
Racial Nationalist Party of America
Lockport, NY
Sigrdrifa
Vancouver, WA
Sons of Liberty Committee
Shady Hills
Stormfront
West Palm Beach, FL
United Patriots and Associates
Shreveport, LA
VDARE Foundation
Warrenton, VA
Washington Summit Publishers
Augusta, GA
White Boy Society
Illinois *
Indiana
Missouri
Texas
White Christian Soldiers
Lee's Summit, MO
White Voices of America
Michigan
Women for Aryan Unity
Brooklyn, NY
WTM Enter[illegible]ses
Roanoke, I.



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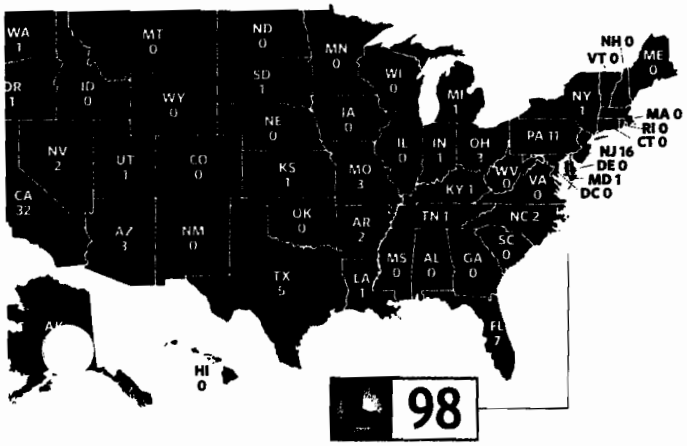
RACIST SKINHEAD

Skinheads are migratory and often not affiliated with groups. This listing understates their numbers.

AC Skins
Absecon, NJ
Atlantic City, NJ
Little Egg Harbor City, NJ
Manchester Township, NJ
Somers Point, NJ
Wildwood, NJ
American Front
Sacramento, CA
St. Cloud, FL
Bay Area Skinheads
San Francisco, CA
Berdoo Skinhead Family
San Bernardino, CA
Bergen County Hooligans
Garfield, NJ
Lodi, NJ
Rutherford, NJ
Wallington, NJ
Blood and Honour
Richardson, TX *
Orange County, CA
Salem, OH
California Skinheads
Fresno, CA
Camarillo Storm Skinheads
Camarillo, CA
Confederate Flame Skins
[illegible]ville, FL
Orlando, FL
Dallas, TX
Houston, TX
Coors Family Skinheads
Big Bear Lake, CA
Eastern Hammerskins
Brick, NJ
Golden State Skinheads
Central California
Northern California
San Luis Obispo, CA
Hardcore Skins
Yuba County, CA
The Hated
Gainesville, FL
Independent Skins
Cleburne, TX *
Callahan, FL
Inland Empire Skinheads
Riverside, CA
Keystone State Skinheads
Harrisburg, PA *
Altoona, PA
Bethlehem/Easton, PA
Chester County, PA
Greensburg, PA
Philadelphia, PA
Pittsburgh, PA
State College, PA
Wilkes-Barre/Scranton, PA
Maryland State Skinheads
Baltimore, MD
Midland Hammerskins
Wichita, KS
National Socialist Skinhead Front
San Luis Obispo, CA
Natural State Skinheads
Russellville, AR
Nor Cal San Jose Skins
San Jose, CA
Northern Hammerskins
Detroit, MI
Ohio State Hooligans
Loveland, OH
Orange County Skins
Orange County, CA
Retaliator Skinhead Nation
Centerville, SD
Sacramaniacs
Sacramento, CA
Sacto Skinheads
Sacramento, CA
San Fernando Valley Skins
California
Skinheads of the Rahowa
Porterville, CA
South Jersey Skins
Gloucester City, NJ
Monroeville, NJ
Supreme White Alliance
Ohio *
Kentucky
Missouri
North Carolina
New Jersey
Nevada
Tennessee
Texas
Troops of Tomorrow
North Carolina *
Kaplan, LA
United Society of Aryan Skinheads
Lakeside, CA
Lancaster, CA
Orange County, CA
Sacramento, CA
San Diego, CA (3)
Vinlanders Social Club
Mesa, AZ
Fort Lauderdale, FL
Knightstown, IN
Missouri
Closter, NJ
Pt. Pleasant Beach, NJ
New York, NY
Volksfront
Portland, OR *
Arkansas
Phoenix, AZ
Concord, CA
Los Angeles, CA
Sunset Beach, CA
Lakeland, FL
Bridgeton, MO
Pennsylvania
Seattle, WA
WAR Skins
San Bernardino, CA
Western Hammerskins
Arizona
Riverside, CA
San Bernardino, CA
Las Vegas, NV
Salt Lake City, UT
White Pittsburgh Front
Pittsburgh, PA ▲

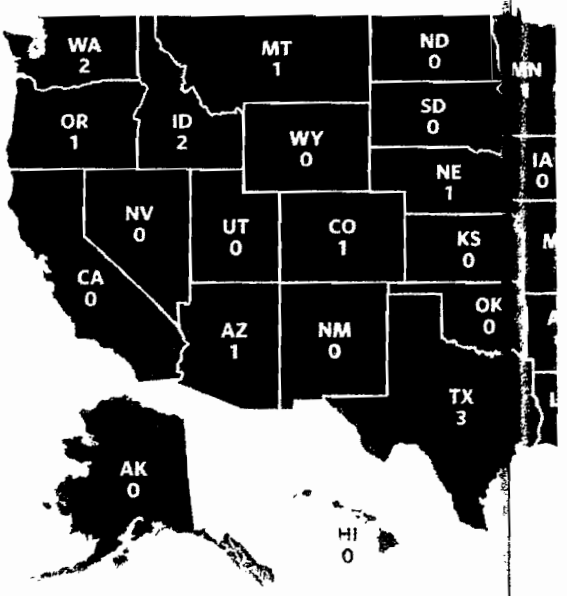


CHRISTIAN IDENTITY

Christian Identity describes a religion that is fundamentally racist and anti-Semitic. Some groups listed in other categories, such as the neo-Nazi Aryan Nations and several Klan groups, also hold Christian Identity beliefs.

American Reformation Ministries
Malvern, AR
America's Promise Ministries
Sandpoint, ID
Aryan Nations Revival
Simms, TX *
Arkansas
Brooks, GA
New Jersey
New York
By Yahweh's Design
Stevensville, MI
Christian Guard
Kathleen, FL *
Kenosha, WI
Christian Research
Eureka Springs, AR
Christian Separatist Church Society
Kodak, TN
Christ's Gospel Fellowship
Spokane, WA
Church of Jesus Christ
Bergman, AR
Church of the Sons of Yhvh
Calhoun, LA
Church of True Israel
Noxon, MT
Covenant People's Ministry
Brooks, GA
Daughters of Yahweh
Portland, OR *
Kathleen, FL
Ecclesiastical Council for the Restoration of Covenant Israel
Chicago, IL
Fellowship of God's Covenant People
Burlington, KY
First Century Christian Ministries
The Woodlands, TX
Gospel Broadcasting Association
Houston, TX
Gospel Ministries
Boise, ID
House of Yahweh
New Tazewell, TN
Kingdom Identity

SCOTT HOUSTON/SYGMA/CORBIS (SKINHEAD)

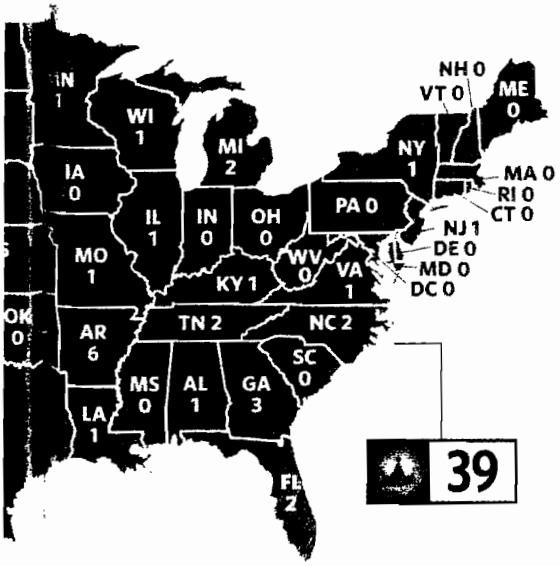


Ministries
Harrison, AR
Kinsman Redeemer Ministries
Tacoma, WA
Mission to Israel
Scottsbluff, NE
New Beginnings
Waynesville, NC
Reformed Church of Israel
Schell City, MO
Remnant Outreach Ministries
Cottonwood, AZ
Scriptures for America
Laporte, CO
Stone Kingdom Ministries
Asheville, NC
Sword of Truth Ministries
Arkansas
United Church of YHVH
Lincoln, AL *
Porterdale, GA
Virginia Publishing Company
Lynchburg, VA
Weisman Publications
Burnsville, MN
Yahweh's Truth
Essexville, MI ▲

NEO-CONFEDERATE

Neo-Confederate groups seek to revive many of the racist principles of the antebellum South.

League of the South
Killen, AL *
Auburn, AL
Hackneyville, AL
Mobile, AL
Montgomery, AL
Selma, AL
Tuscaloosa, AL
Weogufka, AL
Wetumpka, AL
Mammoth Springs, AR
Scotts Valley, CA
Lafayette, CO
Alva, FL
Archer, FL
Bradenton, FL
Ft. Myers, FL
Goldenrod, FL
Gulf Breeze, FL
Jacksonville, FL
Leon County, FL
Milton, FL
Panama City, FL
St. Augustine, FL
Tampa, FL
Athens, GA
Atlanta, GA
Augusta, GA
Brunswick, GA
Cedartown, GA
Forsyth, GA
Griffin, GA
Macon, GA
McDonough, GA
Northwest Georgia
Rome, GA
Statesboro, GA
Southwest Georgia
Wayne County, GA
Lexington, KY
Monroe, LA
Holt, MO
Lebanon, MO
Nevada, MO
Owensville, MO
Rosebud, MO
West Plains, MO
Mendenhall, MS
Big Fork, MT
Burlington, NC
Charlotte, NC
Durham, NC
Hamlet, NC
Wilmington, NC
Bixby, OK
Abbeville, SC (2)
Aiken, SC
Aiken County, SC
Anderson, SC
Bamberg, SC
Barnwell County, SC
Clemson, SC
Colleton County, SC
Columbia, SC (2)
Easley, SC
Florence County, SC
Greenville County, SC
Greenwood County, SC
Laurens County, SC
Lexington County, SC
Marlboro County, SC
Newberry, SC
Newberry County, SC
Richland County, SC
Salley, SC
Saluda County, SC
Spartanburg, SC
Sumter, SC
York County, SC
Bartlett, TN
Nashville, TN
Westpoint, TN
Austin, TX
Iredell, TX
Northeast Region Texas
Panhandle Region Texas
Rio Grande Valley Texas
Southeast Region Texas
Bluefield, VA
Central Virginia
Fredricksburg, VA
Williamsburg, VA ▲



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BLACK SEPARATIST

Black separatist groups are organizations whose ideologies include tenets of racially based hatred.

Black Lawyers for Justice
Washington, DC
The Israelite Church of God in Jesus Christ, Inc.
New York, NY *
Washington, DC
Fort Myers, FL
North Miami, FL
Orlando, FL
Baltimore, MD
North Minneapolis, MN
Kansas City, MO
Fayetteville, NC
Goldsboro, NC
Wilmington, NC
Omaha, NE
New Jersey
Asbury Park, NJ
Camden, NJ
Jersey City, NJ
Vineland, NJ
Oklahoma
Lawton, OK
Oklahoma City, OK
Tulsa, OK
Beaverton, OR
Portland, OR
Allentown, PA
Coatesville, PA
Norristown, PA
Philadelphia, PA
Pittsburgh, PA
Nation of Islam
Chicago, IL *
Alabama
Birmingham, AL
Tuscaloosa, AL
Little Rock, AR
Phoenix, AZ
Compton, CA
Los Angeles, CA
Rialto, CA
Richmond, CA
San Diego, CA
Denver, CO
Bridgeport, CT
Washington, DC
Fort Lauderdale, FL
Miami, FL
St. Petersburg, FL
Tampa, FL
Winter Haven, FL
Atlanta, GA
Macon, GA
Indianapolis, IN
Baton Rouge, LA
Lafayette, LA
Monroe, LA
New Orleans, LA
Shreveport, LA
Boston, MA
Springfield, MA
Baltimore, MD
Detroit, MI
Kansas City, MO
St. Louis, MO
Greenville, MS
Charlotte, NC
Greenville, NC
Winston-Salem. NC
Newark, NJ
Plainfield, NJ
Trenton, NJ
Las Vegas, NV
Buffalo, NY
Harlem, NY
Rochester, NY
Cleveland, OH
Columbus, OH
Oklahoma City, OK
Tulsa, OK
Philadelphia, PA
Pittsburgh, PA
Wilkinsburg, PA
Charleston, SC
Columbia, SC
Memphis, TN
Nashville, TN
Austin, TX
Dallas, TX
Houston, TX
Texarkana, TX
Waco, TX
Richmond, VA
Milwaukee, W.
New Black P[illegible]her Party
Washington, DC *
California

ksonville, FL
nta, GA
isiana
ton, MA
higan
Louis, MO
sissippi
eigh, NC
vark, NJ

Trenton, NJ
Brooklyn, NY
Harlem, NY
Cleveland, OH
Philadelphia, PA
Dallas, TX
Houston, TX
Virginia
Nuwaubians

Worldwide
Athens, GA
United Nuwaubian Nation of Moors/All Eyes on Egipt
Athens, GA *
Brooklyn, NY ▲

GENERAL HATE

These organizations are subdivided into anti-gay, anti-immigrant, Holocaust denial, racist music, and radical traditionalist Catholic groups. A final "other" sub-category includes groups espousing a variety of hateful doctrines.

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necula, CA
erican Vision
vder Springs, GA
alcedon Foundation
lecito, CA
nily Research titute
lorado Springs, CO
terosexuals Orga- ed for a Moral ironment
wners Grove, IL
ois Family titute
rol Stream, IL
ss Resistance
ltham, MA
e School of Chris- n Activism
ingfield, MA
ditional Values lition
ahe CA *
sh n, DC
t n on the lls

Seattle, WA
Westboro Baptist Church
Topeka, KS

ANTI-IMMIGRANT (11)

American Border Patrol
Sierra Vista, AZ
American Immigration Control Foundation/Americans for Immigration Control
Monterey, VA
American Patrol/ Voice of Citizens Together
Sherman Oaks, CA
Border Guardians
Livingston, TX
California Coalition for Immigration Reform
Huntington Beach, CA
Concerned Citizens and Friends of Illegal Immigration Law Enforcement
Framingham, MA
Emigration Party of Nevada
Henderson, NV
Federation for American Immigration Reform
Washington, DC
Rescue Without Borders
Boulder, CO
Save Our State
San Bernardino, CA
Social Contract Press
Petoskey, MI

HOLOCAUST DENIAL (7)

***Barnes Review*/Foundation for Economic Liberty, Inc.**
Washington, DC
Campaign for Radical Truth in History
Coeur d'Alene, ID
Castle Hill Publishers
New York, NY
Eagle Publications
Corpus Christi, TX
Institute for Historical Review
Newport Beach, CA
The International Conspiratological Association
Coeur d'Alene, ID
Noontide Press
Newport Beach, CA

RACIST MUSIC (13)

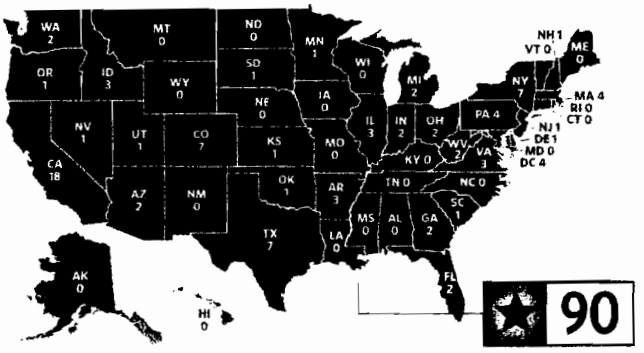
Desastrious Records
Springtown, TX
Diehard Records
Chesapeake, OH
Final Stand Records
Newark, DE
Free Your Mind Productions
Valdosta, GA
ISD Records
Lancaster, OH
Micetrap Distribution
Maple Shade, NJ
MSR Productions
Wheat Ridge, CO
Old Guard Records
Plano, TX
Resistance Records
Hillsboro, WV
Tightrope
Calico Rock, AR
Unholy Records
Marlinton, WV
Vinland Winds Records
New York, NY
White Devil Industries
Ventura, CA

RADICAL TRADITIONAL CATHOLIC (14)

Alliance for Catholic Tradition
Pleasant Unity, PA
Catholic Apologetics International
State Line, PA
Catholic Counterpoint
Broomall, PA
***Catholic Family News*/ Catholic Family Ministries, Inc.**
Niagara Falls, NY
***Culture Wars*/Fidelity Press**
South Bend, IN
***Fatima Crusader*/ International Fatima Rosary Crusade**
Constable, NY
In the Spirit of Chartres Committee
Suffolk, VA
Legion of St. Louis/ IHS Press
Norfolk, VA
OMNI Christian Book Club
Palmdale, CA
***The Remnant*/The Remnant Press**
Forest Lake, MN
Slaves of the Immaculate Heart of Mary
Richmond, NH
St. Joseph Forum
South Bend, IN
St. Michael's Parish/ Mount St. Michael
Spokane, WA
Tradition in Action
Los Angeles, CA

OTHER (33)

American Free Press
Washington, DC
Artisan Publishers
Muskogee, OK
Chick Publications
Ontario, CA
Fundamentalist Latter Day Saints
Hildale, UT *
Colorado City, AZ
Cotopaxi, CO
Custer County, CO
Florence, CO
Mancos, CO
Edgemont, SD
Eldorado, TX
HATECRIME Streetwear
Earlville, PA
Jewish Defense League
Los Angeles, CA *
Sacramento, CA
Southern California
Fort Lauderdale, FL
Skokie, IL
Revere, MA
Brooklyn, NY
Rochester, NY
JTB Publications
Careywood, ID
National Prayer Network
Clackamas, OR
Odium Books
Montecito, CA
Power of Prophecy
Austin, TX
The Redneck Shop
Laurens, SC
Tony Alamo Christian Ministries
Fouke, AR *
Fort Smith, AR
Canyon Country, CA
New York, NY
Texarkana, TX
Truth Triumphant
Eustis, FL
Voz de Aztlan
Whittier, CA
Young Americans for Freedom—Michigan State University
East Lansing, MI ▲



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Hate Websites

ACTIVE IN 2008

This list of 630 U.S.-based hate sites active on the World Wide Web in 2008 includes pages from Ku Klux Klan, Neo-Nazi, White Nationalist, Racist Skinhead, Christian Identity, Neo-Confederate, Black Separatist, and General Hate groups. Websites tend to move from server to server or shut down without notice, so they may be hard to locate. Sites marked with an asterisk (*) are organizations that actively promote hate beyond the mere publishing of Internet material (see also hate group listing, p. 52). Their locations are listed.

KU KLUX KLAN 52

Alabama Christian Klan *
www.alabamaklan.com
Birmingham, AL

Appalachian Knights of the Ku Klux Klan *
appalachiankkk.blogspot.com/
Pikeville, KY

Bayou Knights of the Ku Klux Klan *
www.oklahomakkk.com/
Shawnee, OK
www.kkktexas.com/
Midlothian, TX

Brotherhood of Klans Knights of the Ku Klux Klan *
www.knightskkk.com/
www.bok33.org/
Marion, OH

Christian Books and Things
www.christianbooksandthings.net/index1.htm

Confederate White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan
www.webspawner.com/users/ironguard1940/index.html

Dixie Rangers Knights of the KKK *
www.dixierangerskkklouisiana.com/
Walker, LA

Fraternal White Knights *
www.fraternalwhiteknights.com
Charles City, IA

Free Knights of the Ku Klux Klan *
www.geocities.com/freeknightsnc/
Madison, NC

Georgia Knight Riders Knights of the Ku Klux Klan *
www.georgiaknightriderskkkk.com
Ellijay, GA

Great Tennessee Knights of the Ku Klux Klan *
www.gtkkkk.com
Telford, TN

Henderson County Knights of the Confederacy *
www.hendersoncountykkk.com
Wildersville, TN

Imperial Klans of America *
www.kkkk.net/
Dawson Springs, KY
www.kkkk.net/northcarolina/ikanc.htm
North Carolina
www.kkkk.net/tennessee/index.htm
Mountain City, TN
www.kkkk.net/texas/
Austin, TX

Imperial Klans of America Blogspot
realmofky.blogspot.com/

International Keystone Knights of the Ku Klux Klan Inc. *
www.ikkkkk.org
Colt, AR

Jason Robb Blog
jasonrobb.blogspot.com

Knights of the Ku Klux Klan *
www.arkpower-light.com/
Concord, AR
www.kkk.com/
kkk.bz/
Harrison, AR
www.newporttennessee.net/
Newport, TN

The Knights Order Of Klans *
www.knightsorderofklans.org
Greeneville, TN

Knights Party Veterans League
knightspartyveteransleague.com/index-1.html

Ku Klux Klan, LLC *
www.kukluxklan.bz/
Compton, AR

Master Klans of America *
www.masterklansofamerica.com
Grovehill, AL

Mississippi White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan *
www.mwkkkk.com
Petal, MS

Mountain State Knights of the Ku Klux Klan *
www.mountainstateknights.tripod.com/
Dunbar, WV

National Aryan Knights of the Ku Klux Klan *
www.nakkkk.net/
Englewood, FL

National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan *
www.cnkkkk.com/
South Bend, IN

North American White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan *
www.nawkkkk.biz
Bloomington, IN

Order of the Ku Klux Klan
www.kkklan.com/

Rachel Pendergraft Blog
rachelpendergraft.blogspot.com

REB WARE PRODUCTS
www.rebware.biz

Ron Edwards Report
www.ronedwardsreport.info/

Templar Knights of the Ku Klux Klan
tk311.org

Texas Knights of the Invisible Empire Inc. *
tktie.org/
San Antonio, TX

Thomas Robb Blog
tarobb.blogspot.com/

Traditional Christian Knights of the Ku Klux Klan *
www.tckkkk.org
Carlsbad, TX

Traditional Knights of the Ku Klux Klan *
www.knightsofthekukluxklan.org/
311tk.890m.com/
www.tk311.com/
Farmington, WV

United Northern and Southern Knights of the Ku Klux Klan *
www.unskkkk.com/
Fraser, MI

United Realms of America Knights of the Ku Klux Klan *
www.curakkkk.com
Red Bay, AL

United Southern Brotherhood *
www.sb311.com/
Erwin, TX

United White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan *
www.kkkklavern7.com
Longview, TX

White Camelia Knights of the Ku Klux Klan *
www.wckkkk.org/index.html
Cleveland, TX

White Legion Knights of the Ku Klux Klan
www.whitelegionknights.org/

World Knights of the Ku Klux Klan *
www.worldknights.org/
Sharpsburg, MD

NEO-NAZI 89

Adolf Hitler Research Society
www.adolfhitlerresearchsociety.c
www.hitlerresearch.org/

Adolf the Great
www.adolfthegreat.com/

American National Socialist Workers Party *
www.nazisozi.com/

www.answp.com/
Roanoke, VA
Am[illegible]n National Socialist Workers [illegible]y Illinois Blog
il[illegible]answp88.wordpress.com/
American National Socialist Workers Party Kentucky Blog
michaelburks.wordpress.com
American National Socialist Workers Party Utah Blog
utanswp69.blogspot.com/
American Nazi Party *
www.americannaziparty.com
Westland, MI
Arthur Jones for Congress
www.arthurjonesforcongress.com/
Aryan Front
www.aryan-front.com/
Aryan Militia *
www.aryan-militia.com/
Bakersfield, CA
Aryan Nations *
www.aryannations.org/
Coeur d'Alene, ID
Aryan Nations (offshoot) *
www.aryan-nations.org
www.posse-comitatus.org
Lexington, SC
Aryan Nations Youth Action Corps *
wv[illegible]/ac.4t.com/
C[illegible]ornia
[illegible] Union
www.aryanunion.org/
Bowles For President
www.bowlesforpresident.com/index.html
Christian Defense League *
www.cdlreport.com
Mandeville, LA
Christian National Socialist Party *
thecnsp.com/
Childersburg, AL
Church of Creativity *
www.resistnow.com/
Pittsburgh, PA
Church of Jesus Christ Rahowa
www.freewebs.com/jesusrahowa/
Cosmotheism
www.cosmotheism.net/
Creativity Movement *
www.creativitymovement.net/
East Peoria, IL
Curt Maynard's Blog
curtmaynardsblog.blogspot.com/
ENationalist
ww[illegible]ationalist.com/portal/
in[illegible]
[illegible] Solution 88
w[illegible]w.finalsolution88.com
Hampton Roads Blogspot
hamptonroads88.blogspot.com/
Hardy Lloyd
www.hardylloyd.com
Iron Will Radio
www.ironwillradio.com/
Jew Crime
www.jew-crime.com/
Klassen's Teachings
rahowa.com/
Knights of the Nordic Order *
www.knightsofthenordicorder.org
Cardiff, AL
Lebensborn Assembly Church *
lebensbornassemblychurch.com/
Birmingham, AL
Libertarian National Socialist Green Party
www.nazi.org/
National Alliance *
www.natallmd.com/
Baltimore, MD
www.natvan.com/
www.natall.com
Hillsboro, WV
National Alliance News
www.natallnews.com
Nationalist Coalition *
www.ncoal.com/
St Petersburg, FL
National Socialist Aryan Order *
nsaryanorder.tripod.com/
Davison, MI
National Socialist Aryan Workers' Party *
www.nsawp.org/
Kennesaw, GA
National Socialist Black Metal
www.nsbm.org/
National Socialist Christian Workers Party
nscwp.editboard.com/index.htm?sid=ebc0544530c3fda066626ae31d5631a1
National Socialist Front of Ohio
www.nationalsocialistfrontohio.blogspot.com/
National Socialist German Workers Party *
www.nazi-lauck-nsdapao.com/
Lincoln, NE
National Socialist Movement *
www.nsm88ca.com
Glendale, CA
www.newp.org/nsm88co/
Colorado
www.nsmne.cjb.net/
www.geocities.com/nsmboston/
Boston, MA
www.webspawner.com/users/nsmmaryland88/index.html
Maryland
www.michigannazis.com/
Michigan
www.nsm88.com/
Minneapolis, MN
www.geocities.com/nsm_libbymt/NSMNorthwesternMontana.html
Libby, MT
www.nsm88nj.com
New Jersey
www.nsm88ny.com
New York
www.nsm88nv.com
Nevada
www.nsmspartanburg.20fr.com/
South Carolina
www.webspawner.com/users/virginia88/index.html
Virginia
www.nsm88wi.com
Green Bay, WI
National Socialist Movement Forum
whitepowerchat.com/nsmforum/
National Socialist Movement Radio
www.nsm88radio.com/
National Socialists of Washington State *
www.ns-wa.org
Mukilteo, WA
National Socialist Order of America *
WWW.NSOA88.COM/index.html
Laurens, SC
National Socialist Punk
www.nazipunk.8k.com/
The New Dawn
www.fascistworld.org/
New Order *
www.theneworder.org/
Milwaukee, WI
Nordwave *
nordwave.net
Lake Worth, FL
NSM Blog
blog.nsm88.org/
NSM Outreach
www.nsm88help.org/
NSM Watching
billwhitewatch.blogspot.com/
NSM 88 Records
nsm88records.com/
NSM88 Womens Division *
www.nsm88womensdivision.com/
Iowa
NS Publications *
www.nspublications.com/
Wyandotte, MI
Nuke Israel
www.nukeisrael.com/
Real ANSWP
realanswp.blogspot.com
Revolutionary Order of the Aryan Republic *
125833.spreadshirt.com/us/US/Shop/Index/index
theshepherdsden.invisionzone.com/index.php?act=Login&CODE=01
Chattanooga, TN
Romanian National Vanguard
ronatvan.com/
www.news.ronatvan.com/
Michigan
SS Regalia *
www.ssregalia.com/
Edgewater, MD
White Aryan Resistance *
www.resist.com/
Warsaw, IN
White Honor
www.whitehonor.com/
White Knights of America *
www.whiteknightsofamerica.com/
Arizona
White Revolution *
www.whiterevolution.com/
Russellville, AR
White Revolution Florida Blog
wrfl.blogspot.com/
White Women Only
www.whitewomenonly.com/
World Union of National Socialists
www.nationalsocialist.net
Zog's Nightmare
www.zogsnightmare.com/index!.htm

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All White Dating
www.allwhitedating.com/
AlterMedia International
www.altermedia.info
American Defense League
www.americandefenseleague.com/
www.adlusa.us/
American Italian White Separatist Front
www.angelfire.com/rebellion2/aiwsf
American National Conference
ancpage.com/
American Nationalist Union *
www.anu.org/
www.castefootball.us/
Las Vegas, NV
***American Renaissance*/New Century Foundation ***

www.chicagoamren.com/
Chicago, IL
www.amren.com/
Oakton, VA
Americans Against Zionist Oppression and Occupation
ourworld.cs.com/nonzion/
Arizona White Pride *
www.azwhitepride.com
Maricopa County, AZ
Aryan Space
www.aryanspace.net/
Aryan Wear *
www.aryanwear.com/
Keller, TX
Awakened White
www.awakenedwhite.com
Birdman Bryant: The World's Most Controversial Author
www.thebirdman.org/
Celtic Reign
www.celticreign.com/
Center for Perpetual Diversity *
www.perpetualdiversity.com
Gaithersburg, MD
Charles Darwin Research Institute *
www.charlesdarwinresearch.org/
Port Huron, MI
Christian Legal Reformation Club
www.clrc.net/
The Civic Platform
www.thecivicplatform.com
Conspiracy Penpal
conspiracypenpal.com
Cool Kids Rebel
coolkidsrebel.com/blog
Council of Conservative Citizens *
alcofcc.wordpress.com
Jasper, AL
arcofcc.freeservers.com/index.html
Little Rock, AR
northcalcofcc.wordpress.com/
California
groups.firstcoastcommunity.com/main.wsi?group_id=471
Jacksonville, FL
www.cofccne.com
boston.cofcc.org/index.html
Boston, MA
www.micofcc.org/
Caledonia, MI
members.aol.com/kidrebel777/KidRebel777/
Mississippi Valley, MO
www.cofcc.org/
countenance.wordpress.com
archimedes.galilei.com/stlcofcc/
groups.firstcoastcommunity.com/frame.wsi?groupsite=cofcc.org
saintlouiscofcc.wordpress.com/
St. Louis, MO
www.cofcc.org/chapters/mississippi/index.htm
Greenwood, MS
www.cofcc.org/chapters/mississippi/index.php
Jackson, MS
cofccnc.wordpress.com/
North Carolina
www.heritagelost.org/
Charleston, SC
www.heritagelost.org/columbia/
Columbia, SC
Council of Conservative Citizens Blog Site
micofcc.wordpress.com/
Council of Conservative Citizens: Citizens Store
micofcc.org/shop.html
David Duke Online
www.davidduke.org/
www.duke.org/
www.davidduke.com/
David Lane's Pyramid Prophecy
www.davidlane1488.org/
Day of the Rope Blogspot
dayoftherope.blogspot.com
Defensive Racism
defensiveracism.com/
Detroit is Crap
detroitiscrap.blogspot.com/
Diversity = Anti-White
diversityisantiwhite.blogspot.com/2008/12/hate-crime-hustle.html
Diversity is Chaos
diversityischaos.blogspot.com
Dr. Virginia Deane Abernethy
www.virginiaabernethy.com
East Coast White Unity *
ecwu.org/
Chelsea, MA
EAU School of Western Culture
www.europeanamericansunited.org/school1/
European American Issues Forum *
www.eaif.org/
San Bruno, CA
European Americans United *
www.europeanamericansunited.org
Sacramento, CA
www.eau-tn.com
Sale Creek, TN
European-American Unity and Rights Organization *
www.whitecivilrights.com/
Mandeville, LA
Eyzwydopen
eyzwydopensblog.blogspot.com
Faith, Folk, and Family
www.odinist.com/othala/index.php
Fallen Freedom
fallenfreedom.blogspot.com/
First Amendment Exercise Machine
www.faem.com/
The First Freedom
www.gulftel.com/firstfreedom/
Folk and Faith *
www.folkandfaith.com/
www.revolutioninternational.blogspot.com/
Idaho Falls, ID
Frank Roman's Blog
frankroman.wordpress.com/
Free American Magazine Online
www.freeamerican.com/
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Holy Western Empire
www.holywesternempire.org/
Homefront Publications
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Honest Media Today
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Vancouver, WA
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Chicago, IL
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Utica, NY
Jared Taylor
www.jaredtaylor.org
Jerry's Aryan Battle Page
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www.jewwatch.com/
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Kevin MacDonald Blog
www.kevinmacdonald.net/Blog.htm
The Kinist Insitute *
www.kinism.net
Orlando, FL
Latte Island
latteisland.wordpress.com
The League of American Patriots *
www.leagueap.org/
Garfield, NJ
Louis Beam
www.louisbeam.com/
Magna Est Veritas Et Praevalet
www.greatistruth.blogspot.com/
March of the Titans A History of the White Race
www.white-history.com/
Martin Luther King Jr. A Historical Examination
www.martinlutherking.org/
www.mlking.org
Midwest White Pride Forum
midwestwhitepride.com/forum
NAAWP Florida Chapter, Inc. *
www.naawpflch.org/
Jacksonville, FL
Nationalist Free Press *
www.nationalistfreepress.com/
Dandridge, TN
Nationalist Library
www.nationalistlibrary.com
Nationalist Movement *
www.nationalist.org/
Learned, MS
Nationalist Party of the United States of America
www.nationalistpartyusa.com/
National Policy Institute *
www.nationalpolicyinstitute.org
Augusta, GA
NationalSalvation.net
www.nationalsalvation.net
NeoEugenics
www.neoeugenics.com
Neo White Revolutionary Press
www.nwrpress.com
New Nation News
www.newnation.org/
New Nation News Reporters Forum
www.nnnforum.org/forums/
New Saxon
www.newsaxon.com/
NewsNet14
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www.newsnet14.com/
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nicholasstixuncensored.blogspot.com/

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Nc[illegible] World Order
w[illegible]onwo.com/
North East White Pride *
www.newp.org
Haverhill, MA
Northern Voice Bookstore *
www.northernvoicebookstore.com/
Las Vegas, NV
Northwest Homeland Blogspot
nwhomeland.blogspot.com/
No War for Israel
www.nowarforisrael.com/
NS88 Videos
www.ns88.com/
Occidental Dissent
www.occidentaldissent.com
Occidental Origin
www.occidentalorigin.com/
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theoccidentalquarterly.com/
www.theoccidentalobserver.com
www.occidentalpress.com
Augusta, GA
Odin's Reich
www.odinsreich.com/
Ord[illegible] St. Andrew *
ww[illegible]a.faithweb.com/
S[illegible]*ven, MS*
Order of White Knights
www.orderofwhiteknights.org/
Original Dissent
www.originaldissent.com/
OurWayofLife.org
www.ourwayoflife.org/
Pacifica Forum *
www.geocities.com/pacificaforum/
Eugene, OR
Pioneer Fund *
www.pioneerfund.org/
New York, NY
Podblanc: White Now
podblanc.com/node/1224
The Political Cesspool
www.thepoliticalcesspool.org/
Political Soldier.net and Final Conflict
www.politicalsoldier.net
Professor Kevin MacDonald, CSULB, Department of Psychology
www.kevinmacdonald.net/
Prussian Blue
www.prussianblue.net
prus[illegible]defan.blogspot.com
[illegible] **Up a Fight**
www.geocities.com/puttingupafight/
Put Troops on the Border
www.puttroopsontheborder.com/
Racial Compact
www.racialcompact.com/
Racial Nationalist Party of America *
www.rnpaheadquarters.org
Lockport, NY
Rebel Army
www.rebelarmy.com
Revilo Oliver
www.revilo-oliver.com/
robertsgriffin.com
www.robertsgriffin.com
The Sam Francis Letter
samfranciscolumn.blogspot.com/
Serbian Defense League
serbiandefenseleague.com/
sdlusa.com/sdl/
Shots Fired
www.shotsfired.us/
Sigrdrifa Publications *
www.sigrdrifa.net/
Vancouver, WA
SolarGeneral.com White Nationalist News Portal
www.solargeneral.com
Sons of Liberty Committee *
www.solpac.org/
Shady Hills, FL
Spartan Spectator
www.spartanspectator.com
Spirit Water Blood
spiritwaterblood.com
Stalking the Wild Taboo
www.lrainc.com/swtaboo/index.html
The State of White America
thestateofwhiteamerica.blogspot.com/
Stormfront *
www.wpww.com/
www.stormfront.org/
West Palm Beach, FL
Supermaxx14.com
https://www.supermaxx14.com/Home_Page.php
The Truth About Panzerfaust Records
www.anthonypierpont.com
The Truth Newspaper
www.thetruthnewspaperinc.com
Unite Against Multiculturalism
www.geocities.com/anti_multiculture/index.html
United Patriots and Associates *
www.geocities.com/rebely2070/RebelYell1776.html
Shreveport, LA
Vanguard News Network
www.govnn.com
www.vanguardnewsnetwork.com/
www.vnnforum.com
Vanishing American
vanishingamerican.blogspot.com
VDARE Foundation *
www.vdare.com
blog.vdare.com/
Warrenton, VA
Vinland Folk Patriots
www.vinlandfolkresistance.com
VoteForUSA-Informing the American Voter
www.voteforusa.com/
Wake Up or Die
www.wakeupordie.com/
Washington Summit Publishers *
www.wspublishers.com/
Augusta, GA
Western Nationalist
www.gossiping.net/phpBB2/?mforum=newsboard
Western Safeguards Initiative
wsi.matriots.com
Western Survival
westernsurvival.blogspot.com
Western Voices World News
www.wvwnews.net
Whitaker Online
www.whitakeronline.org/
White Boy Society *
www.localwhiteboy.com/
Illinois
White Christian Soldiers *
www.angelfire.com/ny2/Lansky2000/cda.html
Lee's Summit, MO
White History
www.white-history.com/
White Nationalist Radio
odeo.com/channels/38306
White Patriot Party
www.whitepatriotparty.com/
White Pride Photo Gallery
www.white-pride.org/index.php
White Racial Patriots
www.tworca.org/
White Warrior Women
www.whitewomenonly.com
Why Blacks Suck
whyblackssuck.blogspot.com
Women for Aryan Unity *
w-a-u.net/
Brooklyn, NY
W.O.T.A.N.
www.allfatherwotan.org
WTM Enterprises *
www.thornwalker.com/ditch/index.html
Roanoke, IN
Yggdrasil's Library
www.whitenationalism.com
Young John's Blog
yjohn.wordpress.com

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Bergen County Hooligans *
www.furiat.net/
Wallington, NJ
Blood and Honour *
www.bloodandhonour-usa.com/
www.kriegsberichter.com/
Richardson, TX
Blood and Honour/Volksfront
bhamerica.net
California Skinheads *
www.caskinhead.com/
Fresno, CA
COORS Family Skinheads *
coorsfamilyskins.com/
Big Bear Lake, CA
Crew 38
crew38.com/
Golden State Skinheads *
www.goldenstateskinheads.org/
California
Hammerskin Nation
www.hammerskins.net
Independent Skins *
www.independentskins.com/
Callahan, FL
Keystone State Skinheads *
kss88.com
www.keystoneunited.com
Harrisburg, PA
Maryland State Skinheads *
www.marylandskinheads.com/
Baltimore, MD
Natural State Skinheads *
naturalstateskinheads.com
Russellville, AR
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Poverty 'fuelling terrorism'

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BBC NEWS

Rich countries are being urged to close the poverty gap

World leaders meeting at a development summit in Mexico have called for increased aid to poor countries to help stamp out extreme poverty as a motivation for terrorism.

"Poverty in all its forms is the greatest single threat to peace, security, democracy, human rights and the environment," the head of the World Trade Organisation (WTO), Michael Moore, told delegates.

US President George W Bush, who arrived at the venue in Monterrey on Thursday night, is due to address the conference on Friday.

[Poverty] is a time bomb lodged against the heart of liberty

Michael Moore, WTO president

Leaders from 50 states attending the final two days of the week-long meeting are expected to sign an agreement on Friday calling on wealthy countries to help reduce the poverty gap, and for poorer nations to use foreign aid more efficiently.

At the opening of the summit on Thursday, UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan said it was in the interests of rich states to help poorer countries.

"No-one in this world can feel comfortable, or safe, while so many are suffering and deprived," he said.

More aid needed

Mr Annan urged industrialised countries to double their annual assistance to the Third World.

The United Nations has said advanced countries need to donate $100bn a year in order to halve global poverty by the year 2015.

Annan urged richer countries to double their donations

Ahead of the meeting, the prime ministers of Norway, Denmark, Sweden, Luxembourg and the Netherlands issued a joint statement urging leaders to "do what it takes" to meet the goal.

But, correspondents say, the ambitious target set at the UN's Millennium Summit in 2000 is already slipping behind schedule.

Breeding ground for violence

Several leaders who addressed the Monterrey conference said that defeating poverty would thwart a major driving force behind international terrorism.

President of the UN General Assembly, Han Seung-Soo, called the world's poorest countries "the breeding ground for violence and despair".

Mr Bush will defend America's foreign aid programme

Peruvian President Alejandro Toledo, who cut short his visit after a car bombing in the Peruvian capital, Lima, also linked poverty to violence.

"To speak of development is to speak also of a strong and determined fight against terrorism," he said.

In his speech, the American president will link deprivation to the growth of Islamic fundamentalism.

Mr Bush is also expected to counter criticism that the world's most prosperous country is spending too little on foreign aid.

The US has promised to increase foreign aid spending by 50% over three years from 2004, after the original plan set out by Mr Bush last week was criticised as not being enough.

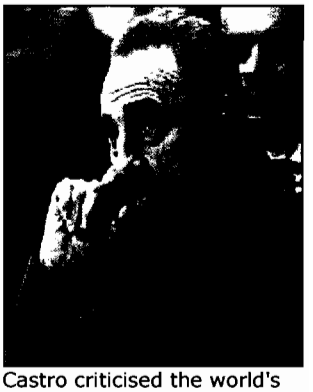
'Not enough'

At a rare press conference, the heads of key international institutions - the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank and the WTO - expressed confidence that progress was being made towards solving global poverty.

But the summit also heard strong reservations from leaders of developing countries.

The President of Nigeria, Olusegun Obasanjo, said the UN targets did not go far enough, while Cuban President Fidel Castro used the occasion to denounce the world's financial system as a "gigantic casino".

Mr Castro left the summit hours before Mr Bush arrived, citing "special circumstances" as the reason behind his departure.



Castro criticised the world's financial system

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The poverty/terror myth

There may be an economic dimension to terrorism -- but it's not what you think, says Fortune's Cait Murphy.

By Cait Murphy, Fortune assistant managing editor
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NEW YORK (Fortune) -- The idea that poverty breeds terror appears obvious; how could it be otherwise? And people as different as the Archbishop of Canterbury, George Bush, Jacques Chirac and Pakistan's leader, Pervez Musharraf, have also noted a link between poverty and terrorism.

In fact, there is now robust evidence that there is no such link. That does not mean, however, that economics is irrelevant.

First, to the question of poverty. Of the 50 poorest countries in the world (see list at right) only Afghanistan (and perhaps Bangladesh and Yemen) has much experience in terrorism, global or domestic.

But surely that is the wrong way to look at things. Aren't the people who commit terrorist acts poor, even if they are from countries that are not? No. Remember, most of the 19 hijackers on 9/11 were middle-class sons of Saudi Arabia and many were well-educated. And Osama bin Laden himself is from one of the richest families in the Middle East.

But it goes deeper than that. In a 2003 study in the Journal of Economic Perspectives, Alan Krueger and Jitka Maleckova reported the results of a post-9/11 survey of Palestinians. Asked whether there were "any circumstances under which you would justify the use of terrorism to achieve political goals," the higher-status respondents (merchant, farmer or professional) were more likely to agree (43.3 percent) than those lower down the ladder (laborer, craftsman or employee) (34.6 percent). The higher-status respondents were also more likely to support armed attacks against Israeli targets (86.7 percent to 80.8 percent). The same dynamic existed when education was taken into account.

In another study, 129 Hezbollah militants who died in action (not all of them in activities that could be considered terrorism) were compared to the general Lebanese population. The Hezbollah members were slightly less likely to be poor, and significantly more likely to have finished high school.

Outside Palestine, there is general agreement that suicide attacks on civilians is a form of terrorism. So where do suicide bombers fit in? A study looked at the biographies of 285 suicide bombers as published in local journals, from 1987-2002. And this found that those who carried out suicide attacks were, on the whole, richer (fewer than 15 percent under the poverty line, compared to almost 35 percent for the population as a whole) and more educated (95 percent with high school or higher) than the rest of the population (almost half of whom went no further than middle school). A similar survey of terrorists in the Jewish Underground, which killed 29 Palestinians in the early 1970s, found the same pattern.

A comprehensive study of 1,776 terrorist incidents (240 international, the rest domestic) by Harvard professor Albert Abadie, who was sympathetic to the poverty-terrorism idea at first, found no such thing. "When you look at the data," he told the *Harvard Gazette*, "it's not there."

What he did find was more intriguing. The freest countries experienced little terrorism; and the same was true for the most oppressed. It was in the middle - where politics was unsettled and evolving and governments are often weak - that suffered the most. He also found that geography contributed to terrorist destiny. Places like Afghanistan, with its austere mountains, or Colombia, with its remote jungles, might have been designed to sustain terrorism.

So, is there no economic dimension to terrorism? There may, be, but not in the way the conventional wisdom would have it.

Consider a chilling, but compelling recent paper by Efraim Benmelech of Harvard and Claude Berrebi of Rand. The two ask, in effect, what makes someone become a suicide bomber? Their answer: "Since there are returns to human capital in both the productive and the terror sectors, high-ability individuals will become suicide bombers if the expected payoff from suicide bombing is higher than their skill-adjusted expected lifetime earnings in the productive sector."

They test this proposition using a data base of 148 Palestinian suicide bombers from 2000-05. And they find that older and more educated suicide bombers are assigned to higher-profile targets, kill more people, and are less likely to fail or be caught. In short, there is a match between human capital, in this grossly distorted sense, and the desired goal.

And as for the bombers themselves, these authors argue that the bombers have made, what is for them, a rational choice: There is enough moral, psychological and sometimes financial payoff from the act of killing many people to offset the economic loss of their death. Therefore, the terrorist manager assigns the most deadly tasks to the highest-caliber people; otherwise, they will not bother. In an awful way, it makes sense, and it seems to be true. Caught and failed suicide bombers are conspicuously less educated than those who carry out their tasks.

The argument, with its "incentive-compatibility constraints" and various formulas, does not (and is not intended to) come to grips with a much more elemental question. What creates and sustains the hate to make mass killing over living an arguably rational choice?

That is a much tougher question. But it probably gets closer to the point than vague analogies between poverty and terrorism. There are many good reasons to worry about poverty, and to take action to alleviate it. But ending terrorism is not one of them.

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Five in DeKalb militia are denied bail; sixth gets out
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Five members of a self-styled militia were denied bail Tuesday after a federal agent testified they planned a machine gun attack on Mexicans, but a judge approved bail for a sixth man.

U.S. Magistrate Judge Robert Armstrong said at a hearing in Birmingham federal court he could not grant bail to the five because of the agent's testimony and the amount of weapons - including about 200 homemade hand grenades - that were seized in raids Friday in DeKalb County.

"I'm going to be worried if I let these individuals go at this time," he said.

Adam Nesmith, an agent with the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, testified that the five - Raymond Kirk Dillard, 46; Adam Lynn Cunningham, 41; Bonnell Hughes, 57; Randall Garrett Cole, 22; and James Ray McElroy, 20 - planned a machine-gun attack on Mexicans in Remlap, a town just north of Birmingham, and went there on a reconnaissance mission April 20. The agent provided no further details.

During the raids last week, agents recovered 130 homemade hand grenades, a grenade launcher, about 70 hand grenades rigged to be fired from a rifle, a machine gun, a short-barrel shotgun and 2,500 rounds of ammunition, authorities said.

Local and federal officials returned to the area Tuesday because authorities got information that explosives could be hidden in a cave, said Stanna Guice, spokeswoman for the DeKalb County Sheriff's Department. Officers on foot and horseback converged in a field and worked outward to search for a cache.

Stanna Guice, spokeswoman for the DeKalb County Sheriff's Department, said agents found the cave about 3 p.m., but do not know if it's the cave where they believe the militia had been hiding explosives. She said agents were waiting for the Fischer Rescue Squad of Fort Payne to help them explore the cave.

James Craig, 63, of Collinsville, said Dillard visited him and his wife, Shelia, a few weeks ago and talked to them about how the Hispanics were taking over the country.

"I told him I didn't want to hear it, and I asked to leave and not to come back," he said. "He just respected me and walked off. If I had known he had all those explosives around his house, I might have been nicer to him. You never know who your neighbors are."

Craig said it concerned him and his wife that agents found explosives at his place and that it was booby trapped.

"I hope (agents) don't get blowed up looking for that cave," he said.

The Craigs live in a mobile home a short distance from Dillard's camper.
They live on and oversee about 125 acres belonging to their landlord, Gary Burke. It's on this land where agents have been searching for a cave with a cache of explosives. A faded Confederate flag is posted at the end of the dirt drive to their home.

Craig said he spends his days shooting coyotes that try to get their chickens and trying to keep anyone from growing marijuana plants on the property.

Several Hispanic people live in a mobile home park across a railroad track from their home.

Craig said he and his wife get along with them.

"The small kids throw us kisses when we drive by," he said. "They never caused us any trouble."

"I reckon they respect that (No Trespassing) sign down yonder," his wife said, pointing beyond the end of their driveway.

At the hearing in Birmingham, Nesmith said Dillard told an undercover agent that the group, which calls itself the Alabama Free Militia, viewed government agents as "the enemy" and had a standing order to open fire if anyone saw government agents approaching.

Armstrong said Dillard was denied bail because he was already a fugitive, having failed to report for probation on a weapons case.

The judge approved $10,000 bail for the sixth defendant, 30-year-old Michael Wayne Bobo, at a later hearing. Bobo, who is being kept in custody until at least today, was charged with being a drug user in possession of a firearm. The other five were charged with conspiring to make a firearm.

Staff writer David Brewer and The Associated Press contributed to this report.

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Four charged with gun violations

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Three Casper residents, including one with ties to an anti-government organization, pleaded not guilty to weapons charges during an arraignment in federal court in Casper on Monday.

The government has charged lead defendant Richard T. Serafin with possession of firearms not in the national firearms registration and transfer record, and possession of firearms to further a crime of violence, according to federal court records.

Serafin, who has been in custody since February, told an undercover law enforcement officer he intended to travel to the Mexican border and harm illegal immigrants after drug runners allegedly burned down his brother's house in Arizona, according to the affidavit filed with the criminal complaint filed on Feb. 5.

"Serafin stated that he is taking his firearms down to Arizona," wrote special agent Steve McFarland of the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

"He added that he has a 'bad feeling' about what might happen in Arizona, once he gets there. Serafin also said that there may be fewer illegal Mexicans coming into the U.S. after he is there," McFarland wrote.

Serafin's jury trial is set for April 30 in Casper before Chief U.S. District Court Judge William Downes.

Neither prosecuting Assistant U.S. Attorney Stuart Healy nor lead federal public defender Robert Rogers could be reached for comment.

Three other defendants were named in the case: Jana Renae Serafin, Craig Shain and Kristine Jonelle Berwanger. Court documents did not indicate whether they had ties to militia groups.

They each face one count of making a false record in a gun

transaction.

On Monday, U.S. Magistrate Judge Michael Shickich released Shain and Berwanger on their own recognizance.

Jana Renae Serafin's arraignment is scheduled for Monday.

The ATF began investigating Serafin in March 2006 after the Atlanta office of the agency learned he illegally bought a silencer over the internet from Germany, McFarland wrote.

McFarland found Serafin's last known address was in the 2200 block of South Richard Street in Casper, and a Google search indicated he was a member or officer of an anti-government militia type group.

One site indicated Serafin was the "CO for the 045th BN/44th FF Central Wyoming Militia," and his e-mail address was the same as the one used in the purchase of the silencer, McFarland wrote.

McFarland, operating undercover, contacted Serafin by the Internet and expressed an interest in learning more about militias.

The two met on Nov. 2, and Serafin explained his racist views and how he ran a militia, McFarland wrote.

They met again on Dec. 12, and Serafin invited the agent to his house, he wrote.

While at his house in the 1200 block of West 13th Street, Serafin sold McFarland a handgun and showed him some other weapons including two sawed-off AR-15 .223-caliber rifles, and a fully automatic Fabrique Nationale, FAL, .308-caliber assault rifle, McFarland wrote.

The agent stayed in touch and they talked on Jan. 30 when Serafin said he planned to relocate to the Arizona-Mexico border.

Serafin also offered to sell him one of the AR-15 rifles, McFarland wrote.

During Serafin's detention hearing on Feb. 12, U.S. Magistrate Judge William Beaman agreed with the federal government that Serafin should be held in custody.

Beaman cited Serafin's remarks about taking violent action against

illegal aliens and law enforcement agents, possessing weapons that had no use other than injuring or killing people, previous encounters with the law, anger management problems, potential flight risk, and the risk he will endanger others.

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Victims

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In the Uniform Crime Reporting Program, the victim of a hate crime may be an individual, a business, an institution, or society as a whole. In 2007, the Nation's law enforcement agencies reported that there were 9,535 victims of hate crimes. Of these victims, 8 were victimized in 3 separate multiple-bias incidents.

By bias motivation

An analysis of data for victims of single-bias hate crime incidents showed that:

- 52.0 percent of the victims were targeted because of the offender's bias against a race.
- 17.1 percent were victimized because of a bias against a religious belief.
- 15.9 percent were targeted because of a bias against a particular sexual orientation.
- 14.1 percent were victimized because of a bias against an ethnicity/national origin.
- 0.9 percent were targeted because of a bias against a disability.

(Based on Table 1.)

Racial bias

Among the single-bias hate crime incidents in 2007, there were 4,956 victims of racially motivated hate crime.

- 69.3 percent were victims of an offender's anti-black bias.
- 18.3 percent were victims of an anti-white bias.
- 4.7 percent were victims of an anti-Asian/Pacific Islander bias.
- 1.5 percent were victims of an anti-American Indian/Alaskan Native bias.
- 6.1 percent were victims of a bias against a group of individuals in which more than one race was represented (anti-multiple races, group).

(Based on Table 1.)

Religious bias

Of the 1,628 victims of an anti-religious hate crime:

- 69.2 percent were victims of an offender's anti-Jewish bias.
- 8.7 percent were victims of an anti-Islamic bias.
- 4.3 percent were victims of an anti-Catholic bias.
- 4.1 percent were victims of an anti-Protestant bias.
- 0.5 percent were victims of an anti-Atheist/Agnostic bias.
- 9.1 percent were victims of a bias against other religions (anti-other religion).
- 4.1 percent were victims of a bias against groups of individuals of varying religions (anti-multiple religions, group).

(Based on Table 1.)

Sexual-orientation bias

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Of the 1,512 victims targeted due to a sexual-orientation bias:

- 58.9 percent were victims of an offender's anti-male homosexual bias.
- 24.8 percent were victims of an anti-homosexual bias.
- 13.0 percent were victims of an anti-female homosexual bias.
- 1.8 percent were victims of an anti-heterosexual bias.
- 1.5 percent were victims of an anti-bisexual bias.

(Based on Table 1.)

Ethnicity/national origin bias

Hate crimes motivated by the offender's bias toward a particular ethnicity/national origin were directed at 1,347 victims. Of these victims:

- 61.6 percent were targeted because of an anti-Hispanic bias.
- 38.4 percent were victimized because of a bias against other ethnicities/national origins.

(Based on Table 1.)

Disability bias

Of the 84 victims of a hate crime due to the offender's bias against a disability:

- 64 were targets of an anti-mental disability bias.
- 20 were victims of an anti-physical disability bias.

(See Table 1.)

By crime category

Of the 9,535 victims of a hate crime, 56.7 percent were victims of crimes against persons, and 43.1 percent were victims of crimes against property. The remaining percentage were victims of crimes against society. (Based on Table 2.)

By offense type

Crimes against persons

In 2007, 5,408 victims of hate crimes were victims of crimes against persons. Regarding these victims and the crimes committed against them:

- 9 persons were murdered, and 2 were forcibly raped.
- 47.4 percent of the victims were intimidated.
- 31.1 percent were victims of simple assault.
- 20.6 percent were victims of aggravated assault.
- Less than one percent (0.6) were victims of other types of offenses, which are collected only in the National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS).

(Based on Table 2.)

Crimes against property

In 2007, 4,108 victims of hate crimes were victims of crimes against property. Of these:

- 81.0 percent were victims of destruction/damage/vandalism.
- 5.7 percent were victims of robbery.
- 5.6 percent were victims of larceny-theft.
- 4.7 percent were victims of burglary.
- 1.1 percent were victims of arson.
- 0.7 percent were victims of motor vehicle theft.
- 1.1 percent were victims of other types of hate crime offenses, which are collected only in the NIBRS.

(Based on Table 2.)

Crimes against society

Nineteen victims of hate crimes were victims of crimes against society. (See Table 2.)

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Advocates say rhetoric fuels anti-Hispanic crime

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It was meant to be a short jaunt to a friend's home to watch a movie.

Marcello Lucero never made it. His walk, and his life, came to a brutal end when the Ecuadorean native was allegedly beaten and stabbed by a group of teenagers who police said wanted "to beat up some Mexicans."

Lucero's death Saturday night on Long Island was quickly labeled a hate crime by authorities, and it's not an anomaly. Figures recently released by the FBI show hate crimes motivated by anti-Hispanic bias have been on the upswing since 2003.

Observers and Hispanic advocates blame a climate of harsh rhetoric surrounding the national immigration debate.

"I don't think it's merely coincidence that these hate crimes are going up at the same time there's a violent at times debate over immigration," said Kevin Brown, dean of the law school at the University of California-Davis.

"We talk about immigration, we're not particularly careful in the terminology," he said. "Inflammatory terminology is frequently used, that helps to sort of rile people up."

According to FBI statistics released last month, there were 595 incidents of anti-Hispanic bias in 2007, with 830 victims reported by law enforcement agencies. That's a 40 percent rise from 2003, when there were 426 incidents involving 595 victims.

The increase mirrors greater activity in the immigration debate, with mass rallies, attempts at reform legislation, increased government crackdowns and efforts by states and municipalities to pass their own immigration laws. Census estimates of the population of Hispanics in the United States have also increased, from 39.2 million to 45.4 million, a rise of 16 percent.

And the rhetoric around the topic, in the media and elsewhere, has been divisive, advocates say, sometimes portraying immigrants as stealing jobs and gobbling up resources.

"The debate about immigration has been damaged by anti-Latino, anti-immigrant sentiment that's been hijacked by extremists and that some politicians have seen fit to exploit for whatever reasons," said Luis Valenzuela, executive director of Long Island Immigrant Alliance.

"The point at which policy debate goes beyond what's appropriate in our public discourse is the point

where you're demonizing an entire community," said Peter Zamora, Washington, D.C., counsel for the Los Angeles-based Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund.

Not everyone agrees with the connection. Suffolk County Executive Steve Levy, a co-founder of a national group called Mayors and Executives for Immigration Reform, rejected suggestions that the killing on Long Island was related in any way to the immigration debate.

"The beating, stabbing and killing of Marcello Lucero wasn't a question of any county policy or legislation; it was a question of bad people doing horrific things," Levy said.

Seven teens were arraigned Monday on gang assault charges and entered not guilty pleas in connection with Lucero's death. The teen believed to have wielded the knife was also charged with manslaughter as a hate crime.

Joselo Lucero spoke Tuesday near the scene of his brother's killing, where a makeshift memorial of flowers, candles and a picture of the victim lay near bloodstains in the street.

He said his brother, who had been in the United States for 16 years, had been like a father to him.

"He had a good heart and he stayed out of trouble all the time. He took care of my mom in Ecuador and my sister," Joselo Lucero said. "I worry about my mother. She hasn't seen him in 16 years and now she has to receive him in a box."

Tensions over immigrants among longtime residents have been particularly sharp on Long Island. For more than a decade, immigrants from Mexico or Central America have been drawn there by the prospect of jobs. Many stand on street corners, waiting for contractors, landscapers and others to offer them a day's work.

Things got so bad in the summer of 2005 that the head of the Mexican Consulate in New York City said the hamlet of Farmingville — about 10 miles from where Lucero was killed — was "clearly a red zone after the Arizona border" in the abuse of immigrants.

The discourse surrounding immigration has to change, advocates say.

"We have to have a debate about immigration that's focused on workable solutions that uphold our national values," Valenzuela said. "The debate as it's currently entertained is very divisive."

On the Net:

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Coalition of Civil Rights Groups Condemn Rash of Hate Crimes

Washington, DC, November 24, 2008 ... The Anti-Defamation League (ADL) today joined with a coalition of seven national civil rights organizations to denounce the recent wave of hate crimes against Hispanics and other minorities, including the brutal murder of Marcelo Lucero, a Suffolk County, Long Island man of Ecuadoran descent.

"There is a direct connection between the tenor of the political debate and the daily lives of immigrants in our communities. It is no accident that as the immigration debate has demonized immigrants as "invaders" who poison our communities with disease and criminality, haters have taken matters into their own hands and hate crimes against Latinos are on the rise for the fourth consecutive year," said Michael Lieberman, ADL Washington Counsel. (full remarks)

ADL joined with representatives from the National Council of La Raza (NCLR), the Asian American Justice Center (AAJC), the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights (LCCR), the National Urban League, the NAACP and the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund (MALDEF) to decry the recent spike in hate crimes both during and after the election.

These seven organizations are committed to working together to monitor incidents of hate crimes and hate rhetoric, to urge Congress to pass the Local Law Enforcement Hate Crime Prevention Act and the media to cease resorting to bias and bigotry, and to increase tolerance and understanding among all communities.

Read more online on our web site at http://www.adl.org/PresRele/HatCr_51/5403_51

The Anti-Defamation League, founded in 1913, is the world's leading organization fighting anti-Semitism through programs and services that counteract hatred, prejudice and bigotry.

ADL's Michael Lieberman addressses a press conference in Washington, D.C.

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About This Report

Immigration remains a deeply polarizing issue in American politics and public life. Serious policy questions remain about the best way to reform America's immigration system but the debate has also been framed, at times, by vitriolic anti-immigrant – and particularly anti-Latino – rhetoric and propaganda. Purveyors of this extremist rhetoric use stereotypes and outright bigotry to target immigrants and hold them responsible for numerous societal ills.

The Anti-Defamation League (ADL), which previously has documented how extremist groups like the Ku Klux Klan and neo-Nazis have exploited the immigration issue to advance their own agenda, has become increasingly concerned about the virulent anti-immigrant and anti-Latino rhetoric employed by a handful of groups and coalitions that have positioned themselves as legitimate, mainstream advocates against illegal immigration in America.

In 2008, these anti-immigrant advocates have attempted to reinvigorate the immigration debate by forming new coalitions. At a press conference announcing its formation, one coalition openly joined together local citizen groups located far from the Mexican/United States border with virulently anti-Latino border vigilante groups that send armed volunteers to patrol the border. Another coalition has run mainstream newspaper ads that exploit the American public's concerns about the environment by blaming immigrants for traffic congestion, damage to the public infrastructure, and high fuel prices. These coalitions are attempting to broaden their base and legitimize their views through media outreach.

In addition, local citizen groups continue to hold rallies and events where speakers routinely blame undocumented immigrants and their children for a wide range of problems from "dumbing down" American schools to depleting community resources, to being the main cause of crime and disease in this country. The demonization of immigrants has led to an increased sense of fear in communities around the country and created a toxic environment in which hateful rhetoric targeting immigrants has become routine.

Unlike the Ku Klux Klan and neo-Nazis, who make no attempt to hide their racism and bigotry, these anti-immigrant groups and coalitions often use more subtle language to demonize immigrants and foreigners. They are frequently quoted in the media, have been called to testify before Congress, and often hold meetings with lawmakers and other public figures. However, under the guise of warning people about the impact of illegal immigration, anti-immigrant advocates often invoke the same dehumanizing, racist stereotypes as hate groups. And increasingly, they do not make a distinction between illegal and legal immigrants.

A closer look at the public record reveals that some of these supposedly mainstream organizations have disturbing links to, or relationships with, extremists in the anti-immigration movement. Often identified in the media or their mission statements as "anti-illegal immigration advocacy groups," they attempt to distort the debate over immigration by fomenting fear and spreading unfounded propaganda through the use of several key tactics:

- Describing immigrants as "third world invaders," who come to America to destroy our heritage, "colonize" the country and attack our "way of life." This charge is used against Latinos, Asians and other people of color.

- Using terminology that describes immigrants as part of "hordes" that "swarm" over the border. This dehumanizing language has become common.

- Portraying immigrants as carriers of diseases like leprosy, tuberculosis, Chagas disease (a potentially fatal parasitic disease), dengue fever, polio, malaria.

- Depicting immigrants as criminals, murderers, rapists, terrorists, and a danger to children and families.

- Propagating conspiracy theories about an alleged secret "reconquista" plot by Mexican immigrants to create a "greater Mexico" by seizing seven states in the American Southwest that once belonged to Mexico.

- Blaming immigrants for eroding American culture, institutions and quality of life and impacting our environment and natural resources.

This anti-immigrant propaganda and rhetoric, once the domain of hate groups, is now part of the lexicon used by anti-immigration advocacy organizations, politicians and media figures considered mainstream.

In this report, part of a series of reports on immigration and extremism, ADL exposes those individuals and groups who are playing a key a role in mainstreaming extremist rhetoric in the immigration debate in various aspects of American life.

Coalitions: America's Leadership Team for Long Range Population-Immigration-Resource Planning

In June 2008, five anti-immigrant groups joined to form America's Leadership Team for Long Range Population-Immigration-Resource Planning ("Leadership Team"). In August 2008, the Leadership Team sponsored a national ad campaign "to raise America's awareness of the role population growth plays in the demand for energy." As part of the campaign, the Leadership Team took out an ad in the *New York Times* which argued that the use of alternative energy sources, combined with a reduction of immigration into the United States, will "reduce the threat" of rising prices of fuel and other resources. Another ad published in September 2008 warned America's "progressive thinkers" that the natural resources and future of the United States are in jeopardy if the country allows continued immigration.

In June 2008, the Leadership Team sponsored a similar campaign, which included ads that appeared in the *New York Times* and *The Nation* that month. The ads, which picture a bulldozer knocking down trees and heavy traffic congestion, argue that high immigration levels will cause

environmental damage, traffic congestion, higher taxes, and severe strain on schools, emergency rooms, and public infrastructure. These are classic arguments advanced by the anti-immigrant movement that seek to demonize not only the undocumented, but all immigrants and their children.

John Tanton, often considered the father of the anti-immigrant movement, has connections to the founding and funding of the organizations that comprise the Leadership Team. Tanton has been an anti-immigrant activist and writer for over 20 years and is at the center of a network of anti-immigrant groups located across the country. Tanton has helped to found and fund these groups through U.S. Inc., a non-profit that he created. In 1997, Tanton said that if the borders are not secured, America will be overrun by people "defecating and creating garbage and looking for jobs."

The five groups that comprise the Leadership Team include:

- **Federation for American Immigration Reform (FAIR) (Washington, D.C.):** *The largest and most powerful anti-immigrant organization.* Because the group is nuanced in its use of language, it has been viewed as a resource by officials, the media and within anti-immigration policy circles. In spite of its mainstream presence, FAIR leaders have a history of extremist affiliations, and the group often founds and empowers smaller groups that promote xenophobia. Tanton remains on its Board of Directors.

- **American Immigration Control Foundation (AICF) (Virginia):** *Positions itself as "a non-profit research and educational organization."* In reality, it sells, at a low cost, publications authored by racists and anti-immigrant figures who routinely demonize immigrants. AICF's leader, John Vinson, has affiliated himself the white supremacist Council of Conservative Citizens.

- **Californians for Population Stabilization (CAPS)**: *A non-profit group that seeks to "preserve a good quality of life" in California by spreading awareness about the alleged strains that immigrants place on the state's infrastructure and natural resources.* To spread its message, CAPS leaders and members lobby government officials, sponsor media campaigns, and publish reports. One of its more vocal members, Rick Oltman, is a former FAIR Field Representative who spoke at a gathering of the border vigilante Minutemen group and has also had reported ties to the Council of Conservative Citizens. CAPS president, Diana Hull, leads the Leadership Team.

- **NumbersUSA (Virginia):** *Positions itself as a "non-partisan" scholarly source of information about the damaging effects of high immigration levels.* Its leader, Roy Beck, travels the country making visual presentations to highlight the ways in which immigration places strains on several aspects of American society. NumbersUSA also has a significant grassroots presence as the organization that claims to have sent millions of faxes to Congress to support the defeat of the 2007 immigration legislation.

- **Social Contract Press (based in Michigan)**: *Tanton's publishing arm.* This group publishes the *Social Contract*, a quarterly journal that represents itself as scholarly and includes the work of anti-immigrant figures. In Spring 2008, the journal devoted an

entire issue to republishing work originally featured on VDare, an anti-immigrant Web site that features the work of well-known anti-Semites and racists.

Though the Leadership Team is fairly new, Tanton's organizations have a long history of establishing coalitions similar to this one, sometimes in partnership with others, to sponsor print and media ad campaigns and take grassroots action to further an anti-immigrant ideology in mainstream circles. These coalitions give the appearance that several independent groups are behind a larger movement.

The Leadership Team's rhetoric that immigration destroys the environment is nothing new to the anti-immigrant movement as a whole or to Tanton's strategic vision. Tanton was one of the leaders in the move to recast the immigration issue in terms of the environment and has attracted followers with the promise that lowering immigration levels will save the environment and preserve America's natural resources.

In the late 1990s, Tanton attempted to inject anti-immigrant leadership into the Board of the Sierra Club with the creation of "Sierrans for U.S. Population Stabilization," a group created to support a transformation of the Sierra Club into an anti-immigrant group. His attempt failed in the Sierra Club board elections in 2004, and one of his most vocal activists in that effort was ousted from the Sierra Club in the aftermath of her comments that the Hmong community represent "drug-addicted polygamists."

Coalitions: Capital Area Alliance Against Illegal Immigration

In April 2008, ten groups (in addition to an advisory group, the American Council for Immigration Reform) founded the Capital Area Alliance Against Illegal Immigration (the Alliance), a coalition whose mission is to "promote a united strategy of education, outreach and advocacy to end political and legislative support for illegal immigration in Maryland, Virginia, and Washington, DC." To reach this end, the Alliance has stated its opposition to "sanctuary policies" and seeks to eliminate government-provided social services for undocumented immigrants in the Capital region.

In the Alliance, anti-immigrant groups, widely viewed as mainstream, are operating in partnership with virulently anti-Hispanic border vigilante groups that monitor undocumented immigrants. Ostensibly mainstream groups often conceal such connections; one of the reasons that the founding of the Alliance is significant is because it openly reveals these ties.

Two anti-immigrant activists, Chris Simcox, leader of the border vigilante Minuteman Civil Defense Corps (and co-founder of the 2005 Minuteman Project) and Greg Letiecq of Save the Old Dominion, comprise the leadership of six of these ten groups. Glenn Spencer, who has promoted anti-Mexican conspiracy theories, is the leader of one of the other Alliance groups, the Arizona-based American Border Patrol.

The Alliance formally announced its founding at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C., on April 10, 2008, and it has gained coverage in the mainstream media. Rather than discuss

immigration policy, the Alliance has promoted classic anti-immigrant themes that demonize individuals. The press release announcing the Alliance's formation states:

> Sanctuary policies undermine public safety, school systems, and hospitals, and erode the overall quality of life for Capital area residents. The growing social, criminal and financial burden of illegal immigration has reached unsustainable proportions. Local businesses, Americans seeking jobs and regional communities suffer as a result of this lawlessness.

The Capital Area Alliance is comprised of the following coalition partners:

- **American Council for Immigration Reform (Virginia)** – *A non-profit anti-immigrant group, it acts in an advisory capacity to the Alliance.* The Council works with several anti-immigrant activists and groups, including other Alliance partners. It has run ads in the mainstream media, brought activists to Washington, D.C. to lobby, and made contacts with elected officials. The group links its Web site to similar anti-immigrant groups, including the Federation for American Immigration Reform (FAIR), the Center for Immigration Studies (CIS), and NumbersUSA, and the Council's blog includes a link to VDare, a racist Web site, under the "favorites" section.

- **American Border Patrol, also known as American Patrol (Arizona)** – *An anti-immigrant group that uses high-tech equipment to monitor the flow of illegal immigrants across the Arizona border.* For more than a decade, group leader Glenn Spencer, who mixes anti-Mexican bigotry with anti-government rhetoric, has warned of a plan by Mexicans to "invade" and "conquer" the Southwestern United States. Spencer moved his group from California to Sierra Vista, Arizona, in August 2002, in order to be, in his words, "on the front lines." He has appeared at events sponsored by white supremacists and racists, and racist and anti-government extremist groups across the country have embraced his rhetoric.

- **Defend DC (Washington, D.C.)** – *Its leader, William Buchanan, serves as the Alliance's Washington, D.C. spokesman.* The group's founding goal was to prevent the establishment of a day labor center in a specific area of Washington, D.C. To that end, the group held a joint demonstration with Help Save Maryland, another Alliance partner, at a Home Depot in Washington, D.C. in December 2007. The group's information packet reveals its ideology: "Illegal alien workers are incompatible with a decent neighborhood. Public urination, public drinking, sexual harassment, and property intrusions are only the beginning…The fabric of the community slowly unravels."

- **Judicial Watch (Washington, D.C.)** – *A conservative non-profit group that seeks to act as a government watchdog. It files lawsuits and engages in various types of campaigns to "root out government corruption."* The Judicial Watch Web site was the first to feature the Alliance's press release. Judicial Watch has, for years, been waging its own campaign against the "illegal alien invasion," claiming that undocumented immigration is an economic and security threat. The group's staff officially participated in the Minuteman Project, a month-long border vigilante exercise along the United States-Mexico border in Arizona in April 2005.

- **Maryland Minuteman CDC (Maryland)** –*A chapter of the border vigilante Minuteman Civil Defense Corps, a national group led by Chris Simcox and headquartered in Arizona.* The two-year-old chapter mainly exists as a Web entity; its page is currently updated with news stories rather than actual chapter activity. In 2007, the chapter was more active. It held meetings, co-sponsored an anti-immigrant rally, and encouraged members to attend an anti-immigrant rally in Washington, D.C., staged by the Dustin Inman Society, a Georgia-based anti-immigrant group.

- **Virginia Minuteman CDC (Virginia)** – *A chapter of the border vigilante Minuteman Civil Defense Corps, a national group led by Chris Simcox and headquartered in Arizona.* Chapter leader George Taplin has appeared in a mainstream documentary about immigration, spoken at several community events pertaining to immigration, fought to close a day labor center in Virginia to reduce the numbers of undocumented workers in the area, and has been quoted in mainstream media outlets. In May 2007, the chapter sponsored the founding meeting of Help Save Virginia Beach, a group created to encourage the training of local police to enforce federal immigration law.

- **Help Save Maryland (Maryland)** – *In its mission and activities, the group supports anti-immigrant policies, including empowering local law enforcement to initiate deportation proceedings, closing day labor centers, and removing benefits to undocumented immigrants.* The group has chapters in 10 counties. Chuck Floyd is the Alliance's Maryland spokesperson, and group member Pree Glenn-Graves, who runs the Prince Georges County chapter, was a vocal participant at the Alliance's press conference at the National Press Club. She stated, "We're going to start getting overrun in Prince George's County. I can see it happening…I see it happening. Even our Kmart [sic] has been converted to Spanish. Everything is in Spanish and English." In April 2008, Joe Guzzardi, the editor of VDare, a racist Web site, quoted group leader Brad Botwin in an article he wrote and posted to VDare. Guzzardi's article, which supported anti-immigrant activity, is featured on the Help Save Maryland blog.

- **Save the Old Dominion (Virginia)** – *This group is itself a coalition comprised of seven anti-immigrant groups: Help Save Loudoun, Vienna Citizens Coalition/Group, Help Save Hampton Roads, Centreville Citizens Coalition, Help Protect Culpeper, Save Stafford, and Help Save Manassas.* Three of these groups--Help Save Loudoun, Vienna Citizens Coalition/Group and Help Save Manassas--are positioning themselves as independent members of the Alliance. Greg Letiecq, an anti-immigrant leader and head of the Virginia-based Help Save Manassas, is the executive director of Save the Old Dominion and also serves as the Alliance's Virginia spokesman.

- **Help Save Loudoun (Virginia)** – *Member of Save the Old Dominion; also a member of Help Save Virginia, an anti-immigrant coalition containing four subgroups (Help Save Herndon, Help Save Loudoun, Help Save Fairfax, Help Save Hampton Roads).* Help Save Loudoun contains both a grassroots component ("formed to address and troubleshoot community improvement issues"), and a political action committee. The latter was "formed to promote the election of public officials who are dedicated to

implementing immigration law enforcement measures at the local and state levels; and reversing the trend of illegal migration into Northern Virginia."

- **Vienna Citizens Coalition, which also appears to be the Vienna Citizens Group (Virginia)** -- *Member of Save the Old Dominion; it describes itself as a "multicultural group, of varying ages and stages in life" and the Web site also states, "We can turn the tide on crime, day laborers, vagrancy, and zoning problems in Vienna. It's up to us to take this stand and take back our town."* The group claims to meet once a month.

- **Help Save Manassas (Virginia)** – *Member of Save the Old Dominion. Greg Letiecq, the Virginia spokesperson for the Alliance, runs Help Save Manassas and Save the Old Dominion.* Letiecq has attracted hundreds of people to Help Save Manassas through his personal blog, "Black Velvet Bruce Li," reportedly one of the most highly trafficked blogs in the state. Having just commemorated its one-year anniversary in April 2008, Help Save Manassas, which claims to have 2,000 members, including elected officials, has proven to be one of the most influential and active entities in the anti-immigrant movement in the Capital region. Its legislative committee worked with a member of the Prince William County Board of County Supervisors and the legal arm of FAIR to draft a resolution that "seeks to deny services to illegal immigrants and sharply increase immigration enforcement by police." The resolution was unanimously passed in July 2007. A group newsletter includes language representative of Letiecq's ideology:

> Our county has been under assault from the influx of tens, if not hundreds of thousands of illegal aliens who have taken advantage of our lax enforcement of the law at the federal, state and local levels. These border crashers have contributed to rising crime rates, increasing burdens on our schools, hospitals and public services, and the very destruction of our American culture.

Groups: New Jersey Citizens for Immigration Control

New Jersey Citizens for Immigration Control (NJCIC) claims to be a "non-partisan, grassroots organization of New Jersey citizens who are concerned about the influx of illegal aliens into our communities." However, the rhetoric, actions, and affiliations of its leadership reveal it to be among the numerous local citizen groups that demonize Hispanics.

NJCIC promotes classic anti-immigrant themes; the front page of its Web site declares "Stop the Invasion!" advancing the claim that immigrants are aggressively overtaking the United States. More specifically, the group is "concerned about the effects of this influx on our educational system and our law enforcement system," which supports the argument that undocumented immigrants are placing strain on elements of America's infrastructure.

The group's leadership

NJCIC's leadership is comprised mainly of co-chairs Gayle Kesselman and John Rucki, who often attend and speak, on behalf of NJCIC, at events hosted by other anti-immigrant groups.

In October 2007, Kesselman spoke at an anti-immigrant rally in New Jersey. She explained that

she became involved in the movement after attending a speech by Susan Tully, a Federation for American Immigration Reform (FAIR) field representative. Kesselman said that the experience "opened [her] eyes." She went on to discuss "how much the state of New Jersey pays for services for illegal aliens," and the figures she gave were based entirely on a study completed by FAIR. She also explained that by providing "services" to undocumented immigrants, "corporations and politicians are…importing third world poverty into our country…" Fellow speakers included Paul Topete, the lead singer of the anti-government, anti-immigrant band Poker Face; Carmen Morales, a You Don't Speak for Me leader; and other anti-immigrant figures. Topete, a virulent anti-Semite, encouraged the audience to set aside any differing beliefs to combat "slave wage invaders."

Kesselman also participates and speaks at events that seek to demonize Muslims. In September 2007, she joined a group in protesting the Muslim Day Parade in New York. She carried a sign that read "Say No To Islamo-Nazis," equating participants in this mainstream parade to Nazis. Kesselman also spoke at the March 2007 "Rally Against Islamo-Fascism" in New York sponsored by the United American Committee, an anti-Muslim group.

In its May 4, 2008 issue, the *Bergen Record* published a letter from Kesselman in which she argued that a New Jersey U.S. Attorney, in an attempt to "further his political career," ignored the possibility of "the political and economic infrastructure of New Jersey get[ting] destroyed by uncontrolled illegal immigration." The newspaper identified Kesselman as "the co-chairwoman of New Jersey Citizens for Immigration Control." Another letter of Kesselman's, published in the Newark, New Jersey-based *Star Ledger* in July 2006, discussed the "illegals, including terrorists, who have invaded our country…"

Organizing rallies

To broadcast its views, NJCIC organizes meetings and rallies which bring together anti-immigrant figures and groups. The group's Web site advertised a June 2008 "educational public forum" in New Jersey co-sponsored with FAIR, the largest anti-immigrant group in the country. The forum was entitled "The Effects of Illegal Immigration on the New Jersey Taxpayer," and scheduled speakers included leaders from NJCIC and FAIR, along with leaders of the anti-immigrant group You Don't Speak for Me, a FAIR offshoot.

In October 2007, NJCIC sponsored a rally in New Jersey to support "immigration control" and legislation that empowers local law enforcement to initiate deportation proceedings for undocumented immigrants. The rally featured leaders and representatives of other anti-immigrant groups as speakers. During Kesselman's speech, she argued that "there are people that are coming over here, for no other reason than to enrich themselves, at our expense." Another speaker, Carmen Morales of You Don't Speak for Me, stated, "Remember, illegal aliens and their supporters have a different mentality, where if they do not get their way, they will burn buildings and destroy our towns one at a time for that's how they handle it in their own countries."

Supporting anti-immigrant policies

Like many of the other citizen activist groups in the anti-immigrant movement, NJCIC supports legislation that focuses on combating the harm that undocumented immigrants allegedly inflict upon individual states. To achieve this end, NJCIC favors legislation that would deny public benefits, including medical care and in-state college tuition, to undocumented immigrants. NJCIC also actively seeks the implementation, "in every town and county of New Jersey," of legislation that deputizes local law enforcement to enforce federal immigration laws. The group devotes an entire page on its Web site to supporting that goal. While many mainstream groups have similar policy aims, NJCIC's tactics and statements from group leaders demonize immigrants rather than simply advocate for certain policies.

Ties to other anti-immigrant groups

In addition to working with other groups, NJCIC posts links on its Web site to several anti-immigrant groups, including FAIR, Americans for Legal Immigration Political Action Committee (ALIPAC), and Mothers Against Illegal Aliens (MAIA). NJCIC also links its Web site to those of the Minuteman Civil Defense Corps, a border vigilante group, and "American Patrol Report," a Web site run by Glenn Spencer, who leads the virulently anti-Hispanic American Border Patrol group. NJCIC's "Links" page states that the group is "proud to provide links to these fine organizations…"

Groups: The Dustin Inman Society - Georgia

Donald Arthur (D.A.) King is the founder and leader of the Marietta, Georgia-based Dustin Inman Society (DIS), a group that focuses entirely on opposing immigration of Hispanics to the United States (Dustin Inman was a 16-year-old boy who was killed when an alleged undocumented immigrant crashed into the back of the Inman family car in 2000). King has described the United States as a country "being invaded and colonized," and its "way of life" destroyed with the "Hispandering" of his state, which he has taken to calling "Georgiafornia."

He often uses rhetoric that depicts undocumented immigrants as a threat to the American way of life. In March 2008, a reader of King's blog suggested a "new word" for illegal aliens—"crimigrant." In response, King wrote, "Makes sense to me."

Promoting anti-immigrant 287(g) agreements

Since the defeat of the immigration reform bill in Congress in 2007, one of King's most widely-used tactics has been to promote section 287(g) of The Immigration and Nationality Act (INA), which was added to the INA by the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigration Responsibility Act. Section 287(g) deputizes local law enforcement officers to enforce immigration law. In a February 17, 2008 article, published in Georgia's *Gwinnett Daily Post*, King discussed the "organized crime of illegal immigration" and described 287(g) as "the latest effort to rid Georgia of the taxpayer-subsidized illegal aliens who are lowering wages and straining our schools, hospitals, jails and common language."

King does not limit his rhetoric to immigrants; he also targets American Latino leaders. In a February 7, 2008 letter, published in the *Gainesville Times*, a Georgia-based newspaper, King

made predictions about what life will be like if 287(g) is implemented in Hall County, Georgia. He stated, "Parasitic ethnic hustlers who encourage and feed on continued illegal immigration will begin to howl that any enforcement of the law that affects the illegals who are their golden goose is 'profiling' and, sooner or later, 'racist.'" On the Dustin Inman Society blog, King posted the letter and linked the words "ethnic hustlers" to the Georgia Association of Latino Elected Officials (GALEO) "Membership and Benefits" page and membership application.

In December 2007, he staged an event to honor Neil Warren, a Georgia sheriff, with the first DIS 'Sheriff of the Year' award. In the DIS blog, King explained that Warren is the "only sheriff in Georgia to have taken advantage of...section 287(g)." King also reported that "several elected officials were in attendance," and he anticipated honoring other sheriffs "in the process of following Sheriff Warren's leadership in using available federal tools to protect their citizens from the ravages of the crime of illegal immigration."

Demonizing language

Months earlier, in April 2007, King was more extreme in his use of anti-immigrant rhetoric. According to the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*, when speaking at a Newton County (Georgia) Republican Party meeting, he told attendees that undocumented immigrants are "not here to mow your lawn – they're here to blow up your buildings and kill your children, and you, and me."

King has expressed such strong sentiments in previous years, as well. He wrote in a July 2004 article:

> We have become sadly acquainted with the absolute and brazen disregard for the law that comes from the third world horde that is allowed to swarm over our border with Mexico...It is clear that when the mostly Mexican mob illegally 'migrates' into our nation, it brings with it the culture of lawlessness and chaos that is responsible for the very conditions that they flee in the rapidly deteriorating example of Democracy without the rule of law that is Mexico.

Commenting on Hispanic immigrants in a May 2004 article, King asked, "Must the United States silently suffer the incursion of one million people a year because they are brown?"

Mainstream media acceptance

Despite King's numerous inflammatory statements, the national media has continued to provide King with a mainstream platform. He has toned down his rhetoric in mainstream television and print media and his statements and articles now reach millions of Americans. The *Marietta Daily Journal* regularly publishes King's "Guest Columnist" articles and refers to the DIS as a "Cobb based nonprofit coalition which advocates for English as the national official language," and "a Cobb-based non-profit coalition dedicated to educating the public on illegal immigration." The newspaper's Web site also provides a link to the DIS Web site after the publication of each of King's pieces.

An October 2007 National Public Radio segment included a quote from King, who was described as "a grassroots activist." Also in October 2007, King was a guest on CNN's *Headline News*. He was introduced as an "anti-illegal immigration activist" and a "columnist for the

Marietta Journal." In May 2007, Anderson Cooper interviewed King on *CNN Today*, introducing him as a "columnist" and "activist." Twelve mainstream newspapers have printed King's articles, most notably *The Washington Times*, which neutrally describes the Dustin Inman Society as "a Georgia-based coalition of citizens with the goal of educating the public on the consequences of illegal immigration."

Contributor to racist Web site

King also maintained a blog on VDare, a Web site that publishes racist, anti-Semitic, and anti-immigrant articles, and has also posted many of his articles. In one blog entry, he discussed his experience at a March for Dignity, comprised of, in King's words, "mostly Hispanic demonstrators." He wrote, "I got the sense that I had left the country of my birth and been transported to some Mexican village, completely taken over by an angry, barely restrained mob....My first act on a safe return home was to take a shower."

King has also promoted conspiracy theories about the "Reconquista," an alleged plot by Mexicans to forcibly take control of the American Southwest. In a June 2006 article on VDare, he described the ABC network's airing of an award show hosted by the National Council of La Raza, a Hispanic advocacy group, as "Reconquista TV."

In September 2006, King attempted to distance himself from VDare. The Dustin Inman Society Web site states, "D.A. King demanded that [VDare] remove his name from the VDARE Editorial Collective." However, he also requested the VDare "archive his writings along with other past authors."

Rallies and ties to the Minutemen

In addition to spreading his views in the media and online, King has organized public rallies. In March 2008, the DIS held a rally in front of a hotel in Atlanta, Georgia, to protest a "Georgians for McCain" reception, or, as King phrased it on the DIS Web site, the "McCain/Kennedy legalization legislation and reward for illegal aliens – and amnesty for their campaign donating criminal employers." Specifically, the DIS was protesting legislation that would favor amnesty for undocumented immigrants, which the group argues has been supported by the two senators in past years.

The DIS rally reportedly attracted members of the Minuteman Civil Defense Corps., a border vigilante group. On the DIS Web site, King gave "many thanks" to "Just build the fence," an anti-immigrant blog that posted a story about the rally. The blog entry stated that "Local patriots from the Georgia Chapter of the Minuteman Civil Defense Corps were also present in numbers." As of July 2008, the DIS Web site continues to provide links to the Web sites of Minuteman groups.

In April 2007, King organized a kick-off rally for "Hold Their Feet to the Fire," a series of anti-immigrant events held in Washington, D.C. He brought together anti-immigrant speakers from around the country, including his self-described "personal friend" Terry Anderson, Rick Oltman, and William Gheen, all prominent anti-immigrant activists. The Dustin Inman Society organized

a similar rally in 2005, featuring Chris Simcox, currently the leader of the border vigilante Minuteman Civil Defense Corps, which encourages armed patrols and surveillance by volunteers to prevent Mexicans from crossing the border into the United States. In 2005, Simcox co-founded the Minuteman Project, which had a similar agenda. Today, the Minutemen are a loose network of local chapters around the country, whose primary goal is to keep undocumented immigrants from Mexico out of the United States. The more extreme Minutemen chapters continue to advocate patrols of the Mexican-American border by armed volunteers.

Testifying before the government committees

On the political front, in August 2006, King served as a witness at a Gainesville, Georgia, field hearing of the House of Representatives Education and the Workforce Subcommittee. As participants entered the building, Dustin Inman Society members greeted them. Though King softened his language during his testimony, he had secured a permit for his group to demonstrate. One person held up a sign saying "Stop the Invasion."

Groups: Mothers Against Illegal Aliens - Arizona

In January 2006, Michelle Dallacroce founded Mothers Against Illegal Aliens (MAIA), a group that, in her words, was formed "to show every mother in America what is going on on our streets." Through media appearances, connections with extremists, and personal appearances at anti-immigration events, Dallacroce promotes themes that demonize immigrants. She describes immigrants as a "mass invasion" of unintelligent, disrespectful, conspiratorial criminals while targeting her message to women and families. She focuses on immigration as a threat to American children and denigrates the values of immigrant families, branding immigrant children as "dumb" and violent.

Denigrating immigrant children

The MAIA "Mission Statement" directs readers to:

> ...decide if our children are the forgotten and silent victims when it comes to their education in schools overrun by illegal aliens and to their safety from a border in peril. Ultimately, it is up to you to decide for yourself if you want to get involved, protect your family and country, or if you'd rather watch from the sidelines and let our government do your bidding as it gives away your livelihood, your future and your country to a foreign entity that is dictating U.S. immigration policy...our children and our country are at risk of being eliminated!

Dallacroce, echoing the same theme in an interview on the radio show of anti-immigrant activist Frosty Wooldridge in October 2007, stated, "The thing is, the children in our schools are being taught bad habits, the school systems are being dumbed down, it's a matter of fact." She had previously voiced the same sentiments in a May 2006 interview on CNN's *Nancy Grace*, where she said, "My children, as well as my grandchildren and everyone's legal citizen children in our schools, are being affected, dumbed down."

Dallacroce has also claimed that immigrant children are not only "dumb" but raised to be disrespectful and violent. Following an immigration rights Labor Day rally at the Arizona State

Capitol in September 2006, media accounts described a woman screaming at a child through a bull horn, surrounded by counter-protestors who referred to Mexicans as "dogs." In an Internet post, Dallacroce admitted, "I am the lady who is being talked about...We have a prime example of what kind of children are being born and what they are being taught by their illegal alien parents to disobey and disrespect American citizens. This 9 year old boy is being taught to be a violent and hostile child. If this was my child I would have washed his mouth out with soap or better yet, I would have put a lot of tabasco sauce in his mouth..."

Blaming immigrants for diseases

In addition to claiming that children of immigrants are destroying the nation's school systems, MAIA maintains that undocumented immigrants import diseases into the United States. A January 2008 article in the *Washington Post* explained that "Mothers Against Illegal Aliens recently posted a plea for people to bring their own sheets and utensils to hotels and restaurants" because of the potential for disease that the immigrant workers might have. The article was referring to a longer derogatory post made to the MAIA Website in November 2007:

> ...with diseases such as mono, chagas, hepatitis, staff infections, and flesh eating diseases, which are noted in this report, it is reasonable for a reasonable person to conclude that many of these diseases are here and on the rise because of our OPEN AND INSECURE BORDER with Mexico and the fact that Illegal Aliens are not subject to medical inspection or certification, as are legal applicants. With our children being exposed to and infected by the SUPERBUG in our schools, it should not be inconceivable that we are now being exposed and subjected to attacks by diseases which put our lives at risk because of learned bad behavior and unexceptable [sic] and prohibited cleaning practices which could kill us and our children while staying in any hotel or eating at any restaurant anywhere in America!!!!! The next time you eat in a restaurant or sleep in a hotel or motel....just remember to bring your own food, dishes, untensils [sic], glasses, towels, and maybe your own water. The person who cooked your meal or made your bed may very well be the one who picked your fruit and vegetables, yesterday....and we've heard the stories about what they do in the fields....haven't we?

A month earlier in interview on the Frosty Woolridge radio show, Dallacroce made similar claims, declaring , "...we've got people dying on the street, being killed, we've got children in schools catching diseases, that was just on the news..."

Opposing diversity

Dallacroce goes beyond anti-immigrant rhetoric; she has also voiced opposition to diversity. She claimed that Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) has been "hijacked by La Raza" [a Hispanic advocacy group] in response to MADD's October 2007 request that MAIA remove the "Mothers Against" from its group name. In the October 2007 interview with Wooldridge, Dallacroce makes recommendations for steps that she would like MADD to take. She explains, "the second thing I would like them to do is actually, uh, stop this whole diversity thing because we're in America, and we're not supposed to be diverse. We're one nation."

Promoting the "reconquista" conspiracy theory

Dallacroce has also proclaimed that America is under attack by Mexico. She promotes the

conspiracy theory that Mexican immigrants are trying to reclaim land in the United States that once belonged to Mexico. MAIA's current "Mission Statement" states, "We are not only at war with Iraq, but we ARE at WAR with MEXICO; a silent war with Aztlanders…"

In an April 2006 appearance on FOX News's *Hannity and Colmes*, Dallacroce made several derogatory statements about Hispanics, then alleged that Mexicans are engaged in a plot to reclaim the American Southwest. She explained, "What we have got coming over here, that people don't respect the American people. They don't respect America. They want to take over the Southwest...They're using our hospitals…they're tearing apart our country."

Ties to the Minutemen and a white supremacist

To help keep undocumented workers out of the United States, Dallacroce has publicly supported and worked alongside the border vigilante Minutemen. The Minutemen are a loose network of local chapters around the country, whose primary goal is to keep undocumented immigrants from Mexico out of the United States. The more extreme Minutemen chapters advocate patrols of the Mexican-American border by armed volunteers.

Dallacroce counter-protested with the Minutemen at a pro-immigrant rally at the Arizona State Capitol in September 2006. That same month, she spoke at a Minuteman rally in Arizona and in February 2006, she spoke at a Minuteman rally at the U.S. Capitol. According to the *Arizona Daily Star*, at a February 2006 MAIA demonstration in Arizona, Dallacroce stated, "By us supporting the Minuteman...we working [sic] together to protect our families."

In 2007, however, Dallacroce criticized a major Minuteman leader for "compromising." A December 2007 *Arizona Daily Star* article discussed Dallacroce's opinions of Chris Simcox, the founder of the Minuteman Civil Defense Corps, a border vigilante patrol group. The article explained that "Simcox inspired [Dallacroce] to join the anti-illegal entrant movement," but then quoted Dallacroce as stating that Simcox was "giving in" because he made statements supportive of public education and health care for children of undocumented immigrants.

In addition to her work with the Minutemen, Dallacroce has appeared with white supremacist J.T. Ready. When Ready organized a rally at the Phoenix Mexican Consulate in April 2006, Dallacroce was an invited speaker. Ready, who advocates placing landmines across the border, was a Minuteman volunteer. He attends Klan and neo-Nazi events and was a "special guest speaker" at a September 2007 protest against the Mexican Consulate in Omaha, Nebraska, sponsored by the neo-Nazi National Socialist Movement.

Mainstream acceptance

In spite of Dallacroce's activities and extremist ties and MAIA's continued demonization of undocumented immigrants, her group enjoys mainstream exposure. MAIA's positions have been given voice in various mainstream media outlets, including the *Los Angeles Times*, the *Washington Post*, the *Orlando Sentinel*, and *Fox News*.

Groups: The Federation for American Immigration Reform (FAIR) – Washington D.C.

The Washington D.C.-based Federation for American Immigration Reform (FAIR) founded in 1979, claims to work to "improve border security, to stop illegal immigration, and to promote immigration levels consistent with the national interest." Headquartered in the "heart of Capitol Hill," FAIR tempers its language so as to appear as a mainstream group in front of the media and government agencies. Possibly due to its large size (it claims over 250,000 members and supporters), D.C. location, and exposure, elected officials look to the organization for input. To that end, FAIR boasts that it "has been called to testify on immigration bills before Congress more than any organization in America."

Nuanced in its approach

Like many other anti-immigrant groups, FAIR opposes legal immigration as well as illegal immigration. Unlike many other anti-immigrant groups, however, FAIR is much more explicit about this opposition. It has consistently supported a moratorium on legal immigration to the United States, suggesting that only spouses and young children of U.S. citizens and "some" legitimate refugees should be allowed into the country.

FAIR is more nuanced in its use of language than other anti-immigrant groups and it has been used as a resource by officials, the media and within anti-immigration policy circles. However, a close look reveals a pattern of extremist affiliations and a strategy of founding and empowering smaller groups that promote xenophobia.

History of extremist ties

Controversy over FAIR's extremist ties dates back to its founder, John Tanton, a pioneer of the anti-immigrant movement. In 1997, he told the *Detroit Free Press* that if the borders are not secured, America will be overrun by people "defecating and creating garbage and looking for jobs."

Tanton founded several other organizations, including U.S. English, a group that seeks to make English the official language of the United States. He also publishes *The Social Contract*, an anti-immigration journal whose Website links to a number of extremist sites, including VDare, a Website that publishes racist, anti-Semitic, and anti-immigrant articles. In fact, the Spring 2008 issue of *The Social Contract* is devoted entirely to reprinting material that originally appeared on VDare. An article in the Spring 2007 issue of the journal lauds Sam Francis, a deceased white supremacist, as a "formidable and articulate champion."

The Social Contract also links to American Border Patrol, the virulently anti-Hispanic border vigilante group whose leader, Glenn Spencer, claimed that the Mexican government is "sponsoring the invasion of the United States with hostile intent," and the Minutemen, a loose network of local chapters around the country, whose primary goal is to keep undocumented immigrants from Mexico out of the United States. The more extreme Minutemen chapters advocate patrols of the Mexican-American border by armed volunteers.

Despite these extremist ties, Tanton remains on the FAIR Board of Directors. Furthermore, FAIR reportedly accepted over $1 million in the 1980s and 1990s from The Pioneer Fund, a foundation that promotes the study of eugenics. Racist scholar J. Philippe Rushton, The Pioneer Fund's current president, spoke at a 2006 conference organized by American Renaissance, a white supremacist publication and Website.

Anti-immigrant activism

In June 2008, as part of its strategy to create a larger movement and to mainstream its anti-immigrant views to a wider audience, FAIR joined with four other anti-immigrant groups to found America's Leadership Team for Long Range Population-Immigration-Resource Planning ("Leadership Team"). In August 2008, the Leadership Team sponsored a national ad campaign "to raise America's awareness of the role population growth plays in the demand for energy." As part of the campaign, the Leadership Team took out an ad in the *New York Times* which argued that the use of alternative energy sources, combined with a reduction of immigration into the United States, will "reduce the threat" of rising prices of fuel and other resources. Another ad published in September 2008 warned America's "progressive thinkers" that the natural resources and future of the United States are in jeopardy if the country allows continued immigration.

In June 2008, the Leadership Team sponsored a similar campaign, which included ads that appeared in the *New York Times* and *The Nation* that month. The ads, which pictured a bulldozer knocking down trees and heavy traffic congestion, argued that high immigration levels will cause environmental damage, traffic congestion, higher taxes, and severe strains on schools, emergency rooms, and public infrastructure.

In addition to having a direct role in an anti-immigrant coalition, FAIR employs and empowers other anti-immigrant activists. For example, in March 2008, FAIR announced that Rosanna Pulido, an Illinois-based anti-immigrant activist would be one of its newest field representatives. FAIR's announcement omitted any references to Pulido's former position as the state director of the Illinois Minuteman Project, which, at one point, existed as a subgroup of Chris Simcox's Minuteman Civil Defense Corps, a border vigilante group. Pulido was, in her words, "one of the original Minutemen on the border in April 2005." She has also served as the Illinois spokesperson for You Don't Speak for Me, a FAIR offshoot created to promote an anti-immigrant message from within the Hispanic community. Joe Turner, another anti-immigrant activist and leader of the California group Save Our State, briefly served as FAIR's Western Field Representative in 2007.

Rick Oltman, while acting as FAIR's Western Field Director, spoke at a Minuteman rally in Arizona in April 2006; he also presented the Minuteman group with a lantern to signify that the immigrants are coming "by land." A May 2006 *Los Angeles Times* article discussed a meeting between Oltman, Mothers Against Illegal Aliens president Michelle Dallacroce, and Rusty Childress, leader of United for Sovereign America, an anti-immigrant group that attracts extremists to its events.

Attracting media attention

FAIR also attempts to bring together various strands of the anti-immigrant movement in events that are geared to attract media attention and broadcast an anti-immigrant message. From December 27-28, 2007, FAIR's Congressional Task Force hosted a "Talk Radio Row" at a Des Moines, Iowa hotel.

The mainstream media covered the Talk Radio Row and a number of politicians attended and participated in the event. Participants and attendees included Minuteman Project leader Jim Gilchrist and Joe Arpaio, the sheriff of Maricopa County, Arizona. Arpaio has gained national publicity by engaging in divisive anti-immigrant practices, including implementing 'crime suppression sweeps,' which allegedly resulted in discrimination and profiling in areas populated mainly by Latinos.

FAIR also received a lot of mainstream media coverage in April 2007 by co-sponsoring "Hold Their Feet to the Fire," a series of anti-immigrant events in Washington, D.C., that brought together several members of Congress, anti-immigration groups, media figures, border vigilante groups, and citizen activists from around the country. Through press conferences, continuous radio broadcasting from over 35 hosts, lobbying training and demonstrations, participants voiced their opposition to then pending immigration legislation in the 110th Congress and heard from many of the figures who have injected ugly stereotypes into the national immigration debate.

Testifying before government committees

Despite a problematic background, FAIR often voices its views in front of legislative and political committees. In February 2008, FAIR President Dan Stein testified before the U.S. House of Representatives' Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security and International Law. In October 2007, FAIR Special Projects Director Jack Martin testified at a Pennsylvania hearing of the House Republican Policy Committee. That same month, Dan Stein made a presentation to the New York Senate Standing Committee on Veterans, Homeland Security and Military Affairs and the Senate Standing Committee on Transportation. In their testimony, Stein and Martin argued that the United States government is not doing its job in enforcing immigration law. FAIR's testimony also included support for legislation that empowers local law enforcement to initiate deportation proceedings. They contended that undocumented immigration places a "fiscal burden" on taxpayers, who, they alleged, are funding the education, medical care, and prosecution costs of undocumented immigrants.

Groups: Choose Black America

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In May 2006, FAIR founded Choose Black America (CBA), which describes itself as a "Black oriented - Black led organization and movement in the United States that is resisting illegal immigration and amnesty to citizens of foreign countries illegally within ours." CBA's leader, Ted Hayes, is an anti-immigrant activist.

Ties to the Minutemen

Hayes has ties to the Minutemen. The Minutemen are a loose network of local chapters around the country, whose primary goal is to keep undocumented immigrants from Mexico out of the United States. The more extreme Minutemen chapters advocate patrols of the Mexican-American border by armed volunteers.

Hayes also leads the anti-immigrant Crispus Attucks Brigade, a group that Hayes made CBA's direct "subsidiary." The Crispus Attucks Brigade describes itself as an "American Black US citizens patriotic organization in the ideological insurgency against the invasion and illegal colonization of the United States of America." (Crispus Attucks, who was of part Native American and part African ancestry, was among the first people killed in the American Revolutionary War, during the 1770 Boston Massacre.) Hayes and the Minutemen have worked in conjunction to stage anti-immigrant events, with members of both groups sharing a stage.

CBA leader Terry Anderson

Another prominent member of CBA is Terry Anderson, who also has ties to several key figures in the anti-immigrant movement. Anderson hosts *The Terry Anderson Show*, an anti-immigrant radio program. According to his show's Website, in 2008, Anderson interviewed anti-immigrant figures including D.A. King of the Dustin Inman Society; a member of the anti-immigrant California Coalition for Immigration Reform, headed by racist Barbara Coe; William Gheen of American for Legal Immigration Political Action Committee (ALIPAC); and Glenn Spencer, leader of the virulently anti-Hispanic border vigilante group American Border Patrol, who has claimed that the Mexican government is "sponsoring the invasion of the United States with hostile intent." Anderson has himself appeared three times on *The Political Cesspool*, a Tennessee-based radio show hosted by white supremacist James Edwards that routinely features neo-Nazis and white supremacists as guests.

Anderson spoke at "Hold Their Feet to the Fire," a series of anti-immigrant events in Washington, D.C. that brought together several members of Congress, anti-immigration groups, media figures, border vigilante groups, and citizen activists from around the country in April 2007. In his speech, Anderson complained that a child in an American public school is a "victim" because teachers have to "spend extra time with some little brat that's illiterate in two languages."

Groups: You Don't Speak for Me

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In May 2006, the Washington D.C.-based Federation for American Immigration Reform (FAIR) "was proud to help launch" a group called You Don't Speak for Me (YDSFM), which claims to

be a "coalition of Americans of Hispanic descent who believe that this nation must enforce its immigration laws in order to protect the security and interest of all citizens." Though FAIR does not characterize itself as a direct founder of YDSFM, the two groups share a spokesperson. In June 2006, YDSFM leader Miguel Cruz (who has since become a New Jersey-based YDSFM executive director) told a New Jersey newspaper that "the coalition [YDSFM] is FAIR's creation, it's their mission…" In addition, YDSFM Chairman Al Rodriguez sits on FAIR's National Board of Advisors.

In March 2008, FAIR blended the two organizations even more by announcing that Rosanna Pulido, Illinois YDSFM spokeswoman and former state director of the Illinois Minuteman Project, had become a Field Representative for FAIR.

Vilifying immigrants

YDSFM members speak at anti-immigrant events across the country, alongside border vigilante activists and anti-immigration figures. YDSFM's Vice Chairman, Carmen Morales, has spoken on behalf of the group at several anti-immigrant events, where she publicly demonized undocumented immigrants as criminal invaders who threaten to transform America into a third world country. In her speeches, Morales announced that she works with various anti-immigrant groups including New Jersey Citizens for Immigration Control, United Patriots of America, and "my Lakewood [New Jersey] friends, the Minutemen."

In a May 2008 speech at an anti-immigrant rally in Pennsylvania, joined by other YDSFM leaders and flanked by young children, Morales continually reinforced the conspiracy theory that Mexicans are seeking to assume control of the Southwestern United States. Morales stated that she "can't believe we're still fighting the invasion." Speaking on behalf of YDSFM, Morales explained that "we, do not, in any way or form, agree with the Mexican invasion…We are facing a political invasion from the country of Mexico, who [sic] claims that the entire Southwestern US belongs to Mexico, and they want to take it back without firing a shot, but by simply getting political clout in Washington."

In an October 2007 speech at an anti-immigrant rally in Fairview, New Jersey, Morales went further by suggesting that undocumented immigrants will take violent action:

> We are standing here, a group of Americans of all ethnicity [sic] to defend the USA from the huge, huge invasion and the reconquista, in English, reconquest…We will lose our Garden State because, ladies and gentlemen, they will burn it to the ground, just like what is happening in California. Remember, illegal aliens and their supporters have a different mentality, where if they do not get their way, they will burn buildings and destroy our towns one at a time for that's how they handle it in their own countries. Illegal aliens have created in this country exactly what they left behind…. If our country does not get tough on our immigration laws…we will lose America forever.

A week earlier, Morales spoke on behalf of You Don't Speak for Me at an anti-immigrant rally in Lakewood, New Jersey, where she mentioned "our huge invasion" and stated, "Mexico is not going to take over if it's the last thing I do."

Ties to the Minutemen

YDSFM leaders don't just speak at anti-immigrant rallies; a number of them also have ties to the border vigilante Minuteman organization. The Minutemen are a loose network of local chapters around the country, whose primary goal is to keep undocumented immigrants from Mexico out of the United States. The more extreme Minutemen chapters advocate patrols of the Mexican-American border by armed volunteers.

During a November 2007 Lou Dobbs appearance at a Barnes & Nobles bookstore in Chicago, Illinois to promote his book *Independents Day*, Rosanna Pulido declared, "I was one of the original Minutemen on the border in April 2005, proud to serve my country...." Another prominent YDSFM member, Lupe Moreno, also calls herself "one of the original Minutewomen." During a June 2007 fundraiser for U.S. Representative Tom Tancredo* (R-CO), Moreno discussed "going out with [Minuteman leader] Jim Gilchrist to the Naco [Arizona] border to defend this nation," referencing her participation in the April 2005 Minuteman Project. Moreno's fellow speakers at the fundraiser included Los Angeles Minuteman leader Tony Dolz and Jeff Schwilk, leader of the more extreme San Diego Minuteman faction. YDSFM's Arizona point of contact, Anna Gaines, is also a member of the Minutemen, according to Minuteman leader Chris Simcox.

Working with other FAIR offshoots

YDSFM co-organizes events with Choose Black America (CBA), another anti-immigration group founded by FAIR in May 2006, to demonstrate opposition to immigration from within the black community. On the grassroots level, the groups' events attract Minuteman attendance and support.

In June 2007, CBA and YDSFM held a joint press conference at the National Press Club in Washington D.C. That same month, the Los Angeles Chapter of CBA and YDSFM co-sponsored a "Civil Rights March and Rally" in conjunction with other anti-immigration groups, according to a flier released by the Crispus Attucks Brigade, a CBA subsidiary group. The mission of the event was to "Retrieve...Our National Birth Right NOW From Citizens of Foreign Nations Illegally Within Ours." In March 2007, the Crispus Attucks Brigade, the Minuteman Project, YDSFM and other anti-immigrant groups formed a "coalition" and sponsored a "Civil Rights March." A Crispus Attucks Brigade's flier about the march included the group's demand for "protection of Black US Citizens From Ethnic Cleansing By Latinos, Europeans, Asians, Africans, & Others Invading and Illegally Colonizing Our Country." During the event, CBA leader Ted Hayes shared the stage with YDSFM leader Al Rodriguez.

Groups: Americans for Legal Immigration Political Action Committee – North Carolina

The platform of the North Carolina-based Americans for Legal Immigration Political Action Committee (ALIPAC), led by William Gheen, asserts that "more should be done to reduce illegal immigration." To achieve this policy aim, the group pledges to utilize the work of its members and contributors to support "candidates for office that are serious about immigration reform" and encourages members to take individual action and lobby elected officials. Gheen, however,

advances his group's mission by branding undocumented immigrants as murderous criminals infecting Americans with diseases.

Strident anti-immigrant rhetoric

Gheen's rhetoric demonstrates an agenda that goes beyond the enforcement of immigration laws. He regularly demonizes immigrants as drunk drivers, gang members, invaders, murderers, and disease-carriers. In a June 2008 rally, sponsored by ALIPAC in North Carolina, Gheen stated that "we have illegal aliens that are drinking and driving, and vicious, very dangerous, gangs in this state that are killing people..."

Gheen has gone so far as to refer to undocumented immigrants as Nazis. This particular comparison followed a December 2007 appearance on a FOX News: *Fox & Friends* segment in which he discussed the presence of undocumented immigrants in North Carolina community colleges. Gheen opposed offering in-state tuition to undocumented immigrants and argued that they take seats away from American students by attending the community colleges. In a February 2008 post in the commentary below the YouTube video of the segment, an individual stated, "Hey, this sort of sounds like the propaganda that Hitler used to stir up hatred and blame the Jews for all of the economic woes of Germany…" In response, Gheen wrote, "Yea, except this time Americans are the Jews and the illegal aliens and their supporters are the Nazis."

In spite of his statements demonizing undocumented immigrants, mainstream media around the nation continue to portray Gheen as a grass roots activist, failing to cite his ideology, activities, and affiliations. In addition, Gheen is often used as a spokesman to talk about immigration issues on national television.

In an October 2007 appearance on CNN to discuss local police officers' enforcement of immigration law in Irving, Texas, Gheen stated, "We got a half a million felon illegal aliens that are on the run, half a million… that are out there tonight, murdering, raping, assaulting and stealing from Americans…" He later continued, "…the illegal aliens must leave and the existing laws must be enforced or America is going to descend into the type of anarchy that a lot of these people are trying to get away from."

Gheen's rhetoric was even more extreme at an August 2007 rally in North Carolina, where he stated, "Illegal aliens in this country have set up ethnic cleansing zones, ethnic cleansing zones where if you walk past the wrong sign post, the invisible line, you're under the threat of death."

In July 2007, Gheen appeared with Ted Hayes, leader of the anti-immigrant organization Choose Black America, on a *Fox News* segment. He demonstrated his bigotry by stating, "I can't see how anybody would think that someone who's here illegally in the country that's stolen someone's ID, stolen someone's American job, should then be able to rape, assault or murder and not be deported."

Gheen also inflames anti-immigrant sentiment by falsely asserting that immigrants bring disease into the nation. During a June 2007 radio interview, he said:

> We've got bedbugs back in all, almost all of our 58 [sic] states. We've got TB on the rise, we've got hepatitis, we've got HIV, we've got diseases like Chagas disease, which is a horrifying disease, but also, much like TB, is very, very difficult to treat at all, and it's coming in because of the, the lack of enforcement of our immigration laws and, and the end result is Americans are suffering, Americans are dying.

During a speech at a June 2007 rally in Hazleton, Pennsylvania, in support of that city's restrictive ordinance against undocumented immigrants, Gheen said:

> I want to talk about crime and disease for a second...They broke the law when they stole your identity, wrecking your life. They broke the law when they took a job they weren't supposed to have...These people have shown a pattern of disrespect and a pattern of criminal behavior coming from gang-rule areas where there is no law. And that is what our nation is becoming like because it's common sense that when you inject that into a nation, that is what your nation becomes like...We got a problem. Well I got some news. According to some rough math I did 20 minutes ago, we're getting four to ten TB active cases rushing across our southern border every night.

Encouraging a Lou Dobbs presidential bid

In an effort to highlight its own platform, in January 2008, ALIPAC launched a Website to encourage a Presidential run by Lou Dobbs, a national television and radio host who has routinely demonized immigrants on his shows. On the Website, ALIPAC created a platform for a Dobbs campaign and is accepting campaign donation pledges. ALIPAC has also posted links to Dobbs's television and radio shows on the site and in a February 2008 "open letter," Gheen stated, "America needs you to run for President, Mr. Dobbs and I hope you will meet with me in a few weeks to allow me to plead the case."

The campaign to support Dobbs gained wide mainstream coverage. A January 7, 2008, *Wall Street Journal* article discussed Gheen's support of Dobbs and described ALIPAC as "an influential grass-roots group that favors strict enforcement of immigration laws..."

Ties to the Minutemen

Gheen also maintains affiliations with the Minutemen. The Minutemen are a loose network of local chapters around the country, whose primary goal is to keep undocumented immigrants from Mexico out of the United States. The more extreme Minutemen chapters advocate patrols of the Mexican-American border by armed volunteers.

Chris Simcox, the leader of the Minuteman Civil Defense Corps (MCDC), was a featured speaker at a rally in June 2008 in North Carolina sponsored by ALIPAC. Gheen introduced Simcox as "my friend, my ally." In a June 2008 post to the MCDC Website, Simcox wrote, "Together, the MCDC working with ALIPAC and other pro-border security and pro-legal immigration groups in North Carolina, we are launching the Battle for NC anew!"

In July 2007, Gheen was a guest on *Minuteman Radio*, hosted by Simcox. The day before, he spoke at an anti-immigrant conference in Chicago. Fellow speakers included Ted Hayes and Illinois Minuteman leader and prominent YDSFM member Rosanna Pulido.

ALIPAC had a significant presence at the April 2007 anti-immigrant "Hold Their Feet to the Fire," a series of anti-immigrant events in Washington, D.C., that brought together several members of Congress, anti-immigration groups, media figures, border vigilante groups, and citizen activists from around the country. Though "Hold Their Feet to the Fire" included several mainstream, legitimate figures who refrain from extreme language in their opposition to immigration, ALIPAC invited Los Angeles Minuteman chapter leader Tony Dolz to become an official participant in Blogger's Row, a small group of individuals who dedicated three days to "meet with citizen activists, talk radio hosts, and elected officials" and catalogue the events in their online journals.

Radio presence

In July 2008, Gheen began to host *Last Americans Standing*, a radio show on the Republic Broadcasting Network (RBN). RBN also hosts the Internet radio shows of anti-Semitic, anti-immigrant, and anti-government figures. In April 2005, Gheen was a guest on *The Political Cesspool*, a Tennessee-based radio show hosted by white supremacist James Edwards that regularly features neo-Nazis and white supremacists as guests.

Groups: Grass Fire – Iowa

Grass Fire is a non-profit group that claims to hold "a strong and unwavering commitment to conservative, pro-family and pro-faith values." Claiming over one and a half million contacts with elected officials, the group mobilized opposition to proposed immigration-reform legislation in the 110th Congress, with a nationwide ad campaign, mass online petitions, intensive lobbying, and giant billboards across the country declaring "Stop the Invasion: No Amnesty."

Grass Fire's 57-page pamphlet, "The Truth About the Illegal Invasion," tries to instill fear in readers with its claims that "illegal immigration is creating a crisis of lawlessness and has led to a massive underground criminal element that feeds off human trafficking and drug running. Illegal immigration is inundating our borders with mountains of garbage. And illegal immigration is undermining American culture and threatening our future."

In an August 2007 Internet post, President Steve Elliott asked, "Does the Mexican government care about the harm their people are inflicting on our environment with all the trash, clothing and human waste they are leaving when they cross illegally?"

Grass Fire's "Stop the Invasion" online petition, addressed to the President and Members of Congress, portrayed undocumented immigration as a "long-term threat to the American way of life." Grass Fire has claimed that over 720,000 individuals signed and submitted Internet petitions.

Anti-Immigrant Rhetoric in Media and Politics

The hateful rhetoric around the immigration debate has gone beyond the rallies, lobbying, and

media appearances by anti-immigration advocates. A number of media personalities in television and radio, as well as political leaders, have adopted the same language when discussing immigration issues in this country. From national TV correspondent Lou Dobbs to more extreme political commentator Patrick Buchanan to local radio personalities to members of Congress such as Tom Tancredo and Steve King, the use of anti-immigrant rhetoric has permeated the culture in our country.

An individual who influenced several of these figures is the late Madeleine Cosman, a self-described "medical lawyer" and propagandist who routinely demonized immigrants as a diseased, criminal element. Mainstream media commentators and politicians have utilized Cosman's "research" to validate false allegations that immigrants coming to the U.S. carry a number of deadly and harmful diseases. In spite of her questionable data, the *Journal of American Physicians and Surgeons* published one of Cosman's articles in its Spring 2005 issue. Her mainstream exposure added a veneer of legitimacy to her anti-immigrant arguments.

The following examples illustrate how this type of inflammatory rhetoric has been amplified in the media and in cultural and political arenas:

Lou Dobbs

Under the guise of delivering news and commentary, Lou Dobbs, host of *Lou Dobbs Tonight*, a weekday show on CNN, broadcasts an anti-immigrant message and supports the views and activities of other anti-immigrant activists. Dobbs' reach has recently spread beyond television, however. In March 2008, he began to host a nightly, three-hour weekday radio program, syndicated throughout the country, to which he has invited a number of anti-immigrant figures for interviews. In June 2008, he invited Rosanna Pulido, the head of the Illinois Minuteman Project, the Illinois spokesperson of You Don't Speak for Me, and a Field Representative for the Federation for American Immigration Reform, on his show. During the interview, he called her an "outstanding community leader." Other recent invited guests have included Ira Mehlman, the Media Director at the Federation for American Immigration Reform, a WashingtonD.C.-based anti-immigrant group; Peter Brimelow, who runs VDare, a Website that publishes racist, anti-Semitic, and anti-immigrant articles; William Gheen, the head of the anti-immigrant Americans for Legal Immigration Political Action Committee group who has branded undocumented immigrants as murderous criminals infecting Americans with diseases; and Joe Vento, a Philadelphia restaurant owner who made national news by refusing to serve anyone who does not speak English.

In addition to inviting anti-immigrant activists, Dobbs has gone on the offensive against organizations that seek to expose him as a purveyor of demonizing anti-immigrant sentiment. In a February 2008 interview with National Council of La Raza (NCLR) President Janet Murguia on his syndicated TV show, Dobbs mischaracterized his own previous statements regarding the immigration issue and about the nature of the anti-immigrant advocates he hosts on CNN.

In spite of his pattern of painting undocumented immigrants, particularly Hispanic immigrants, as disease carriers and conspirators in a plot to recapture the American Southwest, he claimed on the show that he has "never spoken a hateful word against illegal immigrants." Dobbs also

contended that Chris Simcox is no longer associated with the Minutemen. Simcox currently leads the Minuteman Civil Defense Corps, an anti-immigrant border vigilante group based in Arizona, which conducted border watch operations in four states in April 2008, with participants encouraged to bring arms.

In addition to supporting other anti-immigrant figures, Dobbs frequently spreads false propaganda about how immigrants are harming the United States. One of Dobbs' most publicized claims was that "unscreened illegal immigrants" were partly to blame for an alleged 7,000 cases of leprosy in the United States from 2002-2005. When confronted with the United States Department of Health and Human Services's findings of 7,029 cases over the past 30 years, not three years, Dobbs refused to recant his statement. His correspondent cited Madeleine Cosman as the source of the false statistic.

Dobbs has also publicized his views through writing. In 2007, Dobbs released *Independents Day: Awakening the American Spirit*. In the book he writes:

> Socioethnocentric special interest groups, meanwhile, join in the assault on our borders, demanding multiculturalism rather than assimilation into American society. America's elites have embraced corporatism, globalism, and mulitculturalism as the unholy trinity of a twenty-first-century orthodoxy that is now at work to deny our traditions, values, and way of life and to render impotent even the idea of America's national sovereignty.

Patrick Buchanan

Former presidential candidate and advisor, MSNBC commentator, and columnist Patrick Buchanan has long exploited anti-immigrant sentiment and has often expressed racist views. In June 2008, he appeared on the *Political Cesspool*, a Memphis-based AM and Internet radio show hosted by white supremacist James Edwards. This was Buchanan's second appearance on the show, whose guest list has included anti-Semites, white supremacists, and anti-immigrant figures.

In December 2007, Buchanan released *Day of Reckoning: How Hubris, Ideology, and Greed Are Tearing America Apart*. In the book, Buchanan discusses the "endless invasion from the Third World," and a "Third World invasion [that] is pouring across our own border with Mexico." Buchanan also writes, "...unlike the immigrants of old, Mexicans bear an ancient grudge against us as the country that robbed Mexico of half her land when both nations were young."

Buchanan attributed America's "committing suicide" to the ethno-demographic changes that have resulted from Latino immigration. He wrote:

> How is America committing suicide? Every way a nation can. The American majority is not reproducing itself. Its birthrate has been below replacement level for decades...Hispanics, 1 percent of the U.S. population in 1950, are now 14.4 percent. Since 2000, their numbers have soared 25 percent to 45 million...The Anglo population of California is down to 43 percent and falling fast. White folks are now a minority in Texas and New Mexico. In Arizona, Hispanics account for more than half the population under twenty. The America Southwest is returning to Mexico.

He expressed similar views in his 2006 book, State of Emergency: The Third World Invasion and *Conquest of America,* Buchanan's pages are filled with xenophobia and conspiratorial allegations. In this book, he explained that "the crisis of the West is of a collapsing culture and vanishing peoples, as a Third World that grows by 100 million people -- the equivalent of a new Mexico -- every eighteen months mounts the greatest invasion in the history of the world. If we do not shake off our paralysis, the West comes to an end."

Lynn Woolley

Lynn Woolley, a Texas radio personality, is the host of an AM radio show syndicated throughout the country. At a November 2006 rally in Austin, Texas, Woolley warned that "gate crashers" will "be running this country and hoisting the Mexican flag…in Washington." In a June 2007 article, he sounded the alarm that "Illegal Immigration Can Make You Sick" by asserting (incorrectly) that "hoards [sic] of illegals crash our border without medical screenings," carrying "tuberculosis, Chagas disease, leprosy, Dengue fever, polio, malaria, hepatitis, and Marburg disease." The source of this claim was Madeleine Cosman.

Tom Tancredo

Colorado Congressman Tom Tancredo* (R-CO) has generated much attention by exploiting the immigration issue. He chaired the Congressional Caucus on Immigration Reform in the House of Representatives and became a leading national spokesperson for anti-immigration views.

In November 2007, before withdrawing from the United States Presidential race, Tancredo ran ads on Iowa television in advance of the caucuses there that depicted undocumented immigrants as terrorists, rapists, and murderers. In one ad, as images of murdered bodies and tattooed Latino gang members flash across the screen, a narrator stated, "Mothers killed, children executed, the tactics of vicious Central American gangs now on U.S. soil." Text then appeared on the screen which said, "Pushing Drugs. Raping Kids. Destroying Lives. The Consequence of Open Borders."

Another ad featured a hooded and gloved man stuffing an object into a backpack and walking through public buildings. As a ticking noise played in the background, a narrator stated:

> There are consequences to open borders beyond the 20 million aliens who've come to take our jobs. Islamic terrorists now freely roam U.S. soil. Jihadists, who froth with hate, here to do as they have in London, Spain, Russia. The price we pay for spineless politicians who refuse to defend our borders against those who come to kill.

As the narrator spoke, images of bombed subways and a bloody child flashed across the screen. At the end of the ad, the individual sat on a bench, placed the backpack on the floor, and walked away. As the sound of a bomb going off echoed in the background, the words "Tancredo…before it's too late" come on the screen.

Tancredo expressed similar views in his 2006 book, *In Mortal Danger: The Battle for America's Border and Security*, which he dedicated to Madeleine Cosman, whose work Tancredo cited in

the book. Under "health threats posed by illegal immigration," he listed Chagas disease (a potentially fatal parasitic disease), dengue fever, polio, and malaria. He also promoted the fallacy that 7,000 cases of leprosy plagued the United States in the past three years. He claimed, "Leprosy now is endemic to the Northeastern states because illegal aliens and other immigrants brought leprosy from Brazil, the Caribbean, India, and Mexico."

Tancredo publicly supported the actions of border vigilante groups and appears with them at anti-immigrant events. He has a long-standing relationship with the Minutemen. The Minutemen are a loose network of local chapters around the country, whose primary goal is to keep "undocumented" immigrants from Mexico out of the United States. The more extreme Minutemen chapters advocate patrols of the Mexican-American border by armed volunteers.

Steve King

Representing Iowa in the United States House of Representatives, Congressman Steve King* (R-IA) has characterized immigrants – both legal and undocumented – as criminals and disease-carriers. He has spoken alongside leaders of border vigilante groups and advocated a border "wall" topped with electrified wire to stop what he has called a "slow motion Holocaust" of undocumented immigration into the United States. King addressed the House of Representatives and asserted that undocumented immigration is "a slow-rolling, slow-motion terrorist attack on the United States." He suggested that because undocumented immigrants comprise 28% of the prison population, "28 percent of the murders, 28 percent of the rapes, 28 percent of the violence and the assaults and battery, first- and second-degree murder and also manslaughter attacks are committed by criminal aliens."

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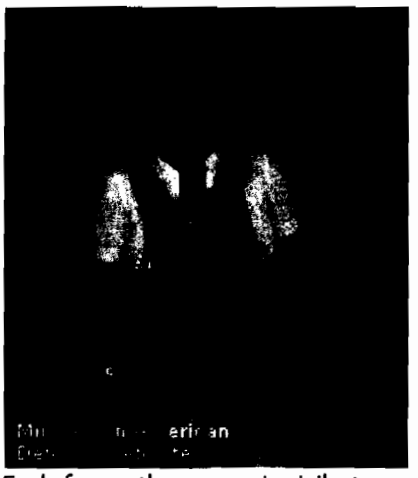
Questions Raised About Incidents Surrounding Border Vigilante Leader

A string of violent incidents, including an alleged shooting, has plagued Washington-based cosmetologist and anti-immigration activist Shawna Forde and her estranged husband since late December 2008. Forde, who heads Minuteman American Defense (MAD), a small border vigilante group, claims that she was shot, raped, and beaten, and that intruders shot her husband. Some, both within the anti-immigrant movement and conservative circles, have voiced concern that Forde might be fabricating details of some of the alleged incidents.



Forde frequently engages in vigilante patrols of the United States-Mexican border.

Alleged Shootings, Attacks, and Rape

The string of alleged incidents began with a shooting at the Everett, Washington, home of Forde's estranged husband, John, who filed for divorce in October 2008. On December 22, 2008, an intruder reportedly entered John's home and shot him several times in his arms. He sustained serious injuries and had to be treated at an area hospital.

A week later, on December 29, Forde claimed a second incident occurred, which she later described in a January 2009 Internet radio interview. According to Forde, she was either entering or leaving her kitchen in her Everett home when she was "slammed against the head." She allegedly lost consciousness but remembers being raped and sodomized with an "instrument." She also explained that a knife was used to cut her neck, and that a statement was made in Spanish. Forde claimed that she heard someone saying, "We need to drown the bitch," and when she returned to her home after her hospital stay, her bathtub was full of water.

Forde also reported that the number 13 had been scrawled on the floor of her home during the incident and suggested it was an indicator that the violent Hispanic gang MS-13 (Mara Salvatrucha, a Central American gang that also has a presence in California and some other parts of the United States) might have been involved.

In the past, Forde has claimed to have participated in "undercover" investigations of drug traffickers and others in Arizona and Washington. She has speculated that her Minutemen connections could have provoked her alleged attackers, and later charged that her work with border vigilante groups might have inspired the Latino gang to target her.

The Web site of MAD (part of the Minutemen network of border vigilante activists who stage armed patrols of the border), featured images that show Forde with bruises and marks on her face, neck and thighs. The MAD Web site also displayed scanned images of Forde's hospital release papers, which listed her conditions as a minor head injury, whiplash, multiple contusions, and sexual assault (the latter specified as either "alleged, observation or examination").

The third incident allegedly occurred on the night of January 15, 2009. Forde claimed that an unknown assailant shot her in the arm while she was walking in an alley near her home in Everett, Washington. Forde was treated at a local hospital.

Credibility Questions

Controversy surrounds the credibility of Forde's allegations. Individuals in conservative and anti-immigrant circles have alleged that one or more of the incidents may be hoaxes.

An anti-immigration activist who vocally expressed suspicion was William Gheen, who heads the North Carolina-based anti-immigrant group Americans for Legal Immigration Political Action Committee (ALIPAC) and has a history of ties with the Minutemen. In spite of his prior support of the Minuteman movement, Gheen announced he would put the Shawna Forde issue "on hold," as it contains "many highly unusual suspects."

Gheen also expressed concern that if Forde were to be exposed as a liar, her behavior would tarnish the reputation of the movement as a whole. In a January 2009 post to the ALIPAC forum, Gheen elaborated on his concerns: "If this story is a hoax and some sort of attention grab, then it could prove highly embarrassing to our movement and cause." He also listed seven "concerns" about the incidents themselves, including the allegation that "the photos provided by Shawna Forde showing supposed bruises look like greasy makeup...Shawna is reported to be a cosmetologist." Gheen also questioned why "MS-13 [would] switch from brutal murder and decapitations to bruises and light scratches that look like they were made with a paper clip."

In comments posted to the Web site of *Free Republic*, a conservative Internet discussion forum, others had similar views. One individual using the name "dominic flandry" was troubled by the photos of Forde's bruises: "I have to say they're not terribly convincing. Multiple, parallel, superficial wounds. Many are on the right side, which makes it easier for a right-hander to self-inflict." Another individual, using the name "cripplecreek," wrote, "I wonder if she faked this attack to gain some of the sympathy her husband had been getting?" A third, "Momma Republican," alleged, "There are many reasons why this story is false and faked."

Support from Anti-Immigrant Leaders

Other anti-immigration activists have publicly supported her statements. In a post to the Minuteman Project's Web site, Minuteman Project Executive Director Stephen Eichler wrote, "I believe what I have been told, and the reports I have read in the newspaper, to be factual and accurate." He also explained, "I may be called gullible, sucker, and naïve, but it is of little consequence to me if I am right and the victims were comforted."

Laine Lawless, an Arizona anti-immigration activist who has been associated with several border vigilante groups, came out in support of Forde. In a January 2009 post to the Web site of her group, Border Guardians, Lawless praised Forde's border activities and argued that the alleged attack was "obvious proof that the reach of the Mexican cartels extends way beyond the borders of Mexico deep into the United States."

Background

Forde is a Washington-based Minuteman leader who is frequently active in Arizona, along the United States-Mexican border. She is a co-founder and current National Executive Director of Minuteman American Defense, a group affiliated with the Minuteman Project, one of the largest Minuteman groups in the country, for which she is the Border Operations Director. Forde has claimed that MAD has several thousand private members, although there is no evidence to confirm this large figure. She co-founded MAD because she wanted to take it to a more "aggressive and active level" than the Minuteman Civil Defense Corps (MCDC), another prominent national Minuteman group, of which she has also been a member. She also claims to be a member of the Patriot Border Alliance, a border vigilante group formed by former MCDC state directors.

According to Hal Washburn, a Kitsap County, Washington, Minuteman, Forde was a member of the Minutemen Civil Defense Corps until February 2007, when she was asked to leave. Washburn reportedly warned members of his group to avoid her.

One of Forde's activities has been coordinating vigilante border patrols in Arizona. In an Internet radio interview in January 2009, Forde explained, "I have many weapons that I borrow when I go down on the border...All of our Minutemen all have weapons and long arms and all that kind of stuff."

In October 2008, MAD members participated in a border patrol operation dubbed "Allied Recon." Based out of two locations in Arizona , the operation patrolled the border "war zone" to investigate "drug cartel[s] and

trafficking [sic]." Stephen Eichler, in a post to the Internet, wrote that "the Minuteman American Defense is a strong organization of brave Minutemen and Minutewomen and we are honored to associate with them." Forde has claimed that in addition to working with the Minuteman Project, she also worked with the MCDC during the operation.

Forde has previously made allegations about Hispanic gangs intruding into her life. In 2008, when her daughter was briefly missing, Forde uploaded fliers to the Internet in which she alleged that her daughter "has been targeted several times by Hispanic Gang Members (sic)" who twice had allegedly attempted to drag her daughter into a car.

In 2007, Forde unsuccessfully sought a seat on the Everett City Council. In August of that year, she pleaded guilty to shoplifting chocolate milk from local supermarket. She claimed to have chosen not to face trial because she was too busy filming a documentary along the Mexican-American border.

"Preserving Western Civilization" Conference Draws Racists and Anti-Immigrant Figures

From the PWC conference brochure

A group of racists and anti-immigrant figures plans to convene a conference in Baltimore, Maryland, from February 6-8, 2009, to address third-world immigration to the West, the alleged corollary between race and intelligence, and the "Islamic threat." Sponsored by a new group called "Preserving Western Civilization" (PWC), the conference's speakers include academics, grass roots activists, mainstream and conservative journalists, and a member of a far-right political party in Great Britain.

Conference topics include some of the fundamental arguments used to vilify non-white immigrants, Muslims, and African-Americans. The PWC Web site targets each of these groups as threats to Western civilization. It portrays third-world immigrants as opposed to "fundamental [American] political and cultural values." The group also stereotypes Islam as a "militant ideology" which seeks to "destroy" American society. Finally, PWC is convening the conference to lament the alleged "persistent disappointing performance of blacks" which causes whites to feel unnecessary guilt that "undermine[s] Western morale."

"...because of the persistent disappointing performance of blacks... many whites have guilt feelings..."
~From the PWC conference's Statement of Purpose

Included in the speakers list are:

J. Philippe Rushton, a Canadian professor of psychology, who has, for many years, been one of the primary voices arguing that races differ biologically in intelligence, a view he has presented in mainstream scientific publications. In 2005, he published a paper entitled "Thirty Years of Research on Race Differences in Cognitive Ability," in a journal put out by the American Psychological Association. Rushton has also attended and spoken at conferences hosted by the white supremacist publication *American Renaissance*, most recently in 2008 when he presented a talk entitled "The Heritability of World IQ Differences."

Peter Brimelow

Peter Brimelow, the Editor of VDare, a Web site that features the work of racists, anti-Semites, and anti-immigrant figures. In January 2009, Brimelow spoke on a panel to promote a report released by The American Cause, a group founded by anti-Semite and racist Pat Buchanan. VDare promotes and archives pieces authored by anti-Semitic professor Kevin MacDonald, Georgia-based xenophobic leader D.A. King, white supremacist Jared Taylor and others. At the PWC conference, Brimelow will speak about the "Problems Caused by Immigration."

Brenda Walker

Brenda Walker, a California-based anti-immigrant writer and activist whose strident rhetoric demonizes an array of ethnic groups and religions, mainly Latinos and Muslims. She maintains that immigration (mainly from Mexico) is responsible for the loss of the quality of life in America. Walker recycles these themes in articles which appear on racist, anti-immigrant Web sites and in *The Social Contract*, anti-immigrant journal. Walker will speak about "Multiculturalism and Women's Rights" at the PWC conference.

Michael Hart, a Maryland-based astrophysicist and the author of *Understanding Human History*, a 2007 book that argued that races differ in intelligence because of their evolutionary history. Hart is the chairman of the PWC organizing committee. He has also attended and spoken at *American Renaissance* conferences. At the 1996 conference, he reportedly outlined a plan for the racial partition of the United States, and *Understanding Human History* is regularly advertised in *American Renaissance*.

Michael Hart

Pat Richardson, a member of the far-right British National Party (BNP), whose leader, Nick Griffin, has traveled to the United States to speak at a conference convened by *American Renaissance*. Richardson intends to speak about the "Colonization of Britain."

Pat Richardson

Racists Gather in Maryland to "Preserve" Western Civilization

Update: A group of racist academics, conservative pundits and anti-immigrant activists held their debut conference, dubbed "Preserving Western Civilization," (PWC) outside of Baltimore, Maryland, from February 6 – 8, 2009. Around 70 people attended the event, at which presenters railed at the alleged threat that multiculturalism poses to the United States and other Western countries.

Most speakers portrayed the immigration of non-whites, especially Muslims, as the chief threat, saying that "the menace they present hasn't been realized yet" and arguing that the United States should enact laws prohibiting Muslim immigration and outlawing the practice of Islam. Others sought to prove that an asserted biological intellectual inferiority of non-whites further threatened Western countries generally, and the United States in particular.

The stated aim of the conference was to defend "America's Judeo-Christian heritage and European identity." This theme set it apart from similar events that attract anti-Semites because they generally focus on European-American identity, not on the country's Judeo-Christian heritage.

The PWC conference modeled itself after the biennial conference held by *American Renaissance* (AR), a white supremacist publication. A number of the speakers at the PWC conference have also attended AR conferences, which often attract neo-Nazis and other racists and anti-Semites.

The following is some background on some of the speakers at the PWC conference:

Michael Hart, the organizer of the conference, is an astrophysicist and author of the racist book *Understanding Human History*, which focuses on alleged differences in intelligence between various ethnic and racial groups.

Hart engaged in a heated confrontation with David Duke, the former Klan leader and anti-Semite, during the 2006 *American Renaissance* conference, when Duke used a question and answer session to voice anti-Semitic views. Hart was apparently more comfortable with racism than with anti-Semitism. He set the tone the first day of this conference when he warned the audience that many people, especially academics, felt they could lose their jobs and be labeled "racists" if they spoke openly about the themes presented at the event.

Lawrence Auster, a writer who has contributed to *The National Review*, a mainstream conservative publication, as well as to *American Renaissance*, best summed up the conference's aim when he said on its final day that they had come to "discuss the fatal threats to our civilization [but] without the anti-Semitism." Auster, who made a number of anti-Muslim statements, argued that followers of sharia (Islamic law) should be deported from the United States, that Islam should lose First Amendment protection, and that the religion itself should be banned in the United States. He also suggested that the United States invade Saudi Arabia to protect the use of its oil fields from Muslim backlash.

J. Philippe Rushton, a Canadian professor of psychology, has for many years been one of the primary voices offering a racist view of intelligence, arguing that races differ biologically in intelligence. His work has sometimes appeared in mainstream scientific publications. Rushton's presentation, "The Heritability of World IQ Differences," was the same talk he gave at the 2008 *American Renaissance* conference. He asserted that there is increased support for the claim that whites have higher IQs because their ancestors lived in colder climates and that skin color is directly related to IQ, with darker skin meaning lower IQ. He also dredged up one of the oldest notions in racist pseudo-science, the claim that races differ in IQ based on brain size and that blacks have the smallest brains and therefore the lowest IQs.

Peter Brimelow, editor of VDare, a Web site that features the work of racists, anti-Semites, and anti-immigration ideologues, delivered one of the most extreme presentations at the conference. He argued that the influx of "non-traditional" immigration is a problem all over the Western world and that the loss of control over the country by "white Protestants" will mean a collapse of the American political system. He urged that whites respond by creating an explicitly white nationalist political party.

Steve Farron was formerly a professor of Classics at the University of Witwatersrand in Johannesburg, South Africa. He is the author of the 2005 book, *The Affirmative Action Hoax: Diversity, the Importance of Character, and Other Lies*. In his presentation, he argued that affirmative action in the United States discriminates against whites in college admissions and in jobs. He also discussed a study that reportedly showed that whites are smarter than blacks even if they have less education and are from a lower economic class, and that affirmative action was "put into place" to address this alleged situation. Farron also claimed that another study had shown that an increase in black police officers increased the rate of property and violent crime in a community.

Roger McGrath, an academic who has taught at various universities and written a book on the nineteenth-century American west, focused on the alleged "downfall" of California due to the influx of non-white, particularly Latino, immigrants. Referring to the increasing Latino population and declining white population in California, McGrath declared, "The ethnic cleansing is almost complete."

Lino Graglia, a professor of law at the University of Texas in Austin, argued that the Fourteenth Amendment, which guarantees citizenship to anyone born on American soil, is invalid because it was not properly ratified (a longstanding claim among many sections of the extreme right) and was not intended for its current use. He asserted that the law is improperly used to protect illegal aliens born in the United States.

Brenda Walker, a California-based anti-immigrant writer and activist notorious for demonizing Hispanic immigrants and culture, warned that Western civilization is allegedly under attack by "immigrants and multiculturalism." She argued that non-Western countries do not properly protect women's rights and that heightened immigration from these countries would lead to the curtailing of these rights in the United States. She stated, "We can have multiculturalism or women's rights and safety. Not both."

Julia Gorin is a contributing editor to Jewish World Review, a Web site, and a conservative comedian. She has contributed articles to a number of publications, including *The Wall Street Journal*, *The National Review*, and *The Huffington Post*. Gorin delivered a comedy routine filled with anti-Muslim and anti-Obama jokes during the event's banquet dinner.

Washington Summit Publishers, a leading publisher of racist books, sold numerous racist tracts at the conference, including copies of *American Renaissance*. Louis Andrews manned the publishing company's table, as he did at the 2008 American Renaissance conference. Andrews is also a director of the National Policy Institute, a self-styled racist think tank.

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David S.C. Chu
Under Secretary of Defense
4000 Defense Pentagon
Washington, D.C. 20301

Dear Under Secretary Chu:

We were disappointed by your September 26 response to our report and letter of July 7 about racial extremists in the military. When we brought similar concerns to the attention of two previous secretaries of defense, they took the problem much more seriously than Secretary Rumsfeld seems to be taking it.

The Defense Department has previously recognized that the problem of extremists in the military is a real one. According to a 1998 DOD-commissioned study, for example, "Young civilian extremists are encouraged by adult leaders to enlist in the military to gain access to weapons, training, and other military personnel." Our report presented considerable evidence that the problem of extremists in the military has worsened in recent years, despite the sincere anti-racism efforts of prior administrations. Underlining our findings, just days after our report was released, military officials arrested an active-duty Coast Guardsman in Cape Cod, Mass., for distributing Klan materials off base and possessing illegal firearms.

Your response reflects that you have missed a fundamental point. You repeatedly rely on the current DOD regulations that prohibit "participation" in extremist groups in reaching your conclusion that investigators have found scarcely anyone "who could be asserted to be an extremist." But our point was that the regulations themselves are inadequate because they can be read to allow members of the armed forces to be "mere members" of hate groups or to engage in unaffiliated extremist activities like posting neo-Nazi messages to public Internet sites and E-groups.

The case of Robert Lee West vividly illustrates the problem. As our report demonstrated, West posted messages to a public Internet forum calling for the deaths of non-whites and Jews; he also posted photos of himself posing with an assault rifle in front of a Nazi flag. There may be no evidence that West has "participated" in "organizations that espouse supremacist causes" within the meaning of the current DOD regulation. But there is no doubt that he has publicly espoused supremacist causes and

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that the Air Force Office of Special Investigations felt that its hands were tied by the current regulations even after it became aware of West's conduct. It is hard to understand how you can claim that the military already has a zero-tolerance policy in light of the Air Force's inaction in the face of such unequivocal evidence of white supremacist activity.

The problem underlying the current regulations is also clear from your response to DOD investigator Barfield's report that he uncovered an online network of 57 neo-Nazis at five U.S. military installations. You dismiss the report, not because there was no such online network, but because military investigators have been unable to prove that the soldiers involved are card-carrying hate group members.

The same point applies to Barfield's report of extremist activity at Fort Lewis. Whether the real number of extremists is 320 or some other figure, and whether that number related to a single year or more, it is apparent that Fort Lewis investigators have been reading the regulations to prohibit only "participation" in hate groups. A true zero-tolerance policy would leave no room in the military for individuals involved in white supremacist activities regardless of whether they were on the membership rolls of any particular hate group.

There is evidence that military officials are reluctant to move against extremists in the armed forces even when the evidence is clear that they are active hate group participants. A case in point is that of Matt Buschbacher. We alerted military officials to the fact that Buschbacher, a Navy SEAL, who attended the 2002 "leadership conference" of the neo-Nazi National Alliance while on active duty. (This group has espoused murdering America's Jews in abandoned coal mines. Its founder wrote *The Turner Diaries*, the race war novel used by Timothy McVeigh as a blueprint for the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing.) We also alerted military officials to that fact that Buschbacher was producing neo-Nazi recruitment fliers via his Racialpride.com website while on active duty. Nevertheless, as we pointed out in our report and in our letter to Secretary Rumsfeld, Buschbacher was allowed to complete his tour of duty in Iraq and given an honorable discharge.

You insist that the military has "not compromised [its] rigorous standards to meet recruiting goals." But the facts reflect otherwise. Earlier this week, the *New York Times* reported that the Army in 2006 accepted a higher percentage of applicants (double, in fact) who scored at the lowest acceptable range on the Army's aptitude test. Earlier this month, the *Christian Science Monitor*, based on information provided by you, reported that "[n]early 40 percent of recruits now score in the bottom half of the test, and more high school dropouts are recruited now than five years ago." Also, as reported by the *Chicago Sun-Times* this June, the percentage of Army recruits granted "moral waivers" for past criminal convictions has more than doubled since 2001. As a practical reality, the armed

forces are currently accepting lower-quality recruits. That applies to the poorly educated, convicted criminals, and also racial extremists.

It is difficult for us to understand your priorities with regard to this entire matter. The military's "don't ask, don't tell" policy has resulted in the expulsion of more than 11,000 homosexuals from the armed forces, typically because they have in one way or another admitted their sexual orientation. The DOD justifies this by arguing that openly gay troops "disrupt unit cohesion and undermine the mission of the military." It is extremely hard to see how these 11,000 people — most of whom were thrown out for merely admitting their sexual orientation, not for any particular acts — are more dangerous to "unit cohesion" and the "mission of the military" than soldiers who post public messages on the Internet that call for the murder of non-whites or espouse other white supremacist values. The only conclusion we can draw is that the DOD considers homosexuals a greater threat than neo-Nazis.

We have never suggested that the military purposely sought to recruit white supremacists or other extremists. What we have asserted is that a combination of severe manpower shortages and poorly written, inconsistently enforced regulations has resulted in the recent reappearance of significant numbers of extremists in the armed forces. We think it makes perfect sense for the military to end this problem once and for all by issuing and enforcing regulations that make it clear that anyone who espouses extremist ideology or who publicly identifies himself as a neo-Nazi or white supremacist is not fit to serve in this nation's armed forces.

Sincerely yours,

J. Richard Cohen

JRC/lgt

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

LAURENCE E. WOLFF

CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

CASE NUMBER: ~~08CR2045~~ 08MJ128J

I, the undersigned complainant being duly sworn, state the following is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

COUNT ONE

On or about August 15, 2008, in the District of Wyoming, the Defendant, **LAURENCE E. WOLFF,** knowingly caused to be delivered by the Postal Service according to the directions thereon a communication, dated August 10, 2008, addressed to William Downes, P.O. Box 668, Cheyenne, Wyoming, who is a United States judge, and containing a threat to injure government agents and officials.

In violation of 18 U.S.C. § 876(c).

(COMPLAINT CONTINUED - see Attachment A)

I further state that I am a United States Postal Inspector, United States Postal Inspection Service, and that this Complaint is based on the following facts:

(AFFIDAVIT ATTACHED - see Attachment B)

Continued on the attached sheet and made a part hereof: **XX** Yes No

Christopher J. Lucas

Signature of Complainant
CHRISTOPHER J. LUCAS

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence,

August 21, 2008 — at — Cheyenne, Wyoming

Date — City and State

Alan B. Johnson
United States District Court Judge

Name & Title of Judicial Officer

Alan B. Johnson

Signature of Judicial Officer

Attachment A
Complaint Continued
LAURENCE E. WOLFF

COUNT TWO

On or about August 15, 2008, in the District of Wyoming, the Defendant, **LAURENCE E. WOLFF,** knowingly caused to be delivered by the Postal Service according to the directions thereon a communication, dated August 10, 2008, addressed to Williams C. Beaman, P.O. Box 668, Cheyenne, Wyoming, who is a United States judge, and containing a threat to injure government agents and officials.

In violation of 18 U.S.C. § 876(c).

COUNT THREE

On or about August 15, 2008, in the District of Wyoming, the Defendant, **LAURENCE E. WOLFF,** knowingly caused to be delivered by the Postal Service according to the directions thereon a communication, dated August 10, 2008, addressed to John R. Green, P.O. Box 668, Cheyenne, Wyoming, who is an official who is covered by 18 U.S.C. § 1114, and containing a threat to injure government agents and officials.

In violation of 18 U.S.C. § 876(c).

COUNT FOUR

On or about August 15, 2008, in the District of Wyoming, the Defendant, **LAURENCE E. WOLFF,** knowingly caused to be delivered by the Postal Service according to the directions thereon a communication, dated August 10, 2008, addressed to Carol A. Statkus, P.O. Box 668, Cheyenne, Wyoming, who is an official who is covered by 18 U.S.C. § 1114, and containing a threat to injure government agents and officials.

In violation of 18 U.S.C. § 876(c).

Attachment B
Complaint
United States of America v. Laurence E. Wolff

1. I, Christopher J. Lucas, am a United States Postal Inspector, assigned to the Cheyenne, Wyoming United States Postal Inspection Office. I have been employed as a U.S. Postal Inspector for approximately two years and 11 months. Prior to my appointment as a U.S. Postal Inspector, I was employed for 9 years as a Criminal Investigator for the Colorado Division of Gaming. During my employment as a law enforcement officer, both Federal and State, I have received training in the area of threat investigations, laws of search and seizure and criminal law.

2. Affiant is currently assigned to conduct criminal investigations relating to the U.S. Postal Service and the unlawful use of the mail.

3. On or about the 19th day of July, 2008, an Order of Foreclosure and Decree of Sale, Case No. 2:07-cv-00203-WFD, was issued in the District of Wyoming by Chief United States District Court Judge William F. Downes, foreclosing on federal tax liens against Laurence E. Wolff (hereinafter "Wolff"). These federal tax liens arose from Internal Revenue Service assessments of Wolff for tax years 1988 through 1995. See Government's Exhibit 1 attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference.

4. The Order of Foreclosure and Decree of Sale directed the United States Marshal for the District of Wyoming, his representative, or an Internal Revenue Service Property Appraisal and Liquidation Specialist (PALS) to sell real property belonging to Wolff and located at 1104 Buckskin Drive, Gillette, Wyoming. The proceeds of the sale of the real property are to be applied to Wolff's outstanding income tax liability.

5. On or about August 15, 2008, Wolff caused to be delivered through the United States Postal Service at least four 16 page letters with attachments. These letters are dated August 10, 2008, and entitled "BRIEF EXPOSE ON THE FRAUD OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE ("IRS")". These letters were signed "Laurence Eustelle; Wolff" and were notarized by Campbell County Notary Public Amanda L. McKee on August 15, 2008. See Government's Exhibit 2 attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference.

6. Wolff's August 10, 2008, letters contained threats to kill any government employee who attempts to execute the above mentioned Order of Foreclosure and Decree of Sale.

7. On page 7 of 16 of exhibit 2 in the second full paragraph, Wolff writes

> "I am hereby stating that I will defend my rights and the property with all that I have, for I will not give in to the FRAUD and the crimes of these people. I am demanding the Sheriff of Campbell county to come to my aid and arrest these criminals, but he may also be one of them. In which case, this will be a standoff at the property in question, and which I will give my life if need be, but which I will take any that will try to come against me, which again is justified and has been proven many times in the courts."

8. On page 7 of 16 of exhibit 2 in the first full paragraph, Wolff identifies the people he is threatening as "...the various people and agencies of the Corporate government and the IRS..."

9. The first attachment to Wolff's letter totaling six pages and entitled "NOTICE TO THE CAMPBELL COUNTY SHERIFF" contains an additional threat on page 1 of 6 in paragraph two. In this paragraph, Wolff implies that any officer attempting to enter the premises at 1104 Buckskin Drive, Gillette, Wyoming without a valid Warrant or Judgment will be killed. He further states that "SURVIVORS WILL BE PROSECUTED".

10. Wolff's letter indicates he does not recognize the validity of the United States District Court or Warrants and Judgments issued by the court. On page 2 of 6 of the attachment in paragraph one Wolff references his "Declaration of Quiet Title" which is the fourth attachment to his August 10th letter. In the "Declaration to Quiet Title" Wolff proclaims "I am a Private Party, Natural God Created entity, and NOT a subject of the United States nor subject to "its" jurisdiction, as "it" has no Constitutional jurisdiction except in the District of Columbia and "its" possessions."

11. Wolff further proclaims on page 2 of 6 in paragraph 2 his belief that the United States District Court for the District of Wyoming has no jurisdiction over him by directing to the Sheriff of Campbell County the following:

> "...I will be filing charges against you if you aid, assist, or carry out any of the orders from the federal courts in Cheyenne or Casper, Wyoming, or assist any of the agencies of the federal government..."

12. The four 16 page letters that Wolff caused to be delivered by the United States Postal Service are further identified as:

a. One 8.75 inch by 11.75 inch manila colored envelope bearing the return address of:

Laurence Eustelle; Wolff, Sovereign
c/o P.O. Box 787
Gillette, Wyoming state
Non-domestic; PZC: 827170787

Bearing a postage meter number PB8763105 with total postage of $1.17, postmarked August 15, 2008, mailed from Gillette, Wy. 82718 and addressed to:

William Downes, United States District Judge
United States District Court
District of Wyoming
P.O. Box 668
Cheyenne, Wyo. *[82003]*FJD

b. One 8.75 inch by 11.75 inch manila colored envelope bearing the return address of:

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William C. Beaman, United States District Magistrate Judge
United States District Court
District of Wyoming
P.O. Box 668
Cheyenne, Wyo. *[82003]*FJD

c. One 8.75 inch by 11.75 inch manila colored envelope bearing the return address of:

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Gillette, Wyoming state

Non-domestic; PZC: 827170787

Bearing a postage meter number PB8763105 with total postage of $1.17, postmarked August 15, 2008, mailed from Gillette, Wy. 82718 and addressed to:

John R. Green, Acting United States Attorney
Office of United States Attorney
P.O. Box 668
Cheyenne, Wyo. *[82003]*FJD

d. One 8.75 inch by 11.75 inch manila colored envelope bearing the return address of:

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Carol A. Statkus, Assistant United States Attorney
Office of United States Attorney
P.O. Box 668
Cheyenne, Wyo. *[82003]*FJD

13. William F. Downes and William C. Beaman are both United States Judges.

14. John R. Green and Carol A. Statkus are both officials as covered by Title 18 U.S.C. Section 1114 as an employee of the United States Government.

15. Based on the facts set forth in this affidavit, Affiant submits there is probable cause to believe that these letters contained threats to injure persons and the letters were caused to be delivered by the U.S. Postal Service.

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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

FOR THE DISTRICT OF WYOMING

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Plaintiff, v. LAURENCE E. WOLFF and ANNA BELLE HOWARD, as Trustee of TRUST NUMBER 1104, a/k/a 1104 Buckskin Drive Land Trust, Defendants.	Case No. 2:07-cv-00203-WFD ORDER OF FORECLOSURE AND DECREE OF SALE

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 2001 and 2002 and 26 U.S.C. §§ 7402 and 7403, the Court enters this Order of Foreclosure and Decree of Sale. IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. The United States' federal tax liens against Laurence E. Wolff, arising out of the Internal Revenue Service assessment of federal income tax liabilities against him for the 1988 through 1995 tax years, and the United States' judgment lien against Laurence E. Wolff arising out of the United States' claim to reduce these same assessments to judgment in the above-captioned civil action, are foreclosed.

2. The United States Marshal for the District of Wyoming, his representative, or an Internal Revenue Service Property Appraisal and Liquidation Specialist ("PALS"), is authorized and directed under 28 U.S.C. §§ 2001 and 2002 to offer for public sale and to sell the parcel of real property located at 1104 Buckskin Drive, Gillette Wyoming, including all improvements, buildings,

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and fixtures on the real property, described as follows (hereinafter the "Property"):

> Lot 28, Block 4 in the Heritage Village Subdivision, Campbell County, Wyoming, according to the official plat recorded 11 February 1976 in book 1 of Plats, Page 194 of the records of Campbell County, Wyoming.

3. The United States may choose either the United States Marshal or a PALS to carry out the sale under this Order and shall make the arrangements for any sale as set forth in this Order. The Marshal, his representative, or a PALS representative, is authorized to have free access to the Property and to take all actions necessary to preserve the Property, including, but not limited to, retaining a locksmith or other person to change or install locks or other security devices on any part of the property, until the deed to the Property is delivered to the ultimate purchaser.

4. The terms and conditions of the sale are as follows:

a. The sale of the Property shall be free and clear of the interests of Laurence E. Wolff; Anna Belle Howard, as Trustee of Trust Number 1104, a/k/a 1104 Buckskin Drive Land Trust; and Trust Number 1104, a/k/a 1104 Buckskin Drive Land Trust;

b. The sale shall be subject to building lines, if established, all laws, ordinances, and governmental regulations (including building and zoning ordinances) affecting the Property, and easements and restrictions of record, if any;

c. The sale shall be held at the courthouse of the county or city in which the Property is located, on the Property's premises, or at any other place in accordance with the provisions of 28 U.S.C. §§ 2001 and 2002;

d. The date and time for sale are to be announced by the United States Marshal, his representative, or a PALS;

e. Notice of the sale shall be published once a week for at least four consecutive weeks before the sale in at least one newspaper regularly issued and of general circulation in Campbell County, Wyoming, and, at the discretion of the Marshal, his representative, or a PALS, by any other notice deemed appropriate. The notice shall contain a description of the Property and shall contain the terms and conditions of sale in this order of sale;

f. The minimum bid will be set by the Internal Revenue Service. If the minimum bid is not met or exceeded, the Marshal, his or her representative, or a PALS may, without further permission of this Court, and under the terms and conditions in this order of sale, hold a new public sale, if necessary, and reduce the minimum bid or sell to the second highest bidder;

g. The successful bidder(s) shall be required to deposit at the time of the same with the Marshal, his representative, or a PALS a minimum of ten percent of the bid, with the deposit to be made by certified or cashier's check payable to the United States District Court for the District of Wyoming. Before being permitted to bid at the sale, bidders shall display to the Marshal, his representative, or a PALS proof that they are able to comply with this requirement. No bids will be received from any person(s) who have not presented proof that, if they are the successful bidders(s), they can make the deposit required by this order of sale;

h. The balance of the purchase price for the Property is to be paid to the United States Marshal or a PALS (whichever person is conducting the sale) within 20 days after the date

the bid is accepted, by a certified or cashier's check payable to the United States District Court for the District of Wyoming. If the bidder fails to fulfill this requirement, the deposit shall be forfeited and shall be applied to cover the expenses of the sale, including any commissions due under 28 U.S.C. § 1921(c), with any amount remaining to be paid to the Clerk of Court for further distribution. The Property shall be again offered for sale under the terms and conditions of this order of sale. The United States may bid as a credit against its judgment without tender of cash;

i. The sale of the Property shall be subject to confirmation by this Court. The Marshal or a PALS shall file a report of sale with the Court, together with a proposed order of confirmation of sale and proposed deed, within 20 days from the date of receipt of the balance of the purchase price;

j. On confirmation of the sale, the Marshal or PALS shall execute and deliver a deed of judicial sale conveying the Property to the purchaser;

k. On confirmation of the sale, all interests in, liens against, or claims to, the Property that are held or asserted by all parties to this action are discharged and extinguished;

l. On confirmation of the sale, the Clerk for Campbell County, Wyoming shall cause transfer of the Property to be reflected upon that county's register of title; and

m. The sale is ordered pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2001, and is made without right of redemption.

5. Until the Property is sold, Laurence E. Wolff shall take all reasonable steps necessary to preserve the Property (including all buildings, improvements, fixtures and appurtenances on the property) in its current condition including, without limitation, maintaining a fire and casualty insurance policy on the Property. He shall neither commit waste against the property nor cause or permit anyone else to do so. He shall neither do anything that tends to reduce the value or marketability of the Property nor cause or permit anyone else to do so. The defendants shall not record any instruments, publish any notice, or take any other action (such as running newspaper advertisements or posting signs) that may directly or indirectly tend to adversely affect the value of the Property or that may tend to deter or discourage potential bidders from participating in the public auction, nor shall they cause or permit anyone else to do so.

6. All persons occupying the Property shall leave and vacate the Property permanently within 30 days of the date of this Order, each taking with them his or her personal property (but leaving all improvements, buildings, fixtures, and appurtenances to the property). If any person fails or refuses to leave and vacate the Property by the time specified in this Order, the United States Marshals Office is authorized to take whatever action it deems appropriate to remove such person from the premises, whether or not the sale of such property is being conducted by a PALS. If any person fails or refuses to remove his or her personal property from the Property by the time specified herein, the personal property remaining on the Property thereafter is deemed forfeited and abandoned, and the United States Marshals Office is authorized to remove it and to dispose of it in any manner it deems appropriate, including sale, in which case the proceeds of the sale are to be

applied first to the expenses of sale with the balance to be applied to the unpaid federal income tax liabilities of Laurence E. Wolff for the 1988 through 1995 tax years.

7. The proceeds arising from sale are to be paid to the Clerk of this Court and applied, as far as they shall be sufficient, to the following items in the order listed below:

a. To the United States Marshal or the PALS (whichever person conducted the sale as arranged by the United States) for the costs of the sale and any commission due the United States Marshal under 28 U.S.C. § 1921(c);

b. To all taxes unpaid and matured that are owed (to county, borough or school district) for real property taxes on the Property;

c. To the federal income taxes of Laurence E. Wolff for the 1988-1995 tax years, plus all interest and penalties due and owing thereon; and

d. Any balance remaining after the above payments shall be held by the Clerk until further order of the Court.

DATED this 19th day of July, 2008.

BY THE COURT:

Chief United States District Court Judge

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To Whom It May Concern:

BRIEF EXPOSE ON THE FRAUD OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE ("IRS")

I swear that what I am writing here is the Truth, the whole Truth, the Absolute Truth, and nothing but the Truth, so help me God!

This may be the last communication, which I am able to generate to the public, because the IRS and its agents and co-conspirators, which include, but not limited to, the FBI, the US Marshall Service, the district court judge(s) in Campbell county, the federal judges in Casper and Cheyenne, Wyoming, the tenth circuit court judge(s) in Denver, Colorado, the DOJ, the United States attorneys in Cheyenne, Wyoming and Washington, D.C., the IRS attorneys, and possibly the Campbell County Sheriff and possibly some of his deputies, will want me dead or locked away in prison to keep me from talking to the public and showing the public the evidence and what is a matter of public record, all proving the FRAUD on the part of the IRS and its co-conspirators against me, Laurence Eustelle; Wolff.

As most everyone knows, who I have shown as "cc" on this expose, I was born and raised in Gillette, Wyoming and have been here all of my life since 1948, except for a few years while attending college and working for various companies. My family and ancestors here in Gillette, Wyoming go back to the turn of the 20th century. I have worked in Gillette, Wyoming and I have been in the house located on 1104 Buckskin Drive, Gillette, Wyoming 82716 since 1977. This is the house and contents, which the IRS is FRAUDULENTLY seizing for foreclosure on and I am to vacate on or about August 18, 2008. I have had the same phone number and the same mailing location since 1977. Further, I have done everything according to the law, I have filed all documents according to the law, I have allowed the IRS and all corporate government agencies the means to respond to my requests and NOTICES giving them all the allotted time as noted under the law, but they have defaulted each time, and I have proceeded through the court system on the district level, on the federal level, and the US court of appeals level, and all that I have done according to the law is being run over and ignored by the IRS, its agents, and co-conspirators, as they are proceeding ahead for they feel and function as though they are above the law. Through fear and terror tactics they have come after me and the house I am occupying and the contents therein. As can be seen, I have not tried to hide in any manner, I have nothing to hide in what I have done nor in what I am doing. I am sending this expose out to people, so that the Truth may be presented as the evidence and Truth is there and I have it proving my stance completely. The IRS, its agents, and co-conspirators have backed me into a corner with no where or way to turn. I am alone fighting the giant terrorist organization, the IRS, its agents, and co-conspirators, and unless some people come to my aid, I will be killed in the process of standing up for my rights and possessions under the law, which I have followed completely and have in no way violated. I have proven my stance under the law and yet here I stand trying to preserve my being and the Truth and to maintain

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Stephan Harris
Clerk
By Deputy Clerk

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justice for all by defending myself and property under the law. I am a law abiding Citizen of the united States for America and am proud of this country, or at least what is left of it, and I will not give in to these criminals and the FRAUD and other crimes they are committing against me and other Americans in this country. I will now begin my expose. Please keep in mind this expose in no way is being presented in order to be able to prove my stance, but it is being presented to everyone to prove that I have the docu[redacted]d evidence, including file numbers, court case numbers, certified mailing numbers, signed returned receipts, and all documentation, which can prove my stance, and to show the process by which the IRS and its co-conspirators have fraudulently been overcoming me and destroying me, and to let everyone know that I may only have a short time to live.

This expose, although brief in its composition, will not be able to explain what has taken me many years of research, study, and actual application by myself to learn and discover as far as being the Truth. All that I will be writing here in this expose is a matter of public record, with the exception of the documentation I have filed through the years with the IRS with them always defaulting, which is available to anyone wishing to view it, and all of the court cases involving myself, which are a matter of public record along with the filings with the county recorder in the Campbell county recorder's office. This is about the Truth of the FRAUD against me and I can prove it ALL, if I am allowed to. However, there is a great chance, that the various agencies and people involved will want me eliminated, so I can not expose them and the crimes they are committing centered around their FRAUD. So, if I am killed or sent to prison (they may think) to be lost forever, I wish to here and now expose the corruption and fraud being perpetrated on the American people, by the largest, most corrupt, evil, and illegal terrorist organization/corporation in the world, the INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE ("IRS"), and its agents and co-conspirators.

In order to put things in proper perspective, the IRS was originally incorporated as a Delaware corporation on July 12, 1933 under file number 0325720, which anyone can obtain a certified copy from the Secretary of State of Delaware, if they wish to, as I have done. The IRS is not and has never been a part of what people think of as the government, for in reality the "United States of America" is also a corporation, along with others, but not limited to these, which are known as the: Department of Justice ("DOJ"), Central Intelligence Agency ("CIA"), Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, & Firearms ("BATF"), Federal Bureau of Investigation ("FBI"), all statutory courts on a local, state, and federal level, and all local and state agencies, all of which are primarily under the United States of America, the main corporation. Yes, this is all a matter of public record, but requires people to research and discover the Truth as I have. All matters operate under a corporation under the Uniform Commercial Code ("UCC") and not under a government for the people, by the people, and of the people as it was established in the beginning by our founding fathers as a Republic.

Through the filing of my "Declaration to Quiet Title" and its proof of publication (copy of which is enclosed), which I filed in the county recorder's office under file number 793958 on April 4th, 2002, it proves that I am a "Non-Resident Alien" as I am non-resident and alien to the Corporate State of Wyoming, and that United States and the states subject to its jurisdiction as defined and limited in the IRS Code at 26 USC Sec. 7701(a)(9)&(10) and 26 USC Sec. 3121(e)(1)&(2) and therefore proves my Non-Residency claims. I am not a citizen or subject of the "states" defined therein and thereby am not a taxpayer! This legal and binding Document has never been refuted, nor disputed, nor contested by any person, or by any entity, or by any agency at any time since its publication, now over 6 years later. Both the "State of Wyoming (Corporate) and the "United States of America" (Washington, D.C. Jurisdiction) were given the opportunity to claim jurisdiction over me as a "resident" and both failed to

"Make" or "Prove" any claims of "Citizenship or residence against me." This is further exhibited by my filing of an IRS form, W-8, with anyone requesting such, which is declaring same. Please note a copy of this public document has been given to the Sheriff of Campbell county.

Now, everyone says they must pay their taxes, me included. This is true, but paying legal taxes and paying fraudulent taxes are two different matters, as different as night and day. The income tax, which the IRS has terrorized most into paying are FRAUDULENT and people are not required to pay them unless they volunteer to, period. There is no law requiring you to pay income tax and never has been since the IRS was incorporated in 1933. I have proven this both by the filings I have made and recorded with the county recorder and by the court cases I have been involved in. Please note a copy of these public records and documents have been given to the Sheriff of Campbell county. As per the corporate filing with Delaware by the IRS, it is a collection arm, which is a collection arm for the Federal Reserve, a private corporation not associated with the government in any manner, but instead a corporation of foreign bankers, which can be ascertained by reading any encyclopedia in any library. All moneys collected by the IRS goes to pay debt, 100%, and not one penny goes to run the government or the country. This I have proven by documentation and many have seen it themselves on their own. Knowing what I do now and have since 1987, if I were to pay one penny even to the IRS, then I would be guilty of treason against the American people and this country. Likewise anyone, who pays any amount of moneys to the IRS under the falsehood of claiming it to be income tax, is also guilty of treason against the American people and this country, if the Truth be known. Once you learn about the money system and how it works, of which there is no money as it is spelled out in the Constitution, only debt, then this becomes very clear to people that their taxes do not pay for anything other than to repay debt, which is totally fictitious and bogus, as there is no debt owed the foreign bankers, who have put up absolutely nothing and We the People have put up everything. Look at any denomination, whether it be a $1, $5, $10, $20, $50, or $100 bill in your wallet and at the top of it, it says Federal Reserve Note. This is the Federal Reserve of foreign bankers, which is a private corporation, and the definition of a note is, "I Owe You!", clear and simple, and no way around it.

Here is what has happened with me in a condensed version. I ceased filing returns with the IRS in 1987, after learning of the Truth of the fraudulent income tax and have not filed a return since then and am Damn proud of it. If you knew the Truth as I do, then you would not file a return ever again with the IRS as you are not a taxpayer and never have been, as you are not required to pay a fraudulent tax to a foreign enemy. I am honored to be a part of this country and therefore I will not be a part of destroying it by dealing with and paying a foreign enemy, the IRS, or its parent the Federal Reserve, any money which will continue the FRAUD and destruction of the united States for America. Thereby, by not paying the IRS, I am not committing treason, which I would be under the law, if I were to pay the IRS anything. The IRS, through the years have sent numerous requests for filings to be made, and I have answered them with documentation requesting their response showing the law, that I was a taxpayer, that I was required to file such a return and owed any moneys, and that I was under their jurisdiction. They never once responded or answered my questions or requests, thereby giving me the Truth. In addition, my filings such as: Declaration of Allegiance, Revocation of Power of Attorney, Declaration of Sovereignty, Affidavit of Revocation and Rescission and Asseveration of Status, Your (IRS) Affidavit of the liabilities and requirements of the Demandant were all filed with the IRS. These legal and binding Documents have never been refuted, nor disputed, nor contested by any person, or by any entity, or by any agency at any time since they were first filed with the IRS, over a number of years ago.

The IRS, through its agent, then filed five (5) "Notices" of Lien with the county recorder in Campbell county saying I, as an alleged taxpayer, owed a certain amount of tax. This was a piece of paper filed by an IRS agent only, with no supporting documentation other than his paper of filing. There was no court order, no affidavit, no due process given to me under the law, nothing just a fictitious and arbitrary amount noted by a fraudulent IRS agent, Gary Warner, to which the country recorder fraudulently recorded them as though they were legal and binding. I currently have a filing ready to file in court with criminal charges against the recorder and various clerks for what they have done. They have been given copies of the pending filings, ready to be filed in district court. As a result of these fraudulent filings of "Notices" of Lien, I contested them as followed under the law, requiring the IRS to prove them up. As these were not valid and legal filings, of course, the IRS could not prove them up under the law, nor could they do anything other than default on my request as under the law. I thereby filed notices of default against each filing of the five (5) "Notices" of Lien with the country recorder proving them to be fraudulent, again as per the law. The original filings with the country recorder by the IRS, as "Notices" of Lien, are as given: U225707, U237443, U237444, 774876, and 774877. Subsequent filings by myself requesting the IRS to prove up their "Notices" of Lien, and filings of default by myself are available with the county recorder or are available from me. All filings by the IRS and by myself have been given to the Sheriff of Campbell county. By default on the part of the IRS under the law, the "Notices" of Lien are totally and completely fraudulent, as proven under the law.

Further, I requested from the Secretary of State of Wyoming, copies of all liens or levies against me, which was done a significant amount of time after the filings of the "Notices" of Lien by the IRS with the county recorder, to which I was sent a certification by the Secretary of State that there were no liens or levies against me, and that there never had been. This certification further substantiated and proved the fraud on the part of the IRS. A copy of this certification was given to the Sheriff of Campbell county.

I also brought an action against Paul H. O'Neill, Secretary of the Treasury, and against Gary Warner, the IRS agent, who filed the "Notices" of Lien, as noted hereinabove, Delegate of the Secretary, in district court here in Campbell county. The IRS and the parties against whom I filed the action could not, and have never appeared in district court ever in this country, for the IRS has no jurisdiction and thereby the parties would be convicted and imprisoned, but instead it requested of the district judge, John R. Perry, through the federal attorneys to allow them to move it to federal court, which was attempted to give the federal court jurisdiction or so the federal attorneys claimed. A criminal case can not be moved, but judge Perry fraudulently allowed this to happen with his authorization. I currently have a criminal filing prepared against judge John R. Perry waiting to filed in district court, of which he has been given a copy of. This was prepared and under the statute of limitation, with there being none involving fraud, it can be filed at any time. If this pending filing was not valid, I would not be here writing this, but instead would be in jail. A copy of this has been given to the Sheriff of Campbell county.

As a result of the case being moved to federal court in Cheyenne, Wyoming fraudulently, I thereby appealed it, stating that 1) the federal court had no subject matter jurisdiction and could not take it out of district court, which did have jurisdiction and nor could it change the party being charged to the United States of America and thereby claim immunity and unless it gave its authorization, it could not be sued by me. I brought suit against individuals, who had committed the crimes, not a corporation, which is a fictitious entity incapable of doing anything. The federal court ruled that yes it did not have

subject matter jurisdiction, and therefore dismissed the case, which was a ruling, instead of remanding it back to the court it had fraudulently removed the case from. I then appealed the case to the 10th circuit court of appeals claiming the federal court had no subject matter jurisdiction, could not change the party being charged with the crime as no entity can commit a crime only parties within the entity can, and that because the federal court stated it did not have subject matter jurisdiction could not dismiss the case as this was a ruling and therefore it was required under the law to remand the case back to the court from which it was taken from. The 10th circuit court ruled that yes the federal court did not have subject matter jurisdiction and further that the district court did not have subject matter jurisdiction either and therefore it dismissed the case and would not remand the case back to district court. This all proved the courts had no jurisdiction over me and by changing the party to the United States of America without any legal basis, left me with no recourse to bring the criminals to justice. This proves the corruption in the court system. All court case filings by myself and by the parties on the other side, through their attorneys, are a matter of public record and copies of same have have been given to the Sheriff of Campbell county.

Then the same federal United States District Court, which ruled initially that it had no subject matter jurisdiction along with the 10th circuit court of appeals, filed a case, civil no. 07CV 203D, against me in Cheyenne, Wyoming in September of 2007. I was served notice to which I entered a filing stating the court did not have jurisdiction or venue. Under the law, if such an issue is brought up by either side in a case, jurisdiction must then be proven before the case can proceed. The DOJ, and the federal court, completely ignored my initial filing and my subsequent eleven (11) other filings stating the same thing. The court only went on to file a Summary Judgment, and an Order of Foreclosure and Decree of Sale as signed by William Downes, United States District judge, on the house, which is held in trust, located at 1104 Buckskin Drive, Gillette, Wyoming 82716. The Order was based upon their kangaroo court and their filings of fraudulent documents all prepared within the IRS organization and the "Notices" of Lien, which had been proven fraudulent, thereby totally and completely ignoring my filings stating the court did not have jurisdiction or venue, and never addressing this matter and proving it one way or another. Further, the court completely ignored a private lien against this property by never notifying the lien holder that it was ignoring the lien and was taking the property under foreclosure and seizure, by the United States Marshall for the District of Wyoming, his representative, or an Internal Revenue Service Property Appraisal and Liquidation Specialist, as so stated in the Order of Foreclosure and Decree of Sale as signed by William Downes. Again until the court proved its jurisdiction, which it did not have and did not ever prove, for it would have been a matter of the court having to prove jurisdiction, because I contested the matter, under the law the case the court could not proceed ahead until it proved it had jurisdiction, which it never did. However, the court repeatedly made FRAUDULENT filings and rulings and gave orders all without ever proving it had jurisdiction, as exhibited by it not answering any one of my twelve filings of contest, again all of which proved the FRAUD and corruption in the court system. I could not do anything other than what I did otherwise I would have acquiescence into the federal jurisdiction and would have thereby lost under their kangaroo court.

In addition, in the United States District Court an additional six filings were made by the attorneys and never any copies sent to me of them, which was determined after receiving a copy of the court docket of the case. Another filing was certified by the court as being mailed to the P. O. Box, but instead was mailed to the street location of the house, which almost resulted in a response not being filed in reply to this filing of the court. The Order of Foreclosure and Decree of Sale was signed by William Downes on July 19, 2008, filed in court on July 21, 2008, was not mailed out until July 23, 2008, and was not

received until July 25, 2008, whereby a week of the 30 day notice in the Order of Foreclosure and Decree of Sale was taken up by the delays before I knew anything happened, which was most likely intentional.

These are the crimes, but not limited to these only, for which I will be filing charges against all the parties at the end of the "cc" listing noted with **, which is a part of this expose, unless I am eliminated (either by killing me or by murdering me under the disguise of justice or by attempting to put me in prison) and by copy of this expose you will all know such that if I am eliminated, then these same people are guilty of yet another more horrendous crime, the murder of your fellow Citizen of the united States for America.

Wyoming Statutes - Title 6 - Chapters 1 - 5:

6 - 1 - 302. Solicitation to commit felony; renunciation of criminal intention.

That Officials and employees of the "**United States" Department of Justice and the "**United States" Attorney's Office have been, by filing a "Motion for Summary Judgment", "Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law", and "Order of Foreclosure and Decree of Sale" in a cause involving the rights and property of Sovereigns without the "**United States", and are engaged in the crime of **"Soliciting this Court to Commit a Felony"** by engaging in collusion and conspiracy with the alleged Plaintiff to violate the rights and property of the alleged Defendant/s.

6 - 1 - 303. Conspiracy; renunciation of criminal intention; venue.

That Officials and employees of the "**United States" Department of Justice and the "**United States" Attorney's Office have been, by filing a "Motion for Summary Judgment", "Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law", and "Order of Foreclosure and Decree of Sale" in a cause involving the rights and property of Sovereigns without the "**United States", and are engaged in the crime of **"Conspiracy"** with the "**United States" Internal Revenue Service, the Underlying Parties, and this court, by engaging in collusion and conspiracy with them to violate the rights and property of the alleged Defendant/s.

6 - 3 - 403. Wrongful taking or disposing of property; venue of indictment.

That Officials and employees of the "**United States" Department of Justice and the "**United States" Attorney's Office have been, by filing a "Motion for Summary Judgment", "Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law", and "Order of Foreclosure and Decree of Sale" in a cause involving the rights and property of Sovereigns without the "**United States", and are encouraging and soliciting the court to engage in the crime of **"Wrongful taking or disposing of property"** in violation of the law, by engaging in collusion and conspiracy with them to violate the rights and property of the alleged Defendant/s.

6 - 3 - 407. Obtaining property by false pretenses; penalties.

That Officials and employees of the "**United States" Department of Justice and the "**United States" Attorney's Office and in "Conspiracy" with the "**United States" Internal Revenue Service and the Underlying Parties, by filing a "Motion for Summary Judgment", "Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law", and "Order of Foreclosure and Decree of Sale" in a cause involving the rights and property of Sovereigns without the "**United States", are engaging in the crime of **"Obtaining property by false pretenses"** and are asking and soliciting this court to engage in collusion and conspiracy with them to violate the rights and property of the alleged Defendant/s.

6 - 3 - 612. False written statements to obtain property or credit; penalties.

That Officials and employees of the "**United States" Department of Justice and the "**United States" Attorney's Office and in "Conspiracy" with the "**United States" Internal Revenue Service and the Underlying Parties, by filing a "Motion for Summary Judgment", "Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law", and "Order of Foreclosure and Decree of Sale" in a cause involving the rights and property of

Sovereigns without the **"United States", have been engaged in the crime of **"False written statements to obtain property"** and are asking and soliciting this court to engage in collusion and conspiracy with them to violate the rights and property of the alleged Defendant/s.

6 - 5 - 107. Official misconduct; penalties.

That Officials and employees of the "**United States" Department of Justice and the "**United States" Attorney's Office and in "Conspiracy" with the "**United States" Internal Revenue Service and the Underlying Parties, by filing a "Motion for Summary Judgment", "Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law", and "Order of Foreclosure and Decree of Sale" in a cause involving the rights and property of Sovereigns without the **"United States", have engaged in the crime of **"Official misconduct"** and are asking and soliciting this court to engage in collusion and conspiracy with them to violate the rights and property of the alleged Defendant/s.

6 - 5 - 108. Issuing false certificate; penalties.

That Officials and employees of the "**United States" Department of Justice and the "**United States" Attorney's Office and in "Conspiracy" with the "**United States" Internal Revenue Service and the Underlying Parties, by filing a "Motion for Summary Judgment", "Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law", and "Order of Foreclosure and Decree of Sale" in a cause involving the rights and property of Sovereigns without the **"United States", have engaged in the above and below stated crimes and are an "Accessory" to **"Issuing false certificates"** and are asking and soliciting this court to engage in collusion and conspiracy with them to violate the rights and property of the alleged Defendant/s.

6 - 5 - 202. Accessory after the fact; penalties.

That Officials and employees of the "**United States" Department of Justice and the "**United States" Attorney's Office have become **"Accessories after the fact"** by engaging in collusion and conspiracy against the rights and property of the alleged Defendant/s.

As can be proven by public records, public filings, and by documents filed with the IRS through the years, and the court cases of which I am and have been a direct party in, it can be seen that the various people and agencies of the Corporate government and the IRS have considered themselves above the law and ran right over me and my rights and never once allowing me due process under the law. I am guilty until I can prove that I am not, which I can not do in their jurisdiction, as it gives them total control and jurisdiction over my fate without me having any defense whatsoever, if I acquiescence into their jurisdiction and corrupt court system, which I have never done.

I am hereby stating that I will defend my rights and the property with all that I have, for I will not give in to the FRAUD and the crimes of these people. I am demanding the Sheriff of Campbell county to come to my aid and arrest these criminals, but he may also be one of them. In which case, this will be a standoff at the property in question, and which I will give my life if need be, but which I will take any that will try to come against me, which again is justified and has been proven many times in the courts. I am sending this to numerous news media sources, see "cc" listing, in hopes that at least one of them will do a report on the crimes the IRS and its co-conspirators are committing against me. Further, be it known, that all of my documentation has been given to a party, such that if I am eliminated by the criminals, then my story can be told based upon facts and actual documentation and filings.

It is my prayer that We the People (you in essence) stand up for each other and for me and come to the aid of each other and me to stop this take over by the FRAUD being perpetrated upon the people of this country by the IRS and the corporate government. Now is your chance and opportunity to stand for justice and your rights, before the same people in these agencies come after you. I ask for your help and assistance by giving me your aid in numbers and your prayers, for I wish the world to see what the

Truth is and I have the Truth to give to the world, unless they keep me from it. Come the 19th of August, we will all know for this is the day I am to be gone from the premises along with all of my belongings. This I WILL not do, nor WILL I go to jail for defending my rights and the Truth, even if it means my death. I have proved what happens in the court system and therefore do not stand a chance trying to fight this matter any further in the corrupt court system. The IRS and its co-conspirators will not have what is not theirs and which I have proven under the law is the Truth, but which they do not care and run right over, thereby exhibiting as I said in the beginning that the INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE ("IRS") is the largest, most corrupt, evil, and illegal terrorist organization/corporation in the world acting as though it is above the law.

I have also enclosed copies of the following NOTICES [see listing of enclosures as item 2) and item 3) for the full name of NOTICES], which are posted on the entry ways, both front and back, on the house located at 1104 Buckskin Drive, Gillette, Wyoming 82716, which is in the process of being seized and foreclosed on illegally and FRAUDULENTLY. The Sheriff of Campbell county has been given these NOTICES previously, but are being given to him again along with the NOTICE now being sent to him directly. In addition, these NOTICES have been filed with county recorder of Campbell county.

I have also enclosed a copy of the NOTICE I have given to the Sheriff demanding his aid and assistance and his protection of my rights, by arresting the true criminals, who have been proven to be the criminals they are, as he has copies of all documentation proving my stance and the FRAUD, as these criminals are terrorizing everyone by acting above and beyond the law.

Please realize that all I say here can be proven and has been proven, but at this juncture, I am alone in my fight against these criminals, which may be to the death. I am not a crack pot, a crazy, a fanatic, a weirdo, or any other name, which people may want to call me, but a true and patriotic American, who believes as our founding fathers did and wish for us all to be able to enjoy and have life, liberty, and pursuit of happiness while operating under the true Constitution for the united States of America. I have done everything by the law, I have given copies to the Sheriff through the years, both to Byron Oedekoven and William "Bill" Pownall, of all my filings and court cases, with the exception of this last case, as the copies were too horrendous in volume, but which is available as it a matter of public record, for I absolutely have nothing to hide and only want the Truth to be given to the public, so that you, the public, do not have to ever experience the terror and threat I have lived under for a great many years and am uncertain of my outcome, other than it could possibly be death for being RIGHT under the law.

By my reporting of this FRAUD and related crimes herein and by giving copies of this expose and attached NOTICES, those that are receiving them, it is your duty as required under the law to have all who are a part of the felony crime of fraud and related crimes, as co-conspirators and as accessories before the fact and as accessories after the fact be brought to justice by bringing charges against them and reporting this to those in authority to prosecute the criminals. If you fail to perform your duties against these criminals, then charges can be brought against you for "Misprision of Felony", which is still an offense under United States federal law after being codified in 1909 under 18 U.S.C. Part 1, Chapter 1, § 4:

> **Whoever, having knowledge of the actual commission of a felony cognizable by a court of the United States, conceals and does not as soon as possible make known the same to some judge or other person in civil or military authority under the United States shall be fined under this title or imprisoned not more than three years, or both.**

Enclosures with this expose are:

1) Copy of the "Declaration to Quiet Title" and proof of its publication.
2) Copy of NOTICE TO ALL OFFICERS OF THE LAW No Trespassing as posted on the property.
3) Copy of NOTICE! TO LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS as posted on the property.
4) Copy of the NOTICE given to Sheriff, William "Bill" Pownall, of Campbell county at this time.

And finally, Laurence Eustelle; Wolff hereby concludes this "BRIEF EXPOSE ON THE FRAUD OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE ("IRS")" with full reservations of all Natural, Constitutional, Common Law and Birth rights, including the right not to be compelled by any court, to accept any unrevealed benefit, contract, or commercial agreement, nor be subject to any unrevealed assumption, presumption, or silent Judicial Notice, which in any way would diminish his unchallenged and unrefuted Sovereign status and Character as a creation of the Good God of Heaven. (See "Declaration to Quiet Title" and Default as attached and currently in the files of the "United States.") Any contention, assumption, presumption, or silent Judicial Notice, which is not established in the record by valid evidence, is hereby denied and rejected on its face and will be considered an attempt to criminally violate the rights of Laurence Eustelle; Wolff, the Affiant.**

NOTE: [United States, **UNITED STATES, **UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, and **United States of America, quoted and used hereinabove and hereinbelow, is that United States and its included "States" defined at Title 26 USC Section 7701(a)(9)&(10) and Title 26 USC Section 3121(e)(1)&(2). Said definitions do not include the sovereign entities known as Campbell county, Wyoming or Wyoming state, and do, as a matter of law, exclude these geographical areas.]**

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The use of Notary is for purposes of signature identification only. The Affiant "Laurence Eustelle; Wolff" waives no rights under any form of law by the use thereof of said Notary and accepts no foreign or domestic jurisdiction contrary to the Constitutional Common Law by the use thereof of said Notary.

Further your Affiant sayeth naught.

Laurence Eustelle; Wolff

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NOTARY ENDORSEMENT

On this 15 day of August, 2008, Laurence Eustelle; Wolff, personally appeared before me, and is (X) personally known to me, or ( ) proved by valid identification, to be the Affiant and writer of this EXPOSE, whose name is subscribed to the above instrument, and acknowledged to me that by his signature thereon he executed the instrument.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

Signature: Amanda L McKee
Notary Public

Type of ID: personally appeared before me
Notary Public

I Reside at: #8 Deity St Gillette WY 82716

My Commission Expires: 6-5-2010

(seal)

AMANDA L. McKEE - NOTARY PUBLIC
COUNTY OF CAMPBELL
STATE OF WYOMING
My Commission Expires 06/05/2010

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****PHILIP E. BLONDIN**, aka **Philip E. Blondin**, Trial Attorney, Tax Division, "**United States" Dept. of Justice, P. O. Box 683, Ben Franklin Station, Washington, D.C. *[20044-0683] *FJD
****CAROL A. STATKUS**, aka **Carol A. Statkus**, Assistant "**United States" Attorney, Office of "**United States" Attorney, P. O. Box 668, Cheyenne, Wyo. *[82003] *FJD
****JOHN R. GREEN**, aka **John R. Green**, Acting "**United States" Attorney, Office of "**United States" Attorney, P. O. Box 668, Cheyenne, Wyo. *[82003] *FJD
****WILLIAM DOWNES**, aka **William Downes**, "**United States" District Judge, "**United States" District Court, District of Wyoming, P. O. Box 668, Cheyenne, Wyo. *[82003] *FJD
****WILLIAM C. BEAMAN**, aka **William C. Beaman**, "**United States" District Magistrate Judge, "**United States" District Court, District of Wyoming, P. O. Box 668, Cheyenne, Wyo. *[82003] *FJD

**Charges are being prepared and will be filed against these individuals for the crimes as listed herein, but are not limited to only these, if I am not eliminated (killed or murdered or imprisoned, which they may think) either by them or their co-conspirators.

NOTICE
TO THE CAMPBELL COUNTY SHERIFF

This is to place you, William "Bill" Pownall, Campbell County Sheriff, on NOTICE that the Undersigned, Laurence Eustelle; Wolff, being in lawful occupation of the premise, known more specifically as 1104 Buckskin Drive, Gillette, Wyoming 82716, demands that all law enforcement officers of the Campbell County Sheriff's Office of Campbell county, Wyoming state, abide by the express prohibitions of the Constitution for the united States, which is the Supreme Law of the land and to which you, Mr. Pownall, have taken a solemn oath to uphold, maintain, and support.

Any Officer, or other person at the direction of any Officer, whether an undercover agent, or not, who attempts to enter these premises without a proper Warrant or Judgment issued out of a Court, which is part of the Judicial Branch of the Government, and issued under the Seal of the Court, signed by the Clerk, will be treated as any other trespasser or lawless intruder would be when attempting to break and enter an inhabited dwelling when warned not to do so. SURVIVORS WILL BE PROSECUTED!

Further, you are placed on NOTICE, that the INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE ("IRS") has been operating fraudulently within the sovereign county of Campbell, Wyoming state, as well other agencies and entities as co-conspirators of the IRS all under the Washington, D.C. jurisdiction, such as, hut not limited to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, US Marshall's Office, and federal courts in Cheyenne, Wyoming and Casper, Wyoming, and the tenth circuit courts in Denver, Colorado, according to said jurisdiction being stated in that United States and its included "States" defined at Title 26 USC Section 7701(a)(9)&(10) and Title 26 USC Section 3121(e)(1)&(2). Said definitions do not include the sovereign entities known as Campbell county, Wyoming or Wyoming state, and do, as a matter of law, exclude these geographical areas.

You have on file with your office copies of the FRAUDULENT documents, "Notices" of Lien (U225707, U237443, U237444, 774876, and 774877), which were filed with the county recorder against the Undersigned, by the IRS agent Gary Warner, Notices to the IRS by myself contesting the IRS "Notices" of Lien requiring it to prove up its "Notices" of Lien filed against the Undersigned, copies of Default Notices to the IRS by myself following its default in not proving up its "Notices" of Lien against the Undersigned, proving the "Notices" of Lien are FRAUDULENT as defined under the Law, copies of the district court case filings as filed by myself, copies of the federal court case filings as filed by myself appealing its action, and copies of the tenth circuit court case filings as filed by myself appealing the federal courts actions, all proving the courts do not have jurisdiction over me, copies of documentation sent to the IRS through the years by myself requiring it supply the law that a tax was due and that the Undersigned was a taxpayer and under its jurisdiction, all of which it defaulted in ever answering, copy of the Secretary of State of Wyoming stating by certification that there were no liens filed against the Undersigned, and there never has been, all of which documentation is a matter of public record or can be produced as having been sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, and signed for by the IRS, all of which proves the crime of FRAUD on the part of the IRS and its agents and co-conspirators.

You also have on file, a copy of my "Declaration to Quiet Title" and its proof of publication, which I filed in the county recorder's office under file number 793958 on April 4th, 2002, which proves that I am a "Non-Resident Alien" as I am non-resident and alien to the Corporate State of Wyoming, and that United States and the states subject to its jurisdiction as defined and limited in the IRS Code at 26 USC Sec. 7701(a)(9)&(10) and 26 USC Sec. 3121(e)(1)&(2) and therefore proves my Non-Residency claims. I am not a citizen or subject of the "states" defined therein and thereby am not a taxpayer!

I will be calling upon you and your deputies to come to my aid and assistance, if and when the IRS and its co-conspirators try to remove me from the premises at 1104 Buckskin Drive, Gillette, Wyoming 82716 by force and try to confiscate the contents therein and thereon the property. I will be demanding that you protect me and arrest the criminals at hand. You, as the duly elected Sheriff of Campbell county by the People, have the highest authority in the county and thereby can arrest any person of any agency, which is foreign to the sovereign county of Campbell, such as but not limited to the following, IRS, FBI, CIA, BATF, US Marshall Service, highway patrol, city police, any undercover agent, all state government agencies, all local agencies, all county agencies, all police forces, for none of these have jurisdiction in the sovereign county of Campbell, Wyoming state, which has been so stated and ruled in United States District Court in Casper, Wyoming as proven by Bighorn County Sheriff, Mr. Dave Mattis. If you fail to come to my aid and assistance or fail to protect me or fail to arrest the IRS agents and its co-conspirators, then these are the crimes, but not limited to these only, for which I will be filing charges against you if you aid, assist, or carry out any of the orders from the federal courts in Cheyenne or Casper, Wyoming, or assist any of the agencies of the federal government, such as, but not limited to the US Marshall's service, the IRS and its agents, the FBI, the city police, the highway patrol, or any other ageucy of the federal corporate government under the Washington, D.C. Jurisdiction, as it is so stated hereinabove, or conduct or assist in the foreclosure sale of the property at 1104 Buckskin Drive, Gillette, Wyoming 82716, unless I am eliminated by you, your department, or any other person or agency of the federal government under Washington, D.C. Jurisdiction, and by copy of this to all listed as "cc" on the expose I have composed, copy of which is enclosed, all will know that if I am eliminated and unable to file charges against you and any other person, if you do not heed this NOTICE, then these people will know you are guilty of yet another more horrendous crime, the murder of Laurence Eustelle; Wolff, a fellow Citizen of the united States for America.

Wyoming Statutes - Title 6 - Chapters 1 - 5:

6 - 1 - 302. Solicitation to commit felony; renunciation of criminal intention.

That Officials and employees of the "**United States" Department of Justice and the "**United States" Attorney's Office have been, by filing a "Motion for Summary Judgment", "Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law", and "Order of Foreclosure and Decree of Sale" in a cause involving the rights and property of Sovereigns without the "**United States", and are engaged in the crime of **"Soliciting this Court to Commit a Felony"** by engaging in collusion and conspiracy with the alleged Plaintiff to violate the rights and property of the alleged Defendant/s.

6 - 1 - 303. Conspiracy; renunciation of criminal intention; venue.

That Officials and employees of the "**United States" Department of Justice and the "**United States" Attorney's Office have been, by filing a "Motion for Summary Judgment", "Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law", and "Order of Foreclosure and Decree of Sale" in a cause involving the rights and property of Sovereigns without the "**United States", and are engaged in the crime of **"Conspiracy"** with the "**United States" Internal Revenue Service, the Underlying Parties, and this

court, by engaging in collusion and conspiracy with them to violate the rights and property of the alleged Defendant/s.

6 - 3 - 403. Wrongful taking or disposing of property; venue of indictment.

That Officials and employees of the "**United States" Department of Justice and the "**United States" Attorney's Office have been, by filing a "Motion for Summary Judgment", "Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law", and "Order of Foreclosure and Decree of Sale" in a cause involving the rights and property of Sovereigns without the "**United States", and are encouraging and soliciting the court to engage in the crime of **"Wrongful taking or disposing of property"** in violation of the law, by engaging in collusion and conspiracy with them to violate the rights and property of the alleged Defendant/s.

6 - 3 - 407. Obtaining property by false pretenses; penalties.

That Officials and employees of the "**United States" Department of Justice and the "**United States" Attorney's Office and in "Conspiracy" with the "**United States" Internal Revenue Service and the Underlying Parties, by filing a "Motion for Summary Judgment", "Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law", and "Order of Foreclosure and Decree of Sale" in a cause involving the rights and property of Sovereigns without the "**United States", are engaging in the crime of **"Obtaining property by false pretenses"** and are asking and soliciting this court to engage in collusion and conspiracy with them to violate the rights and property of the alleged Defendant/s.

6 - 3 - 612. False written statements to obtain property or credit; penalties.

That Officials and employees of the "**United States" Department of Justice and the "**United States" Attorney's Office and in "Conspiracy" with the "**United States" Internal Revenue Service and the Underlying Parties, by filing a "Motion for Summary Judgment", "Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law", and "Order of Foreclosure and Decree of Sale" in a cause involving the rights and property of Sovereigns without the **"United States", have been engaged in the crime of **"False written statements to obtain property"** and are asking and soliciting this court to engage in collusion and conspiracy with them to violate the rights and property of the alleged Defendant/s.

6 - 5 - 107. Official misconduct; penalties.

That Officials and employees of the "**United States" Department of Justice and the "**United States" Attorney's Office and in "Conspiracy" with the "**United States" Internal Revenue Service and the Underlying Parties, by filing a "Motion for Summary Judgment", "Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law", and "Order of Foreclosure and Decree of Sale" in a cause involving the rights and property of Sovereigns without the **"United States", have engaged in the crime of **"Official misconduct"** and are asking and soliciting this court to engage in collusion and conspiracy with them to violate the rights and property of the alleged Defendant/s.

6 - 5 - 108. Issuing false certificate; penalties.

That Officials and employees of the "**United States" Department of Justice and the "**United States" Attorney's Office and in "Conspiracy" with the "**United States" Internal Revenue Service and the Underlying Parties, by filing a "Motion for Summary Judgment", "Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law", and "Order of Foreclosure and Decree of Sale" in a cause involving the rights and property of Sovereigns without the **"United States", have engaged in the above and below stated crimes and are an "Accessory" to **"Issuing false certificates"** and are asking and soliciting this court to engage in collusion and conspiracy with them to violate the rights and property of the alleged Defendant/s.

6 - 5 - 202. Accessory after the fact; penalties.

That Officials and employees of the "United States" Department of Justice and the "**United States" Attorney's Office have become "Accessories after the fact" by engaging in collusion and conspiracy against the rights and property of the alleged Defendant/s.**

In addition, you will be charged with treason if you aid, assist or carry out any of the orders from the federal courts in Cheyenne or Casper, Wyoming, or assist any of the agencies of the federal government, such as, but not limited to the US Marshall's service, the IRS and its agents, the FBI, the city police, the highway patrol, or any other agency of the federal corporate government under the Washington, D.C. Jurisdiction as it is so stated hereinabove, or conduct the foreclosure and sale of the property at 1104 Buckskin Drive, Gillette, Wyoming 82716, as you will have been assisting the foreign enemies of this sovereign county of Campbell and sovereign Wyoming state, unless I am eliminated and by copy of this to all listed as "cc" on the expose I have composed, copy of which is enclosed, all will know that if I am, then these people will know you are also guilty of yet another more horrendous crime, the murder of Laurence Eustelle; Wolff, a fellow Citizen of the united States for America. Further you will be charged with Misprision of treason, which is the concealment of treason, by being merely passive for if any assistance be given, to the traitor, the IRS or any agency of the federal corporate government, it makes the party, you, a principal, as there is no accessories in treason. It is the duty of every good Citizen, you as Campbell County Sheriff, knowing of a treason or felony having been committed; to inform a magistrate. Silently to observe the commission of a felony, without using any endeavors to apprehend the offender, is a misprision.

In addition, I am reporting to you, a felony crime of fraud and related crimes against the Sovereign Person, Laurence Eustelle; Wolff, occupying the premises at 1104 Buckskin Drive, Gillette, Wyoming 82716, of which you have the evidence on file in your office, as given to you and Byron Oedekoven before you, and by this NOTICE, and therefore it is your duty as an Officer of the Law to arrest all who are a part of the felony crime of fraud and related crimes, as co-conspirators and accessories before the fact and co-conspirators and accessories after the fact. If you fail to perform your duties and arrest these criminals, then I will bring charges against you for "Misprision of Felony", which is still an offense under United States federal law after being codified in 1909 under 18 U.S.C. Part 1, Chapter 1, § 4:

> Whoever, having knowledge of the actual commission of a felony cognizable by a court of the United States, conceals and does not as soon as possible make known the same to some judge or other person in civil or military authority under the United States, shall be fined under this title or imprisoned not more than three years, or both.

Therefore, you have been given NOTICE, and will be held fully accountable for your actions both to me and to the People of this sovereign Campbell county, Wyoming state.

And finally, Laurence Eustelle; Wolff hereby concludes this "NOTICE TO THE CAMPBELL COUNTY SHERIFF" with full reservations of all Natural, Constitutional, Common Law and Birth rights, including the right not to be compelled by any court, to accept any unrevealed benefit, contract, or commercial agreement, nor be subject to any unrevealed assumption, presumption, or silent Judicial Notice, which in any way would diminish his unchallenged and unrefuted Sovereign status and Character as a creation of the Good God of Heaven. (See "Declaration to Quiet Title" and Default as attached and currently in the files of the "**United States.") Any contention, assumption, presumption, or silent Judicial Notice, which is not established in

the record by valid evidence, is hereby denied and rejected on its face and will be considered an attempt to criminally violate the rights of Laurence Eustelle; Wolff, the Affiant.

NOTE: [**United States, **UNITED STATES, **UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, and **United States of America, quoted and used hereinabove and hereinbelow, is that United States and its included "States" defined at Title 26 USC Section 7701(a)(9)&(10) and Title 26 USC Section 3121(e)(1)&(2). Said definitions do not include the sovereign entities known as Campbell county, Wyoming or Wyoming state, and do, as a matter of law, exclude these geographical areas.]

Disclaimer

The use of Notary is for purposes of signature identification only. The Affiant "Laurence Eustelle; Wolff" waives no rights under any form of law by the use thereof of said Notary and accepts no foreign or domestic jurisdiction contrary to the Constitutional Common Law by the use thereof of said Notary.

Further your Affiant sayeth naught.

Laurence Eustelle; Wolff

Laurence Eustelle; Wolff
Mailing location: c/o P.O. Box 787
Gillette, Wyoming state
Non-domestic; PZC: 827170787
Non Domestic Mail Location [without that United States defined at: 26 USC Sec. 7701(a)(9)&(10) and 26 USC Sec. 3121(e)(1)&(2)]

NOTARY ENDORSEMENT

On this 15 day of August, 2008, Laurence Eustelle; Wolff, personally appeared before me, and is (X) personally known to me, or ( ) proved by valid identification, to be the Affiant and writer of this NOTICE, whose name is subscribed to the above instrument, and acknowledged to me that by his signature thereon he executed the instrument.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

Signature: Amanda L McKee
Notary Public

Type of ID: personally appeared before me
Notary Public

I Reside at: #8 Nissy St Gillette WY 82716

My Commission Expires: 6-5-2010

(seal)

AMANDA L. McKEE - NOTARY PUBLIC
COUNTY OF CAMPBELL
STATE OF WYOMING
My Commission Expires 06/05/2010

NOTICE

TO ALL OFFICERS OF THE LAW

No Trespassing

Whether Internal Revenue and Treasury Agents, Federal, State, County or City Agents

This is to place you on notice that the undersigned, being in lawful possession of this premises, demand that all law officers abide by the express prohibitions of the Constitution for the united States, which is the supreme law of the land and to which you have taken a solemn oath to uphold, maintain and support:

> ARTICLE I: "Congress shall make no law - abridging the freedom of speech or of the press-"

> ARTICLE II: "The right of the people to keep and bear Arms shall not be infringed."

> ARTICLE IV: "The right of the people to be secure in their persons houses papers and effect against unreasonable searches and seizures shall not be violated . . ."

> ARTICLE V: "No person shall be compelled in any Criminal Case to be a witness against himself, nor be deprived of life liberty or property without due process of law;"

> ARTICLE IX: "The enumeration in the Constitution, of certain rights, shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people."

> ARTICLE IV FURTHER PROVIDES: "and No Warrant shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by oath or affirmation and particularly describing the place to be searched and the persons or things to be seized."

Any Officer, or other person at the direction of any Officer, whether an undercover agent or not, who attempts to enter these premises without a proper Warrant or Judgement issued out of a Court which is part of the Judicial Branch of the Government, and issued under the Seal of the Court, signed by the Clerk, will be treated as any other trespasser or lawless intruder would be when attempting to break and enter an inhabited dwelling when warned not to do so. *Survivors will be prosecuted.*

Lawrence Eustelle; Wolff

Signed

NOTICE!

TO LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

Without the occupants permission to enter this building YOU MUST STAY OUT. Though we value your friendship and your service to our community, you are a member of a high-risk group. Current law mandates that we separate ourselves from any individuals likely to have been in contact with illegal drugs. We hate such substances here and have nothing to do with them. The law demands that we take every possible measure to assure that absolutely no illegal drug ever be found on this property. In an effort to keep our property free from forfeiture under drug laws, we must demand that before you enter this building, you:

1. Empty your pockets and submit to a complete body search;
2. Assure us you have no drugs on you;
3. Produce proper ID and be fingerprinted and photographed;
4. Sign our guest register and complete our public servant's questionnaire, listing at least your: full name, social security number, driver's license number, work address & phone number, home address & phone number, the purpose for your visit, and all of your other intentions.

We regret that anyone in our community must come into contact with illegal drugs, and we recognize that you are required by law to do so. You easily could have on your person a quantity of an illegal substance. Thus, we must ask that, in addition to the above, you assure us that you will hold us harmless should any such substance from you or your clothing be left behind while you were on our property. You must give us your personal pledge that you will pay damages should illegal drugs be found on our property after your visit. If you enter this property, *you must be unarmed and*, anything you say or do may be maintained as evidence by audio and video recordings.

In any case the occupants *reserve all of their rights* including property rights, including the right to a physical accounting by a neutral non-interested accounting firm of all property being brought into or out of this property.

If you're unable, or unwilling, to meet these requirements, you must telephone us first, so we may arrange to meet outside our premises.

Signed Laurence Eustelle Wolff

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LAWFUL NOTICE

United States et al; Respondents, Defendants, including, but not limited to, Internal Revenue Service, and all Whom it May Concern;

Declaration to Quiet Title

I, Laurence Eustelle, Wolff, have chosen to proceed in my own right, obligation and power to choose the Applicable Law, within the proper territorial application in which I was born or having acquired. This would include, but not be limited to, the principle of "Law" and equity, the law merchant and the law relative to capacity to contract, principal and agent, doctrines of law of the case, res judicata, estoppel, fraud, misrepresentation, duress, coercion, mistake, bankruptcy, or other validating or invalidating cause, pertaining to my Special Status, Character and position as a Free Sovereign, in the Wyoming Republic/Commonwealth/state.

I, Laurence Eustelle, Wolff, choose to live up to the obligations and enjoy the rights of My Birthright and/or the sovereignty I have acquired through declaration and asseveration, being born or having acquired sovereignty within one of the several territorial states of the Several States of the united States of America. I am a Private Party, Natural God Created entity, and NOT a subject of the United States nor subject to "its" jurisdiction, as "it" has no Constitutional jurisdiction except in the District of Columbia and "its" possessions. Absolutely no voluntary contracts exist where I knowingly, willingly or intentionally waived or gave up my Natural, Constitutional or Common Law rights to my Private Party status in order to become a federally "privileged" person subject to equity, admiralty, maritime or administrative law jurisdiction or venue.

Further, Anyone desiring to challenge my status, character or position must present such challenge in written affidavit form to the undersigned within 30 days of the final publication of this notice or be forever estopped from doing so in the future without my knowing, willing and intentional approval.

"With reservations of all Natural, Constitutional, Common Law &Birth rights, not to be compelled to accept any unrevealed benefit, contract, or commercial agreement, nor subject to any unrevealed presumption, or silent Judicial Notice."

Use of Public Notary is for purposes of signature identification only and the affiant accepts no foreign jurisdiction by the use thereof.

Attested and Acknowledged

Laurence Eustelle, Wolff

Laurence Eustelle, Wolff

I, Donna Jerred, a Public Notary, duly commissioned and privately bonded by the People in and for the united States of America for Wyoming Republic/Commonwealth/state, hereby attest and acknowledge that the affiant has declared to me that her/his signature is that of Laurence Eustelle, Wolff, a natural born Creation of the Living God.

Donna Jerred

Notary Public

I reside in Gillette, Wyo. Campbell County My Commission Expires: Aug 5, 2002

RECEIVED APR 24 2002

DONNA JERRED - NOTARY PUBLIC
County of Campbell State of Wyoming
My Commission Expires August 5, 2002

STATE OF WYOMING } ss.
Campbell County

Filed for record this 4th day of April A.D 2002 at 2:32 o'clock P. M and recorded in Book 1746 of Photos on page 216 Fees $ 6.00 793253

Susan Saunders
County Clerk and Ex-Officio Register of Deeds

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INDEXED
CHECKED

By Deputy Patricia A. Sperling

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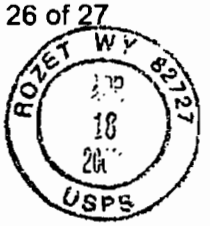

From: Laurence Eustelle; Wolff
Non-Domestic Mail, Section 14, Township 50N, Range 72W
In Care Of: P. O. Box 787
Gillette, Wyoming state/Republic/Commonwealth [Zip Code Exempt]

To: James E. Geringer, Governor of Wyoming, 200 West 24th Street, State Capitol Building, Cheyenne, Wyoming *82002 *Foreign Jurisdiction Denied (FJD)
Certified Mail Number: 7099 3220 0001 2408 4388

Joseph B. Meyer, Wyoming Secretary of State, 200 West 24th Street, State Capitol Building, Cheyenne, Wyoming *82002 *FJD
Certified Mail Number: 7099 3220 0001 2408 4395

Cynthia Lummis, Wyoming State Treasurer, 200 West 24th Street, State Capitol Building, Cheyenne, Wyoming *82002 *FJD
Certified Mail Number: 7099 3220 0001 2408 4401

H. M. "Hoke" MacMillan, Wyoming Attorney General, 200 West 24th Street, State Capitol Building, Cheyenne, Wyoming *82002 *FJD
Certified Mail Number: 7099 3220 0001 2408 4418

John Ashcroft, U. S. Attorney General, 10th Street and Constitution Avenue, Washington, D.C. *20530 *FJD
Certified Mail Number: 7099 3220 0001 2408 4425

Jo Anne B. Barnhart, U. S. Social Security Commission, P. O. Box 57, Baltimore, Maryland *21293 *FJD
Certified Mail Number: 7099 3220 0001 2408 4432

Charles O. Rossotti, U. S. Commissioner of IRS, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. *20217 *FJD
Certified Mail Number: 7099 3220 0001 2408 4449

IRS District Director in Corporate State of Wyoming, P. O. Box 700, Casper, Wyoming *82602 *FJD
Certified Mail Number: 7099 3220 0001 2408 4456

RE: Declaration of Quiet Title to the Character, Status, and Sovereignty of; Laurence Eustelle; Wolff

In the past, because of my ignorance, and what I believe to be constructive and actual fraud on the part of individuals within the Government, the IRS, and others, I was deceived into believing that I was a "subject" of my government with only those privileges and immunities they chose to extend to me through their benevolent legislation.

Because of that apparent fraud, I have expended a considerable amount of wealth consulting with counsel, accountants, and others to determine if I am, in fact, subject to governments' rules and regulations, which compel performance; and if so, what, if any, action should be taken to correct my involuntary servitude and subjection to government domination over my life.

Attached, you will find a copy of my Quiet Title publication verification. This is your opportunity to challenge my status and Sovereignty.

If it is your position that I have willingly, knowingly, and voluntarily waived my status as a Sovereign, you have thirty (30) days following your receipt of this letter and the attached documentation to contest my claims by producing the contract in which I willingly, knowingly, and voluntarily waived my status as a Sovereign and I have revoked all contracts with all government and quasi governmental agencies because of constructive Fraud. In addition, I DEMAND that within thirty (30) days of your receipt of this letter, you exhibit or present to me without dishonor, the foundational and debt instrument(s) and contracts bearing my authorized signature wherein I voluntarily (while under full disclosure of all rights waivers) agreed to be liable and chargeable under your State and federal (United States) or State agency's rules, regulations, codes, statutes, or ordinances.

Further, this is a NOTICE and DEMAND letter to inform you that any mail that I may receive from you that is not properly addressed as set forth at the head of this letter does not constitute a waiver of any rights under any form of law nor the acceptance of any authority, jurisdiction, or venue foreign to the state Republic set forth in my mailing location above. Further, I may refuse all certified mail from your agency unless you certify by affidavit that any mail you do send to me "IS NOT" for the "PURPOSES" of avoiding the due processes of the Constitutional Common Law, and/or an attempt on your part to deceive me into acquiescing into a jurisdiction foreign to this state Republic.

Your failure to perform as demanded above or to cease all actions against me, may result in the filing of civil and/or criminal actions against you.

Laurence Eustelle; Wolff, Sovereign Date: April 18, 2002

Laurence Eustelle; Wolff, Sovereign, All rights reserved under all forms of law

Attachment: Copy of Declaration to Quiet Title.

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PENALTY SUMMARY

DATE: August 21, 2008

DEFENDANT NAME: Lawrence E. Wolff

VICTIM (Yes or No): Yes

OFFENSE AND PENALTIES:

OFFENSE: **Cts. 1-4** **18 U.S.C. § 876(c)**
Threatening to Injure Government Agents and Officials

PENALTIES: 0-10 YEARS IMPRISONMENT
$250,000 FINE
3 YEARS SUPERVISED RELEASE
$100 SPECIAL ASSESSMENT
CLASS "C" FELONY

TOTALS: 0-40 YEARS IMPRISONMENT
$1,000,000 FINE
3 YEARS SUPERVISED RELEASE
$400 SPECIAL ASSESSMENT

AGENT: Christopher J. Lucas, Postal Inspector
AUSA: Stuart S. Healy, III

ESTIMATED TIME OF TRIAL:

✓ five days or less
___ over five days
___ other

INTERPRETER NEEDED:

___ Yes
✓ No

THE GOVERNMENT:

✓ will

___ will not

___ The court should not grant bond because the Defendant is not bondable because there are detainers from other jurisdictions

SEEK DETENTION IN THIS CASE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Plaintiff-Appellee, v. BRADFORD METCALF, Defendant-Appellant.

No. 99-1667

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE SIXTH CIRCUIT

2000 U.S. App. LEXIS 15752

June 28, 2000, Filed

NOTICE: [*1] NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FULL-TEXT PUBLICATION. SIXTH CIRCUIT RULE 28(g) LIMITS CITATION TO SPECIFIC SITUATIONS. PLEASE SEE RULE 28(g) BEFORE CITING IN A PROCEEDING IN A COURT IN THE SIXTH CIRCUIT. IF CITED, A COPY MUST BE SERVED ON OTHER PARTIES AND THE COURT. THIS NOTICE IS TO BE PROMINENTLY DISPLAYED IF THIS DECISION IS REPRODUCED.

SUBSEQUENT HISTORY: Reported in Table Case Format at: *2000 U.S. App. LEXIS 24225*. Certiorari Denied December 11, 2000, Reported at: *2000 U.S. LEXIS 8343*.
Related proceeding at *United States v. Graham, 275 F.3d 490, 2001 U.S. App. LEXIS 26685 (6th Cir.) (6th Cir. Mich., 2001)*
Habeas corpus proceeding at *Metcalf v. Fed. Bureau of Prisons, 2007 U.S. App. LEXIS 27475 (D.C. Cir., Nov. 26, 2007)*

PRIOR HISTORY: Western District of Michigan. 98-00054. Enslen. 5-27-99.
United States v. Metcalf, 221 F.3d 1336, 2000 U.S. App. LEXIS 24225 (6th Cir. Mich., 2000)

DISPOSITION: Affirmed.

CASE SUMMARY:

PROCEDURAL POSTURE: Defendant appealed from the judgment of the United States District Court for the Western District of Michigan, convicting him of conspiracy to possess machineguns, to threaten to assault and murder federal employees, unlawfully possessing machineguns, unlawfully possessing a firearm silencer and a destructive device, and using and carrying a semiautomatic assault weapon during and in relation to a crime of violence.

OVERVIEW: Defendant was convicted in trial court of conspiracy to possess machineguns, to threaten to assault and murder federal employees, unlawfully possessing machineguns, unlawfully possessing a firearm silencer and a destructive device, and using and carrying a semiautomatic assault weapon during and in relation to a crime of violence. Defendant appealed, claiming trial court bias, actual innocence, perjured testimony, trial by ambush, illegal sentence, inadequate jury instructions, and unconstitutional statutes. The court affirmed, holding that the trial court was not biased, indictment and trial testimony was not perjured, his sentences were not illegal, the statutes were not unconstitutional, the jury instructions were adequate, and a reasonable jury could have found defendant guilty beyond a reasonable doubt of the charges against him.

OUTCOME: Convictions affirmed because the trial court was not biased, indictment and trial testimony was not perjured, his sentences were not illegal, the statutes were not unconstitutional, the jury instructions were adequate, and a reasonable jury could have found defendant guilty beyond a reasonable doubt of the charges against him.

LexisNexis(R) Headnotes

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[HN5] In the absence of an objection, only flagrant conduct will warrant a plain error reversal.

Criminal Law & Procedure > Jury Instructions > Objections
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Criminal Law & Procedure > Appeals > Standards of Review > General Overview
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JUDGES: Before: NELSON, BOGGS, and DAUGHTREY, Circuit Judges.

OPINION

ORDER

This is an appeal from a judgment of conviction in a criminal prosecution. This case has been referred to a panel of the court pursuant to *Rule 34(j)(1), Rules of the Sixth Circuit.* Upon examination, this panel unanimously agrees that oral argument is not needed. *Fed. R. App. P. 34(a).*

In 1999, Bradford Metcalf was named in a multiple count indictment in connection with the possession of a number of weapons and a conspiracy to assault federal employees. Metcalf was subsequently tried to a [*2] jury and was found guilty of: conspiracy to possess machineguns, to threaten to assault and murder federal employees, in violation of *18 U.S.C. § 371*; four counts of unlawfully possessing machineguns, in violation of *18 U.S.C. § 922(o)(1)*; two counts of unlawfully possessing a firearm silencer and a destructive device, in violation of *26 U.S.C. § 5861(d)*; and, using and carrying a semi-automatic assault weapon during and in relation to a crime of violence, in violation of *18 U.S.C. § 924(c)*. The court sentenced Metcalf to an aggregate sentence of 480 months.

Defendant Metcalf sets forth ten issues for appellate review. These issues will be grouped for purposes of this discussion as allegations of pre-trial, trial or sentencing error. An examination of the record and law reflects that Metcalf supports almost none of his claims with concrete references to the record and, in any event, his bombastic appellate filings do not set forth any basis to interfere with the judgment on appeal.

FACTS

The evidence adduced at trial reflects the following: In 1996, federal law enforcement agents [*3] began an investigation of a self-styled militia group in Michigan after receiving information concerning the potentially dangerous activities of this group. This investigation first led the agents to the Kalamazoo residence of Brent Blasz, an individual who maintained a large private arsenal at his home. Amongst the items of destruction seized were materials for assembling and detonating pipe bombs, a crime to which Blasz later pleaded guilty.

Blasz subsequently assisted in the investigation of other militia members, among them, leader Ken Carter and Randy Metcalf. Defendant Metcalf, as a member of the militia, shared in some of the group's objectives, namely, the possession of machineguns, the planning of attacks upon federal facilities and highways and threats to assault and murder federal employees. In addition, Metcalf permitted the militia free use of his forty acre tract of land for paramilitary training and armed conflict with federal agents. Blasz identified several of the militia's targets, including the federal building in Battle Creek, an Internal Revenue Service facility in Portage, a Kalamazoo highway interchange, a United States Senator, and federal judges and prosecutors.

[*4] Other avenues of investigation supported the case against Metcalf. A federal agent, Robert Stumpenhaus, infiltrated the militia in 1997 and had several discussions with Carter. Carter, as the leader of the militia, gave Stumpenhaus orders to destroy various public utilities on command and instructed Stumpenhaus in the craft of bomb-making. Carter also described in detail the defensive gun emplacements on Metcalf's property. Another militia member, Randy Graham, supplied Stumpenhaus with military explosives, a map of Calhoun County, Michigan with facilities marked for destruction and, finally, identified a member of the National Guard that the group marked to be murdered.

Federal law enforcement agents obtained a warrant to search Metcalf's property based on the information summarized above and found an impressive cache of weapons and related information. The inventory included: a .50 caliber machinegun, two .30 caliber machineguns with tens of thousands of rounds of belted ammunition, a .50 caliber sniper rifle with a high-powered spotting scope, "scores" of loaded semi-automatic assault weapons, tens of thousands of rounds of ammunition, silencers, explosives, hulls for grenades, [*5] reference manuals and instructional videotapes for the making of car bombs and biological agents for placement in government air conditioning systems. Expert testimony at trial established the nature of these firearms and devices as inter alia silencers, destructive devices, machineguns and materials readily assembled as hand grenades or bombs.

On April 9, 1999, and later on July 9, 1999, Metcalf, Carter and Graham were charged with various counts related to the possession of machineguns and destructive devices, plots to kill federal officials and the possession of a semiautomatic assault weapon during and in relation to a crime of violence. A jury trial was thereafter conducted from November 2 through November 18, 1999, during which Metcalf insisted on representing himself while standby counsel was in attendance. The jury ultimately found Metcalf guilty of all but one count and the matter proceeded to sentencing. On May 26, 1999, the court sentenced Metcalf to the 480 month sentence of record and this appeal followed.

On appeal, Metcalf has raised ten issues in his pro se filings. These claims, in the order set forth in Metcalf's appellate brief, are as follows:

> 1. Was the [*6] trial judge incompetent by reason of bias or biased by reason of incompetence, denying appellant due process?
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> 2. Was the defendant actually innocent of all the statutory violations charged?
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> 3. Were the statutes of which defendant was convicted beyond the authority of Congress to enact and hence unconstitutional?
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> 4. Did the indictment violate the "notice" requirement of the *Sixth Amendment, U.S. Constitution*?
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> 5. Were the indictment and trial based on perjured testimony?
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> 6. Did the prosecutor conduct trial by ambush?
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> 7. Was appellant's sentence illegal and imposed for unconstitutional reasons?
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> 8. Were the jury instructions inadequate?

9. Was the conspiracy charge brought in violation of the *First Amendment*?

10. Were the grand jury proceedings that led to the indictment conducted in violation of the *Fifth Amendment, U.S. Constitution*?

PRE-TRIAL CLAIMS

Metcalf's tenth claim is that the grand jury proceedings leading to his indictment were tainted "in violation of the *Fifth Amendment*." Metcalf's support for this claim is the first of many "canned" memoranda and motions that are not specific to the facts of his case. This is a general indictment of the grand jury [*7] system in the United States and is not accompanied by any specific showing how Metcalf was indicted in an unfair or illegal manner. Counsel for the government notes this and, in addition, provides the court with a host of hornbook law standing for the proposition that, in the absence of any specific prejudice not cured by a subsequent jury verdict, any vague appellate claim of grand jury misconduct must fail. In a similar vein, Metcalf's fifth claim is that his indictment was procured by "perjured testimony," a reference to alleged perjury committed during trial by Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms Special Agents Semear and Stumpenhaus. These cited instances go directly to the credibility of these two agents as they were giving their eyewitness testimony. At no time during trial did Metcalf request a dismissal of his indictment based on this alleged perjury. Absent such a request, this claim may only be reviewed for plain error. *Fed. R. Crim. P. 52(b)*. [HN1] To obtain relief under a plain-error analysis, a defendant must show that: (1) an error occurred in the district court; (2) the error was plain (obvious or clear); (3) the error affected defendant's substantial rights; and (4) [*8] this adverse impact seriously affected the fairness, integrity or public reputation of the judicial proceedings. *See United States v. Koeberlein, 161 F.3d 946, 949 (6th Cir. 1998), cert. denied, 526 U.S. 1030, 143 L. Ed. 2d 371, 119 S. Ct. 1278 (1999)*. This claim, as with most of Metcalf's appellate arguments, rests solely on Metcalf's bald assertions of error and is of no moment.

Metcalf's third, fourth and ninth claims go to the sufficiency of the charging documents and the alleged lack of constitutional support for the crimes charged therein. Metcalf steadfastly maintains in his third claim that the *Second Amendment* protects his right to keep an arsenal of destructive weapons and other firepower that is otherwise expressly prohibited by statute. This is simply not the law.

> In [*United States v. Miller, 307 U.S. 174, 83 L. Ed. 1206, 59 S. Ct. 816 (1939)]* the Supreme Court did not reach the question of the extent to which a weapon which is "part of the ordinary military equipment" or whose "use could contribute to the common defense" may be regulated. In holding that the absence of evidence placing the weapon involved in [*9] the charges against Miller in one of these categories precluded the trial court from quashing the indictment on *Second Amendment* grounds, the Court did not hold the converse--that the *Second Amendment* is an absolute prohibition against all regulation of the manufacture, transfer and possession of any instrument capable of being used in military action.

United States v. Warin, 530 F.2d 103, 106 (6th Cir. 1976).

Metcalf's fourth appellate claim is that the charging documents are unconstitutionally vague. This is tied to his ninth appellate issue, that the indictment is defective for charging Metcalf with a conspiracy based on "mere conversation." The focus of the latter claim is that the indictments did not set forth elements of the crimes charged or specify the exact parties and statements made in furtherance of the conspiracy. A comparison of the charging documents with the statutory references immediately puts to rest the claim that they did not identify with specificity the elements of the crimes charged. In addition, [HN2] a valid indictment may charge a defendant with conspiring with unknown or unnamed individuals. *See United States v. Piccolo, 723 F.2d 1234, 1238 (6th Cir. 1983)*. [*10] "It is the grand jury's statement of the 'existence of the conspiracy agreement rather than the identity of those who agree' which places the defendant on notice of the charge he must be prepared to meet." *Id.* (quoting *United States v. Davis, 679 F.2d 845, 851 (11th Cir. 1982))*. The "mere conversation" claim is patently absurd. [HN3] Proof of an overt act is clearly required in a conspiracy prosecution, *see 18 U.S.C. § 371*, Metcalf was on notice of this requirement and proof of an overt act was certainly set forth at trial. These three related claims lack merit.

TRIAL CLAIMS

Metcalf's first, second, sixth and eighth claims are directed to the conduct of the trial. His first contention is a glib accusation that his trial judge, Judge Enslen, was either incompetent or biased. Metcalf bases this on his

wholly subjective trial "diary" entries and Metcalf's apparent belief that every time Judge Enslen ruled against him, Judge Enslen was demonstrating bias. [HN4] "[A] judge must recuse [himself] if a reasonable, objective person, knowing all of the circumstances, would have questioned the judge's impartiality." *Hughes v. United States, 899 F.2d 1495, 1501 (6th Cir. 1990).* [*11] In *United States v. Sammons, 918 F.2d 592 (6th Cir. 1990)*, a panel of this court noted that "the critical test is whether the alleged bias 'stem[s] from an extrajudicial source and result[s] in an opinion on the merits on some basis other than what the judge learned from his participation in the case.'" *Id. at 599* (quoting *Wheeler v. Southland Corp., 875 F.2d 1246, 1251-52 (6th Cir. 1989))*. Metcalf's claim in this regard is completely speculative and lacks merit.

Metcalf's sixth appellate argument is that the prosecutor conducted "trial by ambush." This is in reference to a remark made by the prosecutor in his closing argument to the effect that Metcalf probably still had machinegun parts buried on his property. The government notes that Metcalf did not make a contemporaneous objection to this isolated remark, and so he can only obtain a reversal upon a showing of plain error. *See United States v. Carroll, 26 F.3d 1380, 1383 (6th Cir. 1994).* "[HN5] In the absence of an objection, only flagrant conduct will warrant a 'plain error' reversal." *United States v. Brown, 66 F.3d 124, 127 (6th Cir. 1995).* The [*12] comment in question, coming on the heels of the undeniable proof of Metcalf's private arsenal, does not require reversal.

Metcalf's eighth appellate issue is that the jury instructions were erroneous. This claim is solely based on Judge Enslen's purported ignorance of the mechanics of a machinegun and his unwillingness to set out this information for the jury. The government notes that Metcalf did not register a timely objection to this purportedly erroneous charge. [HN6] Pursuant to *Fed. R. Crim. P. 30*, "no party may assign as error any portion of the charge or omission therefrom unless that party objects thereto before the jury retires to consider its verdict. . . ." Defendant has forfeited the issue on appeal. *See United States v. Hatchett, 918 F.2d 631, 643 (6th Cir. 1990)* (where a party fails to object to instruction at trial, reversal is required only in exceptional circumstances to avoid a miscarriage of justice).

The final issue presented by Metcalf going to the conduct of the trial is that he was "actually innocent" of the crimes charged. The government properly construes this as an assertion that Metcalf's conviction is not supported by the necessary quantum [*13] of evidence. "[HN7] Evidence is sufficient to support a criminal conviction if, after viewing the evidence in the light most favorable to the government, any rational trier of fact could have found the elements of the crime beyond a reasonable doubt." *United States v. Beddow, 957 F.2d 1330, 1334 (6th Cir. 1992).* The reviewing court must resolve all reasonable factual inferences in favor of the verdict. *See United States v. Palomino, 100 F.3d 446, 451 (6th Cir. 1996).* The summary of the evidence presented at trial, as set forth above, is ample support for a jury verdict that Metcalf deliberately associated himself with illegal weapons and instrumentalities of mass destruction and persons seemingly bent on using these tools for their infamous ends. This claim lacks merit.

SENTENCE

Metcalf's seventh appellate issue is a claim that his sentence was "illegal and imposed for unconstitutional reasons." Metcalf contends that his lengthy sentence was solely to punish him for exercising his right to trial by jury and to send this message to the community. He does not contend, and it does not otherwise appear, that the length of the term of incarceration [*14] or the period of supervised release were outside the realm of punishments authorized by the applicable statutes and guidelines.

[HN8] A defendant may only seek review of his sentence on the grounds that: 1) the sentence was imposed in violation of law; 2) the sentence was imposed as a result of an incorrect application of the guidelines; 3) the sentence represented an upward departure from the applicable guidelines range; or 4) the sentence is a plainly unreasonable sentence imposed for an offense for which there is no sentencing guideline. *See 18 U.S.C. § 3742(a)*; *United States v. Lively, 20 F.3d 193, 196-97 (6th Cir. 1994)*; *United States v. Lavoie, 19 F.3d 1102, 1103 (6th Cir. 1994).* This claim, and the entire appeal, is utterly meritless.

Accordingly, the district court's judgment is affirmed. *Rule 34(j)(2)(C), Rules of the Sixth Circuit.*

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UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS

FOR THE SIXTH CIRCUIT

United States of America, *Plaintiff-Appellee,* *v.* Randy Graham, *Defendant-Appellant.*	No. 99-1719

Appeal from the United States District Court

for the Western District of Michigan at Grand Rapids.

No. 98-00054--Richard A. Enslen, District Judge.

Argued: January 24, 2001

Decided and Filed: December 17, 2001

Before: BOGGS and MOORE, Circuit Judges; COHN, Senior District Judge.(*)

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MOORE, J., delivered the opinion of the court, in which BOGGS, J., joined. COHN, D. J. (pp. 51-87), delivered a separate dissenting opinion.

OPINION

KAREN NELSON MOORE, Circuit Judge. This case involves Defendant-Appellant Randy Graham's direct appeal from his criminal conviction for conspiracy to commit offenses against the United States and several weapons possession and drug-related counts by a jury in the Western District of Michigan. Graham was a member of a local militia organization which was planning to attack government targets on an unspecified future date. Graham also grew and sold marijuana, part of the proceeds of which he used to help pay for weapons acquisitions related to his militia activity. Graham was sentenced by the district court to 660 months or 55 years in prison. He challenges on appeal his conviction and his sentence. For the following reasons, we **AFFIRM** the district court's denial of Graham's two motions to suppress evidence; the district court's denial of his motion to sever counts; the district court's application of ? 3A1.4 of the United States Sentencing Guidelines Manual ("U.S.S.G.") in determining Graham's sentence; and the district court's consecutive sentencing on two convictions under 18 U.S.C. ? 924(c)(1); and we **VACATE** the district court's application of the statutory sentencing range for a quantity of marijuana not found by a jury beyond a reasonable doubt, and **REMAND** for resentencing.

I. BACKGROUND

A. Graham's Drug Activity

Randy Graham, who is now 45 years old, lived in Battle Creek, Michigan, where he completed high school and thereafter had intermittent employment. In 1977, he joined the United States Army. He was discharged from the Army in 1978 and returned to Michigan where he held various jobs.(1) At trial, William Huggett, a close friend of Graham's, testified that Graham was a regular user of marijuana. According to Huggett, he and Graham began to sell marijuana in 1988. At that time, Graham and Huggett would also raid other people's marijuana patches. In 1989, Huggett testified that they began to grow their own marijuana. Working with Huggett, Graham planted marijuana plants indoors in Huggett's home; later, they moved their operation outdoors to nearby swamps. In 1994, their best year, they harvested forty pounds of marijuana, although Huggett stated that many years they harvested much less.

Local police seized Huggett's and Graham's marijuana plants and various weapons, which were stored on Huggett's uncle's property, in February 1995. In early 1996, Huggett and Graham purchased a trailer in which to grow marijuana; it was set up next to the trailer in which Graham lived. Huggett testified that they harvested 23 or 24 pounds

of marijuana in 1996. In 1997, Huggett and Graham planted seven plots of marijuana plants in nearby swamps. In the summer or fall of 1997, the Southwest Drug Enforcement Team, a drug interdiction group, seized six of the seven patches of marijuana plants. Huggett testified that, in 1996 and 1997, Graham would sometimes carry with him a firearm while they were tending their marijuana patches. Huggett also testified that Graham used the money from his drug activities to purchase weapons and for living expenses.

B. Graham's Militia Activity

Graham and Huggett were members of a militia group called the Michigan Militia Wolverines in the early years of their marijuana cultivation business. Huggett testified that, at some point after 1995, Graham and others were expelled from the Wolverines because they were advocating violence against the government. In the summer of 1996, those individuals who had left the Wolverines formed a new militia group called the "North American Militia" ("NAM"). The purpose of the militia group was to prepare for a "war" with the government and ultimately to overthrow the government. NAM members advocated an offensive "first strike" against the government, out of fear that the government was planning an attack against them. The war was sometimes referred to as an "Armageddon." J.A. at 1135. The commanding officer of the militia was "Colonel" Ken Carter, who had organized the group. J.A. at 1133. Bradford Metcalf was Carter's second-in-command. Graham was not considered a leader, but was an active member of NAM. From the summer of 1996 through March 1998, NAM members met at least twice a month at Speed's Koffee Shop in Urbandale, Michigan or at a mall in Kalamazoo. There, members would discuss coordination with other militia groups and political events as well as coordinate training exercises and plan their attacks. Various dates for attack were selected, beginning with June 7, 1997, although each date was subsequently postponed by Carter.

Undercover Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms ("ATF") Agent Robert Stumpenhaus infiltrated NAM sometime in April 1997. Agent Stumpenhaus testified at trial that he participated in over ten meetings at Speed's and at the mall with various members of NAM.(2) Stumpenhaus and other witnesses who testified at trial reported that among their activities, NAM collected and stockpiled weapons; held target practice and conducted paramilitary training; selected various federal and state "hard" and "soft" targets; and plotted strategy for their war. Stumpenhaus reported that Carter's strategy was to attack certain targets in Calhoun County, Michigan, and the surrounding area, create chaos, and then attempt to "hold on" for three to five days while militias in other parts of the country would rise up against the government. J.A. at 1063-64. In preparation for their war, NAM members participated in training activities, such as going on "bivouacs;" learning "close quarters battle;" and securing a building with weapons and emptying the building of people and weapons. J.A. at 1166.

Under Carter's direction, each member of the militia was assigned to a three-person "cell" which was responsible for "taking out" various "hard" and "soft" targets in a certain geographical region. Among the "hard" targets selected for attack were: (1) the

intersection of Interstate 94 and U.S. Route 131 near Kalamazoo, Michigan; (2) power facilities; (3) fuel depots and gas stations; and (4) communication facilities such as a TV station in Kalamazoo, Michigan. Also mentioned as a site for attack was the nearby Fort Custer Army National Guard Post. NAM's goal was to cut off transportation, electricity, gas, and communication to the area. Among the "soft" targets identified were federal prosecutors, judges, and other federal officials as well as Senator Carl Levin of Michigan and other members of Congress. Carter also established a method of communication among NAM members that involved beeper messages and a telephone tree; certain beeper codes were to alert members to be ready to start battle.

According to one witness, NAM members' preferred weapon was a semi-automatic rifle, but members also discussed their possession of machineguns and homemade bombs. Testimony also established that NAM members discussed using a variety of attack methods and devices, including chemical warfare, bombs, grenades, and land mines.

Graham's involvement in these activities included attending meetings, participating in training exercises, recruiting members, and purchasing weapons with money derived from his marijuana sales. Notably, Graham was the leader of one of the three-person cells and he "reconned" his assigned region, meaning he visited his assigned attack area and surveyed his targets. J.A. at 1082. At one meeting, on June 17, 1997, he drew a map of Stumpenhaus's assigned region, marked targets for him to attack including four electrical targets, a V.A. hospital, a gas station, Fort Custer, and a television station, and told him he would help him to "reconn" the area. J.A. at 1086. He also made numerous statements indicating that he was ready to attack his assigned targets; that he possessed a wide variety of weaponry; and that he was prepared to kill federal agents and police officers.

C. Government Investigation

From July 3, 1997 to August 30, 1997, government agents conducted a wiretap on Carter's telephone. The government recorded numerous statements by Graham which indicated his possession of significant weaponry and firepower and his willingness to use it on federal agents and police officers. On August 13, 1997, federal agents executed a search warrant at Metcalf's property, which was NAM's training site. One witness described Metcalf's home as "a miniature military compound." J.A. at 1150. There, agents discovered that Metcalf's property, approximately 40 acres, had been fortified with bunkers and foxholes and that he had set up a firing range. From his home they seized machineguns; loaded semi-automatic assault rifles and thousands of rounds of ammunition; assault rifles; thirty pounds of smokeless gun powder; silencers; several feet of time fuse; four grenade hulls and a live grenade fuse; flare and tear gas launchers; and military combat equipment including flak vests, helmets, and gas masks. They also seized books and manuals on how to make automatic weapons, construct bombs, and make silencers. Subsequent to this seizure, members of NAM continued to meet regularly at Speed's and at the mall through March 1998.

Pursuant to a forty-page affidavit sworn to by an ATF agent, a magistrate judge authorized an arrest warrant for Graham and a search warrant of Graham's trailer home on March 17, 1998. On March 18, 1998, federal agents from the FBI and ATF conducted a search of Graham's trailer home.(3) The agents seized the following from his home: tins containing marijuana seeds and marijuana paraphernalia; plastic containers of marijuana; 32 marijuana seedling plants; a pistol; a Ruger .22-caliber rifle; a semiautomatic assault rifle; a sniper rifle; an ammunition carrier; a magazine and clips; and several videotapes, books, and articles relating to ammunition, combat, and survival. While this search was occurring, agents performed a warrantless search of Graham's pickup truck from which they seized the following: a semiautomatic rifle, a Beretta pistol, a bag of marijuana, and several cans of ammunition.(4) Graham was arrested during the search and taken into custody by the agents.

D. Criminal Proceedings

On March 20, 1998, Graham was named in a criminal complaint alleging that he had conspired to manufacture marijuana in violation of 21 U.S.C. ?? 841(a)(1) and 846. Graham and two co-conspirators, Carter and Metcalf, were then named in a twelve-count indictment on April 9, 1998.(5) A grand jury returned a fourteen-count superseding indictment against Graham and Metcalf on July 9, 1998. The superseding indictment alleged that Graham was a member of the North American Militia group and that he conspired from the summer of 1996 through March 1998 with Carter and Metcalf(6) to "possess machineguns, to plan and discuss attacks upon various federal facilities and instrumentalities of interstate commerce and to threaten to assault and murder federal officers and employees." J.A. at 76.

In Count 1, Graham was charged with conspiracy to commit offenses against the United States, in violation of 18 U.S.C. ? 371. The indictment alleged that Graham willfully and knowingly conspired to: possess machineguns, in violation of 18 U.S.C. ? 922(o)(1); threaten to assault and murder federal officers, as designated in 18 U.S.C. ? 1114, with the intent to impede, intimidate, and interfere with these officers while engaged in the performance of official duties, in violation of 18 U.S.C. ? 115(a)(1)(B); forcibly assault, resist, oppose, impede, intimidate, and interfere with federal officers when they were engaged in the performance of their official duties, in violation of 18 U.S.C. ? 111; and maliciously damage and destroy and attempt to damage and destroy by means of an explosive any building, vehicle, or other real or personal property used in interstate commerce, in violation of 18 U.S.C. ? 844(i).

Other counts alleged that Graham: knowingly possessed a Browning-type .30-caliber machinegun in violation of 18 U.S.C. ? 922(o)(1) (Counts 3 and 4); knowingly possessed a Browning-type .50-caliber machinegun (Count 5); knowingly possessed firearms as an unlawful user of marijuana, in violation of 18 U.S.C. ? 922(g)(3) (Count 9); knowingly, willfully, and unlawfully attempted to manufacture marijuana, in violation of 21 U.S.C. ?? 841(a)(1) and 846 (Count 10); knowingly, willfully, and unlawfully conspired to manufacture marijuana, in violation of 21 U.S.C. ?? 841(a)(1) and 846 (Count 11); knowingly used and carried a semiautomatic assault weapon during and in relation to a

crime of violence as charged in Count 1, in violation of 18 U.S.C. ? 924(c)(1) (Count 13); and knowingly used and carried a firearm during and in relation to a drug trafficking crime as charged in Counts 10 and 11, in violation of 18 U.S.C. ? 924(c)(1) (Count 14).

Prior to trial, Graham filed several motions in the district court. First, he sought to suppress the evidence taken from his trailer home. He asserted that the affidavit on which the magistrate judge relied when issuing the search warrant did not establish probable cause to believe that criminal activity was occurring in Graham's trailer home. Graham also moved to suppress the evidence seized from his truck during the warrantless search. The district court denied both motions.(7) The district court did, however, grant Graham's motion to sever defendants, although it denied his motion to sever the drug-related counts, Counts 10, 11, and 14, from the firearm counts. Thus, Graham proceeded to trial alone, but on all counts against him.

Following a jury trial, Graham was found guilty of Counts 1, 9, 10, 11, 13 and 14. He was acquitted of Counts 3, 4, and 5. A Presentence Report was then prepared by the probation office. Graham made several objections to the Presentence Report. At the sentencing hearing, held on January 13, 1999, the district court rejected all of Graham's objections and adopted the factual findings and Sentencing Guidelines application in the report. As recommended in the Presentence Report, the district court applied U.S.S.G. ? 3A1.4 to Graham's sentence for promoting terrorism. The application of this provision increased Graham's criminal history category from level I to level VI. His total offense level was calculated to be 41. Because the district court imposed consecutive sentences for the firearms convictions under 18 U.S.C. ? 924(c)(1), Graham was sentenced to 660 months or 55 years in prison. He timely appeals from his conviction and sentence.

II. ANALYSIS

A. Motion to Suppress Evidence from Trailer Home

1. Lack of Probable Cause

In his first assignment of error, Graham challenges the district court's denial of his motion to suppress evidence seized from his trailer home. That evidence included various firearms, ammunition, firearms parts, marijuana plants, and marijuana seeds. Graham asserts that the affidavit on which the magistrate relied to issue the search warrant was insufficient to establish probable cause that instrumentalities or evidence of a crime would be found in Graham's trailer home. First, Graham asserts that "words alone do no[t] constitute a crime." Appellant's Br. at 24. Second, he argues that the affidavit does not point to any criminal activity associated with the trailer home. Third, he argues that nothing in the affidavit supported the conclusion that illegal weapons or other evidence of a crime could be found in the trailer. *Id.* According to Graham, because the affidavit was insufficient, all fruits of the search of the trailer home should have been suppressed.

The government counters that the district court properly denied Graham's motion to suppress because the affidavit elaborated upon the criminal activity which was associated

with Graham's trailer and thereby established probable cause for the search. The government asserts that the affidavit described Graham's criminal activity in detail -- including his participation in meetings at which targets for attack were selected, his surveillance of targets, and his threats to take action, as well as his plans to carry out those threats -- and that this information, coupled with the fact that firearms are durable and were likely stored at Graham's home given the continuing nature of the conspiracy, established probable cause to search Graham's home for weapons.

The district court, in denying Graham's motion, reviewed the relevant case law and then explained that the fruits of the search would be suppressed only if there was not a fair probability that evidence of a crime would be found at the place to be searched and that the officers acted unreasonably in relying on the affidavit. Citing numerous particular assertions in the affidavit, the district court concluded that the detailed evidence was sufficient to establish probable cause to search for weapons. According to the district court, "[a]lthough the information was somewhat dated by March of 1998, given that firearms and ammunition are durable and useful items, that the crime was a long-term conspiracy and that Graham was likely to have kept firearms, given his paranoia toward the government and his other statements, there was still a fair probability as of March 17, 1998," that federal agents would find firearms and ammunition at Graham's home, which were evidence of Graham's participation in the illegal conspiracy. J.A. at 731.

When reviewing a district court's denial of a motion to suppress, we review the district court's findings of fact for clear error and its conclusions of law de novo. *United States v. Brown*, 147 F.3d 477, 484 (6th Cir. 1998). We consider the evidence that the issuing magistrate had before him only to ensure that the magistrate had a substantial basis for concluding that probable cause existed. *See United States v. Jones*, 159 F.3d 969, 973 (6th Cir. 1998) (citing *Illinois v. Gates*, 462 U.S. 213, 238-39 (1983)). We defer to findings of probable cause made by a magistrate, and we will not set aside such a finding unless it was arbitrarily made. *Brown*, 147 F.3d at 484.

In *Illinois v. Gates*, the Supreme Court established the "totality of the circumstances" test for evaluating whether a magistrate properly determined there was probable cause when issuing a search warrant. *Gates*, 462 U.S. at 230. Under this test, probable cause is to be given a "practical, nontechnical conception." *Id.* at 231 (quoting *Brinegar v. United States*, 338 U.S. 160, 176 (1949)). "The task of the issuing magistrate is simply to make a practical, common-sense decision whether, given all the circumstances set forth in the affidavit before him, including the 'veracity' and 'basis of knowledge' of persons supplying hearsay information, there is a fair probability that contraband or evidence of a crime will be found in a particular place." *Id.* at 238. The issuing magistrate need only have had a substantial basis for concluding that probable cause existed. *Id.* at 238-39. Moreover, a finding of "probable cause requires only a probability or substantial chance of criminal activity, not an actual showing of such activity." *Id.* at 243-44 n.13.

In this case, ATF Special Agent Mark Semear authored a forty-page affidavit detailing the activities of militia members and explaining why there was probable cause to believe that objects named in the affidavit could be found at Graham's residence. The affidavit

named as items to be seized: (1) firearms, ammunition, and any explosive materials or destructive devices; (2) evidence of ownership of these weapons; (3) computer hardware or software that may be instrumentalities or evidence of crime; and (4) videotapes, books, magazines, articles, and other material that relate to the making and use of firearms, explosives, paramilitary tactics and training, or the associations among NAM members. According to the affidavit, evidence seized would demonstrate that Graham was a part of one or more conspiracies to construct and use explosive devices to destroy interstate highways and various federal buildings; and to kill federal agents, police officers, federal judges, federal informants, and their family members. J.A. at 142-43 (Affidavit ? 9). The affidavit also alleged that evidence seized would prove that Graham possessed illegal firearms while being an unlawful user of controlled substances. *Id.*

For his information, Semear stated that he relied on statements provided by the FBI, agents from the ATF, conversations with detectives from the Michigan State Police, confidential sources, and on his own experience and background, which he detailed, as an ATF officer. A confidential informant ("CI"), whose identity was protected because the investigation was ongoing, offered first-hand descriptions of NAM's plans and activities which indicated he was privy to regular meetings with NAM members. The affidavit averred that all of the CI's evidence had proved reliable and had been corroborated by ATF agents. The affidavit also noted that as of April 17, 1997, an undercover ATF agent had infiltrated NAM and was providing information to government investigators.

The affidavit provided an extensive roadmap of NAM's activities. Broadly stated, these activities involved the selection of federal and state targets for attack, including television and radio stations, power stations and gas lines, and railroads and highways; participation in training for warfare; development of attack plans and target dates of attack; and the acquisition and use of a wide of variety of weapons. The undercover ATF agent described Carter as having set a target date for the offensive against the government for as early as June 7, 1997. J.A. at 152 (Affidavit ? 31). At one meeting, Carter outlined his plans in detail, stating that his plan was to attack the predetermined targets and create chaos for three to four days as sniper units assassinated important people and other "cells" of militia members contained a nearby army base, Fort Custer, blew up railroad yards, a federal building, and shut down radio stations. J.A. at 152 (Affidavit ? 32). Graham was present at several of the meetings attended by the ATF agent. J.A. at 150 (Affidavit ?? 28, 36).

It is clear that the affidavit relied upon by the magistrate judge in this case more than meets the Supreme Court's standard for probable cause. A practical, common-sense reading of this affidavit based on the totality of the circumstances, including the veracity and bases of knowledge of the people supplying information, clearly compels the conclusion that there was a fair probability that illegal weapons or other evidence of a crime would be found at Graham's home. As to the affiant's basis of knowledge, every source who supplied information to the affiant, including sources of hearsay, such as the confidential informant and the undercover ATF agent, as well as direct evidence, such as the wiretapped recordings of telephone conversations between Carter and Graham, corroborated and supported one another. These sources established the probability that

Graham was directly implicated in the militia group's conspiracies; that he was actively participating in the planning of NAM's offensive; and that he possessed certain weapons.

Although Graham contends that there was no evidence that any criminal conduct was associated with his home, and that the government could have done more investigation to establish probable cause, we first note that the government need not provide "an actual showing of" criminal activity to establish probable cause. *Gates*, 462 U.S. at 243-44 n.13. As we stated previously, probable cause means only that there was a substantial chance, not an absolute certainty, of finding contraband or evidence of criminal activity at the place to be searched. Moreover, the Supreme Court has explained that seemingly innocent activity will frequently provide the basis for probable cause. *Id.*

Notwithstanding the fact that the government did not need to demonstrate conclusively that evidence of a crime would be found at Graham's home, we reject Graham's argument that there was no evidence linking criminal activity with his residence. We have emphasized that the issuing magistrate is "entitled to draw reasonable inferences about where evidence is likely to be kept, based on the nature of the evidence and the type of offense." *United States v. Caicedo*, 85 F.3d 1184, 1192 (6th Cir. 1996) (quoting *United States v. Lawson*, 999 F.2d 985, 987 (6th Cir. 1993)). In this case, there was ample evidence in the affidavit to allow the magistrate judge to draw a reasonable inference, based on the durable nature of firearms and the ongoing nature of the alleged conspiracy, that evidence of the crime would be found at Graham's home.

The affidavit reported that Graham discussed killing people and "hitting" targets, creating the inference that he possessed the weapons that would enable him to carry out those objectives. For example, at a meeting at Carter's residence on August 15, 1997, Carter told the undercover ATF agent that Graham had been part of a "recovery team" that was to attack federal law enforcement agents and rescue NAM member Metcalf should he have been arrested when his property was searched. J.A. at 154-55 (Affidavit ? 39). Excerpts of taped conversations between Graham and Carter reveal Graham's willingness to shoot police officers and their families, J.A. at 158-59 (Affidavit ? 52-53); they implicate Graham in the plans to destroy power lines; and they reveal that he had a semiautomatic weapon ready should any federal agents come to his door, J.A. at 161 (Affidavit ? 58). According to the affiant's sources, Graham also confirmed possession of certain weapons. For example, on June 10, 1997, Graham informed the undercover agent that he owned a rifle and stored other firearms and ammunition at his home. J.A. at 156 (Affidavit ? 43). On July 27, 1997, Graham was seen with a rifle. J.A. at 157 (Affidavit ? 47).

The affidavit also detailed specific facts relating to the possession of machineguns. The CI observed a machinegun and ammunition at Metcalf's home on June 7, 1997, J.A. at 155 (Affidavit ? 41) and again on June 14, 1997, J.A. at 156 (Affidavit ? 44). On July 14, 1997, Graham informed the undercover agent that Metcalf had injured himself with a .50-caliber machinegun at his home while test-firing it. J.A. at 157 (Affidavit ? 46). While Graham was not seen with a machinegun, the facts alleged in the affidavit created the inference that he, like Metcalf, possessed such a weapon.

The search at Metcalf's property on August 13, 1997, which yielded a large cache of both legal and illegal weapons, contributed to the inference that Graham would possess such weapons. At Metcalf's home, agents discovered "all manner of firearms, to include handguns, machineguns, silencers, shotguns, rifles, military-type semiautomatic assault weapons that could be converted to fire as automatic weapons, parts to firearms that could be used to convert otherwise lawful weapons to unlawful weapons, grenade shells that could be used to contain explosives, and black gunpowder and other chemicals and stockpiles of ammunition." J.A. at 164-65 (Affidavit ? 68).

Finally, Agent Semear had stated that, based on his experience and training, it was common for those who unlawfully possess firearms to maintain such firearms and records in secure locations within their residence. He also asserted that, based on his experience, he knew that "survivalists, radical militia members, and domestic terrorists tend to hold onto their firearms for long periods of time -- often as long as ten or twenty years." J.A. at 176. This information, when considered with the other facts alleged in the affidavit, was more than sufficient to create a fair probability in the mind of the magistrate judge that a search of Graham's property would uncover the evidence of criminal conduct.

Although Graham claims that the affidavit could have better established whether the government had evidence that he possessed a machinegun, silencer, or other illegal destructive devices by providing, for example, first-hand observations by the undercover ATF agent, we have stated that "[t]here is no requirement of prior, actual observation of all the items listed in a search warrant." *Jones*, 159 F.3d at 974. Moreover, the search warrant was not specifically limited to these illegal weapons but was aimed at all firearms, ammunition, or destructive devices. Finally, we note that because NAM's training activities took place on Metcalf's property, the undercover ATF agent clearly had better access to Metcalf's home than to Graham's. The undercover agent was not required also to gain access to Graham's home to establish probable cause that Graham, like Metcalf, possessed illegal weapons or weapons which were evidence of Graham's participation in the conspiracy.

Graham argues that there was only a "possibility," not a "probability," that he was engaged in criminal conduct. The overwhelming weight of the information in the affidavit easily provided the magistrate judge with a basis for finding there was a fair probability that contraband or evidence of a crime would be found at Graham's trailer home. The magistrate judge did not arbitrarily make a finding of probable cause, and the district court's order was therefore not in error.

2. Failure to Provide a *Franks* Hearing

Graham also argues that the affidavit was insufficient to establish probable cause because it contained allegedly misleading statements and material omissions. According to Graham, paragraphs 42 and 43 of the affidavit affirmatively misled the magistrate judge. Paragraph 42 states that on June 10, 1997, the affiant contacted the National Firearms Registration and Transfer Record and found no firearms registered to Graham. It is followed by paragraph 43, which states that also on June 10, 1997, Graham told the

undercover ATF agent that he owned a rifle and kept numerous firearms and ammunition at his home. J.A. at 156. Graham alleges that the inclusion and proximity of these paragraphs led the issuing magistrate to believe that Graham illegally possessed weapons which had not been properly registered, when, in fact, Graham was in legal possession of his weapons and was not required to register any of them.(8)

In addition to misleading statements, Graham argues that the affidavit contained several material omissions which were arguably exculpatory and would have "negated" probable cause had they been included in the affidavit. The allegedly material omissions reveal not only that NAM members were interested in attacking federal targets and agents but also that they held peaceful protests and demonstrations. One statement also suggests that Graham exaggerated his urge to kill federal officers and destroy federal buildings.

Graham sought but was denied an evidentiary hearing before the district court under *Franks v. Delaware*, 438 U.S. 154 (1978), to assess the validity of the search warrant given these alleged misstatements and omissions. The district noted that the statements at issue in paragraphs 42 and 43 were not false, and that the omitted statements occurred after Graham had confessed that he believed his phone had been tapped. The district court then determined that, even if the omitted material had been included, the magistrate judge would still have had probable cause to issue the search warrant.

We review the district court's denial of a *Franks* hearing under the same standard as for the denial of a motion to suppress: the district court's factual findings are reviewed for clear error and its conclusions of law are reviewed de novo. *United States v. Hill*, 142 F.3d 305, 310 (6th Cir. 1998). A defendant is entitled to a hearing to challenge the validity of a search warrant if he "makes a substantial preliminary showing that a false statement knowingly and intentionally, or with reckless disregard for the truth, was included by the affiant in the warrant affidavit, and [] the allegedly false statement is necessary to the finding of probable cause." *Franks v. Delaware*, 438 U.S. 154, 155-56 (1978). If, at the evidentiary hearing, "the allegation of perjury or reckless disregard is established by the defendant by a preponderance of the evidence, and, with the affidavit's false material set to one side, the affidavit's remaining content is insufficient to establish probable cause, the search warrant must be voided and the fruits of the search" suppressed. *Id.* at 156.

As to the allegedly misleading statements, the government argues that paragraphs 42 and 43 must be read in the context of paragraph 41, which reports that on June 7, 1997, the CI was at a meeting at Metcalf's home where Metcalf showed the CI a .50-caliber machinegun as well as ammunition for the gun, and informed the CI that he intended to mount the weapon, possibly in the back of his pickup truck, to use as an anti-aircraft weapon. J.A. at 155 (Affidavit ? 41). Paragraph 42 then logically states that:

On June 10, 1997, your affiant contacted the National Firearms Registration and Transfer Record. They conducted a search and found no firearms registered to Bradford Metcalf. In a subsequent search, the National Firearms Registration and Transfer Record also found no firearms registered to Ken Carter or **RANDY GRAHAM**.

J.A. at 156 (Affidavit ? 42). Paragraph 43 then states:

Also, on June 10, 1997, the ATF undercover agent met with **RANDY GRAHAM** at the East Towne Mall in Kalamazoo, Michigan. During this meeting **GRAHAM** told the ATF Special Agent that he not only owned a rifle but had numerous firearms and ammunition stored in his residence.

J.A. at 156 (Affidavit ? 43). Because paragraphs 42 and 43 are neither false nor misleading, the government contends that no *Franks* hearing was warranted.

We believe that even if Graham could make a substantial showing that Agent Semear recklessly or deliberately made false statements -- which he cannot because paragraphs 42 and 43 were, in fact, truthful -- Graham cannot meet the second prong of the *Franks* test because the affidavit contains sufficient probable cause even when the allegedly false statements are set aside. While the proximity of paragraphs 42 and 43 could have created the false impression that not only Metcalf but also Graham possessed weapons which were not properly registered, the affidavit clearly provided a sufficient basis for the magistrate judge to find a fair probability that criminal activity or contraband could be found at Graham's trailer home even without those statements. Removing paragraphs 42 and 43 would not have affected the sufficiency of the affidavit.

As to the allegedly material omissions, we have held that omissions "are not immune from inquiry under *Franks*, [but] we have recognized that an affidavit which omits potentially exculpatory information is less likely to present a question of impermissible official conduct than one which affirmatively includes false information." *United States v. Atkin*, 107 F.3d 1213, 1217 (6th Cir. 1997). Indeed, a *Franks* hearing is only merited in cases of omissions in "rare instances." *Mays v. City of Dayton*, 134 F.3d 809, 815 (6th Cir.), *cert. denied*, 524 U.S. 942 (1998). "This is so because an allegation of omission potentially opens officers to endless conjecture about investigative leads, fragments of information, or other matter that might, if included, have redounded to defendant's benefit." *Atkin*, 107 F.3d at 1217 (internal quotation omitted). To merit a hearing, the defendant must make a preliminary showing that the affiant engaged in deliberate or reckless disregard of the truth in omitting the information from the affidavit. The court must then consider the affidavit along with the omitted portions and determine whether probable cause still exists. *Id.*

The affidavit here allegedly omitted certain statements made by Graham relating to the militia's political activity, such as protesting and demonstrating in front of a courthouse or a federal building, as well as the following two statements, the first from July 3, 1997 and the second from August 25, 1997:

That's the way I look at it right now, it's all mind warfare. You can't shoot -- you can go down to the courthouse and protest.
[W]hy would I blow up my property? I don't want to see innocent people die, and I'm sticking up for my freedom, my rights, and my friends' rights.

Appellant's Br. at 29.

We hold that the district court did not err in concluding that these omissions did not merit a *Franks* hearing. Even assuming Graham could such show that these omissions were made in reckless disregard for the truth, the affidavit along with the omitted portions of testimony would still amply establish probable cause to believe that evidence of criminal activity or contraband was contained in Graham's home. Viewing this evidence in its totality, including the fact that several of the statements were uttered after Graham had knowledge that he was a target of the government's investigation and that his phones were tapped, the magistrate judge could easily have concluded that, despite NAM members' legitimate activities, there was probable cause to believe that NAM members were engaged in illegal activity as well. Indeed, both types of activity were consistent with NAM's guiding principles. The allegedly exculpatory statements do not "outweigh" the inculpatory ones, such as an intercepted telephone conversation between Graham and Carter on July 9, 1997, in which Graham stated, "If anybody wants to kick a door we go . . . shoot first and ask questions later . . . . I'm waiting for judgment day because they are all targets to me . . . every fucking one of them," J.A. at 159 (Affidavit ? 53). Therefore, the district court did not err by refusing to grant Graham a *Franks* hearing, and the denial of Graham's motion to suppress is **AFFIRMED**.

B. Motion to Suppress Evidence from Truck

In his second assignment of error, Graham contends the district court erred by denying his motion to suppress the items seized during the warrantless search of his pickup truck. On March 18, 1998, when the government searched Graham's trailer home, federal agents also searched Graham's truck and seized an AR-15 rifle, a Beretta pistol, a bag of marijuana, and several cans of ammunition. Graham argues that the search was improper because there was no authorizing warrant, he refused to consent to the search, the officers did not have probable cause for the search, and no exception to the warrant requirement applied.

At the suppression hearing held before the district court, Agent David Smith ("Smith") testified that he was part of the team that conducted the search of Graham's trailer home. Smith had participated in monitoring the wiretapped conversations between Graham and Carter and, in preparation for the search, Smith testified that he had read the forty-page affidavit in support of the search of the house. Smith stated that on March 18, 1998, Graham was arrested by federal agents in his pickup truck as he was pulling into his trailer park. Smith, who arrived after Graham's arrest, explained that during his search of the trailer home, he found several weapons and boxes of ammunition in Graham's bedroom. The agent noted that, in the course of his search, he found ammunition boxes for an SKS rifle and an AR-15 rifle in a closet in Graham's bedroom; he stated that he also found parts for an AR-15 or an M16 in a gun cabinet in the closet, as well as on a nearby shelf. Agent Smith testified that he did not find corresponding weapons for those boxes of ammunition or parts. The agent also described how he found several of Graham's "bug-out" lists of things to take with him in case he had to exit his trailer quickly, and one of the weapons mentioned on the list was an AR-15 rifle. At this point,

the agent testified, he believed that Graham owned an AR-15 or an M16. The agent then testified that he found a manufacturer's box and ammunition for a Beretta-92 pistol in the gun cabinet in the bedroom closet, but could not find the corresponding handgun. The agent stated that he then checked with other searching officers, and none had been able to locate an AR-15, an M16, or a Beretta in Graham's trailer.

According to Agent Smith, he then asked Graham to consent to a search of a shed on his property and his truck; Graham consented to the search of the shed but refused to consent to a search of his pickup truck. Graham then gave Smith a ring of his keys and asked Smith to give the keys to a neighbor. The agent stated that he recognized the name of the neighbor as someone who was sympathetic to NAM. Smith took the keys and decided to search the truck for the missing weapons because, based on his knowledge of Graham's participation in the militia group's plans for attack, he believed that Graham was likely to keep weapons in his truck. Agent Smith also stated that he feared the neighbor or another resident of the trailer park sympathetic to the militia group would get access to weapons in the truck. With another agent, Smith then searched the truck and recovered ammunition and marijuana from the cab of the truck, and an AR-15, a Beretta pistol, and ammunition in the covered bed of the truck.(9)

The district court determined as a matter of law that the truck search was proper despite the lack of a warrant because the searching agent had probable cause to believe he would find evidence of a crime in the vehicle. The district court found that the agent had probable cause based on the following facts: the agent had read the search warrant affidavit; he had listened to the wiretap between Graham and Carter; he had found evidence in the trailer home of Graham's possession of certain weapons but was unable to locate those weapons; he had also found other weapons in the trailer home as he had expected pursuant to the warrant; and he believed that the neighbor to whom Graham wanted to give the his keys was a militia sympathizer. Based on this finding, the district court denied Graham's motion to suppress the weapons recovered from his truck.

Graham argues to this court that because warrantless searches are presumptively illegal, the government must prove by a preponderance of the evidence that it searched pursuant to an exception to the warrant requirement. Graham then asserts that no exception to the warrant requirement applies to this case. Attempting to distinguish *California v. Carney*, 471 U.S. 386 (1985), and *United States v. Kincaide*, 145 F.3d 771 (6th Cir. 1998), two cases relied upon by the district court at the suppression hearing, Graham contends that *Coolidge v. New Hampshire*, 403 U.S. 443 (1971), is the persuasive authority on point in this case. According to Graham, *Coolidge* is controlling because, in that case, the Supreme Court invalidated a warrantless search of a car where "the vehicle was parked, the defendant had already been removed and taken into custody, and it was not likely that the vehicle would be driven away." Appellant's Br. at 37. In this case, Graham argues, he had been removed from his truck before it was searched, the keys were not in his possession and thus the truck was not capable of movement, and the agents could have watched over the truck while they obtained a warrant.

The government counters that Graham's argument reflects a misreading of current Supreme Court precedent on the automobile exception to the Fourth Amendment's warrant requirement. According to the government, it need not prove any special "exigency" to justify a warrantless search of an automobile; the police need only have probable cause for the search. For this proposition, the government relies on *Maryland v. Dyson*, 527 U.S. 465 (1999), in which the Supreme Court explicitly rejected the contention that the police may only conduct a warrantless search of a car if they have probable cause and there is a separate finding of exigency. Because the agents in this case acted upon probable cause, the government contends, the search was proper and the district court's judgment should be upheld.

When reviewing a district court's denial of a suppression motion, we review the district court's factual findings for clear error and its legal conclusions, including its findings of probable cause, de novo. *United States v. Kincaide*, 145 F.3d 771, 779 (6th Cir. 1998). The preferable method for searching a person's private property is for the government to obtain a warrant. *United States v. Akram*, 165 F.3d 452, 456 (6th Cir. 1999). Where a law enforcement agent has no warrant to search an automobile, he may still conduct a search pursuant to the "automobile exception" if he has probable cause to believe that instrumentalities or evidence of crime may be found in the vehicle to be searched. *United States v. Lumpkin*, 159 F.3d 983, 986 (6th Cir. 1998). We have defined probable cause as "reasonable grounds for belief, supported by less than prima facie proof but more than mere suspicion." *Bennett*, 905 F.2d at 934.

The government is correct that Graham's reliance on *Coolidge* is misplaced, in light of more recent developments in the Supreme Court's jurisprudence. The automobile exception to the warrant requirement was based initially on a car's ready mobility and the exigent circumstances created by that mobility: probable cause clearly could develop after a car was sighted, in which case the officers might not have the opportunity to obtain a warrant without losing sight of the car; or probable cause could develop prior to sighting the car but officers could believe that the car would escape if not stopped immediately. *See Carroll v. United States*, 267 U.S. 132, 153, 154-55 (1925). Indeed, language in early Supreme Court cases appeared to require such an exigency in addition to probable cause for a warrantless search of automobile. *See Coolidge*, 403 U.S. at 478 (noting that, even where there is probable cause to search an automobile, if "police knew of the presence of the automobile and planned all along to seize it" when they arrested defendant in his home, then "there was no 'exigent circumstance' to justify their failure to obtain a warrant" and fruits of search must be suppressed); *Chambers v. Maroney*, 399 U.S. 42, 50-52 (1970) (holding that, based on automobile's ready mobility and "fleeting" opportunity to search, where officers have probable cause to search a car when it is initially stopped on the road it may also be searched without a warrant after it has been taken to the police station). Since *California v. Carney*, 471 U.S. 386, 391-92 (1985), however, when the Supreme Court articulated an additional justification for warrantless car searches, namely that a car's occupants have a lesser expectation of privacy in their car than in their home due to our society's pervasive regulation of automobiles, the necessity of a special exigency has waned.

Indeed, most recently the Supreme Court has emphasized that no special exigency is required to conduct a warrantless search of an automobile when the car is mobile and the searching officer has probable cause to believe that fruits of a crime may be present in the automobile. *Maryland v. Dyson*, 527 U.S. 465, 466 (1999). The government's reliance on *Dyson* is, therefore, both appropriate and controlling. More helpful than *Dyson* for purposes of this case, however, is *Pennsylvania v. Labron*, 518 U.S. 989 (1996), *Dyson*'s precursor, which addresses directly the fact pattern in the instant case.

Labron consolidated two Pennsylvania cases for argument. In the second case, *Pennsylvania v. Kilgore*, No. 95-1738, the Supreme Court approved of a warrantless search of the defendant's pickup truck which occurred after the defendant's wife drove the truck to a farmhouse, entered the farmhouse to conduct a drug transaction with the defendant, and was arrested with the defendant as part of a drug sting. The Pennsylvania Supreme Court held the truck search violated the Fourth Amendment because, although there was probable cause for the search, there were no exigent circumstances justifying the failure to obtain a warrant. Reversing, the Supreme Court determined that the truck search was proper because the police had probable cause to believe there were drugs in the truck after having observed the defendant and his wife walking to and from their truck and the farmhouse. The Supreme Court held that "[i]f a car is readily mobile and probable cause exists to believe it contains contraband, the Fourth Amendment thus permits police to search the vehicle without more." *Labron*, 518 U.S. at 940.

The truck's "ready mobility" was not questioned, despite the fact that, as in our case, the defendants had been arrested outside of the truck and prior to the truck search. We believe the Supreme Court's reference to the truck's "ready mobility" was not, therefore, to demonstrate an "exigent circumstance," but rather to show that when the place to be searched, such as a truck, is associated with a lesser expectation of privacy than a home, the justification for a warrantless search articulated in *Carney* is satisfied provided the police have probable cause.

Even before *Labron*, this court had recognized that police may search a car without a warrant subsequent to executing a valid house search when that search has given rise to probable cause to search the car. In *United States v. Hofstatter*, 8 F.3d 316 (6th Cir. 1993), a panel of this court approved an automobile search which occurred after an authorized search of the defendants' home. The police officers in *Hofstatter* executed a search warrant on two addresses where the defendants were believed to have gone after picking up ingredients for their drug manufacturing business; the officers then searched one defendant's car, which had been used the day before in a controlled drug buy and was parked in the driveway of the premises. Incriminating evidence was seized from the car. We upheld the search based only upon the officers' probable cause, without any discussion of exigent circumstances or the car's mobility, stating that "[a]lthough the government might have had time to secure a warrant to search the automobile, there was no requirement that it do so." *Hofstatter*, 8 F.3d at 322.

In this case, the district court did not err by finding that the agents had probable cause to search the truck. The district court relied upon the applicable principle of law, namely

that a vehicle may be searched, without any indication of exigency, if the searching officers have probable cause to believe that it contains instrumentalities or evidence of the crime. Moreover, the district court's findings of fact were not clearly erroneous: all factual findings were directly supported by Agent Smith's testimony. The district court properly viewed the search of the truck in light of the allegations in the search warrant affidavit and the agents' search of the trailer home.(10) Graham was suspected of participating in a conspiracy to lead a violent offensive against the government and its agents and officers. Agent Smith, who testified that he had monitored the wiretapped conversations between Graham and Carter and had read the search warrant affidavit the day of the search, knew that Graham was suspected of participating in the conspiracy and that as part of the conspiracy he was amassing weapons and ammunition. In addition to the fact that Agent Smith had been briefed that members of militia organizations collect firearms and that Graham might carry weapons in his truck, the agent found strong evidence in the trailer indicating that an assault rifle and a Beretta pistol were unaccounted for during the search. J.A. at 743-44. The agent's belief that several weapons were outstanding was reasonable, and there was a fair probability that those weapons would be found in Graham's truck; therefore, Agent Smith had probable cause to believe that Graham's truck contained contraband or evidence of a crime.(11) Contrary to Graham's assertion, the agent did not need to find a magistrate and obtain a search warrant for the truck; the agent's belief that there was probable cause to search the truck and the truck's mobility were sufficient to justify the search. Therefore, we **AFFIRM** the district court's denial of Graham's motion to suppress the evidence recovered from the pickup truck.

C. Severance of Counts

Graham's third assignment of error is that the district court erred when it failed to grant his motion to sever the drug-related counts, Counts 10, 11, and 14, from the firearm-related counts pursuant to Fed. R. Crim. P. 14. Count 10 alleged that Graham unlawfully attempted to manufacture marijuana; Count 11 alleged that Graham unlawfully conspired to manufacture marijuana; and Count 14 alleged that Graham knowingly used and carried a firearm during and in relation to a drug trafficking crime, namely his attempt and conspiracy to manufacture marijuana as charged in Counts 10 and 11. Graham claims that his attempt or conspiracy to grow marijuana had nothing to do with the conspiracy charged in Count 1 or the other offenses in Counts 3, 4, 5, 9, and 13 because the members of NAM did not finance their activities with the sale of marijuana.

Fed. R. Crim. P. 8(a) provides that two or more offenses may be charged in the same indictment:

[I]f the offenses charged . . . are of the same or similar character or are based on the same act or transaction or on two or more acts or transactions connected together or constituting parts of a common scheme or plan.

Fed. R. Crim. P. 8(a). The district court found that, based on the grand jury's indictment, the conspiracy to manufacture marijuana was part of "a common scheme or plan" to sell

drugs to finance violence. Moreover, the district court found that the firearms were related to the drug crimes in that they were allegedly used or carried in connection with the drug crimes. J.A. at 219. Concluding that introduction of the evidence relating to the drug counts would not unduly prejudice Graham, the district court denied Graham's motion to sever the counts.

Joinder of the counts under Rule 8(a) was proper in this case. Relying on the language of the Rule, we have observed that "joinder under this subsection is permissive." *United States v. Wirsing*, 719 F.2d 859, 862 (6th Cir. 1983). The district court may, to the extent it is consistent with due process principles, construe the Rule broadly to "promote the goals of trial convenience and judicial efficiency." *Id.* In this case, the indictment specifically averred that "members [of NAM] planned to finance their organization by engaging in narcotics trafficking." J.A. at 79 (Superseding Indictment). Moreover, Count 9 of the indictment charged Graham with possession of a firearm while being a user of an illegal substance in violation of 18 U.S.C. ? 922(g). The government necessarily had to prove Graham's marijuana use in order to establish the elements of this charge.

We have affirmed that "[w]hen the joined counts are logically related, and there is a large area of overlapping proof, joinder is appropriate." *Wirsing*, 719 F.2d at 863 (quotation omitted). In this case, William Huggett, who was Graham's partner in drug trafficking, testified in great detail about Graham's history of marijuana use and the growing operation that he ran with Huggett. Huggett's testimony also established the time frame when he and Graham first became involved in militia activities and the extent of Graham's participation in NAM, including Graham's recruitment of members, his discussions of target lists, and his preparation for battle. Moreover, as the government noted, Huggett's testimony about the government's seizure of Graham's marijuana plants in 1997, which helped to prove the drug counts, also established motive for Graham's distrust of the government, which explained Graham's participation in the broader conspiracy.

Other trial testimony, particularly that of the agents who searched Graham's residence, established that Graham kept his guns and drugs together. To require the government to put on a separate trial to prove conspiracy to manufacture marijuana, attempt to manufacture marijuana, and knowingly carrying a firearm in relation to a drug trafficking crime, where the evidence for those counts is duplicative of evidence relating to other counts in the indictment, would violate the spirit of Rule 8(a), which is to "promote the goals of trial convenience and judicial economy." *Wirsing*, 719 F.2d at 862. Therefore, we hold that joinder of the counts was proper under Rule 8(a).

We also hold that the district court did not abuse its discretion by refusing to grant Graham a severance under Fed. R. Crim. P. 14. Even when joinder is appropriate under Rule 8(a), a district court may, in its discretion, grant the defendant a severance if it appears that the defendant is prejudiced by the joinder of the offenses. Fed. R. Crim. P. 14. The district court's discretion, which is due substantial deference from this court, "must be exercised in light of all the relevant circumstances. Foremost among the relevant circumstances is a balancing of the interest of the public in avoiding a

multiplicity of litigation and the interest of the defendant in obtaining a fair trial." *Wirsing*, 719 F.2d at 864-65.

In *Wirsing*, one of the few cases in which an appellate court ordered severance pursuant to Rule 14, a panel of this court found that while the allegations of a conspiracy to traffic in drugs and tax evasion from the drug money were properly joined under Rule 8(a), the district court should have granted a severance because the defense attorney was unprepared to challenge the complex tax evasion charges. *See id.* at 865. We concluded that there was a prejudicial "spillover effect" from the tax evasion charges to the drug conspiracy charge due to defense counsel's unpreparedness, which prejudiced the defendant's right to a fair trial. *Id.*

In this case, in contrast, Graham cannot point to any specific prejudice he suffered from the joinder of Counts 10, 11, and 14 with the other counts of the indictment. Graham does argue that there was no evidence to connect his marijuana operation with NAM activities. Even if this were so, which the government disputes, the fact that the government was unable to prove a certain aspect of the conspiracy does not prove that Graham suffered "substantial prejudice" from the joinder of the counts. Graham also claims that "when the jury was presented with both guns and drugs, actual prejudice resulted to Mr. Graham in the form of a guilty verdict regarding Count 1 even though no threats were made or any violent action taken." Appellant's Br. at 39. Graham's argument is no more than that the jury was overwhelmed with evidence of Graham's bad acts and could not distinguish between the conspiracy count and the drug counts. Significantly, however, Graham does not challenge his conviction on Count 1 for sufficiency of the evidence. Claiming that the jury was "overwhelmed" is not evidence of substantial prejudice. Indeed, proof that the jurors were able to distinguish between the drugs and weapons evidence is the fact that they acquitted Graham of Counts 3, 4, and 5.

The district court did not abuse its discretion by failing to grant Graham a severance under Rule 14. The drug counts and the firearm counts were manifestly related, and the introduction of evidence on all counts did not prejudice Graham. We therefore reject his claim of error.

D. Application of U.S.S.G. ? 3A1.4 to Sentence

Graham's fourth assignment of error presents an issue of first impression in our court, namely when may a district court apply Sentencing Guideline ? 3A1.4, the domestic terrorism enhancement, to a defendant's sentence. There is a paucity of case law and scholarly work on this section of the Guidelines.(12) We review a district court's interpretation and application of the Guidelines de novo, but limit our review of its factual findings to determine whether they were clearly erroneous. *United States v. Jeter*, 191 F.3d 637, 638 (6th Cir. 1999).

Section 3A1.4 provides:

(a) If the offense is a felony that involved, or was intended to promote, a federal crime of terrorism, increase by **12** levels; but if the resulting offense level is less than level **32**, increase to level **32**.
(b) In each such case, the defendant's criminal history category from Chapter Four . . . shall be Category VI.

Application note 1 to the Guidelines instructs us that a "Federal crime of terrorism" is defined at 18 U.S.C. ? 2332b(g). Turning to the statute, the term "Federal crime of terrorism" is defined in the conjunctive: it is "an offense that is calculated to influence or affect the conduct of government by intimidation or coercion, or to retaliate against government conduct," 18 U.S.C. ? 2332b(g)(5)(A), *and* is a violation of one of the enumerated statutory provisions provided in ? 2332b(g)(5)(B).(13) Graham argues that the district court improperly applied the adjustment because he did not commit a "Federal crime of terrorism" as defined by the statute.

The district court applied the terrorism adjustment to Graham's sentence for his conviction on Count 1, a conspiracy in violation of the general conspiracy statute, 18 U.S.C. ? 371. Graham's ? 371 conviction was premised on the following substantive offenses: to possess machineguns, in violation of 18 U.S.C. ? 922(o)(1); to threaten to assault and murder federal officers and employees, in violation of 18 U.S.C. ? 115(a)(1)(B); to forcibly assault, resist, oppose, impede, intimidate, and interfere with federal officers when they were engaged in their official duties, in violation of 18 U.S.C. ? 111; and to maliciously damage and destroy and attempt to damage and destroy by means of an explosive any building, vehicle, or other real or personal property used in interstate commerce, in violation of 18 U.S.C. ? 844(i).(14)

At the sentencing hearing, the district court addressed Graham's objection to the terrorism enhancement. In its discussion of the Guidelines provision and the applicable statute, the district court cited the following enumerated offenses in ? 2332b(g)(5)(B) as relevant to its sentencing determination: 18 U.S.C. ? 32 (relating to destruction of aircraft or aircraft facilities); ? 844(i) (relating to malicious destruction of property used in interstate commerce by explosives); ? 1114 (relating to protection of federal officers); ? 1362 (destruction of communication lines and radio stations); ? 1366 (destruction of property at an energy facility); and ? 2155 (destruction of and conspiracies to destroy national defense materials). In determining that the adjustment was properly applied to Graham's sentence, the district court then stated that "[s]ection 3A1.4 makes this victim adjustment applicable to not only the federal crimes of terrorism listed [in the statute] but [to] other offenses intended to promote . . . the commission of a list of federal crimes of terrorism." J.A. at 1405. According to the district court, the facts alleged in Graham's trial demonstrated that his participation in the ? 371 conspiracy was intended to promote "the above mentioned crimes of terrorism listed in the statute." J.A. at 1405. Based on that conclusion, the district court rejected Graham's objection to the sentencing adjustment.

Similar to the district court's analysis, the government argues that Graham's ? 371 conviction is sufficiently analogous to several of the enumerated sections in ? 2332b(g)(5)(B) so as to make the sentencing adjustment appropriate.(15) The

government urges that "[t]he fact that Defendant was charged and convicted of a conspiracy to commit these terrorist acts under different statutes, rather than the specific offenses enumerated in the statute cited in the commentary, should not be fatal to application of the guideline." Appellee's Br. at 61.

Our first task is to determine whether ? 3A1.4 may be applied to a sentence for conviction of the general conspiracy statute, which is not mentioned in ? 2332b(g)(5)(B).(16) Noting that there is no applicable case law to assist us,(17) we turn to the language of the Guidelines and analogous provisions for guidance. Section 3A1.4 provides that, in order for the upward adjustment to apply, the offense must be a felony that either "involved" or "was intended to promote" a federal crime of terrorism. The word "involved" occurs frequently throughout the Guidelines, both in the substantive provisions and in the commentary, and is typically employed to mean "included." *See, e.g.*, U.S.S.G. ? 1B1.1 cmt. n.1(j) (1998) (noting that "'serious bodily injury' is deemed to have occurred if the offense involved conduct constituting criminal sexual abuse under 18 U.S.C. ? 2241 or ? 2242"); ? 2A2.2 cmt. n.1 ("'Aggravated assault' means a felonious assault that involved (A) a dangerous weapon with intent to do bodily harm (i.e., not merely to frighten), or (B) serious bodily injury, or (C) an intent to commit another felony"); ? 2B3.2(b)(1) (stating that, for the offense of extortion by force, "[i]f the offense involved an express or implied threat of death, bodily injury, or kidnapping, increase by **2** levels"); ? 3B1.1(a) ("If the defendant was an organizer or leader of a criminal activity that involved five or more participants or was otherwise extensive, increase by **4** levels"). Based on its usage throughout the Guidelines, we believe that in the context at hand, the word "involved" signifies that a defendant's offense included a federal crime of terrorism; in other words, that a defendant committed, attempted, or conspired to commit a federal crime of terrorism as defined in 18 U.S.C. ? 2332b(g)(5).

In our case, the district court chose to rely on the "intended to promote" language in sentencing Graham. Therefore, we turn our analysis to that prong of the guideline. We begin with the assumption that the "intended to promote" language means something different from the word "involved." A defendant who intends to promote a federal crime of terrorism has not necessarily completed, attempted, or conspired to commit the crime; instead the phrase implies that the defendant has as one purpose of his substantive count of conviction or his relevant conduct the intent to promote a federal crime of terrorism. On this reading, the offense of conviction itself need not be a "Federal crime of terrorism."

This interpretation of the phrase "intended to promote" is in harmony with the fact that, pursuant to U.S.S.G. ? 1B1.3, a defendant's base offense level may be adjusted for acts which the defendant did not necessarily commit but were committed by others in furtherance of a jointly undertaken criminal activity with the defendant and were reasonably foreseeable to the defendant in connection with that activity. *See* U.S.S.G. ? 1B1.3(a)(1)(B) & cmt. n.2. These acts are not necessarily the same as those for which the defendant may be held liable as a principal, accomplice, or conspirator. *See id.*, cmt. n.1.

The district court held, as a matter of law, that "[s]ection 3A1.4 makes this victim adjustment applicable to not only the federal crimes of terrorism listed [in the statute] but [to] other offenses intended to promote . . . the commission of a list of federal crimes of terrorism." J.A. at 1404-05. Based on our interpretation of the word "involved" and the phrase "intended to promote," as well as our understanding of the relevant conduct provision, we believe that this statement of law is correct: the defendant need not have been convicted of a federal crime of terrorism as defined in 18 U.S.C. ? 2332b(g)(5) for the district court to find that he intended his substantive offense of conviction or his relevant conduct to promote such a terrorism crime.(18) In sentencing the defendant under ? 3A1.4, we hold that the district court must, however, identify which enumerated "Federal crime of terrorism" the defendant intended to promote, satisfy the elements of ? 2332b(g)(5)(A), and support its conclusions by a preponderance of the evidence with facts from the record. *See United States v. August*, 984 F.2d 705, 714 (6th Cir. 1992) ("[T]his circuit has held numerous times that the preponderance of the evidence standard is the correct and appropriate standard for sentencing under the guidelines.").(19)

The district court pointed to six statutes enumerated in ? 2332b(g)(5)(B) and held that Graham intended, as a consequence of his ? 371 conspiracy, to promote those crimes of terrorism. One of the statutes mentioned by the district court, 18 U.S.C. ? 844(i), makes punishable whomever "maliciously damages or destroys, or attempts to damage or destroy, by means of fire or an explosive, any building, vehicle, or other real or personal property used in interstate or foreign commerce or in any activity affecting interstate or foreign commerce." At the sentencing hearing, the district court found that Graham "participated in the illegal conspiracy charged and attempted to achieve the objects of the conspiracy charged." J.A. at 1404. The district court then found that the following targets were known to Graham or were reasonably foreseeable to him in light of the scope of the conspiracy: the intersection of I-94 and U.S. Route 131; power facilities; radio stations; an A-10 ground support aircraft; a federal building in Battle Creek, Michigan; and a television station in Kalamazoo, Michigan. J.A. at 1404. The district court concluded that Graham and his co-conspirators intended to influence and intimidate federal officers in the performance of their duties; that they conspired to possess machineguns and other weapons; and that they discussed plans to attack their targets with the weapons they had acquired, all in furtherance of the conspiracy.

Based on our review of the record, we cannot say that the district court's findings of fact are clearly erroneous. Witness testimony established that Graham or his co-conspirators targeted these places for attack. Moreover, there is no dispute that the targets mentioned by the district court and the acts attributable to Graham were within the scope of the conspiracy and were reasonably foreseeable to the defendant. Given our review of the trial record, the district court's determination that the defendant's ? 371 conspiracy was "intended to promote" a federal crime of terrorism, in particular the crime of maliciously damaging or destroying, by means of fire or an explosive, any building, vehicle, or other real or personal property used in interstate or foreign commerce, was not error. Therefore, we **AFFIRM** the district court's adjustment of Graham's sentence under ? 3A1.4.

E. Consecutive Sentencing for Counts 13 and 14

Graham's final assignment of error is that the district court improperly sentenced him for his conviction on Count 14, which was based on a violation of 18 U.S.C. ? 924(c). Graham received a consecutive five-year sentence on that count for carrying a firearm in relation to a drug trafficking crime as charged in Counts 10 and 11; and a consecutive twenty-year sentence on Count 13 for carrying a semiautomatic weapon in relation to a crime of violence as charged in Count 1.(20) The question for this court, as framed by Graham, is whether his conviction on Count 14 is duplicative of his conviction on Counts 1 and 13 and thereby violates the Fifth Amendment's Double Jeopardy Clause.

Graham claims that the conspiracy to commit crimes against the United States, for which he was convicted of Count 1, and the drug trafficking crime, for which he was convicted of Counts 10 and 11, were all part of one underlying offense. To support this proposition, Graham relies on one sentence in the indictment which alleges that "[i]t was part of the [? 371] conspiracy that its members planned to finance their organization by engaging in narcotics trafficking." J.A. at 79. If the drug trafficking is considered part of the ? 371 conspiracy, then, Graham argues, the second ? 924(c)(1) conviction, which used the drug trafficking convictions as the predicate offenses, is duplicative of the first ? 924(c)(1) conviction, which used the ? 371 conviction as the predicate offense. In other words, Graham argues that he committed only one predicate offense for the purposes of a ? 924(c) conviction, but that he was sentenced twice under the statute. Graham claims that the district court's refusal to sever the weapons and drug-related counts is proof that the crimes are so interrelated that they constitute one overarching conspiracy.

The Double Jeopardy Clause of the Fifth Amendment prohibits multiple punishments for the same criminal act or transaction. *United States v. Sims*, 975 F.2d 1225, 1233 (6th Cir. 1992), *cert. denied*, 507 U.S. 999 (1993). "In this Circuit, it is well-settled that because of th[e] [Double Jeopardy Clause's] prohibition [on multiple punishments] a court may not impose more than one sentence upon a defendant for violations of section 924(c) which relate to but one predicate offense." *Id.* We have upheld multiple convictions and sentences under 18 U.S.C. ? 924(c)(1) so long as such convictions are based on separate predicate acts. *See United States v. Burnette*, 170 F.3d 567, 572 (6th Cir.), *cert. denied*, 528 U.S. 908 (1999) ("It is now firmly established that the imposition of separate consecutive sentences for multiple ? 924(c) violations occurring during the same criminal episode are lawful."); *United States v. Nabors*, 901 F.2d 1351, 1357-58 (6th Cir.), *cert. denied*, 498 U.S. 871 (1990). The question for this court is whether Count 14 relies upon a separate predicate act from Count 13.

In *Nabors*, a panel of this court upheld separate ? 924(c)(1) convictions for use of a firearm during a drug trafficking crime, namely possession of crack cocaine with the intent to distribute, and for use of a firearm during a crime of violence, namely the attempted murder of a federal agent. Both predicate offenses occurred as part of one ongoing criminal activity: Nabors shot the federal agent after agents broke down his door while initiating a search of his apartment. Once inside, the agents found drugs and related paraphernalia. We held that because the two convictions under ? 924(c)(1) were based on

distinct predicate acts and required proof of different facts there was no problem of multiplicity. *See Nabors*, 901 F.2d at 1358.

In this case, as in *Nabors*, the counts at issue rely on different predicate offenses, and one requires proof of facts not required by the other. First, the predicate offenses for the Count 14 conviction are the substantive crimes at 21 U.S.C. ?? 841(a) and 846, which make it illegal knowingly or intentionally to attempt or conspire to manufacture or possess with the intent to manufacture a controlled substance. The predicate act for the Count 13 conviction is the inchoate crime at 18 U.S.C. ? 371, which makes it illegal for two or more persons to conspire to commit any offense against the United States and to take an act in furtherance of the conspiracy. Notably, none of the statutes which were named as objects of the ? 371 conspiracy involved drug offenses.

Second, Count 14 relied on proof of different facts than Count 13. Graham's conviction on Count 14 was for carrying a weapon while engaged in a crime of drug trafficking; the evidence for this conviction came from William Huggett's testimony that Graham carried a weapon while tending his marijuana patches. In contrast, Graham's conviction on Count 13 was for carrying a weapon while engaged in a conspiracy to commit crimes against the United States; this conviction involved different weapons carried for a different purpose than for Count 14. Indeed, the fact that Graham carried a weapon while cultivating marijuana was completely unnecessary to the proof for his ? 371 conviction. Moreover, as the district court properly pointed out, the marijuana conspiracy began much earlier than the conspiracy to commit a crime of violence.(21) Thus, this case is similar to *Burnette*, in which we upheld two convictions under ? 924(c), one relating to a kidnapping conviction and one relating to a robbery conviction. While we noted that the kidnapping and the robbery were part of the "same criminal episode," we affirmed the ? 924(c) convictions after holding that the predicate offenses were distinct and "the kidnapping occurred significantly before, and independent of, the actual bank robbery." *Burnette*, 170 F.3d at 572.

Although Graham claims that *United States v. Johnson*, 25 F.3d 1335, 1338 (6th Cir. 1994) (en banc), *rev'd on other grounds*, 529 U.S. 53 (2000), is controlling, we disagree. In *Johnson*, we held that a defendant may not be sentenced for two ? 924(c) convictions for the possession of one or more firearms during a drug trafficking crime when the predicate offenses involve simultaneous possession of different controlled substances. Graham's predicate offenses were not committed simultaneously, nor did they consist of identical conduct. Therefore, we conclude that the district court did not err in sentencing Graham to consecutive sentences on two convictions under ? 924(c)(1) and **AFFIRM** this aspect of the sentencing.

F. Validity of Graham's Sentence Under *Apprendi*

Finally, we consider whether Graham's thirty-year sentences for the marijuana charges, based upon a finding by preponderance of the evidence that Graham's criminal activity involved 100 or more marijuana plants, were constitutional in light of *Apprendi v. New Jersey*, 530 U.S. 466 (2000). At sentencing, Graham objected to the Presentence

Report's conclusion that he was responsible for 100 marijuana plants, contending that the testimony at trial proved he was responsible for between fifty and seventy-five marijuana plants. J.A. at 1456 (PSR at 32). The district judge overruled this objection, citing videotape evidence introduced at trial showing 100 or more marijuana plants. Sentencing Hr'g at 45. After sentencing, but before oral argument on this case, the Supreme Court decided *Apprendi*, which held that facts, other than prior convictions, which increase the maximum sentence faced by the defendant must be presented to a jury and proved beyond a reasonable doubt. 530 U.S. at 490. Because the finding that Graham was responsible for 100 or more marijuana plants increased the maximum sentence that could be imposed and was not found by a jury beyond a reasonable doubt, we believe it is appropriate to consider the validity of Graham's sentence in light of the rule announced in *Apprendi*.

Graham did not raise the *Apprendi* issue on appeal. Nevertheless, this Court has discretion to correct plain errors affecting important rights of criminal defendants, even when not raised on appeal. *See United States v. Finch*, 998 F.2d 349, 354 (6th Cir. 1993) (explaining that appellate court possessed discretion pursuant to Fed. R. Crim. P. 52(b) to consider Fourth Amendment claim, even though the issue was not raised by appellant). Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 52(b) provides "[p]lain errors or defects affecting substantial rights may be noticed although they were not brought to the attention of the court." Fed. R. Crim. P. 52(b). Rule 52(b) permits *sua sponte* consideration of plain errors that have not been raised before the court of appeals. As one commentator explained:

Ordinarily Rule 52(b) is invoked by counsel who, in preparing an appeal, discover what they consider to be an error to which they took no objection below. The rule is not so limited, however, and the appellate court may take notice of an error on its own motion though it is never put forward by counsel.

3A Charles Alan Wright, Federal Practice and Procedure, ? 856, at 338 (2d ed. 1982). As the Supreme Court has explained, "'[i]n exceptional circumstances, especially in criminal cases, appellate courts, in the public interest, may, of their own motion, notice errors to which no exception has been taken, if the errors are obvious, or if they otherwise seriously affect the fairness, integrity, or public reputation of judicial proceedings.'" *Silber v. United States*, 370 U.S. 717, 717-18 (1962) (holding that defect in indictment not raised before either the Supreme Court or the court of appeals could be noticed as plain error) (quoting *United States v. Atkinson*, 297 U.S. 157, 160 (1936)). Both the Supreme Court and this circuit have found *sua sponte* consideration of plain error to be appropriate to remedy unlawful sentences imposed by the district court. *See Bartone v. United States*, 375 U.S. 52, 53 (1963) (holding that district court's error in increasing sentence by one day in the absence of the defendant "was so plain . . . that it should have been dealt with by the Court of Appeals, even though it had not been alleged as error"); *United States v. Winston*, 37 F.3d 235 (6th Cir. 1994) (vacating sentence *sua sponte* where district judge sentenced defendant to life imprisonment based upon aggregate quantity of drugs involved in multiple counts, whereas plain meaning of the statute

authorized life sentence only upon finding that the required quantity was involved in a single violation).

In the instant case, the facts relevant to the *Apprendi* issue are fully set forth in the record, and the governing legal principles are clear. *See Finch*, 998 F.2d at 335 (declining to conduct plain error review because failure of defense to raise issue may have influenced development of facts, and issue involved conflicting theories of law). Therefore, we believe this is an appropriate case for *sua sponte* consideration of the *Apprendi* issue.(22)

The power of courts of appeal to correct forfeited claims is circumscribed by the standard of review for plain error. *See United States v. Olano*, 507 U.S. 725, 732 (1993). This circuit summarized the test for plain error in *United States v. Martinez*, 253 F.3d 251, 255 (6th Cir. 2001):

(1) there must be an error; (2) the error must be plain; (3) the error must affect the Appellants' substantial rights; and (4) the error must seriously affect the fairness, integrity or public reputation of judicial proceedings.

Id. (citing *Johnson v. United States*, 520 U.S. 461, 467 (1997)). The district court's error must be plain under current law. "'Current law,' for purposes of plain error review, is the law that exists at the time of review." *United States v. Calloway*, 116 F.3d 1129, 1136 (6th Cir.), *cert. denied*, 522 U.S. 925 (1997). Because *Apprendi* was decided before we heard the appeal in this case, it is the "current law" for the purposes of our plain error analysis.

In *Apprendi*, the Supreme Court held that "[o]ther than the fact of a prior conviction, any fact that increases the penalty for a crime beyond the prescribed statutory maximum must be submitted to a jury, and proved beyond a reasonable doubt." 530 U.S. at 490. This circuit has held that where "a finding as to the weight of the drugs determined the range of penalties that would apply" to the defendant, *Apprendi* requires that the weight or quantity of the drugs involved be determined by a jury beyond a reasonable doubt. *United States v. Flowal*, 234 F.3d 932, 936 (6th Cir. 2000). Where there is no mention of drug quantity in the indictment and the jury makes no findings as to the quantity of drugs involved, the defendant can only be sentenced according to the statutory range provided for an unspecified amount of the drugs involved. *See Martinez*, 253 F.3d at 255.

The sentence imposed by the district court was plain error under the *Apprendi* rule as applied in this circuit. Graham received concurrent thirty-year sentences for Count 10 (attempt to manufacture marijuana) and Count 11 (conspiracy to manufacture marijuana). The thirty-year sentences were based upon 21 U.S.C. ? 841(b)(1)(B)(vii), which authorizes a sentence of five to forty years' imprisonment for violations of 21 U.S.C. ? 841(a)(1) (prohibiting manufacturing marijuana) which involve 100 or more marijuana plants. The statutory maximum for manufacturing an unspecified amount of marijuana is five years. 21 U.S.C. ? 841(b)(1)(D); *Martinez*, 253 F.3d at 255 (concluding that ? 841(b)(1)(D) represents the maximum sentence available under *Apprendi* where the

jury does not find a particular quantity of marijuana). The district court's finding that Counts 10 and 11 involved 100 or more marijuana plants increased the maximum penalty available for these counts from five years to forty years. This quantity was not found by a jury beyond a reasonable doubt. Neither the jury verdict nor the indictment specified the quantity of marijuana charged. *See* J.A. at 94-95 (Superseding Indictment at 19-20); Jury Verdict Form. The sentences imposed by the district court pursuant to Counts 10 and 11, therefore, were plain error under the current law. *See Apprendi*, 530 U.S. at 474 ("The constitutional question . . . is whether the 12-year sentence imposed on count 18 was permissible, given that it was above the 10-year maximum for the offense charged in that count").

Our inquiry does not end there, however. Review for plain error also requires a determination that the defendant has been prejudiced, and that the error seriously affects the fairness, integrity, or public reputation of the proceedings. *See United States v. Page*, 232 F.3d 536, 544 (6th Cir. 2000), *cert. denied*, -- U.S. --, 121 S. Ct. 2202 (2001). This circuit has held that the second two prongs of plain error review are satisfied when the defendant's total sentence exceeds the maximum sentence that could lawfully be imposed based upon the jury's verdict as to all counts of conviction. *See Martinez*, 253 F.3d at 255; *Page*, 232 F.3d at 544. As one panel explained:

There is no doubt that imposing additional years of imprisonment beyond that authorized by a jury's verdict affects a defendant's substantial rights. Furthermore, a sentencing error substantially affects the fairness, integrity, or public reputation of judicial proceedings when a court's error results in imposition of a sentence which is not authorized by law.

Page, 232 F.3d at 544 (citation omitted). The Sentencing Guidelines provide that "[i]f the sentence imposed on the count carrying the highest statutory maximum is less than the total punishment, then the sentence imposed on one or more of the other counts shall run consecutively, but only to the extent necessary to produce a combined sentence equal to the total punishment." U.S.S.G. ? 5G1.2(d). Therefore, plain error could only be found if the sentence imposed by the district court exceeds the sentence that would be imposed if Graham had been sentenced consecutively, rather than concurrently, on all counts of conviction. *See Page*, 232 F.3d at 544-45.

Graham received a sentence of fifty-five years. As noted above, the maximum sentence permitted for each of the two marijuana charges is five years.(23) The statutory maximum for the conspiracy charge (Count 1) is five years' imprisonment. 18 U.S.C. ? 371. The statutory maximum for possession of a firearm by an unlawful user of a controlled substance (Count 9) is ten years. 18 U.S.C. ? 924(a)(2). Graham also faces mandatory consecutive sentences of five years and twenty years for Counts 13 and 14 (possession of a firearm in connection with crimes of violence and drug trafficking). 18 U.S.C.A. ? 924(c)(1) (West 1998). The combined maximum prison sentences of all counts of conviction if served consecutively would be fifty years. Because Graham's sentence exceeded this limit, the plain error test has been satisfied. We therefore **VACATE** the district court's sentence and **REMAND** for resentencing upon consideration of the *Apprendi* question.

III. CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, we **AFFIRM** the defendant's conviction, **VACATE** the sentence, and **REMAND** for resentencing in light of *Apprendi*.

DISSENT

AVERN COHN, Senior District Judge, dissenting.

I. Introduction

I respectfully dissent from Part II.D., Application of U.S.S.G. ? 3A1.4 to Sentence, of the majority opinion. I believe it was error to apply the terrorism adjustment under U.S.S.G. ? 3A1.4 to defendant's offense conduct as determined under Chapter Two of the sentencing guidelines. Application of the adjustment added over 250 months to defendant's sentence. Effectively, defendant was convicted by the district court and not by the jury of a crime not charged in the indictment and not proved at trial. The fundamental error committed by the district court and condoned by the majority is the failure to give full weight to the definition of a "Federal crime of terrorism" in 18 U.S.C. ? 2332b(g)(5) which ? 3A1.4 incorporates.

I disagree particularly with three statements in the majority opinion.

- Noting that there is no applicable case law to assist us, we turn to the language of the Guidelines and analogous provisions for guidance.

As I will describe, the evolution of ? 3A1.4, applicable case law as well as the legislative history of 18 U.S.C. ? 2332b(g)(5), assists us in deciding on the parameters of a "Federal crime of terrorism." To look to analogous provisions of the guidelines is unnecessary; ? 3A1.4 is explicit in its definition of a "Federal crime of terrorism;" there must be a conviction of one of the enumerated offenses in 18 U.S.C. ? 2332b(g)(5)(B) before there can be an enhancement under ? 3A1.4.

- In sentencing the defendant under ?3A1.4 we hold that the district court must, however, identify which enumerated "Federal crime of terrorism" the defendant intended to promote, satisfy the elements of ? 2332b(g)(5)(A), and support its conclusions by a preponderance of the evidence with facts from the record.

It is not which enumerated "Federal crime of terrorism" the defendant intended to promote that must be identified, but rather of which of the offenses in 18 U.S.C. ? 2332b(g)(5)(B) that defendant was convicted. An enhancement under ? 3A1.4 is an interpretive exercise only to the extent that conviction of an enumerated crime was

motivated by the elements of 18 U.S.C. ? 2332b(g)(5)(A). Additionally, in all events, application of a guideline enhancement of some 250 months requires more than a finding by a preponderance of the evidence. At a minimum, the evidence should be clear and convincing if not beyond a reasonable doubt.

- [T]he district court's determination that the defendant's ? 371 conspiracy was "intended to promote" a federal crime of terrorism, in particular the crime of maliciously damaging or destroying, by means of fire or an explosive, any building, vehicle, or other real or personal property used in interstate or foreign commerce, was not error.

The enumerated offense listed under 18 U.S.C. ? 2332b(g)(5)(B) described in this statement is 18 U.S.C. ? 844(i). Defendant was not convicted of violating 18 U.S.C. ? 844(i) or attempting to do so in violation of 18 U.S.C. ? 2. Moreover, a conviction under 18 U.S.C. ? 844(i) only becomes a "Federal crime of terrorism" if it was "calculated to influence or affect the conduct of government by intimidation or coercion, or to retaliate against government conduct," 18 U.S.C. ? 2332b(g)(5)(A). The district court's findings fall woefully short this standard. The district court's particular findings lack any details from the trial record which would support the additional finding beyond a reasonable doubt.

These are, in summary, the considerations which compel my dissent. They will be discussed in detail below.

II. Background(1)

A. The Indictment

Randy Graham, Bradford Metcalf and Ken Carter were indicted on April 9, 1998. The majority opinion describes the various charges against the three and they need not be repeated here. Significant in the language of the indictment is the following:

-Carter was the commanding officer and leader in the formation of the "North American Militia."
-Metcalf was also a leader.
-Graham "executed various tasks assigned to him by Carter."
-Thirty Overt Acts are described. Carter is named alone in nine of them. Metcalf alone is named in six. Graham alone is named in two. All three are named in one. Graham and Carter are named in three. The other Overt Acts name Carter and Metcalf. Of the thirty Overt Acts described in the indictment, Graham is named in only six.

B. The Sentences

1. Carter

Carter quickly pleaded guilty to Count One of the Indictment, the 18 U.S.C. ? 371 conspiracy count, under a plea agreement which required complete cooperation. Under

the plea agreement, the government agreed to dismiss the other counts against Carter. This meant that Carter's sentence was limited to 60 months, the statutory maximum for a violation of ? 371, and this was the sentence Carter received. The plea agreement described in detail, however, the predicted sentencing guidelines for each of the offenses for which Carter was indicted, including the Base Offense Level and increases in this level because of the Specific Offense Characteristics of each offense. Nowhere in the predicted sentencing guidelines is there a reference to an enhancement under ? 3A1.4. Apparently at that time, the government did not believe that such an enhancement was appropriate. However, Carter's Presentence Investigation Report (PSR) and the Guideline Range Determination By The Court part of Carter's judgment, set the Total Offense Level at 38 and the Criminal History Category at VI. This computation included the ? 3A1.4 enhancement. The Judgment In A Criminal Case stated "The sentence departs from the guideline range because the count of conviction carries a five year maximum statutory penalty" and also stated:

The Court recommends to the Bureau of Prisons that the defendant be placed in a less security facility than may be indicated by criminal history category VI since, in fact, his true criminal history category is I.

2. Graham

Graham initially negotiated a plea agreement substantially similar to that of Carter. On Graham's plea of guilty to Count One, the 18 U.S.C. ? 371 conspiracy count, which of course limited his sentence to 60 months, the remaining counts against him were to be dismissed. Graham's plea agreement, like Carter's, included predicted sentencing guidelines for each of the offenses on which he was indicted. The predicted sentencing guidelines made no mention of an enhancement under ? 3A1.4. However, on the day scheduled for his plea, Graham declined to plead, thus aborting the plea agreement.

On July 9, 1998, the grand jury returned a superceding indictment against Carter and Metcalf. Carter was dropped from the superceding indictment and two counts were added against Graham: Count Thirteen, which charged him with carrying a semi-automatic weapon in relationship to a crime of violence, in violation of 18 U.S.C. ? 924(c)(1), and Count Fourteen, which charged him with carrying a firearm during and in relation to a drug trafficking crime, in violation of 18 U.S.C. ? 924(C)(1). These offenses carried mandatory consecutive sentences of 20 years and 5 years, respectively.

Graham went to trial. The results are described in the majority opinion and need not be repeated here. Importantly, as noted by the majority, the jury returned a *general* verdict on Count One so there is no way of knowing which of the four objects of the conspiracy charged in Count One it found were proved beyond a reasonable doubt. Likewise, the jury made no specific findings regarding the number or marihuana plants which were involved in Counts Ten and Eleven.

The first reference to a ? 3A1.4 enhancement of Graham's Offense Level computation on the offenses for which he was convicted appears in his PSR without any discussion or

justification for making the adjustment. The PSR recommended application of the ? 3A1.4 enhancement to Count One and also recommended it be applied to Counts Nine, Ten and Eleven even though the offenses charged in Counts Nine, Ten and Eleven are not mentioned in 18 U.S.C. ? 2332b(g)(5)(B). The government's sentencing memorandum filed four days before the date sentence was imposed does not contain any reference to the PSR recommendation of the ? 3A1.4 enhancement other than to state:

Based on his independent investigation and application of the Sentencing Guideline to the totality of facts in this case, the Probation Officer recommended a sentence of 55 years imprisonment for Mr. Graham. The United States agrees with this recommendation as one necessary to fully meet the policies underlying federal sentencing.

See Government's Sentencing Memorandum, Docket Entry 236, at p. 10.

Earlier, Graham filed several objections to the PSR's application of the ? 3A1.4 enhancement. Graham's objection relating to the application of U.S.S.G. ? 3A1.4 and the PSR's response are found in the PSR as follows:

Mr. Graham objects to the application of the adjustment for Terrorism. Pursuant to U.S.S.G. ? 3A1.4(a) and (b). He argues the Terrorism application is not valid, as he has not been convicted of any crimes set forth in 18 U.S.C. ? 2332(b)(g). Mr. Graham concedes he had private conversations in which he spoke harshly about the government and, at times, vented in a private conversation to a friend. During these conversations, he was exercising his right to hold unpopular believes and harsh views about the federal government. Mr. Graham maintains these private conversations with friends were protected speech, pursuant to the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution.
Mr. Graham also argues he never acted out violently damaged government property, or attempted to damage government property.

Response

The presentence investigator believes this victim related adjustment has been correctly applied. Mr. Graham, Bradford Metcalf, and Ken Carter conspired to commit offenses against the United States as discussed in Count One of the Superseding Indictment and the Offense Conduct section of this report. Mr. Graham's jury found him guilty of this offense. Some of those offenses are listed in 18 U.S.C. ? 2332b(g).

(JA at 1455)

Graham's response must be compared to the PSR's finding under the heading Victim Impact which stated:

There are no specific victims who have suffered the consequences of Mr. Graham's actions, Mr. Graham and co-defendant were not able to follow through with their plans to disrupt government functions, destroy communications and public highways, and threaten to and/or assault federal officers and employees.

(JA at 1436)

The district court at sentencing did not particularize the facts supporting a finding that the elements of 18 U.S.C. ? 2332b(g)(5)(A) were present, stating only

His crime was calculated to influence and retaliate against the United States government.

(JA at 1405)

The district court's justification for finding the elements of 18 U.S.C. ? 2332b(g)(5)(A) were present generally followed the reasoning of the majority opinion with considerably less sophistication. The district court imposed a sentence of 660 months of which 360 months were for the convictions under Count One, Nine, Ten, and Eleven. The details of the sentence, including guideline scoring with and without the ? 3A1.4 enhancement are set forth in Appendix A. As noted in Appendix A, the district court exceeded the 60 month statutory maximum under ? 371 because the statutory maximums for the convictions on Counts Ten and Eleven were 480 months. Achieving a 360 month sentence for Counts One, Ten, and Eleven in the fashion of the district court is questionable in all events.

3. Metcalf

Metcalf went to trial separately representing himself. He was convicted in all of the counts of the superceding indictment in which he was charged. As in Graham's case, the PSR recommended the ? 3A1.4 enhancement. Metcalf received an aggregate sentence of 480 months, of which 120 months was consecutive because of his conviction on Count 12, carrying a firearm, a semi-automatic assault weapon, during and in relation to a crime of violence, in violation of 18 U.S.C. ? 924(c)(1). Metcalf, again representing himself, appealed his conviction. Metcalf's conviction was affirmed in an unpublished opinion, *United States v. Metcalf*, No. 99-1667, 2000 WL 924171 (6th Cir. June 28, 2000). There is no mention in this decision of the ? 3A1.4 enhancement; apparently Metcalf did not claim error because of application of the enhancement.

4. Overall

Application of the ? 3A1.4 enhancement is not supportable on the record of Graham's case. There is no justification for its application to Graham for any of the offenses of which he was convicted, particularly in light of the district court's treatment of Carter who was described in the indictment as commanding officer and leader in the formation of the North American Militia. Surely, whatever consideration Carter was entitled to for pleading guilty and fully cooperating, if his offenses involved or were intended to promote a federal crime of terrorism as the Offense Level 38, Criminal History VI in the Guideline Range Determined by the Court stated in his Judgment In A Civil Case, approving a plea agreement which limited his sentence to 60 months was a recognition of the fact that the district court did not believe that Carter committed a "Federal crime of

terrorism." The government also did not consider Carter a terrorist as evidenced by his plea agreement.

Likewise, the government did not view Graham as committing a "Federal crime of terrorism" until it received the PSR, which does not support the enhancement other than simply applying it. Lastly, the district court findings at Graham's sentencing did not justify application of ? 3A1.4. Simply put, applying the ? 3A1.4 enhancement did a gross wrong to Graham.

III. Analysis

A. The Legislative History

1.

The legislative history of 18 U.S.C. ? 2232b(g)(5) and the Antiterrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act of 1996, (AEDPA), Pub. L. 104-132, 110 Stat. 1214, which under Section 730, directed the Sentencing Commission to promulgate ? 3A1.4, and can be traced at http://thomas.loc.gov, supports my view that the ? 3A1.4 enhancement is offense specific and can only be applied if there is a conviction of one of the offenses enumerated in 18 U.S.C. ? 2232b(g)(5)(A). This history shows a particular concern by the Congress that the "Federal crime of terrorism" enhancement is to be applied only in a narrow set of circumstances. This history must be viewed particularly in light of the fact that, until recently,(2) there was no federal law that makes a domestic act of terrorism as such a crime.

As will be explained below, the two statutes from which ? 3A1.4 and the term "Federal crime of terrorism" are derived are the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994 (Violent Crime Control Act), Pub. L. 103-322, Title XII, ? 120004 and Sections 703 and 730 of the AEDPA. Prior to 1994, indeed as early as 1991, Congress was working on amending the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to, among other things, provide increased penalties for terrorist crimes. On March 12, 1991, the Senate introduced S. 635, entitled the Comprehensive Violent Crime Control Act of 1991. Under Title VII, Terrorism, Subtitle D- Terrorism Offenses and Sanction, Section 738 contained directions to the Sentencing Commission, as follows:

The United States Sentencing Commission is directed to amend its sentencing guidelines to provide an increase of not less than three levels in the base offense level for any felony, whether committed within or outside of the United States, that involves or is intended to promote international terrorism, unless such involvement or intent is itself an element or the crime.

See S. 738, 102d Cong. ? 738 (1991). The House Bill, H.R. 1400, contained a similar provision.

2.

No further action was taken by Congress until Congress began consideration of the Violent Crime Control Act of 1994, which originated in H.R. 103-3355, introduced October 26, 1993. When the Senate considered H.R. 103-3355 for passage, it amended the bill to incorporate language from the S. 1607, the counter-part to 3355. Senate Bill 1607 contained the language that became ? 120004, which reads:

SEC. 120004. SENTENCING GUIDELINES INCREASE FOR TERRORIST CRIMES.
The United States Sentencing Commission is directed to amend its sentencing guidelines to provide an appropriate enhancement for any felony, whether committed within or outside the United States, that involves or is intended to promote international terrorism, unless such involvement or intent is itself an element of the crime.

Prior to the enactment of ? 120004, the Sentencing Guidelines contained a provision under U.S.S.G. ? 5K2.15, relating to terrorism, which read:

? 5K2.15. *Terrorism* (Policy Statement)
If the defendant committed the offense in furtherance of a terroristic action, the court may increase the sentence above the authorized guideline range.

Terrorism and terroristic action were not defined.

The Sentencing Commission said in the commentary to Amendment 292, Appendix C, which promulgated ? 5K2.15:

292. Chapter Five, Part K, Subpart 2, is amended by inserting an additional policy statement as ? 5K2.15 (Terrorism (Policy Statement)).
The purpose of this amendment is to add a specific policy statement concerning consideration of an upward departure when the offense is committed for a terroristic purpose. This amendment does not make a substantive change. Such conduct is currently included in the broader policy statement at ? 5K2.9 (Criminal Purpose) and other policy statements. *See United States v. Kikumura*, 706 F. Supp. 331 (D. N.J. 1989).(3) The effective date of this amendment is November 1, 1989.

However, the Sentencing Commission was directed by ? 120004 to provide a new terrorism enhancement, which it did by promulgating ? 3A1.4. In the commentary to Amendment 526, Appendix C, which promulgated ? 3A1.4, the Sentencing Commission stated:

Section 120004 of the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994 directs the commission to provide an appropriate enhancement for any felony that involves or is intended to promote international terrorism. The amendment addresses this directive by

adding a Chapter Three enhancement at ? 3A1.4 (International Terrorism) in place of the upward departure provision at ? 5K2.15 (Terrorism). The effective date of this amendment is November 1, 1995.

The Sentencing Commission was not enthusiastic about the Congressional mandate. In its Analysis Of The Violent Crime Control And Law Enforcement Act of 1994 (H.R. 3355, As Passed By The Senate November 19, 1993 And By The House April 26, 1994), Part II, June 8, 1994, p. 13, the Sentencing Commission said the following about Section 120004:

As a general principle, the Commission has opted for a more flexible guideline departure, rather than a fixed guideline enhancement where a sentencing factor is atypical or when it may arise during the course of a wide range of offenses of varying seriousness or in many forms. In such situations it may be difficult to arrive at a fixed formula in calibrating the seriousness of the fact with that of the underlying offense, although the factor nevertheless may be an important sentencing consideration for the court.

The Sentencing Commission solicited comment on the Congressional mandate, as follows:

24. *Issue for Comment*: Section 120004 of the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994 directs the Commission to provide an appropriate enhancement for any felony that involves or is intended to promote international terrorism (unless such involvement or intent is itself an element of the crime). Considering the existing policy statement in ? 5K2.15 recommending an upward departure in such cases, the Commission invites comment on whether, and if so how, the guidelines should be amended to address this directive appropriately. For example, should the Commission add an adjustment to Chapter Three that would apply to all Chapter Two offenses and that would prescribe a specific increase in offense level if the offense involved or was intended to promote terrorism? If so, what level of enhancement would be appropriate? Or, should the Commission amend ? 4B1.1 (Career Offender) to enhance the sentences of such defendants under this section as if they were career offenders?

60 Fed. Reg. 2441 (Jan. 9, 1996).

The Chair of the Subcommittee on Sentencing Guidelines of the Attorney General's Advisory Committee of United States Attorneys and the Deputy Assistant Attorney General of the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice responded to the Sentencing Commission's request:

The Crime Act also requires the Commission to amend the guidelines to provide "an appropriate enhancement" for any felony that involves or is intended to promote international terrorism, unless this factor is an element of the crime. 120004 of the Crime Act. Amendment 24, however, refers to the existence of a current policy statement recommending upward departure in such cases, ? 5K2.15. The amendment also inquires *whether* the guidelines should be amended to address the directive and, if so, how.

Again, a policy statement recommending departure does not meet the statutory directive to the Commission "to amend its sentencing guidelines to provide an appropriate enhancement . . . ." Congress was presumably aware of the current policy statement, yet it mandated an amendment. Congress has thus required a guideline enhancement that specifies the consequences for any felony that involves or is intended to promote international terrorism in order to combat this serious threat to public safety.

In sum, we urge the Commission to follow closely directives enacted by Congress relating to sentencing.

United States Sentencing Commission, Public Comment 1995 Amendment Cycle, March 1995, Statement of Jay P. McClosky, United States Attorney District of Maine, Chairman, Subcommittee on Sentencing Guidelines Attorney General's Advisory Committee of United States Attorneys and Robert S. Litt, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, March 14, 1995 at p. 19-20 (emphasis in original).

Regardless, the Sentencing Commission promulgated ? 3A1.4 to read:

? 3A1.4. *International Terrorism*

(a)If the offense is a felony that involved, or was intended to promote, international terrorism, increase by 12 levels; but if the resulting offense level is less than level 32, increase to level 32.

(b)In each such case, the defendant's criminal history category from Chapter Four (Criminal History and Criminal Livelihood) shall be Category VI.

Commentary

Application Notes:

1. Subsection (a) increases the offense level if the offense involved, or was intended to promote, international terrorism. "International terrorism" is defined at 18 U.S.C. ? 2331.(4)

3.

As to the origin of the term "Federal crime of terrorism" which is found in 18 U.S.C. ? 2232b(g)(5) and located in 18 U.S.C. ? 2232b, part of Chapter 113B, entitled Terrorism, of Title 18 of the Untied States Code, a section which criminalizes "Acts of terrorism transcending national boundaries," one must look to the origins of the AEDPA. 18 U.S.C. ? 2232b began life in H.R. 104-896, The Omnibus Counterterrorism Act of 1995 introduced in the House of Representatives on February 10, 1995, at the request of President Bill Clinton and in the Senate at the same time, as Senate Bill 104-390. This Omnibus Counterterrorism Act evolved into what eventually became the AEDPA. Section 101 of H R. 104-896 included an amendment to Chapter 113B of Title 18, United States Code in the form of Sec. 2332b making acts of terrorism which transcend national boundaries a crime. Section 101 contains generally the same language of 18 U.S.C. ?

2332b, but did not provide a definition of an act of terrorism. A revised version of H.B. 896 was introduced in the House of Representatives on May 25, 1995 as H.R. 1710. What is now 18 U.S.C. ? 2232b was set forth in Sec. 104 of H.R. 104-1710. Again, no definition of terrorism was included. Section 206 of H.R. 1710 did, however, contain a direction to the Sentencing Commission to amend the guidelines so that the adjustment relating to international terrorism under ? 3A1.4 also applied to domestic terrorism. Section 315 of H.R. 1710 amended the definition of terrorism in 18 U.S.C. ? 2331, the definitional section of Chapter 113B to read:

(1) the term "terrorism" means the use of force or violence in violation of the criminal laws of the United States or of any State, or that would be in violation of the criminal laws of the United States or of any State if committed within the jurisdiction of the United States or that State that appears to be intended to achieve political or social ends by -
(A)intimidating or coercing a segment of the population;
(B)influencing or coercing a government official or officials; or
(C)affecting the conduct of a government through assassination or kidnapping;

H.R. 1710 was reported out by the House Judiciary Committee on December 5, 1995 in an amended form in H.R. 104-383. Section 104 was not changed in the amended bill and again did not contain a definition of terrorism. Section 206 was also included in the amended bill without change. Section 315, however, contained a new definition of terrorism. It incorporated as the definition Section 212(a)(3)(B)(ii) of the Immigration and Naturalization Act, 8 U.S.C. ? 1182.(5)

The House Report in commenting on the defintional change stated:

Title III also establishes a new definition of terrorism that will apply to international and domestic terrorist offenses

. . .

It simply categorizes certain existing federal crimes as "terrorist" if motivated to affect the conduct of government or social policy.

H. Rep. No. 104-383 at p. 53 (1995).

The House Report stated as to Section 206:

This section gives the U.S. Sentencing Commission amendment authority to expand the scope of its Chapter 3 enhancement for "international terrorism offenses" under the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines to include all terrorism offenses. In amendments to the Sentencing Guidelines that became effective November 1, 1996 a new provision that substantially increases jail time for offenses committed in connection with a crime of international terrorism. This section of the bill will make that new provision applicable to

all terrorist offenses whether international or domestic, without having to wait until November 1996 for the change to become law.

Id. at 109.

In explaining the new definition of terrorism in Section 315, the House Report stated:

This section provides a statutory definition of "terrorism", and does so without federalizing any state crimes, and expanding the reach of the federal police power. It does not make any crime "terrorist" over which the federal government does not possess jurisdiction.

First, this definition acts as a significant limitation on the government to prosecute individuals who might violate section 104 of this bill, when enacted. To prosecute someone under that section, the Attorney General would first have to certify that the crime was one of terrorism, as defined under this section.

Secondly, the definition of terrorism is also important in the sentencing phase of a prosecution of federal law. The U.S. Sentencing Guidelines, in calculating the appropriate sentence to be imposed upon a convicted criminal therefore, authorizes the sentencing judge to consider the nature of the offense, and the motivation of the crime.

So, in order to keep a sentencing judge from assigning a terrorist label to crimes that are truly not terrorist, and to adequately punish the terrorist for his offense, it is appropriate to define the term.

Id. at 114.

Chairman Henry Hyde of the House Judiciary Committee, in introducing a revised bill, H.R. 2706, the same day as the House Report was filed, further revising the bill set forth in the House Report, said:

. . . today I am . . . introducing a revised terrorism bill

. . .

The new bill does the following

. . .

Deletes the overly broad definition of terrorism.

Cong. Rec. December 5, 1995, H 13976. H.R. 2706 included the following:

-Section 104 defining a "Federal crime of terrorism" as now set forth in 18 U.S.C. ? 2332b(g)(5)

-Section 206 continued the direction to the Sentencing Commission as set forth in Section 730 of the AEDPA

-Section 315 was deleted

The final form of what was enacted into law as the AEDPA is in Senate Bill 735 which was amended in the House of Representatives as S. 735 Effective Death Penalty and Public Safety Act of 1996 (Engrossed House Amendment). The Conference Report on S. 735, 142 Cong. Rec. H. 3305-01, stated as to Section 730, Directions to Sentencing Commission:

Section 730-Senate recedes to House amendment sections 206 and 207. This section gives the U.S. Sentencing Commission amendment authority to expand the scope of its Chapter 3 enhancement for "international terrorism offenses" under the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines, to apply only to federal crimes of terrorism as defined in section 2332b(g). In amendments to the Sentencing Guidelines that became effective November 1, 1996, a new provision that substantially increases jail time for offenses committed in connection with a crime of international terrorism. *This section of the bill will make that new provision applicable only to those specifically listed federal crimes of terrorism, upon conviction of those crimes with the necessary motivational element* to be established at the sentencing phase of the prosecution, without having to wait until November 1996 for the change to become law.

(Emphasis added).

Section 730 reads:

The United States Sentencing Commission shall forthwith, in accordance with the procedures set forth in section 21(a) of the Sentencing Act of 1987, as though the authority under that section had not expired, amend the sentencing guidelines so that the chapter 3 adjustment relating to international terrorism *only applies to Federal crimes of terrorism, as defined in section 2332b(g) of title 18, United States Code.*

(Emphasis added).

As such, the Sentencing Commission promulgated Amendment 539, Appendix C, which amended ? 3A1.4. The commentary states:

This amendment implements section 730 of the Antiterrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act of 1996, Pub. L. 104-132, 110 Stat. 1303. That section requires the Commission to amend the sentencing guidelines so that the adjustment in ? 3A1.4 (relating to international terrorism) applies more broadly to a "Federal crime of terrorism," as defined in 18 U.S.C. ? 2332b(g), and provides that the Commission shall have the authority to promulgate this amendment as an emergency amendment under procedures set forth in section 21(a) of the Sentencing Act of 1987. The effective date of this amendment is November 1, 1996.

The Sentencing Commission did not explain the distinction, if any, between "a felony involved" and a felony that "was intended to promote" "a Federal crime of terrorism." If there is a distinction, there is nothing in the legislative history, outlined above, which suggests that Congress intended a distinction.

Amendment 539 was an emergency amendment. It was re-promulgated without change in Amendment 565, Appendix C, effective November 1, 1997.

Section 3A1.4, entitled *Terrorism*, now reads in pertinent part:

(a) If the offense is a felony that involved, or was intended to promote, a federal crime of terrorism, increase by 12 levels; but if the resulting offense level is less than level 32, increase to level 32.
(b) In each such case, the defendant's criminal history category from Chapter Four (Criminal History and Criminal Livelihood) shall be Category VI.

Commentary

Application Notes:

1.Subsection (a) increases the offense level if the offense level involved, or was intended to promote, a federal crime of terrorism. "Federal crime of terrorism" is defined at 18 U.S.C. ? 2332b(g).

As noted in the majority opinion, 18 U.S.C. ? 2332b(g) reads in part:

(5) the term "Federal crime of terrorism" means an offense that -
(A) is calculated to influence or affect the conduct of government by intimidation or coercion, or to retaliate against government conduct; and
(B) is a violation of -
(i) section 32 (relating to destruction of aircraft or aircraft facilities), 37 (relating to violence at international airports), 81 (relating to arson within special maritime and territorial jurisdiction), 175 relating to biological weapons), 351 (relating to congressional, cabinet, and Supreme Court assassination, kidnaping, and assault), 831 (relating to nuclear materials), 842(m) or (n) relating to plastic explosives), 844(3) (relating to certain bombings), 844(f) or (i) (relating to arson and bombing of certain property), 930(c), 956 (relating to conspiracy to injury property of a foreign government), 1114 (relating to protection of officers and employees of the United States), 1116 (relating to murder or manslaughter of foreign officials, official guests, or internationally protected persons, 1203 (relating to injury to buildings or property within special maritime and territorial jurisdicti8on of the United States), 1366 (relating to destruction of an energy facility), 1751 (relating to Presidential and Presidential staff assassination, kidnaping, and assault), 1992, 2152 (relating to injury of fortifications, harbor defenses, or defensive sea areas), 2155 (relating to violence against maritime fixed platforms), 2332 (relating to certain homicides and other violence against United States nationals occurring outside of the United States), 2332a (relating to use of weapons of mass destruction), 2332b (relating to acts of terrorism transcending national boundaries), 2332c, 2339A (relating to providing material support to terrorists), 2339B (relating to providing material support to terrorist organizations), or 2340A (relating to torture);
(ii) section 236 (relating to sabotage of nuclear facilities or fuel) of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 (42 U.S.C. 2284); or

(iii) section 46502 (relating to aircraft piracy) or section 60123(b) (relating to destruction of interstate gas or hazardous liquid pipeline facility) of title 49.

4.

This legislative history is best read in the context of the narrative description of what took place in the Congress between introduction of The Omnibus Counterterrorism Act of 1995, H.B. 896 and S. 390, on February 5, 1995 and the enactment of the AEDPA which became law on April 24, 1996, as set forth in Volume LI (1995) and Volume LII (1996) of the Congressional Quarterly Almanac ("Lawmakers Take Aim At Terrorism - 1995) (1995 CQ Almanac 6-18, 6-21) and ("President Signs Anti-Terrorism Bill - 1996 CQ Almanac 5-18 to 5-25). There was clearly a continuing concern in the House of Representatives over the definition of terrorism not so much as related to the direction to the Sentencing Commission, but for broader reasons - the impact the definition might have on other law enforcement efforts of the government with regard to terrorism and terrorist activity in the United States.

To approve of the action of the district court effectively labels Graham a terrorist and his activity as displayed in the record as terroristic activity, as was done by applying the ? 3A1.4 enhancement, and is grossly contrary to the language of 18 U.S.C. ? 2332b(g)(5) defining a "Federal crime of terrorism" as well as the Congressional intent to keep the definition narrow: "in order to keep a sentencing judge from assigning a terrorist label to crimes that are truly not terrorist, and to adequately punish the terrorist for his offense, it is appropriate to define the term." H. Rep. No. 104-383 (1995), at p. 114

Simply put, the record of the Sentencing Commission's actions in promulgating ? 3A1.4 as a discrete guideline regarding terrorism and the legislative history of the statutes which mandated ? 3A1.4 initially and as amended, leads to the conclusion that a conviction of one of the enumerated offenses listed in 18 U.S.C. ? 2332b(g)(5) is an absolute condition precedent to the enhancement called for by ? 3A1.4. Plainly, the legislative history of the statutes reflects a concern by Congress, much like the concern of the delegates to the Constitutional Convention of 1787 over the definition of "treason," that "terrorism" being a phrase which carries far-reaching connotations that is not to be used indiscriminately and must be carefully defined. *See Rumbold's Dying Speech, 1685, and Jefferson's Last Words on Democracy*, 1826, William and Mary Quarterly, 3d Ser., IX (1952), 521-531.

5.

This history of the evolution from no guideline on a crime involving terrorism to the present language of ? 3A1.4 clearly establishes that its application should be limited to a conviction of one of the enumerated offenses in 18 U.S.C. ? 2332b(g)(5)(B), coupled with detailed findings of the presence of the criminal actions of the offender of the motivating elements described in 18 U.S.C. ? 2332 b(g)(5)(A). This history makes clear the errors of PSR's recommendation, the district court's findings and the majority opinion's approval of the enhancement called for by ? 3K1.4 to the offenses for which

Graham was convicted and particularly his conviction of the crime of conspiracy under 18 U.S.C. ? 371. The application of the enhancement to the marihuana involved crimes, found in Counts Nine, Ten, and Eleven, can only be described as gratuitous. It is also worth noting that almost without exception, the statutory penalties for the offenses listed under ? 2332b(g)(5)(B) are twenty years to life.

Indeed, as seen above, when Congress directed the Sentencing Commission to amend ? 3A1.4 to apply to a "Federal crimes of terrorism," it did not state that the enhancement applies to offenses that "*involved*" or "*intended to promote*," rather the Sentencing Commission was directed to amend the guidelines so that the enhancement *applies only to "'Federal crimes of terrorism' as defined in section 2332b(g)*. While prior directions to the Sentencing Commission used the language "involved" or "intended to promote" together with the term "international terrorism," the directions given with the enactment of section 730 of the AEDPA did not contain such language. The directions rather were to apply the enhancement to "Federal crimes of terrorism" as defined under ? 2332b. However, when the Sentencing Commission promulgated the new amendment in accordance with section 730, for reasons unknown, the language "involved" or "intended to promote" remained. Thus, the district court and majority's reliance on the "intended to promote" language to effectively conclude that conspiracy under ? 371 is a "Federal crime of terrorism " is problematic. As seen from the Conference Report on Senate Bill 735, Congress intended that the enhancement apply *only* those crimes set forth under ? 2332b(g)(5)(B), which does not include ? 371. Indeed, the plain language of Section 730 shows Congress intended that the sentencing enhancement under ? 3A1.4 apply only to the "Federal crimes of terrorism" as defined under ? 2332b(g)(5). To hold that a conviction under ? 371 is also a "Federal crime of terrorism" as that term has been carefully defined, goes against Congressional intent.

B. The Precedents

1.

Contrary to the majority opinion's view there is case precedent in dealing with ? 3A1.4. At least four court of appeals cases deal with the application of ? 3A1.4. Two of the cases, *United States v. Nichols*, 169 F.3d 1255 (10th Cir. 1999) and *United States v. Fortier*, 242 F.3d 1224 (10th Cir. 2001), involve colleagues of Timothy McVeigh in the bombing of the Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City in 1995 and should be read as *sui generis* because of the enormity of his crime. McVeigh's crime did lead, however to the enactment of the AEDPA. See 32 Compilation of Presidential Documents 717-721, April 21, 1996 (Remarks and Statement of President Bill Clinton on signing the act)).

In *United States v. Wells*, 163 F.3d 889 (4th Cir. 1998), the defendant was convicted of a variety of offenses including mail fraud, conspiracy to commit bank fraud, interference with the Internal Revenue Service and conspiracy to commit interstate transportation of stolen property. In particular, the defendant, in resisting an IRS investigation, threatened IRS agents and created and sent to the agents a variety of bizarre documents captioned "Non-Statutory Abatement" and also documents that were labeled

as comptroller warrants. Defendant was either a participant in or a member of a group known as the Free Men. At sentencing "based on [defendant's involvement with the terrorist activities of the Free Men," 163 F.3d at 893-94, the district court increased defendant's offense conduct 15 levels. At the time of defendant's crimes, ? 3A1.4 applied only to international terrorism. As noted above, the 1996 amendment to the Sentencing Guidelines as mandated by Section 730 of the AEDPA, included domestic terrorism. While rejecting application of ? 3A1.4 because it could not be given retroactive effect, the Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit approved the upward departure under 18 U.S.C. ? 3553(b) (sentencing court can deviate to take into account aggravating circumstances the guidelines did not adequately consider). In upholding a finding by the district court that the defendant involved himself in domestic terrorist activities, the Fourth Circuit rejected defendant's argument that he did not commit any violent acts and hence could not be considered a terrorist. The Court of Appeals said:

However, there is ample evidence that shows that Wells' plans and activities support the upward departure. First, he agreed to participate in the grand jury of "our one Supreme Court," the "court" that the Freemen established to try officials. That court was also the forum of Wells' "trial" of IRS agents Smith and Vernell. Second, Wells bought a Chevrolet Suburban that he brought to Montana. The plan, as articulated by Schweitzer to the seminar attendees, was to use the Suburbans to abduct government officials, who would later be hanged. He intended to "bring a lot more of 'em out here." Third, Wells otherwise actively participated in the group, despite knowing its violent goals, and even helped the group prepare. Finally, he has not challenged the district court's finding that the group engages in terrorist activities.
These facts counter balance Wells' contention that he neither knew of the Freemen's plans nor was involved in them. His use of the "court" for his own dispute with IRS officials, given the intention of the Freeman *900 to injury or kill government officials, can be considered a "terrorist" act. In addition, as the only supplier of the vehicles that were to be used in a violent plan about which everyone knew, it is unlikely that Wells neither knew nor had reason to know of the Freemen's activities. Since, as Wells points out, the Guidelines permit a defendant to be held responsible for the conduct of associates if that conduct was reasonably foreseeable, see U.S. Sentencing Guidelines Manual ? 2B1.3(b), his participation in the planning of violence may properly give rise to liability. Hence, the district court did not abuse its discretion by departing from the guidelines.

163 F.3d at 899.

United States v. Leahy, 169 F.3d 433 (7th Cir. 1999), is even more instructive. In *Leahy*, the defendant pled guilty to possession of a deadly toxin for use as a weapon in violation of 18 U.S.C. ? 175(A). The toxin was highly lethal and defendant had threatened to use it. The district court, because no guideline had been promulgated by the Sentencing Commission for a violation of ? 175(a), looked to an analogous guideline, which in its view was ? 3A1.4. In so doing the district court rejected the government's recommendation that it looked to ? 2K2.1 which covers "unlawful receipt, possession, or transportation of firearm of ammunition." This guideline calls for a sentencing range of 42 to 51 months. The district court departed 10 levels upward because in its view ? 2K2.1

did not adequately capture the seriousness of defendant's offense conduct. While it looked to ? 3A1.4, the district court did not depart upward the 12 levels called for because it recognized defendant did not engage in "*an actual act or attempted act of terrorism*," 169 F.3d at 438 (emphasis added). The Court of Appeals vacated the sentence finding that the district court erred in looking to ? 3A1.4 to determine the proper extent of departure. The Court of Appeals said:

In order for the district court's analogy to the Terrorism guideline to be appropriate, Leahy must have committed an offense "that involved, or was intended to promote, a federal crime of terrorism." *See* U.S.S.G. ? 3A1.4. The term "federal crime of terrorism" is defined as an offense that is "calculated to influence or affect the conduct of government by intimidation or coercion, or to retaliate against government conduct" and is a violation of, among other provisions, 18 U.S.C. ? 175 (relating to biological weapons). *See* 28 U.S.C. ? 2332b(g)(5). While Leahy did violate 18 US.C. ? 175(a), there is absolutely no evidence in the record that Leahy sought to influence or affect the conduct of the government. In fact, the district court itself readily concluded that Leahy did not engage or attempt to engage in any act of terrorism, the court elects to depart upward only ten levels ... [and] [f]or the same reason, the Court does not increase the Criminal History Computation." Thus, we must conclude here, as we did in *Horton*, that the district court, in selecting U.S.S.G. ? 3A1.4, chose an inappropriate analogy for determining the extent of the upward departure in this case.

169 F.3d at 446. The Court of Appeals concluded by stating:

Because there was no evidence showing that Leahy engaged in *an actual act or attempted act of terrorism*, we conclude that the district court, in selecting U.S.S.G. ? 3A1.4, chose an inappropriate analogy for determining the extent of the upward departure in this case.

169 F.3d at 447 (emphasis added).

Two additional cases also call for comment. First, *United States v. Hicks*, 997 F.2d 594 (9th Cir. 1993), involved an upward departure to 10 years under ? 5K2.15 in the sentencing of an offender who was responsible for launching mortar attacks and placing car bombs designed to damage government buildings in an effort to disrupt the functions of the Internal Revenue Service. The Court of Appeals vacated the sentence and remanded for resentencing because of the district court's failure to explain the extent of the departure. The Court of Appeals noted:

The term "terrorism" does not seem to have a precise definition in the context of the Guidelines. The plain meaning of the term is "the systematic use of terror as a means of coercion." Webster's *Third New International Dictionary* 2361 (1986). The United States Code defines "terrorism" in context completely different than sentencing - that of State Department reporting requirements - as "premeditated, politically motivated violence perpetrated against noncombatant targets by substantial groups or clandestine agents." 22 U.S.C. ? 2656f(d)(2).

997 F.2d at 598.

Second, in *United States v. Barr*, 963 F.2d 641 (3d Cir. 1992), the Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit noted that "grounds for departure listed in ? 5K2.1 through ? 5K2.15 generally involved actual conduct or tangible consequences as justification for an upward departure." 963 F.2d 653-654.

2.

The precedential history also supports my view that for the ? 3K1.4 enhancement to apply, there must be a conviction of one of the enumerated offenses in 18 U.S.C. ? 2332b(g)(5)(B) and that there must be actual conduct or attempted conduct calculated to influence or affect the conduct of government by intimidation or coercion or to retaliate against government conduct.

3.

The circumstances of the application of ? 3A1.4 to other sentences further supports my view that there was an aberrational application of the enhancement to Graham. Sentencing Commission statistical reports state its application six times in 1999 and 2000 exclusive of the application to Carter, Metcalf and Graham. *See* 1999 and 2000 Sourcebook of Federal Sentencing Statistics, Table 18. In five of the six cases in which it was applied, the offense of conviction was enumerated in 18 U.S.C. ? 2332b(g)(5)(B).(6)

C. The Standard of Proof

1.

The majority opinion's position that the district court need only find the conduct which supports ? 3A1.4 enhancement by a preponderance of the evidence is also wrong. The standard appears to find support in the Commentary to U.S.S.G. ? 6A1.3, Resolution of Disputed Factors (Policy Statement) which states:

The Commission believes that use of a preponderance of the evidence standard is appropriate to meet due process requirements and policy concerns in resolving disputes regarding application of the guidelines to the facts of the case.

This statement should, however, be considered in conjunction with what the Sentencing Commission says in ? 1B1.2, Application Note 4, discussed *supra*. When the district court increases a sentence by 250 months more than what the offense level and criminal history associated with the crime of conviction call for, the facts in support of the enhancement should surely be established beyond a reasonable doubt or at least by clear and convincing evidence. The Third Circuit in *Kikumura*, *supra* said that

a sentencing hearing that functions as "a tail which wags the dog of the substantive offense" [citations omitted] ... a court cannot reflexively apply the truncated procedures

that are perfectly adequate for all of the more mundane, familiar sentencing determinations."

918 F.2d at 1100-01.

United States v. Farese, 248 F.3d 1056 (11th Cir. 2001), involved a prosecution for conspiracy to participate in the affairs of an enterprise through a pattern of racketeering in violation of 18 U.S.C. ? 1962. The Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit required the district court to find beyond a reasonable doubt that defendants conspired to commit a particular object of the offense. In *United States v. Ross*, 131 F.3d 970 (11th Cir. 1997), because the verdict did not establish which offense was the object of the charged conspiracy, the Court of Appeals held that the district court was required to make a determination as to which offense as if it was sitting as a trier of fact. Lastly, in *United States v. Jordan*, 256 F.3d 922 (9th Cir. 2001), the Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit held that a sentencing enhancement which yielded prolonged imprisonment required proof by clear and convincing evidence.

The majority, however, rejects *Kikumura* to the extent that it holds that a higher standard of proof is not required for sentencing factors that do not increase the maximum sentence faced by the defendant, finding that interpretation inconsistent with the Supreme Court holdings in *McMillan v. Pennsylvania*, 477 U.S. 79 (1986) and *Apprendi v. New Jersey*, 530 U.S. 466 (2000). Even if I agree with the majority's interpretation, I still find error in application of the preponderance standard in applying ? 3A1.4 to Graham because the statutory maximum for violating ? 371 is five years. Applying the terrorism enhancement, Graham's sentencing range was increased to 360 months to life. Because the majority finds that application of ? 3A1.4 to Graham's conviction under ? 371 was proper because it pertained to a conspiracy that "involved" or "intended to promote" a "federal crime of terrorism," and because application of ? 3A.1.4 increased Graham's sentencing range beyond the statutory maximum, I believe that even under the majority's approach, a higher standard of proof is required.

2.

Here, even if I am wrong on my view that the ? 3A.1.4 enhancement does not apply, the sentence should be vacated and the case remanded resentencing for the reason that the district court failed to articulate the evidentiary standard on which the finding the ? 3A1.4 enhancement applied and also failed to articulate the specific facts on which it found that the enhancement applied. On remand, the district court should at least be required to do is to make findings based on a detailed articulation of facts found beyond a reasonable doubt in justification of any enhancement. Indeed, the majority notes that because the jury returned a general verdict on the ? 371 charge, there is no way of knowing of what substantive crimes the jury found Graham guilty of conspiring.

IV. Conclusion

My disagreement with the majority opinion's approval of the district court's enhancement of Graham's sentence should not be considered in any way a denigration of Graham's crimes or in any way an attempt to simply ameliorate the severity of his sentence of 660 months. Graham was foolish in light of the trial record for rejecting the government's willingness to limit his sentence to 60 months if he pleaded guilty. However, there is no suggestion on the record that on the day Graham changed his mind and opted for trial there was any reason for him to think that the government would go back to the grand jury and obtain a superceding indictment which included charges which had the potential of adding 25 years to whatever sentence he might receive if found guilty of the charges contained in the original indictment. There was certainly no reason for him to believe the district court would find that the ? 3A1.4 enhancement was appropriate to his offenses of conviction.

What is significant in the majority's approval of the ? 3A1.4 enhancement to Graham's offense level and criminal history is its condoning a definition of a "Federal crime of terrorism" broader than that contemplated by the Congress in its enactment of 18 U.S.C. ? 2332b(g)(5). What the majority approves of is a breadth of discretion in the district court inappropriate to the dictates of 18 U.S.C. ? 2332b(g)(5) and of ? 3A1.4 based on conclusionary findings of fact more likely than not. This simply allows for a soft definition of terrorism. As seen from the legislative history, "terrorism" involves discrete acts - as defined under ? 2332b(g)(5).

Beyond the definition of a "Federal crime of terrorism" in 18 U.S.C. ? 2332b(g)(5) and the other definition considered by the Congress including the definition in Section 212(a)(3)(B)(ii) of the Immigration and Naturalization Act, 8 U.S.C. ? 1182, there are at least two additional definitions found in federal law.(7) 22 U.S.C. ? 2656f, which is part of Chapter 38 of Title 22 of the United States Code governing the Department of State, defines "terrorism" as follows:

(2) the term "terrorism" means premeditated, politically motivated violence perpetrated against noncombatant targets by subnational groups or clandestine agents; . . .

The Federal Bureau of Investigation, which has as part of its responsibilities, the responsibility for crimes which involve terrorist activities, has a particular definition of terrorism. 28 C.F.R. 0.85(l). The definition reads:

Terrorism includes the unlawful use of force and violence against persons or property to intimidate or coerce a government, the civilian population, or any segment thereof, in furtherance of political or social objectives.

The FBI, through the Counterterrorism Threat Assessment and Warning Unit of its National Security Division issues annually a report of terrorism in the United States available at http://www.usdoj.gov. Review of the last four reports on Terrorism in the United States, dated 1996, 1997, 1998, and 1999, contains no reference to the group of

which Graham was a part and only a brief reference to militia groups in general as terrorist organizations. Likewise, review of the several articles on terrorism in the FBI's Law Enforcement Bulletin, a monthly publication, contains no articles on militia groups as terrorist organizations. This review of FBI published materials calls into question even more than the eleventh hour assertion by the government that the ? 3A1.4 enhancement should apply in sentencing Graham and its willingness to agree with Carter to a 60 month maximum sentence the credibility of the government's position here.

Others have noted the difficulties associated with defining terrorism. *See* Philip B. Heymann, Terrorism and America: A Commonsense Strategy For A Democratic Society, 3-7 (paperback ed. 2000) (discussing the global efforts to define terrorism); *see also* The Terrorism Research Center - Next Generation of Terrorism Analysis, at http://www.terrorism.com/terrorism/def.shtml (stating "Terrorism by nature is difficult to define" and "even the government cannot agree on one single definition" and listing several definitions of terrorism).(8)

Perhaps a law review writer back in 1987 stated it best when in discussing the definition of terrorism observed: "Finding a suitable definition for terrorism . . . is a quagmire." Patrick L. Donnelly, *Extraterritorial Jurisdiction Over Acts of Terrorism Committed Abroad: Omnibus Diplomatic Security And Antiterrorism Act of 1986*, 72 Cornell L. Rev. 599, 607, n.56 (1987). This observation hold true today.

We know there is no federal common law crime. *United States v. Hudson and Goodman*, 11 U.S. 32 (1812). Congress in its mandate to the Sentencing Commission in 1994 and again in 1996 came close to establishing punishment for a common law crime - terrorism. The motives for the action by the Congress are not disclosed in the legislative history of either the 1994 or 1996 acts. The Sentencing Commission promulgated ? 3A1.4 initially to cover "international terrorism;" Congress added domestic terrorism with no elaboration. Moreover, there is nothing in either the statute or the guideline to prohibit a district court once it enhances the offense level to not less than 32 and the criminal history to VI (effectively a minimum sentence of 210 months from departing downward for any of the reasons allowed in Chapter IV of the guidelines.

This dissent was substantially completed before the terrorist acts on the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and in Pennsylvania on September 11, 2001. These horrific events, like the bombings of the U.S. Embassies in Tanzania and Kenya, and the U.S.S. Cole, involve weapons of mass-destruction as instruments of terrorism and are very far outside the conspiratorial conduct of Graham as reflected in the record of this case.

For all of the reasons stated above, I disagree with the majority opinion's approval of the actions of the district court in increasing Graham's sentence by over 250 months by application of the ? 3A1.4 enhancement. This is why I dissent.

APPENDIX A

Guideline Guideline

Count	Statutory Maximum Sentence	Score Exclusive Of Adjustment For Terrorism	Guideline Sentence	Score Including Adjustment For Terrorism	Guideline Sentence
1-Conspiracy To Commit An Offense Against the United States	5 years	OL 29 CH I	87-108 months	41 (29+12) CH VI	360 months to life concurrent with 9, 10, 11
9-Unlawful User of Marihuana In Possession Of Firearms	10 years	OL 20 CH I	33-41 months	34 (20+14) CH VI	262-327 months concurrent with 1, 10, 11
10- Unlawful Attempt To Manufacture Marihuana with 1, 9, 11	5-40 years (100 plants)	OL 20 CH I	33-41 months	34 (20+14) CH VI	262-327 months concurrent
11-Conspiracy To Manufacture Marihuana with 1, 9, 10	5-40 years (100 plants)	OL 20 CH I	33-41 months	34 (20+14) CH VI	262-327 months concurrent

13-Carrying A Semi-Automatic Weapon in Relationship To A Crime Of Violence	20 years consecutive	Same	Same	Same	240 months con secutive
14-Carrying A Firearm in Relationship To A Drug Crime	5 years consecutive	Same	Same	Same	60 months c onsecutive

Footnotes

*The Honorable Avern Cohn, Senior United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan, sitting by designation.

[1] Graham received an honorable discharge after his commanding officer initiated action to discharge him under the Army's now-discontinued Expeditious Discharge Program. Graham's commanding officer reported that Graham was unable "to comply with the basic requirements of military life and instructions." Graham performed "unsatisfactory" work, had a "surly," disrespectful attitude toward "anyone in authority," and was essentially "untrainable." Joint Appendix ("J.A.") at 1448.

[2] Stumpenhaus did not meet Graham until his sixth meeting with the group on June 10, 1997.

[3] Carter's home was searched the same day, and he was also arrested.

[4] Defense counsel established at trial that it was not illegal for Graham to possess any of the weapons seized on his property.

[5] Carter pleaded guilty to Count 1 of the Indictment on June 1, 1998, and he was sentenced to five years in custody.

[6] Metcalf was found guilty by a jury as to Counts 1, 3-8, and 12 on November 18, 1998 and was sentenced to forty years in custody. We upheld his conviction and sentence, *see United States v. Metcalf*, No. 99-1667, 2000 WL 924171 (6th Cir. June 28, 2000).

[7] Graham also made a motion to suppress statements made to law enforcement officers after he was taken into custody. This motion was granted and is not before this court.

[8] Only machineguns, silencers, or other destructive devices must be registered with the National Firearms Registration and Transfer Record.

[9] On cross-examination, the agent stated that he might have searched the truck two to three hours after he arrived at Graham's trailer home.

[10] It is not the case, however, as the government argued, that the affidavit for the search warrant to search the home would have provided probable cause to search Graham's truck. Once the officers failed to conduct a search of the truck incident to Graham's arrest, we believe the officers only "regained" authority to search the truck because they independently developed probable cause in the course of their search of the trailer home.

[11] The agent also stated that fear for his safety and that of his fellow officers contributed to his decision to search Graham's truck. Although the officers need not have an exigent circumstance such as fear for their own safety to conduct a search pursuant to the automobile exception, it is unclear whether the agent's fear would create an exigent circumstance sufficient to permit a warrantless search of the automobile. On the one hand, Graham had already been placed in handcuffs when the agents decided to search the truck and could no longer legitimately be considered a threat to them. Although Graham had asked that his truck keys be given to a neighbor who was a suspected militia sympathizer, there is no evidence in the record whether FBI procedure would have permitted the agents to give the keys to the neighbor, or whether the vehicle would have to be impounded. On the other hand, we note that there might have been multiple sets of keys to the truck, and the agent might have believed that a sympathizing neighbor possessed one of those sets and could gain access to the truck. Because the agent had sufficient probable cause to search without the "reasonable fear" factor, we need not resolve this issue.

[12] Other courts of appeals have mentioned ? 3A1.4 in their opinions, *see United States v. Nichols*, 169 F.3d 1255, 1270 n.3 (10th Cir. 1999) (noting that, but for ex post facto problems, ? 3A1.4 adjustment would apply to defendant's conviction for conspiring to use a weapon of mass destruction, in violation of 18 U.S.C. ? 2332a, an enumerated "Federal crime of terrorism"); *United States v. Leahy*, 169 F.3d 433, 446 (7th Cir. 1999) (rejecting district court's upward departure based on analogy to ? 3A1.4 because

defendant did not seek "to influence or affect the conduct of the government" as required by the statute), although none have addressed the question of its application to a ? 371 conspiracy, as in this case.

[13] Section 2332b(g)(5)(B) lists the following offenses:

(i) section 32 (relating to destruction of aircraft or aircraft facilities), 37 (relating to violence at international airports), 81 (relating to arson within special maritime and territorial jurisdiction), 175 (relating to biological weapons), 351 (relating to congressional, cabinet, and Supreme Court assassination, kidnapping, and assault), 831 (relating to nuclear materials), 842(m) or (n) (relating to plastic explosives), 844(e) (relating to certain bombings), 844(f) or (i) (relating to arson and bombing of certain property), 930(c), 956 (relating to conspiracy to injure property of a foreign government), 1114 (relating to protection of officers and employees of the United States), 1116 (relating to murder or manslaughter of foreign officials, official guests, or internationally protected persons), 1203 (relating to hostage taking), 1361 (relating to injury of Government property or contracts), 1362 (relating to destruction of communication lines, stations, or systems), 1363 (relating to injury to buildings or property within special maritime and territorial jurisdiction of the United States), 1366 (relating to destruction of an energy facility), 1751 (relating to Presidential and Presidential staff assassination, kidnapping, and assault), 1992, 2152 (relating to injury of fortifications, harbor defenses, or defensive sea areas), 2155 (relating to destruction of national defense materials, premises, or utilities), 2156 (relating to production of defective national defense materials, premises, or utilities), 2280 (relating to violence against maritime navigation), 2281 (relating to violence against maritime fixed platforms), 2332 (relating to certain homicides and other violence against United States nationals occurring outside of the United States), 2332a (relating to use of weapons of mass destruction), 2332b (relating to acts of terrorism transcending national boundaries), 2332c, 2339A (relating to providing material support to terrorists), 2339B (relating to providing material support to terrorist organizations), or 2340A (relating to torture);

(ii) section 236 (relating to sabotage of nuclear facilities or fuel) of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 (42 U.S.C. 2284); or

(iii) section 46502 (relating to aircraft piracy) or section 60123(b) (relating to destruction of interstate gas or hazardous liquid pipeline facility) of title 49.

[14] Because of the way the jury instructions were phrased, we know only that the jury found Graham guilty of conspiring to achieve at least one of the objects of the conspiracy named in the indictment, but we do not know which one.

[15] The government claims that Graham's conspiracy encompassed the following conduct listed in ? 2332b(g)(5)(B) (but not listed in the indictment) such that Graham's conspiracy was "intended to promote" a "federal crime of terrorism:" (1) 18 U.S.C. ? 844(e) (using the mail or telephone to willfully make a threat concerning an attempt to kill, injure, or intimidate a person or to damage or destroy a building, vehicle, or real or

personal property by means of fire or an explosive); (2) 18 U.S.C. ? 844(f)(1) (maliciously damaging or destroying with an explosive government property); (3) 18 U.S.C. ? 1114 (killing or attempting to kill an officer or employee of the United States while that person is engaged in performing or on account of the performance of official duties); (4) 18 U.S.C. ? 1362 (willfully or maliciously injuring or destroying or attempting to destroy government-owned or operated means of communication); (5) 18 U.S.C. ? 1366 (knowingly damaging or attempting to damage an energy facility); and (6) 18 U.S.C. ? 2155 (willfully injuring or attempting to injure or conspiring to injure national defense materials, premises, or utilities).

[16] We note that Graham was sentenced using the November 1, 1998 Guidelines because that was the version in effect on the date of sentencing. According to Appendix C of the Guidelines, ? 3A1.4 became effective November 1, 1996. The conspiracy alleged in this case was a continuing offense which occurred from the summer of 1996 through Graham's arrest in August 1998. Because the crimes continued after the effective date of the amendment, the application of the adjustment does not present retroactivity problems. *See United States v. Buckner*, 9 F.3d 452, 454 (6th Cir. 1993).

[17] None of the cases discussed in the dissent address the question before us. *See* note 12 *supra* (explaining that other cases mentioning ? 3A1.4 involve different issues).

[18] Under our interpretation of the "intended to promote" prong of ? 3A1.4, the application of the terrorism enhancement does not hinge upon whether the object crime alleged in the conspiracy charge is one of the crimes enumerated in ? 2332b(g)(5). Therefore, there is no need to find that the defendant conspired to commit any one of the object crimes alleged in Count 1. *See* U.S.S.G. ? 1B1.2, commentary, applic. note 5 (applic. note 4 in current Guidelines Manual). Section 1B1.2(d) provides that "[a] conviction on a count charging a conspiracy to commit more than one offense shall be treated as if the defendant had been convicted on a separate count of conspiracy for each offense that the defendant conspired to commit." The commentary cautions that

[p]articular care must be taken in applying subsection (d) because there are cases in which the verdict or plea does not establish which offense(s) was the object of the conspiracy. In such cases, subsection (d) should only be applied with respect to an object offense alleged in the conspiracy count if the court, were it sitting as a trier of fact, would convict the defendant of conspiring to commit that object offense.

U.S.S.G. ? 1B1.2, commentary, applic. note 5. In this case, all the object crimes alleged in Count 1were part of a broader conspiracy "intended to promote" enumerated crimes of terrorism. The terrorism enhancement applies no matter which object crimes were assumed in the guilty verdict, so there is no need to determine beyond a reasonable doubt that Graham conspired to commit any one of the named object crimes in particular.

[19] We do not believe that a higher standard of proof is required simply because the enhancement would significantly increase the defendant's sentence. The dissent urges that we adopt the approach taken in *United States v. Kikumura*, 918 F.2d 1084 (3rd Cir.

1990). *Kikumura* held that in extreme situations, where "the magnitude of a contemplated departure is sufficiently great that the sentencing hearing can fairly be characterized as 'a tail which wags the dog of the substantive offense,'" a district court's factual findings regarding the enhancement must satisfy a higher standard of proof than mere preponderance. *Id.* at 1100-01 (quoting *McMillan v. Pennsylvania*, 477 U.S. 79, 88 (1986), and holding that twelve-fold, 330-month departure based upon promotion of terrorism could not be applied based upon mere preponderance); *see also United States v. Restrepo*, 946 F.2d 654 (9th Cir. 1991), *cert. denied*, 503 U.S. 961 (1992).

The *Kikumura* court relied upon the Supreme Court's opinion in *McMillan v. Pennsylvania*, 477 U.S. 79 (1986). *McMillan* held that the government normally is not required to prove beyond a reasonable doubt facts that are prescribed as sentencing factors but are not elements of the substantive offense. The Court noted, however, that "there are constitutional limits to the State's power" to classify facts as sentencing factors rather than elements of the crime. *Id.* at 86. The Court found that those limits were not exceeded by the Pennsylvania statute at issue, because "[t]he statute [gave] no impression of having been tailored to permit the [sentencing factor] finding to be a tail which wags the dog of the substantive offense." *Id.* at 88. In reaching this conclusion, the Court emphasized that the statute "neither alters the maximum penalty for the crime committed nor creates a separate offense calling for a separate penalty; it operates solely to limit the sentencing court's discretion in selecting a penalty within the range already available to it . . . ." *Id.* at 87-88.

In our opinion, *Kikumura* misconstrued *McMillan*. The *McMillan* Court's apparent concern was not whether the sentencing factor's effect on the ultimate sentence was significant, but whether it was appropriately characterized as guiding the court's discretion in punishing the defendant for the crime for which he was convicted. As long as a sentencing factor does not alter the statutory range of penalties faced by the defendant for the crime of which he was convicted, *McMillan* permits the factor to be found by preponderance of the evidence. This interpretation is supported by the Supreme Court's recent decision in *Apprendi v. New Jersey*, 530 U.S. 466 (2000), which held that any fact that increases the penalty for a crime beyond the statutory maximum must be submitted to a jury and proved beyond a reasonable doubt. The *Apprendi* Court was careful to note that "nothing . . . suggests that it is impermissible for judges to exercise discretion . . . in imposing a judgment *within the range* prescribed by the statute." *Id.* at 481 (emphasis in original). We therefore decline to adopt the approach taken in *Kikumura* insofar as that case requires a standard higher than preponderance of the evidence for sentencing factors that do not increase the maximum sentence faced by the defendant.

[20] Graham was convicted and sentenced under 18 U.S.C. ? 924(c)(1) (1994), which provided:

Whoever, during and in relation to any crime of violence or drug trafficking crime . . . uses or carries a firearm, shall, in addition to the punishment provided for such crime of violence or drug trafficking crime, be sentenced to imprisonment for five years, and if the firearm is a . . . semiautomatic assault weapon, to imprisonment for ten years . . . . In the

case of his second or subsequent conviction under this subsection, such person shall be sentenced to imprisonment for twenty years . . . .

The statute also stipulated that convictions under the subsection shall not "run concurrently with any other term of imprisonment including that imposed for the crime of violence or drug trafficking crime in which the firearm was used or carried." *Id.*

[21] We note that this finding by the district court was not inconsistent with its refusal to sever Counts 10, 11, and 14 from the other counts of indictment, as the inquiry whether to sever turns on factors different from the inquiry whether Counts 13 and 14 are duplicative.

[22] We note that this circuit held in *United States v. Bender* that a defendant was not entitled to consideration of the *Apprendi* issue when he failed to file any written statement on the merits of his *Apprendi* argument. 265 F.3d 464, 474 (6th Cir. 2001). *Bender* is not controlling here, however. *Bender* merely holds that the court is not required to consider *Apprendi* challenges when they are not properly argued in written statements filed with the court. The court of appeals nevertheless retains the discretion to notice plain error, even when it is not raised by the parties on appeal. *See United States v. Olano*, 507 U.S. 725, 732 (1993) (explaining that decision to correct plain error is left to discretion of the court of appeals).

[23] We do not believe that Graham exposed himself to a higher statutory maximum by asserting that "the testimony established he was responsible for between 50-75 plants" in his objections to the Presentence Report. This circuit held in *United States v. Roper* that a defendant's express agreement regarding the quantity of drugs involved is sufficient under *Apprendi* to sustain a sentence in excess of the statutory maximum for an unspecified quantity of drugs. 266 F.3d 526, 532 (6th Cir. 2001). If Graham's objection constituted an express agreement that he was responsible for fifty or more marijuana plants, the statutory maximum for the marijuana charges would be twenty years. *See* 21 U.S.C. ? 841(b)(1)(C). The five year maximum prescribed by ? 841(b)(1)(D) does not apply in cases involving fifty or more marijuana plants, regardless of weight.

Graham's quantity objection, however, is distinguishable from the agreement present in *Roper*. In *Roper*, the defendant expressly withdrew his initial objection to the drug quantity set forth in the Presentence Report, in exchange for the government's agreement not to pursue a firearm enhancement. *Roper*, 266 F.3d at 532. The district court asked the defendant if he understood that he was admitting to the quantity finding and the defendant responded that he did. *Id.* In contrast, Graham did not stipulate to responsibility for fifty or more marijuana plants. He merely challenged the sufficiency of the evidence to prove, under a preponderance standard, his responsibility for more than fifty to seventy-five plants. There is no indication in the record that Graham contemplated his objection as an admission to a specific quantity, or that he was informed of any consequences that might attach to the position taken in the objection. He did not acknowledge responsibility for this quantity before the district court at sentencing, nor was he asked to do so.

[1] To the extent that this dissent refers to documents not contained in the Joint Appendix, such materials are found in the district court's record.

[2] Prompted by the events of September 11, 2001, Congress enacted the Uniting and Strengthening American by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism (USA PATRIOT) Act of 2001. The USA PATRIOT Act added to the criminal code two new federal crimes relating to terrorism. Under section 801, Chapter 97 of title 18, United States Code, was amended to include a crime for "Terrorist attacks and other acts of violence against mass transportation systems," prescribing a penalty of 20 years imprisonment, or life (if the offense was an "aggravated offense" as further defined). Section 803 contains a new crime for "Harboring or concealing terrorist," prescribing a penalty of 10 years imprisonment. As further stated *infra*, this case was submitted on appeal prior to the events of September 11, 2001 and Graham's actions depict grossly less offensive, and qualitatively different, conduct than that displayed on September 11, 2001.

[3] *United States v. Kikumura*, 706 F. Supp. 331 (D. N.J. 1989), decided February 10, 1989, involved the sentencing of a member of the Japanese Red Army who was captured with explosives. The district court found that Kikumura had meticulously planned, schemed and attempted to execute a terrorist mission in the United States. The guidelines scored Kikumura's offense conduct at 18 and because he had no prior criminal history the guideline range for his offense of conviction was 27-33 months. The district court departed upward to 30 years. The district court explained:

In point of fact, the Guidelines do not consider terrorism or conduct remotely similar to that of Kikumura. Here, because Kikumura intended to cause death and horrible injury, a departure from the guidelines is warranted. Moreover, because the defendant's bombs were intended to cause multiple deaths and injuries, as did the Naples bomb, greater departure is warranted. The dangerousness of the bombs, disruption of governmental function and extreme conduct are obvious.

706 F. Supp. at 340. In 1990, subsequent to the adoption of ? 5K2.15, the Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit vacated the sentence and remanded with instruction to the district court to more particularly describe the basis for the upward departure with regard to the factors it considered and directed that the facts to support the departure be established by clear and convincing evidence. *United States v. Kikumura*, 918 F.2d 1084 (3d Cir. 1990).

[4] 18 U.S.C. ? 2331 reads in part:

? 2331. Definitions

As used in this chapter -

(1) the term "international terrorism" means activities that -

(A) involve violent acts or acts dangerous to human life that are a violation of the criminal laws of the United States or of any State, or that would be a criminal violation if committed within the jurisdiction of the United States or of any State:

(B) appear to be intended -

(i) to intimidate or coerce a civilian population;

(ii) to influence the policy of a government by intimidation or coercion; or

(iii) to affect the conduct of a government by assassination or kidnapping; and

(C) occur primarily outside the territorial jurisdiction of the United States, or transcend national boundaries in terms of the means by which they are accomplished, the persons they appear intended to intimidate or coerce, or the locale in which their perpetrators operate or seek asylum;

. . . .

[5] This section reads:

As used in this chapter, the term "terrorist activity" means any activity which is unlawful under the laws of the place where it is committed (or which, if committed in the United States, would be unlawful under the laws of the United States or any State) and which involves any of the following:

(I) The highjacking or sabotage of any conveyance (including an aircraft, vessel, or vehicle).

(II) The seizing or detaining, and threatening to kill, injure, or continue to detain, another individual in order to compel a third person (including a governmental organization) to do or abstain from doing any act as an explicit or implicit condition for the release of the individual seized or detained.

(III) A violent attack upon an internationally protected person (as defined in section 1116(b)(4) of Title 18) or upon the liberty of such a pesron.

(IV) An assassination.

(V) the use of any -

(a) biological agent, chemical agent, or

nuclear weapon or device, or

(b) explosive or firearm (other than for

mere personal monetary gain),

with intent to endanger, directly or indirectly, the safety of one or more individuals or to cause substantial damage to property.

(VI) A threat, attempt, or conspiracy to do any

Of the foregoing.

[6] This information comes from the files of the United States Sentencing Commission.

[7] Section 802 of USA PATRIOT Act of 2001 added a new definition of "domestic terrorism" under 18 U.S.C. ? 2331. Section 411 amended 8 U.S.C. ? 1182(a)(3) of the Immigration and Nationality Act to include other definitions relating to terrorism, including a definition of "engage in terrorist activity and "terrorist organization."

[8] Indeed, in the wake of a heightened awareness of terrorism following September 11, 2001 there has been commentary on the difficulty in defining the term "terrorism." See Michael Kinsely, *Defining Terrorism*, The Washington Post (Oct. 5, 2001), at A37 and Oliver Libaw, *How Do You Define Terrorism?* ABCNEWS.com (Oct. 16, 2001).

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ARRESTS MADE AFTER EXPLOSIVES RECOVERY

BIRMINGHAM, AL - This morning in DeKalb, Marshall and Jefferson Counties, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF) spearheaded the execution of four federal search warrants at the homes of members of a group called "The Free Militia." During the search warrants, ATF, along with state and local law enforcement recovered 130 grenades, an improvised rocket launcher with live rounds, a grenade launcher, a machine gun, a short barreled shot-gun, two silencers, numerous other firearms, 2500 rounds of ammunition, explosive components, approximately 70 Improvised Explosive Devices (IED), and commercial fireworks. Also recovered was enough ammunition to fill a U-Haul trailer, and over 120 Marijuana plants. While executing the search warrants, officers encountered booby traps at one location.

"Deadly explosives have been removed from these communities due to outstanding investigative efforts," stated Alice H. Martin, United States Attorney. "All evidence developed will be presented quickly to a federal grand jury. We will also ask that those arrested be detained without bond."

"Today's arrest and search warrants have been significant due to the success of the combined efforts by ATF, as well as our state, local and federal partners," stated James Cavanaugh, Special Agent in Charge, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. "The communities in the area are a lot safer, considering the fact that large quantities of live grenades and other explosive materials have been safely removed. Excellent investigative team work led us to this point in our investigation."

Those arrested today include:

RAYMOND KIRK DILLARD, a/k/a JEFF OSBORNE, 46,

of Collinsville (DeKalb County), Alabama;

ADAM LYNN CUNNINGHAM, 41, of Collinsville (DeKalb County), Alabama;

BONNELL HUGHES a/k/a BUSTER HUGHES, 57, of Crossville,

(Marshall County) Alabama;

MICHAEL WAYNE BOBO, 30, of Trussville (Jefferson County), Alabama;

RANDALL GARRETT COLE, 22, of Gadsden (Etowah County), Alabama;

JAMES RAY MCELROY, 20, of Collinsville (Etowah County), Alabama.

The criminal complaint charges those arrested with conspiracy to make a firearm, which carries a maximum penalty of five years in prison, and a fine of $250,000. Michael Wayne Bobo was charged with being a drug user in possession of a firearm, which carries a maximum penalty of ten years in prison, and a fine of $250,000.

All the defendants appeared in U.S. District Court for an initial appearance. They will remain in Federal custody and are scheduled to appear for Detention Hearings on Tuesday, May 1, 2007, at 1:30 pm before a Magistrate Judge in U.S. District Court. An indictment has not been filed at this time, additional charges are likely.

"Governor Riley and I are pleased this operation was successful," said Alabama Homeland Security Director Jim Walker.

"The U.S. Marshal Service, particularly in the Northern District, has enjoyed an excellent relationship with ATF," stated U.S. Marshal Martin Keely. "We were pleased that we could contribute to the success of the operation."

This investigation involved numerous federal, state and local law enforcement. The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives is the lead agency assisted by the Bomb Squads from Huntsville Police Department, Jefferson County, and Gadsden County Sheriffs' Departments and Alabama Department of Public Safety Bomb Squad who worked with ATF Bomb Techs in securing the IEDs (Improvised Explosive Devices). Other Agencies include, The U.S. Marshal Service, The Alabama State Fire Marshals, The Alabama Bureau of Investigation, and the Sheriff's Offices and District Attorneys' Offices of DeKalb, Etowah, Marshall, and Jefferson Counties.

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SIX INDICTED IN CONNECTION WITH EXPLOSIVES RECOVERY

BIRMINGHAM, AL - Indictments have been filed in U.S. District Court today charging six men in connection with an explosives recovery in April 2007 in Northeast Alabama. Five members of a group called "The Free Militia," were detained May 1, 2007, after completing a detention hearing in U.S. District Court.

The indictment filed today includes the following counts:

Count one charges ADAM LYNN CUNNINGHAM, RAYMOND KIRK DILLARD, a/k/a Jeff Osborne, a/k/a Randall Hayes, a/k/a John Dillard, JAMES RAY MCELROY, a/k/a Jay McElroy, BONNELL HUGHES, a/k/a Buster Hughes, and RANDALL GARRETT COLE, a/k/a Randy Cole were charged with conspiracy to make a firearm or destructive device, specifically grenades.

Count two charges Raymond Kirk Dillard, Bonnell Hughes and Randall Garrett Cole with conspiracy to make a firearm, that is a silencer.

Count three charges that Adam Lynn Cunningham, Raymond Kirk Dillard, James Ray McElroy, Bonnell Hughes, and Randall Garrett Cole, knowingly made a firearm, a destructive device, that is 10 grenades.

Count four charges Raymond Kirk Dillard, Bonnell Hughes, and Randall Garrett Cole, knowing made a firearm, that is a silencer.

Count five charges Raymond Kirk Dillard, a convicted felon, was in the possession of a firearm.

Count six charges Raymond Kirk Dillard with possession of a firearm, a destructive device, specifically two grenades which were not registered in the National Firearms Registration and Transfer Record.

Count seven charges Raymond Kirk Dillard and James Ray McElroy possessed with the intent to distribute a controlled substance, that is 100 or more marijuana plants.

Count eight charges James Ray McElroy, an unlawful user of a controlled substance, that is marijuana, did posses a firearm, that is a Norinco SKS 7.62 caliber rifle.

Count nine charges Bonnell Hughes, was in the illegal possession of a Sten 9mm machine gun.

Count ten charges Bonnell Hughes with the illegal possession of a destructive device, that is approximately 80 grenades not registered to him in the National Firearms Registration and Transfer Record.

Count Eleven charges Bonnell Hughes with the unlawful possession of a firearm, that is approximately 68 improvised explosive projectiles and a launcher which was not registered to him in the National Firearms Registration and Transfer Record.

Count Twelve charges Bonnell Hughes with the unlawful possession of a silencer.

Count Thirteen charges Adam Lynn Cunningham with the possession of a destructive device, that is 24 grenades not registered to him in the National Firearms Registration and Transfer Record.

Count Fourteen charges Adam Lynn Cunningham with the unlawful possession of a Harrington and Richardson 12 gauge shotgun with a barrel length less than 18 inches which was not registered to him in the National Firearms Registration and Transfer Record.

Penalties range from 5 years to 40 years in prison with fines of $250,000.
MICHAEL WAYNE BOBO is charged in a separate indictment also filed today. BOBO is charged with being an unlawful user of a controlled substance, that is marijuana, and being in the possession of more than ten firearms. BOBO is also charged with the illegal possession of marijuana. BOBO was released on a $10,000 property bond and strict reporting requirements including home detention and electronic monitoring. BOBO faces penalties ranging from 1 to 10 years in prison and fines of $250,000.

The men will be arraigned in U.S. District Court in about two weeks. No trial dates have been set at this time.

During the search warrants which occurred in April, 2007, The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, along with state and local law enforcement recovered 130 grenades, a grenade launcher, a machine gun, a short barreled shot-gun, two silencers, numerous other firearms, 2500 rounds of ammunition, explosive components, approximately 70 Improvised Explosive Devices (IED), and commercial fireworks, and ammunition, along with over 100 marijuana plants. While executing the search warrants, officers encountered booby traps at one location.

This investigation involved numerous federal, state and local law enforcement. The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives is the lead agency assisted by the Bomb Squads from Huntsville Police Department, Jefferson County, and Gadsden County Sheriffs' Departments and Alabama Department of Public Safety Bomb Squad who worked with ATF Bomb Techs in securing the IEDs (Improvised Explosive Devices). Other Agencies include, The U.S. Marshal Service, The Federal Bureau of Investigation, The Alabama State Fire Marshals, The Alabama Bureau of Investigation, and the Sheriff's Offices and District Attorneys' Offices of DeKalb, Etowah, Marshall, and Jefferson Counties.

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ALABAMA FREE MILITIA MEMBER PLEADS GUILTY IN U.S. DISTRICT COURT

BIRMINGHAM, AL - BONNELL HUGHES, 57, of Crossville, Alabama, plead guilty to eight counts of a federal indictment. Hughes was one of six men indicted in May 2007 in connection with an explosives recovery in Northeast Alabama. U.S. Attorney Alice H. Martin and James Cavanaugh, Special Agent in Charge, Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, announced the guilty plea which occurred this morning before U.S. District Court Judge U.W. Clemon.

"Hughes, who held the rank of captain in the Free Militia, was involved in a conspiracy with other militia members to make hand grenades and self propelled grenades," stated U.S. Attorney Alice H. Martin. "He now faces up to 70 years in prison and fines of up to $2,000,000.

"Hughes is the first member of the Alabama Free Militia to plead guilty in this investigation. He faces several decades in federal prison for his role in dealing with deadly grenades, improvised explosive devices, an illegal machine gun and silencer," stated ATF Special Agent in Charge James Cavanaugh of the Nashville Field Division. "Fortunately no one was injured in this case including Hughes, his neighbors and law enforcement."

A joint federal-local investigation lead to the execution of a search warrant at Hughes' residence on April 26, 2007. During the execution of the search warrant, agents recovered some eighty hand grenades, sixty-eight self propelled grenades, a machine gun, and a silencer adapted to fit a machine gun. Hughes plead guilty today to conspiracy to make destructive devices (grenades), conspiracy to make a silencer, making destructive devices (10 grenades), possession of a machine gun, possession of destructive devices (80 grenades), possession of destructive devices (68 improvised explosive projectiles) and possession of a silencer.

A sentencing date for Hughes will be scheduled by the Court for a future date. Plea hearings are scheduled for June 26, 2007, for Raymond Kirk Dillard, Adam Lynn Cunningham, James Ray McElroy, and Randall Garrett Cole. Michael Wayne Bobo, who is connected with the investigation, was indicted separately and is currently awaiting a trial date.

"Large quantities of explosive devices were taken off the street as a result of this case. People like Hughes show little regard for public safety," stated Alabama State Fire Marshal Edward Paulk. "Today Hughes pled guilty to several crimes that will impact him for many years to come."

"Hughes was living in Dekalb County, engaging in activities that were extremely dangerous for our citizens," stated Sheriff Jimmy Harris. "I am glad that a guilty plea has been entered and that the will no longer have an opportunity to put our people at risk."

This investigation involved numerous federal, state and local law enforcement. The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), Dekalb County Sheriff's Office and Alabama State Fire Marshal's Office began a joint investigation into the group. As the case unfolded, other participating law enforcement partners included Bomb

Squads from Huntsville Police Department, Jefferson County, and Gadsden County Sheriffs' Departments and Alabama Department of Public Safety Bomb Squad who worked with ATF Bomb Techs in securing the IEDs (Improvised Explosive Devices). Other Agencies include, The U.S. Marshal Service, The Federal Bureau of Investigation, The Alabama Bureau of Investigation, and the Sheriff's Offices and District Attorneys' Offices of DeKalb, Etowah, Marshall, and Jefferson Counties.

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UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
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v.
No. 07-8086
RICHARD SERAFIN,
Defendant-Appellant.

APPEAL FROM THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF WYOMING
(D.C. NO. 2:07-CR-00098-WFD-1)

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Before **KELLY**, **TYMKOVICH**, Circuit Judges, and **DeGIUSTI**, District Judge.*

TYMKOVICH, Circuit Judge.

Richard Serafin brings this direct appeal challenging his conviction for possessing a weapon in furtherance of a crime of violence and the commensurate mandatory 60-month sentence. Serafin contends possession of an unregistered weapon, in violation of 26 U.S.C. §§ 5841, 5845(a), 5861(d) and 5871, does not constitute a crime of violence under 18 U.S.C. § 924(c)(1).

Having jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. § 1291 and 18 U.S.C. § 3742(a), we agree and therefore REVERSE Serafin's conviction on the § 924(c)(1) count and REMAND for further proceedings.

I. Background

An investigation by the United States Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) identified Serafin as an individual who may be involved in the illegal weapons trade. The ATF initiated a sting operation to

determine the extent of Serafin's involvement in the purchase and sale of unlawful weapons in interstate commerce. As part of this sting, an ATF Special Agent contacted and met Serafin on several occasions between October 2006 and February 2007. The ATF gathered a significant amount of evidence of Serafin's involvement in the weapons trade, obtained arrest and search warrants, and decided to arrange a weapons purchase.

After Serafin agreed to sell an "Eagle Arms AR15" assault rifle, he met with an undercover ATF agent at Serafin's apartment. During this meeting, Serafin presented the agent a box containing the upper receiver and barrel of the

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[1] These statutes are all part of the National Firearms Act (NFA) which imposes a registration requirement and excise taxes on a specific subset of weapons.

rifle, and a black canvas case with the lower receiver and several magazines for ammunition. The agent paid Serafin the agreed upon money and left. ATF agents then lured Serafin out of his apartment and arrested him. Both during the course of the transaction and at the time of his arrest, Serafin was armed with a 45-caliber "SIG Sauer TM" pistol. Also, after executing the search warrant for Serafin's residence, the ATF agents discovered another AR15-type assault rifle and a silencer.

Based on these events, Serafin was indicted on two counts. The first count charged that Serafin violated the National Firearms Act because he knowingly possessed firearms as defined by 26 U.S.C. § 5845(a), that is, an Eagle Arms (or Armalite), AR15 type, .223 caliber assault rifle, . . . with a barrel length of less than 16 inches, a Rock River, AR15 type, .223 caliber assault rifle, . . . with a barrel length of less than 16 inches, and a silver colored, metal silencer; which said firearms were not registered to him in the National Firearms Registration and Transfer Record,

in violation of 26 U.S.C. §§ 5841, 5845(a), 5861(d) and 5871.

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at 1–2. The second count charged Serafin with unlawfully possessing a firearm in furtherance of a crime of violence, namely his possession of an unregistered weapon in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 924(c)(1). *Id.* at 2.

Serafin pleaded guilty to the first count of the indictment and was convicted after a jury trial on the second count. Specifically, the jury found

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[2] Serafin does not appeal his conviction on Count 1 or the associated 18-

month sentence.
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Serafin had in fact possessed a SIG Sauer pistol during, and in furtherance of, his possession and transfer of the unregistered Eagle Arms rifle—the charge to which Serafin had already pleaded guilty.
The district court sentenced him to 18 months' imprisonment on Count One
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and to the mandatory 60-month term on Count Two, with the sentences to run consecutively.

II. Discussion

Serafin raises three issues in his appeal: (1) that the district court erred in holding possession and transfer of an unregistered weapon qualified as a crime of violence under § 924(c)(3)(B); (2) that the mandatory sentencing provisions of § 924(c) conflict with *United States v. Booker*, 543 U.S. 220 (2005), and *Rita v. United States*, --- U.S. ---, 127 S. Ct. 2456 (2007), and with the requirement that the district court perform an individualized analysis of the 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a) factors at sentencing; and (3) that the district court abused its discretion in denying his motion for a mistrial after alleged prosecutorial misconduct.
Because we conclude possession of an unregistered short-barreled rifle does not qualify as a crime of violence under § 924(c)(1) and reverse his conviction on that charge, we need not reach the merits of his last two contentions.

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We review the district court's legal conclusion that a particular offense constitutes a crime of violence de novo. *United States v. Munro*, 394 F.3d 865, 870 (10th Cir. 2005). Additionally, we review the district court's interpretation of § 924(c) de novo. *United States v. Bowen*, 527 F.3d 1065, 1072 (10th Cir. 2008).

A. Possession of an Unregistered Weapon as a Crime of Violence Under Section 924(c)(3)(B)

Serafin contends the district court erred in concluding that possession of an unregistered weapon, a violation of the NFA, constituted a crime of violence under § 924(c)(3)(B). Serafin argues possession of the short-barrel, disassembled rifle, without a commensurate intent to use the weapon in the course of committing another crime, does not raise the requisite statutorily required risk of force *during the course* of the possession. We agree.

1. Statutory Framework

To resolve whether possession of an unregistered weapon is a crime of violence under § 924(c)(3)(B), we must parse several statutes defining crimes of violence and the case law analyzing them.
Before turning to the statutory language itself, the Supreme Court requires

that we employ a "categorical approach." *Munro*, 394 F.3d at 870 (citing *Taylor v. United States*, 495 U.S. 575, 600 (1990)). Under the categorical approach, we look "only to the fact of conviction and the statutory definition of the prior

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The government does not contend Serafin's possession of an unregistered weapon qualifies as a crime of violence under the first prong of § 924(c)(3), which is a felony that has as "an element the use, attempted use, or threatened use of physical force against the person or property of another." § 924(c)(3)(A). Thus we confine our analysis to the alternative definition under § 924(c)(3)(B).
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offense, and do not generally consider the particular facts disclosed by the record of conviction. That is, we consider whether the elements of the offense are of the type that would justify its inclusion . . . [as a crime of violence], without inquiring into the specific conduct of this particular offender." *United States v. West*, 550 F.3d 952, 957 (10th Cir. 2008) (citations and quotations omitted)). Applying the categorical approach here, we are bound only to analyze the text of § 924(c)(3)(B) and 26 U.S.C. § 5861(d).
Section 924(c)(1)(A) provides: "any person who, during and in relation to any *crime of violence* . . . for which the person may be prosecuted . . ., uses or carries a firearm, or who, in furtherance of any such crime, possesses a firearm, shall . . . be sentenced to a term of imprisonment of not less than 5 years." (emphasis added). For the purposes of this section, a "crime of violence" is "an offense that is a felony and . . . that by its nature, involves a *substantial risk that physical force against the person or property of another may be used in the course of committing the offense*."
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§ 924(c)(3)(B) (emphasis added). Thus, our
task is to determine whether "receiv[ing] or possess[ing] a firearm which is not registered . . . in the National Firearms Registration and Transfer Record," 26 U.S.C. § 5861(d), constitutes a crime of violence.

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Section 16(b) is the general definition for all federal statutes that lack a statute-specific definition for a crime of violence. Also, the Bail Reform Act contains a parallel definition for crimes of violence. *See* 18 U.S.C. § 3156(a)(4)(B). Consequently, cases interpreting these provisions inform our analysis.
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The crime of violence language of § 924(c)(3)(B) tracks identical language contained in 18 U.S.C. § 16(b).
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See § 16(b) (stating a crime of violence is an

offense that "by its nature, involves a *substantial risk that physical force against the person or property of another may be used in the course of committing the offense*") (emphasis added).

The Supreme Court has yet to interpret the crime of violence language in § 924(c)(3)(B), but it has interpreted the language in § 16(b). In *Leocal v. Ashcroft*, 543 U.S. 1 (2004), the Supreme Court limited the scope of § 16(b) to include only those "offenses that naturally involve a person acting in disregard of the risk that physical force might be used against another in committing an offense." *Id.* at 10. The Court explained that the risk "relates *not* to the general conduct or to the possibility that harm will result from a person's conduct, *but to the risk that the use of physical force against another might be required in committing the crime*." *Id.* (first emphasis in original, second emphasis added). Further, the Court specifically noted that the ordinary meaning of § 16(b) suggests a "category of *violent, active crimes*." *Id.* at 11. Therefore, to qualify as a crime of violence the offense must proscribe conduct which not only (1) naturally involves a disregard of a substantial risk of force against another, but

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also (2) where such risk of force arises during the course of committing the offense—a *violent, active* offense. *Id.* at 10–11.

Two other provisions are noteworthy in this analysis. The first, 18 U.S.C. § 924(e)(2)(B), defines a "violent felony"—for purposes of the Armed Career Criminal Act (ACCA)—as "burglary, arson, or extortion, involves use of explosives, or otherwise involves conduct that presents a serious potential risk of physical injury to another." The Supreme Court interpreted this language in *Begay v. United States*, --- U.S. ---, 128 S. Ct. 1581, 1586 (2008), concluding that for an offense to qualify as a violent felony it must involve, among other things, "purposeful, violent, and aggressive conduct." (internal quotation marks omitted).

The second, section 4B1.2 of the United States Sentencing Guidelines (USSG), is congruent with the ACCA definition. It too defines a "crime of violence" as "burglary of a dwelling, arson, or extortion, involves use of explosives, or otherwise involves conduct that presents a serious potential risk of physical injury to another." § 4B1.2(a)(2).

While attempting to reach similar goals—defining violent crimes for purposes of sentencing enhancements and mandatory minimum terms—each provision has important differences in statutory text and penological objectives. While § 924(c)(1) addresses the use of firearms in furtherance of a crime of violence or drug trafficking, the ACCA and § 4B1.2 enhance the punishment

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Like the Supreme Court, we have previously recognized that the USSG § 4B1.2(a)(2) definition is much broader than § 16(b). *See United States v. Austin*, 426 F.3d 1266, 1273 (10th Cir. 2005).

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imposed for repeat offenders. These differences help explain why courts have reached seemingly different conclusions about what conduct constitutes a crime of violence under each provision.

Recognizing these differences, the Supreme Court has found that the definition of a crime of violence under § 16(b) is *narrower* than that in USSG § 4B1.2:

The reckless disregard in § 16 relates not to the general conduct or to the possibility that harm will result from a person's conduct, *but to the risk that the use of physical force against another might be required in committing a crime. . . . The "substantial risk" in § 16(b) relates to the use of force, not to the possible effect of a person's conduct.* Compare § 16(b) (requiring a "substantial risk that physical force against the person or property of another may be used") with United States Sentencing Commission, Guidelines Manual § 4B1.2(a)(2) (Nov. 2003) (in the context of a career-offender sentencing enhancement, defining "crime of violence" as meaning, inter alia, "conduct that presents a serious potential risk of physical injury to another."

Leocal, 543 U.S. at 10 & n.7 (emphasis added, original italics omitted).

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the Court noted the textual difference between § 16(b) and the Guidelines (and identical ACCA provision) that is relevant to our analysis below: for an offense to qualify as a § 16(b) crime of violence, the risk of force must arise in the course of *committing* the crime and not merely as a *possible result*.

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2. Tenth Circuit

Although we too have not directly addressed the meaning of § 924(c)(3)(B)'s crime of violence language, several of our cases have analyzed similar provisions under other federal statutes. The government contends these cases stand for the proposition that possession of an unregistered weapon in violation of the NFA qualifies as a crime of violence. We disagree, for several reasons.

First, the government points to *United States v. Dwyer*, 245 F.3d 1168, 1172 (10th Cir. 2001), a case predating *Leocal*. In *Dwyer*, we held possession of an unregistered firearm constituted a crime of violence for the purposes of USSG § 4B1.2(a)(2). In applying § 4B1.2's "serious potential risk of physical injury" language we concluded that "possession of an unregistered weapon [wa]s not akin

to 'simple' possession." *Id.* Rather, we concluded the NFA statute targets "specific weapons deemed to be particularly dangerous" and possession of such weapons "is presumptive evidence of unlawful violent intentions and therefore involves the substantial risk of violence necessary to label the possession a crime of violence." *Id.* (citations omitted).

The government relies heavily on *Dwyer* to argue the present case should be decided similarly under § 924(c)(3). We disagree.

While superficially similar, as pointed out by the Supreme Court in *Leocal*, crucially absent from the text of § 4B1.2 is that the risk of violence must arise

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during the course of committing an offense. *See* § 924(c)(3)(B). "[F]ailure to recognize the difference between § 16 and § 4B1.2 would 'collapse the distinction between these two differently-worded definitions.'" *United States v. Austin*, 426 F.3d 1266, 1273 (10th Cir. 2005) (quoting *United States v. Lucio-Lucio*, 347 F.3d 1202, 1207 (10th Cir. 2003)). Consequently, for an offense to qualify as a crime of violence under § 924(c)(3)(B), we must ensure the statute proscribes conduct which not only (1) involves a disregard of a substantial risk of force against another—which, by itself, would only satisfy the § 4B1.2(a)(2) definition—but also (2) where such risk of force arises during the *course* of committing the offense. That did not occur here.

The government also cites *United States v. Rogers*, 371 F.3d 1225, 1228 (10th Cir. 2004), where we held possession of a firearm by a defendant subject to a domestic protection order, a violation of 18 U.S.C. § 922(g)(8) and (9), was a crime of violence. In *Rogers*, we addressed 18 U.S.C. § 3156(a)(4)(B)'s definition of a "crime of violence"—notably similar to §§ 16(b) and 924(c)(3)(B)—providing that a qualifying offense is, "any other offense that is a felony and that, by its nature, involves a substantial risk that physical force against the person or property of another may be used in the course of committing the offense." § 3156(a)(4)(B). Based on this language, we concluded possession of a gun by an individual—especially one having a history of or a propensity for physical violence—greatly increases the ability of that individual to inflict harm

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on others. *Rogers*, 371 F.3d at 1228–29. In explaining why a substantial risk of force arises in the course of committing the offense, we observed:

If one uses a gun in an act of violence, that violence necessarily occurs during the possession of the gun. Whether the person has possession of the gun only for a few seconds–the seconds during which it is used for violent purposes–or has possession for years, but uses it violently only for a few seconds, the violent use in either case necessarily occurs

during–or in the course of–the possession.
Id. at 1230 (quoting *United States v. Dillard*, 214 F.3d 88, 93–94 (2d Cir. 2000)). It follows, then, that "[i]f that possession is illegal because the possessor is a [prohibited person] who is forbidden from possessing a gun, the violent use will inevitably have occurred in the course of the commission of the offense of illegal possession." *Id.*
We also noted in *Rogers* that unlike an ordinary citizen possessing a weapon, "a person who has previously committed domestic violence and thereafter possesses a weapon is reckless with respect to the risk that he might use the weapon as a means to inflict intentional physical force." *Id.* at 1232. Finally, we reasoned that unlike felon-in-possession offenses—which we recognized may *not* satisfy the § 3156(a)(4)(B) definition of a crime of violence because the risk posed is not necessarily *substantial*—§§ 922(g)(8) and (9) proscribe conduct "necessarily involv[ing] actual violence or credible threats of violence" and

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In *United States v. Ingle*, 454 F.3d 1082, 1085–86 (10th Cir. 2006), we concluded that a violation of the felon-in-possession statute, 18 U.S.C. § 922(g)(1), is not a crime of violence as defined by § 3156(a)(4)(B). In particular, we noted that the felon-in-possession offense presents "numerous factual scenarios" and applies to "persons with greatly diverse propensities and previous[] convict[ions] [for] a wide range of conduct." *Id.* at 1086. Further, we stated that "mere possession of a firearm by a convicted felon does not create a substantial risk that physical force will be [employed]. . . . [A]lthough there might be *some* increased chance of violence flowing from the possession of a weapon by a felon, that risk could simply not be classified as substantial." *Id.* (quoting *Rogers*, 371 F.3d at 1229).
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Section 922(g)(8) and subsection (9) both proscribe possession of a gun by an individual convicted of domestic violence *and* subject to a court order, restrain[ing] such person from harassing, stalking, or threatening an intimate partner of such person or child of such intimate partner or person, or engaging in other conduct that would place an intimate partner in reasonable fear of bodily injury to the partner or child; and . . . includes a finding that such person represents a credible threat to the physical safety of such intimate partner or child; or . . . by its terms explicitly prohibits the use, attempted use, or threatened use of physical force against such intimate partner or child that would reasonably be expected to cause bodily injury.
§§ 922(g)(8)(B) – (C), (9).

therefore all the definitional requirements for a crime of violence are satisfied. *Id.* at 1230–31.

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The government's reliance on *Rogers* is misplaced. Possession of an unregistered weapon under § 5861 does not readily compare with possession of a weapon by an individual subject to a protective order. First, unlike §§ 922(g)(8) or (9), § 5861(d) does not address an individual's propensity for violence as an element of the offense.
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It merely proscribes unregistered possession by any

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person, irrespective of their criminal history, whether they are subject to any protective order, or whether they have any propensity for violence whatsoever. Second, the NFA offense does not require the individual act intentionally or recklessly with respect to a risk that the unregistered weapon may by used to inflict harm to another.

In sum, none of our prior cases answers the question of whether possession of an unregistered weapon is a crime of violence under § 924(c)(3)(B).

3. Other Circuits

Other circuits have struggled with the definition of a crime of violence under these provisions. Several have concluded that statutes proscribing mere possession of a weapon, without more, lack the necessary nexus to the risk of force as required by the definition.

For example, the Third Circuit addressed whether possession of an unregistered pipe bomb qualified as a crime of violence under § 16(b) in *United States v. Hull*, 456 F.3d 133 (3d Cir. 2006). The court recognized its analytic task was to "determine whether simply 'possessing' a pipe bomb is an 'offense that naturally involves a person acting in disregard of the risk that physical force might be used against another in committing the offense." *Id.* at 139 (quoting *Leocal*, 543 U.S. at 10). Although the court concluded there may be no legitimate uses for a pipe bomb, and "mere possession of a pipe bomb involves the

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'substantial risk of physical force,'" it noted that this was not the "complete test." *Id.* Rather, the

> danger from a pipe bomb comes not from the offense of possession, but from the added factor of use. . . . To commit the offense of possession, . . . [defendant] merely had to exercise control or dominion over the pipe bomb. There is no risk that physical force might be used against another to commit the offense of possession, regardless of whether pipe bombs have a legitimate purpose or not.

Id. (stating mere possession of a pipe-bomb was simply not an *active* crime and "holds no [inherent] risk of the intentional use of force").

As a consequence, the court held the "relevant inquiry is not whether possession [of a pipe bomb] makes it more likely that a violent crime will be committed, but instead whether there is a risk that in committing the offense of possession, force will be used." *Id.* at 140 (citing *United States v. Lane*, 252 F.3d 905, 907 (7th Cir. 2001)); *see also United States v. Barnett*, 426 F. Supp. 2d 898 (N.D. Iowa 2006) (finding violation of NFA, in light of *Leocal*, was not a crime of violence under § 924(c)(3)(B) using a similar analysis). The court concluded there was no risk of force resulting from the offense of possession. *Hull*, 456 F.3d at 140.

The Third Circuit, in a subsequent case, explained the difference between possession of an unregistered weapon and possession with an intent to use the weapon. In *Henry v. Bureau of Immigration & Customs Enforcement*, 493 F.3d 303 (3d Cir. 2007), the court concluded that possession of an unregistered weapon

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and a commensurate intent to use the weapon *did* constitute a § 16(b) crime of violence. Possession alone of an unregistered weapon was insufficient to constitute a crime of violence because there was no risk that force might be used against another solely by virtue of possession. *Id.* at 309. And, moreover, the "ultimate purpose" of the weapon should not be considered—the mere fact that an individual possesses a weapon "does not permit an inference that he will use the weapon violently." *Id.* Nevertheless, the defendant had been convicted under a state statute proscribing possession *and* requiring proof "not only of possession but *also of intent to use a weapon unlawfully against another*" as an element of the offense. *Id.* (emphasis added). Thus, according to the court, "proof of the intent element creates the substantial risk that physical force will be used during the commission of the offense" and thereby satisfies the § 16(b) requirements. *Id.*

Several contrary cases are worth noting. For example, the Fifth Circuit in 1999 concluded that possession of a pipe bomb *did* qualify as a crime of violence under § 16(b) in *United States v. Jennings*, 195 F.3d 795, 798 (5th Cir. 1999). In describing pipe bombs, the court noted that it could not "conceive of any non-violent or lawful uses for a pipe bomb." *Id.* (citing with approval language from other courts stating that "pipe bombs have no legitimate purpose and have the potential to kill indiscriminately"). The court therefore concluded that "there is a 'substantial risk' that possession . . . [of a pipe bomb] would produce violence or property damage." *Id.* at 798–99; *see also id.* at 799 ("[T]he primary reason that

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[8] For example, in *Hull*, the Third Circuit disagreed with *Jennings*, arguing *Jennings* had "conflate[d] 'use' with 'possession,' which conflation the Supreme Court took the opportunity to explicitly forbid in its later opinion in *Leocal*."

Hull, 456 F.3d at 139–40.

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unregistered possession of these particular weapons is a crime is the virtual inevitability that such possession will result in violence."). Several recent cases, however, have implicitly and explicitly questioned the logic in *Jennings*.

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Henry, 493 F.3d 303; *Hull*, 456 F.3d 133; *Barnett*, 426 F. Supp. 2d 898.

Most importantly, in 2003 the Fifth Circuit—apparently reversing course—held that mere possession of an unregistered short-barreled shotgun (rather than unregistered pipe bombs), is not a § 16(b) crime of violence. *United States v. Diaz-Diaz*, 327 F.3d 410, 413–14 (5th Cir. 2003) (focusing on the "in the course of committing" language of the statutory definition). In *Diaz-Diaz*, the court recognized that to qualify as a crime of violence, the offense "must present the substantial likelihood that the offender will intentionally employ force against the person or property of another in order *to effectuate the commission of the offense*." *Id.* at 413 (quotation omitted) (emphasis added). However, the state registration statute involved—similar to the NFA—only required "that a defendant knowingly possess, manufacture, transport, repair, or sell a short-barrel firearm." *Id.* at 414. Because physical force was not required to complete such a crime—i.e., the crime was "complete upon . . . mere knowing possession of the weapon," the court was convinced that "possession of a short-barrel firearm is not

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It is important to note that *Jennings* cites cases which had analyzed the definition of crimes of violence (also called violent felonies) under the ACCA, § 924(e)(2)(B)—a section which more closely resembles USSG § 4B1.2(a) than § 16 or § 924(c)(3). *See Jennings*, 195 F.3d at 799 (citing *United States v. Fortes*, 141 F.3d 1 (1st Cir. 1998); *United States v. Romero*, 122 F.3d 1334, 1341 (10th Cir. 1997)); *but see United States v. Amos*, 501 F.3d 524, 530 (6th Cir. 2007) (finding mere possession of a sawed-off shotgun was not a crime of violence and stating "the important goals behind statutes directed at gun possession do not automatically convert violations of their requirements into 'crimes of violence.' Further, if Congress had wanted the [statute] . . . to cover offenses for possession of firearms as predicate offenses, it could easily have done so explicitly . . . i.e., the definition of violent felony could have included 'possession of a firearm in violation of state or federal law'"). As we stated above, there is a distinction between § 4B1.2(a)(2) and § 924(c)(3)(B).

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a § 16(b) 'crime of violence.'" *Id.* (apparently reversing its contrary holding in *United States v. Rivas-Palacios*, 244 F.3d 396 (5th Cir. 2001)).

Two other circuit court cases decided prior to *Leocal* are likewise unpersuasive. *See United States v. Dunn*, 946 F.2d 615, 621 (9th Cir. 1991)

(noting that unregistered firearms are inherently dangerous and lack any lawful purpose and holding that possession of such weapons, "by its nature," involves a "blatant disregard for law and a substantial risk of improper physical force"); *United States v. Amparo*, 68 F.3d 1222 (9th Cir. 1995) (same). Neither of these cases considered the statutory requirement that the risk arise *during* the course of committing the offense and instead focused more on the "by its nature" language. Most pre-*Leocal* cases, like *Jennings*,
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found the weapons subject to the NFA
registration requirement were not used in sport, to hunt, or for target practice, and had no otherwise conceivable nonviolent or lawful purpose, and therefore, there

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was a "virtual inevitability that such possession will result in violence." 195 F.3d at 798–99. But *Leocal* instructs us to focus not on whether possession will likely *result* in violence, but instead whether one possessing an unregistered weapon necessarily risks the need to employ force to commit possession.

In sum, we are persuaded that, in light of *Leocal*, our analysis must not only focus on (1) whether an offense, by its nature, raises a substantial risk of physical force being employed, but also on (2) whether the risk of force actually arises *in the course of committing the offense*, and not merely as a probable, or even possible, result.

B. Application of the § 924(c)(3)(B) Analysis to the NFA

Applying these principles, we conclude possession of an unregistered weapon is not a crime of violence under § 924(c)(3)(B). In our view, the unlawful act of possession does not "by its nature" involve a substantial risk that physical force will occur in the course of committing the offense. We reach this conclusion for several reasons.

First, the offense, as defined by 26 U.S.C. § 5861(d), lacks several crucial elements necessary to the "crime of violence" determination. To qualify as a crime of violence, the statute must proscribe conduct that (1) naturally involves a disregard of a substantial risk of force against another, and (2) where such risk of force arises during the *course* of committing the offense—a *violent, active* offense. *Leocal*, 543 U.S. at 10–11.

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Also, if Congress had wanted § 924(c)(3) to reach offenses for possession of unregistered firearms, it could easily have done so explicitly. *See Amos*, 501
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Section 5861(d) prohibits "receiv[ing] or possess[ing] a firearm which is not registered . . . in the National Firearms Registration and Transfer Record."

But "possession of a firearm can occur in an array of non-violent circumstances, weakening the link between possession and [the risk of] violence." *United States v. Bowers*, 432 F.3d 518, 521 (3d Cir. 2005) (internal quotation marks omitted); *see also United States v. Ingle*, 454 F.3d 1082, 1086 (10th Cir. 2006) (stating the risk "flowing from the possession of a weapon . . . could simply not be classified as substantial" (emphasis omitted)). Thus, under a categorical approach, a § 5861(d) offense does not necessarily implicate a disregard of a risk of force, nor does it anticipate that force may be used in the course of receiving or possessing the unregistered firearm.

Second, we disagree with the government's contention that the nature of Serafin's unlawfully shortened rifle inherently implicates the use of force against other persons. While attractive to some extent, the argument sweeps too broadly. The NFA statute does not criminalize all possession, it simply makes unregistered possession illegal. And moreover, the statute fails to distinguish between a loaded, fully assembled, unregistered weapon and one that is non-functional or ornamental. It can hardly be said that, by its nature, an unregistered Eagle Arms rifle here *risks* the use of force against another.

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F.3d at 530; *see also* § 924(c)(1) (prescribing mandatory minimum sentences explicitly for "drug trafficking" crimes).

Third, we cannot agree with the government that the nature of unlawful possession of such weapons is imbued with the "inevitability that such possession will result in violence." Aple. Br. at 23 (quoting *Jennings*, 195 F.3d at 799). It is true that *certain* individuals, when possessing such weapons, will almost assuredly cause violence. *See Rogers*, 371 F.3d at 1230–31. But the NFA statute to which Serafin pleaded guilty does not differentiate between individuals having violent criminal histories and those that do not. And it is important to note Congress did not outlaw these weapons outright. Rather, it imposed a tax and registration requirement. *See* 26 U.S.C. § 5841 (registration requirement of the NFA). Individuals are not prevented from owning these weapons and may actually use them for target practice or for display in a collection. It can hardly be said that an individual who possesses such a weapon, unregistered and in violation of the NFA, necessarily or "inevitably" will use force against another.

Fourth, the government, citing *Jennings*, asserts that possession is not a momentary offense, but rather a "continuing offense" which persists until possession is terminated. Possession over an extended period of time, the government contends, implicates a serious risk of force.

As we explained above, however, *Jennings* predates *Leocal* and did not adequately consider the "in the course of committing the offense" language of

§ 924(c)(3)(B). Even if we were to consider possession as a continuing offense under the NFA statute, the government's argument would fail for two additional reasons.

One, the statute does not have an element accounting for the time of possession. Even momentary possession can, and does result in a NFA violation. *E.g.*, *United States v. Diecidue*, 603 F.2d 535, 564 (5th Cir. 1979) (stating "possession need only be momentary"). And, we must be able to determine categorically that possession of an unregistered weapon in violation of § 5861(d) raises a substantial risk of physical force. *See Leocal*, 543 U.S. at 7 (analysis of whether an offense qualifies as a crime of violence "requires us to look to the elements and the nature of the offense of conviction, rather than to the particular facts relating to petitioner's crime"). Since the statute proscribes even fleeting possession by an ordinary, non-felon, where the risk of force—if any—may be minimal, we cannot say a violation of the NFA necessarily raises such a substantial risk.

Two, the use or risk of force is not implicated in Serafin's *possession* of the unregistered rifle, rather it is the risk he would commit another crime to obtain or retain possession. For example, an individual possessing an unregistered sawed-off shotgun might use it against someone trying to wrest it away. But at a minimum, this scenario would result in a charge of aggravated assault or something similar—and that resulting crime potentially qualifies as a "crime of

violence"—not the possession itself. *See Bowers*, 432 F.3d at 522 (stating that individuals "who possess firearms 'may end up committing another, and violent, offense, such as robbing a bank at gunpoint, but that doesn't make the possession offense violent.'" (quoting *Lane*, 252 F.3d at 907)).

The NFA statute at issue here does not have an element requiring an "intent to use" the unregistered weapon. *See Henry*, 493 F.3d at 309. If it did, perhaps we could analogize to the oft-cited crime of burglary. *See Leocal*, 543 U.S. at 10 (reiterating that burglary involves a substantial risk a burglar will use force against a victim in completing the crime). However, while the NFA does require intentional or knowing possession of an unregistered weapon, it cannot be said that an individual with such possession intentionally "risks having to 'use' physical force against another person in the course of his possession." *See id.* at 11 (differentiating DUI). The risk of force, in this case, is at least one step removed from the underlying crime.

In sum, the danger from an unregistered short-barreled rifle is inherent to its use, not merely in its possession. Although Serafin clearly disregarded the law

by possessing an illegal short-barreled rifle, we must confine the scope of § 924(c)(3)(B) to active, violent crimes which pose a substantial risk that force may be used during the course of the offenses. Possession of an unregistered weapon does not meet this test.

III. Conclusion

For the foregoing reason, we REVERSE the § 924(c)(1) conviction, and REMAND to the district court to enter judgment consistent with this opinion.

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ARRESTS MADE AFTER EXPLOSIVES RECOVERY

BIRMINGHAM, AL - This morning in DeKalb, Marshall and Jefferson Counties, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF) spearheaded the execution of four federal search warrants at the homes of members of a group called "The Free Militia." During the search warrants, ATF, along with state and local law enforcement recovered 130 grenades, an improvised rocket launcher with live rounds, a grenade launcher, a machine gun, a short barreled shot-gun, two silencers, numerous other firearms, 2500 rounds of ammunition, explosive components, approximately 70 Improvised Explosive Devices (IED), and commercial fireworks. Also recovered was enough ammunition to fill a U-Haul trailer, and over 120 Marijuana plants. While executing the search warrants, officers encountered booby traps at one location.

"Deadly explosives have been removed from these communities due to outstanding investigative efforts," stated Alice H. Martin, United States Attorney. "All evidence developed will be presented quickly to a federal grand jury. We will also ask that those arrested be detained without bond."

"Today's arrest and search warrants have been significant due to the success of the combined efforts by ATF, as well as our state, local and federal partners," stated James Cavanaugh, Special Agent in Charge, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. "The communities in the area are a lot safer, considering the fact that large quantities of live grenades and other explosive materials have been safely removed. Excellent investigative team work led us to this point in our investigation."

Those arrested today include:

RAYMOND KIRK DILLARD, a/k/a JEFF OSBORNE, 46,

of Collinsville (DeKalb County), Alabama;

ADAM LYNN CUNNINGHAM, 41, of Collinsville (DeKalb County), Alabama;

BONNELL HUGHES a/k/a BUSTER HUGHES, 57, of Crossville,

(Marshall County) Alabama;

MICHAEL WAYNE BOBO, 30, of Trussville (Jefferson County), Alabama;

RANDALL GARRETT COLE, 22, of Gadsden (Etowah County), Alabama;

JAMES RAY MCELROY, 20, of Collinsville (Etowah County), Alabama.

The criminal complaint charges those arrested with conspiracy to make a firearm, which carries a maximum penalty of five years in prison, and a fine of $250,000. Michael Wayne Bobo was charged with being a drug user in possession of a firearm, which carries a maximum penalty of ten years in prison, and a fine of $250,000.

All the defendants appeared in U.S. District Court for an initial appearance. They will remain in Federal custody and are scheduled to appear for Detention Hearings on Tuesday, May 1, 2007, at 1:30 pm before a Magistrate Judge in U.S. District Court. An indictment has not been filed at this time, additional charges are likely.

"Governor Riley and I are pleased this operation was successful," said Alabama Homeland Security Director Jim Walker.

"The U.S. Marshal Service, particularly in the Northern District, has enjoyed an excellent relationship with ATF," stated U.S. Marshal Martin Keely. "We were pleased that we could contribute to the success of the operation."

This investigation involved numerous federal, state and local law enforcement. The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives is the lead agency assisted by the Bomb Squads from Huntsville Police Department, Jefferson County, and Gadsden County Sheriffs' Departments and Alabama Department of Public Safety Bomb Squad who worked with ATF Bomb Techs in securing the IEDs (Improvised Explosive Devices). Other Agencies include, The U.S. Marshal Service, The Alabama State Fire Marshals, The Alabama Bureau of Investigation, and the Sheriff's Offices and District Attorneys' Offices of DeKalb, Etowah, Marshall, and Jefferson Counties.

Members of the public are reminded that a criminal complaint contains only charges. A defendant is presumed innocent of the charges and it will be the government's burden to prove a defendant's guilt beyond a reasonable doubt at trial.

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ALABAMA
MIDDLE DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	)	
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v.	)	**Case No.**
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ADAM LYNN CUNNINGHAM,	)	
	)	
RAYMOND KIRK DILLARD,	)	
also known as	)	
"Jeff Osborne,"	)	
***"Randall Hayes,"* and**	)	
"John Dillard,"	)	
	)	
JAMES RAY McELROY,	)	
also known as	)	
"Jay McElroy,"	)	
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BONNELL HUGHES,	)	
also known as	)	
"Buster Hughes,"	)	
	)	
and	)	
	)	
RANDALL GARRETT COLE	)	
also known as	)	
"Randy Cole"	)	

INDICTMENT

The Grand Jury charges that:

Introduction

At all times relevant to this Indictment:

a. The following individuals were members of a group called "The Free Militia," a quasi-military group expressing anti-government views.

b. Defendant Raymond Kirk Dillard, also known as"Jeff Osborne," "Randall Hayes," and "John Dillard," resided in DeKalb County, Alabama. Defendant Dillard purported to hold the rank of "Major" in the Free Militia.

c. Defendant Adam Lynn Cunningham resided in DeKalb County, Alabama. Defendant Cunningham purported to hold the rank of "Sergeant" in the Free Militia.

d. Defendant Bonnell Hughes, also known as "Buster Hughes," resided in Marshall County, Alabama. Defendant Hughes purported to hold the rank of "Captain" in the Free Militia.

e. Defendant Randall Garrett Cole, also known as "Randy Cole," resided in Etowah County, Alabama. Defendant Cole purported to hold the rank of "Lieutenant" in the Free Militia.

f. Defendant James Randall McElroy, also known as "Jay McElroy," resided in Etowah County, Alabama. Defendant McElroy purported to hold the rank of "Private" in the Free Militia.

COUNT ONE: [18 U.S.C. § 371]

1. The Grand Jury re-alleges and incorporates by reference those matters in the Introduction of this Indictment as though fully set out herein.

2. That in or about March, 2007, and continuing until in or about April, 2007, in DeKalb County, within the Northern District of Alabama, the defendants,

ADAM LYNN CUNNINGHAM,

RAYMOND KIRK DILLARD,
also known as
"*Jeff Osborne*,"
"*Randall Hayes*," and
"*John Dillard*,"

JAMES RAY McELROY,
also known as
"*Jay McElroy*,"

BONNELL HUGHES,
also known as
"*Buster Hughes*,"

and

RANDALL GARRETT COLE
also known as
"*Randy Cole*,"

did knowingly conspire and agree with each other, and with others both known and unknown to the Grand Jury, to make a firearm, as that term is defined in Title 26 U.S.C. § 5845(a)(8), that is, a destructive device, more specifically, grenades, in violation of Title 26, United States Code, Section 5861(f).

Manner and Means of the Conspiracy

3. It was a part of the conspiracy that the conspirators sought to acquire, make, and stockpile destructive devices and other firearms.

4. It was further part of the conspiracy that the conspirators acquired hand grenade hulls, explosive powder, fuses, and other components for the purpose of making destructive devices.

5. It was further part of the conspiracy that the conspirators constructed grenades from the components they acquired during and in furtherance of the conspiracy.

6. It was further part of the conspiracy that the conspirators stockpiled the grenades, along with other firearms, ammunition, and improvised explosive devices, in DeKalb County and in other locations within the Northern District of Alabama.

OVERT ACTS

In furtherance of the conspiracy and to effect the object thereof, the following overt acts, among others, were committed in the Northern District of Alabama:

7. On or about March 29, 2007, Defendant Raymond Kirk Dillard traveled to Bynum, Alabama, to acquire empty military training grenade hulls at a military

surplus store.

8. On or about March 29, 2007, Defendant Raymond Kirk Dillard acquired twelve empty military training grenade hulls at a military surplus store in Bynum, Alabama.

9. On or about April 7, 2007, Defendants Raymond Kirk Dillard, Randall Garrett Cole, and James Ray McElroy gathered at a residence in Collinsville, Alabama, for the purposes of assembling grenades from the components that had been acquired by the conspirators.

10. On or about April 7, 2007, Defendant Randall Garrett Cole welded shut the bottoms of approximately eleven military grenade hulls.

11. On or about April 13, 2007, Defendants Raymond Kirk Dillard, and James Ray McElroy gathered at a residence in Collinsville, Alabama, for the purposes of continuing to construct grenades from the components acquired by the conspirators.

12. On or about April 13, 2007, Defendants Raymond Kirk Dillard and James Ray McElroy worked on the fuse assembly for the grenades.

13. On or about April 17, 2007, Defendants Raymond Kirk Dillard and James Ray McElroy and Adam Lynn Cunningham gathered at the residence of Adam Lynn Cunningham to complete the manufacture of the grenades.

14. On or about April 17, 2007, Defendant Adam Lynn Cunningham offered to help hide the completed grenades.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 371.

COUNT TWO: [18 U.S.C. § 371]

1. The Grand Jury re-alleges and incorporates by reference those matters in the Introduction of this Indictment as though fully set out herein.

2. That in or about March, 2007, and continuing until in or about April, 2007, in DeKalb County, within the Northern District of Alabama, the defendants,

RAYMOND KIRK DILLARD,
also known as
"Jeff Osborne,"
"Randall Hayes," and
"John Dillard,"

BONNELL HUGHES,
also known as
"Buster Hughes,"

and

RANDALL GARRETT COLE,
also known as
"Randy Cole,"

did knowingly conspire and agree with each other, and with others both known and unknown to the Grand Jury, to make a firearm, as that term is defined in Title 26 U.S.C. § 5845(a)(8), that is, a silencer, in violation of Title 26, United States Code,

Section 5861(f).

Manner and Means of the Conspiracy

3. It was part of the conspiracy that the conspirators acquired the components necessary to construct a silencer.

4. It was further part of the conspiracy that the conspirators constructed a silencer from the components they acquired during and in furtherance of the conspiracy.

OVERT ACTS

In furtherance of the conspiracy and to effect the object thereof, the following overt acts, among others, were committed in the Northern District of Alabama:

5. On April 7, 2007, Defendant Randall Garrett Cole welded together some components of the silencer.

6. On April 7, 2007, Defendant Raymond Kirk Dillard assisted and instructed Defendant Randall Garrett Cole in the construction of the silencer.

7. On or about April 11, 2007, Defendant Bonnell Hughes took possession of the partially completed silencer for the purpose of completing the construction of the device.

8. On or after April 11, 2007, Defendant Bonnell Hughes performed

additional work on the silencer by inserting wire mesh between the baffles of the silencer.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 371.

COUNT THREE: [26 U.S.C. § 5861(f) and 18 U.S.C. § 2]

The Grand Jury charges that:

On or before the 26th day of April, 2007, in DeKalb County, within the Northern District of Alabama, the defendants,

ADAM LYNN CUNNINGHAM,

RAYMOND KIRK DILLARD,
also known as
"*Jeff Osborne*,"
"*Randall Hayes*," and
"*John Dillard*,"

JAMES RAY McELROY,
also known as
"*Jay McElroy*,"

BONNELL HUGHES,
also known as
"*Buster Hughes*"

and

RANDALL GARRETT COLE,
also known as
"*Randy Cole*,"

knowingly made a firearm, as that term is defined in Title 26 U.S.C. § 5845(a)(8),

that is, a destructive device, more specifically, approximately 10 grenades, in violation of Title 26, United States Code, Section 5861(f) and Title 18, United States Code, Section 2.

COUNT FOUR: [26 U.S.C. § 5861(f) and 18 U.S.C. § 2]

The Grand Jury charges that:

On or before the 26th day of April, 2007, in DeKalb County, within the Northern District of Alabama, the defendants,

RAYMOND KIRK DILLARD,
also known as
"Jeff Osborne,"
***"Randall Hayes,"* and**
"John Dillard,"

BONNELL HUGHES,
also known as
"Buster Hughes,"

and

RANDALL GARRETT COLE,
also known as
"Randy Cole,"

knowingly made a firearm, as that term is defined in Title 26 U.S.C. § 5845(a)(8), that is, a silencer, in violation of Title 26, United States Code, Section 5861(f) and Title 18, United States Code, Section 2.

COUNT FIVE: [18 U.S.C. § 922(g)(1)]

The Grand Jury charges that:

On or about the 26th day of April, 2007, in DeKalb County, within the Northern District of Alabama, the defendant,

RAYMOND KIRK DILLARD,
also known as
"Jeff Osborne,"
"Randall Hayes," and
"John Dillard,"

after having been convicted on June 11, 1996, in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Alabama, of the offense of Possession of an Unregistered Firearm, in case number 95-0014-C; and after having been convicted on December 7, 1987, in the Circuit Court of Jefferson County, Alabama, of the offense of Burglary, Second Degree, in case number CC87-002778, each of the said offenses being a crime punishable by a term of imprisonment exceeding one year, did knowingly possess in and affecting commerce a firearm, that is, a Browning 9 mm pistol, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 922(g)(1).

COUNT SIX: [26 U.S.C. § 5861(d)]

The Grand Jury charges that:

On or about the 26th day of April, 2007, in DeKalb County, within the Northern District of Alabama, the defendant,

RAYMOND KIRK DILLARD
also known as
"Jeff Osborne,"
***"Randall Hayes,"* and**
"John Dillard,"

knowingly and unlawfully possessed a firearm, as that term is defined in Title 26 U.S.C. § 5845(a)(8), that is, a destructive device, specifically 2 grenades, which was not registered to him in the National Firearms Registration and Transfer Record, in violation of Title 26, United States Code, Section 5861(d).

COUNT SEVEN: [21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1) and (b)(1)(B)]

The Grand Jury charges that:

On or about the 26th day April, 2007, in DeKalb County, within the Northern District of Alabama, the defendants,

RAYMOND KIRK DILLARD,
also known as
"Jeff Osborne,"
***"Randall Hayes,"* and**
"John Dillard,"

and

JAMES RAY McELROY,
also known as
"Jay McElroy,"

did knowingly, intentionally and unlawfully possess with intent to distribute a controlled substance, that is, 100 or more marijuana plants, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1) and (b)(1)(B).

COUNT EIGHT: [18 U.S.C. § 922(g)(3)]

The Grand Jury charges that:

On or about the 26th day of April, 2007, in Dekalb County, within the Northern District of Alabama, the defendant,

JAMES RAY McELROY,
also known as
"Jay McElroy,"

while being an unlawful user of a controlled substance, that is, marijuana, did knowingly possess in and affecting commerce a firearm, that is, a Norinco SKS 7.62 caliber rifle, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 922(g)(3).

COUNT NINE: [18 U.S.C. § 922(o)]

The Grand Jury charges that:

On or about the 26th day of April, 2007, in Marshall County, within the

Northern District of Alabama, the defendant,

BONNELL HUGHES,
also known as
"Buster Hughes,"

knowingly possessed a machinegun, that is, a Sten 9mm machinegun, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 922(o).

COUNT TEN:[26 U.S.C. § 5861(d)]

The Grand Jury charges that:

On or about the 26th day of April, 2007, in Marshall County, within the Northern District of Alabama, the defendant,

BONNELL HUGHES,
also known as
"Buster Hughes,"

knowingly and unlawfully possessed a firearm, as that term is defined in Title 26 U.S.C. § 5845(a)(8), that is, a destructive device, more specifically, approximately 80 grenades, which was not registered to him in the National Firearms Registration and Transfer Record, in violation of Title 26, United States Code, Section 5861(d).

COUNT ELEVEN: [26 U.S.C. § 5861(d)]

The Grand Jury charges that:

On or about the 26th day of April, 2007, in Marshall County, within the

Northern District of Alabama, the defendant,

BONNELL HUGHES,
also known as
"Buster Hughes,"

knowingly and unlawfully possessed a firearm, as that term is defined in Title 26 U.S.C. § 5845(a)(8), that is, a destructive device, more specifically, approximately 68 improvised explosive projectiles and a launcher, which was not registered to him in the National Firearms Registration and Transfer Record, in violation of Title 26, United States Code, Section 5861(d).

COUNT TWELVE: [26 U.S.C. § 5861(d)]

The Grand Jury charges that:

On or about the 26th day of April, 2007, in Marshall County, within the Northern District of Alabama, the defendant,

BONNELL HUGHES,
also known as
"Buster Hughes,"

knowingly and unlawfully possessed a firearm, as that term is defined in Title 26 U.S.C. § 5845(a)(8), that is, a silencer, which was not registered to him in the National Firearms Registration and Transfer Record, in violation of Title 26, United States Code, Section 5861(d).

COUNT THIRTEEN: [26 U.S.C. § 5861(d)]

The Grand Jury charges that:

On or about the 26th day of April, 2007, in DeKalb County, within the Northern District of Alabama, the defendant,

ADAM LYNN CUNNINGHAM,

knowingly and unlawfully possessed a firearm, as that term is defined in Title 26 U.S.C. § 5845(a)(8), that is, a destructive device, more specifically, approximately 24 grenades, which was not registered to him in the National Firearms Registration and Transfer Record, in violation of Title 26, United States Code, Section 5861(d).

COUNT FOURTEEN: [26 U.S.C. § 5861(d)]

The Grand Jury charges that:

On or about the 26th day of April, 2007, in DeKalb County, within the Northern District of Alabama, the defendant,

ADAM LYNN CUNNINGHAM,

knowingly and unlawfully possessed a firearm, as that term is defined in Title 26, U.S.C. § 5845, that is, a Harrington and Richardson 12 gauge shotgun having a barrel length less than 18 inches, that was not registered to him in the National Firearms Registration and Transfer Record, in violation of Title 26, United States Code, Section 5861(d).

A TRUE BILL

FOREMAN OF THE GRAND JURY

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	)	
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v.	)	**Case No.**
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MICHAEL WAYNE BOBO	)	

COUNT ONE: [18 U.S.C. § 922(g)(3)]

The Grand Jury charges that:

On or about the 26th day of April, 2007, in Jefferson County, within the Northern District of Alabama, the defendant,

MICHAEL WAYNE BOBO,

while being an unlawful user of a controlled substance, that is, marijuana, did knowingly possess in and affecting commerce a firearm, that is, a Ruger .22 caliber rifle, a Winchester 30-06 caliber rifle, a Romania 545 caliber rifle, a Savage 410 caliber shotgun, a Harrington and Richardson 12 gauge shotgun, a Reminton Arms Company 12 gauge shotun, a Ruger .223 caliber rifle, an Olympic Arms Inc. .223 caliber rifle, a Sig-Arms .40 caliber pistol, and a Kimber .45 caliber pistol, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 922(g)(3).

COUNT TWO: [21 U.S.C. § 844(a)]

The Grand Jury charges that:

On or about the 26th day of April, 2007, in Jefferson County, within the Northern District of Alabama, the defendant,

MICHAEL WAYNE BOBO,

did knowingly and intentionally possess a controlled substance, that is, marijuana, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 844(a).

A TRUE BILL

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Marion County Probable Cause Statement & Data Sheet

☒ In Custody ☐ Warrant Requested ☐ Misdemeanor Citation Issued

CHILDREN PRESENT? ☐ Report forwarded to DHS Child Welfare

Police Incident/Case #08-24798

Keizer Police #08-13017

☐ Reliable Eyewitness ☒ Confession/Admission/Provable Lie ☒ Physical Evidence Connecting Defendant to Crime

I offer the following information based upon my information and belief:

Name of Arrestee: Turnidge, Joshua Abraham DOB: 06/18/1976

Crime(s) Alleged:
Aggravated Murder X 6
Attempted Aggravated Murder X 2
Assault I
Assault 2
Unlawful Manufacture Of A Destructive Device
Unlawful Possession Of A Destructive Device
Conspiracy To Commit Above Listed Crimes

Date of Crime(s): 12-12-2008 Location of Crime(s): 2450 Newberg Highway, Woodburn, Marion County, OR
2600 Newberg Highway, Woodburn, Marion County, OR

Date of Arrest: 12/14/2008 Location of Arrest: 4162 Nolan Lane NE, Salem, OR

Other Arrestees:

Victim(s) of Crime: Tennant, Thomas DOB:
Hakim, William (Bill)
Russell, Scott
Perkett, Laurie Ann

Victim Address: Various Victim Phone:

Witness(es) ☐ Adult ☐ Minor:

Injury: Two deceased, Serious Injuries Loss/Damage: Value:

Summary of Probable Cause:

See attached narrative

Submitted by:	Sgt. J. Troncoso	22621	Keizer Police	12/15/2008
Sign	Print Name	DPSST	Department	Date Completed

State of Oregon)
) ss.
County of Marion)

Under penalty of perjury, I declare that I have examined this statement, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete, and is based on all information of which the preparer has any knowledge.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15 day of December, 2008.

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TAMMI M. MORGAN
NOTARY PUBLIC - OREGON
COMMISSION NO. 417249
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES MAY 23, 2011

Tammi M. Morgan
Deputy Clerk of the Court

☐ I find that probable cause exists to believe the arrestee committed the crime(s).
☐ I find that insufficient probable cause exists so the defendant must be released on this charge.
☐ No decision is needed, because the defendant has been released.

Judge _____ Date _____ Time _____

TURNIDGE, JOSHUA A. Probable Cause Statement (cont.)

On December 12, 2008, I was asked to assist with the investigation of an explosion at the West Coast Bank in Woodburn that killed two police officers and seriously injured another. I attended several briefings on the investigation, and learned the following facts:

On December 12, 2008 Karen Valadez, DOB: 092488, an employee with Wells Fargo Bank (2600 Newberg Hwy, Woodburn, Marion County, Oregon) called 911 and reported a threatening phone call. Valadez reported that a phone threat came into the Wells Fargo Bank at 1019 hours, advising them that if "they" didn't leave the building, all of them would die. The male caller further advised that a cell phone would be found next to the garbage can. Valadez stated in a later interview that the caller told her they needed to leave the bank or die, and that he would give her further instructions on the cell phone. The caller further stated that he would also be calling the West Coast Bank

Woodburn Police Officer John Mikkola and Sergeant Jason Alexander responded to investigate the complaint, and Officer Mikkola looked inside a dumpster located at the Wells Fargo Bank and observed a cell phone on top of what appeared to be a package. They then requested that bomb technicians assist with the package.

Oregon State Police Bomb Squad Technician William (Bill) Hakim and FBI Bomb Technician John Hallock responded to the scene and examined the package and cell phone. The Bomb Technicians determined the package was a hoax explosive device consisting of a cellular phone and several black bags. FBI Special Agent Mike Holman, who also responded to the scene to assist, examined the cellular phone found inside the Wells Fargo Bank's dumpster and determined it was a "Tracfone," with a phone number of (503) 383-2352 and a serial number of 01616002518827. The contact list on the Tracfone was empty. The Tracfone had approximately one-hundred forty available pre-paid minutes and there was no history of outgoing calls. SA Holman identified one incoming call to the Tracfone from phone number (503) 383-4717 on December 12, 2008, at 10:24 a.m.

The areas around Wells Fargo Bank and West Coast Bank (2540 Newberg Hwy, Woodburn, Marion County, Oregon) were searched by Woodburn Police for other devices, and a green metal box was located by Officer Rick Puente next to the West Coast Bank building. Officer Mikkola stated it was unclear if the box belonged at the location as it resembled a utility box.

West Coast Bank Manager Ferren Taylor, DOB: 120453, contacted the landscaping company and learned the box was not there on the prior Sunday when the bushes were trimmed at that location. Taylor inspected the green box and found it contained a battery, wires, and a toggle switch. Oregon State Police Bomb Technician Bill Hakim was called back to the scene to examine the device. Woodburn Police Captain Thomas Tennant and Chief of Police Scott Russell responded to the scene as well.

After Bomb Technician Bill Hakim inspected and X-rayed the green box device, he stated he was confident that it was a hoax device and that it could be taken apart to be placed into evidence. Bomb Technician Hakim brought the device inside the West Coast Bank Building to work on the device, with the assistance of Captain Tennant and Chief Russell. The device then detonated, dismembering and killing Bomb Tech Hakim and Captain Tennant. Chief Russell sustained serious injuries from the explosion, including the loss of his right leg (from just above the knee down), the mutilation of his left leg, a shattered jaw and other injuries. He remains hospitalized at OHSU in critical condition and is undergoing a series of surgeries.

Laurie Ann Perkett – DOB/033061, is the Customer Service Manager for West Coast Bank and was present at the time of the explosion. Perkett stated that at approximately 5:20 p.m. she was leaving the bank. As she was doing so she saw an OSP Trooper trying to open the aforementioned green metal box while a Woodburn police officer was holding onto it. Perkett stated that she was approximately fifteen (15) feet from the front door when she heard a loud explosion. Perkett stated she did not look back into the building after the explosion, she just walked out. Perkett then discovered she had a laceration to her right leg. Perkett was transported to Salem Hospital via ambulance, where she was found to have shrapnel impeded to the bone of her right leg below the knee.

The investigation revealed that the two telephones identified in this investigation by SA Holeman, (503) 383-4717 and (503) 383-2352, are Tracfones with pre-paid cellular service provided by T-Mobile. T-Mobile provided call detail information for the two numbers following their activation on the morning of December 12, 2008, and I learned the following:

Calling Number	Called Number	Subscriber	Call Duration	Answer Date	FirstCell ID	First LAC
503-383-4717	503-980-2334	Mid-Valley Bank	35	2008-12-12 10:03:58	21853	35812
503-383-4717	503-980-2334	Mid-Valley Bank	30	2008-12-12 10:07:46	21853	35812
503-383-4717	800-895-3345	West Coast Bank	15	2008-12-12 10:08:54	21853	35812
503-383-4717	503-982-9922	Wells Fargo	69	2008-12-12 10:19:20	21853	35812
503-383-4717	503-383-2352	Dropped Phone	37	2008-12-12 10:24:33	21853	35812
503-383-4717	503-383-2352	Dropped Phone	34	2008-12-12 10:26:27	21853	35812
503-383-4717	805-637-7249	T-Mobile Voicemail	23	2008-12-12 12:52:42		
503-383-2352	805-637-7249	T-Mobile Voicemail	10	2008-12-12 10:24:33	21853	35812
503-383-2352	805-637-7249	T-Mobile Voicemail	7	2008-12-12 10:26:27	21853	35812

An Emergency Request for Information from the U.S. Department of Justice was served on Tracfone requesting available information regarding the two subject telephone numbers (503) 383-4717 and (503) 383-2352. The following contains information obtained from Tracfone pursuant to the request, as well as information learned from the Wal-Mart purchase records:

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- The two handsets with telephone number (503) 383-4717 and (503) 383-2352 were activated via the Internet on December 12, 2008 at 4:22 a.m. and 4:30 a.m.

- The internet activation on Tracfone's website was initiated from IP address, 71.59.129.128.

- At the time of activation, telephone numbers (503) 383-4717 and (503) 383-2352 were charged with two Tracfone airtime cards that were purchased at the Wal-Mart located at 3025 Lancaster Dr. NE, Salem, Marion County, Oregon on December 11, 2008 at 12:11 p.m. on register 53.

- The telephone handsets activated with telephone number (503) 383-4717 and (503) 383-2352 were purchased at Wal-Mat located at 20120 Pinebrook Blvd, Bend, Deschutes County, Oregon on November 26, 2008 at 5:25 p.m. on register 13.

Surveillance video was obtained from the corresponding Wal-Mart stores for both transactions. Purchase records indicate that a can of green spray paint, UPC code #2006677378, was purchased along with the two Tracfones.

I have reviewed surveillance photos derived from the surveillance video of both of the aforementioned transactions, and believe that the person who made both purchases is one and the same. Furthermore, I observed the surveillance video from the Salem Wal-Mart (Lancaster Store) and saw that the subject who bought the Tracfone airtime cards walked out to a blue colored early 1980's Chevrolet pickup, apparently a Luv model. Although the license plate was not clear, it appeared to start with a "Q" and end with the numbers "84".

On 12-14-2008 I ran a Coplink scan on blue colored Chevrolet pickups with license plates beginning with Q and ending in 84. From the list of results returned, I saw that one is listed as having Oregon license QVH084. It was a 1982 model registered to Bruce A. Turnidge, DOB: 07-27-1951. Although Mr. Buce Turnidge appears to be too old to be the male who purchased the Tracfones, I noticed that he is associated with a subject by the name of Joshua A. Turnidge, DOB: 06-18-1976. When I reviewed Mr. Joshua Turnidge's DMV photograph, I recognized him as the subject I had seen in the surveillance video from the Salem Wal-Mart.

I later drove past 4162 Nolan Lane Northeast in Salem, with Oregon State Police Lt. Steve Duvall, where we observed the blue pickup that Mr. Joshua Turnidge is associated with, in the driveway. Upon seeing the vehicle in person, it appears to match the vehicle I had seen in the surveillance video from the Salem Wal-Mart.

Det. Steve Duvall and I contacted Mr. Turnidge at this residence, and once observing him in person, I believed him to be the person shown on video purchasing the Tracfone airtime cards that were purchased in Salem at the Wal-Mart (Lancaster) the day before the incident. (These are the phones used in the incident.)

Mr. Joshua Turnidge was advised of his rights per Miranda, after which he said that only he and his father operate the blue Chevrolet pickup. Mr. Turnidge went on to say things that his fiancée, Jamie Lewis, DOB: would contradict when later interviewed (having no knowledge of what Mr. Joshua Turnidge had previously told us.) Mr. Joshua Turnidge said he was gone on the date of the incident, from around 0130 hours until 1400 or 1430 hours or so. He said he went to Bend because he got a call from a customer who had reported a stolen oil barrel, and that he went there because of that. He said he continued on to Medford, also on business for the oil company. Mr. Joshua Turnidge said he didn't drive the blue truck that day, but instead drove the Dodge. (Ms. Jaime Lewis later told us that Mr. Joshua Turnidge had operated both the blue truck and another vehicle, and that he returned at around 1700 hours on that date. Furthermore, Mr. Patrick Turnidge, the uncle and boss/business partner of Mr. Joshua Turnidge, was interviewed by Oregon State Police Detective Greg Withers. Mr. Pat Turnidge contradicted Mr. Joshua Turnidge's statement as to his whereabouts on Friday, 121208, the date of the incident. According to Mr. Pat Turnidge, their company, BD Oil, only had oil pickups in Marion County, and none in Bend.)

Mr. Joshua Turnidge told us that he no longer has a laptop computer because his was stolen a few weeks ago, but he never bothered to report the theft. (Ms. Jaime Lewis told us that Mr. Joshua Turnidge does have a laptop computer, and she knew nothing of any theft of the computer. She further stated that they do not have internet access.) Mr. Joshua Turnidge also told us that he has no logs or records of his trip to Bend or his various business trips. (Ms. Jaime Lewis told us that Mr. Joshua Turnidge does keep logs of his business trips, because he keeps track of his business activities in the laptop.)

Mr. Joshua Turnidge gave signed consent for us to look at the blue pickup truck in his possession and control, and in doing so, I observed several features that I believe identify it as the vehicle in the Salem Wal-Mart video.

Mr. Joshua Turnidge also said that he has welding equipment in the shop where he works, and that his business manufactures new lids for barrels, which they spray paint a "light green" color.

Based upon the aforementioned information, I believe that Mr. Joshua Turnidge is the person who purchased the Tracfones and airtime cards used in connection with the explosive device, as well as the green spray paint used to paint the explosive device. I further believe he was involved in the manufacturing, spray painting, and placement of the device, which ultimately exploded and killed Capt. Thomas Tennant and Bomb Technician William Hakim, and injured Chief Scott Russell and Ms. Laurie Perkett.

Based on the foregoing evidence, facts and circumstances, Joshua Abraham Turnidge was arrested for the following crimes:

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(2) counts of Aggravated Murder under ORS 163.115 and 163.095 (1) (d) for the murder of more than one victim, to wit: Woodburn PD Captain Thomas Tennant and OSP Detective William Hakim, in the same criminal episode;

(2) counts of Aggravated Murder under ORS 163.115 and 163.095 (2) (a) (A) and (C) for the murder of a police officer or member of the Oregon State Police, to wit: Woodburn PD Captain Thomas Tennant and OSP Detective William Hakim;

(2) counts of Aggravated Murder under ORS 163.115 and 163.095 (2) (c) for the murders of Woodburn PD Captain Thomas Tennant and OSP Detective William Hakim by means of an explosive device;

(1) count of Attempted Aggravated Murder under ORS 161.405 and 163.095 (2) (c) for the attempted murder of Woodburn PD Chief Scott Russell by means of an explosive device;

(1) count of Attempted Aggravated Murder under ORS 161.405 and 163.095 (2) (c) for the attempted murder of Laura Ann Perkett by means of an explosive device;

(1) count of Assault in the First Degree under ORS 163.185 (a) for intentionally causing serious physical injury to Woodburn PD Chief Scott Russell, to wit: the loss of one leg, by means of a deadly or dangerous weapon;

(1) count of Assault in the Second Degree under ORS 163.175 (b) for intentionally or knowingly causes physical injury to another, to wit: Laurie Perkett, by means of a deadly or dangerous weapon;

(1) count of Possession of a Destructive Device under ORS 166.382

(1) count of Unlawful Manufacture of a Destructive Device under ORS 166.384

(1) count of Conspiracy to commit all of the above crimes with one or more unidentified persons under ORS 161.450

Officer Signature J. Tm Date 12-15-08

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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
VS.

DEFENDANT: (NAME and ADDRESS):

RICHARD (First Name) ANDREW (Middle Name) POPLWASKI (Last Name) Gen.

1016 FAIRFIELD STREET PITTSBURGH, PA 15201

NCIC Extradition Code Type

Felony - Full Extradition

Distance: _____

DEFENDANT IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION

RACE	ETHNICITY	Docket Number	Date Filed	OTN/LiveScan Number	Complaint/Incident Number
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SID:	GENDER	DOB 09/12/1986	POB	
	MALE	Add'l DOB	SSN 195-66-7651	Add'l SSN

Request Lab Services?	First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	Gen
☐ Yes	AKA			

HAIR COLOR	EYE COLOR

Driver License	State	License Number	Expires:	WEIGHT (lbs.)
DNA		DNA Location		
FBI Number		MNU Number		Ft. HEIGHT In.
Fingerprint Classification:				

DEFENDANT VEHICLE INFORMATION

Plate #	State	Hazmat	Registration Sticker (MM/YY)	Comm'l Veh. Ind.	School Veh.	Oth. NCIC Veh. Code

VIN	Year	Make	Model	Style	Color

Office of the attorney for the Commonwealth ☒ Approved ☐ Disapproved because: _____

(The attorney for the Commonwealth may require that the complaint, arrest warrant affidavit, or both be approved by the attorney for the Commonwealth prior to filing. See Pa.R.Crim.P. 507).

(Name of the attorney for the Commonwealth) (Signature of the attorney for the Commonwealth) (Date)

I, BRIAN WEISMANTLE (Name of the Affiant) 14687 (PSP/MPOETC -Assigned Affiant ID Number & Badge #

of CITY OF PITTSBURGH (Identify Department or Agency Represented and Political Subdivision) PAPPD0000 (Police Agency ORI Number)

do hereby state: (check appropriate box)

1. X I accuse the above named defendant who lives at the address set forth above
I accuse the defendant whose name is unknown to me but who is described as _____

I accuse the defendant whose name and popular designation or nickname are unknown to me and whom I have, therefore, designated as John Doe or Jane Doe

with violating the penal laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania at 301 (Subdivision Code) PITTSBURGH CITY (Place-Political Subdivision)

In Allegheny County 02 (County Code) on or about 04/04/2009 7:05

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The acts committed by the accused are described below with each Act of Assembly or statute violated, if appropriate:

(Set forth a *brief* summary of the facts sufficient to advise the defendant of the nature of the offense(s) charged. A citation to the statute(s) violated, without more, is not sufficient. In a summary case, you must cite the specific section(s) and subsection(s) of the statute(s) or ordinance(s) allegedly violated.)

Inchoate Offense	☐ Attempt 18 901 A	☐ Solicitation 18 902 A	Conspiracy 18 903	☐ A1 (Engaging)	☐ A2 (Aiding)	☐ B (Knowledge)	☐ Permitting (Title 75 Only) 75 1575 A		
X	1	2501	A	of the	18	3	H1		
Lead?	Offense#	Section	Subsection		PA Statute (Title)	Counts	Grade	NCIC Offense Code	UCR/NIBRS Code
PennDOT Data (if applicable)		Accident Number			☐ Safety Zone		☐ Work Zone		

Statute Description/Acts of the accused associated with this Offense:

18 2501A CRIMINAL HOMICIDE H1 3 COUNTS

The actor intentionally, knowingly, recklessly or negligently caused the death of POLICE OFFICER PAUL SCIULLO II another human being, in violation of 18 Pa. C.S. §2501(a).

The actor intentionally, knowingly, recklessly or negligently caused the death of POLICE OFFICER STEPHEN MAYHLE another human being, in violation of 18 Pa. C.S. §2501(a).

The actor intentionally, knowingly, recklessly or negligently caused the death of POLICE OFFICER ERIC KELLY another human being, in violation of 18 Pa. C.S. §2501(a).

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PennDOT Data (if applicable)	Accident Number		[ ] Safety Zone	[ ] Work Zone

Statute Description/Acts of the accused associated with this Offense:

18 901A CRIMINAL ATTEMPT H1 9 COUNTS

The actor committed an attempt when, with intent to commit the crime of 18:2501:A, the said actor did the act or acts of FIRED NUMEROUS GUNSHOTS AT POLICE OFFICER T. ANDERSON, which constituted a substantial step toward the commission of the aforesaid crime, in violation of 18 Pa. C.S. §901(a).

The actor committed an attempt when, with intent to commit the crime of 18:2501:A, the said actor did the act or acts of FIRED NUMEROUS GUNSHOTS AT POLICE OFFICER S. MESCAN, which constituted a substantial step toward the commission of the aforesaid crime, in violation of 18 Pa. C.S. §901(a).

The actor committed an attempt when, with intent to commit the crime of 18:2501:A, the said actor did the act or acts of FIRED NUMEROUS GUNSHOTS AT POLICE OFFICER S. RATIGAN, which constituted a substantial step toward the commission of the aforesaid crime, in violation of 18 Pa. C.S. §901(a).

The actor committed an attempt when, with intent to commit the crime of 18:2501:A, the said actor did the act or acts of FIRED NUMEROUS GUNSHOTS AT POLICE OFFICER R. YOSI, which constituted a substantial step toward the commission of the aforesaid crime, in violation of 18 Pa. C.S. §901(a).

The actor committed an attempt when, with intent to commit the crime of 18:2501:A, the said actor did the act or acts of FIRED NUMEROUS GUNSHOTS AT POLICE OFFICER M. TRUESDALE, which constituted a substantial step toward the commission of the aforesaid crime, in violation of 18 Pa. C.S. §901(a).

The actor committed an attempt when, with intent to commit the crime of 18:2501:A, the said actor did the act or acts of FIRED NUMEROUS GUNSHOTS AT POLICE OFFICER C. THIMONS , which constituted a substantial step toward the commission of the aforesaid crime, in violation of 18 Pa. C.S. §901(a).

The actor committed an attempt when, with intent to commit the crime of 18:2501:A, the said actor did the act or acts of FIRED NUMEROUS GUNSHOTS AT POLICE OFFICER M. LEAP, which constituted a substantial step toward the commission of the aforesaid crime, in violation of 18 Pa. C.S. §901(a).

The actor committed an attempt when, with intent to commit the crime of 18:2501:A, the said actor did the act or acts of FIRED NUMEROUS GUNSHOTS AT POLICE OFFICER C. SCHRADER, which constituted a substantial step toward the commission of the aforesaid crime, in violation of 18 Pa. C.S. §901(a).

The actor committed an attempt when, with intent to commit the crime of 18:2501:A, the said actor did the act or acts of FIRED NUMEROUS GUNSHOTS AT POLICE OFFICER T. MCMANAWAY STRIKING HIM IN HIS LEFT HAND, which constituted a substantial step toward the commission of the aforesaid crime, in

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violation of 18 Pa. C.S. §901(a).

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Lead?	Offense#	Section	Subsection		PA Statute (Title)	Counts	Grade	NCIC Offense Code	UCR/NIBRS Code
	3	2707.1	A	of the	18	2	F3		

PennDOT Data (If applicable)	Accident Number		☐ Safety Zone	☐ Work Zone

Statute Description/Acts of the accused associated with this Offense:

18 2707.1A DISCHARGE FIREARM INTO OCCUPIED STRUCTURE F3 2 COUNTS

The actor knowingly, intentionally or recklessly discharged a firearm into an occupied structure located at 1021 FAIRFIELD STREET, in violation of 18 Pa. C.S. §2707.1(a).

The actor knowingly, intentionally or recklessly discharged a firearm into an occupied structure located at 1025 FAIRFIELD STREET, in violation of 18 Pa. C.S. §2707.1(a).

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	4	907	C	of the	18	1	F3		

PennDOT Data (If applicable)	Accident Number		☐ Safety Zone	☐ Work Zone

Statute Description/Acts of the accused associated with this Offense:

18 907C POSSESSING INSTRUMENTS OF CRIME - UNLAWFUL BODY ARMOR F3 1 COUNT

The actor knowingly or intentionally used, wore, controlled, possessed or had in his/her custody body armor while in the commission or attempted commission of a felony, namely, FIRING GUNSHOTS AT POLICE OFFICERS, in violation of 18 Pa. C.S.§907(c).

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	5	2702	A1	of the	18	9	F1		

PennDOT Data (if applicable)	Accident Number		☐ Safety Zone	☐ Work Zone

Statute Description/Acts of the accused associated with this Offense:

18 2702A1 AGGRAVATED ASSAULT F1 9 COUNTS

The actor attempted to cause serious bodily injury to POLICE OFFICER T. ANDERSON or caused such injury intentionally, knowingly or recklessly under circumstances manifesting extreme indifference to the value of human life, in violation of 18 Pa.C.S. §2702(a)(1).

The actor attempted to cause serious bodily injury to POLICE OFFICER S. MESCAN or caused such injury intentionally, knowingly or recklessly under circumstances manifesting extreme indifference to the value of human life, in violation of 18 Pa.C.S. §2702(a)(1).

The actor attempted to cause serious bodily injury to POLICE OFFICER S. RATIGAN or caused such injury intentionally, knowingly or recklessly under circumstances manifesting extreme indifference to the value of human life, in violation of 18 Pa.C.S. §2702(a)(1).

The actor attempted to cause serious bodily injury to POLICE OFFICER R. YOSI or caused such injury intentionally, knowingly or recklessly under circumstances manifesting extreme indifference to the value of human life, in violation of 18 Pa.C.S. §2702(a)(1).

The actor attempted to cause serious bodily injury to POLICE OFFICER M. TRUESDALE or caused such injury intentionally, knowingly or recklessly under circumstances manifesting extreme indifference to the value of human life, in violation of 18 Pa.C.S. §2702(a)(1).

The actor attempted to cause serious bodily injury to POLICE OFFICER C. THIMONS or caused such injury intentionally, knowingly or recklessly under circumstances manifesting extreme indifference to the value of human life, in violation of 18 Pa.C.S. §2702(a)(1).

The actor attempted to cause serious bodily injury to POLICE OFFICER M. LEAP or caused such injury intentionally, knowingly or recklessly under circumstances manifesting extreme indifference to the value of human life, in violation of 18 Pa.C.S. §2702(a)(1).

The actor attempted to cause serious bodily injury to POLICE OFFICER C. SCHRADER or caused such injury intentionally, knowingly or recklessly under circumstances manifesting extreme indifference to the value of human life, in violation of 18 Pa.C.S. §2702(a)(1).

The actor attempted to cause serious bodily injury to T. MCMANAWAY or caused such injury intentionally, knowingly or recklessly under circumstances manifesting extreme indifference to the value of human life, in violation of 18 Pa.C.S. §2702(a)(1).

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	6	2705		of the	18	4	M2		

PennDOT Data (If applicable)	Accident Number		☐ Safety Zone	☐ Work Zone

Statute Description/Acts of the accused associated with this Offense:

18 2705 RECKLESSLY ENDANGERING ANOTHER PERSON M2 4 COUNTS

The actor recklessly engaged in conduct which placed or may have placed RANDEL DANIEL in danger of death or serious bodily injury, in violation of 18 Pa C.S. §2705.

The actor recklessly engaged in conduct which placed or may have placed JOHN DUBAWIEWICZ in danger of death or serious bodily injury, in violation of 18 Pa C.S. §2705.

The actor recklessly engaged in conduct which placed or may have placed GERALDINE LEIPRAS in danger of death or serious bodily injury, in violation of 18 Pa C.S. §2705.

The actor recklessly engaged in conduct which placed or may have placed ALFRED LEIPRAS in danger of death or serious bodily injury, in violation of 18 Pa C.S. §2705.

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2. I ask that a warrant of arrest or a summons be issued and that the defendant be required to answer the charges I have made.

3. I verify that the facts set forth in this complaint are true and correct to the best of my knowledge or information and belief. This verification is made subject to the penalties of Section 4904 of the Crimes Code (18 PA.C.S.§4904) relating to unsworn falsification to authorities.

4. This complaint is comprised of the preceding Page, as well as the attached pages that follow, numbered ___ through ___, specifying offenses and Participants, if any.

The acts committed by the accused, as listed and hereafter, were against the peace and dignity of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and were contrary to the Act(s) of the Assembly, or in violation of the statutes cited.
(Before a warrant of arrest can be issued, an affidavit of probable cause must be completed, sworn to before the issuing authority, and attached.)

(Signature of Affiant)

(Date)

AND NOW, on this date 4-4-2009 I certify that the complaint has been properly completed and verified.

An affidavit of probable cause must be completed before a warrant can be issued.

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(Magisterial District Court Number)

(Issuing Authority)

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AFFIDAVIT of PROBABLE CAUSE

1. **WHEN:**

a) Date when Affiant received information:

04/04/2009

b) Date when the source of information (Police Officers, Informant, Victim, Co-Defendant, Defendant, etc.) received information:

04/04/2009

2. **HOW:**

a) How Affiant knows this particular person commited crime: (personal observation, defendant's admissions, etc.):

Personal observation of officers and information received by eye-witness.

b) How the source of information knows this particular person committed the crime:

Personal observation of officers and information received by eye-witness.

c) How both Affiant and/or source of information knows that a particular crime has been commited:

3. **WHAT CRIMES:**

18 2705 RECKLESSLY ENDANGERING ANOTHER PERSON
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18 2501 A CRIMINAL HOMICIDE
18 901 A CRIMINAL ATTEMPT
18 901 A CRIMINAL ATTEMPT
18 901 A CRIMINAL ATTEMPT
18 2702 A1 AGGRAVATED ASSAULT
18 2702 A1 AGGRAVATED ASSAULT
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18 2707.1 A DISCHARGE FIREARM INTO OCCUPIED STRUCTURE
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4. **WHERE CRIME(S) COMMITTED:**

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5. WHY AFFIANT BELIEVES THE SOURCE OF INFORMATION:

X Source is presumed reliable, i.e. other Police Officer, Eyewitness, Victim of Crime, etc.

Source has given information in the past which has led to arrest and/or conviction

Defendant's reputation for criminal activity

This source made declaration against his/her penal interest to the above offense

Affiant and/or other Police Officers corroborated details of the information

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On April 4, 2009 at approximately 0703 hrs., Allegheny County 911 dispatch received a call from complainant Margaret Poplawski for a domestic incident involving her son, actor Richard Poplawski, who she wanted out of the house because he was giving her a hard time. At 0711 hrs., Pittsburgh Police Officers Steven Mayhle and Paul Sciullo reported to dispatch that they had arrived on scene at the house, located at 1016 Fairfield Street, in the Stanton Heights section of the City of Pittsburgh.

Complainant Margaret Poplawski reported that she awoke early on this date to discover that the dog had urinated on the floor inside her house at 1016 Fairfield Street, at which point she awakened her twenty-two year-old W/M son, actor Richard Poplawski, to confront him about it. Mrs. Poplawski reported that she and her son had a verbal argument, at which point she informed him that she was calling police to remove him from the home. Mrs. Poplawski reported that she called 911 dispatch, and two uniformed police officers responded to her address at 1016 Fairfield Street a short time later, at which point she opened the front door of her residence and admitted them, saying "come and take his ass". Mrs. Poplawski reported that as the officers entered approximately ten feet into the residence, she heard gunshots, turned and saw her son about six feet away with a long rifle in his hands, at which point she fled downstairs after asking him "what the hell have you done?"

Mrs. Poplawski reported that she stayed in the basement for the next couple of hours, during which time she heard her son yell "yeah, I've been shot," and "I'm standing down, come in and help me." Mrs. Poplawski reported that her son had enlisted in the U.S.M.C. a few years ago, but was discharged for assaulting his drill sergeant in basic training. Mrs. Poplawski reported that since his discharge, her son has been stockpiling guns and ammunition, buying and selling the weapons on line, because he believed that as a result of economic collapse, the police were no longer able to protect society., Mrs. Poplawski reported that her son only liked police when they were not curtailing his constitutional rights, which he was determined to protect.

During the course of the investigation, a number of eyewitnesses were located, whose true identities were ascertained by proof positive (such as driver's license, social security number, etc.) and whose true identities have been memorialized in reports maintained by your affiants. To protect these known, but unnamed witnesses, they shall be referred to as Witness #1 and Witness #2 in this affidavit, but they will be available for all future court proceedings.

Witness #1, a resident of the 1000 block of Fairfield Street, reported that he/she was awakened from sleep by the sound of a single gunshot, then an additional gunshot. Witness #1 looked out of his/her home window and observed a police officer down near the front stoop of 1016 Fairfield Street. Witness #1 observed a W/M wearing light-colored clothing standing in the doorway of 1016 Fairfield Street with the screen door open, who fired 2-3 more shots into the downed officer, then re-entered the residence.

Officer Timothy McManaway responded to the scene at 0717 hrs. with other units in response to a dispatch call put out at approximately 0716 hrs. for officers being shot at, where he observed that Officer Eric Kelly has already preceded him as backup to Officers Sciullo and Mayhle. Officer McManaway reported that Officer Kelly was lying supine near his own white SUV, as he had recently completed the night shift. Officer McManaway reported that in response to Officer Kelly raising his arm for help, he ran to his side, where he observed that Officer Kelly was wounded and complained that he could not breathe. Officer McManaway reported that he took cover near the front of the SUV to assess the threat, at which point gunfire erupted from within 1016 Fairfield Street, striking the vehicle and prompting Officer McManaway to return fire as his hand was injured a bullet or shrapnel.

Officer McManaway returned to Officer Kelly, and was able to pull him to cover behind the SUV, where he remained until they were rescued by S.W.A.T. subsequently. Officer McManaway reported that he was able to see the one officer lying outside the residence near the front stoop, and it was clear that he was dead, having been shot in the head; he could not see the second officer who was later found inside.

Witness #2, another resident of the 1000 block of Fairfield Street, reported that he/she was awakened from sleep by the sound of gunfire outside, at which point he/she looked out of his/her home. Witness #2 saw one police officer (Mayhle) down near the front stoop of 1016 Fairfield Street, and saw a second police officer (Kelly) crawling on the sidewalk near a white SUV that appeared to be riddled with bullets.

Witness #2 reported seeing a third police officer (McManaway) assist the second, apparently wounded police officer to cover at the rear of the SUV, then move to the front left of the SUV. Witness #2 reported that multiple shots were then discharged at the front of the SUV from within 1016 Fairfield Street, at which point the third police officer returned fire at the residence.

Pittsburgh Medics arrived on scene and transported Police Officer Eric Kelly to UPMC Presbyterian University Hospital where he died of his injuries. On 4-4-09 Medical Examiner's Deputies transported Officer Kelly to their Office where an examination was performed by Dr. Xu. Dr Xu determined the Cause of Death: Gunshot wounds of trunk and lower extremities. Manner of Death.

POLICE CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

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Homicide.

Numerous Pittsburgh Bureau of Police units subsequently responded to the scene, including members of the S.W.A.T. team, who took up positions on and around residences surrounding 1016 Fairfield Street. A lengthy standoff in excess of approximately three hours ensued, during which time the actor exchanged intermittent gunfire with police. During this of gunfire the following S.W.A.T. officers T. Anderson (driver), S. Mescan (front passenger seat), S. Rattigan, R. Yosi, M. Truesdale, C. Thimons, M. Leap, and C. Schrader were inside their S.W.A.T. vehicle. The above listed actor, Richard Poplawski, identified by officer Anderson, fired numerous gunshots at them while they were inside the S.W.A.T. vehicle, which is bullet proof. Bullets fired by the actor struck the front windshield of both the driver and passenger sides, driver side portal, engines access panel on driver's side and passenger side upper brush guard.

During the course of the shooting the actor's gunfire struck 1021 Fairfield Street, which was occupied by Geraldine and Alfred Leipras. Also, struck by the actor's gunfire was 1025 Fairfield Street, which was occupied by Randel Daniel and John Dubawiewicz.

Once the actor himself was wounded in the leg, police negotiators convinced Richard Poplawski to allow them entry, whereupon he was taken into custody and transported by medics to the hospital for treatment. During the course of treatment rendered at the scene, medics removed light-colored clothing from the actor. S.W.A.T. officers observed the actor wearing body armor during the shooting.

Initial officers who made entry to secure the actor and search for other victims found Officer Sciullo inside the living room of 1016 Fairfield Street, already deceased as a result of a gunshot wound of the head. These officers also secured the body of Officer Mayhle, who was found near the front stoop of the residence, also already deceased as a result of a gunshot wound of the head. These officers extricated Mrs. Poplawski from the home safely. During the course of this limited entry, S.W.A.T. team members observed numerous articles of ballistic evidence and firearms in plain view in the interior of the residence, as well as blood evidence. Officer Kelly was transported by medics to U.P.M.C. Presbyterian Hospital for treatment, but subsequently was pronounced deceased as a result of his gunshot wounds as previously mentioned.

Police Officers Paul Sciullo and Stephen Mayhle were pronounced deceased by Pittsburgh Medics and transported to the medical Examiners in an ambulance for examination.

Subsequently on 4-4-09, Dr Shakir performed the examination on Officer Paul Sciullo and determined the Cause of Death: Gunshot wounds of head and trunk. Manner of Death:Homicide.

Subsequently on 4-4-09, Dr. Luckasevic performed the examination on Officer Stephen Mayhle and determined the Cause of Death: Gunshot wound of head. Manner of Death: Homicide.

Based on the foregoing, your affiants respectfully request that an arrest warrant be issued for Richard A. Poplawski W/M 22 DOB:9-12-1986 charging him with the above listed offenses.

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I, BRIAN WEISMANTLE, BEING DULY SWORN ACCORDING TO THE LAW, DEPOSE AND SAY THAT THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE FOREGOING AFFIDAVIT ARE TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, INFORMATION AND BELIEF.

(Signature of Affiant)

Sworn to me and subscribed before me this 4 day of APRIL 2019

Date _____, Magisterial District Judge

My commission expires first Monday of January,

United States District Court

DISTRICT OF COLORADO

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

SHAWN ROBERT ADOLF

CRIMINAL COMPLAINT
CASE NUMBER: 08-mj-001157-KMT

I, Shane Abraham, the undersigned complainant, being duly sworn state the following is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief:

Count 1: Possession of a Firearm by a Prohibited Person

On or about August 24, 2008, in the State and District of Colorado, SHAWN ROBERT ADOLF, did unlawfully and knowingly possess a firearm, in and affecting interstate commerce, to wit: a Ruger, Model M77 Mark II 22-250 bolt-action rifle, serial number 787-42480, having previously been convicted of Second Degree Burglary of a Dwelling in the District Court for Weld County, of Possession of a Weapon by a Previous Offender in the District Court of Denver County, Colorado and of Possession/Sale of a Schedule I or II Controlled Substance in the District Court in the District Court of Denver County, Colorado, all crimes punishable by terms of imprisonment exceeding one year, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 922(g)(1) and 924(a)(2).

Count 2: Possession of Body Armor by a Violent Felon

On or about August 24, 2008, in the State and District of Colorado, SHAWN ROBERT ADOLF, a person who has been convicted of a felony classified as a crime of violence under 18 U.S.C. § 16, or a violation of state law so classified, to wit: Second Degree Burglary of a Dwelling on or about December 1, 1993, in the District Court for Weld County, Colorado, knowingly possessed body armor, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 931.

Count 3: Possession of Methamphetamine with the Intent to Distribute

On or about August 24, 2008, in the State and District of Colorado, SHAWN ROBERT ADOLF, did knowingly and intentionally possess with the intent to distribute a mixture or substance containing a dectectable amount of methamphetamine, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a).

I further state that I am a Special Agent of the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms and that this complaint is based on the following facts :

Please see attached Affidavit, incorporated herein by reference.

Continued on the attached sheet and made a part hereof: XX Yes ☐ No

Signature of Complainant

Sworn to before me, and subscribed in my presence

August 26, 2008 at Denver, Colorado

Date City and State

KATHLEEN M. TAFOYA
United States Magistrate Judge

Name and Title of Judicial Officer

Signature of Judicial Officer

AFFIDAVIT

I, Shane Abraham, Special Agent with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), Department of Justice, being duly sworn, hereby state:

1. Your affiant has been employed as a Special Agent for ATF since August 28, 2000, and is a graduate of the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center and the ATF National Academy. Prior to becoming a Special Agent, your affiant was employed as a police officer with the Denver Police Department, and as a U.S. Border Patrol Agent in Douglas, Arizona. Your affiant has conducted numerous firearms and narcotics trafficking investigations that have resulted in successful prosecutions at both state and Federal levels. As a Special Agent, your affiant is authorized to carry firearms, execute warrants, make arrests for offenses against the United States, and to perform other such duties as authorized by law.

2. This affidavit is made in support of a criminal complaint and arrest warrant against Shawn Robert Adolf, DOB: 09/25/74, FBI# 390403TA6, for violations of Title 18, United States Code, Section 922(g)(1): Possession of a firearm and/or ammunition by a convicted felon, and Title 18, United States Code, Section 931: Possession of body armor by violent felons, and Title 21 U.S.C. Section 841(a)(1) - Possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance, namely methamphetamine; against Tharin Robert Gartrell, DOB: 03/17/80, FBI# 477396HC3, Title 21, United States Code, 844, Simple possession of a controlled substances, namely methamphetamine; and against Nathan Dwaine Johnson, DOB: 11/10/75, FBI# 112441FC5, for violations of Title 18, United States Code, Section 922(g)(1): Possession of a firearm and/or ammunition by a convicted felon, and Title 21, United States Code, 844, Simple

possession of a controlled substances, namely methamphetamine. The statements set forth in this affidavit are based upon your affiant's training and experience, consultation with other experienced investigators and agents, and other sources of information relative to firearms and narcotics investigations. This affidavit is intended to set forth probable cause in support of the criminal complaint and does not purport to set forth all of your affiant's knowledge regarding this investigation.

3. On August 24, 2008, your affiant received information that at approximately 1:37 a.m., Aurora Police Department (APD) Sergeant Holt was conducting routine patrol duties in a marked APD patrol vehicle when he observed a blue Dodge truck bearing Colorado license plate number 818RBI swerving and driving erratically in a northbound lane of traffic on Parker Rd. near Hampden Ave. in Aurora, CO, in the Judicial District of Colorado. Sergeant Holt conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle and contacted the driver and sole occupant of the vehicle, identified as Tharin Robert Gartrell (DOB: 03/17/80), based on a Colorado ID card presented by the driver. Sergeant Holt conducted routine records checks on Gartrell, and determined that Gartrell's driver's license was suspended and that Gartrell was on probation for possession of methamphetamine. Sergeant Holt then arrested Gartrell for driving on a suspended license, and while conducting a search incident to arrest of Gartrell, recovered a small plastic bag containing approximately 4.4 grams of suspected methamphetamine in the left cargo pocket of Gartrell's pants.

4. Your affiant received information that APD Officers subsequently conducted a search of the vehicle driven by Gartrell and recovered the following items from the backseat area of the vehicle: a loaded Ruger, Model M77 Mark II 22-250 bolt-action rifle,

serial number 787-42480, with an attached hunting scope and bi-pod and a threaded barrel, an unloaded Remington, Model 721 270 bolt-action rifle, serial number 113370, with an attached hunting scope, two boxes containing approximately forty rounds of Remington 270 Win ammunition, one box containing approximately forty rounds of Winchester 22-250 Rem ammunition, one box of Remington .22 caliber ammunition, five rounds of spent 22-250 Rem ammunition, and a bullet proof/ballistic vest. APD Officers also recovered a suspected mobile methamphetamine lab in the backseat area of the vehicle containing the following precursor items used during the manufacture of methamphetamine: lithium batteries, three large boxes of strike matches containing red phosphorous, one box of pseudo-ephedrine pills, a bottle of PH base, and two glass cooking vessels. APD Narcotics Detective Cooper responded to the scene to process the suspected mobile methamphetamine lab, and subsequently conducted a presumptive microchemical analysis of the suspected methamphetamine recovered from Gartrell's pants pocket and determined that it tested positive for the presence of methamphetamine with a gross weight of 4.4 grams. The recovered Ruger Model M77 Mark II 22-250 rifle was subsequently determined to be stolen from Goodland, Kansas on July 7, 2005, and was reported as stolen in NCIC from the Sherman County Sheriff's Office, Case Number 05-254.

5. Your affiant received information from APD Officers that, when questioned about the vehicle registration, ownership, and nature of the items recovered from the blue pickup truck, Gartrell denied knowledge of any of the items recovered from the vehicle, but told officers that the vehicle belonged to his cousin, Shawn Adolph, who

was staying at the Denver Tech Center Hyatt Hotel, located at 7800 East Tufts Street, Room #334, in Denver, CO. APD Officers conducted follow-up investigation and determined that Adolph was wanted on several outstanding felony arrest warrants, and APD Officers, Denver Police Department (DPD) Officers, and Special Agents from United States Secret Service (USSS) joined the investigation and responded to the Denver Tech Center Hyatt Hotel, Room #334, and attempted to contact Adolph to question him regarding the nature of the recovered firearms. At the hotel, officers contacted a male identified as Nathan Dwain Johnson (DOB: 11/10/75), and an unnamed female inside the room. Johnson gave DPD Officers verbal consent to search his person, and DPD Officers subsequently recovered approximately .91 grams of suspected methamphetamine from Johnson's pants pocket. While conducting follow-up investigation regarding the location of Adolf, Johnson told the officers that Adolph was actually staying at the Cherry Creek Hotel, Room #606, located at 600 S. Colorado Blvd. in Glendale, CO. On August 25, 2008, DPD Laboratory Forensic Chemists conducted a chemical examination of the suspected methamphetamine recovered from Johnson and determined that the substance recovered from Johnson tested positive for methamphetamine with a net weight of .919 grams.

6. Your affiant received information that on August 24, 2008, at approximately 6:37 a.m., USSS Special Agents, APD Officers, DPD Officers, and Glendale Police Department (GPD) Officers responded to the Cherry Creek Hotel, Room #606, in Glendale, CO and attempted to contact Adolf. GPD Officers knocked on the door of the room, and an unknown male inside responded, and officers subsequently heard glass breaking inside the room and an unknown female screaming. GPD Officers

made entry into the hotel room based on the exigent circumstances after hearing the glass breaking and the screaming, and observed that the window was shattered and the male party had fled by jumping out the window. GPD Officers ran to the window and observed a male, later identified as Shawn Robert Adolf (DOB: 09/25/74), running on the hotel roof several levels below and then jumping off a second roof of the hotel. Additional GPD Officers on the ground responded and arrested Adolph for his outstanding felony arrest warrants.

7. Your affiant received information that GPD Officers then contacted the unnamed female remaining in the hotel room, and the female related that an individual named Shawn Adolf had jumped out of the window of the hotel room because he didn't want to go to jail. The female further related to the responding officers that she had rented the hotel room and subsequently signed a GPD Voluntary Consent to Search form for the hotel room. During a search of the hotel room, GPD Officers recovered three small containers containing approximately 29.4 grams, 5.4 grams, and 0.6 grams, in a black box found in the hotel room. On August 25, 2008 ATF SA Tabullo and GPD Sergeant Cazell conducted a presumptive microchemical analysis of the suspected methamphetamine recovered from the hotel room, and determined that the substances in all three containers tested positive for the presence of methamphetamine.

8. On August 24, 2008, at approximately 11:10 a.m., your affiant and ATF SA Ray Brown conducted an interview of Tharin Robert Gartrell at the Aurora Police Department. Prior to the interview, your affiant advised Gartrell of his Miranda rights, and Gartrell waived his rights and stated that he was willing to answer questions regarding the incident. The following is a summary of the interview with

Gartrell. Gartrell stated that he was currently on felony probation for possession of methamphetamine, and further stated that he had passed all of his court ordered urinalysis tests and been clean for approximately two years. Gartrell then admitted to recently using methamphetamine on the evening of August 23, 2008. Gartrell stated that Johnson, identified by Gartrell as "Dwight", was driving a white rental truck and picked him up on the 16th St. mall in downtown Denver, CO, sometime that evening. Gartrell stated that Johnson immediately gave him a small bag of methamphetamine when he got in the truck, and stated that he and Gartrell both started sniffing methamphetamine at that time. Gartrell stated that Johnson then took him to a hotel in the Denver Tech Center to meet his cousin, Shawn Adolf. Gartrell stated that he partied for awhile with Adolf, Johnson, and an unknown female, and later decided to leave the hotel to purchase cigarettes. Gartrell stated that Adolf gave him keys to a blue pickup truck so he could drive to get the cigarettes, and further stated that he was driving the blue pickup truck when he was later arrested by the Aurora Police Department (APD). Gartrell admitted to driving illegally on a suspended license, and also to using and possessing the methamphetamine recovered by APD Officers from his pants pocket after he was arrested, but denied knowledge of any of the items recovered from the backseat area of the vehicle that he was driving, including the firearms, bullet proof / ballistic vest, and items used to possibly manufacture methamphetamine

9. On August 25, 2008, your affiant received information from USSS SA Torres regarding possible threats against Democratic Presidential Nominee Obama being made by suspects in the ongoing firearms and narcotics investigation. SA Torres

related that on August 24, 2008, at approximately 9:30 a.m., he and Colorado State Patrol (CSP) Sergeant Beavais interviewed an unnamed female who provided information regarding possible threats made against presidential candidate Barak Obama. Prior to the interview, SA Torres advised the unnamed female of her Miranda rights, and she waived her rights and stated that she was willing to answer questions regarding the incident. The following is a summary of the interview as related to your affiant by SA Torres. The female related that she came to Denver, CO from Ft. Morgan, CO at the request of Shawn Adolf, and further related that she arrived at the Hyatt Hotel, located at 7800 E. Tufts Ave., Room #334, in Denver, CO at approximately 8:30 p.m. on August 23, 2008. The female stated that Adolf arrived at the Hyatt in a blue pickup with Tharin Gartrell, and further related that she, Adolf and Gartrell, all talked for a few minutes in the parking garage of the hotel. The female further stated that while they were talking, Adolf showed her and Gartrell a bullet proof/ballistic vest which he claimed was for his protection. The female stated that they all then went to Room #334in the hotel and met Nathan Johnson and another unnamed female, where they all proceeded to "chill and do drugs." The first unnamed female then stated that Adolf, Johnson, and Gartrell began to speak negatively about Obama, and further stated she believed that Adolf, Johnson, and Gartrell were all racists and possibly associated with white supremacist groups. The female stated to SA Torres that Adolf, Gartrell, and Johnson were all commenting on how Obama was a, "nigger", and further stated that they, "could not believe how close he (Obama) was to becoming president," and that no "nigger" should ever live in the White House. The female also related that Adolf believed that Obama had a

suite on the third floor of the hotel they were staying in. The female further stated that at approximately 11:30 p.m., Gartrell left the hotel in the blue pickup truck that Adolf had driven to the Hyatt, and that at approximately 1:00 a.m., she and Adolf left the Hyatt and subsequently rented a hotel room the Cherry Creek Hotel, located at 600 S. Colorado Blvd., Room # 606. The female stated that at approximately 2:00 a.m., two unidentified individuals came to the Cherry Creek Hotel to visit Adolf, and Adolf then ordered her out of the room so he could discuss business with the two unidentified individuals. The female stated that at approximately 5:00 a.m., police officers knocked on the door of the hotel room, and Adolf told the officers his wife was changing and needed a minute, and further stated that Adolf then jumped out of the window of the hotel room, which was located on the 6th floor of the hotel.

10. On August 25, 2008, your affiant received information that ATF SA Russell and USSS SA Combs conducted an interview of Shawn Adolf. SA Russell related to your affiant that Adolph previously admitted to possessing the bulletproof / ballistic vest to SA McWilliams during an earlier interview conducted by SA McWilliams. SA Russell further related that on August 24, 2008, at approximately 12:15 p.m., SA Russell and SA Combs interviewed Shawn Adolph at the Denver Health Medical Center located at 777 Bannock Street Denver, CO. Prior to the interview, SA Combs related that Adolf had previously been advised of his Miranda rights by SA McWilliams and waived those rights. The following is a summary of the information related to your affiant by SA Russell. Adolph admitted to possessing the bulletproof/ballistic vest and further stated that he was in possession of the bulletproof/ballistic vest because, "someone wanted to shoot him." Adolph described

the ballistic vest to SA Russell as being black and stated that it appears, "torn up and in bad shape." Adolph told SA Russell that he received the ballistic vest from, "an old ass guy out in the country," and further stated that he (Adolph) only owned one ballistic vest. Adolph further stated that his ballistic vest should have been in the blue pick up vehicle, but stated that he did not know who was currently driving this vehicle. Adolph then told SA Russell the last person who had been driving the blue pickup truck was his cousin, Tharin Gartrell.

11. On August 25, 2008, your affiant received additional information from USSS SA Torres regarding further developments into the possible threats against Obama. SA Torres related that on August 24, 2008, at approximately 1:30 p.m., he and CSP Beavais interviewed Nathan Dwain Johnson regarding Johnson's involvement in a possible threat against Obama. Prior to the interview, SA Torres advised Johnson of his Miranda rights, and Johnson waived his rights and stated that he was willing to answer questions regarding the incident. The following is a summary of the interview as related to your affiant by SA Torres. Johnson stated that he had been in Denver, CO for approximately two weeks, and further stated that he specifically rented a hotel room at the Hyatt Hotel, located at 7800 E. Tufts Ave, Room #334, after being requested to do so by Shawn Adolf. Johnson related that on August 23, 2008, at approximately 10:00 p.m., Adolf, Gartrell, and an unnamed female came to his hotel room where he was doing drugs with a second unnamed female. Johnson stated that at that time, he was present in the room when Adolf and the second female began making threatening statements toward Obama. Johnson related that the second female initially made statements about killing Obama with a camera with a gun

hidden inside the lens, and Adolf, Gartrell, and Johnson subsequently dismissed her statements. Johnson related that Adolf then commented that it wouldn't matter if he killed Obama because he was going to jail on his pending felony charges anyway. SA Torres related that he asked Johnson about the firearms recovered from the blue pickup truck rented in Johnson's name, and Johnson initially told SA Torres that he brought the firearms to Denver, CO to do some hunting with Adolf. Johnson then told SA Torres that Adolf specifically asked Johnson if he had any firearms, and Johnson told Adolf that he had a hunting rifle with a scope. Johnson stated that he then brought the Remington 270 rifle to Denver, CO at Adolf's request. SA Torres related that he confronted Johnson regarding discrepancies in his statements about the recovered firearms, and Johnson began to cry and admitted that Adolf had in fact threatened to kill Obama on a prior occasion. Johnson further related that Adolf said that he wanted to kill Obama on the day of his inauguration and additionally stated that Adolf said he would specifically use a 22-250 sniper rifle and high powered scope, and find high ground to set up and shoot Obama. Johnson additionally stated that he believed that Gartrell was also present in Denver, CO to assist Adolf in killing Obama, but stated that he never specifically heard Gartrell threaten Obama. SA Torres further related that he again asked Johnson whether Adolf and Gartrell were present in Denver, CO to kill Barak Obama, and Johnson stated, "yes". Johnson then told SA Torres that there were no political reasons for wanting to kill Obama, and that the only reason to kill Obama is because Obama is black.

12. On August 25, 2008, your affiant received information that on August 24, 2008, at approximately 9:00 p.m., ATF SA Brown conducted a follow-up interview with

Gartrell at the Arapahoe County Jail in Centennial, CO. SA Brown was known to Gartrell from a previous interview earlier in the day, and SA Brown related to your affiant that he advised Gartrell that Gartrell had previously been advised of, and waived his Miranda rights and agreed to answer questions, and SA Brown further related that Gartrell was again willing to waive his rights and answer follow-up questions. During the interview, Gartrell related to SA Brown that he was actually brought to the Hyatt hotel by his cousin, Shawn Adolf, but stated that he didn't want to testify against his cousin because he feared he would be killed. Gartrell then admitted to being present in hotel room when Adolf, Johnson, and Adolf's girlfriend were talking about killing Obama, and referencing a, "shooting on grassy knoll." Gartrell then admitted to SA Brown that the Ruger 22-250 rifle recovered from the back of the blue pickup truck belonged to Adolf, and admitted to seeing Adolf in possession of the rifle on several previous occasions.

13. On August 25, 2008, your affiant received information from ATF SA's Engelbert and McNamee regarding a firearm reported stolen by Lloyd Studer in 2005. SA'S Engelbert and McNamee related that they interviewed Studer at his residence regarding a firearm he reported stolen in 2005. Studer related that he originally purchased a Ruger Model M77 MKII 22-250 caliber rifle, serial number787-42480, in a private sale from an individual. Studer stated that he stored his firearms, including a Ruger Model M77 MKII, 22-250 caliber rifle, serial number 787-42480, at his uncle's house outside Goodland, KS, while he and his family members worked the harvest. Studer related that he reported that the Ruger Model M77 MKII, 22-250 caliber rifle, serial number787-42480, had been stolen in July 2005. Studer told SA's

Engelbert and McNamee that shortly after the firearm was stolen, a friend of his asked Studer if his Ruger 22-250 had been stolen, and then told Studer that an associate of Shawn Adolf named Eric Rodriguez may have possibly stolen the firearm. Studer stated that he and Adolf were previously associates, further stated that he knew that Adolf and Rodriguez were associates who had previously cooked methamphetamine together. Studer additionally told SA's Englebert and McNamee that he never made any alterations or modifications to the Ruger 22-250, and described the rifle as having a laminated wood stock with a silver receiver and barrel with no additional modifications.

14. On August 25, 2008, your affiant received information that FBI SA Carlson determined that both of the vehicles involved in this investigation, a white 2008 Dodge pickup, and a blue 2008 Dodge pickup, were rented through Enterprise car rental by an individual identified as Dwain Johnson (DOB: 11/10/75) on August 19, 2008, and August 20, 2008.

15. On August 25, 2008, FBI SA Sawyer obtained search warrants for Room #334 of the Hyatt Hotel, located at 7800 E. Tufts Ave. in Denver, CO, and for the white 2008 Dodge Ram pickup truck determined to have previously been rented by Dwain Johnson. FBI SA's executed the search warrants and recovered a black stocking cap and mag light, black tactical pants and camouflage clothing, several laptop computers, several books on committing fraud, numerous suspected stolen credit cards and phone cards, and several items of suspected drug paraphernalia.

16. On August 25, 2008, your affiant, who is certified in firearms and ammunition

interstate nexus determination, examined the aforementioned Ruger, Model M77 Mark II 22-250 rifle, serial number 787-42480, the Remington, Model 721 270 rifle, serial number 113370, approximately forty rounds of Remington 270 Win ammunition, approximately forty rounds of Winchester 22-250 Rem ammunition, and one box of Remington .22 caliber ammunition, and determined that the above listed firearms and ammunition were not manufactured in the State of Colorado, and therefore must have traveled in and/or affected interstate commerce.

17. On August 26, 2008, you affiant conducted research in several criminal justice databases and spoke with ATF Firearms Technology Branch representatives and determined that there are no major manufacturers of bulletproof/ballistic vests and/or body armor in the State of Colorado, and determined that to the best of your affiant's knowledge, the recovered body armor therefore must have traveled in and/or affected interstate commerce.

18. On August 25, 2008, your affiant conducted a query of the CCIC/NCIC criminal history database and the Lexis/Nexis Colorado State Court database and reviewed documents stating that on or about April 20, 2006, Tharin Gartrell, date of birth 03/17/80, pled guilty to Possession of a Controlled Substance – 1g/less, a class six felony in the State of Colorado, in Denver County District Court Case Number 2005CR5191.

19. On August 25, 2008, your affiant conducted a query of the CCIC/NCIC criminal history database and the Lexis/Nexis Colorado State Court database and reviewed documents stating that on or about October 3, 1997, Shawn Robert Adolph, (DOB:

09/25/74), pled guilty to Possession/Sale of a Sch. I or II Controlled Substance, a class four felony in the State of Colorado, and Possession of a Weapon by a Previous Offender, a class five felony in the State of Colorado, in Denver County District Court Case Number 1997CR1348. Your affiant also reviewed documents stating that on or about December 1, 1993, Shawn Robert Adolph, (DOB: 09/25/74), pled guilty to Second Degree Burglary (Dwelling), a class three felony in the State of Colorado, in Weld County District Court Case Number 1993CR349, and also stating that on about December 1, 1993, Shawn Robert Adolf (DOB: 09/25/74), pled guilty to Second Degree Burglary, a class four felony in the State of Colorado, in Weld County District Court Case Number 1993CR539.

20. On August 25, 2008, your affiant conducted a query of the CCIC/NCIC criminal history database and the Lexis/Nexis Colorado State Court database and reviewed documents stating that on or about May 19, 2006, Nathan Dwaine Johnson (DOB: 11/10/75), pled guilty to Theft ($500-$15000), a class four felony in the State of Colorado, in Weld County District Court Case Number 2006CR285.

21. Based upon the aforementioned information and events, your affiant's training and experience, and information provided to your affiant by other experienced officers and agents throughout the course of this investigation, your affiant believes that there is probable cause to believe that: Shawn Robert Adolf, DOB: 09/25/74, FBI# 390403TA6, being a previously convicted violent felon, unlawfully possessed a firearm and/or ammunition in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 922(g)(1), unlawfully possessed body armor in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 931, and unlawfully possessed a controlled substance, namely

methamphetamine, with the intent to distribute, in violation of Title 21 U.S.C. Section 841(a)(1); and that Tharin Robert Gartrell, DOB: 03/17/80, FBI# 477396HC3, unlawfully possessed a controlled substance, namely methamphetamine, in violation of Title 21 United States Code, Section 844; and that Nathan Dwaine Johnson, DOB: 11/10/75, FBI# 112441FC5, being a previously convicted felon, unlawfully possessed a firearm and/or ammunition in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 922(g)(1), and unlawfully possessed a controlled substance, namely methamphetamine, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 844.

Shane Abraham, Special Agent
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 26th day of August 2008

UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
DISTRICT OF COLORADO

DATE: August 26, 2008

DEFENDANT: SHAWN ROBERT ADOLF
AGE:

ADDRESS: Arapahoe County Jail

OFFENSE 18 USC 922(g)(1), Possession of a Firearm by a Prohibited Person
18 USC 931, Possession of Body Armor by Violent Felon
21 USC 841, Possession of Methamphetamine with Intent to Distribute

PENALTY: NMT 10 years; $250,000, 3 years sup. release
NMT 3 years; $250,000, 3 years sup. release
NMT 20 years; $ 1 million, 5 years sup. release
$100 special assessment fee each charge

LOCATION
OF OFFENSE: Aurora, Colorado

AGENT: Shane Abraham, BATF

AUTHORIZED BY: ROBERT M. BROWN
Assistant U.S. Attorney

ESTIMATED TIME OF TRIAL:

__x__ five days or less

_____ over five days

_____ other

THE GOVERNMENT

__x__ will seek detention in this case

_____ will not seek detention in this case

The statutory presumption of detention **is not** applicable to this defendant. **(Circle one)**

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v.

THARIN ROBERT GARTRELL

CRIMINAL COMPLAINT
CASE NUMBER: 08-mj-001158-KMT

I, Shane Abraham, the undersigned complainant, being duly sworn state the following is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief:

On or about August 24, 2008, in the State and District of Colorado, THARIN ROBERT GARTRELL, having previously been convicted on or about April 20, 2006, in District Court of Denver County, Colorado, case number 2005CR5191, of Possession of a Controlled Substance, did knowingly and intentionally possess less than 5 grams of a mixture or substance containing a dectectable amount of methamphetamine, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 844 (a) and 851(a).

I further state that I am a Special Agent of the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms and that this complaint is based on the following facts:

Please see attached Affidavit, incorporated herein by reference.

Continued on the attached sheet and made a part hereof: XX Yes ☐ No

Signature of Complainant

Sworn to before me, and subscribed in my presence

August 26, 2008 at Denver, Colorado
Date City and State

KATHLEEN M. TAFOYA
United States Magistrate Judge

Name and Title of Judicial Officer

Signature of Judicial Officer

AFFIDAVIT

I, Shane Abraham, Special Agent with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), Department of Justice, being duly sworn, hereby state:

1. Your affiant has been employed as a Special Agent for ATF since August 28, 2000, and is a graduate of the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center and the ATF National Academy. Prior to becoming a Special Agent, your affiant was employed as a police officer with the Denver Police Department, and as a U.S. Border Patrol Agent in Douglas, Arizona. Your affiant has conducted numerous firearms and narcotics trafficking investigations that have resulted in successful prosecutions at both state and Federal levels. As a Special Agent, your affiant is authorized to carry firearms, execute warrants, make arrests for offenses against the United States, and to perform other such duties as authorized by law.

2. This affidavit is made in support of a criminal complaint and arrest warrant against Shawn Robert Adolf, DOB: 09/25/74, FBI# 390403TA6, for violations of Title 18, United States Code, Section 922(g)(1): Possession of a firearm and/or ammunition by a convicted felon, and Title 18, United States Code, Section 931: Possession of body armor by violent felons, and Title 21 U.S.C. Section 841(a)(1) - Possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance, namely methamphetamine; against Tharin Robert Gartrell, DOB: 03/17/80, FBI# 477396HC3, Title 21, United States Code, 844, Simple possession of a controlled substances, namely methamphetamine; and against Nathan Dwaine Johnson, DOB: 11/10/75, FBI# 112441FC5, for violations of Title 18, United States Code, Section 922(g)(1): Possession of a firearm and/or ammunition by a convicted felon, and Title 21, United States Code, 844, Simple

possession of a controlled substances, namely methamphetamine. The statements set forth in this affidavit are based upon your affiant's training and experience, consultation with other experienced investigators and agents, and other sources of information relative to firearms and narcotics investigations. This affidavit is intended to set forth probable cause in support of the criminal complaint and does not purport to set forth all of your affiant's knowledge regarding this investigation.

3. On August 24, 2008, your affiant received information that at approximately 1:37 a.m., Aurora Police Department (APD) Sergeant Holt was conducting routine patrol duties in a marked APD patrol vehicle when he observed a blue Dodge truck bearing Colorado license plate number 818RBI swerving and driving erratically in a northbound lane of traffic on Parker Rd. near Hampden Ave. in Aurora, CO, in the Judicial District of Colorado. Sergeant Holt conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle and contacted the driver and sole occupant of the vehicle, identified as Tharin Robert Gartrell (DOB: 03/17/80), based on a Colorado ID card presented by the driver. Sergeant Holt conducted routine records checks on Gartrell, and determined that Gartrell's driver's license was suspended and that Gartrell was on probation for possession of methamphetamine. Sergeant Holt then arrested Gartrell for driving on a suspended license, and while conducting a search incident to arrest of Gartrell, recovered a small plastic bag containing approximately 4.4 grams of suspected methamphetamine in the left cargo pocket of Gartrell's pants.

4. Your affiant received information that APD Officers subsequently conducted a search of the vehicle driven by Gartrell and recovered the following items from the backseat area of the vehicle: a loaded Ruger, Model M77 Mark II 22-250 bolt-action rifle,

serial number 787-42480, with an attached hunting scope and bi-pod and a threaded barrel, an unloaded Remington, Model 721 270 bolt-action rifle, serial number 113370, with an attached hunting scope, two boxes containing approximately forty rounds of Remington 270 Win ammunition, one box containing approximately forty rounds of Winchester 22-250 Rem ammunition, one box of Remington .22 caliber ammunition, five rounds of spent 22-250 Rem ammunition, and a bullet proof/ballistic vest. APD Officers also recovered a suspected mobile methamphetamine lab in the backseat area of the vehicle containing the following precursor items used during the manufacture of methamphetamine: lithium batteries, three large boxes of strike matches containing red phosphorous, one box of pseudo-ephedrine pills, a bottle of PH base, and two glass cooking vessels. APD Narcotics Detective Cooper responded to the scene to process the suspected mobile methamphetamine lab, and subsequently conducted a presumptive microchemical analysis of the suspected methamphetamine recovered from Gartrell's pants pocket and determined that it tested positive for the presence of methamphetamine with a gross weight of 4.4 grams. The recovered Ruger Model M77 Mark II 22-250 rifle was subsequently determined to be stolen from Goodland, Kansas on July 7, 2005, and was reported as stolen in NCIC from the Sherman County Sheriff's Office, Case Number 05-254.

5. Your affiant received information from APD Officers that, when questioned about the vehicle registration, ownership, and nature of the items recovered from the blue pickup truck, Gartrell denied knowledge of any of the items recovered from the vehicle, but told officers that the vehicle belonged to his cousin, Shawn Adolph, who

was staying at the Denver Tech Center Hyatt Hotel, located at 7800 East Tufts Street, Room #334, in Denver, CO. APD Officers conducted follow-up investigation and determined that Adolph was wanted on several outstanding felony arrest warrants, and APD Officers, Denver Police Department (DPD) Officers, and Special Agents from United States Secret Service (USSS) joined the investigation and responded to the Denver Tech Center Hyatt Hotel, Room #334, and attempted to contact Adolph to question him regarding the nature of the recovered firearms. At the hotel, officers contacted a male identified as Nathan Dwain Johnson (DOB: 11/10/75), and an unnamed female inside the room. Johnson gave DPD Officers verbal consent to search his person, and DPD Officers subsequently recovered approximately .91 grams of suspected methamphetamine from Johnson's pants pocket. While conducting follow-up investigation regarding the location of Adolf, Johnson told the officers that Adolph was actually staying at the Cherry Creek Hotel, Room #606, located at 600 S. Colorado Blvd. in Glendale, CO. On August 25, 2008, DPD Laboratory Forensic Chemists conducted a chemical examination of the suspected methamphetamine recovered from Johnson and determined that the substance recovered from Johnson tested positive for methamphetamine with a net weight of .919 grams.

6. Your affiant received information that on August 24, 2008, at approximately 6:37 a.m., USSS Special Agents, APD Officers, DPD Officers, and Glendale Police Department (GPD) Officers responded to the Cherry Creek Hotel, Room #606, in Glendale, CO and attempted to contact Adolf. GPD Officers knocked on the door of the room, and an unknown male inside responded, and officers subsequently heard glass breaking inside the room and an unknown female screaming. GPD Officers

made entry into the hotel room based on the exigent circumstances after hearing the glass breaking and the screaming, and observed that the window was shattered and the male party had fled by jumping out the window. GPD Officers ran to the window and observed a male, later identified as Shawn Robert Adolf (DOB: 09/25/74), running on the hotel roof several levels below and then jumping off a second roof of the hotel. Additional GPD Officers on the ground responded and arrested Adolph for his outstanding felony arrest warrants.

7. Your affiant received information that GPD Officers then contacted the unnamed female remaining in the hotel room, and the female related that an individual named Shawn Adolf had jumped out of the window of the hotel room because he didn't want to go to jail. The female further related to the responding officers that she had rented the hotel room and subsequently signed a GPD Voluntary Consent to Search form for the hotel room. During a search of the hotel room, GPD Officers recovered three small containers containing approximately 29.4 grams, 5.4 grams, and 0.6 grams, in a black box found in the hotel room. On August 25, 2008 ATF SA Tabullo and GPD Sergeant Cazell conducted a presumptive microchemical analysis of the suspected methamphetamine recovered from the hotel room, and determined that the substances in all three containers tested positive for the presence of methamphetamine.

8. On August 24, 2008, at approximately 11:10 a.m., your affiant and ATF SA Ray Brown conducted an interview of Tharin Robert Gartrell at the Aurora Police Department. Prior to the interview, your affiant advised Gartrell of his Miranda rights, and Gartrell waived his rights and stated that he was willing to answer questions regarding the incident. The following is a summary of the interview with

Gartrell. Gartrell stated that he was currently on felony probation for possession of methamphetamine, and further stated that he had passed all of his court ordered urinalysis tests and been clean for approximately two years. Gartrell then admitted to recently using methamphetamine on the evening of August 23, 2008. Gartrell stated that Johnson, identified by Gartrell as "Dwight", was driving a white rental truck and picked him up on the 16th St. mall in downtown Denver, CO, sometime that evening. Gartrell stated that Johnson immediately gave him a small bag of methamphetamine when he got in the truck, and stated that he and Gartrell both started sniffing methamphetamine at that time. Gartrell stated that Johnson then took him to a hotel in the Denver Tech Center to meet his cousin, Shawn Adolf. Gartrell stated that he partied for awhile with Adolf, Johnson, and an unknown female, and later decided to leave the hotel to purchase cigarettes. Gartrell stated that Adolf gave him keys to a blue pickup truck so he could drive to get the cigarettes, and further stated that he was driving the blue pickup truck when he was later arrested by the Aurora Police Department (APD). Gartrell admitted to driving illegally on a suspended license, and also to using and possessing the methamphetamine recovered by APD Officers from his pants pocket after he was arrested, but denied knowledge of any of the items recovered from the backseat area of the vehicle that he was driving, including the firearms, bullet proof / ballistic vest, and items used to possibly manufacture methamphetamine

9. On August 25, 2008, your affiant received information from USSS SA Torres regarding possible threats against Democratic Presidential Nominee Obama being made by suspects in the ongoing firearms and narcotics investigation. SA Torres

related that on August 24, 2008, at approximately 9:30 a.m., he and Colorado State Patrol (CSP) Sergeant Beavais interviewed an unnamed female who provided information regarding possible threats made against presidential candidate Barak Obama. Prior to the interview, SA Torres advised the unnamed female of her Miranda rights, and she waived her rights and stated that she was willing to answer questions regarding the incident. The following is a summary of the interview as related to your affiant by SA Torres. The female related that she came to Denver, CO from Ft. Morgan, CO at the request of Shawn Adolf, and further related that she arrived at the Hyatt Hotel, located at 7800 E. Tufts Ave., Room #334, in Denver, CO at approximately 8:30 p.m. on August 23, 2008. The female stated that Adolf arrived at the Hyatt in a blue pickup with Tharin Gartrell, and further related that she, Adolf and Gartrell, all talked for a few minutes in the parking garage of the hotel. The female further stated that while they were talking, Adolf showed her and Gartrell a bullet proof/ballistic vest which he claimed was for his protection. The female stated that they all then went to Room #334in the hotel and met Nathan Johnson and another unnamed female, where they all proceeded to "chill and do drugs." The first unnamed female then stated that Adolf, Johnson, and Gartrell began to speak negatively about Obama, and further stated she believed that Adolf, Johnson, and Gartrell were all racists and possibly associated with white supremacist groups. The female stated to SA Torres that Adolf, Gartrell, and Johnson were all commenting on how Obama was a, "nigger", and further stated that they, "could not believe how close he (Obama) was to becoming president," and that no "nigger" should ever live in the White House. The female also related that Adolf believed that Obama had a

suite on the third floor of the hotel they were staying in. The female further stated that at approximately 11:30 p.m., Gartrell left the hotel in the blue pickup truck that Adolf had driven to the Hyatt, and that at approximately 1:00 a.m., she and Adolf left the Hyatt and subsequently rented a hotel room the Cherry Creek Hotel, located at 600 S. Colorado Blvd., Room # 606. The female stated that at approximately 2:00 a.m., two unidentified individuals came to the Cherry Creek Hotel to visit Adolf, and Adolf then ordered her out of the room so he could discuss business with the two unidentified individuals. The female stated that at approximately 5:00 a.m., police officers knocked on the door of the hotel room, and Adolf told the officers his wife was changing and needed a minute, and further stated that Adolf then jumped out of the window of the hotel room, which was located on the 6th floor of the hotel.

10. On August 25, 2008, your affiant received information that ATF SA Russell and USSS SA Combs conducted an interview of Shawn Adolf. SA Russell related to your affiant that Adolph previously admitted to possessing the bulletproof / ballistic vest to SA McWilliams during an earlier interview conducted by SA McWilliams. SA Russell further related that on August 24, 2008, at approximately 12:15 p.m., SA Russell and SA Combs interviewed Shawn Adolph at the Denver Health Medical Center located at 777 Bannock Street Denver, CO. Prior to the interview, SA Combs related that Adolf had previously been advised of his Miranda rights by SA McWilliams and waived those rights. The following is a summary of the information related to your affiant by SA Russell. Adolph admitted to possessing the bulletproof/ballistic vest and further stated that he was in possession of the bulletproof/ballistic vest because, "someone wanted to shoot him." Adolph described

the ballistic vest to SA Russell as being black and stated that it appears, "torn up and in bad shape." Adolph told SA Russell that he received the ballistic vest from, "an old ass guy out in the country," and further stated that he (Adolph) only owned one ballistic vest. Adolph further stated that his ballistic vest should have been in the blue pick up vehicle, but stated that he did not know who was currently driving this vehicle. Adolph then told SA Russell the last person who had been driving the blue pickup truck was his cousin, Tharin Gartrell.

11. On August 25, 2008, your affiant received additional information from USSS SA Torres regarding further developments into the possible threats against Obama. SA Torres related that on August 24, 2008, at approximately 1:30 p.m., he and CSP Beavais interviewed Nathan Dwain Johnson regarding Johnson's involvement in a possible threat against Obama. Prior to the interview, SA Torres advised Johnson of his Miranda rights, and Johnson waived his rights and stated that he was willing to answer questions regarding the incident. The following is a summary of the interview as related to your affiant by SA Torres. Johnson stated that he had been in Denver, CO for approximately two weeks, and further stated that he specifically rented a hotel room at the Hyatt Hotel, located at 7800 E. Tufts Ave, Room #334, after being requested to do so by Shawn Adolf. Johnson related that on August 23, 2008, at approximately 10:00 p.m., Adolf, Gartrell, and an unnamed female came to his hotel room where he was doing drugs with a second unnamed female. Johnson stated that at that time, he was present in the room when Adolf and the second female began making threatening statements toward Obama. Johnson related that the second female initially made statements about killing Obama with a camera with a gun

hidden inside the lens, and Adolf, Gartrell, and Johnson subsequently dismissed her statements. Johnson related that Adolf then commented that it wouldn't matter if he killed Obama because he was going to jail on his pending felony charges anyway. SA Torres related that he asked Johnson about the firearms recovered from the blue pickup truck rented in Johnson's name, and Johnson initially told SA Torres that he brought the firearms to Denver, CO to do some hunting with Adolf. Johnson then told SA Torres that Adolf specifically asked Johnson if he had any firearms, and Johnson told Adolf that he had a hunting rifle with a scope. Johnson stated that he then brought the Remington 270 rifle to Denver, CO at Adolf's request. SA Torres related that he confronted Johnson regarding discrepancies in his statements about the recovered firearms, and Johnson began to cry and admitted that Adolf had in fact threatened to kill Obama on a prior occasion. Johnson further related that Adolf said that he wanted to kill Obama on the day of his inauguration and additionally stated that Adolf said he would specifically use a 22-250 sniper rifle and high powered scope, and find high ground to set up and shoot Obama. Johnson additionally stated that he believed that Gartrell was also present in Denver, CO to assist Adolf in killing Obama, but stated that he never specifically heard Gartrell threaten Obama. SA Torres further related that he again asked Johnson whether Adolf and Gartrell were present in Denver, CO to kill Barak Obama, and Johnson stated, "yes". Johnson then told SA Torres that there were no political reasons for wanting to kill Obama, and that the only reason to kill Obama is because Obama is black.

12. On August 25, 2008, your affiant received information that on August 24, 2008, at approximately 9:00 p.m., ATF SA Brown conducted a follow-up interview with

Gartrell at the Arapahoe County Jail in Centennial, CO. SA Brown was known to Gartrell from a previous interview earlier in the day, and SA Brown related to your affiant that he advised Gartrell that Gartrell had previously been advised of, and waived his Miranda rights and agreed to answer questions, and SA Brown further related that Gartrell was again willing to waive his rights and answer follow-up questions. During the interview, Gartrell related to SA Brown that he was actually brought to the Hyatt hotel by his cousin, Shawn Adolf, but stated that he didn't want to testify against his cousin because he feared he would be killed. Gartrell then admitted to being present in hotel room when Adolf, Johnson, and Adolf's girlfriend were talking about killing Obama, and referencing a, "shooting on grassy knoll." Gartrell then admitted to SA Brown that the Ruger 22-250 rifle recovered from the back of the blue pickup truck belonged to Adolf, and admitted to seeing Adolf in possession of the rifle on several previous occasions.

13. On August 25, 2008, your affiant received information from ATF SA's Engelbert and McNamee regarding a firearm reported stolen by Lloyd Studer in 2005. SA'S Engelbert and McNamee related that they interviewed Studer at his residence regarding a firearm he reported stolen in 2005. Studer related that he originally purchased a Ruger Model M77 MKII 22-250 caliber rifle, serial number787-42480, in a private sale from an individual. Studer stated that he stored his firearms, including a Ruger Model M77 MKII, 22-250 caliber rifle, serial number 787-42480, at his uncle's house outside Goodland, KS, while he and his family members worked the harvest. Studer related that he reported that the Ruger Model M77 MKII, 22-250 caliber rifle, serial number787-42480, had been stolen in July 2005. Studer told SA's

Engelbert and McNamee that shortly after the firearm was stolen, a friend of his asked Studer if his Ruger 22-250 had been stolen, and then told Studer that an associate of Shawn Adolf named Eric Rodriguez may have possibly stolen the firearm. Studer stated that he and Adolf were previously associates, further stated that he knew that Adolf and Rodriguez were associates who had previously cooked methamphetamine together. Studer additionally told SA's Englebert and McNamee that he never made any alterations or modifications to the Ruger 22-250, and described the rifle as having a laminated wood stock with a silver receiver and barrel with no additional modifications.

14. On August 25, 2008, your affiant received information that FBI SA Carlson determined that both of the vehicles involved in this investigation, a white 2008 Dodge pickup, and a blue 2008 Dodge pickup, were rented through Enterprise car rental by an individual identified as Dwain Johnson (DOB: 11/10/75) on August 19, 2008, and August 20, 2008.

15. On August 25, 2008, FBI SA Sawyer obtained search warrants for Room #334 of the Hyatt Hotel, located at 7800 E. Tufts Ave. in Denver, CO, and for the white 2008 Dodge Ram pickup truck determined to have previously been rented by Dwain Johnson. FBI SA's executed the search warrants and recovered a black stocking cap and mag light, black tactical pants and camouflage clothing, several laptop computers, several books on committing fraud, numerous suspected stolen credit cards and phone cards, and several items of suspected drug paraphernalia.

16. On August 25, 2008, your affiant, who is certified in firearms and ammunition

interstate nexus determination, examined the aforementioned Ruger, Model M77 Mark II 22-250 rifle, serial number 787-42480, the Remington, Model 721 270 rifle, serial number 113370, approximately forty rounds of Remington 270 Win ammunition, approximately forty rounds of Winchester 22-250 Rem ammunition, and one box of Remington .22 caliber ammunition, and determined that the above listed firearms and ammunition were not manufactured in the State of Colorado, and therefore must have traveled in and/or affected interstate commerce.

17. On August 26, 2008, you affiant conducted research in several criminal justice databases and spoke with ATF Firearms Technology Branch representatives and determined that there are no major manufacturers of bulletproof/ballistic vests and/or body armor in the State of Colorado, and determined that to the best of your affiant's knowledge, the recovered body armor therefore must have traveled in and/or affected interstate commerce.

18. On August 25, 2008, your affiant conducted a query of the CCIC/NCIC criminal history database and the Lexis/Nexis Colorado State Court database and reviewed documents stating that on or about April 20, 2006, Tharin Gartrell, date of birth 03/17/80, pled guilty to Possession of a Controlled Substance – 1g/less, a class six felony in the State of Colorado, in Denver County District Court Case Number 2005CR5191.

19. On August 25, 2008, your affiant conducted a query of the CCIC/NCIC criminal history database and the Lexis/Nexis Colorado State Court database and reviewed documents stating that on or about October 3, 1997, Shawn Robert Adolph, (DOB:

09/25/74), pled guilty to Possession/Sale of a Sch. I or II Controlled Substance, a class four felony in the State of Colorado, and Possession of a Weapon by a Previous Offender, a class five felony in the State of Colorado, in Denver County District Court Case Number 1997CR1348. Your affiant also reviewed documents stating that on or about December 1, 1993, Shawn Robert Adolph, (DOB: 09/25/74), pled guilty to Second Degree Burglary (Dwelling), a class three felony in the State of Colorado, in Weld County District Court Case Number 1993CR349, and also stating that on about December 1, 1993, Shawn Robert Adolf (DOB: 09/25/74), pled guilty to Second Degree Burglary, a class four felony in the State of Colorado, in Weld County District Court Case Number 1993CR539.

20. On August 25, 2008, your affiant conducted a query of the CCIC/NCIC criminal history database and the Lexis/Nexis Colorado State Court database and reviewed documents stating that on or about May 19, 2006, Nathan Dwaine Johnson (DOB: 11/10/75), pled guilty to Theft ($500-$15000), a class four felony in the State of Colorado, in Weld County District Court Case Number 2006CR285.

21. Based upon the aforementioned information and events, your affiant's training and experience, and information provided to your affiant by other experienced officers and agents throughout the course of this investigation, your affiant believes that there is probable cause to believe that: Shawn Robert Adolf, DOB: 09/25/74, FBI# 390403TA6, being a previously convicted violent felon, unlawfully possessed a firearm and/or ammunition in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 922(g)(1), unlawfully possessed body armor in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 931, and unlawfully possessed a controlled substance, namely

methamphetamine, with the intent to distribute, in violation of Title 21 U.S.C. Section 841(a)(1); and that Tharin Robert Gartrell, DOB: 03/17/80, FBI# 477396HC3, unlawfully possessed a controlled substance, namely methamphetamine, in violation of Title 21 United States Code, Section 844; and that Nathan Dwaine Johnson, DOB: 11/10/75, FBI# 112441FC5, being a previously convicted felon, unlawfully possessed a firearm and/or ammunition in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 922(g)(1), and unlawfully possessed a controlled substance, namely methamphetamine, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 844.

Shane Abraham, Special Agent
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 26th day of August 2008

UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
DISTRICT OF COLORADO

DATE: August 26, 2008

DEFENDANT: THARIN ROBERT GARTRELL
AGE:

ADDRESS: Arapahoe County Jail

OFFENSE 21 U.S.C. 844(a) and 851

PENALTY: 15 days to 2 years; $250,000 fine or both; $100 special assessment fee

LOCATION
OF OFFENSE: Aurora, Colorado

AGENT: Shane Abraham, BATF

AUTHORIZED BY: ROBERT M. BROWN
Assistant U.S. Attorney

ESTIMATED TIME OF TRIAL:

__x__ five days or less

_____ over five days

_____ other

THE GOVERNMENT

__x__ will seek detention in this case

_____ will not seek detention in this case

The statutory presumption of detention **is not** applicable to this defendant. **(Circle one)**

Department of Justice

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE PRESS RELEASE
Troy A. Eid United States Attorney, District of Colorado
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
August 26, 2008

TWO MEN CHARGED WITH FEDERAL GUN VIOLATIONS, THIRD MAN CHARGED WITH POSSESSION OF METHAMPHETAMINE

DENVER – Three men from Metro Denver were charged by Criminal Complaint today, two on firearm and drug charges, and the third on drug charges. The charges were announced this afternoon by U.S. Attorney Troy Eid, FBI Special Agent in Charge James Davis, ATF Special Agent in Charge Dick Chase, Secret Service Special Agent in Charge Ron Perea, Aurora Chief of Police Dan Oates, and Denver Chief of Police Gerald Whitman. The three defendants are presently in state custody. They will likely appear in federal court in Denver later this week.

According to the affidavit in support of the Criminal Complaint, this matter started early Sunday morning following a traffic stop by an Aurora Police officer. During that traffic stop, Tharin Robert Gartrell was taken into custody for outstanding warrants. A search of the vehicle following the arrest uncovered a loaded Ruger Model M77 Mark II 22-250 bolt-action rifle with a scope attached and a bi-pod. Also recovered was an unloaded Remington, Model 721 270 bolt-action rifle with an attached hunting scope, two boxes of ammunition, and a bullet proof/ballistic vest, among other things. The investigation later revealed that two other men were also in possession of the firearms.

Federal authorities learned that there were alleged threats to Senator Barack Obama during the course of this investigation.

U.S. Attorney Troy Eid said, "We've conducted an intensive investigation, chased down numerous leads, and carefully reviewed the evidence to date. It is a very serious crime to threaten a Presidential candidate. In this case, however, there is insufficient evidence at this time to indicate a true threat, plot or conspiracy against Senator Obama."

Charged are: Shawn Robert Adolf, age 33. Adolf is charged with one count of possession of a firearm by a prohibited person, one count of possession of body armor by a violent felon, and one count of possession of Methamphetamine.

Nathan Dwaine Johnson, age 32. Johnson is charged with one count of possession of a firearm by a prohibited person, and one count of possession of Methamphetamine.

Tharin Robert Gartrell, age 28. Gartrell is charged with one count of possession of Methamphetamine.

If convicted of being a felon in possession of a firearm, the defendants face not more than 10 years in federal prison, and up to a $250,000 fine. If convicted of possession of body armor by a violent felon, the defendant will face not more than 3 years in federal prison, and up to a $250,000 fine. If convicted of possession of Methamphetamine, the defendants face either 2 years in federal prison, or up to 20 years, depending on the amount of Methamphetamine possessed.

A Criminal Complaint is a probable cause charging document. Defendants accused of committing a federal felony have the right to be indicted by a federal grand jury.

The charges are allegations, and the defendants are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

This case was investigated by the FBI and the Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF), the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco,

Firearms and Explosives (ATF), the United States Secret Service, the Aurora Police Department, and the Denver Police Department.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Robert Brown.

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AFFIDAVIT OF COMPLAINT

My name is Brian A. Weaks. I am employed as a Special Agent with the United States Department of Justice, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and have been so employed since July 29, 2001. Prior to employment with ATF, I worked as a law enforcement officer for over five years. I have used overt and covert methods of investigation to including but not limited to undercover operations, search warrants, subpoenas, interview / interrogation, controlled purchases, and long term surveillance operations. I have attended classes and training sessions on the subjects of search warrant executions, investigation of complex crime organization, asset forfeiture, and tracing of illegal proceeds. I have participated in, organized, and initiated investigative efforts that have targeted criminal organizations. These cases have resulted in felony arrest, convictions, and asset seizures.

On October 23, 2008 your Affiant responded to the Crockett County Sherriff's Office in Alamo Tennessee to assist in an investigation involving Federal Firearms Violations committed by Daniel COWART and Paul SCHLESSELMAN.

Upon conducting separate interviews of COWART and SCHLESSELMAN, each stated the following in substance and in part: Approximately 1 month ago COWART and SCHLESSELMAN met via the internet through a mutual friend. Each individual claims to have very strong beliefs and views regarding "White Power" and "Skinhead" views. The individuals began discussing going on a "killing spree" that included killing 88 people and beheading 14 African Americans. Based upon my training and experience, the numbers 88 and 14 have special significance with-in the "White Power" movement. The individuals discussed doing home invasion robberies to fund their "killing spree." Individually, they discussed robbing and/or burglarizing a Federal Firearms Licensee (FFL) to gather weapons and ammunition to be "more equipped" for their "killing spree." COWART further took photographs and drew a diagram of specific a FFL in Jackson, Tennessee. Your affiant received a copy of the diagram from investigators at the Crockett County Sheriff's Department and determined that the diagram and photographs depicted what is believe to be an actual FFL in Jackson, Tennessee. COWART emailed and/or sent both diagrams and photographs through webcam to SCHLESSELMAN for review.

SCHLESSELMAN indicated that he owned a Mossberg Model 500 AT 12 gauge shotgun. SCHLESSELMAN advised that he cut the barrel down to approximately 16 inches in length in order to make it "easier to maneuver" during the "killing spree". The firearm was recovered by law enforcement agents and your affiant subsequently measured the barrel, which measured approximately 16 inches in length. A search of the National Firearms Registrations and Transfer Record revealed that the firearm is not registered. No firearms are registered to SCHLESSELMAN or COWART.

COWART and SCHLESSELMAN further stated that on October 20, 2008 COWART traveled from Tennessee to Arkansas, to pick up SCHLESSELMAN and bring SCHLESSELMAN to Tennessee to carry out the aforementioned acts. SCHLESSELMAN brought the short barreled shotgun and a Ruger GP100 .357 revolver he said he had taken from his Father without permission. SCHLESSELMAN also brought ammunition to carry out the robberies and the killing spree. COWART stated that he had stock piled an FASI .308 caliber rifle that he purchased, a High Standard .22 caliber handgun and a Colt .25 caliber handgun both of which COWART stated were stolen from his Grandfather. All of these firearms were recovered during the course of the investigation.

Upon arriving in Tennessee COWART and SCHLESSELMAN further discussed the killing spree to include targeting a predominately African-American school, going state to state while robbing individuals and continuing to kill people. They further stated that their final act of violence would be to attempt to kill/assassinate Presidential Candidate Barack Obama. COWART stated that they planned to use his FASI .308 caliber rifle and a high powered rifle that was to be stolen from the aforementioned FFL to facilitate their attempt to assassinate Obama. SCHLESSELEMAN stated that they planned to drive their vehicle as fast as they could toward Obama shooting at him from the windows. Both individuals stated they would dress in all white tuxedos and wear top hats during the assassination attempt. Both individuals further stated they knew they would and were willing to die during this attempt.

On October 21, 2008 COWART and SCHLESSELMAN drove around the area looking for a house to rob. They decided on a specific house in Bells, Tennessee. Later that day, they contacted a friend of COWART'S (Danni STAFFORD) asking her to assist them by driving the vehicle while they committed the robbery. STAFFORD agreed to drive the vehicle. Between 11:00pm on 10/21/2008 and 2:00am on 10/22/2008 COWART and SCHLESSELMAN picked up STAFFORD and all three drove to the predetermined house. COWART and SCHLESSELMAN exited the vehicle each carrying a knife and a handgun. They also had a black duffle bag. As COWART and SCHLESSELMAN approached the house and went to the rear of the house they observed two vehicles and a dog. At that time they decided to leave that location without committing the robbery, agreeing that they would further prepare and try again later. They called STAFFORD who was waiting in the area at which time she came and picked them up. COWART and SCHLESSELMAN drove STAFFORD to her residence and dropped her off.

COWART and SCHLESSELMAN then proceeded to Wal-Mart in Brownsville, Tennessee where they purchased food, nylon rope and two ski masks. Both COWART and SCHLESSELMAN stated that these items were purchased to be utilized in the next home invasion robbery and/or gun store robbery.

Later in the early morning of 10/22/2008 while driving around COWART and SCHLESSELMAN observed a church and decided to shoot a window out. COWART was driving the vehicle and shot out a window using a .22 caliber revolver. The damage to the church, Beech Grove Church of Christ, Beech Grove Road, Brownsville, Tennessee, was verified by the Haywood County Sheriff's Department.

COWART and SCHLESSELMAN then drove back to the COWART's grandfather's residence where they slept for the night. Upon waking up around 11:30 a.m. on 10/22/2008 they drove around further discussing the plans of their "killing spree." Later that evening they purchased window chalk and wrote numerous racially motivated words and symbols on the exterior of COWARTS' vehicle. This included a Swastika and the numbers 14 and 88 on the hood. They were taken into custody by Crockett Co. Sherriff's Office later that night.

Based on the foregoing facts and information your Affiant feels there is probable cause to believe that Daniel COWART and Paul SCHLESSELMAN are in violation of the following Federal Statutes:

- Title 26 USC section 5861(d) Possession of an unregistered firearm
- Title 18 USC section 371 and 922u Conspiring to Steal Firearms from an FFL's inventory.
- Title 18 USC 879 Threats against a Major Candidate for the Office of President.

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

WESTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
V.
DANIEL COWART
and
PAUL SCHLESSELMAN

(Name and Address of Defendant)

CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

Case Number:

I, the undersigned complainant state that the following is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. On or about 10/22/2008 (Date) in Crockett County, in the Western District of Tennessee defendant(s) did,

(Track Statutory Language of Offense)

possess an unregistered firearm; make a threat against a major candidate for the office of president; steal firearms from a Federal Firearm Licensee's inventory.

in violation of Title 26 United States Code, Section(s) 5861(d); 18 U.S.C. 879 & 922u .

I further state that I am a(n) Special Agent, Bureau of ATF (Official Title) and that this complaint is based on the following facts:

See attached affidavit.

Continued on the attached sheet and made a part of this complaint: ☑ Yes ☐ No

Signature of Complainant

S/A Brian Weaks
Printed Name of Complainant

Sworn to before me and signed in my presence,

10/24/08 (Date) at Jackson TN

J. Daniel Breen — Name of Judge
U.S. District Judge — Title of Judge

s/ J. Daniel Breen

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Two Men Charged in Federal Court for Violating Federal Firearms Laws and Making Threats against a Presidential Candidate

Jackson, TN—Daniel Cowart, 20, of Bells, Tennessee and Paul Schlesselman, 18, of West Helena, Arkansas were charged in a federal Complaint, Friday, October 24, 2008 announced Lawrence J. Laurenzi, Acting United States Attorney for the Western District of Tennessee, James Cavanaugh, Special Agent in Charge of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, Richard Harlow, Special Agent in Charge of the United States Secret Service - Memphis Field Office and Troy Klyce, Sheriff of Crockett County. The Criminal Complaint charges Cowart and Schlesselman with the illegal Possession of a Sawed off Shotgun, Conspiracy to Rob a Federal Firearms Licensee, and Making Threats Against a Major Candidate for the Office of President.

"The allegations set forth in this Criminal Complaint are serious and will be treated as such," said Lawrence J. Laurenzi, Acting United States Attorney for the Western District of Tennessee. "The public can rest assured that federal, state, and local law enforcement are diligently working together to investigate and prosecute the alleged activity."

According to the Complaint, approximately one month ago, Cowart and Schlesselman met via the Internet through a mutual friend and both claim to have very strong beliefs regarding "White Power" and "Skinhead" philosophy. Cowart and Schlesselman began discussing going on a "killing spree." The Complaint further alleges that Cowart and Schlesselman discussed robbing a gun shop (Federal Firearms Licensee) in order to gather weapons and ammunition. The Complaint notes the defendants were in possession of a sawed off shotgun.

On October 20, 2008, Cowart allegedly traveled from Tennessee to Arkansas to pick up Schlesselman in order to carry out their plan. The Complaint states that at this time, the defendants further discussed their killing spree to include targeting a predominately African American School and to continue their spree until their final act of violence which would be to attempt to assassinate Presidential Candidate Barack Obama. "The United States Secret Service takes all threats against Presidential Candidates seriously and is actively investigating the allegations," said Richard Harlow, Special Agent in Charge of the Secret Service-Memphis Field Office. "The Secret Service does not comment on this type of investigation."

The Complaint further notes that the defendants stated that they would be willing to die during this attempt. According to the Complaint, after soliciting a friend, to drive their car, between 11:00pm on October 21, 2008 and 2:00am on October 22, 2008, the defendants made plans to rob a house but were diverted when they arrived and observed a dog and two cars at the location. Cowart and Schlesselman then dropped the friend back off at home and then went to a local retail store and allegedly purchased nylon rope and two ski masks.

"It is critical that the alleged plot was interrupted," said James Cavanaugh, Special Agent in Charge of ATF. "We give credit to the Deputies of Crockett and Haywood Counties. All forces of law enforcement have come together to stop this threat."

The Defendants were arrested on October 22, 2008 by the Crockett County Sheriff's Office. "Once we arrested the defendants and suspected they had violated federal law, we immediately contacted federal authorities, "said Sheriff Troy Klyce of Crockett County. "The Sheriff's Department is committed to keeping Crockett County a safe place for all of our citizens."

Cowart and Schlesselman had their Initial Appearances in Federal Court today and are scheduled to be back in court for a Detention Hearing on October 30, 2008 in Memphis, Tennessee.

This case is being investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives- Memphis Office, the United States Secret Service-Memphis Field Office, with the assistance of the Crockett County Sheriff's Office and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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Men Charged with Conspiracy to Threaten and Kill African-Americans

WASHINGTON – A federal grand jury in Memphis has returned a 10-count superseding indictment today adding to the charges against two men in an alleged plot to murder African-Americans, the Justice Department announced.

Daniel G. Cowart and Paul M. Schlesselman are charged with conspiracy, interstate unlawful transportation of an unregistered firearm, interstate transportation of a firearm with the intent to commit a felony, transporting a short-barreled shotgun across state lines without a license, unlawful possession of a short-barreled shotgun and threatening to kill and inflict bodily harm upon a major presidential candidate. The indictment also charges Cowart with damage to religious property and use of a firearm during a crime of violence.

The indictment alleges that beginning on Sept. 1, 2008, and continuing until Oct. 22, 2008, Cowart and Schlesselman conspired to engage in a killing spree of African-Americans on streets and sidewalks. The indictment also alleges that beginning on or about Sept. 1, 2008, and continuing until Oct. 22, 2008, Cowart and Schlesselman conspired to transport firearms and ammunition in interstate commerce, steal firearms from a licensed firearms dealer and transport in interstate commerce a short-barreled shotgun, all for the purpose of committing murders, robberies and burglaries.

The indictment alleges that on Oct. 20, 2008, the two unlawfully transported an unregistered short barreled shotgun across state lines, transported the shotgun and a .357 magnum caliber handgun across state lines for the purpose of committing felonies, including the racially targeted murders, and transported a short barreled shotgun across state lines without a license.

Further, the indictment alleges that on Oct. 23, 2008, Schlesselman threatened to kill and inflict bodily harm on President-elect Barack Obama, who was a presidential candidate at the time, and that Cowart threatened to kill and inflict bodily harm on then-candidate Obama, on May 16, 2008.

The indictment goes on to allege that on Oct. 21, 2008, Cowart damaged Allen Baptist Church in Brownsville, Tenn., and that Cowart used a firearm during a crime of violence.

Cowart faces a minimum of 10 years in prison if convicted, and could face up to 90 years in prison. Schlesselman faces up to 60 years in prison.

Cowart and Schlesselman were previously indicted on the firearms conspiracy, firearms and threats charges on Nov. 5, 2008. The two were arrested on Oct. 22, 2008, by the Crockett County Sheriff's Office.

An indictment is only an allegation, and a defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

The case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives; the U.S. Secret Service; the FBI; and the Crockett County Sheriff's Office. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney James Powell and Civil Rights Division Trial Attorney Jonathan Skrmetti.

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