Extremism Awareness

ORANGE COUNTY
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Why Are You Here….?

The purpose of this training is to equip OCSD members with knowledge and awareness of extremist and potential terrorist groups. The goal is to inform your decision-making and judgment in the event you are exposed to an individual with unacceptable motives.

International Terrorism

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Definition of Terrorism

There is no single, universally accepted, definition of terrorism……

Terrorism is defined in the Code of Federal Regulations as "the unlawful use of force or 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" (28 C.F.R. Section 0.85).

Historical Terrorism Example

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February 7, 1984: Reagan Orders the Marines Home

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(U) FBI Definition of Domestic Terrorism (DT)

(U//FOUO) 18 U.S.C. § 2331(5)

Activities that:

- **Involve acts dangerous to human life that are a violation of the criminal laws of the United States or of any State;**
- **Appear to be intended to**

  intimidate or coerce a civilian population;

  influence the policy of a government by intimidation or coercion; or

  affect the conduct of a government by mass destruction, assassination, or kidnapping; and
- **Occur primarily within the territorial jurisdiction of the United States.**

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Domestic Terrorism Example: Oklahoma City

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Extremism vs. Terrorism

Extremism involves espousing particular ideologies, including criminal activity to advance those ideologies. The ideologies are typically outside society's key values and "support racial or religious supremacy and/or oppose the core principles of democracy and human rights." The underlying ideology itself and the advocacy of "violent extremism" beliefs is not prohibited by US law.

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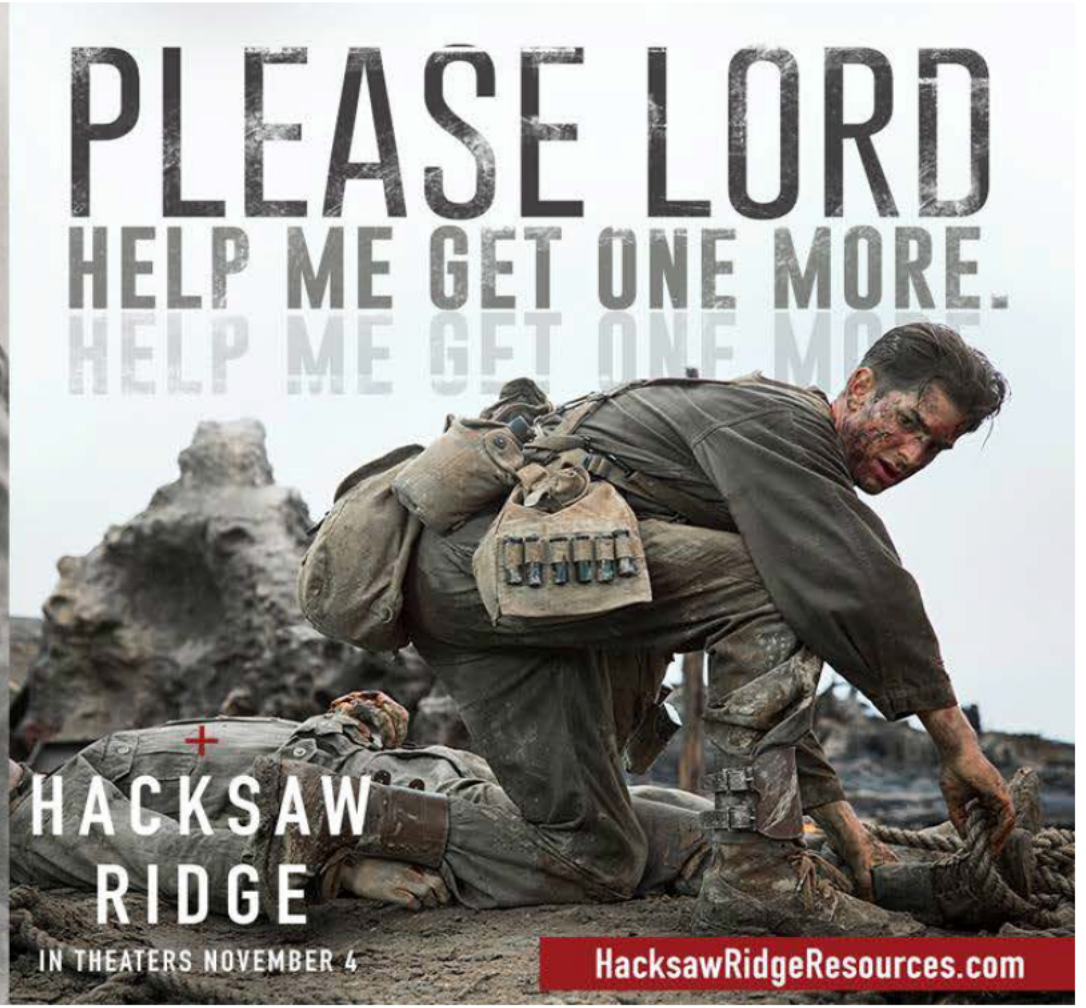
Are Extreme Views Always Violent?



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Two Extreme Views: Alt Right vs The Extreme Left

(U) Charlottesville, VA

(U) Source: New York Times

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The Traditional "White Power" Movement Adapted

Rebranding After Charlottesville

- Transition from “old” to “new” Alt – Right Extremists
- Active effort to rebrand and appeal to a wider audience and disaffected youth

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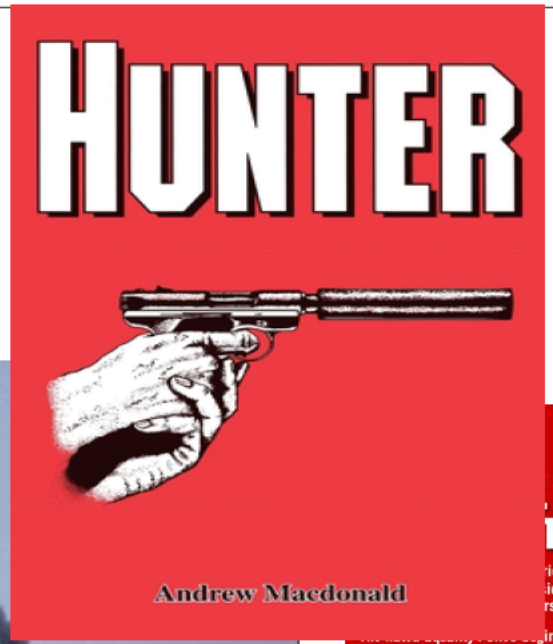
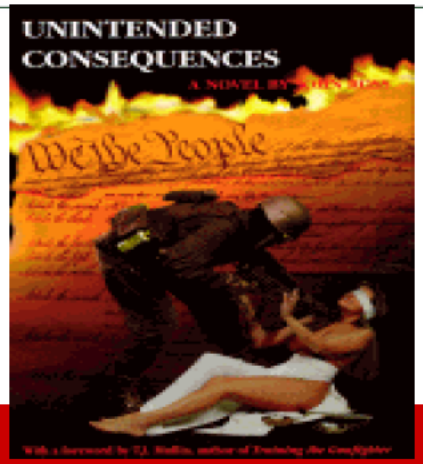
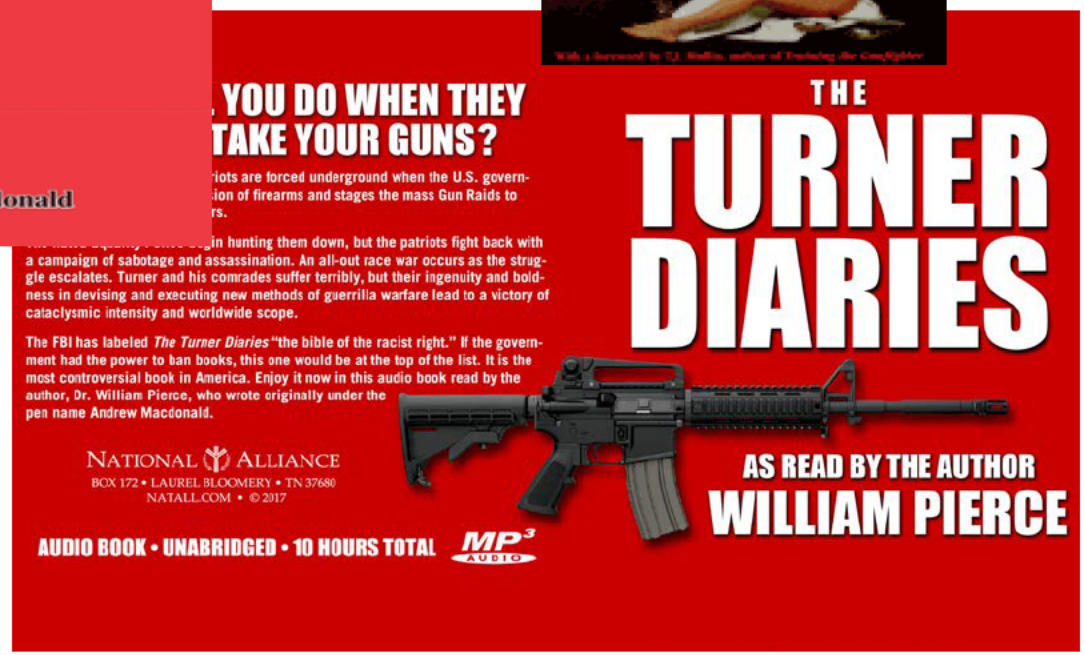
Extreme / Alt Right Influences







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Alt – Right Core Beliefs

- Propose a return to “traditional western civilization” and “traditional values”
- Reject egalitarianism (all people are equal) and universalism (concern for others regardless of national or other allegiances)
- Advocates individual sovereignty and open markets in place of an organized state….system is broken and needs to change
- Traditional conservatism is weak and ineffective

Examples of Domestic Extremist Groups – Proud Boys

- Groups who are not necessarily white supremacists but have overlap with white supremacist groups and/or shared ideology
- Men and western culture are under siege
- Proud Boys believe in elements of the white genocide conspiracy theory
- Violent towards Antifa, Anti-Left , Anti-Socialist

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Proud Boys' Uniform and Characteristics

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Proud Boys' Leadership / Symbolism

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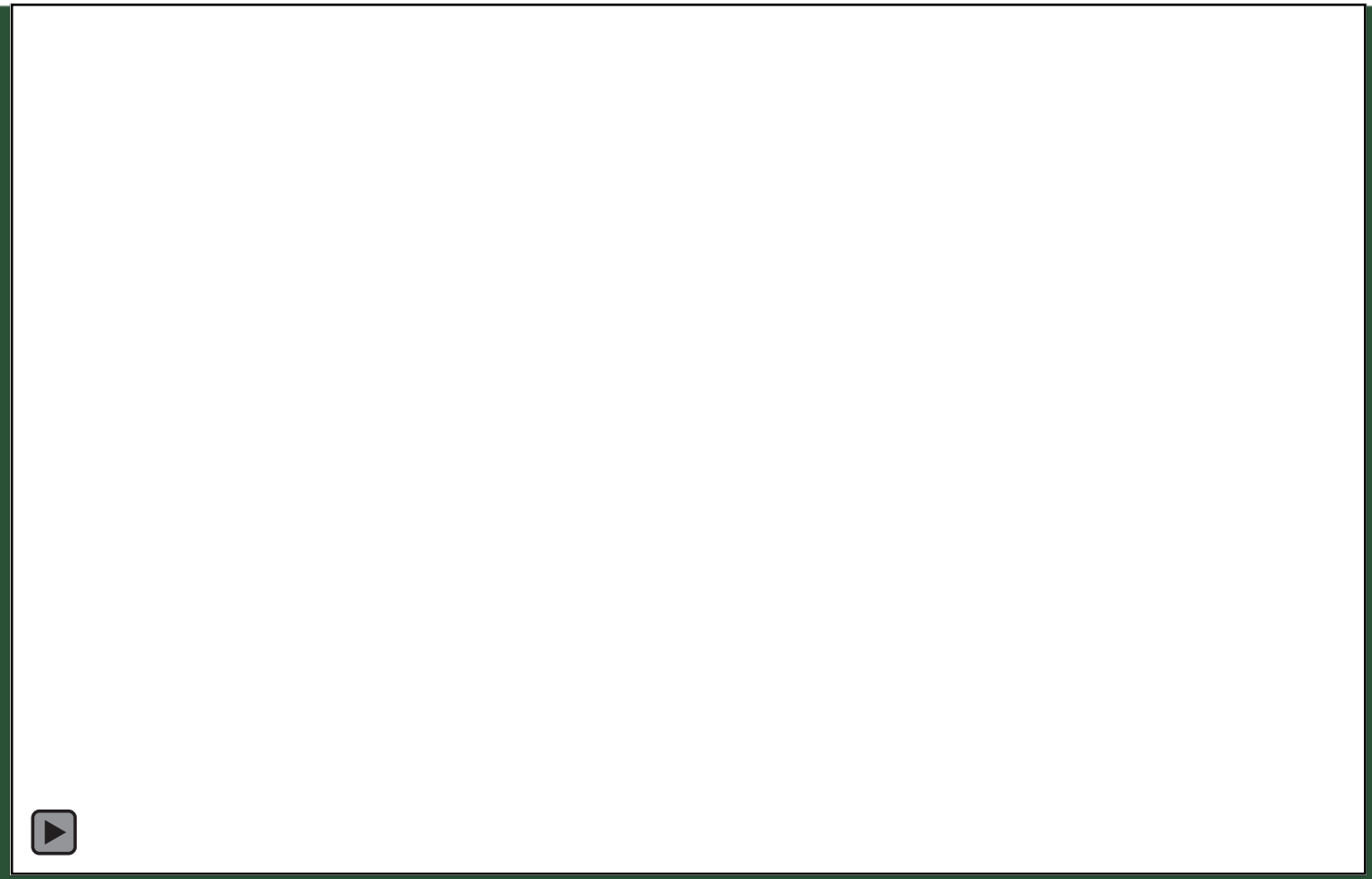
Proud Boys Recruiting Includes a Broader Appeal



Responsibility to "Defend" Right-Wing Groups

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Significant Group Overlap and Branding

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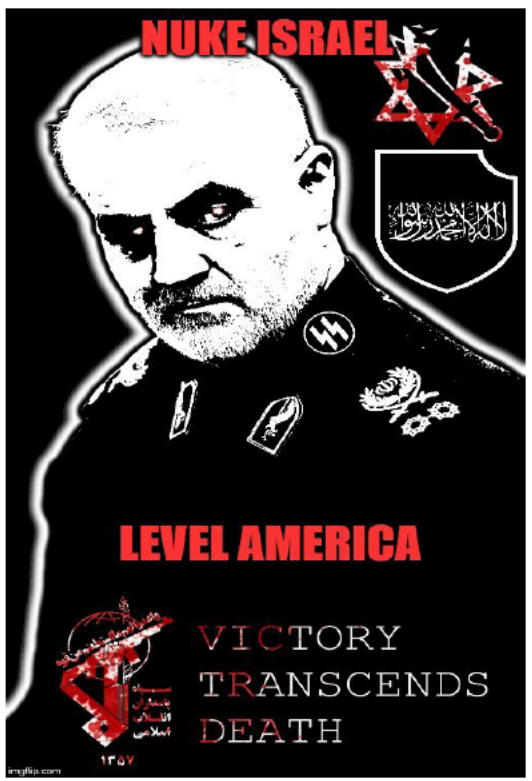
Blending of Ideologies (Left and Right)

- Group affiliations vs multiple ideologies
- Common ground via common "enemies", e.g. Jews, Law Enforcement, Government, Immigrants



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American Identity Movement / Patriot Front

- American white supremacist, neo-fascist and American Nationalist group
- Adept at utilizing imagery of patriotism, liberty and other widely accepted American values to promote its ideology

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PATRIOT FRONT
LIFE - LIBERTY - VICTORY

Right-Wing Militia Groups

- Extremist movement consisting of armed paramilitary groups
- Anti-government and conspiracy-oriented in nature; prominent focus on firearms
- Believe the legitimate government has been subverted by conspirators and replaced with an illegitimate, tyrannical government. Militia members believe that the people have the responsibility to "take back" the government, through force of arms if necessary

Oath Keepers

- Loosely-organized anti-government extremist group started by attorney E. Stewart Rhodes
- Semi-paramilitary, seek recruits from former and active duty military personnel, law enforcement officers and first responders.

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Three Percenters

- The term "Three Percenter" refers to the erroneous belief that only 3% of the colonists fought against the British during the Revolutionary War – but achieved liberty for everyone
- Three Percenters view themselves as modern day versions of those revolutionaries, fighting a tyrannical U.S. government. The Three Percenter concept allowed many people to join who were not suited physically or by inclination, to engage in paramilitary activities
- The Three Percenter logo – the Roman numeral III – has become very popular among anti-government extremists

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Iconography

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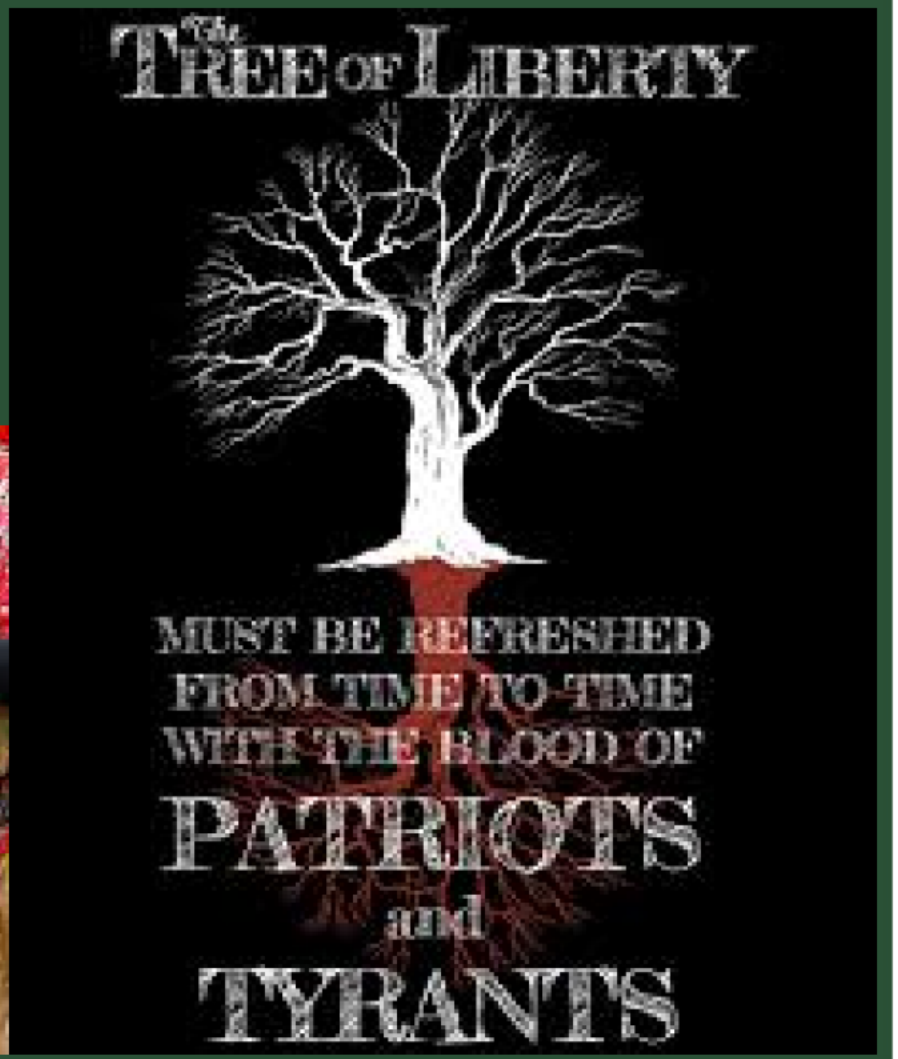
Pop Culture / Alt-Right Trends



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Accelerationism

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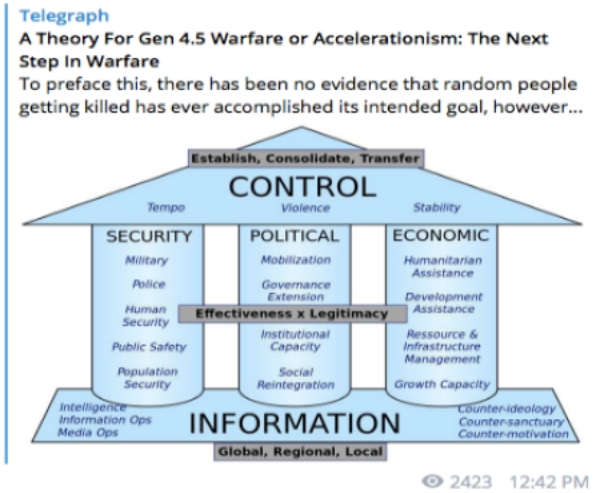
- A far right adaptation of the term which eschews the focus on capitalism and refers to an acceleration of racial conflict through terrorism resulting in a societal collapse and building a white ethno state.
  - -Atomwaffen Division
  - -Hammerskins (WP music)
  - -The Base
  - -Volksfront
- Internationalization of White Supremacy



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Fallout From Storming the Capitol

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Violence is an Acceptable Course of Action

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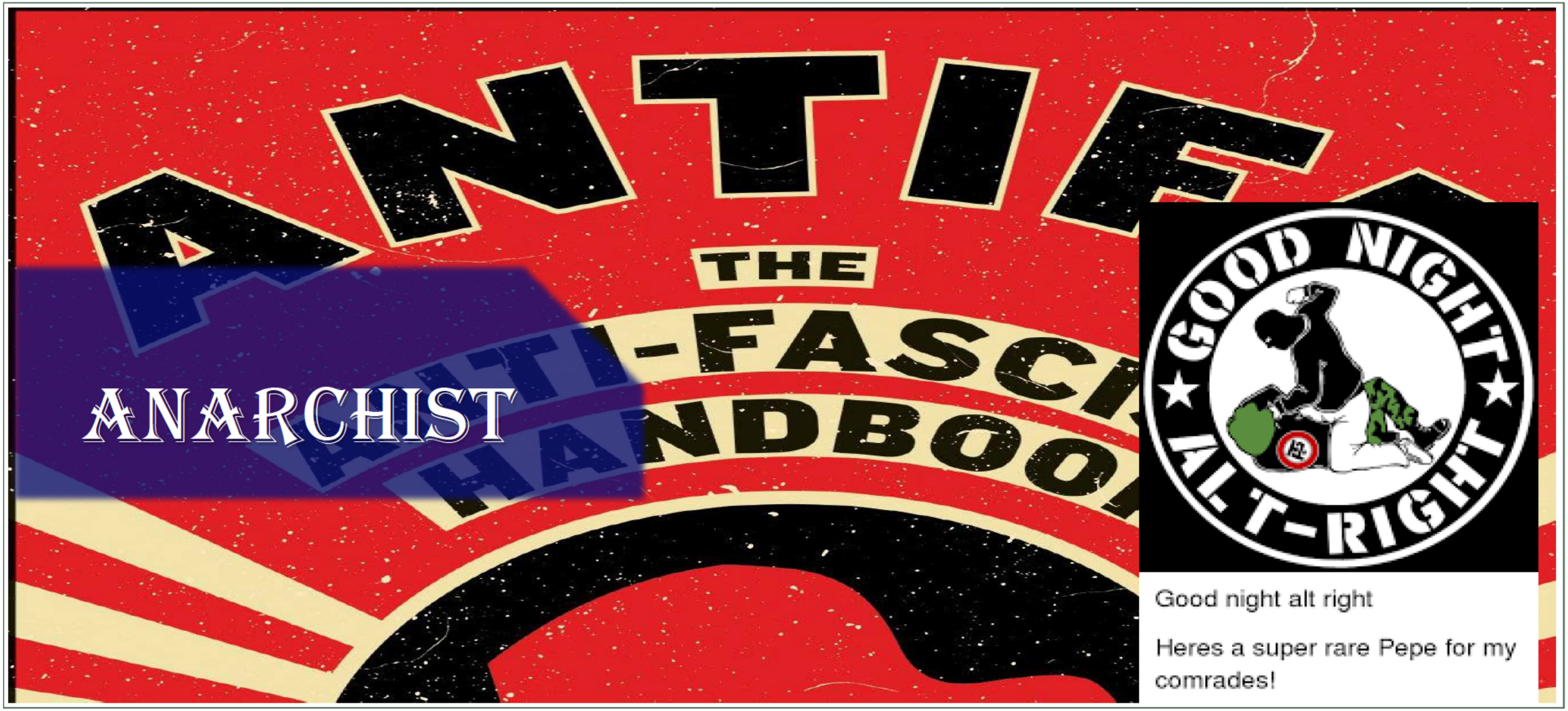
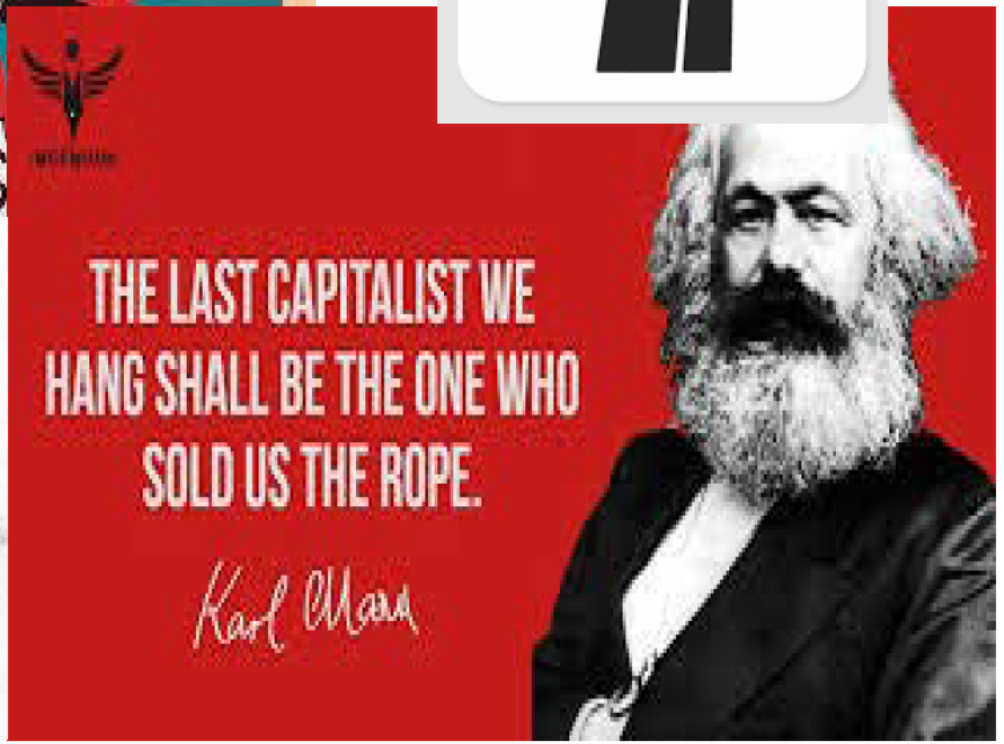
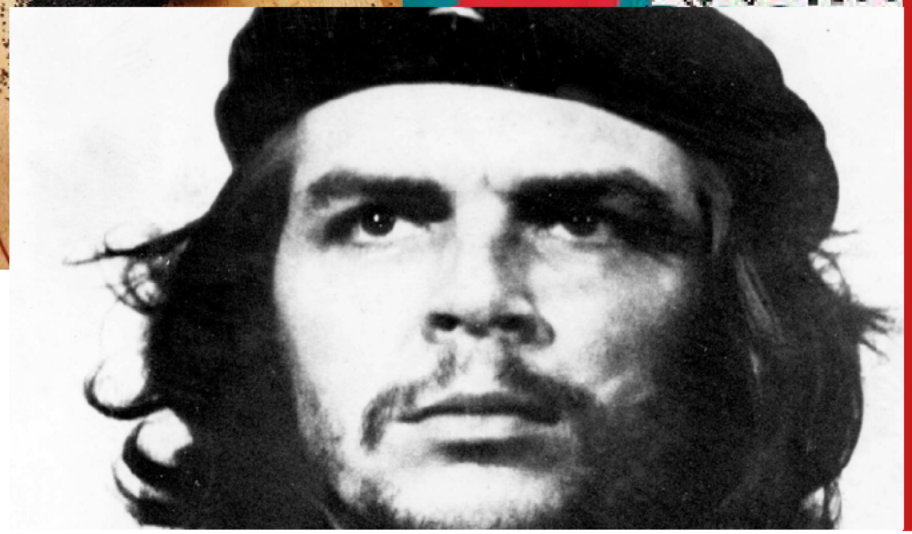
The Extreme Left



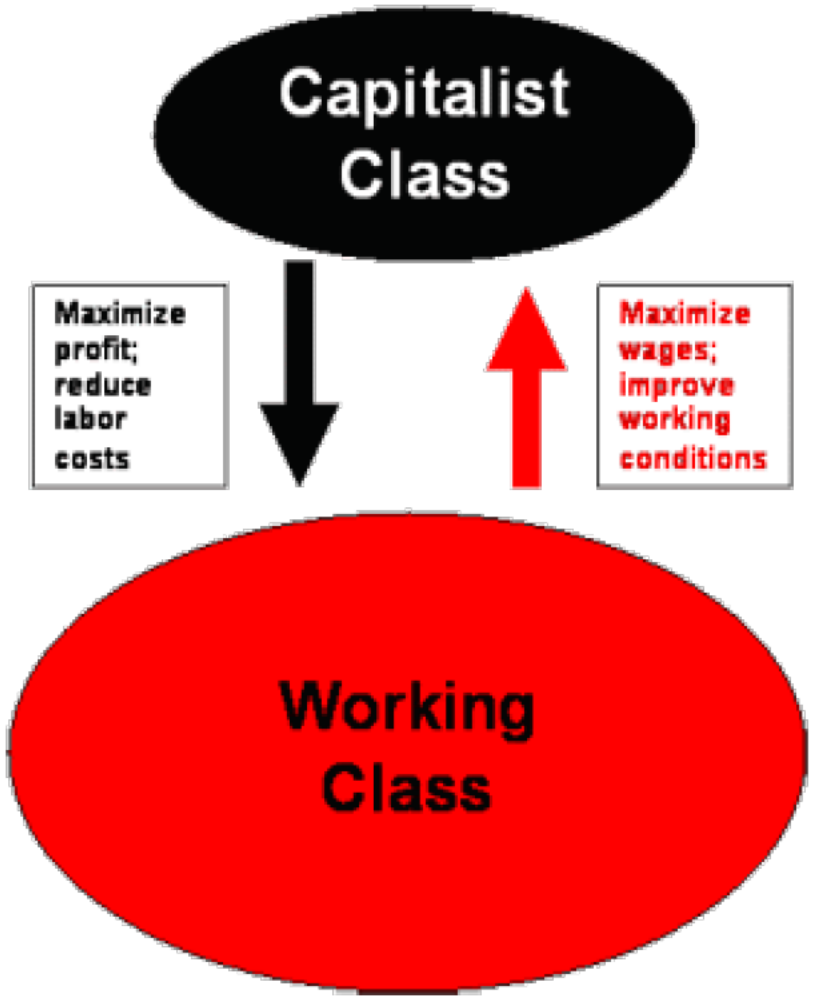
Extreme Left Influences





Karl Marx's Influence

- Marx believed that economic and social conditions, and especially the class relations that derive from them, affect every aspect of an individual's life (religious beliefs, legal systems and cultural frameworks)
- Capitalism is destined to collapse. The proletariat (workers) will overthrow the bourgeois (ruling class) and instill socialism
- Conflict Theory – due to society's never-ending competition for resources, there will always be conflict. Established social and economic institutions are tools of the struggle and used to maintain inequality and dominance of the ruling class



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Black Panther Party

- **In 1967, 30 members of the Black Panther Party protested on the steps of the California statehouse armed with .357 Magnums, 12-gauge shotguns and pistols**

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CAPITOL IS INVADED

Press Corps Draws Ire Of Legislator

State Police Halt Armed Negro Band

11 MIGs Are-

Governor Urges

(U) Source: History Stories. *The NRA supported Gun Control When the Black Panthers Had the* Weapons. Thad Morgan. August 30, 2018

Gun Laws Changed but Statement Made

- Mulford Act, signed into law on April 5, 1967 by then governor of California, Ronald Reagan, the bill was crafted with the goal of disarming members of the Black Panther Party who were lawfully conducting armed patrols of Oakland neighborhoods, in what would later be termed cop-watching
- Black-bloc look captured the attention of Hollywood and the nation: “Radical Chic”

(U) Source: theintercept.com

Anarchism

- Anarchism is the radical, revolutionary leftist political philosophy that advocates for the abolition of government, hierarchy, and all other unequal systems of power
- It seeks to replace what its proponents view as inherently oppressive institutions – like a capitalist society or the prison industrial complex – with nonhierarchical, horizontal structures powered by voluntary associations with people
- Anarchists organize around a key set of principles: horizontalism, mutual aid, autonony, solidarity, direct action and direct democracy

(U) Source: Andrew Lichtenstein/Corbis via Getty Images

(U) Source: The Hill, *"What do Anarchists Believe"*. David D'Amato, September 8, 2020

What is Antifa or Antifascist

- Traces roots to Germany (1920 - 1930's) Communist Party of Germany, Black Bloc uniform and tactics
- The movement is comprised of decentralized, independent, radical, like-minded groups and individuals
- Tenets echo the principles of anarchism, socialism and communism

(U) Source: https://crsreports.congress.gov

Inside Antifa

Antifa Tactics

- Perpetrating acts of vandalism against symbols of capitalism and violence towards people who support the government, hierarchy and all other unequal "systems" of power.
- Disrupt lawful public gatherings
- Organizing via social media
- Lawful public demonstrations for recruitment
- Widespread propaganda
- Improvised weapons

(U) Source: https://www.wsj.com/articles/how-antifa-violence-has-split-the-left-1505833640

Antifa Destruction (Portland, OR 11-23-20)

Sovereign Citizens

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Sovereign Citizens Are Still a Threat

- No recognition of the federal or state government
- Engage in threats and intimidation of law enforcement, judges, and government personnel
- Video record law enforcement encounters; request personal information from law enforcement officers during encounters
- Impersonate various authority figures including law enforcement and diplomatic personnel

Single - Issue Ideology

- Anti – Abortion
- Anti – Immigration
- Animal Rights
- Anti - War

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Department Policy – Rules of Conduct

Expectations for Employees

1018.1 Standard of Conduct

1. Members shall conduct their private and professional lives in such a manner as to avoid bringing discredit upon themselves or the Department.

1018.6 Obedience to Laws and Regulations

1. Members shall observe and obey all laws and ordinances, all rules/regulations, procedures and policies of the Department and all orders of the Department or commands thereof. **In the event of improper action or breach of discipline, it will be presumed that the Member was familiar with the law, rule/regulation, procedure or policy in question.**

1018.33 Incurring Liability

1. Members shall exercise extreme caution and good judgment to avoid occurrences that might give rise to liability chargeable against the Department, the Sheriff-Coroner, or the County.

Department Policy, ROC Continued

Expectations for Employees

1018.55 Rules of Conduct – General

32. Substantiated, active, continuing association on a personal rather than official basis with a person or persons who engage in or are continuing to engage in serious violations of state or federal laws, where the Member has or reasonably should have knowledge of such criminal activities, except where specifically directed and authorized by the department.

36. Any other on-duty or off-duty **conduct** which any Member knows or reasonably should know is **unbecoming** a Member of the Department or which is contrary to good order, efficiency or morale or which tends to reflect unfavorably upon the Department or its Members.

Code of Conduct, Ethical Standards

Standard 3.7

Peace officers shall not allow their personal convictions, beliefs, prejudices, or biases to interfere unreasonably with their official acts or decisions.

Standard 4.4

Peace officers shall maintain a level of conduct in their personal and business affairs in keeping with the high standards of the peace officer profession. Officers shall not participate in any incident involving moral turpitude: "Act or behavior that gravely violates the sentiment or accepted standard of the community."

Standard 4.9

Peace officers shall at all times conduct themselves in a manner which does not discredit the peace officer profession or their employing agency.

Social Media Policy – 1058

Prohibited Speech

Speech or expression that could reasonably be foreseen as having a negative impact on the credibility of the Member as a witness. For example, posting statements or expressions to a public website that glorify or endorse dishonesty by a Member, endorse unlawful discrimination, express racial bias, or promote illegal behavior may compromise a Member's credibility as a witness.

Unauthorized Endorsements and Advertisements

Unless specifically authorized by the Sheriff, Members shall not identify themselves in any way that could reasonably perceived as speaking on behalf of, or officially representing the Orange County Sheriff's Department in order to do any of the following:

1. Endorse, support, oppose or contradict any political campaign or initiative.
2. Endorse, support, oppose or contradict any social issue, cause or religion.

Items For Consideration

1. Your personal life cannot interfere with your professional life.
2. Conduct a detailed vetting process before affiliating with 2nd Amendment groups.
3. Understand the need for caution when transitioning from mainstream social media to questionable sites where communication could be harmful to a deputy's professional reputation and a potential policy violation.
4. Avoid politically sensitive events, e.g. protests and rallies where agitators can incite violence.

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What To Look Out For

Social Media Platforms

Thedonald.win

Rumble

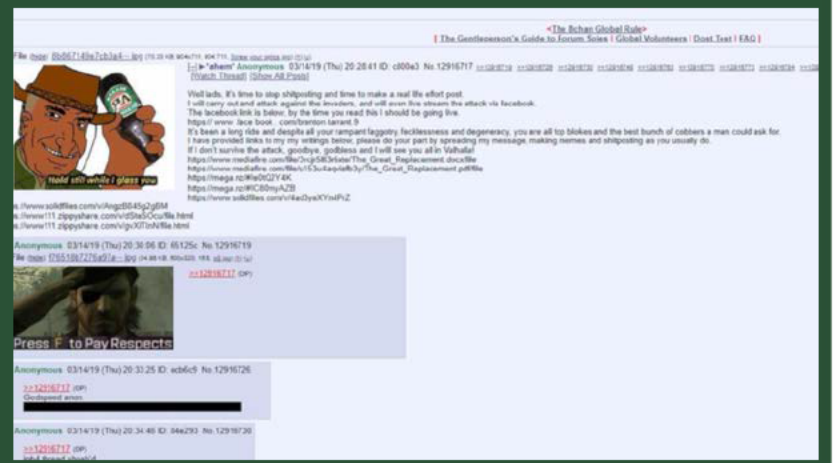
4chan

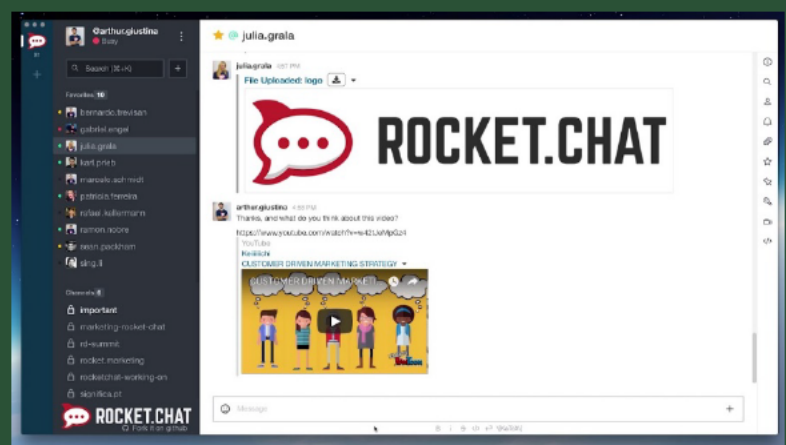
Gab

Rocket.chat / Discord

Telegram

8Chan – 8Kun





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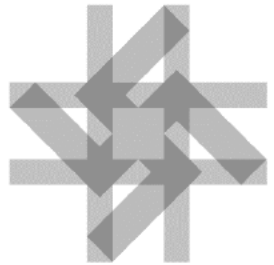
Social Media Platforms – 4Chan

- A forum with no names, few rules and few consequences
- Incubator for a huge number of memes and behaviors that are new mainstream
- Anonymous got their start on 4chan
- Do not need a username or pseudonymous one
- No accountability
- No messaging
- Threads expire after a certain period of time



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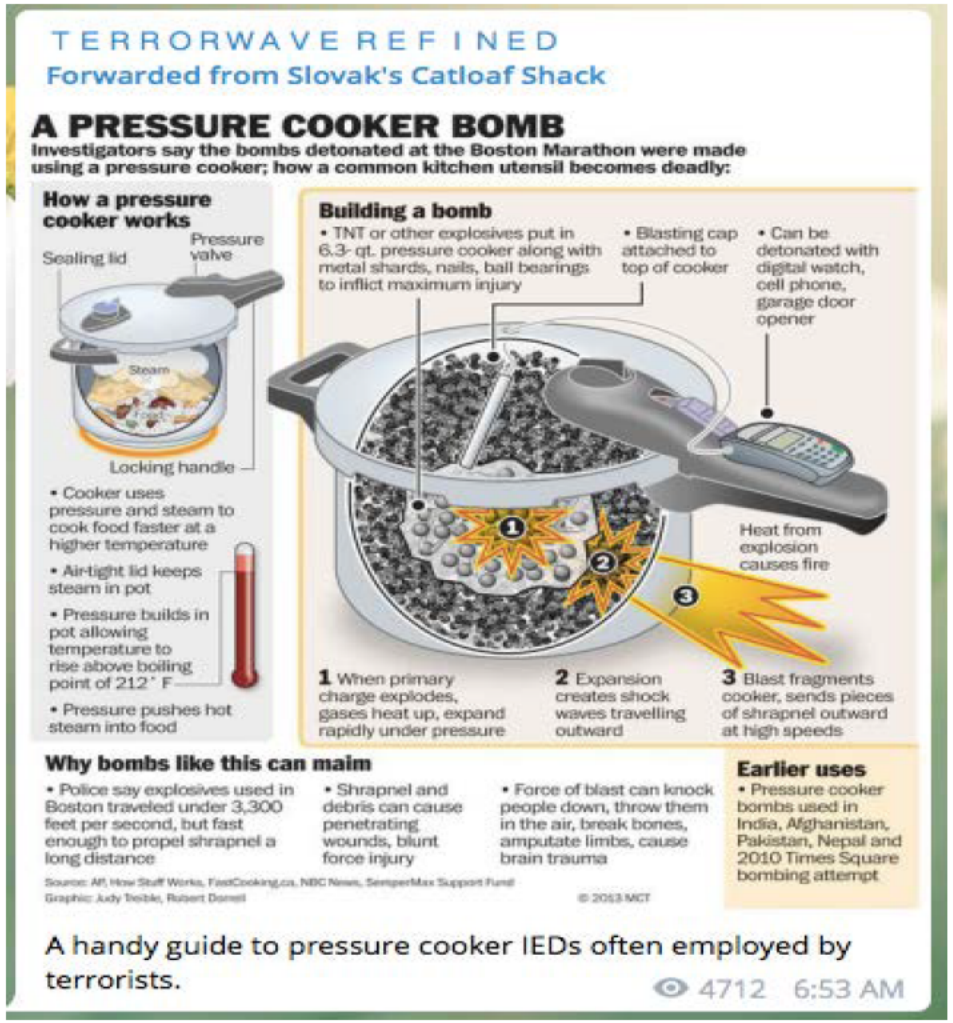
Social Media Platforms – Telegram

- Content submitted by users
- Platform does not cooperate with Law Enforcement
- Images, videos, GIFS and text
- Best known for the ability to secure messages and media by encrypting them during transit; prevents third party interception



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Social Media Platforms – GAB

- English language, alt-tech social networking service for far-right extremist user base
- Described as a haven for extremists including neo-Nazis, white supremacists and the alt-right
- Attracts users and groups who have been banned from other social networks

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Social Media Platforms - Qanon

- Far-right conspiracy theory alleging that a cabal of Satan-worshipping cannibalistic pedophiles is running a global child sex-trafficking ring, which will be exposed by Donald Trump

  -Pizzagate

  -Russiagate

- Most likely not an individual, "Q" is probably a group of people acting under the same name

Social Media Platforms – Bottom Line

- Be extremely diligent regarding the social media platforms you visit

- Comments regarding the following will not be tolerated:
  - -Hatred towards a person or group
  - -Racial bias
  - -Encouraging violence

Jessamine County Sheriff Suspended

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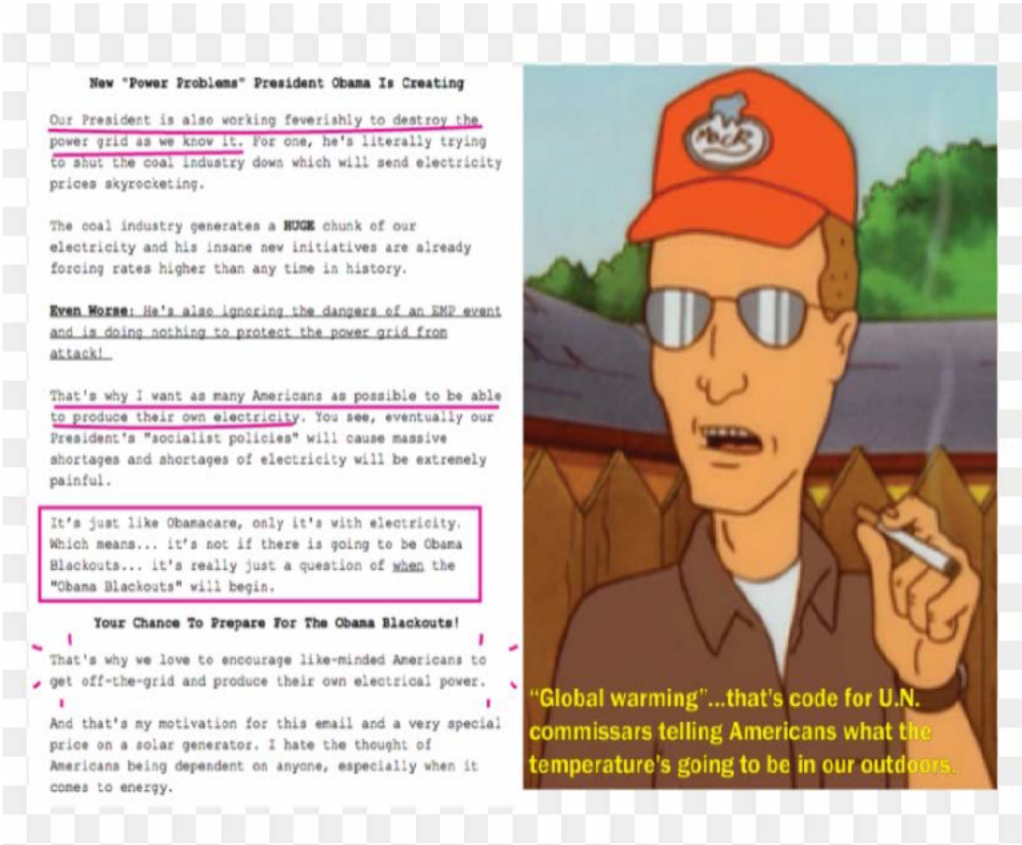
Protect Yourself from Disinformation – Recognize the Risks

- Extremist groups will start by spreading entertaining, non-controversial content
- Sometimes a common grievance will build a false sense of trust and solidarity with the group. For example, economic anxiety or resentment directed toward the government
- Eventually, disinformation will be mixed in and it will steer followers to more extreme positions

Question the Source

- Who produced the content? Question their reasons for providing the material
- Be mindful of information that appears to be entertainment or news
- Even "research institutes or foundations" might be expensive efforts to spread disinformation
- If it is not from a credible source, or you can't find a second reliable source to corroborate its content, don't click on it or share it
- Being well-informed means getting information from many places before coming to your own conclusions



New "Power Problems" President Obama Is Creating

Our President is also working feverishly to destroy the power grid as we know it. For one, he's literally trying to shut the coal industry down which will send electricity prices skyrocketing.

The coal industry generates a **HUGE** chunk of our electricity and his insane new initiatives are already forcing rates higher than any time in history.

Even Worse: He's also ignoring the dangers of an EMP event and is doing nothing to protect the power grid from attack!

That's why I want as many Americans as possible to be able to produce their own electricity. You see, eventually our President's "socialist policies" will cause massive shortages and shortages of electricity will be extremely painful.

It's just like Obamacare, only it's with electricity. Which means... it's not if there is going to be Obama Blackouts... it's really just a question of when the "Obama Blackouts" will begin.

Your Chance To Prepare For The Obama Blackouts!

That's why we love to encourage like-minded Americans to get off-the-grid and produce their own electrical power.

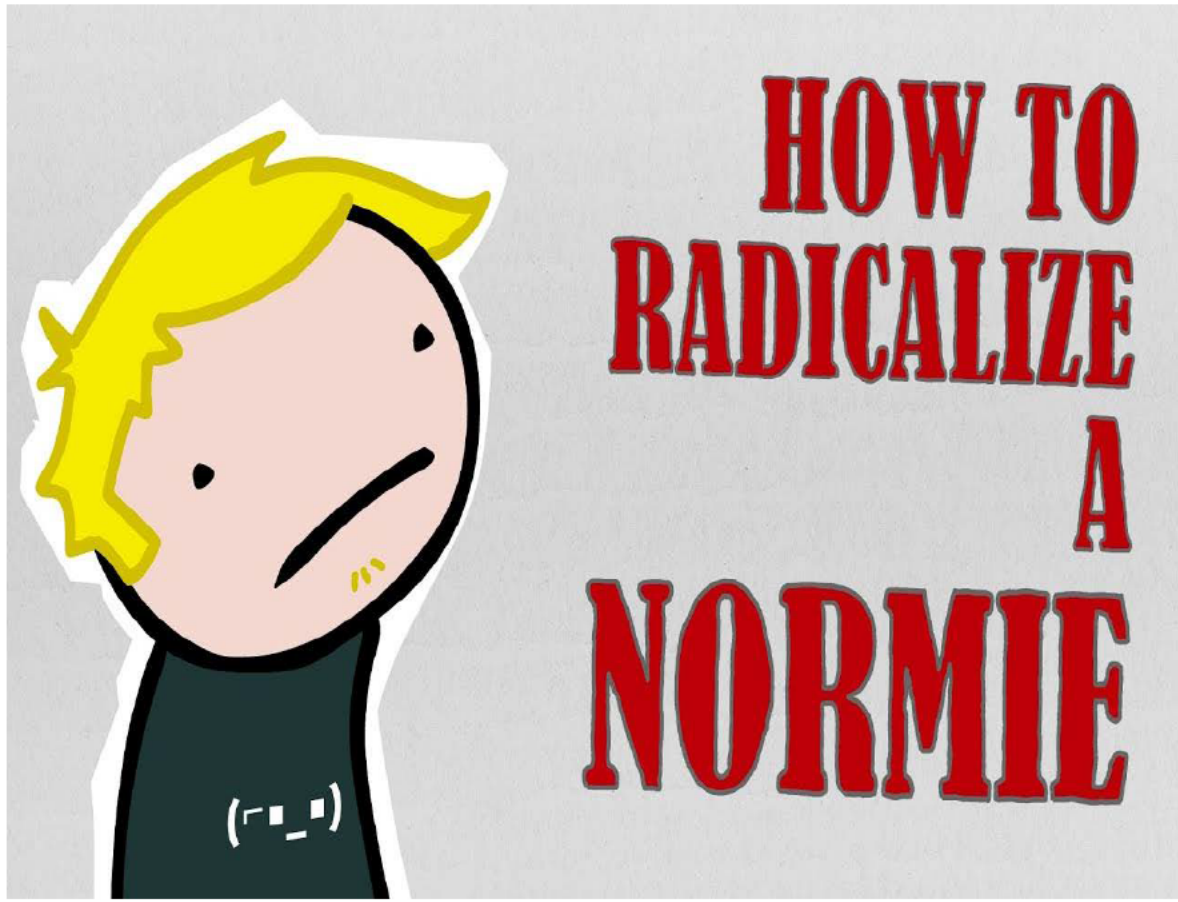
And that's my motivation for this email and a very special price on a solar generator. I hate the thought of Americans being dependent on anyone, especially when it comes to energy.

Tactical Pause Before You Click or Share

- Take a moment before sharing a link, email or other message
- Ask yourself why you are sharing this information?
- Talk to your social circle about risks associated with spreading disinformation or extremist views
- Share your perspective about extremist groups and disinformation with your family and friends
- If you are concerned about those in your social circle falling victim to extreme views, try and educate them about the risks of reading and sharing disinformation

Possible Avenues for Exploitation

- Gun Shows
- Shortwave Radio
- Motorcycle Clubs
- Internet chat rooms
- Video game (Gamers) social networks
- Gyms
- 2nd Amendment Organizations
- Pro – Military / L.E. Clubs



Possible Indicators

- Change in behavior (isolation, alienation from friends, poor work performance, adoption of new lifestyle)
- Violent rhetoric or endorsing violence in person or via social media
- Advocate for violent “Direct Action” against legal events
- Posters, stickers, graffiti, or other extremist materials / symbols
- Engagement in online communication with known or suspected domestic or international terrorists
- Acquisition of weapons, ammunition or materials for explosives
- Demonstrate unusual interest in security procedures or personnel
- Test L.E. response times and procedures

Future Outlook

- Empowered by attacks
- Divergence from single-issue groups, lone wolf attacks
- Multi-platform social media use
- Emergence of manifestos (Dylan Roof)
- Livestream potential (New Zealand mosque)

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Resources for Help

- Connect with a public safety information sharing network
  - -OCIAC
  - -HSIN
  - -Intelligence Bulletins
  - -Opensource.gov
- Increased coordination between local, federal and state agencies
- Education
  - -Schools
  - -Training
  - -Media Sources
- Parents Guide to Online Radicalization: https://www.american.edu/centers/university-excellence/upload/splc_peril_covid_parents_guide_jan_2021_1-2.pdf

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