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### (U) Scope

(U//FOUO) The *Violent Extremism\* Snapshot (VES)* is intended to provide highlights of violent extremist content online in the U.S. and abroad. The Central Florida Intelligence Exchange (CFIX) bases its analysis in this report on information gathered from open source reporting, which includes internet and social media postings, with varying degrees of reliability. Unless specifically noted, the social media reporting in this product originated from users whose affiliation and credibility are unknown and are included for the purpose of providing broad trends in online behavior and situational awareness for federal, state, local, tribal, and territorial counterterrorism and law enforcement officials and private sector security partners.

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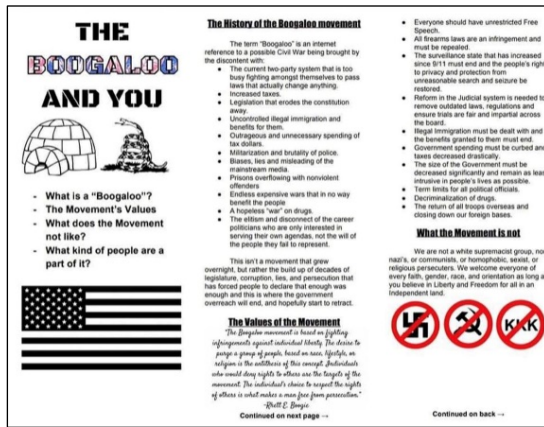
**(U//FOUO) Domestic Violent Extremists (DVEs) Migrate to Alternative Social Media Platforms**

– In response to the 6 January 2021 breach of the U.S. Capitol, big tech companies such as Twitter and Facebook began deplatforming individuals and groups en masse. This included the removal of Parler from Amazon’s server hosting service. In an effort to avoid censorship and maintain their online presence, DVEs of varying ideologies began migrating to existing alternative platforms such as MeWe, Telegram, Gab, Clouthub, Minds, and TikTok. Popular message boards such as 4chan and 8kun also experienced an increase in users. For encrypted communications, Signal Messenger and ProtonMail are being used. **\*\*Analyst Note** – For additional information on MeWe and Minds, please see CFIX Open Source Intelligence Bulletin titled “Violent Extremists and Other Threat Groups Use MeWe as an Alternative to Facebook and Use of Minds Crypto Social Network as an Alternative Platform by Violent Extremists”.



**(U//FOUO) Boogaloo Online Networks**

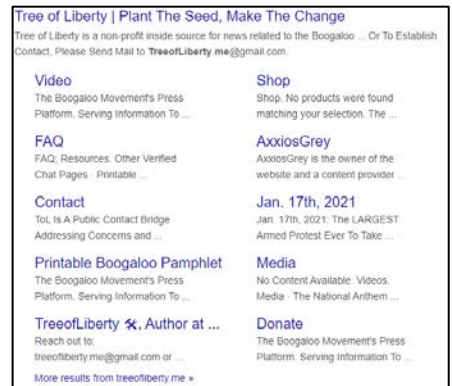
– With the arrest of several individuals affiliated with the Boogaloo movement in 2020, many social media platforms began to remove any Boogaloo-related individuals, groups and hashtags. As a result, these individuals began migrating to alternative platforms and can currently be found on Telegram, MeWe, Minds, and TikTok. Prior to its removal, Parler, had become very popular with individuals supporting the Boogaloo. Although Twitter did remove an extensive number of Boogaloo related accounts in 2020, CFIX has observed a growing number of Boogaloo related accounts and hashtags on this platform. On TikTok, Boogaloo related accounts are still active; however, are more difficult to locate due to being shadowbanned. **\*\*Analyst Note** – When a channel is shadowbanned, the content is blocked and a name and/or hashtag search will bring back no results. The shadowbanning has no effect on subscribers of the channel. Additionally, new users are still able to locate and join these channels by clicking hashtags shared by other TikTok users they have subscribed to.

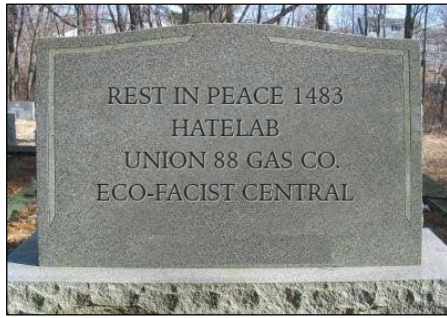


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**(U//FOUO) Boogaloo Related News Site Gets Rickrolled**

– Boogaloo networks on Twitter have been sharing the website URL “treeofliberty.me” which currently redirects users to a YouTube music video for the 1987 Rick Astley song “Never Gonna Give You Up” instead of the intended website. The Tree of Liberty website is described as a “non-profit inside source for news related to the Boogaloo” with a section dedicated to providing up-to-date information and downloadable material for January 17<sup>th</sup> armed protests at the state capitols.





(U//FOUO) **White Racially or Ethnically Motivated Extremists (WRMVEs) Hit with “Telegram Purge”** – In response to the migration of DVEs to alternative platforms, Telegram has again come under scrutiny for its continued hosting of violent extremist channels. This has resulted in the removal of several prominent accelerationist WRMVE channels that identify as part of the Terrorgram network. Many of these channels have been active 1-2 years and had thousands of followers. In response to these suspensions, channel admins have encouraged everyone to archive their favorite channels.

They have also been creating back-up/clone channels so they can quickly resume their activities. At this time it appears that these account removals are a result of a coordinated effort by individuals to report these channels rather than Telegram proactively removing the channels for violating their Terms of Use. **\*\*Analyst Note** – For additional information on how WRMVEs operate on Telegram, please see CFIX Open Source Intelligence Bulletin titled “Use of Telegram by White Supremacist Extremists”.

(U//FOUO) **DVE’s Create Black Flag Depicting Ashli Babbitt**<sup>USPER</sup> – DVEs across various social media platforms have shared a flag that was created to memorialize the events that occurred on 6 January at the U.S. Capitol. Ashli Babbitt is described “the martyr that was shot in the neck” which is represented on the flag with the drop of blood. The four stars represent “the 4 Martyrs” that were killed at the Capitol and the background depicts that the event took place at the Capitol where blood was spilled. Many DVE’s are using this as a battle flag and have encouraged any future actions be done under the banner of this flag. Many Boogaloo affiliated accounts on Twitter are urging followers to “raise the black flag” or “fly the black flag” along with posting .gifs of black flags or incorporating the black flag emoji (🚩) into their posts or profile descriptions. On various platforms, many anti-Government Violent Extremist (AGVE) and WRMVE are using this flag as their profile photos.



>You live in a town in the Midwest that's Dem for some reason or has a traitorous and unliked Rep as mayor?

>[REDACTED] the Mayor, livestream the [REDACTED]

>[REDACTED] the sheriff if he tries shit, declare the U.S. Government illegitimate and call for All Patriots to do the same

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(U//FOUO) **WRMVEs Encourage Followers to Live Stream Attacks** – Following the January 6<sup>th</sup> breach of the U.S. Capitol, prominent WRMVE Telegram channels have mentioned livestreaming while inciting violent actions. In one post, subscribers of the channel were told that they were the new “jihadi john” and that like Jihadi John, they would need a rifle, a camera and fanaticism. However, they would also have some things that Jihadi John didn’t, such as a livestream, a place on the Saints leaderboard, and a victory. Another prominent WRMVE channel provided a scenario where an individual lives in a Democratic Midwest town or a town with a “traitorous” Republican as mayor. It was suggested that the Mayor be killed on livestream. If the Sheriff tries to get involved, it was suggested that

he/she be killed as well. **\*\*Analyst Note** – WRMVEs frequently include the phrase “[REDACTED]” in their posts to circumvent threatening terminology.

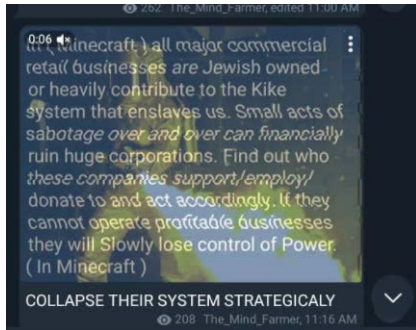
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(U//FOUO) **WRMVEs Post Veiled Threats to Politicians** – Following the January 6<sup>th</sup> breach of the U.S. Capitol, WRMVEs have identified politicians as one of the greatest enemies. It has been suggested that instead of attending inauguration protests in Washington D.C. on 20 January, “smart ones” would instead exploit the divided attention and attack in other places. It was mentioned that politicians have family outside of Washington D.C. that should be “open for more professional ops”. Another post that was shared extensively on WRMVE Telegram channels also commented that these politicians “have homes in your own states” that individuals can loot and burn and “they have families too”. Supporters were encouraged to “make the statement loud and clear that WE ARE EVERYWHERE”.



(U//FOUO) **WRMVEs Suggest Sabotaging Retail Businesses** – A WRMVE Telegram Channel posted a message suggesting that retail businesses be targeted as a means to “collapse their system strategically”. The author of the post stated: “In (Minecraft) all major commercial retail businesses are Jewish owned or heavily contribute to the Kike system that enslaves us. Small acts of sabotage over and over can financially ruin huge corporations. Find out who these companies support/employ/donate to and act accordingly. If they cannot operate profitable businesses they will slowly lose control of power”. **\*\*Analyst Note** – WRMVEs frequently use ‘in Minecraft’ as a coded reference for violent or criminal actions that are suggested or intended to take place in the real world.



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