Domestic Terrorism

Operations Unit
DTOU program managers and analytical personnel maintain responsibility for all domestic terrorism matters, both investigative and intelligence.

In this capacity, DTOU reviews all intelligence connections or gaps. DTOU also has accountability to FBI executive management for providing timely situational updates, investigative strategy, and any other DT-related issues.
The Mission of the Domestic Terrorism Program is to identify, prevent, deter, and defeat domestic terrorist operations before they occur, and in the event of an act of terrorism, to execute the FBI's statutory investigative responsibilities and fulfill its role as the Lead Federal Agency for crisis response, functioning as the on-scene manager for the US Government.
DTOU Organization

DTOU has two distinct organizational elements:

- Regions
  - Regions are divided by field offices and match the

- Programs
  - Responsible for national level awareness

DTOU has been divided in two ways:

**Regions**

Subprogram coordinators are responsible for all full investigations within their specific subprogram, all Enterprise Investigations, and all undercover operations within their specific subprograms.
Historically, DTOU manages between _______ at any given time. This number includes _______ as well as enterprise investigations and _______ matters covered by DT. This number does not include other investigations, such as WMD or Special Events, which are traditionally covered on mixed DT squads.

Around _______ report on DT matters. _______ source coverage exists in the white supremacy subprogram, while other subprograms have _______ source coverage. Some subprograms are _______ in (such as animal rights and environmental extremism) and typically have _______ source coverage.

Currently, six subprograms are managed under the DT umbrella:

- Anarchist Extremism
- Animal Rights and Environmental Extremism
- Anti-Abortion Extremists
- Black Separatists & Macheteros
- Militia Extremism
- Sovereign Citizen Extremism
- White Supremacists
Domestic Terrorism

Domestic Terrorism is defined as activities that:

1. Involve acts dangerous to human life that are a violation of the criminal laws of the United States or of any State;

2. Appear to be intended to intimidate or coerce a civilian population, influence the policy of a government by intimidation or coercion or to affect conduct of a government by mass destruction, assassination, or kidnapping;

3. Occur primarily within the territorial jurisdiction of the United States.
All DT investigations / incidents must have three elements:

1. 
2. 
3. 

4. **Photo:** Allen Berg, Jewish Talk show host killed by members of The Order, a white supremacy group Denver Colorado, 1984 in the driveway of his home.
The three elements are commonly known as the "DT Triangle." All three must be present to have a DT investigation. Without one, such as a DT investigation cannot be initiated.

No foreign nexus
continues to be handled by DTOU, but exists separate from the distinct subprograms.
• Mostly reactive -

• No ideology → transferred to criminal and/or ATF
• Ideology identified → DT program or TF program.

diffs from the other DT programs.
Eric Robert Rudolph was eventually identified as the person responsible for the bombing at Centennial Park, plus three additional bombings:

Northside Family Planning Services, Sandy Springs, GA, January 16, 1997
The Otherside Lounge, Atlanta, GA, February 21, 1997
New Woman All Women Health Care Center, Birmingham, AL, January 29, 1998
In the US, the anarchist extremist movement is cyclical with criminal activity increasing around major events and decreasing in-between. Additionally, much of the criminal activity associated with anarchist extremists occurs on a local or state level and never rises to the level of a federal violation.

Photo: results of an Anarchist experimenting with TATP.
Anarchism is an Anti-Capitalist and Anti-Authoritarian Movement that rejects organization.

Anarchism distrusts capitalism and centralized authority.

Targets
- International Monetary Fund
- Federal government facilities
- World Bank Conference
- International Corporations
- RNC/DNC
- Olympics

Event Driven
- Anarchist groups are event driven and can surface anywhere at any time, expressing anti-globalization/anti-capitalism beliefs.

Target events with large amounts of media coverage.
Anarchist extremists have utilized and will likely continue to utilize a variety of tactics to achieve their agendas. These tactics include, but are not limited to, the following:
Anarchist Extremism
Tools / Weapons
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Photos:
Over the past few years, a continuing trend has emerged of anarchist extremists merging with environmental extremists to conduct criminal activity.

Recent examples:

• An anarchist cell in California targeted a US Forest Service Laboratory for a bombing campaign
  several attempted arsons and at least 375
  This cell also had anarchist extremist leanings.

• In 2005-06, a small cell of primarily anarchist extremists developed a plot to conduct a bombing campaign targeting both environmental extremist targets as well as traditional anarchist extremist targets.
Animal Rights / Eco Extremism

AR/Eco runs around with the majority relating to animal rights extremist activities.

Recent law enforcement activities have had a significant impact on the AR/Eco extremist movement; however, the ideologies are resilient and it is likely AR/Eco criminal activity will continue and evolve.

Photo: Lab break-in release of lab mice.
Animal Rights/Eco Extremism

- Environmental Extremism
  - View any construction as the destruction of the earth

- Animal Rights Extremism
  - View animals to be equal to humans and attempt to promote equal rights for animals

Largest economic damage of any subprogram
Animal Rights/Eco Extremism

- Movements
  - Animal Liberation Front (ALF)
  - Earth Liberation Front (ELF)

- Groups
  - Stop Huntingdon Animal Cruelty (SHAC)
  - Animal Defense League - Los Angeles

- ALF/ELF Guidelines
  - Inflict economic damage
  - Increase public awareness
  - Protect all forms of life
  - Save the environment
  - End animal abuse
  - "Must" be vegan or vegetarian
Animal Rights/Eco Extremism

- Structure
  - No true group structure
  - Leaderless Resistance
  - Small cells formed to deliberately avoid large conspiracy charges
  - Strike targets of their own choosing

- Benefits
  - Relative anonymity
  - Operational Security
  - Hinders law enforcement

- Claim actions on behalf of larger ideologies
  - Animal Liberation Front
  - Earth Liberation Front

The ALF/ELF have published a set of guidelines which all criminal activity committed claimed in the name of the ALF and/or ELF must adhere to.

ALF/ELF proponents believe the criminal actions conducted (including arson) are not violent in nature.
Animal Rights Extremism
Targets & Tactics

- Targets

- Tactics
  - Animal releases
  - Threats
  - Vandalism
  - Arson
Special mention needs to be made of the AR group SHAC as it has had such an impact on the evolution of the AR extremist movement.

SHAC began in the UK as a group of AR extremists focused on closing HLS. When they were unsuccessful, they “internationalized” the campaign to target HLS’ offices in other countries and eventually the secondary and tertiary contacts of HLS. SHAC targeting began to focus less on HLS itself and more on its financiers, clients, suppliers, and anyone necessary to the running of the business as a whole.

SHAC targeting has and continues to include a lot of threatening communications, implying rather than stating a threat.

SHAC also became the first truly “international” AR campaign.

The affect of SHAC on the AR movement in general has been one of introducing a more sophisticated and concentrated form of targeting and campaigning. Recently, SHAC tactics have begun to emerge in non-SHAC campaigns throughout the AR and Eco extremist movements.
Environmental Extremism

**Targets & Tactics**

- Logging industry
- Luxury home construction
- Universities (GMOs)
- SUV dealerships

**Tactics**

- Tree spiking
- "Monkeywrenching"
- Arson
- Computer Hacking
- False mail orders
- Denial of Service

AR & ECO do not consider Arson to be a crime of violence
During the early morning hours of October 19, 1998, multiple fires were set at eight structures located on Vail Mountain, a large ski resort in the Rocky Mountains. The fires resulted in $12 million damage, but caused no injuries.

Five days before the fires, the District Court of Colorado had dismissed a lawsuit filed against the owners of the ski resort, ending a protracted seven-year legal battle initiated by several environmental groups in an attempt to stop the planned expansion of the facility. Upon the court's ruling, October 19th was announced as the proposed start date for land-clearing and construction related to the expansion project.

Shortly after the fires, individuals associated with the Earth Liberation Front, an extremist environmental movement, send an e-mail message to local universities, newspapers, and public radio stations claiming responsibility for the fires. The message also warned skiers to "... choose other destinations" until the resort discontinued its expansion efforts.
Animal Rights/Eco Extremism
Strategy

Public Relations War
• Media is vital part of every action
• Media sometimes slanted in favor of activists
• Celebrities support & fund AR/Eco movement
• Activists spin the truth

has also served as a law enforcement officer with the highest success rate in convicting animal abusers of cruelty investigations for the second-oldest humane society in the U.S., and animal disease control for the Commission on Public Health in
Anti-Abortion extremism remains the smallest subprogram but, when active, one of the most violent. Typically, anti-abortion extremism is closely tied to the political party in power as it is highly reactionary to current politics and judicial decisions.

There are two types of groups that have been identified within the Anti-Abortion movement:

1. Those that pose an economic threat to service providers (clinics) and intimidate clients.

2. Those that advocate and engage in the use of violence and force against individuals and groups who appose abortions.
Abortion Extremism

- The anti-abortion extremist movement consists of a loosely affiliated network of individuals who have engaged in violence or advocated the use of force as an option to end legal abortions.

Criminal Activity:
- Assassinations of abortion providers
- Bombings
- Arson
- Threats
- Denial of access to abortion clinics

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Photo: Scott Roeder, convicted of the murder of Dr. George Tiller which took place in May 2009 (Wichita, KS).
Army of God (AOG)

- An underground network of domestic terrorists who believe the use of violence is appropriate and acceptable as a means to end abortion.

- Loosely-affiliated network with no formal defined leadership.

- Justifies the use of force as "defensive action" to protect the lives of unborn children.

1. In 1982, Don Benny Anderson first public mention of Army of God. (www.prochoice.org)
3. Rev. Donald Spitz operates the AOG website, and is Director of Pro-Life Virginia in Chesapeake, VA
4. [Blank] of Missionaries to the Unborn.
5. Paul Hill was executed by FL in 2003 for clinic homicides. Called a MARTYR by AOG
6. [Blank] for murder of Dr Slepian in NY
7. Waagner is former Top 10 Fug, subject of Clinicon -MC 185, convicted of 51 counts of
The "AOG manual" provides specific instructions on how to disrupt abortion facilities, to include the use of violence to prevent abortions.

In the early 1990's, a manual entitled, "When Life Hurts We Can Help...The Army of God" was distributed among anti-abortion extremists.

For example, the AOG manual recommends wrapping waffle-pattern duct tape on gun handles and triggers to eliminate fingerprints and the use of high powered rifles with armor-piercing bullets to destroy a doctors' car engine block. The manual also dedicates a section on making explosives, such as the manufacturing of C-4. The manual states, "the editors (unidentified) of this manual hope and pray that the information contained herein will be useful to those who are committed to pro-life activism, and may perhaps provide the catalyst to inspire others to such a commitment."

During the 1990's, members within the AOG movement continued their violent activities.
Abortion Extremism Trends
Activities that may lead to a spike in incidents

- Elections & judicial appointments
- Legislative acts or judicial decisions related to the abortion debate
  - Roe v. Wade
  - Freedom of Choice Act (FOCA)
  - Hyde Amendment (rider attached to annual funding for Medicaid)
  - International Abortion Funding Policy
- Research facilities, pharmaceutical companies, pharmacies, and/or pharmacists
  - Embryonic Stem Cell Research
  - RU-486 (medication abortion)
  - Plan B (morning after pill)
The black separatist ideology saw a peak several decades ago; however, it remains a persistent problem in select areas of the country.
Black Separatist Extremism

A movement to create separate institutions for black people in societies historically dominated by whites. Force and violence are advocated to achieve this goal.

- All share racial grievances with the US government
- Most seek restitution, or governance based on religious ideology or social principals
- Some seek physical separation from the continental United States

While some early 19th century leaders sought a separate homeland, current movement rhetoric is generally focused on racially-based disillusionment with the US government and law enforcement.

is an example

Photo: Khallid Muhammad NBPP, died in 2001 from natural causes.
Black Separatist Extremism

- Derivatives of pre-civil rights defense organizations aimed at the protection of African-Americans from racial attack.

- Revising goals, later to evolve as violent extremist factions validating unlawfulness and acts of terrorism with racial injustice.

- New Black Panther Party
  (Not the Black Panther Party)
The most prominent or well-known black separatist organization is the New Black Panther Party which formed separate from the original Black Panther Party.

The NBPP adopted the 10 Point Plan from the original Black Panther Party.
The Black Hebrew Israelite movement ideology espouses the superiority of the black race over all the races.

Black Hebrew Israelites believe that they are the lost nation of Israel, who were robbed of their culture and heritage by centuries of white domination. They believe that they are one of the 12 lost tribes.

In the past, militant members of the Black Hebrew Israelite movement have been involved in criminal and violent activities, including murders.

Militant members of the movement have been known to recruit at military installations and some have engaged in paramilitary training. Through employment at military bases, members often have access to specialized weaponry. Factions of the Black Israelite movement are dispersed throughout the United States.
Black Separatist Extremism Trends

- The domestic African-American Sunni Islamic fundamentalist movement, has become the focal point of current emerging US Black Radical Islamic Movements.
- Continued prison radicalization and recruitment
- Gang Recruitment
- Criminal Activity:
  - Fraud / Mortgage Fraud
  - Extortion
  - Gang Recruitment
  - Threats against law enforcement
American Islamic Extremist (AIE)

- Derivatives of the Dar Ul Islamic Movement, a domestic African-American Sunni Islamic fundamentalist movement.
  - Ummah Movement

- Espouses mixed Islamic theology with some levels of anarchy and anti-white rhetoric.

- Consider the US to be anti-Islam / minority rights.
DR. KHALID ABDUL MOHAMMAD

America's Black Hitler
Puerto Rican Extremism

- Marxist/Leninist ideology whose goal is complete autonomy and sovereignty for Puerto Rico from the United States Government.

- Targets:
  - American Military Personnel
  - American Corporations
  - Law Enforcement

- EPB-Macheteros, FALN
Puerto Rican Extremism Trends
Militia Extremists are organized paramilitary groups whose members are paranoid of the U.S. Government. Members are typically well armed and engage in paramilitary training.

Members of these groups typically subscribe to a number of conspiracy theories revolving around civil oppression from Governmental or Extra-National authorities.
headquartered at Biggs Army Airfield, Fort Bliss, Texas, is the MJTF – Multi-jurisdictional Task Force – Local, State, and Federal TF.
Many Redemption Theorists reference House Joint Resolution 192 (suspension of gold standard), which they interpret as a declaration of bankruptcy and the U.S. Gov't seized the energy of the country to release its debt. Everything is part of the U.S. debt which is collateral for the bonds ($630,000 or $1 million). 1936 – advent of social security. Gov't began to take birth certificates and register them with the Department of Commerce as registered securities.

is created that mirrors the Sovereign Citizen and is responsible for his/her debt.

Posse Comitatus form from 1979 – 1983 backlash against gov in rural farm areas due to farm foreclosures and repossession. They create "extra legal" methods to pay off debt (public office money certificates / fractional reserve checks / bills of exchange / sight drafts / comptrollers warrants). Movement dies off in late 1980's.
Groups of Sovereign Citizens will come together and issue subpoenas and arrest warrants.

They will actively collect intelligence on these individuals and have attempted to arrest ther...
TSA issues
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* Indicates the death of the subject in the incident.
White Supremacy Extremism

White Supremacy

- Extremist point of view in which members believe in the superiority of the white race. These groups target minorities, homosexuals, the Jews and the Federal Government.

Criminal Activity:

- Hate crimes
- Illegal weapons procurement
- Bombings
- Narcotics
- Counterfeiting
- Armored car robberies
- Bank robberies
- Murder
White supremacy divides into two types of ideological motivations:

- Religious motivation which focuses on a religious context and belief for racist views. They attempt to justify their ideological stance through sacred literature.
- Political motivation which focuses on a political context, blaming minorities for societal ills.
White Supremacy Extremism
“Religious” Ideology

- Christian Identity
  - Aryan Nations
- Ku Klux Klan
  - Imperial Klans of America
- Creativity Movement
  - The Church of the Creator
  - World Church of the Creator
- Phineas Priesthood
- Odinism / Asatru

Christian Identity:

- Eve & Serpent (Satan) made Able (mud people...got it wrong), then Adam & Eve made Kan (white people) = Duel seedline theory
- White people of European descent are descendants of the ancient Israelites of the Bible...therefore the Bible was written for “God’s chosen people”
- Aryan Nations (AN) most infamous Christian Identity group
- Christian Identity believers tend to be among the most radical extremist members.

Creativity Movement:

- Founded in 1974, Creativity Movement (previously called The Church of the Creator & World Church of the Creator) believes that force and violence are justified to create an all-white society.
- not really religious, think white man is savior.
- Subscribes to the racist doctrine of RAcial HOly WArs or (RAHOWA) and "Our race is our religion."
- In 1995 Matthew Hale took leadership and on January 8, 2003, he was arrested and is currently serving a 40 year sentence in Colorado for soliciting the murder of a United States Federal Judge

Phineas Priesthood:
White Supremacy Extremism:
Political Ideology

- Neo-Nazis
  - National Socialist Movement
  - National Alliance
  - National Vanguard
  - American Nazi Family

- Skinheads
  - Supreme White Alliance
  - Hammerskin Nation
  - Vinlander Social Club

Politically motivated:
Admiration for Adolph Hitler
Less emphasis on Identity
Typified by Skinhead movement
Demonization of minorities
Economic hardships are blamed on non-whites
Neo-Nazi Organizations

- American Nazi Party founded in 1959

- Organizations today have a fervent belief in national socialism and adopt Nazi military structure and uniforms

- Associations with racist skinheads
History of the KKK

- Originally founded on December 24, 1865 in Pulaski, TN

- Revitalized in 1915 and during Civil Rights Movement

- Opposed to miscegenation, immigration of non-whites and any religion other than Christianity
Catholics are now being accepted in some KKK groups.

- Ongoing factionalism and decentralization
- Associating with Skinheads
KKK-Affiliated Symbols

3 K's (11th letter is a K)
Skinheads

- Subculture originated in England in 1960s
- Racist vs Non-racist Skinheads
- No national structure but increasingly associate with other white supremacist groups

Most violent of white supremacists due to age.
-88 (H is the 8th letter in the alphabet, means: Hial Hitler)

--14 (the “14” words)

•5 Words – “I have nothing to say”
One of the key components to understanding and investigating white supremacist activity is understanding their language and references. A pervasive reference to the "14 words" exists throughout the white supremacist subculture.

On 28 May 2007, David Lane, a cofounder of the 1980s domestic terrorist group, The Order, died in prison of natural causes. Lane was serving a 190-year consecutive life sentence for racketeering, conspiracy, and violation of civil rights in the June 1984 murder of Jewish talk-show host Alan Berg in Denver, Colorado.
"I ride with Forrest"...(founder of KKK) Nathan Bedford Forrest (July 13, 1821 – October 29, 1877) was a lieutenant general in the Confederate Army during the American Civil War. He is remembered both as a self-educated, innovative cavalry leader during the war and as a leading insurgent in the postwar years. He served as the first Grand Wizard of the Ku Klux Klan, an organization which launched a "reign of terror" against blacks and white Republicans during Reconstruction in the South.

4/20 Hitler's B-Day
4/19 Waco
ORION (Our race is our nation)
RAHOWA (Racial Holly War)
Lightning Bolts-SS
White Supremacist Tattoos
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88 - Heil Hitler
Swastika / Crucified Skinhead
Hammerskins
Bolts
Faceless Aryan Warrior
White Supremacist Tattoos
Use of Runes

“White Power” (Common Germanic Runes)
Supreme White Alliance (SWA)

Planning to kill 88 blacks (beheading 14 of them) and kill Obama wearing white tuxes.
Extremists and the Presidential Election

- August/September issue of *National Socialist*, American National Socialist Workers Party
- Example of racist propaganda that could inspire a lone offender

Magazine from ANSWP (American National Socialist Workers Party)

Separating rhetoric from criminal intent.

Working closely with USSS on coordination of threats.
Increase in membership and rhetoric.

Individuals with military backgrounds—small percentage of white supremacist extremists

However, often occupy leadership roles—potential to reinvigorate the movement suffering from infighting and loss of leadership since 9/11

review of cases Oct 2001-May 2008

Some groups are conducting weapons and self-defense training and recommending members stockpile weapons, ammunition, and food. Weak economy plus Obama presidency—lead to race war

IKA (Imperial Klans of America), NSM, Klan groups moving away from flashy costumes/uniforms

Part of the reason—feel it will aid in recruitment of new members by doing away with or toning down uniforms, these groups can draw in people who may have been scared off by Klan robes and Neo-Nazi uniforms

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The Lone Offender

• An individual who adheres to a particular ideology or philosophy
• Believe they are advancing “the cause”
• Feels groups with similar ideology are not radical or violent enough to further the cause

Examples: Timothy McVeigh
Eric Rudolph

Challenge to law enforcement is to develop “tipwires” to identify the “lone offender”
Questions?
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