OVERVIEW

The objective of this project is to create and manage a comprehensive dataset of groups and movements that have used terrorist tactics within the United States – at some point between 1970 and 2007 – to achieve political, religious, social or economic goals. These data will be integrated into the Terrorist and Extremist Violence in the United States (TEVUS) database in the near future as part of the larger Integrating U.S. Security Databases (IUSSD) project.

START obtained data on terrorist groups and other groups involved in extremist movements in March 2008 from the Terrorism Knowledge Base (TKB), a project managed by the Memorial Institute for the Prevention of Terrorism (MIPT). However, after vetting MIPT’s profiles, concerns about the reliability and validity of these data soon mounted as many of the profiles proved to lack verifiable sources. Attempts to reconcile MIPT’s group-level data with START’s Global Terrorism Database (GTD) also unearthed several gaps and inconsistencies: for instance, compared with the GTD, the TKB contained 80 fewer extremist groups that have attacked in the United States (including Puerto Rico) since 1970. In addition, there were no clear inclusion criteria for which actors appeared within the MIPT database. As such, START made the decision to launch a new data collection effort, focused only on groups that had been active in the United States.
ACRONYMS

Profiles of Perpetrators of Terrorism (PPT)

Global Terrorism Database (GTD)

INCLUSION CRITERIA

A group or movement is included in the PPT-US if it is identified in the Global Terrorism Database as having launched at least one terrorist attack against targets within the United States homeland. PPT-US only includes groups that have at least one incident for which there is no reservation, in the eyes of GTD analysts, that the incident in question is truly terrorism (as opposed to non-terrorist violence or crime) and for which there is high confidence that the accused group is in fact responsible for the attack.

DEFINITION OF TERRORISM

The GTD defines terrorism as “the threatened or actual use of illegal force and violence by a non-state actor to attain a political, economic, religious, or social goal through fear, coercion or intimidation.”

This definition is operationalized using the following criteria.

Mandatory Criteria:

1. 

The incident must be intentional – the result of a conscious calculation on the part of a perpetrator.

2. 

The incident must entail some level of violence or threat of violence - including property violence, as well as violence against people.

3. 

The perpetrators of the incidents must be sub-national actors. This database does not include acts of state terrorism.

In addition, at least two of the following three criteria must be present:

Criterion 1: The act must be aimed at attaining a political, economic, religious, or social goal. In terms of economic goals, the exclusive pursuit of profit does not satisfy this criterion. It must involve the pursuit of more profound, systemic economic change.

Criterion 2: There must be evidence of an intention to coerce, intimidate, or convey some other message to a larger audience (or audiences) than the immediate victims. It is the act taken as a totality that is considered, irrespective if every individual involved in carrying out the act was aware of this intention. As long as any of the planners or decision-
makers behind the attack intended to coerce, intimidate or publicize, the intentionality criterion is met.

**Criterion 3: The action must be outside the context of legitimate warfare activities.** That is, the act must be outside the parameters permitted by international humanitarian law (particularly the prohibition against deliberately targeting civilians or non-combatants).

**CONFIDENCE CRITERIA**

1 = Source(s) for this variable are known to possesses inherent bias or consistent errors in reporting, but also has a record of providing some accurate information.

2 = The base confidence value. Information informing this coding is from highly credible source(s); source(s) have general reputation for unbiased coverage, thorough corroboration and factual accuracy. No specific knowledge about the validity of this particular information.

3 = Very high confidence in the validity and reliability of the information informing the coding of this variable.

**NOTE**

Each variable has a corresponding information source. Citing the information source(s) for each variable allows users of the data to reference original source material so that they can determine whether they agree with how each variable is coded, providing users the opportunity to have higher levels of confidence regarding how they use and interpret the data.
1. Last Modified
   (MOD_DATE)
   Numeric Date Variable

2. Group Case Identifier
   (INGROUP)
   Numeric Variable

3. Name of Group
   (ORGNAME)
   Text Variable

4. Aliases
   (ALIAS)
   Text Variable

   Confidence indicator:
   1 = Low confidence
   2 = Moderate confidence
   3 = High confidence

5. Attack History
   Numeric Variable

   This variable indicates the dates of the group’s first and last known terrorist attacks. Dates and attacks will be obtained from the GTD. All cases associated with a group should be considered (including incidents classified as “doubt terrorism proper” and incidents in which a group is only suspected of responsibility). For groups with cells in the US both the date of their last terrorist attack in the US and their last attack more generally should be reported.

   Dates of first known attacks
   A1. Date_first attack: Month
       (GATK_FIRST_MONTH)

   A2. Date_first attack: Day
       (GATK_FIRST_DAY)

   A3. Date_first attack: Year
       (GATK_FIRST_YEAR)
Confidence indicator:
1 = Low confidence
2 = Moderate confidence
3 = High confidence

Dates of last known attacks

B1. Date_last attack: Month
    (GATK_LAST_MONTH)

B2. Date_last attack: Day
    (GATK_LAST_DAY)

B3. Date_last attack: Year
    (GATK_LAST_YEAR)

Confidence indicator:
1 = Low confidence
2 = Moderate confidence
3 = High confidence

Dates of first known attacks against the United States

C1. Date_first attack: Month
    (USATK_FIRST_MONTH)

C2. Date_first attack: Day
    (USATK_FIRST_DAY)

C3. Date_first attack: Year
    (USATK_FIRST_YEAR)

Confidence indicator:
1 = Low confidence
2 = Moderate confidence
3 = High confidence

Dates of last known attacks against the United States

D1. Date_last attack: Month
    (USATK_LAST_MONTH)
D2. Date_last attack: Day
(USATK_LAST_DAY)

D3. Date_last attack: Year
(USATK_LAST_YEAR)

Confidence indicator:
1 = Low confidence
2 = Moderate confidence
3 = High confidence

6. LOCATION

*Categorical Variable*

This variable details the location of terrorist attacks and the group's headquarters/base of operation (country-level for non-US countries; state-level for the United States). A group's headquarters is defined as the place where attacks are planned and members are trained. Information about the location of the group's headquarters is drawn from source material only and is not inferred from geographic patterns of attacks.

Up to five countries can be recorded for locations of the group's of terrorist attacks and locations of the group's headquarters. If more than five countries are applicable for either of these variables, the first four countries are coded in order of relevance (e.g. frequency of attacks) and the fifth variable is coded as 999=Multinational

Confidence indicator:
1 = Low confidence
2 = Moderate confidence
3 = High confidence

*LOCATION OF GENERAL TERRORIST ATTACKS*

(LOC_ATK_COUNTRY)

Country codes (from GTD)
4 = Afghanistan
5 = Albania
6 = Algeria
7 = Andorra
8 = Angola
10= Antigua and Barbuda
11= Argentina
12= Armenia
14= Australia
15= Austria
16= Azerbaijan
17= Bahamas
18= Bahrain
19= Bangladesh
20= Barbados
21= Belgium
22= Belize
23= Benin
24= Bermuda
25= Bhutan
26= Bolivia
28= Bosnia-Herzegovina
29= Botswana
30= Brazil
31= Brunei
32= Bulgaria
33= Burkina Faso
34= Burundi
35= Belarus
36= Cambodia
37= Cameroon
38= Canada
40= Cayman Islands
41= Central African Republic
42= Chad
43= Chile
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45= Colombia
46= Comoros
47= Congo
49= Costa Rica
50= Croatia
51= Cuba
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54= Czech Republic
55= Denmark
56= Djibouti
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63= Eritrea
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209= Turkey
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214= Ukraine
215= United Arab Emirates
216= Great Britain
217= United States
218= Uruguay
219= Uzbekistan
220= Vanuatu
221= Vatican City
222= Venezuela
223= Vietnam
225= Virgin Islands (US)
226= Wallis and Futuna
227= Samoa (West Samoa)
228= Yemen
229= Congo
230= Zambia
231= Zimbabwe
233= Northern Island
235= Yugoslavia
236= Czechoslovakia
238= Corsica
296= Kurdish
311= Roma
321= Arab
334= Asia
338= African
347= Timor-Leste
349= Western Sahara
351= Commonwealth of Independent States
359= Soviet Union
362= West German (FRG)
376= Korea
377= North Yemen
381= Jewish
383= Peru/US
403= Rhodesia
406= South Yemen
422= International
428= South Vietnam
449= Hindu
499= East Germany (GDR)
512= European
520= Sinhalese
423= Tuareg
529= Middle Eastern
532= New Hebrides
999= Multinational
1003= Kosovo

LOCATION OF HEADQUARTERS
(LOC_HQ_COUNTRY)

See Location of General Terrorist Attacks for country code values

LOCATION OF US BASED ATTACKS
(LOC_USATK_STATE)
  1= Alabama
  2= Alaska
  3= Arizona
  4= Arkansas
  5= California
  6= Colorado
  7= Connecticut
  8= Delaware
  9= District of Columbia
 10= Florida
 11= Georgia
 12= Guam
 13= Hawaii
 14= Idaho
 15= Illinois
 16= Indiana
 17= Iowa
 18= Kansas
 19= Kentucky
 20= Louisiana
 21= Maine
 22= Maryland
23= Massachusetts
24= Michigan
25= Minnesota
26= Mississippi
27= Missouri
28= Montana
29= Nebraska
30= Nevada
31= New Hampshire
32= New Jersey
33= New Mexico
34= New York
35= North Carolina
36= North Dakota
37= Ohio
38= Oklahoma
39= Oregon
41= Pennsylvania
42= Puerto Rico
43= Rhode Island
44= South Carolina
45= South Dakota
46= Tennessee
47= Texas
48= Utah
49= Vermont
50= Virginia
51= Washington
52= West Virginia
53= Wisconsin
54= Wyoming
-99= Unknown

LOCATION OF US BASED HEADQUARTERS
(LOC_USHQ_STATE)

See state-level codes

7. GROUP HISTORY
(HIS)
Text Variable
This variable details the operational history of the group.

**Confidence indicator:**
- 1 = Low confidence
- 2 = Moderate confidence
- 3 = High confidence

8. **DATE FORMED**
   *(DFORM)*
   *Numeric Date Variable*

   **Note:** If no information is available regarding when the group initially formed, code as -99. Do not substitute the date of a group’s first attack for date formed unless there is explicit information noting that the group’s formation coincided with its first attack.

   **A1.** Date_first attack: Month
   *(DFORM_MONTH)*

   **A2.** Date_first attack: Day
   *(DFORM_DAY)*

   **A3.** Date_first attack: Year
   *(DFORM_YEAR)*

   **Confidence indicator:**
   - 1 = Low confidence
   - 2 = Moderate confidence
   - 3 = High confidence

9. **FOUNDING PHILOSOPHY**
   *(PHIL)*
   *Text Variable*

   This variable describes the group’s mission, its raison d’être and its epistemological concerns.

   **Confidence indicator:**
   - 1 = Low confidence
   - 2 = Moderate confidence
   - 3 = High confidence
10. NOTABLE EVENTS
   (NOTABLE)
   Text Variable

   This variable details major events (e.g., death of a leader) that significantly affected the organization. This variable has a high bar for inclusion and is not intended to be exhaustive.

   **Confidence indicator:**
   1 = Low confidence
   2 = Moderate confidence
   3 = High confidence

11. DOMINANT IDEOLOGY
   (DOM_I)
   Categorical Variable

   This variable captures the group’s raison d’être – that is, it should capture the group’s most important goal (e.g. While the Aryan Nations maintained a strong religious conviction to the Christian Identity movement, their raison d’être was to promote a racially homogenous white society). Unlike the sub-ideology variable, DOM_I is meant to be mutually exclusive.

   -99 = Uncertainty/conflicting information exists in available data
   1 = Extreme Right Wing (including all racist ideologies)
   2 = Extreme Left Wing
   3 = Religious
   4 = Ethno-nationalist/Separatist
   5 = Single Issue

   **Confidence indicator:**
   1 = Low confidence
   2 = Moderate confidence
   3 = High confidence

12. SUB-IDEOLOGY

   This variable describes the ideology of the group, which is defined as a comprehensive framework of beliefs that influence behavior. Each ideology also has a sub-type, which details the more specific ideological underpinnings of the group.
**Ethno-Nationalist/Seperatist**  
(I_ETHNO)  
**Categorical Variable**

These are regionally concentrated groups with a history of organized political autonomy with their own state, traditional ruler, or regional government, who are committed to gaining or regaining political independence through any means and who have supported political movements for autonomy at some time since 1945 (e.g., ETA & PIRA).

1= “Yes”  
0= “No” or “Absence of information”  
-99= Uncertainty/conflicting information exists in available data

**Confidence indicator:**  
1= Low confidence  
2= Moderate confidence  
3= High confidence

**Religious**  
(I_REL)  
**Categorical Variable**

Religious groups seek to smite the purported enemies of God and other evildoers, impose strict religious tenets or laws on society (fundamentalists), forcibly insert religion into the political sphere (i.e., those who seek to politicize religion, such as Christian Reconstructionists and Islamists), and/or bring about Armageddon (apocalyptic millenarian cults). There are five main varieties of religious terrorism: (1) Islamist terrorism; (2) Jewish fundamentalist terrorism, primarily inside Israel; (3) Christian terrorism, which can be further subdivided into fundamentalist terrorism of an Orthodox (mainly Russia), Catholic, or Protestant stamp (which, in the US, is especially aimed at stopping the provision of abortions) and terrorism inspired by apocalyptic Christian identity doctrine; (4) Hindu fundamentalist/nationalist terrorism; and (5) terrorism carried out by apocalyptic religious cults.

1= “Yes”  
0= “No” or “No indication based on available data”  
-99= Unknown/conflicting information exists in available data

**Confidence indicator:**  
1= Low confidence  
2= Moderate confidence  
3= High confidence
Buddhist (Ultranationalist, Apocalyptic) (I_REL_1)

*Categorical Variable*

1 = “Yes”
0 = “No” or “No indication based on available data”
-99 = Unknown/conflicting information exists in available data

**Confidence indicator:**
1 = Low confidence
2 = Moderate confidence
3 = High confidence

Christian/Catholic (I_REL_2)

*Categorical Variable*


1 = “Yes”
0 = “No” or “No indication based on available data”
-99 = Unknown/conflicting information exists in available data

**Confidence indicator:**
1 = Low confidence
2 = Moderate confidence
3 = High confidence

Cult (I_REL_3)

*Categorical Variable*

Includes the following types: Buddhist; Christian; Hindu; Islamic; Jewish; Pagan; UFO. The following characteristics should help you distinguish a cult from other forms of groups: a cult displays unquestioning commitment to its leader; questioning, doubt and dissent are discouraged; mind-altering practices (e.g. meditation) are used in excess; the leadership dictates how members should think, act and feel; a cult is elitist; a cult has a polarized us-versus-them mentality; the leader is not accountable to authorities; the cult teaches that the ends justify the means it deems necessary; the leader induces feelings of shame in order to control members; the cult is pre-occupied with bringing in new
members and making money; and members are encouraged or required to only socialize with other members.¹

1= “Yes”
0= “No” or “No indication based on available data”
-99= Unknown/conflicting information exists in available data

**Confidence indicator:**
1= Low confidence
2= Moderate confidence
3= High confidence

**Hindu**
(I_REL_4)
*Categorical Variable*

Includes Hindu nationalist and fundamentalist

1= “Yes”
0= “No” or “No indication based on available data”
-99= Unknown/conflicting information exists in available data

**Confidence indicator:**
1= Low confidence
2= Moderate confidence
3= High confidence

**Islamic (Shia)**
(I_REL_5)
*Categorical Variable*

1= “Yes”
0= “No” or “No indication based on available data”
-99= Unknown/conflicting information exists in available data

**Confidence indicator:**
1= Low confidence
2= Moderate confidence
3= High confidence

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Islamic (Sunni) (I_REL_6)  
*Categorical Variable*  

1= “Yes”  
0= “No” or “No indication based on available data”  
-99= Unknown/conflicting information exists in available data  

**Confidence indicator:**  
1= Low confidence  
2= Moderate confidence  
3= High confidence  

Jewish & Jewish Orthodox (I_REL_7)  
*Categorical Variable*  

1= “Yes”  
0= “No” or “No indication based on available data”  
-99= Unknown/conflicting information exists in available data  

**Confidence indicator:**  
1= Low confidence  
2= Moderate confidence  
3= High confidence  

Sikh (Fundamentalist) (I_REL_8)  
*Categorical Variable*  

1= “Yes”  
0= “No” or “No indication based on available data”  
-99= Unknown/conflicting information exists in available data  

**Confidence indicator:**  
1= Low confidence  
2= Moderate confidence  
3= High confidence  

Pagan/Polytheist (Odinist, etc) (I_REL_9)  
*Categorical Variable*
1= “Yes”  
0= “No” or “No indication based on available data”  
-99= Unknown/conflicting information exists in available data

**Confidence indicator:**  
1= Low confidence  
2= Moderate confidence  
3= High confidence

Occult (including Satanist)  
(I_REL_10)  
*Categorical Variable*

1= “Yes”  
0= “No” or “No indication based on available data”  
-99= Unknown/conflicting information exists in available data

**Confidence indicator:**  
1= Low confidence  
2= Moderate confidence  
3= High confidence

*Racist*  
(I_RACE)  
*Categorical Variable*

Racist groups are characterized by their belief that race is the primary determinant of human traits and that racial differences produce an inherent superiority of a particular race.

1= “Yes”  
0= “No” or “No indication based on available data”  
-99= Unknown/conflicting information exists in available data

**Confidence indicator:**  
1= Low confidence  
2= Moderate confidence  
3= High confidence

Anti-Semitic  
(I_RACE_1)  
*Categorical Variable*

1= “Yes”
0= “No” or “No indication based on available data”
-99= Unknown/conflicting information exists in available data

**Confidence indicator:**
1= Low confidence
2= Moderate confidence
3= High confidence

Xenophobic/Nativist/Anti-Immigrant
(I_RACE_2)
*Categorical Variable*

1= “Yes”
0= “No” or “No indication based on available data”
-99= Unknown/conflicting information exists in available data

**Confidence indicator:**
1= Low confidence
2= Moderate confidence
3= High confidence

Racial Supremacist/Racial Separatist
(I_RACE_3)
*Categorical Variable*

1= “Yes”
0= “No” or “No indication based on available data”
-99= Unknown/conflicting information exists in available data

**Confidence indicator:**
1= Low confidence
2= Moderate confidence
3= High confidence

*Extreme Left-wing*
(I_LEFT)
*Categorical Variable*

Extreme left-wing groups want to bring about change through violent revolution rather than through established political processes. In addition, this category includes secular left-wing groups that rely heavily on terrorism to overthrow the capitalist system and either establish “a dictatorship of the proletariat” (Marxist-Leninists) or, much more rarely, a decentralized, non-hierarchical sociopolitical system (anarchists).
1= “Yes”
0= “No” or “No indication based on available data”
-99= Unknown/conflicting information exists in available data

Confidence indicator:
1= Low confidence
2= Moderate confidence
3= High confidence

Communist/Socialist
(I_LEFT_1)
Categorical Variable

1= “Yes”
0= “No” or “No indication based on available data”
-99= Unknown/conflicting information exists in available data

Confidence indicator:
1= Low confidence
2= Moderate confidence
3= High confidence

Anarchists
(I_LEFT_2)
Categorical Variable

1= “Yes”
0= “No” or “No indication based on available data”
-99= Unknown/conflicting information exists in available data

Confidence indicator:
1= Low confidence
2= Moderate confidence
3= High confidence

Marxist/Leninist
(I_LEFT_3)
Categorical Variable
1= “Yes”
0= “No” or “No indication based on available data”
-99= Unknown/conflicting information exists in available data

**Confidence indicator:**
1= Low confidence
2= Moderate confidence
3= High confidence

Maoist
(I_LEFT_4)
*Categorical Variable*

1= “Yes”
0= “No” or “No indication based on available data”
-99= Unknown/conflicting information exists in available data

**Confidence indicator:**
1= Low confidence
2= Moderate confidence
3= High confidence

Black Nationalist (US, Europe)
(I_LEFT_5)
*Categorical Variable*

1= “Yes”
0= “No” or “No indication based on available data”
-99= Unknown/conflicting information exists in available data

**Confidence indicator:**
1= Low confidence
2= Moderate confidence
3= High confidence

New Left
(I_LEFT_6)
*Categorical Variable*
The “New Left” movement is synonymous with the so-called Hippie movement and college campus protests of the 1960s and 1970s. Rather than focusing on issues of social class and labor unionization, the New Left focuses on a broader range of reforms.

1= “Yes”
0= “No” or “No indication based on available data”
-99= Unknown/conflicting information exists in available data

Confidence indicator:
1= Low confidence
2= Moderate confidence
3= High confidence

Extreme Right-wing
(I_RIGHT)
Categorical Variable

The extreme far-right is composed of groups that believe that one’s personal and/or national “way of life” is under attack and is either already lost or that the threat is imminent (for some the threat is from a specific ethnic, racial, or religious group), and believe in the need to be prepared for an attack either by participating in paramilitary preparations and training or survivalism. Groups may also be fiercely nationalistic (as opposed to universal and international in orientation), anti-global, suspicious of centralized federal authority, reverent of individual liberty, and believe in conspiracy theories that involve grave threat to national sovereignty and/or personal liberty.

1= “Yes”
0= “No” or “No indication based on available data”
-99= Unknown/conflicting information exists in available data

Confidence indicator:
1= Low confidence
2= Moderate confidence
3= High confidence

Anti-Semitic
(I_RIGHT_1)
Categorical Variable

1= “Yes”
0= “No” or “No indication based on available data”
-99= Unknown/conflicting information exists in available data
Confidence indicator:
1 = Low confidence
2 = Moderate confidence
3 = High confidence

Fascist/Neo-Fascist (really a mixture of right- and left-wing ideological elements)
(I_RIGHT_2)
Categorical Variable
1 = “Yes”
0 = “No” or “No indication based on available data”
-99 = Unknown/conflicting information exists in available data

Confidence indicator:
1 = Low confidence
2 = Moderate confidence
3 = High confidence

Gun Rights
(I_RIGHT_3)
Categorical Variable
1 = “Yes”
0 = “No” or “No indication based on available data”
-99 = Unknown/conflicting information exists in available data

Confidence indicator:
1 = Low confidence
2 = Moderate confidence
3 = High confidence

Tax Protest
(I_RIGHT_4)
Categorical Variable
1 = “Yes”
0 = “No” or “No indication based on available data”
-99 = Unknown/conflicting information exists in available data

Confidence indicator:
1 = Low confidence
2 = Moderate confidence
Single Issue
(I_SI)
Categorical Variable

Groups relying heavily on terrorism that obsessively focuses on very specific or narrowly-defined causes of various sorts. This category includes groups from all sides of the political spectrum.

1= “Yes”
0= “No” or “No indication based on available data”
-99= Unknown/conflicting information exists in available data

Confidence indicator:
1= Low confidence
2= Moderate confidence
3= High confidence

Anti-Abortion
(I_SI_1)
Categorical Variable

1= “Yes”
0= “No” or “No indication based on available data”
-99= Unknown/conflicting information exists in available data

Confidence indicator:
1= Low confidence
2= Moderate confidence
3= High confidence

Anti-Catholic
(I_SI_2)
Categorical Variable

1= “Yes”
0= “No” or “No indication based on available data”
-99= Unknown/conflicting information exists in available data

Confidence indicator:
1= Low confidence
2 = Moderate confidence
3 = High confidence

Anti-Communist
(I_SI_3)
Categorical Variable

1 = “Yes”
0 = “No” or “No indication based on available data”
-99 = Unknown/conflicting information exists in available data

Confidence indicator:
   1 = Low confidence
   2 = Moderate confidence
   3 = High confidence

Anti-Ecology/Pro-Development
(I_SI_4)
Categorical Variable

1 = “Yes”
0 = “No” or “No indication based on available data”
-99 = Unknown/conflicting information exists in available data

Confidence indicator:
   1 = Low confidence
   2 = Moderate confidence
   3 = High confidence

Anti-Homosexual/Anti-Sexual Deviance/Anti-Prostitution
(I_SI_5)
Categorical Variable

1 = “Yes”
0 = “No” or “No indication based on available data”
-99 = Unknown/conflicting information exists in available data

Confidence indicator:
   1 = Low confidence
   2 = Moderate confidence
   3 = High confidence

Anti-Nuclear
(I_SI_6)
**Categorical Variable**

1 = “Yes”  
0 = “No” or “No indication based on available data”  
-99 = Unknown/conflicting information exists in available data

**Confidence indicator:**  
1 = Low confidence  
2 = Moderate confidence  
3 = High confidence

**Anti-Racist (I_SI_7)**  
*Categorical Variable*

1 = “Yes”  
0 = “No” or “No indication based on available data”  
-99 = Unknown/conflicting information exists in available data

**Confidence indicator:**  
1 = Low confidence  
2 = Moderate confidence  
3 = High confidence

**Anti-Religious (I_SI_8)**  
*Categorical Variable*

1 = “Yes”  
0 = “No” or “No indication based on available data”  
-99 = Unknown/conflicting information exists in available data

**Confidence indicator:**  
1 = Low confidence  
2 = Moderate confidence  
3 = High confidence

**Gun Rights (I_SI_9)**  
*Categorical Variable*

1 = “Yes”  
0 = “No” or “No indication based on available data”
-99 = Unknown/conflicting information exists in available data

Confidence indicator:
1 = Low confidence
2 = Moderate confidence
3 = High confidence

Xenophobic/Nativist/Anti-Immigrant
(I_SI_10)
Categorical Variable

1 = “Yes”
0 = “No” or “No indication based on available data”
-99 = Unknown/conflicting information exists in available data

Confidence indicator:
1 = Low confidence
2 = Moderate confidence
3 = High confidence

Tax Protest
(I_SI_11)
Categorical Variable

1 = “Yes”
0 = “No” or “No indication based on available data”
-99 = Unknown/conflicting information exists in available data

Confidence indicator:
1 = Low confidence
2 = Moderate confidence
3 = High confidence

Anti-Castro
(I_SI_12)
Categorical Variable

1 = “Yes”
0 = “No” or “No indication based on available data”
-99 = Unknown/conflicting information exists in available data

Confidence indicator:
1 = Low confidence
2 = Moderate confidence
3= High confidence

Ecological/Anti-Technology/Primitivist/Animal Liberation
(I_SI_13)
*Categorical Variable*

1= “Yes”
0= “No” or “No indication based on available data”
-99= Unknown/conflicting information exists in available data

**Confidence indicator:**
1= Low confidence
2= Moderate confidence
3= High confidence

“Pacifist”/Anti-War
(I_SI_14)
*Categorical Variable*

1= “Yes”
0= “No” or “No indication based on available data”
-99= Unknown/conflicting information exists in available data

**Confidence indicator:**
1= Low confidence
2= Moderate confidence
3= High confidence

13. MAJOR GOALS

This variable details the group’s overall objective in committing terrorism and/or participating in other activities.

*Political*

Protest government policies/laws
(G_POL_1)
*Categorical Variable*

Government policies/laws include, but are not limited to, the following: executive orders of the President; legislation passed by Congress; local/state/federal law enforcement policies; and laws passed by local/state/federal/supreme courts.
1 = “Yes”
0 = “No” or “No indication based on available data”
-99 = Unknown/conflicting information exists in available data

Confidence indicator:
1 = Low confidence
2 = Moderate confidence
3 = High confidence

Protest government ruling party
(G_POL_2)
Categorical Variable

1 = “Yes”
0 = “No” or “No indication based on available data”
-99 = Unknown/conflicting information exists in available data

Confidence indicator:
1 = Low confidence
2 = Moderate confidence
3 = High confidence

Seek regime type
(G_POL_3)
Categorical Variable

For instance, autocratic to democratic; secular to religious; capitalist to socialist, etc.

1 = “Yes”
0 = “No” or “No indication based on available data”
-99 = Unknown/conflicting information exists in available data

Confidence indicator:
1 = Low confidence
2 = Moderate confidence
3 = High confidence

Territorial goals
(G_POL_4)
Categorical Variable
Territorial goals consist of, but are not limited to: irredentist aims (any movement or aspiration to recover territory that, for ethnic or linguistic reasons, is believed to have been wrongly alienated); secessionist aims (withdrawal of a group from the authority of the state); reclaiming ancestral boarders; and expanding abstract boarders to include more members of a group’s identity-based community (e.g. expanding global Caliphate).

1= “Yes”
0= “No” or “No indication based on available data”
-99= Unknown/conflicting information exists in available data

Confidence indicator:
1= Low confidence
2= Moderate confidence
3= High confidence

Influence election
(G_POL_5)
Categorical Variable

1= “Yes”
0= “No” or “No indication based on available data”
-99= Unknown/conflicting information exists in available data

Confidence indicator:
1= Low confidence
2= Moderate confidence
3= High confidence

Other
(G_POL_OTH)
Categorical & Text Variable

1= “Yes”
0= “No” or “No indication based on available data”
-99= Unknown/conflicting information exists in available data

Confidence indicator:
1= Low confidence
2= Moderate confidence
3= High confidence
Social
Protest social discrimination/social justice issues
(G_SOC_1)
*Categorical Variable*

1= “Yes”
0= “No” or “No indication based on available data”
-99= Unknown/conflicting information exists in available data

**Confidence indicator:**
1= Low confidence
2= Moderate confidence
3= High confidence

Protest public & private institutions
(G_SOC_2)
*Categorical Variable*

Public institutions are controlled by the state. For instance, prisons, public schools/universities/research centers, and government run programs. Private institutions are controlled by non-state entities. For instance, private abortion clinics, private companies (i.e., General Electric) and private schools.

1= “Yes”
0= “No” or “No indication based on available data”
-99= Unknown/conflicting information exists in available data

**Confidence indicator:**
1= Low confidence
2= Moderate confidence
3= High confidence

Other
(G_SOC_OTH)
*Categorical & Text Variable*

1= “Yes”
0= “No” or “No indication based on available data”
-99= Unknown/conflicting information exists in available data

**Confidence indicator:**
1= Low confidence
Economic

Protest economic discrimination
(G_ECO_1)
Categorical Variable

1= “Yes”
0= “No” or “No indication based on available data”
-99= Unknown/conflicting information exists in available data

Confidence indicator:
1= Low confidence
2= Moderate confidence
3= High confidence

Protest government/corporate economic policies
(G_ECO_2)
Categorical Variable

1= “Yes”
0= “No” or “No indication based on available data”
-99= Unknown/conflicting information exists in available data

Confidence indicator:
1= Low confidence
2= Moderate confidence
3= High confidence

Other
(G_ECO_OTH)
Categorical & Text Variable

1= “Yes”
0= “No” or “No indication based on available data”
-99= Unknown/conflicting information exists in available data

Confidence indicator:
1= Low confidence
2= Moderate confidence
3= High confidence
**Religious**

Protest religious discrimination
(G_REL_1)
*Categorical Variable*

1 = “Yes”
0 = “No” or “No indication based on available data”
-99 = Unknown/conflicting information exists in available data

**Confidence indicator:**
1 = Low confidence
2 = Moderate confidence
3 = High confidence

Protest religious institutions
(G_REL_2)
*Categorical Variable*

1 = “Yes”
0 = “No” or “No indication based on available data”
-99 = Unknown/conflicting information exists in available data

**Confidence indicator:**
1 = Low confidence
2 = Moderate confidence
3 = High confidence

Killing infidels/Non-believers
(G_REL_3)
*Categorical Variable*

1 = “Yes”
0 = “No” or “No indication based on available data”
-99 = Unknown/conflicting information exists in available data

**Confidence indicator:**
1 = Low confidence
2 = Moderate confidence
3 = High confidence

Other
(G_REL_OTH)
**Categorical & Text Variable**

1= “Yes”  
0= “No” or “No indication based on available data”  
-99= Unknown/conflicting information exists in available data

**Confidence indicator:**  
1= Low confidence  
2= Moderate confidence  
3= High confidence

### 14. OTHER ACTIVITIES

This variable details the group’s non-terrorist activities, such as the group’s involvement in political and social events, fundraising schemes and other legal activities.

**Political**

Verbal opposition through indirect or direct means (excluding communication that exclusively relates to taking responsibility for a terrorist attack)

(OA_POL_1)  
**Categorical Variable**

For instance, public letters, petitions, posters, publications, agitation, etc.

1= “Yes”  
0= “No” or “No indication based on available data”  
-99= Unknown/conflicting information exists in available data

**Confidence indicator:**  
1= Low confidence  
2= Moderate confidence  
3= High confidence

**Involved in political demonstrations**

(OA_POL_2)  
**Categorical Variable**

Involvement in political demonstrations covers instances in which the group organizes their own protests and instances when members participate in demonstrations organized by other groups.
1= “Yes”  
0= “No” or “No indication based on available data”  
-99= Unknown/conflicting information exists in available data

**Confidence indicator:**  
1= Low confidence  
2= Moderate confidence  
3= High confidence

Symbolic resistance  
(OA_POL_3)  
*Categorical Variable*

For instance, burning draft cards; burning the American flag; not bowing to the king.

1= “Yes”  
0= “No” or “No indication based on available data”  
-99= Unknown/conflicting information exists in available data

**Confidence indicator:**  
1= Low confidence  
2= Moderate confidence  
3= High confidence

Level of participation in politics and existing political institutions  
(OA_POL_4)  
*Ordinal level Variable*

In cases when a group is involved in more than one of these activities, select the highest level of involvement.

-99= Uncertainty/conflicting information exists in available data  
0= “No Involvement” or “Absence of information”  
1= Low involvement (e.g. endorsement of/providing money to political actors)  
2= Low-medium involvement (e.g. mobilize voters)  
3= Medium-high involvement (e.g. run in political elections)  
4= High involvement (e.g. formation of a political party apparatus)

**Confidence indicator:**  
1= Low confidence  
2= Moderate confidence
Other
(OA_POL_OTH)
*Categorical & Text Variable*

1= “Yes”
0= “No” or “No indication based on available data”
-99= Unknown/conflicting information exists in available data

**Confidence indicator:**
1= Low confidence
2= Moderate confidence
3= High confidence

*Criminal*
Participation in property crime (other than known terrorist attacks)

(OA_CRIM_1)
*Categorical Variable*

For instance, burglary, larceny, theft, motor vehicle theft, arson, shoplifting, etc.

1= “Yes”
0= “No” or “No indication based on available data”
-99= Unknown/conflicting information exists in available data

**Confidence indicator:**
1= Low confidence
2= Moderate confidence
3= High confidence

Participation in violent crime (other than known terrorist attacks)

(OA_CRIM_2)
*Categorical Variable*

For instance, murder, forcible rape, robbery, aggravated assault, and simple assault.

1= “Yes”
0= “No” or “No indication based on available data”
-99= Unknown/conflicting information exists in available data
Confidence indicator:
1 = Low confidence
2 = Moderate confidence
3 = High confidence

Participation in public order crime (other than known terrorist attacks)

(OA_CRIM_3)
Categorical Variable

For instance, prostitution, drugs, etc.

1 = “Yes”
0 = “No” or “No indication based on available data”
-99 = Unknown/conflicting information exists in available data

Confidence indicator:
1 = Low confidence
2 = Moderate confidence
3 = High confidence

Participation in drug trafficking
(OA_CRIM_4)
Categorical Variable

1 = “Yes”
0 = “No” or “No indication based on available data”
-99 = Unknown/conflicting information exists in available data

Confidence indicator:
1 = Low confidence
2 = Moderate confidence
3 = High confidence

Participation in financial crimes
(OA_CRIM_5)
Categorical Variable

1 = “Yes”
0 = “No” or “No indication based on available data”
-99 = Unknown/conflicting information exists in available data
Confidence indicator:
1 = Low confidence
2 = Moderate confidence
3 = High confidence

Other
(OA_CRIM_OTH)
Categorical & Text Variable
1 = “Yes”
0 = “No” or “No indication based on available data”
-99 = Unknown/conflicting information exists in available data

Confidence indicator:
1 = Low confidence
2 = Moderate confidence
3 = High confidence

Social
Community activism
(OA_SOC_1)
Categorical Variable
1 = “Yes”
0 = “No” or “No indication based on available data”
-99 = Unknown/conflicting information exists in available data

Confidence indicator:
1 = Low confidence
2 = Moderate confidence
3 = High confidence

Involvement in social services and institutions
(OA_SOC_2)
Categorical Variable
1 = “Yes”
0 = “No” or “No indication based on available data”
-99 = Unknown/conflicting information exists in available data

Confidence indicator:
Proactively tried to indoctrinate members and supporters (OA_SOC_3)
*Categorical Variable*

1= “Yes”
0= “No” or “No indication based on available data”
-99= Unknown/conflicting information exists in available data

**Confidence indicator:**
1= Low confidence
2= Moderate confidence
3= High confidence

Other (OA_SOC_OTH)
*Categorical & Text Variable*

1= “Yes”
0= “No” or “No indication based on available data”
-99= Unknown/conflicting information exists in available data

**Confidence indicator:**
1= Low confidence
2= Moderate confidence
3= High confidence

15. **SPLINTER/RELATED**
(SPLINTER)
*Text Variable*

This variable describes the other terrorist groups affiliated with and/or collaborating with the group.

**Confidence indicator:**
1= Low confidence
2= Moderate confidence
3= High confidence
16. **ALLIED GROUPS**
   (ALLIED)
   *Text Variable*

   This variable describes other terrorist groups that are friendly with the specified group.

   **Confidence indicator:**
   1 = Low confidence
   2 = Moderate confidence
   3 = High confidence

17. **MAJOR ACTORS & MEMBERS**
   (MACTORS)
   *Text Variable*

   This variable includes names of key members. More specifically, key members are the individuals that take on leadership roles in the group and are involved in the group’s decision-making structure.

   **Confidence indicator:**
   1 = Low confidence
   2 = Moderate confidence
   3 = High confidence

18. **NUMBER OF MEMBERS**
   (ORGSIZE)
   *Categorical Variable*

   This variable details the number of members in the group at its peak. Members are defined as the people who consistently make resource contributions to the group (e.g., time, money, etc.). When there is only one source, use available data; take the most recently published source when there are conflicting sources; use the source with the most inflated numbers when all sources have similar publication dates.

   0 = 1-100
   1 = 101-1,000
   2 = 1001-10,000
   3 = 10,001 or more
This variable details the structure of the group, which should account for the allocation of responsibilities for different functions within the group.

**Hierarchical**

*(STRUC_1)*

*Categorical Variable*

Hierarchical structure organizations are those that have a well-defined vertical chain of command, control and responsibility. Data and intelligence flows up and down the organization channels. Hierarchical organizations feature greater specialization of functions in their subordinate cells such as support, operations and intelligence.

1= “Yes”

0= “No” or “No indication based on available data”

-99= Unknown/conflicting information exists in available data

**Confidence indicator:**

1= Low confidence

2= Moderate confidence

3= High confidence

**Network**

*(STRUC_2)*

*Categorical Variable*

Networks tend to have a horizontal structure rather than vertical one; they are made up of nodes (individuals) which are linked through well defined relationships. Networks distribute the responsibility for operations and plan for redundancies of key functions. Groups within the network (referred to as cells) do not contact or coordinate with other cells except for coordination essential to a particular operation or function.

1= “Yes”
0= “No” or “No indication based on available data”
-99= Unknown/conflicting information exists in available data

**Confidence indicator:**
1= Low confidence  
2= Moderate confidence  
3= High confidence

**Umbrella**  
(STRUC_3)  
*Categorical Variable*

An umbrella organization is an association of groups that work together formally to coordinate activities or pool resources. More specifically, one group, the umbrella organization, provides resources and often an identity to the smaller organizations.

1= “Yes”  
0= “No” or “No indication based on available data”  
-99= Unknown/conflicting information exists in available data

**Confidence indicator:**
1= Low confidence  
2= Moderate confidence  
3= High confidence

**Movement**  
(STRUC_4)  
*Categorical Variable*

A movement is a broad social alliance of individuals who are connected through their shared interest in blocking or affecting change. Any type of disconnected leaderless resistance (e.g. ELF) should be coded under this variable.

1= “Yes”  
0= “No” or “No indication based on available data”  
-99= Unknown/conflicting information exists in available data

**Confidence indicator:**
1= Low confidence  
2= Moderate confidence
Other
(STRUC_OTH)
Categorical & Text Variable

1= “Yes” (If yes, then explain)
0= “No” or “No indication based on available data”
-99= Unknown/conflicting information exists in available data

Confidence indicator:
1= Low confidence
2= Moderate confidence
3= High confidence

20. RECRUITMENT STRATEGIES

This variable describes the group’s recruitment strategy and focuses on the structure of the recruitment process. Recruitment is defined as the process by which a group attracts, screens and selects qualified people to join. Recruits are considered to be individuals who have gone beyond exposure to terrorist messages and have been both indoctrinated and incorporated into the organization.

The net
(REC_1)
Categorical Variable

The whole target population is viewed as primed for recruitment. In a net recruitment approach every member will be engaged equitably.

1= “Yes"
0= “No” or “No indication based on available data”
-99= Unknown/conflicting information exists in available data

Confidence indicator:
1= Low confidence
2= Moderate confidence
3= High confidence
**The funnel**
(REC_2)
*Categorical Variable*

Under this strategy, potential recruits start at one end of the process and are transformed into dedicated group members once they emerge on the other end. This strategy uses an incremental or phased approach and requires the target population to experience a significant transformation in identity and motivations. This approach is characterized by milestones, such as group identity building exercises, and validation of commitment to group principles.

1= “Yes”  
0= “No” or “No indication based on available data”  
-99= Unknown/conflicting information exists in available data

**Confidence indicator:**  
1= Low confidence  
2= Moderate confidence  
3= High confidence

**The infection**
(REC_3)
*Categorical Variable*

Through this strategy an agent is inserted in the target population to rally potential recruits through direct, personal appeal.

1= “Yes”  
0= “No” or “No indication based on available data”  
-99= Unknown/conflicting information exists in available data

**Confidence indicator:**  
1= Low confidence  
2= Moderate confidence  
3= High confidence

**The seed crystal**
(REC_4)
*Categorical Variable*

This approach is useful when a target population is too remote and inaccessible. Under this strategy recruiters will provide a context for self recruitment – that is, environmental manipulation will be applied in order to produce self-recruitment.
1= “Yes”  
0= “No” or “No indication based on available data”  
-99= Unknown/conflicting information exists in available data

**Confidence indicator:**  
1= Low confidence  
2= Moderate confidence  
3= High confidence

**Self-recruitment**  
(REC_5)  
*Categorical Variable*

Self-recruitment represents cases in which individuals proactively seek to membership without external influence.

1= “Yes”  
0= “No” or “No indication based on available data”  
-99= Unknown/conflicting information exists in available data

**Confidence indicator:**  
1= Low confidence  
2= Moderate confidence  
3= High confidence

**Other**  
(REC_OTH)  
*Categorical & Text Variable*

1= “Yes” (If yes, then explain)  
0= “No” or “No indication based on available data”  
-99= Unknown/conflicting information exists in available data

**Confidence indicator:**  
1= Low confidence  
2= Moderate confidence  
3= High confidence

21. **MEDIUM of RECRUITMENT**
This variable details the group’s direct and/or indirect instruments of recruitment.

**Direct**  
(MREC_1)  
*Categorical Variable*

Face-to-face interactions.

1= “Yes”  
0= “No” or “No indication based on available data”  
-99= Unknown/conflicting information exists in available data

**Confidence indicator:**  
1= Low confidence  
2= Moderate confidence  
3= High confidence

**Indirect**  
(MREC_2)  
*Categorical Variable*

Political pronouncements and exhortations through newspapers, radio, television and the Web.

1= “Yes”  
0= “No” or “No indication based on available data”  
-99= Unknown/conflicting information exists in available data

**Confidence indicator:**  
1= Low confidence  
2= Moderate confidence  
3= High confidence

22. **FINANCIAL SOURCES**

This variable describes the means through which a group has ever acquired financial resources.

**State sponsorship**  
(FINS_1)  
*Categorical Variable*
State sponsors of terrorism provide critical financial support to groups.

1= “Yes”
0= “No” or “No indication based on available data”
-99= Unknown/conflicting information exists in available data

Confidence indicator:
1= Low confidence
2= Moderate confidence
3= High confidence

Illegal activities
(FINS_2)
Categorical Variable

These activities include, but are not limited to, illicit drug trade, counterfeiting, bank robberies, kidnapping and various criminal schemes.

1= “Yes”
0= “No” or “No indication based on available data”
-99= Unknown/conflicting information exists in available data

Confidence indicator:
1= Low confidence
2= Moderate confidence
3= High confidence

Donations
(FINS_3)
Categorical Variable

Donations can come from charities and wealthy individuals. Donors must not be coerced nor under some false impression that their money is going to a legitimate cause (e.g. a charity that does not support illegal activities or hate language).

1= “Yes”
0= “No” or “No indication based on available data”
-99= Unknown/conflicting information exists in available data

Confidence indicator:
1= Low confidence
2= Moderate confidence
Front companies
(FINS_4)
Categorical Variable

Legitimate businesses, which generate their own profits and can also be used as a front for money laundering. Ties to terrorism have been found amid the trade of livestock, fish, and leather. Businesses involved in agriculture and construction have also been found to support terrorism.

1= “Yes”
0= “No” or “No indication based on available data”
-99= Unknown/conflicting information exists in available data

Confidence indicator:
1= Low confidence
2= Moderate confidence
3= High confidence

Self-funded
(FINS_5)
Categorical Variable

The group relies on internal resources (e.g., member contributions)

1= “Yes”
0= “No” or “No indication based on available data”
-99= Unknown/conflicting information exists in available data

Confidence indicator:
1= Low confidence
2= Moderate confidence
3= High confidence

Other
(FINS_OTH)
Categorical & Text Variable

1= “Yes” (If yes, then explain)
0= “No” or “No indication based on available data”
-99= Unknown/conflicting information exists in available data
23. DOES THE GROUP HAVE ONLY ONE MEMBER?

(ONEMAN)

*Categorical Variable*

Is there only one member of this group?

1= “Yes”
0= “No” or “No indication based on available data”
-99= Unknown/conflicting information exists in available data

24. NOTES

(NOTE)

This variable indicates any additional notes the profile author thought might be pertinent to understanding the case.

25. REFERENCES

(REF)

This variable provides a list of citations and sources used to build the profile.

26. NO SOURCES

(NOSOURCES)

*Categorical Variable*

Are there no sources of information whatsoever for this group?

1= “Yes”
0= “No”