Domestic Terrorism
and Extremist Groups
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- Be mindful of First Amendment protections afforded to these groups and individuals and do not conduct law enforcement actions that are not predicated on criminal behavior.
**Subversive?**

- Seeking to change an established system
- Troublemaker, Dissident, Agitator, Revolutionary, Renegade, Rebel
Animal Rights Extremists

- Consider animals of the same value as humans, therefore view lab animals as “prisoners”

- “A rat is a pig is a dog is a boy”

- Main target is Huntingdon Life Sciences (HLS), based in England and New Jersey
Animal Rights Extremists

- Protest “vivisection”, or the experimental cutting of, or surgery on, a live animal for scientific purposes

- Certain violent acts considered domestic terrorism by FBI
Animal Rights Extremists

- Literature and propaganda generally depicts puppies or rabbits
- Can be printed and copied directly from groups’ websites
Animal Rights Extremists

- M.O. normally resembles anti-abortion activity
- Ranges from picketing with bullhorns and picketing with flyers to firebombing and B&E on U.S. west coast
- “Flash Raids”
- Infiltration of labs
- Vandalisms
Animal Rights Extremists

Main Groups:

- **Close HLS**  [www.closehls.net](http://www.closehls.net)
- **www.Animalliberationfrontline.com**
- **ALF**  [www.animalliberationfront.com](http://www.animalliberationfront.com)
- **PETA**  [www.peta.org](http://www.peta.org) (Not an extremist group, but a good website for situational awareness)
Animal Rights Extremists Investigation Techniques

- Detain and identify
- Collect literature/flyers as evidence
- Document vehicles
- Complete Investigative Report
- Contact Intelligence Apparatus
- Remember to Smile 😊: they will always record activities
Earth Rights Extremists

- Land cannot be owned
- Economic sabotage to stop the destruction of the environment
  - Arson
  - Property damage
  - Tree staking
  - Subdivisions and multi-million dollar houses
ELF

- Leaderless (biggest problem)
- Believe in direct action
- Utilize open source communiqués to spread propaganda
White Supremacists

- Young
- Well Organized
- Violent
- Secretive
- Technologically savvy with internet

LAW ENFORCEMENT SENSITIVE
White Supremacists

Growing in the US, primarily due to Obama’s presidency and the illegal immigration issue

Younger, more violent individuals with more radical views
White Supremacists

- Militant look, to include Ma-1 bomber jackets and boots
- Close-cut hairstyles
- Short or bloused pants legs to accentuate boots
- Prefer ‘Dr. Marten’ brand black boots
- Fred Perry or Ben Sherman clothing
White Supremacists

LAW ENFORCEMENT SENSITIVE
Websites

- www.nsm88.org
- www.newsaxon.org
- www.resist.com
- www.rebware.com
- www.hammerskins.net
- www.vinlanders.com
- www.swa43.com

***Never ever visit sites from your home computer***

LAW ENFORCEMENT SENSITIVE
White Supremacists
Investigation Techniques

- **Separate/Isolate** – Treat as street gang member for officer safety
- **Photograph**
- **Document and photograph tattoos at every encounter**
- **Record vehicle info**
- **Determine group affiliation**

LAW ENFORCEMENT SENSITIVE
Black Hebrew Israelites

- Also known as the Nation of Yahweh and Israelite Church of God and Jesus Christ
- Black Separatists
- Believe they are the lost nation of Israel and were robbed of their culture and heritage by centuries of white domination
Black Hebrew Israelites

- Believe that Yahweh Ben Yahweh is the son of God and his mission is to gather the lost sheep of Israel (the black race) and establish a society and government based on the laws of God
- Blacks are the true Jews
- God and Jesus are black

New York City

LAW ENFORCEMENT SENSITIVE
Black Hebrew Israelites

- They assert that Negroes, and Indians of North America, Central America, South America, and the Caribbean are all descended from the twelve tribes of Israel.
- Most reject Judaism and tend to reject Jewish conversion.
- Most Black Hebrew Israelites are neither overtly racist or anti-Semitic, but there are militant groups that are very vocal.
Black Hebrew Israelites

Israelite Church of God and Jesus Christ

- Street Preachers/Incite
- Black supremacy/Racist
- Whites and Jews are forbidden from joining their congregation

LAW ENFORCEMENT SENSITIVE
Black Hebrew Israelites

- Believe whites and Jews are descendants of Satan
- Members of the Israelite Church of God and Jesus Christ are the most visible
- Preach on the streets to get response
- Produce television programs called “The Hidden Truth of the Bible”, which airs on public access TV
Black Hebrew Israelites

- BHI members often recruit at military installations and penitentiaries
- Recruitment efforts rely on the emphasis of racial divide
- Some members are anti-law enforcement
- “Street preaching” around US has become increasingly hostile
  - Racial
  - Anti-government
  - May incite confrontation and violence

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Black Hebrew Israelites

- “Street preachers” may have security guards with them
- Black headscarves, black t-shirts, black military style pants tucked into combat boots
- Often armed with billy clubs, knives and guns
Black Hebrew Israelites

- **Israelite Church of God and Jesus Christ**
  http://www.theholyconceptionunit.org/

- **Religious Tolerance**
  http://www.religiousstolerance.org/bhi.htm

- **Israelite Heritage**
  http://www.hebrewisraelites.org/
Anti-Government Extremists

“A Patriot must always be ready to defend his country against his government.” Edward Abbey

Big Business + Big Government = Tyranny

DOMESTIC TERRORISTS

I AM SPYING ON YOU!
Anti-Government Extremists

- “Patriot” Movement
- Extreme right-wing beliefs
- Some groups considered domestic terrorists
Anti-Government Extremists

- Extremists fond of William Pierce’s writings: The Turner Diaries and Hunter

- The Turner Diaries is a playbook/recipe book for homegrown extremists

- April 19 and 20 are significant dates for U.S. law enforcement:
  - 4/19/93 – Waco
  - 4/19/95 – OK City
  - 4/20/99 – Columbine
  - 4/20 – Hitler’s birthday

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Anti-Government Extremists

- Close association with militia groups but not an exclusive connection
- Tax Protesters
- May be more likely to possess/sell firearms
- Anti-Government beliefs may lead to violence

LAW ENFORCEMENT SENSITIVE
Anti-Government Extremists

**Triggers:**
- Money
- Health Care Legislation
- Social Welfare
- Taxes/IRS
- Gun Control*
- Land Rights Issues*

People should not fear their government. The government should fear its people.
Anarchists

• Mostly young, college-aged

• Believe in the absence of government and are often anti-capitalist and “anti-corporate”

• Some tied to the Occupy Movement which spread nationwide in late 2011 and 2012

• College campuses and liberal enclaves
ANARCHY

- The absence of government, authority or order
- The desire to live in a “utopian” society of individuals who want freedom without restriction
- Proponents of this theory are called “anarchists”
- Anarchism: can be viewed as a political philosophy

LAW ENFORCEMENT SENSITIVE
HISTORY IN THE U.S.

- Organized labor and the demand for an 8 hour workday
- Haymarket Affair (Chicago, IL)
  - The Federation of Organized Trades and Labor Unions sets May 1, 1886 as the beginning of the 8 hour workday standard
  - Unions across the U.S. begin to strike to show support
  - Anarchists stage a rally in Haymarket Square
HAYMARKET AFFAIR

- 7 POLICE OFFICERS, 4 CIVILIANS KILLED
- OVER 100 CIVILIANS INJURED
- 8 ANARCHIST LEADERS TRIED FOR INCITING THE RIOTS
  - 4 EXECUTED
  - 3 JAILED
  - 1 SUICIDE

What does any of this have to do with today?
MAY DAY

- **May 1**<sup>st</sup>
- **Also called International Workers’ Day**
- **What is it really?**
  - A set day every year to meet as a group and destroy property

Violent protests in Seattle, Oakland, San Francisco, NYC

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ANARCHIST IDENTIFICATION

• Anarchy is order
• Anarchy and solidarity
• Typically spray painted or written in marker

LAW ENFORCEMENT SENSITIVE
Anarchy Symbology

Anarchist graffiti found downtown Greensboro August 2009 during protest against NSM.
BLACK BLOC

It isn’t a group or movement, it’s a tactic - the wearing of all black - to include face masks, bandanas, hats, gloves - with the hope of appearing as one unified mass.

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Goal is to monitor police activity while looking for police misconduct and police brutality.

Very aggressive and confrontational.

Team with the October 22nd Coalition.
DEALING WITH ANARCHISTS

- You will be recorded!
- They will be very vocal/confrontational
- They are often very articulate
- They will know the law, especially search and seizure
- They will try to bait you
- You will be recorded!