

# In Democracy We Trust, All Others We Monitor

In July 2020 enterprising PhD candidates and a Johns Hopkins professor began aggregating predictions of unrest in the United States into a site unobtrusively titled [anewcivilwar.com](https://www.anewcivilwar.com). At the time, it could have been easy to dismiss the effort as a cherry-picked exercise in confirmation bias.<sup>1 2</sup> This talk seemed reminiscent of the main themes of Russian propaganda, which gleefully predict the imminent collapse of the United States,<sup>3 4</sup> even as mainstream observers and the FBI warned of the potential of election-related unrest.<sup>5 6 7</sup>

Looking back, the events of 6 January 2021 and subsequent alarms have awakened the American public to the dangers of widespread political violence, and has left many wondering if it could happen in the United States

Given our employees' backgrounds,<sup>8</sup> Nisos trusts in the ability of our intelligence and law enforcement communities to identify and disrupt significant threats to our domestic tranquility, but it nevertheless remains possible that episodic political violence could occur as our nation transitions to a new democratically elected government.

What does this mean for US businesses? Nisos divides the potential for civil unrest into two spheres: physical security and reputational security.

Companies that are perceived to lean to one or the other side of the political divide are likely to have the greatest risk of physical violence. Perception creates reality, so even apolitical calls, justifiable on logical and moral grounds, may not be perceived as such by violent partisans. Nisos assesses that companies faced with decisions regarding platform hosting or content moderation will be at the greatest and most immediate risk of backlash.

Reputational security threats will similarly be most acute for companies that make calls leading to disfavor with political factions.

But more broadly, companies have to consider and plan for the reputational costs of employing individuals whose political affiliations, off-premise activities, or online speech lead to media attention. They must also be aware of the potential impact of online vigilantes who delight in "doxxing" their political opponents.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://amgreatness.com/2020/08/01/rhetoric-about-a-new-civil-war-is-on-the-rise/>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.anewcivilwar.com/about>

<sup>3</sup> <https://euvsdisinfo.us11.list-manage.com/track/click?u=cd23226ada1699a77000eb60b&id=051bbb77e5&e=e5509981b9>

<sup>4</sup> <https://euvsdisinfo.us11.list-manage.com/track/click?u=cd23226ada1699a77000eb60b&id=066393d8e3&e=e5509981b9>

<sup>5</sup> <https://www.theatlantic.com/magazine/archive/2020/11/right-wing-militias-civil-war/616473/>

<sup>6</sup> <https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2020/10/29/base-white-supremacy-michigan-watkins/6072101002/>

<sup>7</sup> <https://news.yahoo.com/fbi-warns-of-increasing-extremist-threats-to-the-2020-elections-155602354.html>

<sup>8</sup> <https://www.nisos.com/company>

Courts will likely be asked to address implications on civil liberties raised by companies firing employees. First Amendment protections will eventually be addressed, but in the meantime, companies are not hesitating to fire employees and contractors who fall afoul of both left- and right-wing outrage.<sup>9 10</sup>

Whether enterprises are at risk of physical, reputation, or a combination of both types of harm, business leaders must stay abreast of the quickly changing security landscape in the United States and make appropriate decisions.

Nisos has compiled a basic primer on the landscape of political extremists in the United States. Our extensive experience and resources enable detailed monitoring of threat actors. If your company has particular concerns not addressed in this primer, please do not hesitate to contact us.

## **Primer on Domestic Extremists**

In light of recent political violence in the United States, Nisos has compiled a primer on domestic extremists currently active in the United States.

### **Definition of Extremism**

An “Extremist” for Nisos means a non-state entity (whether an individual or a group) that:

- Uses or advocates violence to overthrow a political system
- Uses or advocates violence to achieve goals within a political system

Google’s “Jigsaw” project further breaks down extremists into the following categories:

- “Violent supremacy is an umbrella term for predominantly white supremacist, neo-Nazi, anti-migrant, anti-Muslim, anti-Semitic, and male supremacist ideologies.
- Islamist extremism describes an array of formal groups and unaffiliated actors who seek to impose a global Islamic state governed by their interpretations of Shari’ah as state law.
- Anti-government extremism encompasses a variety of ideologies with antipathy toward the government who endorse violence as a corrective measure.

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<sup>9</sup> <https://apnews.com/article/donald-trump-entertainment-coronavirus-pandemic-8f586d687ab332777a7a059457ff818e>

<sup>10</sup> [https://www.wsj.com/articles/some-ceos-fire-rioters-call-for-president-trumps-removal-from-office-11610070410?mod=mktw&adobe\\_mc=MC MID%3D7440782317588862614200790735532266603%7CMCORGID%3DCB68E4BA55144CAA0A4C98A5%2540AdobeOrg%7CTS%3D1610654717](https://www.wsj.com/articles/some-ceos-fire-rioters-call-for-president-trumps-removal-from-office-11610070410?mod=mktw&adobe_mc=MC MID%3D7440782317588862614200790735532266603%7CMCORGID%3DCB68E4BA55144CAA0A4C98A5%2540AdobeOrg%7CTS%3D1610654717)

- Extreme left extremism comprises communists and anarchists who endorse the use of violence against conservative or capitalist systems in support of animal welfare, environmentalism, socialism, or anarchist societies.”<sup>11</sup>

This primer focuses on the threat from far-right violent supremacist and extreme left groups and ideologies in the United States.

## Far-Right

Although the term “far-right” often brings up mental images of white supremacists such as Ku Klux Klansmen, the far-right movement in the US encompasses a fairly broad spectrum of groups and platforms. Some are single-issue groups, like anti-immigration extremists; others are motivated by racial hatred; and still others are built around an assumed ethnic or religious identity.

George Washington University’s Program on Extremism offers a useful overview of right-wing extremism and its various constellations of actors, noting that they can be grouped into several categories, many of which overlap.<sup>12</sup>



*George Washington University’s Program on Extremism overview of right-wing extremism*

<sup>11</sup> [jigsaw.google.com/the-current/white-supremacy/data-visualization](https://www.jigsaw.google.com/the-current/white-supremacy/data-visualization)

<sup>12</sup> <https://extremism.gwu.edu/>

White supremacists are individuals united by a shared belief in the superiority of whites over people of other colors or ethnicities.

- Traditional white supremacists: Ku Klux Klan, Council of Conservative Citizens, neo-Confederate League of the South
- Nazis and neo-Nazis: American Nazi Party, Atomwaffen Division, National Socialist Legion
- Religious white supremacists: Christian identity adherents who claim white people are God's chosen ones; and also followers of modern Norse paganism.
- Racist skinheads: generally restricted to gangs; membership is declining.
- White supremacist prison gangs: generally less connected to other white supremacist groups; tend to operate as organized criminal groups.
- Alt Right: evolved from 4chan, 8chan, and Reddit subcultures, marked by nationalism, strong misogyny and hatred of immigrants, Muslims, leftists, and LGBTQ people.
- Alt Lite: evolved out of the alt right movement, but disavowed white supremacy.

Anti-government extremists (also known as the "Patriot" movement) are united by a shared belief that the government is either illegitimate or infringes on citizens' rights:

- The Tax Protest Movement: usually engage in tax evasion or tax fraud, but also resort to violence
- Sovereign Citizen Movement: believe in a conspiracy theory that says the US government was infiltrated and is no longer legitimate.
- The Militia Movement: claims federal government is collaborating with a "New World Order" to take away rights and freedoms (particularly gun rights).

Single-issue movements coalesce around a particular issue, endorsing violence as a means of resistance.

- Anti-abortion extremists: resort to violence to stop abortion
- Anti-public lands extremists: extremist fringe resorts to violence to oppose federal stewardship or ownership of public lands
- Anti-immigration extremists: includes people with racist motives and also border vigilantes
- Anti-Muslim extremists: resort to attacking and burning mosques
- Incels: involuntary celibates who turn against women; may also be directed at people of color.

## Focus on Selected White Supremacist Groups

The Counter Extremism Project flagged a small group of white supremacist organizations as high-risk groups and also identified some of their social media platforms. Since social media profiles can change and evolve, this list should be taken as a starting point but not as a complete collection.

Threat Level	Group	Ideological Points of Concern	URL
High	Boogaloo Bois	<p>Looking to incite a second Civil War in the US, called a "boogaloo." Subscribes to "accelerationist" idea of speeding up inevitable armed conflict in the US.</p> <p>Wants violent confrontations with local police and federal law enforcement agencies (called the "alphabet bois").</p> <p>Gun rights are the flashpoint issue.</p> <p>Not monolithically white supremacist; supported BLM insofar as it allowed them to attack police.</p> <p>Accused of killing two law-enforcement officers and plotting to kidnap Michigan governor Gretchen Whitmer.</p> <p>On Facebook, Big Igloo Bois group reached 34k members.<sup>13 14</sup></p>	<p>Banned from Facebook and Twitter.</p> <p>Boogaloo Intel Drop channel on Telegram (5.48k members): <a href="https://t.me/s/boogaloointel">https://t.me/s/boogaloointel</a></p> <p>Do not have a website but like to chat on 4chan's weapon-focused message board /k/.</p> <p><a href="https://parler.com/profile/bigluaupartyltd">https://parler.com/profile/bigluaupartyltd</a></p>

<sup>13</sup> <https://www.bellingcat.com/news/2020/05/27/the-boogaloo-movement-is-not-what-you-think/>

<sup>14</sup> <https://www.jta.org/2020/06/05/united-states/meet-the-boogaloo-bois-the-violent-right-wing-extremists-who-mostly-dont-hate-the-jews>

High	People's Rights	<p>Also called "Ammon's Army," linked to Ammon Bundy, based in Montana but active in 16 states. Has 20,000 members. COVID directives are the flashpoint issue.</p> <p>Enemies: Antifa, BLM, liberals, Jews, trans, and indigenous groups.</p> <p>Allies: anti-vaxxers, Three Percenters, other militia members.</p> <p>In 2016, Ammon Bundy took over the Malheur Wildlife Refuge in 2016 via armed standoff with the government (he was starting fires to cover illegal poaching).<sup>15</sup></p>	<p><a href="https://www.peoplesrights[.]org">https://www.peoplesrights[.]org</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.facebook[.]com/thepeoplesrightsmovement/">https://www.facebook[.]com/thepeoplesrightsmovement/</a></p>
Medium	Proud Boys	<p>More like a gang or a hate group than a militia.</p> <p>White supremacist ideology. Also anti-gay, anti-Muslim, anti-Semitic.</p> <p>Believes COVID vaccine would be tool for "population control and mind control."<sup>16 17 18</sup></p>	<p><a href="https://proudboysusa[.]com">https://proudboysusa[.]com</a></p> <p>Gab (The Proud Boys USA)</p> <p>Parler (TheProudBoys)</p> <p>Parler (GavinMcInnes)</p>
Medium	Three Percenters	<p>Hostile to the federal government, suspicious of government collaboration with socialist New World Order</p> <p>Extremely focused on right to carry arms</p> <p>Supportive of Trump and right-wing causes and public figures</p> <p>Anti-Antifa, anti-BLM</p> <p>Resists COVID safety measures<sup>19</sup></p>	<p><a href="https://www.thethreepcenterers[.]org">https://www.thethreepcenterers[.]org</a></p> <p>Twitter (threepercenters)</p> <p>Parler (ThreePercenters)</p>

<sup>15</sup> <https://www.irehr.org/reports/peoples-rights-report/>

<sup>16</sup> <https://www.adl.org/proudboys>

<sup>17</sup> <https://www.splcenter.org/fighting-hate/extremist-files/group/proud-boys>

<sup>18</sup> <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2020/oct/01/proud-boys-white-supremacist-group-law-enforcement-agencies>

<sup>19</sup> <https://www.adl.org/resources/backgrounders/three-percenters>

Medium	Oath Keepers	<p>Large percentage of former law enforcement and military members dedicated to "defending Constitution"</p> <p>Focused on right to carry arms</p> <p>Fear of one-world socialist "New World Order" government<sup>20</sup></p> <p>The Oath Keepers website has several posts expressing fear about government surveillance.<sup>21</sup></p>	<a href="https://oathkeepers[.]org/">https://oathkeepers[.]org/</a>
Low	Light Foot Militia	<p>More closely aligned with law enforcement than other groups.<sup>22</sup></p> <p>Small, local chapters.</p> <p>Less likely to pose a threat currently or in future.<sup>23</sup></p>	<a href="http://lightfootmilitia[.]com/">http://lightfootmilitia[.]com/</a>
Low	Civilian Defense Force	<p>Anti-Antifa, anti-BLM.</p> <p>Formed in summer 2020 to train volunteers for "potential combat."</p> <p>Deemed low risk.<sup>24</sup></p>	<a href="https://civiliandefenseforce[.]org/">https://civiliandefenseforce[.]org/</a>
Low	American Contingency	<p>Developed by Mike Glover, former Green Beret and CIA contractor.</p> <p>Claims to support police, focuses on "intel" sharing.</p> <p>Believes US and West are under "globalist and Marxist assault" to establish New World Order.</p> <p>Enemies are Antifa, BLM, George Soros, Democratic Socialists of America, National Lawyers Guild, CAIR (plus foreign powers like China, Russia, Iran...) and jihadist groups.<sup>25</sup></p>	<a href="https://www.americancontingency[.]com">https://www.americancontingency[.]com</a>

<sup>20</sup> <https://www.splcenter.org/fighting-hate/extremist-files/group/oath-keepers>

<sup>21</sup> <https://oathkeepers.org/tag/surveillance-state/>

<sup>22</sup> <https://medium.com/militiawatch/pennsylvania-light-foot-militia-a-test-case-for-links-between-trump-support-and-militia-activity-bf2e284af8e4>

<sup>23</sup> <https://acleddata.com/2020/10/21/standing-by-militias-election/>

<sup>24</sup> <https://acleddata.com/2020/10/21/standing-by-militias-election/>

<sup>25</sup> <https://www.haaretz.com/us-news/.premium-militias-proud-boys-trump-u-s-armed-violence-1.9069770>

Low	Patriot Prayer	Active in Pacific Northwest. <sup>26</sup> Claims to reject white supremacy. Open to people of other races and sexual orientations. Close relationship with police and law enforcement. (Portland police and founder Joey Gibson coordinated to police protests.) <sup>27</sup>	Parler (PatriotPrayerUSA) Telegram (PatriotPrayerUSA)
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As noted previously, the charts above should be taken solely as a starting point for research.

### ***Leaked PII Data on Neo-Nazi Group Members***

The contents of now-defunct neo-Nazi / white supremacist message board Iron March was leaked in November 2019. According to Bellingcat, “This leak contained the entirety of the site’s information, including usernames, registered emails, IP addresses of users, all of the forum’s public posts, and even the private messages between members. This message board was linked with the violent neo-Nazi group Atomwaffen Division, and has been widely studied by anti-extremist groups and researchers, such as the Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC). The SPLC has also scraped all of the public posts from the site — well over 150,000 of them — and has been researching them over the last two years.”<sup>28</sup>

An additional resource identifying the social media profiles of far-right extremists who were on Iron March is available here: <https://www.ironmarch.exposed>

An example of the online content from Iron March Exposed:

<sup>26</sup> <https://www.splcenter.org/hatewatch/2020/08/31/what-we-know-about-patriot-prayer>

<sup>27</sup> <https://slate.com/news-and-politics/2020/08/what-is-patriot-prayer-far-right-group-confrontations-portland.html>

<sup>28</sup> <https://slate.com/news-and-politics/2020/08/what-is-patriot-prayer-far-right-group-confrontations-portland.html>



**Uncovered Social Media Profiles**

Facebook		Twitter		LinkedIn	
User	Profile	User	Profile	User	Profile
Brotheryellow	<a href="#">Profile</a>	Air Marshal	<a href="#">Profile</a>	Brotheryellow	<a href="#">Profile</a>
Clark Kent	<a href="#">Profile</a>	Akhnaton	<a href="#">Profile</a>	cjavan	<a href="#">Profile</a>
Conquest	<a href="#">Profile</a>	AntifaUnion	<a href="#">Profile</a>	Clemson	<a href="#">Profile</a>
Cromwell	<a href="#">Profile</a>	Antithesis762	<a href="#">Profile</a>	Darkstar	<a href="#">Profile</a>
fredis	<a href="#">Profile</a>	ars.umbris	<a href="#">Profile</a>	ironforgemaster	<a href="#">Profile</a>
Hellenic Skeleton	<a href="#">Profile</a>	Black Sun	<a href="#">Profile</a>	jarhead	<a href="#">Profile</a>
Iron Lion	<a href="#">Profile</a>	Blutaar	<a href="#">Profile</a>	JohnnyVonAch	<a href="#">Profile</a>
ironforgemaster	<a href="#">Profile</a>	Bog	<a href="#">Profile</a>	Kulturkampf	<a href="#">Profile</a>
IronSaxon	<a href="#">Profile</a>	Bosona Teuta	<a href="#">Profile</a>	MatthewHeimbach	<a href="#">Profile</a>
jnoyer	<a href="#">Profile</a>	Brotheryellow	<a href="#">Profile</a>	TexasVet	<a href="#">Profile</a>

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Discord		Skype	
User	Invite Link	User	Username
Cannon	<a href="https://discord.gg/VtFbSBm">discord.gg/VtFbSBm</a>	Aristocrat	aristocrat987
Black Israelite	<a href="https://discord.gg/5RU7G7W">discord.gg/5RU7G7W</a>	Axis Freedom Brigade	thomas.de.aynesworth

### For Further Research

Timely research on far-right groups can be found on a range of websites, as shown in the chart below. These sites may be extremely helpful not only for backgrounders, but also for the latest research into these groups' evolving online presence and activities.

Website	URL
The Southern Poverty Law Center	<a href="https://www.splcenter.org/fighting-hate/extremist-files/groups">https://www.splcenter.org/fighting-hate/extremist-files/groups</a>
ISD	<a href="https://www.isdglobal.org">https://www.isdglobal.org</a>
Right Wing Watch	<a href="https://www.rightwingwatch.org/organizations/">https://www.rightwingwatch.org/organizations/</a>
Radical Right Analysis	<a href="https://www.radicalrightanalysis.com">https://www.radicalrightanalysis.com</a>
ADL	<a href="https://www.adl.org">https://www.adl.org</a>
GW Extremism Tracker	<a href="https://extremism.gwu.edu/gw-extremism-tracker">https://extremism.gwu.edu/gw-extremism-tracker</a>
Radicalisation Research	<a href="https://www.radicalisationresearch.org">https://www.radicalisationresearch.org</a>

START (National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism)	<a href="https://start.umd.edu">https://start.umd.edu</a>
ICCT (International Center for Counter-Terrorism: The Hague)	<a href="https://icct.nl">https://icct.nl</a>
Vox-Pol Network of Excellence (focuses specifically on online political extremism)	<a href="https://www.voxpol.eu">https://www.voxpol.eu</a>
Global Network on Extremism and Technology	<a href="https://gnet-research.org">https://gnet-research.org</a>
Counter Extremism Project	<a href="https://www.counterextremism.com">https://www.counterextremism.com</a>

The Southern Poverty Law Center also offers helpful lists, breakdowns, and classifications of the various far-right categories, ideologies, and groups:

List of ideologies: <https://www.splcenter.org/fighting-hate/extremist-files/ideology>

List of groups: <https://www.splcenter.org/fighting-hate/extremist-files/groups>

## Far-Left

Left-wing extremists, also known as the “Extreme Left”, comprise communists and anarchists “who endorse the use of violence against conservative or capitalist systems in support of animal welfare, environmentalism, socialism, or anarchist societies.”<sup>29</sup>

They are called “Left-wing” because they subscribe to the leftist political project of creating equal societies by opposing whatever they believe stands in the way of creating such societies.

Historically, that meant opposing capitalism and the state structures and cultural norms that they believe contribute to the persistence of capitalism.

They are called “extremist” because they either a) advocate for violence against enemies of equality or b) advocate the complete overthrow of governments that oppose their political projects. In the United States, the most common Extreme Left groups fall under the umbrella of anarchists.

## Antifa

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<sup>29</sup> [jigsaw.google.com/the-current/white-supremacy/data-visualization](https://www.jigsaw.google.com/the-current/white-supremacy/data-visualization)

Certain far-left groups call themselves and are referred by their enemies as “antifa,” which stands for “anti-fascist.” The original “antifa” groups were anarchist groups that opposed the Fascist political parties in Spain and Germany in the 1930s.<sup>30 31</sup>

They seek to abolish capitalism as well as state structures and cultural norms that they believe contribute to the acceptance of capitalism. They are particularly aggrieved by the state’s monopoly on violence and have long used the slogan “ACAB” [All Cops Are Bastards] to express their hostility to law enforcement, which they see as a tool of capitalist system to suppress exploited workers.<sup>32 33</sup>

Some of these groups participated in riots that caused property damage in the US and claimed to be supporting widespread civil rights protests over the death of George Floyd in Minneapolis in June 2020.<sup>34 35</sup>

Cities with prominent Antifa groups include Portland, and Seattle.<sup>36 3738</sup> Torch Antifa These groups have an extensive online literature delineating their goals and providing tactical guidance to group members.<sup>39</sup> Their preferred modes of communication are Telegram and Signal.

## Anti-Globalists

Anti-globalist groups morphed out of general anti-capitalist, anti-nuclear, and environmentalist groups of the late 20th century.

They made headlines in the 1999 “Battle of Seattle” protests against the World Trade Organization, and have participated in extensive protests at G8, G7, and G20 meetings in the years since.<sup>40</sup>

Both antifa and anti-globalist protesters often used a tactic called “Black Bloc” in which they dress in all-black with face masks so as to evade detection by the police.<sup>41</sup>

## Environmental Protesters

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<sup>30</sup> <https://time.com/5437204/antifa-history-comic/>

<sup>31</sup> <https://alumni.asu.edu/20200611-discoveries-antifa-101-primer-anarchy>

<sup>32</sup> <https://www.theransomnote.com/musings/articles/anarchy-and-acab-why-the-turn-of-phrase/>

<sup>33</sup> <https://thebottomline.as.ucsb.edu/2020/06/why-all-cops-are-bad>

<sup>34</sup> <https://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/portland-protest-turns-violent-federal-police-clear-plaza-n1237784>

<sup>35</sup> <https://www.washingtonpost.com/nation/2020/07/21/portland-feds-protests/>

<sup>36</sup> <https://www.newyorker.com/magazine/2020/11/02/trump-antifa-movement-portland>

<sup>37</sup> <https://rosecityantifa.org/>

<sup>38</sup> <https://www.nytimes.com/2020/07/01/us/seattle-protest-zone-CHOP-CHAZ-unrest.html>

<sup>39</sup> <https://itsgoingdown.org/>

<sup>40</sup> <https://www.dw.com/en/a-brief-history-of-the-anti-globalization-movement/g-39573255>

<sup>41</sup> <http://www.ainfos.ca/01/jun/ainfos00170.html>

Environmental protest group membership often overlaps with antifa and anti-globalist groups, and they generally share the former’s antipathy for law enforcement and the latter’s conviction that capitalism is the cause of environmental degradation.

These groups often focus their protest tactics at preventing energy extraction and transportation. For example, environmentalist groups oppose the construction of the Keystone Pipeline from Canada to the US Gulf Coast.<sup>42</sup>

### Why They Matter

To the extent that these extreme left groups simply engage in protected speech and advocacy, they are not a concern. These groups do have a history of violence, however, focused on different but sometimes overlapping targets.

- Antifa generally target the police as well as right-wing groups, especially if paramilitary or militia-related. Their rhetoric often portrays this violence as defensive.
- Anti-globalists are more likely to target symbols of capitalism and globalization such as chain stores, as well as meetings of economic world leaders such as the G7 and G20 meetings of the 7 and 20 most wealthy nations.
- Environmentalists are likely to target extractive industries like mining and energy extraction and transportation, pesticide producers, and major polluters such as coal-fired power plants.

### Antifa Chapters

Some antifa groups belong to chapters under an umbrella group called Torch Antifa (torchantifa.org). That organization’s website lists the following chapters and contact information:

Chapter	Contact Information
Antifa Sacramento	<a href="http://antifasac.blackblogs.org">antifasac.blackblogs.org</a> Twitter: <a href="https://twitter.com/AntifaSac">@AntifaSac</a> Facebook: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/AntifaSac">AntifaSac</a> <a href="mailto:antifasac@riseup.net">antifasac@riseup.net</a>
Western North Carolina Antifa	<a href="mailto:wncantifa@riseup.net">wncantifa@riseup.net</a> Rocky Mountain Antifa <a href="http://rockymountainantifa.blogspot.com">rockymountainantifa.blogspot.com</a>

<sup>42</sup> <https://350.org/stop-keystone-xl/>

	<p>Twitter: <a href="https://twitter.com/RckyMtnAntifa">@RckyMtnAntifa</a> rockymountainantifa@protonmail.com</p>
Rose City Antifa (Portland OR)	<p><a href="http://rosecityantifa.org">rosecityantifa.org</a> Facebook: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/sometimesantisocialalwaysantifascist">sometimesantisocialalwaysantifascist</a> Twitter: <a href="https://twitter.com/RoseCityAntifa">@RoseCityAntifa</a> GPG: <a href="https://keybase.io/0x93BBA0CA">0x93BBA0CA</a> Tor: <a href="https://cui57rkdtcgg55fe.onion">cii57rkdtcgg55fe.onion</a> fight_them_back@riseup.net</p>
Atlanta Antifascists	<p><a href="http://AtlantaAntifa.org">AtlantaAntifa.org</a> Facebook: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/Atlanta-Antifa">Atlanta-Antifa</a> Twitter: <a href="https://twitter.com/afainatl">@afainatl</a> afainatl@riseup.net</p>
Pacific Northwest Antifascist Workers Collective	<p><a href="http://pnwawc.com">pnwawc.com</a> Facebook: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/pnwawc">pnwawc</a> Twitter: <a href="https://twitter.com/PNWAWC">@PNWAWC</a> PNWAntifascist@protonmail.com</p>
Antifa Seven Hills (Richmond, VA)	<p><a href="http://antifa7hills.blackblogs.org">antifa7hills.blackblogs.org</a> Twitter: <a href="https://twitter.com/ash_antifa">@ash_antifa</a> antifa7hills@protonmail.com</p>
Central Texas Anti-Racist Action	<p>centexara@protonmail.com</p>
Northern California Anti-Racist Action (NoCARA)	<p><a href="http://nocara.blackblogs.org">nocara.blackblogs.org</a> nocara@riseup.net</p>
CVAntifa (Corvallis, OR)	<p><a href="http://cvantifa.noblogs.org">cvantifa.noblogs.org</a> CVAntifa@riseup.net Twitter: <a href="https://twitter.com/CVAgainstFash">@CVAgainstFash</a></p>

## Propaganda & Theory

Anarchist and extreme left organizations have an extensive literature describing their goals and theoretical justifications for their actions. Below are some of the more prominent sites, with descriptions in their own words.

Domain	Description
Itsgoingdown.org	"It's Going Down is a digital community center for anarchist, anti-fascist, autonomous anti-capitalist and anti-colonial movements across so-called North America. Our mission is to provide a resilient platform to publicize and promote revolutionary theory and action."
Illwilleditions.com	"Ill Will Editions is an independent, volunteer-run web publication dedicated to spreading original and uncompromising reflections on our uncertain times. Since 2013, we have translated, designed, and published texts that seek to push the envelope of what is politically imaginable. Rooted in North America, yet international in orientation, we have published works across four continents and five languages."
Crimethinc.com	"Crimethink is everything that evades control: the daydream in the classroom, the renegade breaking ranks, the spray-painted walls that continue to speak even under martial law. It is the persistent sense that things could be otherwise, that there is nothing natural or inevitable about the prevailing social order. In a world optimized for administration, everything that cannot be classified or displayed on a screen is crimethink. It is the spirit of rebellion without which freedom is literally unthinkable."
Leftvoice.org	"Left Voice is a revolutionary socialist news site and magazine dedicated to fostering a sustained and strategic struggle against every form of capitalist exploitation and oppression. As part of an international network of news sites published in eight different languages, Left Voice is able to provide a truly internationalist perspective on revolutionary politics, and to examine the movements of the U.S. working class within the larger framework of global revolution."
Sproutdistro.com	"Our distro focuses primarily on anarchist tactics and skill-building with the goal of increasing the proliferation of anarchist projects and activities. We have zines on topics including protest tactics and strategy, group dynamics, consent, prisoner support, security culture, etc."

Black Rose Anarchist Federation (blackrosefed.org)	Black Rose Anarchist Federation / Federación Anarquista Rosa Negra (BRRN) is a political organization founded in 2014 which shares a common set of politics and a shared strategic vision of building popular power in our workplaces, neighborhoods, and schools towards the goal of libertarian socialism. With locals and contacts in over a dozen cities, our organizing work is centered on building mass movements such as tenant unions, neighborhood assemblies, workplace campaigns, student unions, prisoner organizing, and in defense of communities resisting criminalization.
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## Tactics & Op Sec

Numerous anarchist publications provide detailed how-to guides to enable “security culture” (i.e. operational security) for anarchist activity.

URL	Description
<a href="https://crimethinc.com/2017/05/17/if-the-fbi-approaches-you-to-become-an-informant-an-faq-what-you-need-to-know">https://crimethinc.com/2017/05/17/if-the-fbi-approaches-you-to-become-an-informant-an-faq-what-you-need-to-know</a>	How to avoid being an informant
<a href="https://crimethinc.com/2017/03/27/burner-phone-best-practices">https://crimethinc.com/2017/03/27/burner-phone-best-practices</a>	Burner phone best practices
<a href="https://crimethinc.com/2013/07/06/is-she-an-informant-a-ten-point-checklist">https://crimethinc.com/2013/07/06/is-she-an-informant-a-ten-point-checklist</a>	CI checklist to root out informants
<a href="https://cryptpad.fr/drive/#/2/drive/view/CW6KsDelF2afN+sjW-2+VZMKGOic2Mlf8diLB2JCjXg/">https://cryptpad.fr/drive/#/2/drive/view/CW6KsDelF2afN+sjW-2+VZMKGOic2Mlf8diLB2JCjXg/</a>	Extensive list of security culture resources
<a href="https://datadetoxkit.org/en/privacy/protests">https://datadetoxkit.org/en/privacy/protests</a>	Digital safety guides
<a href="https://t.me/RevToolboxRedux/1216">https://t.me/RevToolboxRedux/1216</a>	OpSec Guide
<a href="https://osinteditor.com/general/communications-and-osint-in-21st-century-protests">https://osinteditor.com/general/communications-and-osint-in-21st-century-protests</a>	Guide to comms during protests
<a href="https://illwilleditions.com/the-swarm-approach-to-warfare-an-introduction-for-frontliners">https://illwilleditions.com/the-swarm-approach-to-warfare-an-introduction-for-frontliners</a>	Protest tactics

## Telegram Channels

Anarchist groups active in the US in 2020 appeared to be more active on Telegram than other social networks. Facebook and Instagram clamped down on some

anarchist accounts in August and December 2020.<sup>43 44</sup> Anarchists also encouraged the use of the Signal app for point-to-point communication.

Below are a sample of active Telegram channels, some pre-dating the mid-2020 protests and others set up to capitalize on the name “Black Lives Matter” without sharing the civil rights goals of that movement.

Channel	Description
<a href="https://t.me/strikeforce2020">https://t.me/strikeforce2020</a>	Protest news and tactics
<a href="https://t.me/SeditionistMaterials">https://t.me/SeditionistMaterials</a>	Shares news of anarchist protests around the world
<a href="https://t.me/RevToolboxRedux">https://t.me/RevToolboxRedux</a>	“Critical resources for activists, protesters, and revolutionaries alike.”
<a href="https://t.me/PDXuprisingChannel">https://t.me/PDXuprisingChannel</a>	Channel promoting anarchist activity in Portland, Oregon
<a href="https://t.me/CommsDirectory">https://t.me/CommsDirectory</a>	Provides updates on nation-wide protests

<sup>43</sup> <https://crimethinc.com/2020/08/19/on-facebook-banning-pages-that-support-crimethinc-com-and-the-digital-censorship-to-come>

<sup>44</sup> <https://crimethinc.com/2020/12/21/surviving-the-social-media-crackdown-the-instagram-ban-and-how-to-keep-following-us>