

1) Grab a cup of coffee and something to take notes with. It's time to dig into the Yahoo News report that the FBI views conspiracy theorists as a terror threat.



2) The mainstream media wrote their stories on the FBI Intelligence bulletin and moved on to other issues. They may be done with this, but I'm not.

3) I'm still researching this story but I wanted to get started on the thread. At this point, I'm not prepared to make a definitive conclusion. I'll lay out the information I've found so far and allow you to examine the evidence for yourself and come to your own conclusions.

4) The article about the FBI Intelligence bulletin was published by Yahoo News. The byline says it was written by

[@janawinter](#)

though she credited Michael

[@Isikoff](#)

for coming up with the lede.

Quote Tweet



Jana Winter

[@janawinter](#)

· Aug 1, 2019

Big thanks to @isikoff for coming up with the lede this story needed. And also to @weinbergersa cause how else do you do this story properly in a few days in the middle of moving to DC. Also she knows all things HAARP. twitter.com/Isikoff/status...

5) Yahoo News reported 2 days ago: "The FBI for the first time has identified fringe conspiracy theories as a domestic terrorist threat, according to a previously unpublicized document obtained by Yahoo News"



Exclusive: FBI document warns conspiracy theories are a new domestic terrorism threat
The FBI for the first time has identified fringe conspiracy theories as a domestic terrorist threat, according to a previously unpublicized document obtained by Yahoo News.
news.yahoo.com

6) Yahoo has published many articles about conspiracy theories. Lately, their focus has been on [#Qanon](#). You may have noticed that other news outlets have published an unusual number of articles about Q.

7) I've read a lot of articles on Q and have yet to read a single mainstream sourced article that had anything positive to say. Even conservative news outlets have given 100% negative coverage to [#Qanon](#).

8)

[@Jordan_Sather](#)

did a thread pointing out a few suspicious things about the FBI Intelligence bulletin in Yahoo's article. His thread got me thinking and I decided to do a little research.

Quote Tweet



Jordan Sather

[@Jordan_Sather](#)

· Aug 1, 2019

Quick dig on the FBI Memo situation that Yahoo reported on this morning, I'm sure you've heard of it. "FBI doc warns conspiracy theories are terrorism threat!!!". Yeah, there are so many problems with this. Let's get to the first ones I've already covered on Twitter here:

#QAnon

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The screenshot shows a Yahoo News article page. At the top, there is a search bar and navigation buttons for 'Search News' and 'Search web'. The article title is 'Exclusive: FBI document warns conspiracy theories are a new domestic terrorism threat'. Below the title, it says 'Jana Winter Contributor, Yahoo News - August 1, 2019'. The main image is a graphic with the FBI seal and the text 'A new threat uncovered' and 'FBI warns conspiracy theories are domestic terrorism threat'. To the right of the article, there are two advertisements: one for CenturyLink Internet with 'Price For Life' at '\$45/mo' for '20 Mbps', and another for Creative Cloud with the text 'Make it with Creative Cloud.'.

9) My concern is that the FBI Intelligence bulletin linked to in the article is hosted on a private Scribd account and not a government website.



FBI Conspiracy Theory Redacted
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scribd.com

10) When you make claims regarding the FBI's position on matters of terrorism or national security the responsible thing to do is provide as much information as possible about how you obtained your information.

11) ACLJ and Judicial Watch provide intelligence products and declassified government documents they've received. They always provide details on FOIA requests and any other means they've used to obtain non-public documents.

12) On Friday, I contacted @janawinter and asked her, politely, if she would provide a link to a government website for the FBI Intelligence bulletin that was linked in her article. She has not responded.

13) I thought I might try to obtain a government verified copy of the intelligence bulletin through the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

14) The government's FOIA website encourages you to search its database of previously released documents before you file a FOIA request. [foia.gov/search.html](https://www.foia.gov/search.html)

15) Here's the top part of page 1 of the Intelligence bulletin that was linked in Yahoo's article. I used the first 7 words of the subject line to do a FOIA search [scribd.com/document/42037](https://www.scribd.com/document/42037).....

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
INTELLIGENCE BULLETIN

FBI Phoenix Field Office
30 May 2019
[REDACTED]

(U//LES) Anti-Government, Identity Based, and Fringe Political Conspiracy Theories Very Likely Motivate Some Domestic Extremists to Commit Criminal, Sometimes Violent Activity

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16) Using the first 7 words in the subject line, found no matches on the FOIA database. [search.foia.gov/search?utf8=%E](https://www.search.foia.gov/search?utf8=%E).....



FOIA.GOV

"Anti-government, identity based, and fringe political"



Sorry, no results found for "Anti-government, identity based, and fringe political". Try entering fewer or broader query terms.

17) I tried other search terms found in the document and came up with the same results. The fact that my search returned no results doesn't prove the document was n't obtained via FOIA but it is concerning.

18) One would think if an FBI intelligence bulletin had been obtained through a FOIA request, it would be found in the database. There are other ways to obtain government documents and we'll look at those shortly.

19) I filed a FOIA request for the FBI's intelligence bulletin. If I receive any information through that request, I'll let you know.

20) My next step was to see if I could verify the bulletin's authenticity by contacting the FBI. The document was reported to have originated in the FBI's Phoenix Field office. I called them and they referred me to their National Press Office.

21) The FBI would neither confirm or deny the authenticity of Yahoo's Intelligence bulletin. They did say they sometimes share information with their law enforcement partners.

Pietranton, Kelsey (DO) (FBI) <kpietranton@fbi.gov> Fri, Aug 2, 11:37 AM (1 day ago) ☆ ↶ ⋮
to [redacted]

Hello and thank you for reaching out to the FBI National Press Office.

We are passing along the below to you, which is attributable to the FBI:

"While our standard practice is to not comment on specific intelligence products, the FBI routinely shares information with our law enforcement partners in order to assist in protecting the communities they serve.

That being said, we would refer you to recent congressional testimony by both our Director and our Assistant Director for Counterterrorism as we think you will find much of their testimony relevant.

- Director Wray, July 23rd Senate Judiciary oversight hearing (significant discussion of domestic terrorism): <https://www.c-span.org/video/?462772-1/senate-judiciary-committee-hearing-fbi-oversight&live>
- Counterterrorism Division Assistant Director Mike McGarrity, June 4th House Oversight hearing on confronting white supremacy: <https://oversight.house.gov/legislation/hearings/confronting-white-supremacy-part-ii-adequacy-of-the-federal-response>
- Assistant Director Mike McGarrity, May 8th House Homeland hearing on domestic terrorism: <https://www.c-span.org/video/?460516-1/fbi-justice-dhs-officials-testify-rise-domestic-terrorism>

Lastly, we would remind you that the FBI can never initiate an investigation based solely on First Amendment protected activity. As with all of our investigations, the FBI can never monitor a website or a social media platform without probable cause."

Additionally, I would point you to our website (<https://www.fbi.gov/news/testimony/confronting-the-rise-of-domestic-terrorism-in-the-homeland>) to see the four main categories the FBI uses to classify domestic terrorism threats.

Thank you,
FBI National Press Office

22) The email provided links to videos where leaders from the FBI, DOJ and Department of Homeland Security discussed their agency's policies, practices and philosophies on stopping terrorism and protecting the first amendment.

23) I've watched all the videos and I'd like to highlight some of the key takeaways from each one. I think the answer the Bureau wanted to give me but could not is hidden in them.

24) The first video is of general interest. This was taken from the Senate Judiciary hearing on July 23rd where FBI Director Chris Wray described the changes he's made to the Bureau.

25) Wray responded to Dick Durbin's question by explaining the 2 broad categories the Bureau uses to describe acts of violence caused by extremists. The FBI identifies Domestic Violent Extremism (DV) or (DVE) and Homegrown Violent Extremism (HV) or HVE).

26) FBI Director Wray explained that from his perspective, Homegrown Violent Extremism (HVE) that is connected to a foreign terrorist group like ISIS is the greatest terror threat but he still takes Domestic Extremism (DE) seriously.

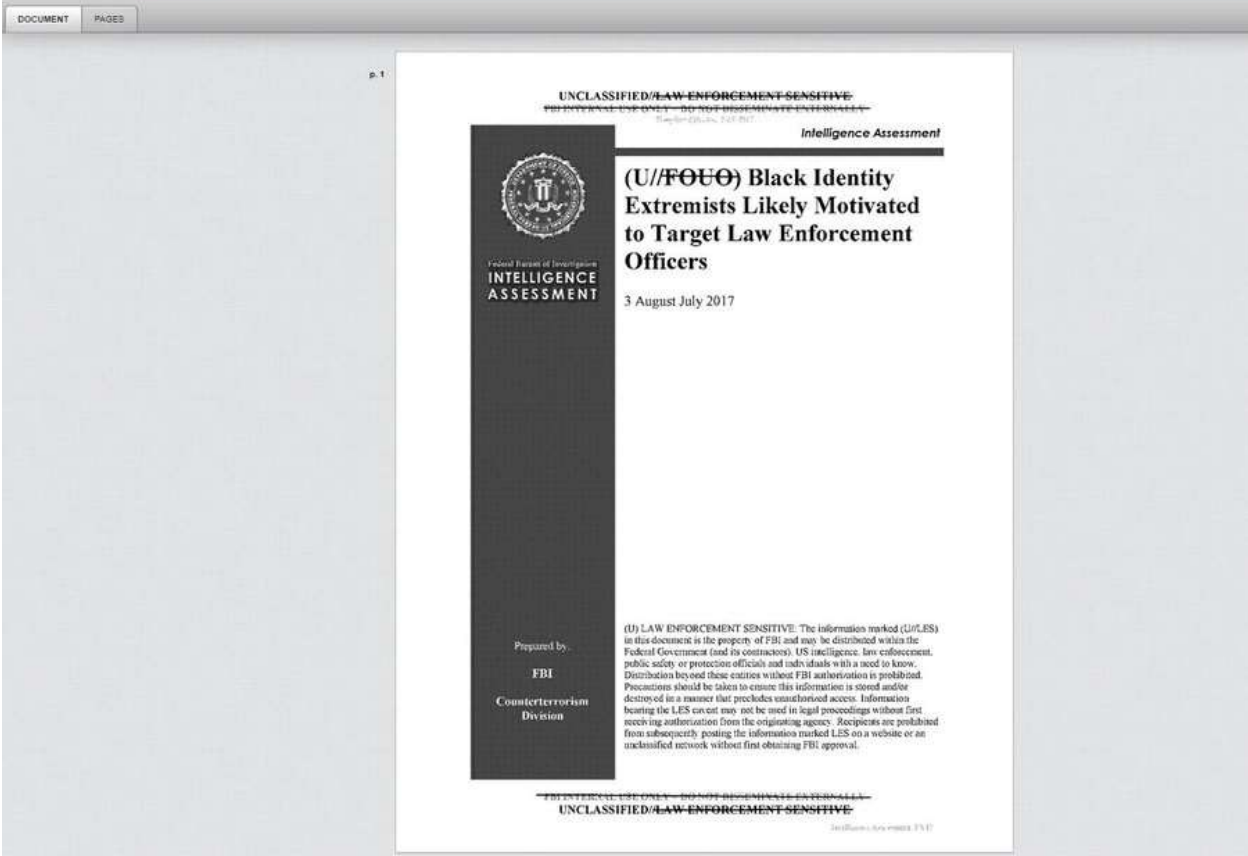
27) FBI Director Chris Wray explained that the Bureau does not "investigate ideology." They investigate violence, and their approach is more or less indifferent to ideology.

28) Chris Wray responded to Ted Cruz who asked what the FBI is doing to investigate Antifa. Wray reiterated that the Bureau doesn't investigate ideologies. They investigate violence. He also pointed out that Antifa is considered an ideology and not an organization.

29) Wray confirmed to Cory Booker that the FBI previously used many categories for various types of domestic violent extremism but now uses a few broader categories.

30) In 2017, the FBI published a Law Enforcement Sensitive Intelligence Assessment on shootings against law enforcement officers that in the Bureau's view, were connected to "Black Identity Extremism." FBI Vault link to the document: vault.fbi.gov/black-identity

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31) The fact that the Bureau identified blacks with violent extremism set off a firestorm in the media and among politicians and activist groups.



The Strange Tale of the FBI's Fictional "Black Identity Extremism" Movement

The only connection between the men referenced in the FBI's "black identity extremism" report, besides their race, is a thread of anger at police violence.
theintercept.com

32) Wray explained to Cory Booker that the FBI no longer uses the term "Black Identity Extremism." The new category they use is "Racially Motivated Violent Extremism" which encompasses several categories that were previously used.

33) Cory Booker seemed happy that Black Identity Extremism was no longer used but concerned that White Supremacy Extremism was no longer used either. Wray reiterated that the Bureau is more or less uninterested with any particular ideology. They investigate acts of violence.

34) The next link the FBI sent me was to a hearing with leaders from several agencies including DOJ National Security Division Deputy Assistant Attorney General Brad Wegman. Wiegman explained in his opening statement how the Department of Justice protects the first amendment.



35) For those of you who were disappointed by the DOJ's decision not to prosecute James Comey for leaking memos take heart, in this segment, Wiegman explained that the DOJ prosecutes the most serious and readily provable [slam dunk] charges.

36) Wiegman described the definition of a hate crime.

37) Wiegman contrasted the Department of Justice's need to prosecute violent crimes with its mandate to protect the liberties guaranteed by the first amendment.

38) Wiegman explained the actions the DOJ or FBI can take if someone posts a manifesto or other extremist action online and reiterated the restrictions they run up against due to the first amendment.

39) There are currently no criminal domestic terrorism charges the DOJ can apply to a terrorist act. The reason is that it would require Congress to pick certain groups and identify them as terror organizations. No one would want their pet organization to be identified as one.

40) Think about the May 30, 2019, FBI Intelligence bulletin claiming that conspiracy theorists have been identified by the Bureau as a potential terrorist threat. Would such an assessment be consistent with the Bureau's current philosophy on domestic terrorism?

41) I'm just getting warmed up. Meet Mike McGarrity, the Assistant Director of the Counterterrorism Division. McGarrity explained the Bureau's foreign and domestic terrorism categories.

42) McGarrity explained that foreign and domestic terror threats are handled differently. The government designates foreign terror organizations allowing certain actions to be taken against them. Domestic terror is identified as an ideology and not an organization.

43) McGarrity explained that the FBI no longer uses terms like white supremacy or black identity extremism. They focus on the violence and not the ideology.

44) McGarrity addressed concerns that 8chan is promoting violence and that messages posted there should be removed. (Now I wonder who that would be referring to.)



45) Sheila Jackson Lee wanted the witnesses to make violence committed by white nationalists their highest priority. In this clip, we hear Wiegman from DOJ and Brian Murphy from Homeland Security answer.

46) Some people understand the changes in policy and philosophy toward violent extremism while others do not. And it's the change in philosophy that concerns me regarding the Yahoo news article.

47) It's clear that under Chris Wray, the FBI has adopted a philosophy of investigating violence, almost irrespective of motivating factors. Yet the Yahoo article claims that the FBI has taken exactly the opposite philosophy.

10:52 PM · Aug 3, 2019 · [Twitter Web Client](#)

48) There are many reasons why I'm questioning the authenticity of the Yahoo article and the FBI bulletin. The first is that seems to contradict current Bureau Philosophy.

49) The second reason I question the FBI bulletin's authenticity is that the document (unlike the bulletin about Black Identity Extremism) was not sourced to a government website but a private Scribed account. There is currently no way to verify the document's authenticity.

50) The third reason I question the document's authenticity is a lack of transparency by the article's author. If the FBI bulletin came from a legitimate source, they have no reason not to make the source known. If the document was fabricated, they have every reason not to.

51) Tomorrow, I'll pick up where I left off with a forensic examination of the FBI bulletin.

52) Link to Chris Wray's July 23, 2019, testimony before the Senate Judiciary Committee. [c-span.org/video/?462772-.....](#)

53) June 4, 2019, Confronting White Supremacy hearing.



Confronting White Supremacy (Part II): Adequacy of the Federal Response

CHAIRMAN RASKIN'S OPENING STATEMENT PURPOSE The hearing will examine the efforts of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to combat white supremacist...
oversight.house.gov

54) May 8, 2019, House Homeland Security Hearing on Domestic Terrorism [c-span.org/video/?460516-](https://www.c-span.org/video/?460516-)

55) Government documents are published in accordance with federal laws that safeguard matters of national security. Failure to follow laws, prescribed policies and procedures regarding making classified documents publicly available is a big deal.

56) Former FBI Deputy Director Andrew McCabe was fired for a lack of candor regarding the leaking of classified information to the press. Former Chief Counsel James Baker is under criminal investigation for leaking classified documents.

57) Government documents that are intended to be restricted to the public carry clear warnings describing who may and who may not view them.

58) In this declassified document, notice the classification "secret" has a strikethrough indicating it's been approved for the public. Note that FOUO (For Official Use Only) has a strikethrough. Also note the document is hosted on a government website:
[dni.gov/files/document](https://www.dni.gov/files/document)

3. (U) *Finished reporting based on SIGINT.* The receipt and further processing by an IC element of finished reporting from NSA based on SIGINT.

4. (~~U//FOUO~~) *Other activities.* Disseminations of raw SIGINT, or data provided by NSA, pursuant to a joint program or arrangement lawfully conducted under applicable procedures approved by the Attorney General, including activities conducted pursuant to National Security Council Intelligence Directives No. 5 (NSCID-5) and No. 6 (NSCID-6) or successor documents, and disseminations under any Presidentially-authorized covert action program where NSA has been named as a supporting agency.

5. (U) *Non-U.S. persons.* SIGINT information that is exclusively about non-U.S. persons that is evaluated and disseminated under other authorities, except where otherwise stated. SIGINT information about non-U.S. persons is subject to Presidential Policy Directive 28 (PPD-28) and implementing procedures and any successor documents.

C. (U) **No authorization to collect information.** These Procedures do not authorize NSA or any other IC element to collect SIGINT or other information.

(U) SECTION II - REQUESTS FOR RAW SIGINT

A. (U) **Access request from an IC element.** NSA may provide raw SIGINT to an IC element only if the head of the IC element or a high-level designee makes a written request describing the raw SIGINT sought and stating whether the element wishes to conduct communications metadata analysis in accordance with section IV.F below. The request will address the following:

1. (U) *Use of information.* The IC element will explain how it will use the raw SIGINT, to include identifying the particular authorized foreign intelligence or counterintelligence missions or functions that are the basis for its request.
2. (U) *Value of information.* The IC element will describe how it expects the raw SIGINT to further such missions or functions in a significant way.
3. (U) *Other sources of information.* The IC element will explain why other sources reasonably available to it cannot provide the information the element expects to obtain from the raw SIGINT.
4. (U) *Access requirements.* The IC element will describe its access requirements (*e.g.*, the estimated number of analysts who will have access to the raw SIGINT and the time period that the element will retain the raw SIGINT).

59) When the government makes a document available to the public that was formerly restricted, these are the steps they take to give the public confidence that the document is authentic and that it has been officially approved for public dissemination.

60) The FBI Intelligence Assessment from 2017 on Black Identity Extremism is hosted on a government website and has strikethroughs on all categories describing restrictions.
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Intelligence Assessment



Federal Bureau of Investigation
**INTELLIGENCE
ASSESSMENT**

(U//~~FOUO~~) Black Identity Extremists Likely Motivated to Target Law Enforcement Officers

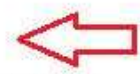
3 August July 2017

Prepared by:

FBI

**Counterterrorism
Division**

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61) Note that in every instance where a restriction is specified, in an authentic document that has been officially cleared for public viewing every restriction has a strikethrough.

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(U) Scope Note

(U) This intelligence assessment focuses on individuals with BIE ideological motivations who have committed targeted, premeditated attacks against law enforcement officers since 2014. This assessment does not address BIEs who have attacked law enforcement officers during the course of officers' routine duties, such as responding to calls and traffic stops, in which violent actions were reactionary in nature.

(U//LES) This assessment addresses the following key intelligence questions:

- (U//LES) To what extent are BIEs' targeting interests retaliatory?
- (U//LES) What cross-programmatic relationships influence the BIE movement?

(U//LES) This assessment is the first FBI analytic intelligence product to assess influences between the sovereign citizen extremist movement and the black identity extremist movement. The FBI has previously reported on BIE retaliatory violence against law enforcement in two products, both of which had findings consistent with this assessment. The 23 March 2016 FBI intelligence bulletin, titled "(U//FOUO) Black Separatist Extremists' Call for Retaliation in Response to Police-Involved Incidents Could Incite Acts of Violence against Law Enforcement," assessed incidents involving allegations of law enforcement abuse and related legal proceedings would likely lead to BSE calls for violent retaliation and incite these domestic extremists to commit violent acts against law enforcement. The 14 November 2014 FBI intelligence bulletin, titled "(U//FOUO) Potential Criminal Reactions to Missouri Grand Jury Announcement," assessed the announcement of the grand jury's decision in the shooting death of Michael Brown in Ferguson would likely be exploited by some individuals to justify threats and attacks against law enforcement and critical infrastructure.

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(U) Source Summary Statement

(U//LES) Reporting in this intelligence assessment was derived primarily from FBI and law enforcement investigations and open source reporting—media interviews of subjects, subjects' posting on social media accounts, and online news articles—deemed credible and reliable. The review of FBI investigations occurred between September 2014 and December 2016. The open source reporting was current as of 17 January 2017. Statements made by the subjects to law enforcement during the course of investigations were particularly helpful to identify motivations behind BIE attacks against law enforcement because ideological motivations are infrequently identified or collected. Additional reporting on the ideological motivations behind BIE attacks would improve the confidence levels in this assessment.

62) It is not unusual for contact information to be redacted regarding the person who prepared the document. When a document is labeled Law Enforcement Sensitive (LES), the information is intended for law enforcement providers and not the public.

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proceedings will continue to serve as drivers for violence against law enforcement. The FBI assesses it is likely police officers of minority groups are also targeted by BIEs because they are also representative of a perceived oppressive law enforcement system.

(U//~~FOUO~~) Possible indicators for BIEs posing a violent threat to law enforcement include advocating for violence against law enforcement, violent anti-white rhetoric, attempts to acquire illegal weapons or explosives, and affiliations with others in both the BSE and sovereign citizen extremist movements.

(U) Intelligence Requirements



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(U) This Intelligence Assessment was prepared by the FBI [redacted] of the Counterterrorism Division. Comments and queries may be addressed to the [redacted] Section Chief by calling 1-202-324-3000 or via e-mail at FBI [redacted]@ic.fbi.gov.

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63) Because a threat assessment by the FBI is a subjective judgment that is imprecise, the Bureau provides an explanation of the terms it uses and the probability that their assessments are correct. vault.fbi.gov/black-identity.....

(U) Appendix A: Expressions of Likelihood (or Probability)

(U) Phrases such as “the FBI judges” and “the FBI assesses,” and terms such as “likely” and “probably” convey analytical judgments and assessments. The chart approximates how expressions of likelihood and probability correlate with percentages of chance. The FBI only uses likelihood expressions. Furthermore, the FBI does not derive judgments via statistical analysis and will not use expressions of probability to convey uncertainty in external FBI intelligence products.

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<i>Terms of Likelihood</i>	Almost No Chance	Very Unlikely	Unlikely	Roughly Even Chance	Likely	Very Likely	Almost Certain(ly)
<i>Terms of Probability</i>	Remote	Highly Improbable	Improbable (Improbably)	Roughly Even Odds	Probable (Probably)	Highly Probable	Nearly Certain
	1-5%	5-20%	20-45%	45-55%	55-80%	80-95%	95-99%

64) In previously restricted documents that have been made public, endnotes may or may not contain redactions. Note the strikethroughs on any term indicating the document is restricted from the public. [.vault.fbi.gov/black-identity](https://vault.fbi.gov/black-identity)_____...

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(U) Endnotes

¹ (U) Online newspaper article: *The New York Times*: "(U) Five Dallas Officers Were Killed as Payback, Police Chief Says": 9 July 2016; https://www.nytimes.com/2016/07/09/us/dallas-police-shooting.html?_r=0; accessed on 17 January 2017; Source is an open source news article from a reputable news Web site.

² (U) FBI: [redacted] 14 July 2016; 20 March 2016; [redacted] UNCLASSIFIED//FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY; UNCLASSIFIED//FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY. Source is open source reporting.

³ (U//FOUO) FBI: [redacted] 13 July 2016; 12 July 2016; "(U//FOUO) Set Lead to FBI Houston to Interview [redacted] UNCLASSIFIED//FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY; UNCLASSIFIED//FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY. Source is open source reporting.

⁴ (U) FBI: Electronic Communication: [redacted] 10 November 2016; 9 November 2016; [redacted] UNCLASSIFIED//FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY; UNCLASSIFIED//FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY. Source is law enforcement reporting.

⁵ (U) Online newspaper article: *The New York Times*: "(U) Attacker With Hatchet Is Said to Have Grown Radical on His Own": 25 October 2014; https://www.nytimes.com/2014/10/25/nyregion/man-who-attacked-police-with-hatchet-ranted-about-us-officials-say.html?_r=1; accessed on 24 January 2017; Source is open source reporting.

⁶ (U) FBI: Electronic Communication: [redacted] 6 November 2014; 23 October 2014; "(U) Lead requests to interview former female companions of subject [redacted] UNCLASSIFIED; UNCLASSIFIED: Source is law enforcement reporting.

⁷ (U//FOUO) FBI-DHS: Joint Intelligence Bulletin: 27 October 2014 "(U//FOUO) Lone Offender Hatchet Attack on New York Police Department Officers Has No Apparent Link to a Foreign Terrorist Organization"; UNCLASSIFIED//FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY; UNCLASSIFIED//FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY. Source is open source and law enforcement reporting.

⁸ (U) FBI: Electronic Communication: [redacted] 24 October 2014; 23 October 2014;

"(U) Opening EC-Full Investigation"; UNCLASSIFIED; UNCLASSIFIED: Source is law enforcement reporting.

⁹ (U) Online news article: Fox 59 News: "(U) DNA ties Zionsville murder suspect to IMPD headquarters shootings": 31 October 2016; <http://fox59.com/2016/10/31/court-does-dna-ties-zionsville-murder-suspect-tied-to-impd-headquarters-shootings>; accessed on 15 December 2016; Source is open source reporting from a local news organization.

¹⁰ (U) FBI: Electronic Communication: [redacted] 7 October 2016; 4 October 2016; "(U) Opening EC"; UNCLASSIFIED; UNCLASSIFIED: Source is law enforcement reporting.

¹¹ (U) FBI: [redacted] 8 November 2016; 31 October 2016; "(U) Arrest of [redacted] UNCLASSIFIED; UNCLASSIFIED: Source is law enforcement reporting.

¹² (U) FBI: Electronic Communication: [redacted] 17 July 2016; 17 July 2016; [redacted]

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¹³ (U) Online news article: *The Daily Caller*: "(U) Baton Rouge Cop Killer [redacted] Was Nation Of Islam": 17 July 2016; [redacted] accessed on 8 September 2016; Source is open source reporting.

¹⁴ (U) FBI: [redacted] 1 August 2016; 29 July 2016;

"(U) Kansascity.com Interview with [redacted] UNCLASSIFIED; UNCLASSIFIED: Source is open source reporting.

¹⁵ (U//LES) FBI: [redacted] 2 August 2016; 2 August 2016;

"(U//LES) Baton Rouge and Dallas Shooters Alluded to [redacted] UNCLASSIFIED; UNCLASSIFIED: Source is open source reporting.

¹⁶ (U) FBI: [redacted] 21 July 2016; 1 July 2016; "(U) Potential Targeting of Law Enforcement Officers through Open Source Personally Identifiable Information (PII)"; UNCLASSIFIED; UNCLASSIFIED: Source is law enforcement reporting.

¹⁷ (U) Online news article: NBC News: "(U) What Is the Washitaw Nation, 'Sovereign' Group Baton Rouge Shooter Identified With?": 19 July 2016; <http://www.nbcnews.com/storyline/baton-rouge-police-ambush/what-washitaw-nation-sovereign-group-baton-rouge-shooter-identified-n612101>; accessed on 8 September 2016; Source is open source reporting.

65) It's reasonable to expect some information to be redacted in a restricted access document that has been made public. In most cases, redactions conceal the names of private individuals, FBI sources or methods.

66) Because the FBI assessment on Black Identity Extremism was an intelligence product prepared for its law enforcement partners, it included a Customer Service Satisfaction survey at the bottom. (Law enforcement agents are their customers.) [_vault.fbi.gov/black-identity_](https://vault.fbi.gov/black-identity)

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Product Title: (U//FOUO) Black Identity Extremists Likely Motivated to Target Law Enforcement Officers

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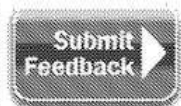
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67) You might carefully inspect the Customer Service Satisfaction survey in the previous tweet as it will become highly important to our discussion.

68) Looking more closely, we can see that the indicators "For Official Use Only" (FOUO) have strikethroughs. Also note the product's title: "Black Identity Extremists Likely Motivated to Target Law Enforcement Officers" [.vault.fbi.gov/black-identity](https://vault.fbi.gov/black-identity).....

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69) The selection boxes overlap the text in this section, obscuring the first letter (in some cases, two letters) of each sentence. I would assume the document was not created this way and that it's an imperfection created when the document was scanned. [.vault.fbi.gov/black-identity](https://vault.fbi.gov/black-identity).....

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72) In the lower-left corner, there is a Product Serial Number. This is a unique identifier for this intelligence product. Notice the number has not been redacted. It would be needed if you wanted to verify the document's authenticity. [.vault.fbi.gov/black-identity](http://vault.fbi.gov/black-identity)

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73) This is the first page of the Intelligence bulletin that Yahoo linked to in their article. Note the document has Law Enforcement Sensitive (LES) and For Official Use Only (FOUO) markings but none of them have strikethroughs. [scribd.com/document/42037.....](https://www.scribd.com/document/42037...)

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
INTELLIGENCE BULLETIN

FBI Phoenix Field Office
30 May 2019

(U//LES) Anti-Government, Identity Based, and Fringe Political Conspiracy Theories Very Likely Motivate Some Domestic Extremists to Commit Criminal, Sometimes Violent Activity

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(U) Domestic extremists employ a number of indicators, some of which may be criminal and others which may constitute the exercise of rights guaranteed by the First Amendment of the US Constitution. The FBI is prohibited from engaging in investigative activity for the sole purpose of monitoring the exercise of constitutional rights.

(U//FOUO) The FBI assesses anti-government, identity based, and fringe political conspiracy theories^{a, b} very likely^c motivate some domestic extremists, wholly or in part, to commit criminal and sometimes violent activity. The FBI further assesses in some cases these conspiracy theories very likely encourage the targeting of specific people, places, and organizations, thereby increasing the likelihood of violence against these targets. These assessments are made with high confidence,^d based on information from other law enforcement agencies, open source information, court documents, human sources with varying degrees of access and corroboration, and FBI investigations.

(U//FOUO) One key assumption driving these assessments is that certain conspiracy theory narratives tacitly support or legitimize violent action. The FBI also assumes some, but not all individuals or domestic extremists who hold such beliefs will act on them. The FBI assesses these conspiracy theories very likely will emerge, spread, and evolve in the modern information marketplace, occasionally driving both groups and individual extremists to carry out criminal or violent acts. Indicators that may lead to revised judgements or cause a change in the confidence level associated with this assessment include a lack of conspiracy theory-driven criminal or violent activity in the near to long term or significant efforts by major social media companies and websites to remove, regulate, or counter potentially harmful conspiratorial content.

^a (U) See Appendix A: Defining Conspiracy Theories.

^b (U) For an explanation of these terms and a description of all conspiracy theories referenced in this intelligence bulletin, see Appendix B: Prominent Anti-Government, Identity Based, and Fringe Political Conspiracy Theories.

^c (U) See Appendix C: Expressions of Likelihood.

^d (U) See Appendix D: Confidence in Assessments and Judgments Based on a Body of Information.

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74) The fact that the document isn't hosted on a government website is concerning. How would anyone know with any degree of certainty that the government released this document?

75) The fact that none of the restriction markings have strikethroughs is just as troubling. If the document is legitimate and has not been officially cleared for release to the public, the parties who released it have broken the law.

76) Even if the document were obtained through a FOIA request, per Bureau policy, the restriction markings should contain strikethroughs if it had been cleared for public release.

77) The Black Identity Extremism bulletin contained a statement describing the way the Bureau obtained information on which it based its assessment. vault.fbi.gov/black-identity

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assessed the announcement of the grand jury's decision in the shooting death of Michael Brown in Ferguson would likely be exploited by some individuals to justify threats and attacks against law enforcement and critical infrastructure.

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(U) Source Summary Statement

~~(U//LES)~~ Reporting in this intelligence assessment was derived primarily from FBI and law enforcement investigations and open source reporting—media interviews of subjects, subjects' posting on social media accounts, and online news articles—deemed credible and reliable. The review of FBI investigations occurred between September 2014 and December 2016. The open source reporting was current as of 17 January 2017. Statements made by the subjects to law enforcement during the course of investigations were particularly helpful to identify motivations behind BIE attacks against law enforcement because ideological motivations are infrequently identified or collected. Additional reporting on the ideological motivations behind BIE attacks would improve the confidence levels in this assessment.

78) The bulletin Yahoo referenced had a similar statement but claimed to rely on sources with "indirect access" and sources whose "reliability cannot be determined." Does this sound like the kind of information the FBI would include in such a bulletin?

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(U//FOUO) This intelligence bulletin draws upon a wide body of reporting derived from other law enforcement agencies, open source information, documentary sources, human source reporting with varying degrees of access, and FBI investigations from 15 January 2008 to 31 January 2019. Reporting from other law enforcement agencies and open source information was deemed the most critical in supporting the key analytic judgements in this paper. News articles provided contextual details of various incidents and background on specific conspiracy theories not contained in law enforcement reporting, while academic publications aided in clearly defining the topic, limiting the scope of the paper, and developing the key analytic judgments. Documentary sources consisting of plea agreements, a Court of Appeals Opinion, a criminal complaint, and an indictment provided additional details concerning the incidents discussed, including the charges brought against the perpetrators and, in some cases, the conspiracy theory-based motives of their actions. The use of reporting derived from human sources and FBI investigations was limited, although these sources did provide intelligence that corroborated open source information. Human sources included an established human source with indirect access, much of whose reporting since 2014 has been corroborated, a liaison source with indirect access, a limited history of reporting, and extensive knowledge of domestic extremist groups throughout the United States, and a member of the public with indirect access, reporting for the first time, and whose reliability cannot be determined. The intelligence encompassed within this intelligence bulletin was collected between 1 November 2013 and 30 January 2019 and is current as of 31 January 2019.

79) The bulletin Yahoo referenced claimed the FBI had created new categories for ideology-based terrorism called "Anti-Government, Identity Based and Fringe Political Conspiracy Theories" scribd.com/document/42037.....

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(U) Appendix B: Prominent Anti-Government, Identity Based, and Fringe Political Conspiracy Theories

(U) The conspiracy theories referenced in this intelligence bulletin have been categorized as anti-government, identity based, or fringe political because they assert secretive, malevolent acts either by an allegedly hostile and tyrannical federal government, by racial, religious, or social minority groups, or by political opponents.

Anti-Government

(U) *NWO*: A group of international elites controls governments, industry, and media organizations, instigates major wars, carries out secret staged events, and manipulates economies with the goal of establishing global rule.^m

(U) *UN*: The UN is being used by an evil global cabal to erode American sovereignty, strip away individual liberties, and bring foreign troops to American soil in order to replace democracy with global tyranny.ⁿ

(U) *False Flags*: The official story surrounding a given terrorist attack or mass shooting is a lie; the event was staged or conducted by the government to justify encroachments on civil liberties.^o

Identity Based

(U) *Zionist Occupied Government*: Jewish agents secretly control the governments of Western states and are conspiring to achieve world domination.^p

(U) *Islamburg*: The small Muslim community near Hancock, New York known as Islamburg is a terrorist training camp; its residents, who pose as peaceful Muslims, are in fact Islamic radicals operating as a terrorist sleeper cell.^q

^m (U) Website; Wikipedia.com; List of Conspiracy Theories; https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_conspiracy_theories; accessed on 26 February 2019; Wikipedia is an online encyclopedia with user generated articles whose reliability cannot be determined.

ⁿ (U) Working paper; George Washington University Program on Extremism; "Conspiracy Theories in the Patriot/Militia Movement"; May 2017; pp. 9-10; The George Washington University Program on Extremism provides analysis on issues related to violent and non-violent extremism.

^o (U) Research paper; Demos; "The Power of Unreason: Conspiracy Theories, Extremism, and Counterterrorism"; 29 August 2010; p. 45; Demos is a think-tank based in the United Kingdom with a cross-party political viewpoint.

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^q (U) Online news article; nytimes.com; "They Created a Muslim Enclave in Upstate N.Y. Then Came the Online Conspiracies."; 28 January 2019; <https://www.nytimes.com/2019/01/28/nyregion/islamburg-ny-attack-plot.html>; accessed on 25 February 2019; The New York Times is a national daily newspaper.

80) After listening to leaders from the Dept of Homeland Security, the DOJ and the FBI insist they no longer focus on ideology, would you expect the FBI to suddenly announce it had created new categories for domestic terror?

81) Here's a screencap of the Customer Satisfaction Survey in the bulletin referenced by Yahoo. [scribd.com/document/42037](https://www.scribd.com/document/42037).....



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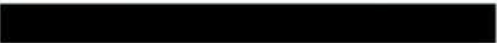
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82) I would love to hear an explanation of where the full text for the title went. It was too long to fit in the box. It didn't continue on a second line. It just ran off the edge of the page. [scribd.com/document/42037.....](https://www.scribd.com/document/42037.....)

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86) What are the odds that two different FBI documents published years apart by different offices would contain the same exact irregularity that seems to be attributable to a problem that arose when the documents were scanned?

87) I realize the Yahoo linked document is in color and the Black Identity Extremism bulletin is in black and white but you can find color versions of the later document online. Conversely, it's not difficult to colorize a black and white document.

88) This is a color copy of the Black Identity Extremism report. Some of the restrictive markings that are present in the official version are not present here. Not only are they not stricken through but they've been removed, completely.
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3 August 2017

89) Compare with the version on the FBI vault site. I have no explanation as to where the color version came from, why restrictive markings have been removed or how it was created. [.vault.fbi.gov/black-identity](https://vault.fbi.gov/black-identity).....



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90) Note the Fiscal year (FY17) watermark indicating the year (version of the document template) that was used to prepare the Black Identity Extremism report. Watermarks are not typed but rather, they're built into a template, typically appearing in a gray font in the footer.



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²⁷ (U//FOUO) FBI; Case Information; 26 September 2018; 20 September 2018; "(U//FOUO) Threats made by [Name withheld] toward FBI"; UNCLASSIFIED//FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY; UNCLASSIFIED//FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY; Source is a video posted to social media websites containing threats made by [Name withheld] toward the FBI.

²⁸ (U) FBI; Case Information; 18 October 2018; 15 October 2018; "[TITLED REDACTED]"; UNCLASSIFIED; UNCLASSIFIED//FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY; An established source with indirect access to the information, much of whose reporting has been corroborated.

²⁹ (U//FOUO) FBI; Case Information; 27 September 2018; 19 September 2018; "(U//FOUO) Pima County Superior Court Indictment"; UNCLASSIFIED//FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY; UNCLASSIFIED//FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY; Source is the Pima County Superior Court Indictment of [Name withheld] and associates for criminal trespass and burglary charges.

³⁰ (U) Online news article; latimes.com; "In an age of 'alternative facts,' a massacre of schoolchildren is called a hoax"; 3 February 2017; <https://www.latimes.com/nation/la-na-sandy-hook-conspiracy-20170203-story.html>;

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93) Even though the newer report on conspiracy theories has the Fiscal Year 2019 (FY19) at the bottom of each page, it has the same "Rev 28 August 2013" text at the bottom of the customer satisfaction survey. [scribd.com/document/42037.....](https://www.scribd.com/document/42037...)

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96) Yahoo, Michael Isikoff, and the mainstream media have proven themselves to be enemies of conservatism, POTUS and [#Qanon](#) They certainly have sufficient motive to falsify an FBI report casting conservatives in a negative light.

97) Yahoo has been less than transparent about how they obtained the FBI Intelligence bulletin. Until they provide an independently verifiable source, it's authenticity remains in doubt and the hundreds of news reports that have been based on it should be questioned.

98) I'm not saying the document is forged, but if a person wanted to create a forged FBI document, they could do so knowing the Bureau will neither confirm nor deny its authenticity. Quite a convenient arrangement, wouldn't you say?

99) In their email response to my inquiry, the FBI pointed me to this website where the Bureau has posted its official statement on how they categorize foreign and domestic terrorism. [fbi.gov/news/testimony](https://www.fbi.gov/news/testimony).....

The FBI classifies domestic terrorism threats into four main categories: racially motivated violent extremism, anti-government/anti-authority extremism, animal rights/environmental extremism, and abortion extremism. The drivers of these domestic violent extremists include perceptions of government or law enforcement overreach, socio-political conditions, and reactions to legislative actions, and they remain constant. Although domestic terrorism activity may fall outside of these four categories, the vast majority of our investigations can be characterized as one of the above. We anticipate racial minorities, the United States government, and law enforcement will continue to be significant targets for many domestic terrorists. Domestic terrorists have targeted law enforcement officers both proactively and directly as primary targets, as well as reactively, within the context of routine duties or other law enforcement encounters. Individuals adhering to racially motivated violent extremism ideology have been responsible for the most lethal incidents, however, and the FBI assesses the threat of violence and lethality posed by racially motivated violent extremists will continue.

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101) Although the FBI does identify a category called "anti-government", they do not include and have not expanded the description to include "fringe political conspiracy theories." as Yahoo claimed.

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102) I suspect the FBI pointed me to this website because, although they cannot confirm or deny a specific intelligence product, they can point us to places where their official views can be found. Yahoo's claim is not supported by the FBI's official view on domestic terrorism.