

Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism

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PROFILES OF PERPETRATORS OF TERRORISM-UNITED STATES (PPT-US)

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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 nonstate 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 by 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.

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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 confidence2= Moderate confidence3= 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 ATTATCKS (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
- 44= China
- 45= Colombia
- 46= Comoros
- 47= Congo
- 49= Costa Rica
- 50= Croatia
- 51= Cuba
- 53= Cyprus
- 54= Czech Republic
- 55= Denmark
- 56= Dijbouti

57= Dominica 58= Dominican Republic 59= Ecuador 60= Egypt 61= El Salvador 62= Equatorial Guinea 63= Eritrea 64= Estonia 65= Ethiopia 66= Falkland Islands 67= Fiji 68= Finland 69= France 70= French Guiana 71= French Polynesia 72= Gabon 73= Gambia 74= Georgia 75= Germany 76= Ghana 77= Gibraltar 78= Greece 79= Greenland 80= Grenada 81= Guadeloupe 83= Guatemala 84= Guinea 85= Guniea-Bissau 86= Guyana 87= Haiti 88= Honduras 89= Hong Kong 90= Hungary 91= Iceland 92= India 93= Indonesia 94= Iran 95= Iraq 96= Ireland 97= Israel 98= Italy 99= Ivory Coast

| 100= Jamaica |
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| 101= Japan |
| 102= Jordan |
| 103= Kazakhstan |
| 104= Kenya |
| 106= Kuwait |
| 107= Kyrgyzstan |
| 108= Laos |
| 109= Latvia |
| 110= Lebanon |
| 111= Lesotho |
| 112= Liberia |
| 113= Libya |
| 115= Lithuania |
| 116= Luxembourg |
| 117= Macau |
| 118= Macedonia |
| 119= Madagascar |
| 120= Malawi |
| 121= Malaysia |
| 122= Maldives |
| 123= Mali |
| 124= Malta |
| 125= Man, Isle of |
| 127= Martinique |
| 128= Mauritania |
| 129= Mauritius |
| 130= Mexico |
| 132= Moldova |
| 134= Mongolia |
| 136= Morocco |
| 137= Mozambique |
| 138= Myanmar |
| 139= Namibia |
| 141= Nepal |
| 142= Netherlands |
| 143= New Caledonia |
| 144= New Zealand |
| 145= Nicaragua |
| 146= Niger |
| 147= Nigeria |
| 149= North Korea |
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151= Norway 152= Oman 153= Pakistan 155= West Bank and Gaza Strip 156= Panama 157= Papua New Guinea 158= Paraguay 159= Peru 160= Philippines 161= Poland 162= Portugal 163= Puerto Rico 164= Qatar 166= Romania 167= Russia 168= Rwanda 173= Saudi Arabia 174= Senegal 175= Serbia-Montenegro 176= Seychelles 177= Sierra Leone 178= Singapore 179= Slovak Republic 180= Slovenia 181= Solomon Islands 182= Somalia 183= South Africa 184= South Korea 185= Spain 186= Sri Lanka 189= St. Kitts and Nevis 195= Sudan 196= Suriname 197= Swaziland 198= Sweden 199= Switzerland 200= Syria 201= Taiwan 202= Tajikistan 203= Tanzania 204= Togo 205= Thailand

207= Trinidad and Tobago 208= Tunisia 209= Turkey 213= Uganda 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= Kentuckv 20= Louisiana 21= Maine 22= Maryland 14

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/Separatist

(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 confidence2= Moderate confidence3= 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 confidence2= Moderate confidence3= High confidence

<u>Buddhist</u> (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

<u>Christian/Catholic</u> (I_REL_2) *Categorical Variable*

Includes: The Christian variable includes: Catholic Traditionalist, Christian Identity, Christian Reconstruction, Eastern Orthodox, Protestant, and Evangelical.

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

Confidence indicator:

1= Low confidence2= Moderate confidence3= High confidence

<u>Cult</u> (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

<u>Hindu</u> (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

<u>Islamic (</u>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

¹ See Lalich, Janja, and Michael Langone. "Characteristics Associated with Cultic Groups." International Cultic Studies Association. http://www.csj.org/ infoserv cult101/checklis.htm (accessed February 2, 2010).

<u>Islamic (</u>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

<u>Jewish & Jewish Orthodox</u> (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

<u>Sikh (</u>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

<u>Pagan/Polytheist</u> (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

<u>Occult (including Satanist)</u> (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 confidence2= Moderate confidence3= High confidence

<u>Anti-Semitic</u> (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

<u>Communist/Socialist</u> (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

<u>Marxist/Leninist</u> (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

<u>Maoist</u> (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

<u>Black Nationalist</u> (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

<u>New Left</u> (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 confidence2= Moderate confidence3= 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 confidence2= Moderate confidence3= High confidence

<u>Anti-Semitic</u> (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

<u>Fascist/Neo-Fascist</u> (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

<u>Gun Rights</u> (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

<u>Tax Protest</u> (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

3= High confidence

Single Issue

(I_SI) Categorical Variable

Groups relying heavily on terrorism that obsessively focuses on very specific or narrowlydefined 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 confidence2= Moderate confidence3= High confidence

<u>Anti-Abortion</u> (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 confidence2= Moderate confidence3= High confidence

<u>Anti-Catholic</u> (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

<u>Anti-Communist</u> (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

<u>Anti-Ecology/Pro-Development</u> (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

<u>Anti-Racist</u> (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

<u>Anti-Religious</u> (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

<u>Gun Rights</u> (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

<u>Tax Protest</u> (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

<u>Anti-Castro</u> (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

<u>"Pacifist"/Anti-War</u> (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

<u>Seek regime type</u> (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

<u>Territorial goals</u> (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

<u>Other</u> (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 confidence2= Moderate confidence3= 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

<u>Other</u> (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

2= Moderate confidence

3= High 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

<u>Other</u>

(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 confidence2= Moderate confidence3= 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

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

(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 confidence2= Moderate confidence3= 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

3= High confidence

<u>Other</u> (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 confidence2= Moderate confidence3= 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 confidence2= Moderate confidence3= 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

<u>Other</u>

(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 confidence2= Moderate confidence3= High confidence

Social

<u>Community activism</u> (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:

1= Low confidence

2= Moderate confidence

3= High confidence

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 confidence2= Moderate confidence3= High confidence

<u>Other</u> (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 confidence2= Moderate confidence3= 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 confidence2= Moderate confidence3= 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 -99=unknown (no information available)

Confidence indicator:

1= Low confidence2= Moderate confidence3= High confidence

19. ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

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

<u>Network</u>

(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

<u>Umbrella</u>

(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 confidence2= Moderate confidence3= High confidence

<u>Movement</u>

(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

<u>Other</u> (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.

<u>The net</u>

(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

<u>The funnel</u>

(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 confidence2= Moderate confidence3= High confidence

<u>The seed crystal</u>

(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

<u>Self-recruitment</u>

(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

<u>Other</u>

(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.

<u>Direct</u> (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

<u>Indirect</u>

(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 confidence2= Moderate confidence3= High confidence

<u>Donations</u>

(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

3= High 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 confidence2= Moderate confidence3= High confidence

<u>Self-funded</u>

(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

<u>Other</u>

(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

Confidence indicator:

1= Low confidence

2= Moderate confidence

3= High confidence

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

Confidence indicator:

1= Low confidence2= Moderate confidence3= High confidence

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"