

POLITICAL EXTREMISTS/ANARCHISTS (PART 1-ANTIFA/BOOGALOO)

A Brief summary of groups that border the line
between protest and domestic terrorism

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ANTIFA

WHO: Left Extremists (ideologically based)

WHAT: Politically Motivated Extremist Group

WHEN: Late 70s, Prominence rose circa 2016

WHERE: Major Cities, HQ in Portland OR



HISTORY/ORIGINS

- ▶ They trace their deepest roots back to the 40s, but in reality it is more so rooted in left counterculture movements of the late 70s (US), Europe (60s)
- ▶ Historian Mark Bray, author of Antifa: The Anti-Fascist Handbook, credits **Anti-Racist Action (ARA)** as the precursor of modern antifa groups in the United States in the late **1980s and 1990s**.
- ▶ **1987 Minneapolis MN**, Antifa Precursor "**Baldies**" form with intent to fight neo-nazis directly
- ▶ **2007 Rose City Antifa founded (Portland OR)**, now national AF headquarters.
- ▶ **2013 Torch Antifa Network Formed (most radical)**, now group that is responsible for accreditation and recognition of national Antifa Chapters



WHY:

- ▶ Their ideology is rooted in the assumption that the Nazi party would never have come to power in Germany if people had more aggressively fought them in the streets in the 1920s and 30s



SIGNIFICANT NATIONAL EVENTS

- ▶ Gained Prominence from “UNITE THE RIGHT RALLY 2017” Charlottesville, VA
- ▶ Agitation in George Floyd Riots
- ▶ “CHAZ”, Capitol Hill Autonomous Zone Seattle 2020



AGGRESSIVE TACTICS

- ▶ Black bloc
- ▶ Bike locks -> Baseball Bats -> Bricks -> Molotov Cocktails -> Firearms
- ▶ Security culture : "Limited" social media presence (not really, just look for key identifiers)
- ▶ Hide among the crowd, agitate, disperse

Digital Security, Masking and Proper Attire, Riot Ribs, Food Carts, Infrastructure, Leaf Blowers, Umbrellas, Shields, Sports Equipment, Balloons and Bubbles, Lasers, Graffiti, Paint Bombs, Fireworks, Fire, Fence Toppling, De-Arresting, Crowd Movement, Disabling Cameras, Breaking Windows, Legal Support, Jail Support

MPD INTERACTIONS/INCIDENTS

- ▶ The group tends to "respond" to "right extremist aggression" from opposing groups... If Proud Boys are there, ANTIFA will also be present.
- ▶ Affiliates can often be armed with some sort of blunt force weapon, knives, and in rare cases firearms
- ▶ Last minute/loosely coordinated assembly, ex: Presence at OCT 10th Trump rally
- ▶ Increased volume of "Antifa" related incidents on tip lines. Most of these tips describe individuals in "black bloc" attire, again, common practice seen in Antifa affiliates

CCN:
20-177387 DAMPRP
20-148278 ARREST
(weapons, officers
assaulted, black bloc)
20-297758
20-232708 DAMPRP

While more Antifa related incidents probably exist, the incidents listed are what I deem be "very likely" Antifa related events that depict common practice actions of affiliates seen during a standard call.

TACTICS CONTINUED

- ▶ Tactics become core signifiers of identity and belief among a group like ANTIFA
- ▶ "Countermovement tactics"
 1. Damage or Destruction to the opposing group (by physical means **or influencing public perception**)
 2. Dissuasion of Group Mobilization (discouraging the opposing group through presence)
 3. Recruitment of other groups members (rare but not uncommon)
- ▶ Demonstrative Tactics (Physical protests or Propaganda)
- ▶ **Online Presence**

(tactics include using unique handles (such as palindromes), time stamping posts, use of Marxist terminology ("comrade"), membership to (typically) far left/socialist accounts,

ACCREDITATION

► Recognized Torch Antifa chapters must agree to these 5 principles

1. **We disrupt fascist and far right organizing and activity.**

2. **We don't rely on the cops or courts to do our work for us...** cops uphold white supremacy and the status quo. They attack us and everyone who resists oppression...

3. **We oppose all forms of oppression and exploitation**

4. **We hold ourselves accountable personally and collectively to live up to our ideals and values.**

5. **We not only support each other within the network, but we also support people outside the network who we believe have similar aims or principles. An attack against one is an attack against all. (commonly seen on social media)**

NOTE: Minneapolis, is unconfirmed as being Torch verified, but social media posts indicate the process has begun



PEACEFUL PROTESTER

protesters who don't want to fight, but join hand in hand with frontliners, sometimes using their phones to film police aggression

FRONTLINER

protesters who use umbrellas to guard against projectiles and cameras, while keeping hands free for when help is needed

RANGE SOLDIER

protesters who throw water bottles, umbrellas, and trash to stop police from advancing

FLAG BEARER

uses signs or a phone to signal to protesters when police are advancing or attacking

FIRE MAGE

protesters who come prepared to set fire to barricades and throw flammable projectiles

FIRE SQUADS

protesters who use water and traffic cones to suppress and extinguish teargas canisters

LIGHT MAGE

protesters who use laser pointers to obstruct surveillance cameras, drones, and police visors

MEDIC

protest supporters who are able to treat injuries or have materials to treat teargas exposure

COPWATCH

protest supporters who use phones to record violent police and document police tactics and weaponry

BARRICADER

protesters who build barricades out of found objects at strategic positions to block oncoming police and traffic that trails protesters

ONLINE COMMS

DESIGNERS

online protesters who use social media apps like Signal

Antifa and Anti-Antifa emblems initially appear similar. Anti-Antifa groups have appropriated some of Antifa's symbolism for several reasons: displaying openly Nazi symbols is illegal in many countries; to ridicule what the symbols represent; and to mimic the success of left-wing movements. Antifa and Anti-Antifa symbols appear as logos, flags, tattoos, patches, graffiti, signs, stickers, and on clothing. Logos are similar so it can be easy to misinterpret which group individuals are affiliated with.

Antifa Symbols

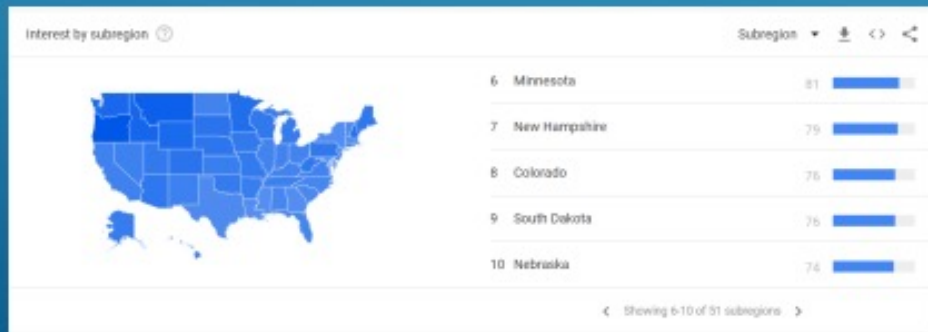
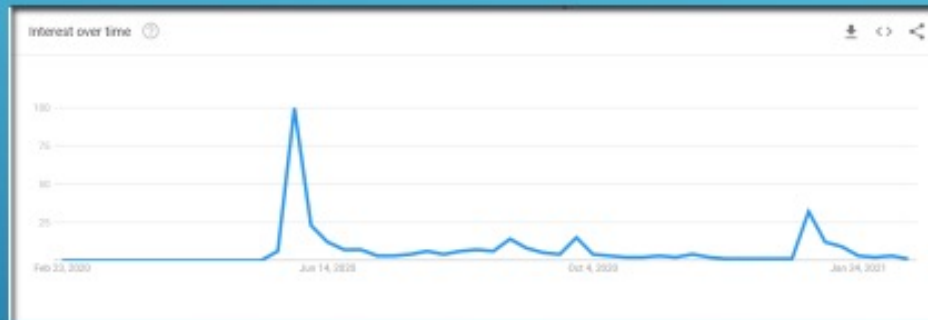


Anti-Antifa Symbols



SIGNIFICANCE OF CURRENT EVENTS

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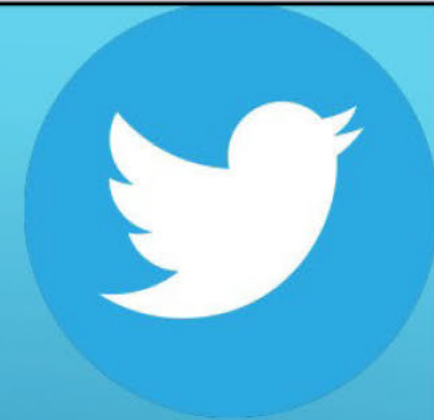
ANTIFA's presence is going to do one of two things.

1- Fall into a lull of activity with the absence of Donald Trump, and remain on a small scale/standby status (a lull of activity)

2- Embrace a more aggressive/confident presence within the social sphere as democratic socialism becomes more widely accepted and discussed in American politics. (an increase of activity)

These graphs and maps are to showcase surges of general public interest and concern regarding Antifa. Specifically how they correlate to the summer riots and other political protests.

SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS TO NOTE/WEBSITES



- ▶ Antifa does succeed in keeping a relatively small signature on social media, except on twitter. The following accounts are accounts to note: those that show high probability of either being antifa Leaders, members, affiliates, or ground supporters

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These accounts, along with many others listed, participate in a lot of cross talk on twitter, and have been actively involved in several incidents of interest

FURTHER RESOURCES (ANTIFA RELATED)

Domestic Terrorism (FBI):

https://archives.fbi.gov/archives/news/stories/2010/april/sovereigncitizens_041310/domestic-terrorism-the-sovereign-citizen-movement

Antifa Handbook : <https://usa.anarchistlibraries.net/library/mark-bray-antifa-the-antifascist-handbook.lt.pdf>

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-minneapolis-police-extremists/little-evidence-of-antifa-links-in-u-s-prosecutions-of-those-charged-in-protest-violence-idUSKBN23H06J>

<https://crimethinc.com/2004/11/01/what-is-security-culture>



BOOGALOO BOIS (BOYS)

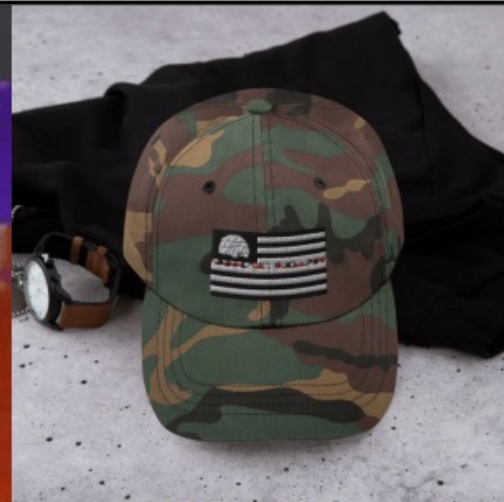
WHO: Anti Government (commonly Libertarian) Extremists

WHAT: Politically Motivated Extremist Group

WHEN: Late 20 "Teens" (2019/2020), Prominence rose circa George Floyd

WHERE: Major Cities, no physical headquarters

Hating racists



Merchandising (left) and meme culture are one of the many ways the Boogaloo Bois gain attention and local interest



COME AND START IT

HIS NAME WAS MICHAEL HASTINGS
HIS NAME WAS RICK CUTSHAW
HIS NAME WAS GARY WILLIS
HIS NAME WAS ERIC GARNER
HIS NAME WAS FRANK ORDONEZ
HIS NAME WAS KELLY THOMAS
HER NAME WAS VICKI WEAVER

HIS NAME WAS SAMUEL WEAVER

HIS NAME WAS DUNCAN LEMP

HIS NAME WAS OSCAR GRANT

HER NAME WAS BREONNA TAYLOR

HIS NAME WAS ROBERT LAVOY FINICUM



HISTORY/ORIGINS

- ▶ An online **chat room** to a **movement**
- ▶ A more detailed/specific history of the terms origin's can be found [here](#)
- ▶ The term "boogaloo" often refers to an impending civil war
- ▶ (circa 2018) 4Chan chat rooms, filled with preppers, libertarians, and anarcho-capitalists often used the term when discussing political topics such as gun confiscation or social movements

HISTORY/ORIGINS CONTINUED

- ▶ (2019) 4CHAN chat room pages grew in popularity, and eventually the topic spread to larger platforms such as Reddit and Facebook.
- ▶ Meme culture caused a genuine explosion of the movement and in following. Shifting its following from being mostly fringe/radical individuals to more “normal” individuals. As the movement was getting free advertisement from meme pages on the left and right
- ▶ (2020) By this time the Boogaloo movement consists of many united subgroups, and they go from online activity to real world activity. Specifically, In the following rallies...



WHY:

- ▶ The ideology of the boogaloo movement is still developing but is primarily anti-government, anti-authority and anti-police in nature.
- ▶ Actively agitate and advocate for a **new civil war** referred to as the "Boogaloo"

Note: Boogaloo can also refer to a "new revolutionary war" depending on the context it is used in



SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

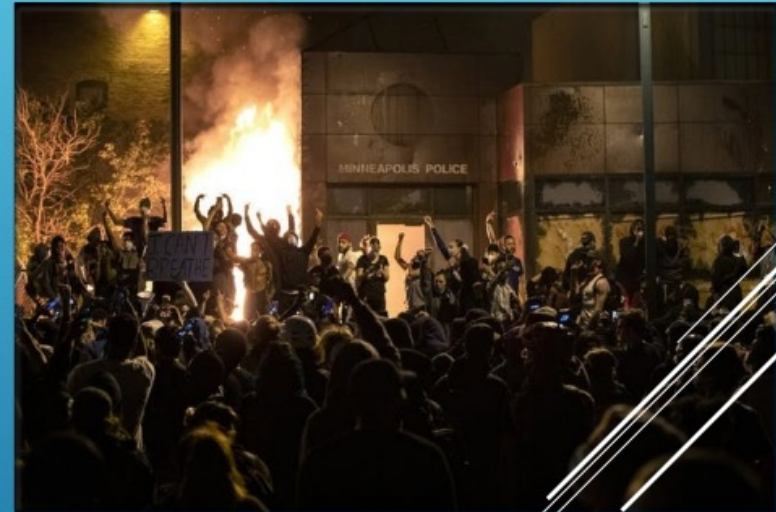
- ▶ Rallies promoting gun rights or opposing gun control measures (VCDL protest 2020)
- ▶ The nationwide protests in April and May decrying coronavirus lockdown measures implemented by state governments
- ▶ The Black Lives Matter protests across the country that followed the death of George Floyd in May

TACTICS

- ▶ The boogaloo movement is not clearly defined by a set of rules, actions, or social media guidelines like ANTIFA
- ▶ A members online presence if anything is brash, a prime example being “Ryan Teeter” (described later).
- ▶ Affiliates will proudly portray affiliation, both online and in person
- ▶ Claim to be “defensive” in nature against institutional authority or oppression. Also at times will co-opt a protest to “protect” the city from looters and rioters. Often in small groups on the ground
- ▶ **Group posturing and presence patrols**

- ▶ 3 PCT SHOOTING - Between May 27-May 28 Boogaloo "member" Ivan Hunter traveled from Texas to Minneapolis to participate in the George Floyd Riots. He ended up firing several shots into the 3rd PCT building, then late on social media described his actions. The FBI conducted an investigation and he was charged with riot.
- ▶ AUGUST RIOTS (8th and Nicollet) - Civil unrest continues into the fall of 2020, and prominent Boogaloo member "Benjamin (Ryan) Teeter was in Minneapolis for weeks following the initial May riots. Here (approximately 2:45:45) he can be seen in common boogaloo attire "defending" protestors right to protest. He also makes unfounded claims of Boogaloo Bois capabilities as an organization. He has recently pleaded guilty to conspiracy to provide material support to a designated foreign terrorist organization.
- ▶ (control/click hyper links to open further information)

NOTABLE MPD INTERACTIONS



ACCREDITATION

IN SHORT... there is none. The group is too diverse and dependent on online chat forums to have physical headquarters, chain of command or a recognized local chapter.

Any local gatherings are typically short notice, and most likely form on site of protest/gathering. They are easily identifiable.

Members do distinguish themselves among other groups/protestors by the use of **Hawaiian shirts, ballistic plates, and "pepe" patches**





SOCIAL MEDIA

- ▶ Boogaloo Bois use a variety of B-List social media platforms/forums to openly plan or discuss ideas. These include...
- ▶ 4CHAN
- ▶ REDDIT
- ▶ GAB
- ▶ PARLER
- ▶ TWITTER

IMPORTANT DISTINCTIONS

- ▶ Boogaloo Bois are a uniquely complex and diverse group. As a result, their opinions regarding law enforcement are debated within their own forums. However, the general consensus is an anti-law enforcement sentiment. It is important to be able to distinguish them from other fringe right movements (such as the proud boys). Their ground tactics and apparel/gear may look the same but they operate differently on the ground.
- ▶ Boogaloo Bois will often participate in BLM protests and may even find themselves participating in a riot with ANTIFA or NBP. Their goal is to achieve a "boogaloo" (physical conflict) by any means that presents itself. One would never see a "proud boy" cell marching along with these individuals. Proud Boys and NBP will be covered in part 2 of this presentation.