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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 violence within the United States – at some point between 1970 and 2016 – to achieve political, religious, social or economic goals. These data will be integrated into the Terrorist and Extremist Violence in the United States (TEVUS) portal 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, organization, or movement is included in the PPT-US dataset if it is identified in the Global Terrorism Database as having carried out at least one violent terrorist attack against a target in the United States. PPT-US only includes groups that are attributed responsibility for at least one attack for which there is no reservation on the part of GTD analysts that the attack in question is truly terrorist violence (rather than non-terrorist violence or conventional crime), and for which there is high confidence (rather than suspicion) that member(s) of the group are responsible for the attack. Note that these formally named entities vary considerably in their size, scope, and degree of organization.

DEFINITION OF TERRORISM

The GTD defines terrorism as "the threatened or actual use of illegal force and violence by a non-state 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 confidence
2= Moderate confidence
3= High confidence

5. ATTACK HISTORY

Numeric Variable

This variable indicates the dates of the group's first and last known terrorist attacks both worldwide and in the United States in particular, as recorded in the Global Terrorism Database (GTD). This includes all cases attributed to the group, including incidents classified as "doubt terrorism proper" and incidents in which a group is only suspected of responsibility. *Note that the GTD data collection began in 1970, and attacks carried out by the group prior to 1970 are not included.*

Date of first known attack worldwide (as of 1970)

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

Date of last known attack worldwide (as of last date of GTD collection)

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

Date of first known attack in the United States (as of 1970)

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

Date of last known attack in the United States (as of last date of GTD collection)

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 Terrorist Attacks
(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 = Republic of the Congo
49 = Costa Rica
50 = Croatia
51 = Cuba
53 = Cyprus
54 = Czech Republic
55 = Denmark
56 = Djibouti
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 = Guinea-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
101 = Japan
102 = Jordan
103 = Kazakhstan
104 = Kenya
106 = Kuwait
107 = Kyrgyzstan
108 = Laos
109 = Latvia
110 = Lebanon
111 = Lesotho
112 = Liberia
113 = Libya
114 = Liechtenstein*
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
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
190 = St. Lucia
192 = St. Martin*
195 = Sudan
196 = Suriname
197 = Swaziland
198 = Sweden
199 = Switzerland
200 = Syria
201 = Taiwan
202 = Tajikistan

203 = Tanzania
204 = Togo
205 = Thailand
206 = Tonga*
207 = Trinidad and Tobago
208 = Tunisia
209 = Turkey
210 = Turkmenistan
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
226 = Wallis and Futuna
228 = Yemen
229 = Democratic Republic of the Congo
230 = Zambia
231 = Zimbabwe
233 = Northern Ireland*
235 = Yugoslavia
236 = Czechoslovakia
238 = Corsica*
334 = Asian*
347 = East Timor
349 = Western Sahara
351 = Commonwealth of Independent States*
359 = Soviet Union
362 = West Germany (FRG)
377 = North Yemen
403 = Rhodesia
406 = South Yemen
422 = International
428 = South Vietnam
499 = East Germany (GDR)
520 = Sinhalese*
532 = New Hebrides
603 = United Kingdom
604 = Zaire
605 = People's Republic of the Congo
999 = Multinational*
1001 = Serbia
1002 = Montenegro
1003 = Kosovo
1004 = South Sudan

Location of Headquarters
(LOC_HQ_COUNTRY)

See *Location of General Terrorist Attacks* for country code values

Location of Attacks in the United States
(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= Kentucky
20= Louisiana
21= Maine
22= Maryland
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 Headquarters in the United States
(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 perpetrator 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 perpetrator groups that have used violence to achieve their goals. Ideology 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 perpetrator groups that have used violence to achieve their goals and are regionally concentrated with a history of organized political autonomy with their own state, traditional ruler, or regional government, and 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 “No indication based on available data”
-99= Uncertainty/conflicting information exists in available data

Confidence indicator:

1= Low confidence
2= Moderate confidence
3= High confidence

Religious
(I_REL)
Categorical Variable

Religious perpetrator groups are those that use violence to achieve their goals and 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 confidence
2= Moderate confidence
3= 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 confidence
2= Moderate confidence
3= High confidence

Cult
(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

Hindu
(I_REL_4)
Categorical Variable

[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).

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

Islamic (Sunni)
(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

Islamic (Shia)
(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

Jewish & Jewish Orthodox
(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

Sikh (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

Pagan/Polytheist (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

Occult (including Satanist)
(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 perpetrator groups are those that use violence to achieve their goals and 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 confidence
2= Moderate confidence
3= High confidence

Anti-Semitic
(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 perpetrator 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

Communist/Socialist
(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

Marxist/Leninist
(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

Maoist
(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

Black Nationalist (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

New Left
(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 confidence
2= Moderate confidence
3= High confidence

Extreme Right-wing
(I_RIGHT)
Categorical Variable

Extreme right-wing perpetrator groups are those that use violence to achieve their goals and 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). They 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 confidence
2= Moderate confidence
3= High confidence

Anti-Semitic
(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

Fascist/Neo-Fascist (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

Gun Rights
(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

Tax Protest
(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

Single issue perpetrator groups are those that rely heavily on violence motivated by very specific or narrowly-defined 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 confidence
2= Moderate confidence
3= High confidence

Anti-Abortion
(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 confidence
2= Moderate confidence
3= High confidence

Anti-Catholic
(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

Anti-Communist
(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

Anti-Ecology/Pro-Development
(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

Anti-Racist
(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

Anti-Religious
(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

Gun Rights
(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

Tax Protest
(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

Anti-Castro
(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

"Pacifist"/Anti-War
(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

Seek regime type
(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

Territorial goals
(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

Other
(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 confidence
2= Moderate confidence
3= 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

Other

(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

Other
(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 confidence
2= Moderate confidence
3= 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

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

(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 confidence
2= Moderate confidence
3= 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

Other
(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 confidence
2= Moderate confidence
3= 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 confidence
2= Moderate confidence
3= 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

Other
(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 confidence
2= Moderate confidence
3= High confidence

Social

Community activism
(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 confidence
2= Moderate confidence
3= High confidence

Other
(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 confidence
2= Moderate confidence
3= 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 confidence
2= Moderate confidence

3= 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 confidence
2= Moderate confidence
3= 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

Network

(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

Umbrella

(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 confidence
2= Moderate confidence

3= High confidence

Movement

(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
3= High confidence

Other

(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.

The net
(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

The funnel
(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 confidence
2= Moderate confidence
3= High confidence

The seed crystal
(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

Self-recruitment
(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

Other
(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.

Direct
(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

Indirect
(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 confidence
2= Moderate confidence
3= High confidence

Donations

(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 confidence
2= Moderate confidence

3= High confidence

Self-funded
(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

Other
(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 confidence
2= Moderate confidence
3= High confidence

24. NOTES

(NOTE)

This variable indicates any additional notes the profile author thought might be pertinent to understanding the case.

25. NO SOURCES

(NOSOURCES)
Categorical Variable

Are there no sources of information whatsoever for this group?

1= “Yes”
0= “No”