

Guide to White Supremacy Groups

Key Points:

- Individual white supremacists continue to be linked to violence, but modern white supremacist groups—such as American Renaissance and Identity Evropa—generally eschew the violent tactics traditionally used by white nationalists.
- Modern white supremacist groups instead use academic jargon to present white supremacist ideology as a legitimate form of ethno-nationalism. They present their bigoted rhetoric as constitutionally protected free speech and invite opposition—through both litigious and violent means—so that they can present themselves as victims of First Amendment violations.
- White supremacist groups often look to recruit both online and in person, specifically targeting young and educated individuals through social media platforms and on university campuses.

Executive Summary

Since the [Ku Klux Klan](#) (KKK) first formed in 1865, the U.S. government has charged white supremacists with a range of crimes, including civil rights violations, racketeering, solicitation to commit crimes of violence, firearms and explosives violations, and witness tampering.¹ A February 2017 Southern Poverty Law Center report identified 100 active white-nationalist and 99 active neo-Nazi groups in the United States.² But while traditional white supremacist groups such as the Aryan Brotherhood promote blatant racism and violence, more modern groups such as the League of the South and Identity Evropa have promoted white nationalism as a legitimate ideology that belongs in mainstream political and academic spheres.

Social media and the Internet have also provided new outlets for white supremacists to spread their messages and recruit supporters. Founded in 1995, StormFront was America’s oldest and most notorious neo-Nazi online forum. The site’s Internet host took StormFront offline in August 2017,³ while other hate sites, like the Daily Stormer, have moved their operations to the Dark Web.⁴ In recent years, websites like American Renaissance, which couch their supremacist arguments in pseudo-intellectualism and present white supremacy as a legitimate social science have also gained popularity.

¹ “Domestic Threat White Supremacy Extremism,” Federal Bureau of Investigation, May 22, 2012, <https://www.fbi.gov/news/stories/domestic-threat>.

² “Active Hate Groups 2016,” Southern Poverty Law Center, February 15, 2017, <https://www.splcenter.org/fighting-hate/intelligence-report/2017/active-hate-groups-2016#whitenationalist>.

³ Andrew Blake, “Stormfront, internet’s longest-running white supremacist site, goes offline,” *Washington Times*, August 26, 2017, <http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2017/aug/26/stormfront-internets-longest-running-white-suprema/>.

⁴ Hilary Whiteman, “I will not be silenced: Australian Muslim fights Twitter ‘troll army,’” CNN, February 28, 2015, <http://edition.cnn.com/2015/02/27/asia/australia-muslim-twitter-campaign/>; “Neo-Nazi Site Daily Stormer Is Banned By Google After Attempted Move From GoDaddy,” NPR, August 14, 2017, <http://www.npr.org/sections/thetwo-way/2017/08/14/543360434/white-supremacist-site-is-banned-by-go-daddy-after-virginia-rally>; John Biggs, “Daily Stormer has officially retreated to the dark web,” Tech Crunch, August 24, 2017, <https://techcrunch.com/2017/08/24/daily-stormer-has-officially-retreated-to-the-dark-web/>.

This resource profiles some of the most active and virulent white-supremacist groups in the United States, as well as newer groups that are gaining traction in the white-nationalist arena. CEP has also identified several white-supremacist media outlets in print and online. This resource demonstrates the diversity of white-supremacist propaganda and tactics in promoting their singular message of the rejection of non-white cultures.

Group Summaries

American Renaissance

- **Summary:** American Renaissance is a right-wing magazine-turned-blog dedicated to discussing the “problems of race.”⁵ The online magazine is edited by Jared Taylor, who has previously acted as a spokesman for the white supremacist group Council of Conservative Citizens (CCC). CCC president Earl Holt has also contributed to and commented on American Renaissance’s website.⁶ American Renaissance’s publishers consider it the “Internet’s premier race-realist site.”⁷

American Renaissance ran as a monthly print magazine from 1990 to 2012 before switching to an online-only format.⁸ American Renaissance collects tax-deductible donations through the New Century Foundation, a 501(c)3 non-profit Taylor created in 1994.⁹ According to the Southern Poverty Law Center, the New Century Foundation promotes “pseudo-scientific studies and research that purport to show the inferiority of blacks to whites” utilizing academic jargon to disguise itself as serious scholarship.¹⁰ In 2016, the Associated Press reported that the New Century Foundation, alongside three other white supremacist non-profit groups, had raised more than \$8 million in a 10-year period.¹¹

- **Base of Operations:** Oakton, Virginia¹²
- **Website:** www.amren.com
- **Social Media:** [Twitter](#) (suspended), [YouTube](#)

⁵ “About Us,” American Renaissance, accessed July 10, 2015, <http://www.amren.com/about/>; Jamie Stengle and Alan Scher Zagier, “Missouri group cited in shooting suspect’s alleged manifesto,” Associated Press, June 22, 2015, <http://bigstory.ap.org/article/e71b4aedecbe4032a1350eef7950d75c/missouri-group-cited-shooting-suspects-alleged-manifesto>.

⁶ “Archives,” American Renaissance, accessed August 30, 2017, <https://www.amren.com/search/?q=holt>;

⁷ “About Us,” American Renaissance, accessed August 25, 2017, <http://www.amren.com/about/>.

⁸ “About Us,” American Renaissance, accessed August 25, 2017, <http://www.amren.com/about/>.

⁹ “AR Donation Form,” American Renaissance, accessed August 25, 2017, <https://store.amren.com/donate.php>;

“New Century Foundation,” GuideStar, accessed August 25, 2017, <https://www.guidestar.org/profile/61-6212159>.

¹⁰ “American Renaissance,” Southern Poverty Law Center, accessed August 25, 2017,

<https://www.splcenter.org/fighting-hate/extremist-files/group/american-renaissance>.

¹¹ Michael Kunzelman, “White nationalists raise millions with tax-exempt charities,” Associated Press, December 22, 2016, <https://apnews.com/ae1c8163ac574bb3bd1f3facfa5fb83/White-nationalists-raise-millions-with-tax-exempt-charities>.

¹² “About Us,” American Renaissance, accessed August 25, 2017, <http://www.amren.com/about/>.

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- **Leadership:** Editor-in-chief Jared Taylor, with support from Henry Wolff and Chris Roberts.¹³

Membership Size and Relevance: American Renaissance has a major online presence. The group’s Twitter account had more than 27,000 followers on Twitter as of August 25, 2017, but has since been suspended.¹⁴ The group’s YouTube channel has more than 48,000 subscribers and 125 videos that have received more than 5.5. million views as of January 2, 2018.¹⁵ In addition to its online activities, the group also meets in person. American Renaissance’s 2017 annual conference drew what it called a “sell-out,” “record” crowd of 300 participants, allegedly turning away up to 150 others.¹⁶ The conference included notorious white supremacists such as Richard Spencer and Nathan Damigo of Identity Evropa.¹⁷

- **Recruitment and Propaganda:** American Renaissance employs what Jared Taylor has referred to as “sober, factual discussion” in order to present its ethno-nationalism as an academic endeavor.¹⁸ The website’s leaders employ academic language to present racist ideas as legitimate social science. For example, the group’s self-description claims they are “dedicated to the study of immigration and race relations so as to better understand the consequences of America’s increasing diversity...”¹⁹ American Renaissance labels its so-called academic approach as “race realism,” the study of which it promotes as necessary to “the survival of the West.”²⁰

To aid in its recruitment and spread its propaganda, American Renaissance maintains a merchandise section on its website. American Renaissance also encourages visitors to donate directly to the site’s non-profit parent group, New Century Foundation, or bequeath a donation in their wills.²¹

- **Violent Activities:** American Renaissance is not known to have directly instigated any violent attacks. The organization instead relies on the spread of racist propaganda through its own media channels.
- **Rhetoric:**

¹³ “About Us,” American Renaissance, accessed August 25, 2017, <http://www.amren.com/about/>.

¹⁴ American Renaissance Twitter account, accessed August 25, 2017, <https://twitter.com/AmRenaissance>; American Renaissance Twitter account, accessed January 2, 2018, <https://twitter.com/AmRenaissance>.

¹⁵ American Renaissance YouTube channel, accessed January 2, 2018, <https://www.youtube.com/user/AmRenVideos/featured>.

¹⁶ “Sell-Out Conference Shrugs Off Anti-Fa,” American Renaissance, July 31, 2017, <https://www.amren.com/features/2017/07/sell-conference-shrugs-off-anti-fa/>.

¹⁷ “Sell-Out Conference Shrugs Off Anti-Fa,” American Renaissance, July 31, 2017, <https://www.amren.com/features/2017/07/sell-conference-shrugs-off-anti-fa/>.

¹⁸ Jared Taylor, “Am I the First Victim of YouTube’s New Censorship?” August 28, 2017, <https://www.amren.com/commentary/2017/08/big-brothers-first-victim-youtube-censorship-race-intelligence/>.

¹⁹ American Renaissance YouTube channel, accessed August 30, 2017, <https://www.youtube.com/user/AmRenVideos/about>.

²⁰ “About Us,” American Renaissance, accessed August 25, 2017, <http://www.amren.com/about/>.

²¹ “How to Include American Renaissance in Your Will,” American Renaissance, accessed August 30, 2017, <https://www.amren.com/donate/bequests/>.

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- Jared Taylor, July 2017: “We are in a battle for our lives. We are all soldiers in this titanic battle. And we will win!”²²
- Jared Taylor, October 20, 2016: “Neither the French nor the Americans can solve their race problem because they are mentally paralyzed. They refuse to see that the multi-racial societies they are trying to build cannot succeed, and they continue to pile compromise onto accommodation rather than give up on a futile goal.”²³
- Jared Taylor, October 11, 2016: “What whites are expected to do is without precedent in human history. We have the power to keep our lands for ourselves, but we are throwing them open to aliens, aliens who despise us as they take what is ours. Many nations have been overrun by powerful invaders. Never has any people or nation let itself be pillaged by the weak. This is a mental sickness unique to whites and unique to our era.”²⁴

Identity Evropa

- **Summary:** Identity Evropa is a white supremacist group created in 2016. The group promotes white European identity and the preservation of white culture based on the concept of “identitarian politics.” Identity Evropa claims to represent a “generation of awakened Europeans” who “oppose those who would defame our history and rich cultural heritage.”²⁵

Founder Nathan Damigo is a former Marine who was convicted of armed robbery after returning from two tours in Iraq. In prison, he read the works of former KKK leader David Duke and white supremacists J. Philippe Rushton and Nicholas Wade.²⁶ Damigo has spoken publicly alongside white nationalist Richard Spencer, whom Damigo has planned to include in future rallies. Identity Evropa largely targets college students and views protests like the one in Charlottesville, Virginia, as recruitment drives.²⁷

Eli Mosley, who took over Identity Evropa from Damigo in late August 2017, played a key role in organizing the Unite the Right rally earlier that month in Charlottesville, Virginia. Encouraged by the perceived success of the rally, Mosley told media that he

²² “Sell-Out Conference Shrugs Off Anti-Fa,” American Renaissance, July 31, 2017, <https://www.amren.com/features/2017/07/sell-conference-shrugs-off-anti-fa/>.

²³ Jared Taylor, “The Art of Racial Paralysis,” American Renaissance, October 20, 2016, <https://www.amren.com/news/2016/10/the-art-of-racial-paralysis-race-riots-paris-muslims/>.

²⁴ Jared Taylor, “What is the Alt-Right?” American Renaissance, October 11, 2016, <https://www.amren.com/news/2016/10/what-is-the-alt-right-jared-taylor/>.

²⁵ Identity Evropa homepage, accessed August 25, 2017, <https://www.identityevropa.com/>.

²⁶ Hailey Branson-Potts, “In diverse California, a young white supremacist seeks to convert fellow college students,” *Los Angeles Times*, December 7, 2016, <http://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-ln-nathan-damigo-alt-right-20161115-story.html>.

²⁷ KQED, “Californian Who Helped Lead Charlottesville Protests Used Berkeley as a Test Run,” *San Francisco Chronicle*, August 14, 2017, <http://www.sfgate.com/news/article/Californian-Who-Helped-Lead-Charlottesville-11818005.php>.

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planned to organize many more rallies for Identity Evropa.²⁸ In early December 2017, Mosley resigned and Patrick Casey, a.k.a. Reinhard Wolff, became the group's new CEO. Casey reportedly wanted to distance Identity Evropa from the Charlottesville fallout through more private, invite-only events rather than large events like Unite the Right. Casey has called for more public banner displays and more demonstrations on college campuses, as well as meet-ups, fitness clubs, and similar communal events.²⁹

- **Base of Operations:** Oakdale, California³⁰
- **Website:** www.identityevropa.com
- **Social Media Presence:** [Twitter](#), [Twitter \(Ladies of IE\)](#), [Twitter \(Nathan Damigo\)](#), [Twitter \(Eli Mosley\)](#), [Twitter \(Patrick Casey\)](#), [YouTube](#)
- **Leadership:** Nathan Damigo is the founder and former leader of Identity Evropa. On August 27, 2017, Damigo stepped down as Identity Evropa's leader and named Eli Mosley as the new CEO.³¹ In December 2017, Mosley resigned and Patrick Casey became the new CEO.³²
- **Membership Size and Relevance:** Identity Evropa allegedly had a nationwide membership of 300 as of February 2017, but the group has had an increasingly visible presence at national white-supremacy rallies and in the media.³³ Damigo has become a key figure in the white-supremacist world, as well as an outspoken critic of the Antifa movement. Damigo has appeared alongside prominent white supremacists such as David Duke and Jared Taylor. Identity Evropa has more than 25,000 followers on Twitter, while Damigo has more than 20,000.³⁴ Patrick Casey has more than 7,700 Twitter followers.³⁵
- **Recruitment and Propaganda:** Identity Evropa focuses its propaganda and recruitment efforts primarily on university campuses. In 2017, Identity Evropa propaganda appeared on more than 30 college campuses, where the group has sought to start student groups.³⁶

²⁸ A.C. Thompson and Karim Hagg, "A New Generation of White Supremacists Emerges in Charlottesville," *Pro Publica*, August 13, 2017, <https://www.propublica.org/article/a-new-generation-of-white-supremacists-emerges-in-charlottesville>; Alan Feuer, "Far Right Plans Its Next Moves With a New Energy," *New York Times*, August 14, 2017, https://www.nytimes.com/2017/08/14/us/white-supremacists-right-wing-extremists-richard-spencer.html?_r=0.

²⁹ "The Future of Identity Evropa," 18:45, YouTube video, posted by "Red Ice TV," December 2, 2017, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z-pDq1dGGRU&feature=youtu.be&a=>.

³⁰ Patrick May, "California right-winger behind Charlottesville violence," *Record-Bee*, August 16, 2017, <http://www.record-bee.com/article/NO/20170816/NEWS/170819922>.

³¹ "A Renewal of Leadership," Identity Evropa, August 29, 2017, <https://www.identityevropa.com/2017-08-27-press-release.html>.

³² "The Future of Identity Evropa," 18:45, YouTube video, posted by "Red Ice TV," December 2, 2017, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z-pDq1dGGRU&feature=youtu.be&a=>.

³³ Harry Shukman, "Meet the neo-Nazi coming to put up white pride posters on your campus," *The Tab*, February 13, 2017, <http://thetab.com/us/2017/02/15/nathan-damigo-identity-evropa-60697>.

³⁴ Identity Evropa Twitter account, accessed January 2, 2018, <https://twitter.com/IdentityEvropa>; Nathan Damigo Twitter account, accessed January 2, 2018, <https://twitter.com/nathandamigo?lang=en>.

³⁵ Patrick Casey Twitter account, accessed January 2, 2018, <https://twitter.com/patrickcaseyIE>.

³⁶ Patrick Cines, "White 'Identitarian' Group Identity Evropa Considers Seeking Student Org Representation," *Onward State*, April 13, 2017, <https://onwardstate.com/2017/04/13/meet-the-white-identitarian-group-here-at-penn-state-thats-growing-in-numbers/>; "ADL: White Supremacists Making Unprecedented Effort on U.S. College Campuses to Spread Their Message, Recruit," *Anti-Defamation League*, April 24, 2017, <https://www.adl.org/news/press-releases/adl-white-supremacists-making-unprecedented-effort-on-us-college-campuses-to>.

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The group's membership form invites those U.S. residents "of European, non-Semitic heritage" to join its ranks. Applicants "ready to make a real difference for the future of our people" are interviewed over video conference call.³⁷ The group uses the logo of an old European design of a dragon's eye with a "Y" inside, representing the choice between good and evil, according to Identity Evropa.³⁸

- **Violent Activities:** Identity Evropa members have been involved in violent confrontations during several far-right rallies across the country.
 - During an August 7, 2017, rally in Portland, Oregon, members of Identity Evropa were reportedly responsible for violent confrontations with counter-protesters.³⁹
 - During an April 15, 2017, anti-Trump rally in Berkeley, California, Identity Evropa counter-protesters reportedly verbally assaulted protesters in attempts to instigate violence. Damigo was filmed personally punching a protester in the face. Students at California State University at Stanislaus, where Damigo is a student, signed a petition to the university that they do not feel safe with Damigo on campus.⁴⁰
- **Rhetoric:**
 - Nathan Damigo, August 27, 2017: "We have lit a beautiful fire that is engulfing the Western world. The existence of our people is not negotiable, and a new order is now emerging as the old paradigm spasms and flails under the weight of its own contradictions."⁴¹
 - Identity Evropa graphic advertising the Unite the Right rally, July 28, 2017: "You will not replace us"⁴²
 - Identity Evropa Twitter account, July 15, 2017: "The #WarOnWhites is an imminent threat to the security of our nations and the future of our people. Fight back!"⁴³

League of the South

- **Summary:** Created in 1994, the League of the South is a self-proclaimed "neo-Confederate" group that seeks a second Southern secession and a society dominated by

³⁷ "Join Us," Identity Evropa, accessed August 25, 2017, <https://www.identityevropa.com/apply.html>.

³⁸ Matt Pearce, "A guide to some of the far-right symbols seen in Charlottesville," *Los Angeles Times*, August 14, 2017, <http://www.latimes.com/nation/la-na-far-right-symbols-20170814-story.html>.

³⁹ "What You Need To Know About Saturday's 'Patriot' Rally In San Francisco," Southern Poverty Law Center, August 25, 2017, <https://www.splcenter.org/hatewatch/2017/08/25/what-you-need-know-about-saturdays-patriot-rally-san-francisco>.

⁴⁰ Daniel Politi, "White Supremacist Caught on Video Sucker Punching a Woman at Berkeley Protest," *Slate*, April 16, 2017, http://www.slate.com/blogs/the_slatest/2017/04/16/white_supremacist_caught_on_video_sucker_punching_a_woman_at_berkeley_protest.html; Lindsey Bever, "A white supremacist is accused of punching a protester. Classmates say he makes them feel 'unsafe,'" *Washington Post*, April 27, 2017, https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/grade-point/wp/2017/04/27/students-rally-against-hate-speech-and-a-white-supremacist-embroiled-in-berkeley-protests/?utm_term=.8c3f1ebb6dcf.

⁴¹ "A Renewal of Leadership," Identity Evropa, August 29, 2017, <https://www.identityevropa.com/2017-08-27-press-release.html>.

⁴² Identity Evropa, Twitter post, July 28, 2017, <https://twitter.com/IdentityEvropa/status/890912720920379392>.

⁴³ Identity Evropa, Twitter post, July 15, 2017, 8:26 p.m., <https://twitter.com/IdentityEvropa/status/886381556671139840>.

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“European Americans.”⁴⁴ The League advocates the transformation of southern U.S. states into independent nations in order to protect Southerners of European descent who are “committed to preserving the traditional culture of the South.”⁴⁵ The group promotes itself as pro-South and pro-white, and it has levied hateful rhetoric against non-Christians and African Americans, among other minorities. The League further claims that it is not a racist organization as it deems the word “racist” to be “a slur used by anti-Whites.” Instead, the group argues it is “pro-South and pro-White.”⁴⁶

The League of the South has warned supporters about the loss of white, Christian culture in America from what the group calls the “corrupt and corrupting influence of post-Christian culture in America.”⁴⁷ During the League’s June 2017 national conference in Alabama, former KKK leader David Duke said that there has been a “purposeful destruction of our country” and praised the League’s “glorious leader,” Michael Hill.⁴⁸

In February 2017, the League of the South created the Southern Defense Force to “combat this growing leftist menace to our historic Christian civilization.” League of the South founder Michael Hill noted that the League does not promote violence except in “self-defense of life, liberty, and property,” but has called on followers to stand ready by building their firearms and hand-to-hand combat skills. Though Hill officially disavowed the use of violence in an offensive capacity, his inflammatory rhetoric threatens to inspire others to violence, as Hill makes vague and provocative statements such as the assertion that whites will “not only fight back, but relish doing so!”⁴⁹

- **Base of Operations:** Killen, Alabama⁵⁰
- **Website:** dixienet.org (original website), leagueofthesouth.com (current website)
- **Social Media Presence:** [Facebook](#) (suspended), [YouTube](#)
- **Leadership:** Michael Hill is the League of the South’s founder and president.⁵¹
- **Membership Size and Relevance:** The League of the South claims to maintain 16 chapters across the United States.⁵² The group’s membership has significantly increased since its founding in 1994. By 1998, the League of the South claimed to have recruited 4,000 members. By 2000, it reportedly had roughly 9,000 members. In the early 2000s,

⁴⁴ League of the South homepage, accessed August 25, 2017, <http://leagueofthesouth.com/>.

⁴⁵ “Frequently Asked Questions,” League of the South, accessed August 25, 2017, <http://leagueofthesouth.com/faqs/>.

⁴⁶ “League of the South,” Southern Poverty Law Center, accessed August 23, 2017, <https://www.splcenter.org/fighting-hate/extremist-files/group/league-south>; “Frequently Asked Questions,” League of the South, accessed August 25, 2017, <http://leagueofthesouth.com/faqs/>.

⁴⁷ “League of the South,” Southern Poverty Law Center, <https://www.splcenter.org/fighting-hate/extremist-files/group/league-south>.

⁴⁸ Harold Crews, “Dr. David Duke - The Keynote Address,” YouTube video, posted July 2, 2017, 1:55:00, https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZG_Q3FctE2I; “Dr. David Duke’s keynote address,” League of the South, accessed August 25, 2017, <http://leagueofthesouth.com/dr-david-dukes-keynote-address/>.

⁴⁹ Michael Hill, “Charlotte and negro violence,” League of the South, September 22, 2016, <http://leagueofthesouth.com/charlotte-and-negro-violence/>.

⁵⁰ League of the South homepage, accessed August 25, 2017, <http://leagueofthesouth.com/>.

⁵¹ League of the South homepage, accessed August 25, 2017, <http://leagueofthesouth.com/>.

⁵² “State Chapters,” League of the South, accessed August 25, 2017, http://dixienet.org/rights/2013/state_chapters.php.

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that number allegedly grew to 15,000 members nationwide. In 2009, Michael Hill claimed that his organization had 25,000 members but far-right watchdog groups doubt the veracity of this claim.⁵³ As of August 25, 2017, more than 7,500 people followed the League of the South’s Facebook page. The page has since been suspended.⁵⁴ The group’s YouTube channel has received more than 47,000 views as of January 2, 2018.⁵⁵

In the mid-2000s, the League of the South splintered as many group leaders defected over Hill’s increasing racism. However, the group has adapted to internal fissures by mobilizing new followers around mainstream political issues such as immigration and “traditional marriage.”⁵⁶

- **Recruitment and Propaganda:** The League of the South appeals to Southern pride and nationalism by propagandizing that the Southern way of life is under threat. Those who join the group are told that they are joining “a group of Southern Nationalist men and women who are not content to sit by and allow their land, liberty, and culture be destroyed by an alien regime and ideology.”⁵⁷ The League of the South offers membership rates ranging from \$30 for students to \$1,000 for “sustaining” members.⁵⁸ To spread its propaganda, the League maintains a social-media presence through Facebook and YouTube. It also hosts annual conferences and distributes newsletters.
- **Violent Activities:** Members of the League of the South have been linked to political violence and domestic terrorism plots.
 - In 2004, police arrested Michael Tubbs, a leading activist in Florida, and found several caches of arms and explosives along with a target list that included newspapers, television stations, and Jewish-owned businesses.⁵⁹ After his arrest, news outlets discovered that Tubbs had a history of violence and had robbed fellow soldiers at gunpoint. Despite the arrest, Michael Hill and other leaders allowed Tubbs to remain a member.⁶⁰
- **Rhetoric:**
 - Michael Hill, March 28, 2017: “With each passing day, we move closer to open conflict in America—civil war, if you will—between the forces of Western Civilization (which is founded on a biblical understanding of nationalism) and the forces of Judeo-Marxism or godless international leftism in general.”⁶¹

⁵³ “League of the South,” Southern Poverty Law Center, <https://www.splcenter.org/fighting-hate/extremist-files/group/league-south>.

⁵⁴ League of the South Facebook page, accessed August 25, 2017, <https://www.facebook.com/leagueofthesouth/>; League of the South Facebook page, accessed September 12, 2017, <https://www.facebook.com/leagueofthesouth/>.

⁵⁵ “Dixienet II,” YouTube Channel, accessed January 2, 2018, <https://www.youtube.com/user/DixieNetII/featured>.

⁵⁶ “League of the South,” Southern Poverty Law Center, <https://www.splcenter.org/fighting-hate/extremist-files/group/league-south>.

⁵⁷ Michael Hill, “What is the League of the South?” League of the South, accessed August 25, 2017, <http://leagueofthesouth.com/about/>.

⁵⁸ “Join the Cause!” League of the South, accessed August 25, 2017, <http://leagueofthesouth.com/application/>.

⁵⁹ “League of the South,” Southern Poverty Law Center, <https://www.splcenter.org/fighting-hate/extremist-files/group/league-south>.

⁶⁰ “League of the South,” Southern Poverty Law Center, <https://www.splcenter.org/fighting-hate/extremist-files/group/league-south>.

⁶¹ Michael Hill, “The coming civil war in America,” League of the South, March 28, 2017, <http://leagueofthesouth.com/the-coming-civil-war-in-america/>.

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- Michael Hill, September 22, 2016: “Feral negroes and those puppeteers who control their actions had best be careful not to take their street theater too far from the urban kraals in which it has thus far been confined. When they hit the suburbs, the small towns, and the rural areas of the South, there is going to be a surprise awaiting them: white people who not only fight back, but relish doing so!”⁶²
- Michael Hill, August 18, 2016: “I remember a time when I felt comfortable pretty much everywhere I went, from the rural, the suburban, to the urban. And the reason was simple: the white European man was clearly in control of all those areas. I never thought of taking a pistol with me when I went to downtown Birmingham, or Memphis, or Atlanta. The South, in particular, was still thoroughly White Man’s Land (but that was slowly changing because of the federal government’s involvement in forcing “civil rights” for negroes down our throats).”⁶³
- Michael Hill, July 12, 2016: “If you put every negro in America in California or Texas with its present great wealth and infrastructure, those places would turn into uncivilized hell holes in no time at all. Negroes cannot maintain white civilization, and they surely cannot build it on their own.”⁶⁴
- League of the South board member Jack Kershaw, 1998: “Somebody needs to say a good word for slavery. Where in the world are the Negroes better off today than in America?”⁶⁵

National Socialist Movement

- **Summary:** The National Socialist Movement (NSM) is a prominent neo-Nazi group that has directed extremist, incendiary rhetoric toward Jews and other minorities while supporting violence in pursuit of its political goal of “the union of all Whites into a greater America on the basis of the right of national self-determination.”⁶⁶ The Southern Poverty Law Center identifies the NSM as the largest neo-Nazi movement in the United States.⁶⁷ The NSM bills itself as “America’s premier white civil rights organization.”⁶⁸ Though the NSM officially rejects violence, its members have been linked to violent

⁶² Michael Hill, “Charlotte and negro violence,” League of the South, September 22, 2016, <http://leagueofthesouth.com/charlotte-and-negro-violence/>.

⁶³ Michael Hill, “Michael Hill: My pledge of allegiance,” League of the South, August 18, 2016, <http://leagueofthesouth.com/michael-hill-my-pledge-of-allegiance/>.

⁶⁴ Michael Hill, “A little race reality,” League of the South, July 12, 2016, <http://leagueofthesouth.com/a-little-race-reality/>.

⁶⁵ “League of the South,” Southern Poverty Law Center, <https://www.splcenter.org/fighting-hate/extremist-files/group/league-south>.

⁶⁶ “25 points of American National Socialism” National Socialist Movement, <http://www.nsm88.org/25points/25pointseagl.html>.

⁶⁷ “National Socialist Movement,” Southern Poverty Law Center, August 16, 2017, <https://www.splcenter.org/fighting-hate/extremist-files/group/national-socialist-movement>.

⁶⁸ National Socialist Movement homepage, accessed August 24, 2017, <http://www.nsm88.org/>.

activities. In October 2017, for example, an NSM member allegedly attempted to cause an Amtrak train crash in Nebraska.⁶⁹

The NSM acknowledges that Adolf Hitler created Nazism in Germany, but believes that it can be applied anywhere. The movement believes society promotes a “big lie” of equality among the races, and “the White Race” is “the most advanced and progress producing race on earth.” The NSM believes that the white race faces extinction through race mixing as well as violence. To that end, the NSM calls for street demonstrations, rallies, and marches in order to spread its message, as it believes that the mainstream media is dominated by Jews.⁷⁰

- **Base of Operations:** Detroit, Michigan⁷¹
- **Website:** www.nsm88.org
- **Social Media Presence:** [YouTube](#)
- **Leadership:** Commander Jeff Schoep is NSM’s founder and national director. Other prominent leaders include Captain Brian Culpepper, public relations, and Captain Butch Urban, chief of staff.⁷²
- **Membership Size and Relevance:** Although NSM’s total nationwide membership is unknown, the group has 61 local chapters in 35 states and is the largest neo-Nazi group in America.⁷³ The group also claims to have chapters in the United Kingdom, Italy, Estonia, and Sweden.⁷⁴ On YouTube, the group has 1,020 subscribers and 149 videos as of January 2, 2018.⁷⁵
- **Recruitment and Propaganda:** The NSM’s main goal is to “secure the existence of our people and a future for White children.”⁷⁶ NSM’s *25 Points of American National Socialism*” manifesto also contains anti-Semitic rhetoric and insists that “no Jew or homosexual may be a member of the nation (greater America).”⁷⁷

The NSM’s manifesto, “25 Points of American National Socialism,” details the hate group’s goal of creating a “union of all Whites into a greater America on the basis of the

⁶⁹ Lori Pilger, “FBI accuses white supremacist of terror attack on Amtrak train in rural Nebraska,” *Lincoln Journal Star*, January 4, 2018, http://journalstar.com/news/state-and-regional/nebraska/fbi-accuses-white-supremacist-of-terror-attack-on-amtrak-train/article_82f0860e-3c75-5a66-ab0c-a2e3a3c16aab.html.

⁷⁰ “Frequently Asked Questions,” National Socialist Movement, accessed August 25, 2017, <http://www.nsm88.org/faqs/frequently%20asked%20questions%20about%20national%20socialism.pdf>.

⁷¹ National Socialist Movement homepage, accessed August 24, 2017, <http://www.nsm88.org/>.

⁷² “National Officers & Departments,” National Socialist Movement, accessed August 24, 2017, <http://www.nsm88.org/contact/index.htm>.

⁷³ “National Socialist Movement,” Southern Poverty Law Center, August 16, 2017, <https://www.splcenter.org/fighting-hate/extremist-files/group/national-socialist-movement>.

⁷⁴ “Contacts by State,” National Socialist Movement, accessed August 25, 2017, <http://www.nsm88.org/units/contact.html>.

⁷⁵ “NSM Media TV,” YouTube Channel, accessed January 2, 2018, <https://www.youtube.com/user/LeniAndJoeTV/featured>.

⁷⁶ “Frequently Asked Questions,” National Socialist Movement, accessed August 25, 2017, <http://www.nsm88.org/faqs/frequently%20asked%20questions%20about%20national%20socialism.pdf>.

⁷⁷ “25 points of American National Socialism,” National Socialist Movement, <http://www.nsm88.org/25points/25pointseagl.html>.

right of national self-determination.”⁷⁸ The manifesto calls for an end to all immigration to the United States and a series of economic changes, including the dissolution and nationalization of corporations. The manifesto also calls for the abolishment of the U.S. healthcare system and its replacement with universal healthcare. At the same time, the manifesto is peppered with racist and anti-Semitic language blaming immigrants, non-whites, and Jews for the societal and political problems in the United States.⁷⁹

The NSM requires its members to be at least 18 years old, but it also maintains a youth wing called the Viking Youth Corps for children between the ages of 14 and 17.⁸⁰ The program is open to children of NSM members who are of pure European decent. The NSM refuses membership to children with Jewish or mixed-race bloodlines.⁸¹

The NSM uses the swastika as its symbol, believing that it represents the white race just as the Star of David represents Jews.⁸² The NSM also publishes a print and online magazine of the same name.⁸³

- **Violent Activities:** NSM officially disavows violent tactics.⁸⁴ Nonetheless, members of the group have been linked to racial violence.
 - On October 22, 2017, Taylor Michael Wilson broke into a restricted area of an Amtrak train traveling through Oxford, Nebraska, and pulled the emergency brake, allegedly with the intention of causing the train to crash. Wilson was carrying an NSM business card and a loaded .38 caliber handgun, according to the FBI. Wilson also reportedly attended the 2017 Unite the Right rally in Charlottesville, Virginia. That December, police searched Wilson’s Missouri home and discovered hundreds of rounds of ammunition, gunpowder, and tactical equipment. Wilson was charged that month in federal court with terrorism and violence against railroad carriers. According to an FBI affidavit, Wilson’s armory was to “have been used for or obtained in anticipation of engaging in or planning to engage in criminal offenses against the United States.”⁸⁵

⁷⁸“25 points of American National Socialism” National Socialist Movement, <http://www.nsm88.org/25points/25pointsengl.html>.

⁷⁹“25 points of American National Socialism” National Socialist Movement, <http://www.nsm88.org/25points/25pointsengl.html>.

⁸⁰ “Frequently Asked Questions,” National Socialist Movement, accessed August 25, 2017, <http://www.nsm88.org/faqs/frequently%20asked%20questions%20about%20national%20socialism.pdf>.

⁸¹ “What a Viking Youth Is,” National Socialist Movement, accessed August 25, 2017, <http://www.nsm88.org/youth/vycjoin.html>.

⁸² “Frequently Asked Questions,” National Socialist Movement, accessed August 25, 2017, <http://www.nsm88.org/faqs/frequently%20asked%20questions%20about%20national%20socialism.pdf>.

⁸³ “NSM Party Magazine,” National Socialist Movement, accessed August 24, 2017, <http://www.nsm88.org/stormtrooper/index.html>.

⁸⁴ “Welcome to the Commander's Desk Commander Jeff Schoep's Blog,” National Socialist Movement, accessed August 25, 2017, <http://www.nsm88.org/commandersdesk/>.

⁸⁵ Jessica Chia, “Suspected neo-Nazi who pulled emergency brakes on Amtrak train is charged with terrorism: report,” *Daily News*, January 5, 2018, <http://www.nydailynews.com/news/crime/suspected-neo-nazi-charged-terrorism-report-article-1.3739060>; Lori Pilger, “FBI accuses white supremacist of terror attack on Amtrak train in rural Nebraska,” *Lincoln Journal Star*, January 4, 2018, http://journalstar.com/news/state-and-regional/nebraska/fbi-accuses-white-supremacist-of-terror-attack-on-amtrak-train/article_82f0860e-3c75-5a66-ab0c-a2e3a3c16aab.html;

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- In 2010, NSM activists mobilized in Arizona’s Vekol Valley with pistols and high-powered rifles in order to “fight the (Mexican drug) cartels and reclaim the land.”⁸⁶
- In October 15, 2005, NSM members marched through Toledo, Ohio, protesting the harassment of whites by black gangs. The march resulted in four-hour riots involving counter-protesters.⁸⁷
- **Rhetoric:**
 - NSM Frequently Asked Questions: “The first step is to awaken White people the world over to their own racial identity and to give them a profound appreciation of who they are. This is a huge undertaking! But it must be done and the NSM is doing everything in its power to do it! Conducting street demonstrations, marches and public rallies are all great ways to awaken and enable our racial family.”⁸⁸
 - NSM Frequently Asked Questions: “In the U.S. we’ve suffered under a false economy since the establishment of the unconstitutional Federal Reserve. Under this Jew infected system, the Jews and bankers charge the U.S. for its own money through interest! Under the NSM we will abolish the Federal Reserve and have our money based on the quality of the goods produced by the nation.”⁸⁹
 - NSM Frequently Asked Questions: The unnatural power of the Jews desperately needs to be broken. Through dedication and lots of hard work, the National Socialist Movement will bring us to victory! Due to the uncompromising nature and reason based principles of National Socialism, it is ONLY National Socialism that will succeed! When it is a fight for the very existence of our People and a future for White children, there is no other alternative! Victory or death!!!⁹⁰
 - Jeff Schoep: “When ... you take a German Shepherd and mix him with a Golden Retriever you have a worthless animal that nobody wants and that isn’t worth anything if you’re trying to breed him or sell him. ... [T]hese degenerates that allow their children to race mix and this sort of thing, they’re destroying the bloodlines of both races.”⁹¹
 - JT Ready, June 15, 2000: “I do not see the niggers, homosexuals, mexicans, jews, or even child molesters ashamed or afraid to speak their minds and rally, march, post, and be activists for their sick cause. And too many brave men and women

United States of America v. Taylor Michael Wilson Criminal Complaint, U.S. District Court for the District of Nebraska, December 22, 2017.

⁸⁶ Stephen Lemons, “J.T. Ready’s Neo-Nazi Patrol for Migrants in the Vekol Valley, and Its Discovery of a Dead Body,” *Phoenix New Times*, June 21, 2010, <http://www.phoenixnewtimes.com/blogs/jt-ready-s-neo-nazi-patrol-for-migrants-in-the-vekol-valley-and-its-discovery-of-a-dead-body-6503453>; “National Socialist Movement,” Southern Poverty Law Center, August 16, 2017, <https://www.splcenter.org/fighting-hate/extremist-files/group/national-socialist-movement>.

⁸⁷ “Planned neo-Nazi march sparks violence,” October 15, 2005, <http://www.cnn.com/2005/US/10/15/nazi.march/>.

⁸⁸ “Frequently Asked Questions,” National Socialist Movement, accessed August 25, 2017, <http://www.nsm88.org/faqs/frequently%20asked%20questions%20about%20national%20socialism.pdf>.

⁸⁹ “Frequently Asked Questions,” National Socialist Movement, accessed August 25, 2017, <http://www.nsm88.org/faqs/frequently%20asked%20questions%20about%20national%20socialism.pdf>.

⁹⁰ “Frequently Asked Questions,” National Socialist Movement, accessed August 25, 2017, <http://www.nsm88.org/faqs/frequently%20asked%20questions%20about%20national%20socialism.pdf>.

⁹¹ “National Socialist Movement,” Southern Poverty Law Center, August 16, 2017, <https://www.splcenter.org/fighting-hate/extremist-files/group/national-socialist-movement>.

died to give me the chance to fight now. I will honor their blood and fight for soil.”⁹²

Traditionalist Worker Party/Traditionalist Youth Network

- **Summary:** The Traditionalist Worker Party (TWP) emerged in 2015 as the political arm of the Traditionalist Youth Network (TYN), which Matthew Parrott and Matthew Heimbach created in 2013. The TWP claims to be America’s “first political party created by and for working families.”⁹³ Although the TWP claims that it is opposed to racism, it is allied with neo-Nazi and other racist groups, and its leaders have used extremist rhetoric against African-Americans, homosexuals, and Jews.

The Southern Poverty Law Center has dubbed Heimbach a “rising star in the white supremacist world.”⁹⁴ According to the Anti-Defamation League, Heimbach cites former KKK leader David Duke as a major influence.⁹⁵ Parrott owns a compound in southern Indiana where he and his son-in-law, Heimbach, live with other followers. The TWP plans to put forward candidates in Indiana’s state and local elections in 2018.⁹⁶ Heimbach promoted and attended the August 2017 Unite the Right rally in Charlottesville, Virginia.⁹⁷

The TWP focuses its rhetoric on the pillars of faith, family, and folk. The party calls for a rejection of atheism and secularism while claiming its members come from the “traditional faiths of the European people.” It promotes what it calls traditional family values, and fights for the interests of white Americans, who it says have been “abandoned by the System and actively attacked by globalists and traitorous politicians.” The group claims it actively fights for a white homeland in order to secure the future existence of the white people.⁹⁸

- **Base of Operations:** Paoli, Indiana⁹⁹

⁹² “National Socialist Movement,” Southern Poverty Law Center, August 16, 2017,

<https://www.splcenter.org/fighting-hate/extremist-files/group/national-socialist-movement>.

⁹³ Traditionalist Worker Party homepage, accessed August 24, 2017, <http://www.tradworker.org/>; “Traditionalist Worker Party,” Southern Poverty Law Center, <https://www.splcenter.org/fighting-hate/extremist-files/group/traditionalist-worker-party>.

⁹⁴ “Traditionalist Worker Party,” Southern Poverty Law Center, <https://www.splcenter.org/fighting-hate/extremist-files/group/traditionalist-worker-party>.

⁹⁵ “Traditionalist Youth Network,” Anti-Defamation League, accessed August 24, 2017, <https://www.adl.org/education/resources/backgrounders/traditionalist-youth-network>.

⁹⁶ Shay McAlister, “S. Indiana white nationalists working to shut the door on multicultural America,” 2016, WHAS 11 ABC, <http://www.whas11.com/news/special-reports/s-indiana-white-nationalists-working-to-shut-the-door-on-multicultural-america/373394558>.

⁹⁷ Allison Carter and Robert King, “What we know about Matthew Heimbach, Indiana white nationalist who helped promote Charlottesville,” *Indianapolis Star*, August 15, 2017, <http://www.indystar.com/story/news/crime/2017/08/15/what-we-know-matthew-heimbach-indiana-white-nationalist-who-helped-promote-charlottesville/568805001/>.

⁹⁸ “Party Platform,” Traditionalist Worker Party, accessed August 24, 2017, <http://www.tradworker.org/platform/>.

⁹⁹ Allison Carter and Robert King, “What we know about Matthew Heimbach, Indiana white nationalist who helped promote Charlottesville,” *Indianapolis Star*, August 15, 2017,

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- **Website:** www.tradworker.org, www.tradyouth.org
- **Social Media Presence:** [Twitter \(TYN\)](#) (suspended), [Twitter \(TWP\)](#) (suspended), [Twitter \(Matthew Parrott\)](#), [YouTube \(TWP\)](#), [YouTube \(TYN\)](#)
- **Leadership:** Matthew Heimbach is the chairman and co-founder of the TWP. Matthew Parrott is the chief information officer and co-founder.¹⁰⁰
- **Membership Size and Relevance:** The TWP has chapters in Kentucky and Ohio.¹⁰¹ On YouTube, the group has gathered more than 6,800 subscribers and more than 407,000 channel views as of January 2, 2018.¹⁰² The TYN YouTube channel has more than 55,000 views and 756 subscribers as of January 2, 2018.¹⁰³ As of August 2017, the TYN had more than 6,700 Twitter followers.¹⁰⁴ By January 2018, the TYN and TWP Twitter accounts had been suspended.
- **Recruitment and Propaganda:** The TWP and TYN rely on the distribution of printed propaganda materials as well as social media and the group’s website. The party’s website offers a propaganda section with multiple pro-Nazi and white nationalist fliers, stickers, and other materials.¹⁰⁵ Followers are encouraged to move to the group’s compound in Indiana.¹⁰⁶
- **Violent Activities:** TWP has not been found to instigate violence directly. Its followers have, however, physically clashed with protesters.
 - A June 2016 TWP rally in Sacramento, California, turned into a brawl between TWP supporters and the Sacramento chapter of the Anti-Fascist Network, leaving 10 people injured.¹⁰⁷
 - In March 2016, Heimbach physically assaulted a black protester at a Donald Trump campaign rally in Louisville, Kentucky. He was fined and ordered to attend anger management.¹⁰⁸

<http://www.indystar.com/story/news/crime/2017/08/15/what-we-know-matthew-heimbach-indiana-white-nationalist-who-helped-promote-charlottesville/568805001/>.

¹⁰⁰ “Traditionalist Youth Network,” Anti-Defamation League, accessed August 24, 2017,

<https://www.adl.org/education/resources/backgrounders/traditionalist-youth-network>.

¹⁰¹ Allison Carter and Robert King, “What we know about Matthew Heimbach, Indiana white nationalist who helped promote Charlottesville,” *Indianapolis Star*, August 15, 2017,

<http://www.indystar.com/story/news/crime/2017/08/15/what-we-know-matthew-heimbach-indiana-white-nationalist-who-helped-promote-charlottesville/568805001/>.

¹⁰² Traditionalist Worker Party YouTube Channel, accessed January 2, 2018,

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC4f8Z2XefBDL421pnNEQH0Q/about>.

¹⁰³ Traditionalist Youth Network YouTube Channel, accessed January 2, 2018,

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCKmcfC22VcMbUMJAAWq9zdw/about>.

¹⁰⁴ TradYouth, Twitter page, accessed August 24, 2017, <https://twitter.com/tradyouth>.

¹⁰⁵ “Propaganda,” Traditionalist Worker Party, accessed August 24, 2017, <http://www.tradworker.org/propaganda/>.

¹⁰⁶ Shay McAlister, “S. Indiana white nationalists working to shut the door on multicultural America,” 2016, WHAS 11 ABC, <http://www.whas11.com/news/special-reports/s-indiana-white-nationalists-working-to-shut-the-door-on-multicultural-america/373394558>.

¹⁰⁷ Tim Stelloh, Christopher Essner, and Jo Ling Kent, “10 Injured During White Nationalist Rally in California Capital,” NBC News, June 26, 2016, <https://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/six-stabbed-during-white-supremacy-rally-california-n599281>.

¹⁰⁸ “Man charged with harassment over removal of Trump protesters,” Associated Press, May 1, 2017, <https://apnews.com/80eb94c018c5449e8089fd69f51a538b/Man-charged-with-harassment-over-removal-of-Trump-protesters>; “White nationalist leader pleads guilty in Trump rally case,” Associated Press, July 19, 2017,

- In December 2013, Heimbach’s White Student Union at Towson University created nightly patrols to seek out so-called “black predators.”¹⁰⁹
- **Rhetoric:**
 - TWP: “The organized Jewish community’s record of deceit, duplicity, and double-standards in lobbying against American interests within the American political system is unmatched.”¹¹⁰
 - Matthew Heimbach, 2017: “We are the only ideology that can defeat the international Jew and the international capitalist.”¹¹¹
 - Matthew Parrott, 2016: “When critical thinkers are shown what to look for, they become anti-Semites in due time despite themselves, as Jewish subversion of the West is too pervasive and consistently hostile and destructive to remain objective about for long.”¹¹²
 - Matthew Parrott, 2016: “Homosexuality is universally taboo because it’s dangerous, dysfunctional, and degenerate. It’s not a healthy part of a balanced civilization. Homosexuality’s like shingles, always lingering in the background but only flaring up into a real problem when a civilization’s somehow weakened or decrepit.”¹¹³

Vanguard America/Patriot Front

Summary: Vanguard America (VA) is a white nationalist, neo-Nazi group that opposes the idea of a multicultural America and has propagated an extremist, incendiary platform targeting African Americans, immigrants, Jews, and other minorities. Founded in 2014, the group primarily operates online, though its website was suspended in August 2017 by its Internet service provider. As exemplified by its slogan of “blood and soil,” VA has tied national identity and racial identity. The group believes that the United States is meant exclusively for the white nation.¹¹⁴

In December 2016, authorities discovered VA fliers posted on the University of Maryland campus.¹¹⁵ During the 2016-2017 school year, the Anti-Defamation League

<https://apnews.com/ee14f79ada6947e38e90ee9cac33d999/White-nationalist-leader-pleads-guilty-in-Trump-rally-case>.

¹⁰⁹ Wes Enzina, “Here Comes the White-Power Safety Patrol - They Want to Clean Up Your Campus,” Vice News, December 25, 2013, https://www.vice.com/en_us/article/znqpye/white-student-union.

¹¹⁰ “Party Platform,” Traditionalist Worker Party, accessed August 24, 2017, <http://www.tradworker.org/platform/>.

¹¹¹ “What is National Socialism,” YouTube Video, posted February 8, 2017, by Traditionalist Workers Party, <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC4f8Z2XefBDL421pnNEQH0Q>.

¹¹² “Traditionalist Worker Party,” Southern Poverty Law Center, <https://www.splcenter.org/fighting-hate/extremist-files/group/traditionalist-worker-party>.

¹¹³ “Traditionalist Worker Party,” Southern Poverty Law Center, <https://www.splcenter.org/fighting-hate/extremist-files/group/traditionalist-worker-party>.

¹¹⁴ “Vanguard America,” Anti-Defamation League, accessed August 28, 2017, <https://www.adl.org/education/resources/backgrounders/vanguard-america>.

¹¹⁵ Justin Wm. Moyer, “‘We have a right to exist.’ White supremacist fliers reported at the University of Maryland,” *Washington Post*, December 14, 2016, https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/grade-point/wp/2016/12/14/we-have-a-right-to-exist-white-supremacist-fliers-reported-at-the-university-of-maryland/?tid=ai&utm_term=.744321a59264.

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discovered 32 incidents of VA propaganda on university campuses in Arkansas, California, Florida, Indiana, Maryland, New Jersey, Oregon, Texas, Virginia, and Washington. The group also organizes public rallies in conjunction with other supremacist groups.¹¹⁶

Thomas Ryan Rousseau, leader of VA's Texas chapter, brought a contingent of VA members to the August 2017 Unite the Right rally in Charlottesville, Virginia.¹¹⁷ Alex Fields, who drove his car into a crowd of counter-protesters, killing one, was photographed wearing VA's uniform during the rally. VA condemned the use of violence, claiming to be a political movement.¹¹⁸ In late August 2017, Rousseau broke from VA to form the Patriot Front after disagreements with its leaders. Rousseau reportedly seized control of VA's servers and repurposed its website and social media accounts. The Patriot Front has since held rallies and displayed propaganda in California, Maryland, Illinois, Texas, Florida, and elsewhere across the country.¹¹⁹

- **Base of Operations:** New Mexico (VA),¹²⁰ Texas (Patriot Front)¹²¹
- **Website:** bloodandsoil.org (suspended under VA and repurposed for Patriot Front)
- **Social Media Presence:** [Twitter \(Vanguard America, suspended\)](#), [Twitter \(Patriot Front\)](#), [Twitter \(Patriot Front Texas Chapter\)](#), [Twitter \(Patriot Front Washington Chapter\)](#), [YouTube Channel \(Patriot Front, formerly Vanguard\)](#)
- **Leadership:** Dillon Hopper, a.k.a. Dillon Irizarry, a Marine Corps veteran from New Mexico, is the leader of Vanguard America.¹²² Francisco Rivera claims to be the group's public relations liaison.¹²³ Thomas Ryan Rousseau is the former leader of VA's Texas chapter and the founder of the Patriot Front.¹²⁴
- **Membership Size and Relevance:** As of August 2017, VA had active chapters in Arizona, California, Florida, Indiana, Louisiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Texas, Virginia, and Washington. Irizarry has claimed the group is active in 20 states and has a membership of at least 200. VA formed a women's

¹¹⁶ "Vanguard America," Anti-Defamation League, accessed August 28, 2017, <https://www.adl.org/education/resources/backgrounders/vanguard-america>.

¹¹⁷ "Patriot Front," Anti-Defamation League, accessed December 27, 2017, <https://www.adl.org/education/resources/backgrounders/patriot-front>.

¹¹⁸ Justin Wm. Moyer and Lindsey Bever, "Vanguard America, a white supremacist group, denies Charlottesville ramming suspect was a member," *Washington Post*, August 15, 2017, https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/vanguard-america-a-white-supremacist-group-denies-charlottesville-attacker-was-a-member/2017/08/15/2ec897c6-810e-11e7-8072-73e1718c524d_story.html?utm_term=.816c2d8e5755.

¹¹⁹ "Patriot Front," Anti-Defamation League, accessed December 27, 2017, <https://www.adl.org/education/resources/backgrounders/patriot-front>.

¹²⁰ "Vanguard America," Anti-Defamation League, accessed August 28, 2017, <https://www.adl.org/education/resources/backgrounders/vanguard-america>.

¹²¹ "Patriot Front," Anti-Defamation League, accessed December 27, 2017, <https://www.adl.org/education/resources/backgrounders/patriot-front>.

¹²² "Vanguard America," Anti-Defamation League, accessed August 28, 2017, <https://www.adl.org/education/resources/backgrounders/vanguard-america>.

¹²³ Francisco Rivera, Twitter account, accessed August 28, 2017, <https://twitter.com/SpokesmanRivera>.

¹²⁴ "Patriot Front," Anti-Defamation League, accessed December 27, 2017, <https://www.adl.org/education/resources/backgrounders/patriot-front>.

division in 2017.¹²⁵ According to the Anti-Defamation League, VA primarily targets 18- to 24-year-olds.¹²⁶

The exact size of the Patriot Front is undetermined. As of January 2, 2018, the Patriot Front's YouTube channel had 1,019 subscribers.¹²⁷ Created in September 2017, the Patriot Front's Twitter account had 1,005 followers as of January 2, 2018.¹²⁸ Repurposed from VA's Texas chapter, the Twitter account of the Patriot Front's Texas chapter had 781 followers as of January 2, 2018.¹²⁹ Also repurposed from the VA's Washington chapter, the Twitter account of the Patriot Front's Washington chapter had 740 followers as of January 2, 2018.¹³⁰

Recruitment and Propaganda: VA and the Patriot Front utilize the Internet to spread their propaganda through fliers, stickers, and social media channels. The group has also distributed propaganda at universities, synagogues, and other public forums, publicly displaying white-nationalist and anti-Semitic banners and other propaganda.¹³¹ VA requires its members to be at least 80 percent European ancestry, while banning felons, addicts, "homosexuals, transsexual, adulterers, or any other form of sexual degeneracy."¹³²

The Patriot Front has embraced imagery that is both patriotic American and traditional fascist. The Front has imbued its manifesto with patriotic language that paints the organization as the savior of an America that, "as we know it, is already dead or will not survive. This age of our people will instead be seen as an era of rebirth, and the beginning of a new chapter in history." The Front is dedicated to creating a "nation within a nation" that will be a "hard reset" of the current America and "a return to the traditions and virtues of our forefathers."¹³³ During its demonstrations, the Front has employed anti-immigrant, anti-Semitic, and racist language that calls for the deportation and/or the marginalization of non-whites.¹³⁴

¹²⁵ "Vanguard America," Anti-Defamation League, accessed August 28, 2017, <https://www.adl.org/education/resources/backgrounders/vanguard-america>.

¹²⁶ Justin Wm. Moyer and Lindsey Bever, "Vanguard America, a white supremacist group, denies Charlottesville ramming suspect was a member," *Washington Post*, August 15, 2017, https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/vanguard-america-a-white-supremacist-group-denies-charlottesville-attacker-was-a-member/2017/08/15/2ec897c6-810e-11e7-8072-73e1718c524d_story.html?utm_term=.816c2d8e5755.

¹²⁷ Patriot Front, YouTube channel, accessed January 2, 2018, <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCrcGs2Nj6rZX0XNdEd1b09Q/featured>.

¹²⁸ Patriot Front, Twitter account, accessed January 2, 2018, <https://twitter.com/FrontPatriot>.

¹²⁹ Texas Front, Twitter account, accessed January 2, 2018, https://twitter.com/Texas_Front.

¹³⁰ Washington Front, Twitter account, accessed January 2, 2018, <https://twitter.com/WashingtonFront>.

¹³¹ "Vanguard America," Anti-Defamation League, accessed August 28, 2017, <https://www.adl.org/education/resources/backgrounders/vanguard-america>; "Patriot Front," Anti-Defamation League, accessed December 27, 2017, <https://www.adl.org/education/resources/backgrounders/patriot-front>.

¹³² Terence Cullen, "Vanguard America, group Charlottesville driver James Fields Jr. marched with, has increasingly become a neo-Nazi voice," *Daily News*, August 13, 2017, <http://www.nydailynews.com/news/national/vanguard-america-increasingly-neo-nazi-voice-article-1.3408117>.

¹³³ "The American Fascist Manifesto," Patriot Front, accessed December 27, 2017, <http://bloodandsoil.org/manifesto/>.

¹³⁴ "Patriot Front," Anti-Defamation League, accessed December 27, 2017, <https://www.adl.org/education/resources/backgrounders/patriot-front>.

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- **Violent Activities:** VA has not directly engaged in violent activity. Nonetheless, its insignia has been worn during violent attacks. The Patriot Front has not been involved in violent activities.
 - **August 12, 2017:** James Alex Fields displayed a VA shield during the Unite the Right rally in Charlottesville, Virginia. Fields then drove his car into a group of counter-protesters, killing one. VA denied that Fields belonged to the organization.¹³⁵
- **Rhetoric:**
 - Patriot Front manifesto: “Our mission is a hard reset on the nation we see today, and a return to the traditions and virtues of our forefathers. The same spirit that urged our ancestors onward to create this nation will once again be brought to light, and a new America will be built within its current dilapidated, shameful iteration. Generation after generation lived in war and strife so that their descendants may know peace. It was their duty to give their lives in such a way. It is now our duty to make their sacrifices mean something.”¹³⁶
 - Patriot Front manifesto: “When the American nation sees the thin veneer of civilization begin to wane as resources are diverted from them to the replacement population that has been imported to supersede and then be enslaved on their ashes, they will reasonably turn to the only force whose vision of the future includes them.”¹³⁷
 - Patriot Front manifesto: “America is a bleeding carcass, bereft of the moral foundations which made it powerful. The America of modernity is little more than an economic zone in which the dollar is used. A unified culture no longer exists due to replacement migration. Ethical standards no longer exist due to the steady erosion of the history of the American nation. The State has situated itself on an ever growing pile of parasitic rules and regulations. Bloated to the point of breaking by bureaucracy, each action taken to solve any problem is done so as a means to delay the inevitable. Nothing about the current system is sustainable. The hard truth of the coming struggle is that America, as we know it, is already dead or will not survive. This age of our people will instead be seen as an era of rebirth, and the beginning of a new chapter in history.”¹³⁸

¹³⁵ Justin Wm. Moyer and Lindsey Bever, “Vanguard America, a white supremacist group, denies Charlottesville ramming suspect was a member,” *Washington Post*, August 15, 2017, https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/vanguard-america-a-white-supremacist-group-denies-charlottesville-attacker-was-a-member/2017/08/15/2ec897c6-810e-11e7-8072-73e1718c524d_story.html?utm_term=.816c2d8e5755.

¹³⁶ “The American Fascist Manifesto,” Patriot Front, accessed December 27, 2017, <http://bloodandsoil.org/manifesto/>.

¹³⁷ “The American Fascist Manifesto,” Patriot Front, accessed December 27, 2017, <http://bloodandsoil.org/manifesto/>.

¹³⁸ “The American Fascist Manifesto,” Patriot Front, accessed December 27, 2017, <http://bloodandsoil.org/manifesto/>.

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- Patriot Front Texas chapter Twitter account, December 22, 2017: “From February 23 – March 6, 1836 Texas Patriots fought and died against a Mexican invasion. Today Patriot Front stands up against an ongoing Mexican invasion.”¹³⁹
- Patriot Front Washington chapter Twitter account, December 22, 2017: “Stand up and defend your nation whiteman. Get off the sidelines.”¹⁴⁰
- Patriot Front Twitter account, December 18, 2017: “#PatriotFront activists in Maryland did a banner drop. Those that are, and have been, incompatible with the American way of life have forfeited any right to this soil. Our nationhood is not worth gambling on a multicultural experiment. <https://gab.ai/PatriotFront>”¹⁴¹
- Patriot Front Twitter account, December 12, 2017: “The vermin at the SPLC and their “Hatewatch” have turned their beady-eyed gaze towards us. Their slanderous statements are a resounding endorsement to our “nationwide white-nationalist network”. #PatriotFront#FakeNews”¹⁴²
- Vanguard America Michigan chapter Twitter account, July 14, 2017: “Our ancestors built this country. Be proud and honor their struggle. Stand up White Man and defend your lands.”¹⁴³
- Francisco Rivera, June 2017: “I don’t believe in having Muslims in the United States. Their culture is incompatible with ours.”¹⁴⁴

Additional White-Nationalist Media Resources

Like other extremist movements, the white-nationalist movement has an aversion to mainstream media, which it largely views as controlled by Jewish/Zionist interests, beholden to the far-left, or anti-white. For example, in February 2017, League of the South leader Michael Hill accused the *New York Times* of being “anti-white and anti-Christian”¹⁴⁵ As such, white-nationalists have created their own media platforms in order to propagate their views. CEP has compiled the following list of some of the most popular white-nationalist propaganda outlets:

- Magazine and publishing company: [Barnes Review](#)
- Publishing house and blog: [Counter-Currents Publishing](#)
- Journal: [Occidental Quarterly](#)

¹³⁹ Texas Front, Twitter post, December 22, 2017, 11:33 p.m., https://twitter.com/Texas_Front/status/944425687137570816.

¹⁴⁰ Washington Front, Twitter post, December 22, 2017, 1:38 p.m., <https://twitter.com/WashingtonFront/status/944275872613146624>.

¹⁴¹ Patriot Front, Twitter post, December 18, 2017, 6:28 p.m., <https://twitter.com/FrontPatriot/status/942899467350691840>.

¹⁴² Patriot Front, Twitter post, December 12, 2017, 1:55 p.m., <https://twitter.com/FrontPatriot/status/940656415890395139>.

¹⁴³ Vanguard America Michigan Chapter, Twitter post, July 14, 2017, 2:34 p.m., https://twitter.com/Vanguard_MI/status/885975741485207553.

¹⁴⁴ Abigail Hauslohner and Justin Wm. Moyer, “Anti-sharia demonstrators hold rallies in cities across the country,” *Washington Post*, June 10, 2017, https://www.washingtonpost.com/national/anti-sharia-marches-planned-for-numerous-cities-across-the-country-saturday/2017/06/10/40faf61e-4d6f-11e7-a186-60c031eab644_story.html?tid=a_inl&utm_term=.8946b5f5dff.

¹⁴⁵ Michael Hill, “What’s wrong with a ‘whiter America?’” League of the South, February 22, 2017, <http://leagueofthesouth.com/whats-wrong-with-a-whiter-america/>.

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- Podcast: [The Reality Calls Show](#)
- Online radio: [Rense Radio Network](#)
- Multimedia: [RedIce.tv](#)