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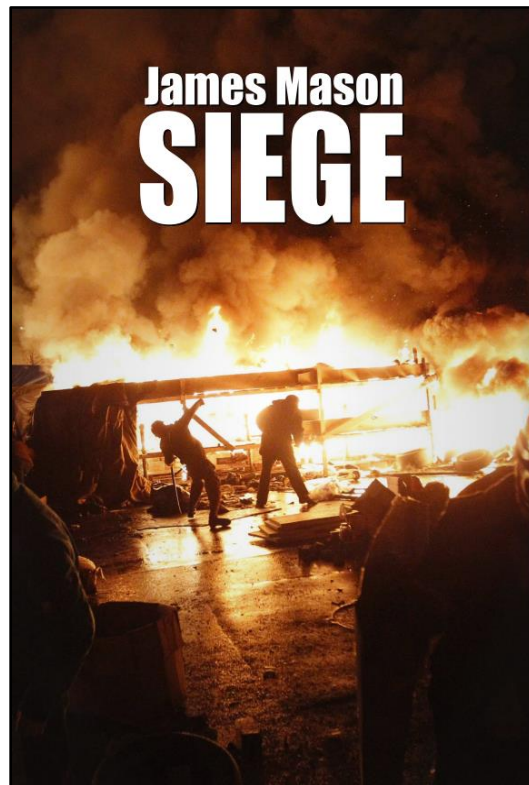
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Key Points:

- CEP has counted 25 global extremist individuals with ties to the book *Siege* by neo-Nazi James Mason.
- *Siege*'s publishers have praised the book as a guide for direct, violent action on par with Timothy McVeigh's 1995 Oklahoma City bombing.
- Members of the U.S.-based neo-Nazi group Atomwaffen Division (AWD) have created an online subculture around the book and Mason called Siege Culture. AWD has been linked to at least five murders and has branches in Canada and Europe.
- Neo-Nazis online herald *Siege* as a must-read and use it as a recruitment tool to their ideology. Siege Culture activists promote the book and Mason through podcasts, websites, and social media accounts on Twitter, Facebook, YouTube, and Gab.



Siege is an anthology of violent pro-Nazi and pro-Charles Manson essays written by American neo-Nazi [James Mason](#) in the 1980s and first published as a single volume in 1992.¹ The book

¹ "Guide to the James N. Mason Collection – Papers of James N. Mason," Kenneth Spencer Research Library, University of Kansas Libraries, accessed December 19, 2018, <http://etext.ku.edu/view?docId=ksrlead/ksrl.kc.masonjames.xml>.

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has since inspired a generation of neo-Nazis who have formed a violent online subculture called Siege Culture devoted to Mason’s calls for independent terror cells to carry out a race war.²



James Mason

Mason originally published *Siege* in 1992 as a compilation of essays he wrote in the 1980s for the eponymous newsletter of the National Socialist Liberation Front, a now-defunct splinter group of the American Nazi Party.³ Throughout the book, Mason calls for so-called leaderless resistance and deliberate terrorist acts to bring about a race war and the downfall of the global political system. In one passage, Mason wrote, “White men will never rule their own lives and destinies again without a successful revolt, and no revolt can materialize without the intensive period of resistance....”⁴ Another passage describes a “healthy state” as one that will “expel – or kill – the Jew; a decadent one will take him to its bosom. The Jew corrupts the nation.”⁵ Other passages praise cult leader and murder Charles Manson, with whom Mason maintained a close relationship and formed the Universal Order movement in the late 1970s.⁶ Ryan Schuster, who published the second edition of *Siege* in 2003, wrote in the introduction that the book “is to be used as a cookbook and guide. It is sincerely hoped this edition will prevail the vigilant(e) intelligence to heed a clarion call, wage battles of attrition, and act in a manner commensurate to Timothy McVeigh of Oklahoma City fame.”⁷

² Greg Myre, “Deadly Connection: Neo-Nazi Group Linked To 3 Accused Killers,” NPR, March 6, 2018, <https://www.npr.org/2018/03/06/590292705/5-killings-3-states-and-1-common-neo-nazi-link>; A.C. Thompson, Ali Winston, and Jake Hanrahan, “California Murder Suspect Said to Have Trained With Extremist Hate Group,” ProPublica, January 26, 2018, <https://www.propublica.org/article/california-murder-suspect-atomwaffen-division-extremist-hate-group>; Kelly Weill, “Satanism Drama Is Tearing Apart the Murderous Neo-Nazi Group Atomwaffen,” Daily Beast, March 21, 2018, <https://www.thedailybeast.com/satanism-drama-is-tearing-apart-the-murderous-neo-nazi-group-atomwaffen>; Sonneinkreis Division, Gab account, accessed August 16, 2018, <https://gab.ai/skd>; “Worldview,” Universal Order, accessed August 16, 2018, <http://siegeculture.biz/worldview/>.

³ “Guide to the James N. Mason Collection – Papers of James N. Mason,” Kenneth Spencer Research Library, University of Kansas Libraries, accessed December 19, 2018, <http://etext.ku.edu/view?docId=ksrlead/ksrl.kc.masonjames.xml>.

⁴ James Mason, *Siege* (IronMarch.org, 2015), 64.

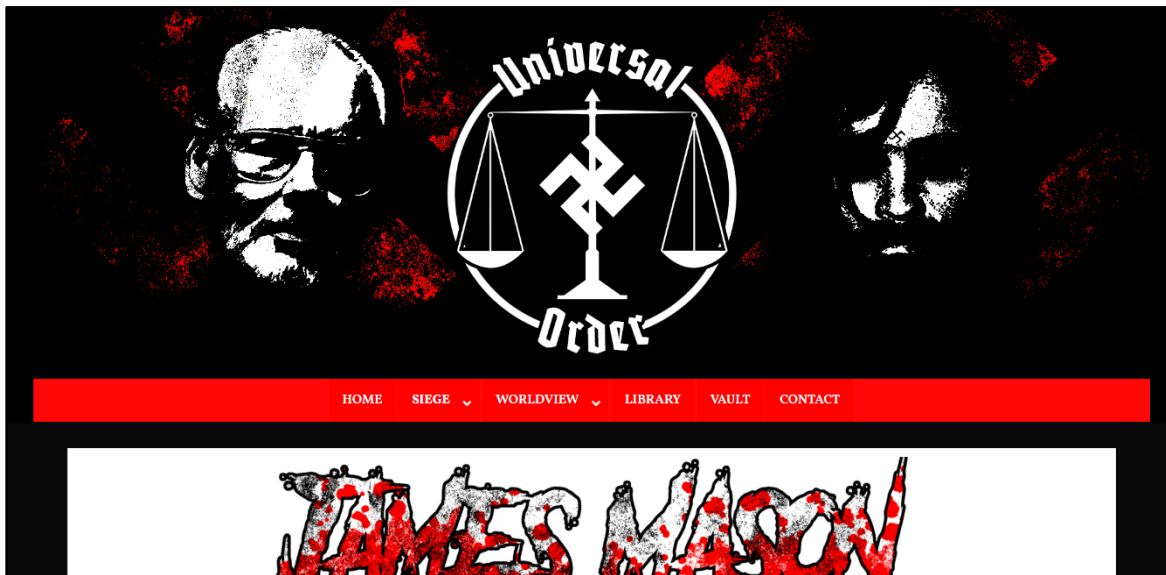
⁵ James Mason, *Siege* (IronMarch.org, 2015), 55.

⁶ James Mason, *Siege* (IronMarch.org, 2015).

⁷ James Mason, *Siege*, accessed February 11, 2019, <https://www.resist.com/Onlinebooks/Siege.pdf>.

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In 2015, members of the far-right IronMarch online forum formed the neo-Nazi group Atomwaffen Division (AWD). AWD has since been linked to multiple murders around the United States as well as racist, homophobic, and anti-Semitic protests. On January 2, 2018, AWD member Sam Woodward allegedly murdered gay, Jewish college student Blaze Bernstein, an act AWD celebrated.⁸ AWD co-founder Brandon Russell is serving a five-year prison sentence for stockpiling explosives to carry out attacks on U.S. infrastructure.⁹ In 2015, AWD members republished *Siege* and began to popularize it online through the creation of an online subculture called Siege Culture, an umbrella brand publicized across social media, podcasts, and chatrooms dedicated to Mason’s book. At the center of Siege Culture is the website Siegekultur.info, which also bears the branding of Mason’s Universal Order movement. Throughout *Siege*, Mason describes the Universal Order as an American descendent of Nazism.¹⁰



The Siege Culture/Universal Order website highlights James Mason, Charles Manson, and Siege. The above image is from the Siegekultur.biz website, which went offline in early 2019 and relaunched at a new URL that June.

The original Siege Culture/Universal Order (www.siegekultur.biz) website went offline in early 2019, but returned that June at a new address, www.siegekultur.info. The administrators of the Siege Culture/Universal Order website claim to be “working with James Mason to utilize and

⁸ A.C. Thompson, Ali Winston, and Jake Hanrahan, “Inside Atomwaffen As It Celebrates a Member for Allegedly Killing a Gay Jewish College Student,” ProPublica, last updated August 3, 2018, <https://www.propublica.org/article/atomwaffen-division-inside-white-hate-group>.

⁹ “Neo-Nazi Leader Sentenced to Five Years in Federal Prison for Explosives Charges,” U.S. Department of Justice, January 9, 2018, <https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/neo-nazi-leader-sentenced-five-years-federal-prison-explosives-charges>; Janet Reitman, “How Did a Convicted Neo-Nazi Release Propaganda From Prison?” *Rolling Stone*, May 25, 2018, <https://www.rollingstone.com/politics/politics-news/how-did-a-convicted-neo-nazi-release-propaganda-from-prison-628437/>.

¹⁰ James Mason, *Siege* (IronMarch.org, 2015), 398, 437.

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encourage the Universal Order worldview in people’s consciousness and physical daily life.”¹¹ The original site included links to the third edition of *Siege* on the Internet Archive and hosted essays by Mason, his Siegecast podcast, and links to various other neo-Nazi content. Its library included neo-Nazi and white supremacist literature such as Adolf Hitler’s *Mein Kampf* and *The Turner Diaries* by [William Luther Pierce](#), as well as books on Satanism, the occult, and fantasy like *The Lord of the Rings*.¹² The new iteration of Siege Culture has uploaded much of the same content.¹³ The Worldview section of the site declares that the page is “something that James Mason attempted to put into form himself, but due to circumstance, he never implemented it. This changed in the year of 2017, when the Atomwaffen Division discovered and met James Mason,” which led to “a new course of action for SIEGE.”¹⁴ The page administrators deny that Mason runs Universal Order, though he is cited as the author of blog posts and podcasts on the website.¹⁵ Reported AWD leader John Cameron Denton, a.k.a. “Rape,” claims to own the rights to *Siege* and Mason’s other writings.¹⁶ On March 9, 2020, an alleged audio recording of Mason declared AWD would immediately disband due to increased pressure from legal authorities.¹⁷

Since Mason announced AWD’s shuttering in March 2020, however, two successor organizations have emerged. In July 2020, a group of former AWD leaders announced the reorganization of AWD into the National Socialist Order (NSO). NSO leaders claimed they learned from the mistakes of AWD, pointing to a lack of ideological cohesion. The NSO leaders further claimed they had built the NSO with a new leadership dedicated to creating an “Aryan, National Socialist world by any means necessary.”¹⁸ In November 2021, a second self-proclaimed group of former AWD members announced AWD was reorganizing to provide guidance to the broader fascist movement. The announcement called Mason’s March 2020 statement disbanding AWD “now officially defunct” and “nothing more than a bad memory.”¹⁹ The posting also emphasized AWD and NSO are separate organizations.²⁰ Mason denounced the new AWD as a “stupid action on the part of one lone nut” that threatened to put other former AWD members in legal jeopardy from “the enemy government.”²¹ He reiterated that AWD had retired “with all honor” in 2020 and it would continue to live in legend like the American Nazi Party and the National Socialist Liberation Front.²²

¹¹ “A new SIEGE Culture,” Universal Order, accessed February 5, 2019, <http://siegeculture.biz/a-new-siege-culture/>.

¹² Universal Order, accessed February 5, 2019, <http://siegeculture.biz/>.

¹³ Universal Order, accessed July 25, 2019, <https://siegekultur.info/>.

¹⁴ “Worldview,” Universal Order, July 25, 2019, <https://siegekultur.info/worldview/>.

¹⁵ “Contact,” Universal Order, accessed July 25, 2019, <https://siegekultur.info/contact/>.

¹⁶ Alexander Epp and Roman Höfner, “The Hate Network,” *Der Spiegel*, August 25, 2018, <http://www.spiegel.de/spiegel/print/index-2018-35.html>.

¹⁷ Ben Makuch, “Audio Recording Claims Neo-Nazi Terror Group Is Disbanding,” *Vice*, March 14, 2020, https://www.vice.com/en_us/article/qjdnam/audio-recording-claims-neo-nazi-terror-group-is-disbanding.

¹⁸ “National Socialist Order Announcement!,” *American Futurist*, July 25, 2020.

¹⁹ “Atomwaffen Division Reactivation,” *Das Paradies*, November 8, 2021.

²⁰ “Atomwaffen Division Reactivation,” *Das Paradies*, November 8, 2021.

²¹ “James Mason Denouncement Video,” 12:02, Odysee video, posted by “The American Futurist Official,” November 12, 2021.

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In addition to the website, Mason’s followers have created Twitter, YouTube, and other social media accounts dedicated to *Siege*.²³ *Siege*-related social media accounts directly call for violence against minorities and promote Nazi ideology. As of February 12, 2019, the Read Siege YouTube channel hosted 48 videos and had received more than 30,000 views since its creation in 2017.²⁴ The SIEGE Culture Twitter account had 625 followers as of the same date.²⁵ A Read Siege group on the free-speech platform Gab had 380 members as of that date.²⁶ *Siege* Culture-related Twitter, Gab, and YouTube accounts have been offline since spring 2019.

CEP has documented 38 extremist entities—25 individuals and 13 organizations—with ties to *Siege*. Of these 25 individuals, nine have been involved in acts of violence, four have been involved in specific murders, and five have been involved in threats or acts of terrorism. Where applicable, CEP has included the charges against the individual profiled.

INDIVIDUALS

1. Devon Arthurs [[image](#)] ([ProPublica](#), [Vice](#), [Rolling Stone](#), [Fox 13 News](#), [Associated Press](#), [WTSP Tampa Bay 10](#))
 - a. Former white nationalist. Former roommate of members of AWD. Converted to Islam and reportedly tried to repeatedly convert his AWD roommates. Took hostages at a smoke shop in Tampa, Florida, on May 19, 2017. Eventually released the hostages without incident. Confessed to killing two of his roommates, Jeremy Himmelman and Andrew Oneschuk, because they made fun of his conversion to Islam. Told police that his other roommate, AWD co-founder Brandon Russell, was stockpiling explosives to blow up power plants and synagogues in Florida. Reportedly helped authorities in their case against Russell, who was sentenced to five years in prison. Found mentally unfit to stand trial in February 2018. Remains in custody but deemed mentally unfit to stand trial as of his second evaluation in May 2020.
 - b. Co-founder of *Siege*-inspired AWD.
2. Brandon Cameron [[image](#)] ([Vice](#), [Vice](#), [Radio Canada International](#))
 - a. White nationalist. A.k.a. “Alba Nuadh,” the Gaelic translation of his home province of Nova Scotia. Former Canadian soldier who acted as a liaison between the Canadian white-nationalist group Northern Order and AWD. Posted regularly

²³ SIEGE Culture Gab account, accessed February 5, 2019, <https://gab.ai/SIEGECulture>; SIEGE Culture Twitter account, accessed February 5, 2019, https://twitter.com/siegeculture_?lang%3Den; SIEGEWAVE YouTube account, accessed February 5, 2019, <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC3oRnYKTVOHg5hyFuC-RCWA>; Read SIEGE YouTube account, accessed February 5, 2019, <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCdh4N2bPSIWn5Bbfyc8bIVQ>.

²⁴ Read SIEGE YouTube account, accessed February 12, 2019, <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCdh4N2bPSIWn5Bbfyc8bIVQ>.

²⁵ SIEGE Culture Twitter account, accessed February 12, 2019, https://twitter.com/siegeculture_?lang%3Den.

²⁶ Read Siege Gab account, accessed February 12, 2019, <https://gab.ai/groups/7195f7dc-599e-43ca-b5ff-776947b7bc09>.

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- in AWD forums, harassed anti-hate monitors, and called for the murder of journalists under the Alba Nuadh moniker. Called for the creation of a “self-sufficient IRL community in rural British Columbia homes” similar to one attempted by Canadian-American neo-Nazi Craig Cobb in North Dakota in 2012. Left the Canadian Armed Forces in May 2018 but remained in the reserves. Identified as Alba Nuadh in August 2018.
- b. Northern Order is the Canadian branch of the *Siege*-inspired AWD.
 3. Christopher Brenner Cook [no image] ([U.S. Department of Justice](#), [U.S. Department of Justice](#),
 - a. White nationalist. Conspired with Jonathan Allen Frost and Jackson Matthew Sawall, beginning in 2019, to attack power grids in the United States. Pled guilty on February 23, 2022, to one count of conspiring to provide material support to terrorists.
 - b. Circulated a recommended reading list of neo-Nazi and white supremacist materials, including *Siege*. FBI investigators found a copy of *Siege* in Cook’s bedroom after his arrest.
 4. Dion Wehrwolf [no image] ([Radio Wehrwolf](#), [Motherboard](#), [Whooli’s Blog](#), [Radio Wehrwolf](#), [Vice](#), [Anonymous Comrades Collective](#), [History Reviewed](#))
 - a. White nationalist. A.k.a. Dion Edmund Clark. Host of the now-defunct white nationalist podcast Radio Wehrwolf. Radio Wehrwolf’s webhost, Bluehost, shut down the site down in March 2019. Radio Wehrwolf subsequently moved to the webhost Epik. Dion Wehrwolf soon after removed himself from the leadership of Radio Wehrwolf and his podcast. Dion Wehrwolf’s true identity of Dion Edmund Clark was publicly revealed in October 2021 after an Epik dataleak.
 - b. Called *Siege* “required reading for anyone who is pro-white.” Hosted Mason as a guest on his podcast.
 5. [Kaleb J. Cole](#) ([ProPublica](#), [Vice](#), [Twitter](#), [U.S. Department of Justice](#))
 - a. White nationalist. A.k.a. “Khimaere.” Posted misogynistic and anti-Semitic comments online. Praised AWD member and suspected murderer Sam Woodward as a “Gay Jew Wrecking Crew.” Arrested in February 2020 with other AWD members on multiple harassment charges, including sending antisemitic and racist threats to journalists and participation in swatting conspiracies. Convicted in January 2022 and sentenced to seven years in prison.
 - b. Reported leader of AWD’s Washington state chapter.
 6. [John Cameron Denton](#) ([Twitter](#), [Vice](#), [NPR](#), [Medium](#), [Der Spiegel](#), [U.S. Department of Justice](#), [U.S. Department of Justice](#))
 - a. White nationalist. A.k.a. “Rape.” Reported leader of AWD, though Brandon Russell reaffirmed his position as leader in a May 2018 recording from prison. Reportedly responsible for introducing satanic influences into AWD. Arrested February 26, 2020, on multiple harassment charges. Sentenced in May 2021 to 41 months in prison.
 - b. Claims to own the distribution rights to *Siege* and Mason’s other writings. Former leader of *Siege*-inspired AWD.
 7. Andrew Dymock [[image](#)] ([BBC News](#), [Daily Mail](#), [BBC News](#))

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- a. White nationalist. Reported leader of the British neo-Nazi group Sonnenkrieg Division. Identified as a founder of the group by a BBC News investigation in December 2018. Previously belonged to neo-Nazi group System Resistance Network, a rebranded version of British neo-Nazi group National Action, which was banned in 2016. Arrested in December 2018 on suspicion of terror offenses after Sonnenkrieg Division suggested Prince Harry be shot for marrying “race traitor” Megan Markle. Charged with possession of material likely to be useful to a person committing or preparing an act of terrorism. Convicted on 15 hate crime and terrorism charges in June 2021 and sentenced to seven years in prison, with a additional three years on extended probation.
- b. Sonnenkrieg Division is a British offshoot of the *Siege*-inspired AWD. Dymock reportedly described Sonnenkrieg Division online as “atomwaffen with less guns.”
8. Sean Michael Fernandez [[image](#)] ([ProPublica](#), [Vice](#), [Twitter](#))
 - a. White nationalist. A.k.a. Wehrwolf on AWD online forums. Leader of AWD’s Texas cell. Wrote that publication of links between AWD and alleged murderer Sam Woodward were good publicity for the group and would inspire more copycat crimes.
 - b. Member of *Siege*-inspired AWD.
9. Johnny Roman Garza [no image] ([KHOU 11](#), [U.S. Department of Justice](#), [Vice](#), [U.S. Department of Justice](#), [NBC King 5](#))
 - a. White Nationalist. Arrested February 26, 2020, with former AWD leader John Cameron Denton, Taylor Ashley Parker-Dipeppe, Kaleb Cole, and Cameron Shea on multiple harassment charges, including sending antisemitic and racist threats to journalists and participation in swatting conspiracies. Pled guilty in September 2020 to federal conspiracy charges after attempting to harass and intimidate journalists and minorities. Sentenced in December 2020 to 16 months in prison.
 - b. Former member of AWD.
10. Nicholas Giampa [[image](#)] ([Huffington Post](#), [Washington Post](#), [ProPublica](#), [Reston Patch](#), [Daily Mail](#), [Washington Post](#))
 - a. White nationalist. AWD member who at the age of 17 allegedly murdered his girlfriend’s parents, Buckley Kuhn-Fricker and Scott Fricker, in their Reston, Virginia, home on December 22, 2017. Previously tweeted about using Jews for target practice, his love for Adolf Hitler, and hatred of transgender people. Charged as a minor and later in 2019 ruled incompetent to stand trial due to brain damage from a self-inflicted gunshot wound after he allegedly murdered the Frickers. Certified to stand trial as an adult in September 2019.
 - b. Member of *Siege*-inspired AWD.
11. Jeremy Himmelman [[image](#)] ([Vice](#), [Rolling Stone](#), [Fox 13 News](#), [Associated Press](#), [James H. Delaney & Son Funeral Home](#), [Associated Press](#))
 - a. White nationalist. Member of AWD killed alongside his roommate Andrew Oneschuk in Tampa, Florida, on May 19, 2017, by roommate and AWD co-founder Devon Arthurs. Allegedly planning a terror attack with Oneschuk and roommate Brandon Russell. Authorities found guns, ammunition, and bomb-

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- making material inside the shared apartment. Russell was arrested and sentenced to five years in prison.
- b. Reportedly the leader of *Siege*-inspired AWD’s Massachusetts branch. Four days after Himmelman’s murder, AWD posted a video to YouTube of members—their faces obscured by images of skulls—holding guns and raising their arms in a “Heil Hitler” salute in front of a swastika flag with the message “Join your local Nazis.”
12. Bob Igelston [no image] ([Universal Order](#))
 - a. White nationalist. Member of AWD.
 - b. Member of *Siege*-inspired AWD and prolific writer on the Siege Culture/Universal Order website.
 13. Oskar Koczorowski [[image](#)] ([BBC News](#), [Daily Mail](#), [Hope Not Hate](#))
 - a. White nationalist. Reported propagandist for the U.K.-based neo-Nazi Sonnenkrieg Division. A December 2018 BBC News investigation identified 17-year-old Koczorowski as a chief propagandist for the group responsible for designing extremist material. Previously belonged to neo-Nazi group System Resistance Network, a rebranded version of British neo-Nazi group National Action, which was banned in 2016. Police arrested three Sonnenkrieg Division members, including an unidentified 17-year-old, a day after the BBC report in response to the group calling for Prince Harry be shot for marrying “race traitor” Megan Markle. Pled guilty to two counts of encouraging terrorism.
 - b. Sonnenkrieg Division is a British offshoot of the *Siege*-inspired AWD. Koczorowski posted images on social media of himself wearing an AWD t-shirt.
 14. Anton Long [no image] ([Anti-Defamation League](#), [Universal Order](#), [The Times](#), [Daily Beast](#))
 - a. White nationalist. Pseudonym of a British neo-Nazi who allegedly founded the occult neo-Nazi group Order of Nine Angles (ONA or O9A) in the 1970s. Alleged to be the pseudonym of neo-Nazi David Myatt, who founded the British National Socialist Movement and influenced London nail bomber David Copeland before converting to Islam in 1998 and taking the name Abdul Aziz Ibn Myatt. Myatt promoted suicide bombings and terrorism before later renouncing the religion.
 - b. Wrote *Hostia: Secret Teachings of the Order of Nine Angles*, which details ONA’s beliefs. The book is featured on the Siege Culture/Universal Order website. The site also features ONA iconography.
 15. Charles Manson [[image](#)] ([Independent](#), [Times of Israel](#), [CNN](#), [Imgur](#), [Universal Order](#))
 - a. White nationalist. Led a cult called the Manson Family, which was responsible for seven murders in 1969. Sentenced to multiple life sentences. Died in prison in November 2017.
 - b. Influenced Mason’s creation of the Universal Order movement in the 1970s. *Siege* contains multiple pro-Manson sections. The Siege Culture/Universal Order website contains sections praising Manson. A banner on the top of the homepage displays Manson’s image next to the Universal Order logo and Mason’s image.

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16. Michael Moynihan [[image](#)] ([Articles & Interviews](#), [Southern Poverty Law Center](#), [Mumblage International](#), [Dominion Press](#), [EsoTerra Magazine](#), [Healter Skelter](#))
 - a. White nationalist. Black metal musician who founded the group Blood Axis. Corresponded with Manson Family member Sandra Good and suspected in a 1991 failed plot with Good and Manson to assassinate then-President George H.W. Bush. Shared an apartment with Boyd Rice in 1991. Founder of Dominion Press publishing company and the Storm music label, which Moynihan created from the Storm publishing company that published *Siege* in 1992.
 - b. Published the first edition of *Siege* in 1992 and later books by Mason. Received an autographed copy of *Siege* from Mason in 1993 and arranged press coverage for *Siege*, as later documented in Mason’s book *Articles & Interviews*. Mason credited Moynihan with “reaching way out across the country” to publicize *Siege*.
17. Andrew Oneschuk [[image](#)] ([ProPublica](#), [Vice](#), [Rolling Stone](#), [Fox 13 News](#), [Associated Press](#))
 - a. White nationalist. Joined the French Foreign Legion in November 2016. Moved into a condo in Tampa, Florida, with Devon Arthurs, Brandon Russell, and Jeremy Himmelman. Killed alongside his roommate Jeremy Himmelman in Tampa, Florida, on May 19, 2017, by roommate and AWD co-founder Devon Arthurs. Allegedly planning a terror attack with Oneschuk and roommate Brandon Russell. Authorities found guns, ammunition and bomb-making material inside the shared apartment. Russell was arrested and sentenced to five years in prison.
 - b. Member of the *Siege*-inspired AWD. Four days after Oneschuk’s murder, AWD posted a video to YouTube of members—their faces obscured by images of skulls—holding guns and raising their arms in a “Heil Hitler” salute in front of a swastika flag with the message “Join your local Nazis.”
18. Taylor Ashley Parker-Dipeppe [no image] ([KHOU 11](#), [U.S. Department of Justice](#), [Vice](#), [NBC King 5](#), [Associated Press](#))
 - a. White nationalist. Arrested on February 26, 2020, with former AWD leader John Cameron Denton, Johnny Roman Garza, Kaleb Cole, and Cameron Shea on multiple harassment charges, including sending antisemitic and racist threats to journalists and participation in swatting conspiracies. Pled guilty in September 2020 to federal conspiracy charges after attempting to harass and intimidate journalists and minorities. Sentenced in March 2021 to time served because the judge wrote Parker-Dipeppe had already suffered enough because he had concealed his transgender identity from the rest of AWD.
 - b. Former member of AWD.
19. Vasillios Pistolis [[image](#)] ([Associated Press](#), [ProPublica](#), [YouTube](#))
 - a. White nationalist. A.k.a. “Vasillios the Greek” in AWD online forums. Active-duty Marine responsible for physical attacks during the Unite the Right rally in Charlottesville, Virginia, on August 12, 2017. Photographed clubbing an unidentified counter-protester with a wooden flagpole. Claimed online that he “cracked 3 skulls open with virtually no damage to myself.” The Marines court martialled and jailed Pistolis for one month on charges of disobeying orders and

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- making false statements after the public revelation of his identity. Discharged after completing his sentence.
- b. Reportedly a cell leader of the *Siege*-inspired AWD.
20. Dakota Reed [[image](#)] ([Anti-Defamation League](#), [Daily Herald](#), [Daily Herald](#))
- a. White nationalist. Arrested December 7, 2018, at his mother’s home in Lake Forrest Park, Washington, for threatening to carry out attack a non-specific synagogue and “pulling a Dylann Roof,” referring to the white nationalist who killed nine people at Mother Emanuel AME Church in Charleston, South Carolina, in June 2015. Posted online about his desire to create a white nation-state in the U.S. Pacific Northwest region, praise for Adolf Hitler, and photos of his weapons stockpiles. Pled guilty in May 2019 to two counts of threats to bomb or injure property. Sentenced in June 2019 to one year in prison.
 - b. Wrote several Twitter posts about *Siege*.
21. Boyd Rice [[image](#)] ([Articles & Interviews](#), [YouTube](#), [Healter Skelter](#))
- a. White nationalist. Black metal musician known as Non. High priest in the Church of Satan. Arrested in 1976 for attempting to give First Lady Betty Ford a skinned sheep’s head. Shared an apartment with Michael Moynihan in 1991.
 - b. Received early signed copy of *Siege*. Appeared with Mason on his podcasts.
22. Brandon Russell [[image](#)] ([Tampa Bay Times](#), [YouTube](#), [Associated Press](#), [U.S. Department of Justice](#), [Twitter](#), [Associated Press](#), [Rolling Stone](#))
- a. White nationalist. A.k.a. “Odin” in AWD online forums. Served in the Florida National Guard. Shared a condo in Florida with AWD co-founder Devon Arthurs and members Andrew Oneschuk and Jeremy Himmelman. Arthurs killed Oneschuk and Himmelman on May 19, 2017, and told police Russell was stockpiling explosives to blow up power plants and synagogues in Florida. Police discovered explosive materials in the condo and a framed picture of Oklahoma City bomber Timothy McVeigh belonging to Russell. Arrested days later after fleeing with AWD member William Tschantre. Police discovered rifles and hundreds of rounds of ammunition in their car, which the pair initially said were for self-defense and later said were for hunting. Pled guilty in September 2017 to one count of possessing an unregistered destructive device and one count of unlawfully storing explosive materials. Sentenced to five years in prison in January 2018.
 - b. Cofounded the *Siege*-inspired AWD in 2015. Described AWD in a 2015 online post as a “fanatical, ideological band of comrades who do both activism and militant training.” Claimed in a May 2018 recording from prison that he remained the group’s leader.
23. [Cameron Shea](#) ([KHOU 11](#), [U.S. Department of Justice](#), [Vice](#), [U.S. Department of Justice](#), [NBC King 5](#), [U.S. Department of Justice](#), [U.S. Department of Justice](#))
- a. White Nationalist. Arrested February 26, 2020, with former AWD leader John Cameron Denton, Taylor Ashley Parker-Dipeppe, Kaleb Cole, and Johnny Roman Garza on multiple harassment charges, including sending antisemitic and racist threats to journalists and participation in swatting conspiracies. Accused of leading the conspiracy with Cole. Pled guilty in April 2021 to federal conspiracy

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and hate crime charges for threatening journalists and advocates who worked to expose antisemitism. Sentenced in August 2021 to three years in prison.

- b. Former member of AWD.
24. William Tschantre [no image] ([Associated Press](#))
 - a. White nationalist. Participated in picketing a vigil for victims of the ISIS-inspired Orlando gay nightclub shooting and posting racist flyers on college campuses. Fled with AWD Brandon Russell a day after Devon Arthurs killed two AWD members living with him and Russell. The pair bought two rifles and 500 rounds of ammunition. Initially told authorities they were for self-defense and later claimed they were for hunting. Present when authorities arrested Russell but was not himself arrested.
 - b. Member of the *Siege*-inspired AWD. Described AWD to media as a group of trolls who just like to provoke outrage, not “to bomb the U.S. government,” which he described as ridiculous.
25. Sam Woodward [[image](#)] ([Inquirer](#), [NPR](#), [Vice](#), [ProPublica](#), [Daily Pennsylvanian](#), [Daily Pennsylvanian](#))
 - a. White nationalist. Allegedly fatally stabbed 20-year-old University of Pennsylvania student Blaze Bernstein in California on January 2, 2018. Authorities accuse Woodward of killing Bernstein for being gay. Bail revoked in November 2018 because the court believed Woodward posed a danger to the community. Faces life imprisonment.
 - b. Belongs to *Siege*-inspired AWD. Confirmed involvement with AWD co-founder and accused murderer Devon Arthurs. AWD has praised Bernstein's murder.

ORGANIZATIONS

1. American Nazi Party ([University of Kansas Libraries](#), [ProPublica](#), [Northern Virginia](#), [American Nazi Party](#))
 - a. Far-right American political party created by George Lincoln Rockwell in 1960 as a new iteration of the World Union of Free Enterprise National Socialists. Splintered after Rockwell’s 1967 assassination. Continues to operate as the New Order.
 - b. Mason joined the ANP in the 1960s. *Siege* is a collection of essays from the “Siege” newsletter, which Mason wrote for the ANP splinter group National Socialist Liberation Front.
2. Atomwaffen Division ([Vice](#), [Huffington Post](#), [Der Spiegel](#), [Universal Order](#), [Politico](#), [Vice](#), Das Paradies, American Futurist)
 - a. Members of AWD on the IronMarch Internet forum discovered *Siege* in 2015. AWD members met with Mason in 2017 and built an online subculture around *Siege*. Using Amazon’s self-publishing tool CreateSpace, AWD has republished *Siege* and published new Mason writings, which they sell through Amazon. AWD makes *Siege* required reading for its members. In early March 2020, Politico reported the U.S. government sought to designate a white supremacist group as a

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foreign terrorist organization. Former U.S. government officials and counterterrorism analysts suggested AWD could be designated. On March 29, 2020, an alleged audio recording of Mason declared AWD would immediately disband due to increase pressure from legal authorities. In November 2021, a self-proclaimed group of former AWD members reorganized as a new iteration of AWD.

- b. The Worldview section of the Siege Culture/Universal Order website declared that the page is “something that James Mason attempted to put into form himself, but due to circumstance, he never implemented it. This changed in the year of 2017, when the Atomwaffen Division discovered and met James Mason,” which led to “a new course of action for SIEGE.” The Universal Order website has been offline since March 2019. Mason announced AWD’s disbandment in March 2020 after conferring with AWD leaders. Mason has condemned the new iteration of AWD formed in November 2021.
3. The Base ([Winnipeg Free Press](#), [Vice News](#), [Vice News](#), [Philadelphia Inquirer](#), Telegram)
 - a. Global neo-Nazi network that describes itself as an “international survivalist and self-defense network” that seeks to train their members for fighting a race war. The network is active in North America, Europe, South Africa, and Australia. The Base is an accelerationist group that encourages the onset on anarchy and so it can then “impose order from chaos.” Base founder Roman Wolf claimed The Base’s goal is to unite white nationalists for the coming race war that will overthrow the government and reshape society. The Base has described itself as a “white protection league” and has organized training camps around North America for their members in weaponry and military tactics. The Base has not yet claimed any violent activity but its members have been linked to anti-Semitic vandalism in the United States.
 - b. The Base is influenced by the race war Mason calls for in *Siege*. Its membership includes members of the Atomwaffen Division (AWD). Members of The Base and a new iteration of AWD have held joint training exercises.
4. Feuerkrieg Division ([YouTube](#), [Feuerkrieg Division](#), [Gab](#), [Fascist Forge](#), [Twitter](#))
 - a. European neo-Nazi group that has threatened widespread violence using AWD imagery. Its leader indicated in a January 2019 interview with a neo-Nazi podcast that he lived in the Netherlands, but that the group also has at least one member in Estonia. He also praised mass shooters Dylann Roof and Robert Bowers, noting that racial or anti-Semitic violence furthered racial, religious, and ethnic tension, which in turn creates more recruits for national socialist movements.
 - b. Inspired by *Siege* and the AWD. Recruits individuals motivated by *Siege* and who want to participate in so-called real world activism, according to a January 2019 interview with the group’s leader.
5. The Mansonite Menace ([YouTube](#), [Motherboard](#), [Radio Wehrwolf](#))
 - a. Online podcast on white supremacist podcast network Radio Wehrwolf about being “racially conscious,” anti-Semitic, and anti-black. Radio Wehrwolf’s webhost, Bluehost, shut down the site down in March 2019 and the network

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- moved to a different registrar.
- b. Hosts “Strongside” and “Riefen” praise *Siege* and Mason.
 6. National Socialist Liberation Front ([University of Kansas Libraries](#), [ProPublica](#))
 - a. Splinter group from the American Nazi Party after the group’s collapse following the 1967 assassination of founder George Lincoln Rockwell.
 - b. The book *Siege* is the compilation of a series of essays Mason wrote in the “Siege” newsletter for the NSLF in the 1980s. Mason continued to publish “Siege” through 1986 despite the NSLF disbanding in 1982.
 7. National Socialist Order (American Futurist, [NBC 9 News](#), [BuzzFeed News](#))
 - a. U.S.-based neo-Nazi group formed in July 2020 by a group of self-proclaimed former AWD leaders. The NSO is dedicated to creating an “Aryan, National Socialist world by any means necessary.” It is dedicated to Adolf Hitler and supports “the overthrow of all Jew-controlled governments worldwide in order to liberate the Aryan race.”
 - b. NSO was formed by a group of self-proclaimed former AWD leaders who claimed they learned from the mistakes of AWD, pointing to a lack of ideological cohesion.
 8. Northern Order ([Vice](#), [Ottawa Citizen](#), [Facebook](#))
 - a. Canadian white-nationalist group. Members reportedly seek to create an all-white enclave in Canada. The group has posted white-nationalist propaganda on Canadian mosques and distributed stickers calling to “join the white jihad.”
 - b. Reportedly the Canadian affiliate of *Siege*-inspired AWD.
 9. Radio Wehrwolf ([Radio Wehrwolf](#), [Radio Wehrwolf](#), [Motherboard](#), [Radio Wehrwolf, Articles & Interviews](#), [Anonymous Comrades Collective](#), [History Reviewed](#))
 - a. White nationalist podcast network that promotes messages of being “racially aware” and “Jew wise.” Radio Wehrwolf’s webhost, Bluehost, shut down the site down in March 2019 and the network moved to the webhost Epik.
 - b. Hosted James Mason’s *Siege* podcast and promoted *Siege* as a must-read. Mason had also been a guest on the network’s podcasts.
 10. Order of Nine Angles ([Southern Poverty Law Center](#), [The Order of Nine Angles – Labyrinthos Mythologicus](#), [Anti-Defamation League](#), [Southern Poverty Law Center](#), [Universal Order](#))
 - a. British satanic cult that promotes human sacrifice, Nazism, and fascism. Seeks the “breakdown and the downfall of existing societies” and their replacement with “new tribal societies.”
 - b. The *Siege* Culture/Universal Order website features ONA iconography and multiple ONA books, including *Hostia: Secret Teachings of the Order of Nine Angles* by ONA leader Anton Long. The website has been offline since March 2019.
 11. Sonnenkrieg Division ([Daily Mail](#), [BBC News](#), [Medium](#), [BBC News](#))
 - a. British chapter of the AWD. Reportedly has 10 to 15 members in Europe. Calls for the death of white women who date black men. Glorifies Norwegian terrorist Anders Behring Breivik. Branded Prince Harry as a race traitor and threatened to kill him in 2018. Banned in the United Kingdom in February 2020.

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- b. British chapter of *Siege*-inspired AWD. Members described Sonnenkrieg Division as “atomwaffen with less guns.” In July 2018, a user on the social media site Gab posted a message of support for Sonnenkrieg Division and a link to the Siege Culture website.
12. System Resistance Network ([Medium](#), [BBC News](#), [BBC News](#), [BBC News](#), [Twitter](#), [Daily Mail](#))
 - a. Incarnation of the banned British terror group National Action. Calls for the expulsion of immigrants and a white revolution. Inspired arson and vandalism in Welsh cities. Cast itself as the U.K. branch of AWD until reportedly severing ties with the group over its satanic influences. Designated in February 2020 as an alias of National Action.
 - b. Aligned itself as a branch of AWD, which is inspired by and promotes *Siege*.
13. Universal Order ([Independent](#), [Times of Israel](#), [Siege](#), [Universal Order](#), [Universal Order](#), [Universal Order](#), [Universal Order](#))
 - a. Neo-Nazi movement founded by Mason and Charles Manson in the 1970s. According to the Universal Order website, the term “Universal Order” refers to the belief that “every action that occurs – everything that is invented, created, transformed or improved – begins with the Mind.” Universal Order adherents believe they have cleared “all dogmas and System-think garbage” from their minds, which has left them with a clarified “Worldview.”
 - b. Described throughout *Siege* and the subject of its own chapter. The Siege Culture website promotes *Siege* and the Universal Order movement. According to the website, Mason was unable to actualize the Universal Order until he met with AWD members in 2017. They then created the website to promote *Siege* and Mason’s philosophies. The site’s administrators emphasize that they are not Mason, who they claim does not use the Internet. Rather, they “upload his writings and promote his material on his behalf.” The website went offline in March 2019, but relaunched at a new URL that June.