Lone Wolf Terrorism – A Brief

Bibliography

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SEARCH TERMS & DEFINITIONS

Search terms used to help compile/update this bibliography include:

- ("Lone Wolf" OR "Lone Wolves") AND (terrorism OR terrorist)
- "Lone Jihad" OR "Jihad Wolves"
- "Lone Offender" AND (terrorism OR terrorist)
- "Loner attacks" AND (terrorism or terrorist)
- "Leaderless resistance” AND (terrorism OR terrorist)
- "individual terrorism"
- (Solo OR Lone OR Single) AND Actor AND (terrorism OR terrorist)

Definitions:

There is no one “universally accepted definition of lone wolf terrorism.”¹ Here are a few representative ones.

Bakker and de Roy van Zuidewijn – the outcome from a workshop -- "The threat or use of violence by a single perpetrator (or small cell), not acting out of personal material reasons, with the aim of influencing a wider audience, and who acts without any direct support in the planning, preparation and execution of the attack, and whose decision to act is not directed by any group or other individuals (although possibly inspired by others).”²

Dr. Mark Hamm – “someone who acts alone, without the help or encouragement of a government or a terrorist organization, who acts without the direction or leadership of a hierarchy, someone who designs the plan and the methods by themselves without any sort of outside support, and who acts totally alone without the support of any second individual or third individual.”³

Joel Capellan – “...[various] authors have identified a continuum of lone wolves base on offenders’ levels of connection to, direction, and support from formal terrorist organizations or networks. On one end of the spectrum, you have isolated lone wolves. These individuals have no formal affiliation, nor have they received any type of support, material or otherwise, from extremist organizations or networks. They radicalized, planned, and executed their attacks alone. On the other end, you have connected lone wolves. While they also operate alone, connected lone wolves belong to formal terrorism organizations or networks. Consequently, they are under the direct influence of a leader who provides instruction and support during the planning stage.”⁴


⁴ Capellan, “Killing Alone,” 177.
Raffaello Pantucci’s Typology Categories:\(^5\):

- Loner -- acts alone, no connection with any extremist group
- Lone Wolf -- appear to act alone but have some level of contact with extremists
- Lone Wolf Pack -- group of individuals who are self-radicalized
- Lone Attacker -- individual who acts alone but has clear command and control links with an extremist group

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Books


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Contents: White Supremacy groups use terrorist attacks to recruit new members / Brad Knickerbocker -- What supremacy is a leaderless movement / Howard L. Bushart, John R. Craig, and Myra Barnes -- The Internet is changing the face of the white supremacist movement / Les Back -- Racist video games target youth on the Internet / Anti-Defamation League -- More women are joining the white supremacist movement / Jim Nesbitt -- White power music is an effective recruiting tool / Adam Cohen -- The making of a white supremacist / T.J. Leyden, interviewed by Intelligence report -- Lone wolf terrorists are more dangerous than organized white supremacist groups / Katherine Seligman -- White supremacy groups are expanding their international ties / David E. Kaplan, Lucian Kim, and Douglas Pasternak -- White nationalists must organize in order to protect European Americans / European-American Unity and Rights Organization -- The white race must be preserved / Bishop Alma White -- White people are the creators of all worthwhile culture and civilization / Matthew Hale.


Contents: v. 1. Radical Islam’s Manipulation of the media – Actors analysis & capability of knowledge – Incorporating contextual sensitivity and meta-cognition into intelligence and law enforcement training -- Spotting and assessing potential confidential human sources using the group analysis protocol (GAP) -- Terrorism and counterfeiting : a synopsis of critical issues and research opportunities -- Behavioral clues to deception in counter-terrorism situations : critique and prospectus -- The role of emotion in predicting violence -- Animal and environmental rights extremists and crime : setting forth a research agenda -- The false allure of torture -- What is lone wolf terrorism? : A research note -- Right-wing extremism and military service -- Making bullets dance : drugs and “small players” in small wars.

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Contents: Introduction: the age of lone wolf terrorism -- Identifying commonalities among lone wolf terrorists -- Old wine in new skin: reimagining lone wolf terrorism -- The American lone wolf terrorist: trends, modus operandi, and background factors -- The roots of radicalization -- The enablers -- Broadcasting intent: the key to preventing lone wolf terrorism -- Triggering events -- The radicalization model of lone wolf terrorism -- The Little Rock military shooting -- The Pittsburgh police shooting -- Lone wolf sting operations -- Lone wolf terrorism and FBI mythmaking -- Conclusion: aftermath: countering lone wolf terrorism -- Appendix: list of cases -- Notes -- Index.


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- Uncovering the lessons learned -- A look toward the future -- Conclusion -- Appendix: Defining lone wolf terrorism.


Contents: Pt 1. Grievances that give rise to holy war. Alienation; Humiliation; Demographics; History; Territory -- pt. 2. Holy war organizations. Inspirational leaders and their followers; Lone-wolf avengers; Commanders and their cadres; The ultimate organization: networks, franchises, and freelancers; Conclusion, policy recommendations.


Contents: Terrorism cannot live on idealism alone -- Terrorist groups’ resourcing menu -- The evolution of terrorism financing -- The multi-nationals of terrorism -- State sponsored groups -- Medium autonomy groups: franchises and bundled support -- Lone wolf groups -- All the rest: shell states, state sponsoring groups, and transnational corporation groups.


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DATABASES & ASSESSMENT TOOLS


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Contents: this source integrates four open-source data sets: The American Terrorism Study (ATS); The Global Terrorism Database (GTD); The U.S. Extremist Crime Database (ECDB); and the Profiles of Perpetrators of Terrorism in the United States (PPT-US).

FILMS & VIDEOS


