



## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION Domestic Terrorism Reference Guide

# Involuntary Celibate Violent Extremism

### (U) THREAT OVERVIEW

(U//FOUO) Involuntary celibate violent extremists (IVEs) are involuntary celibates (Incels) who seek to commit violence in support of their belief that society unjustly denies them sexual or romantic attention, to which they believe they are entitled. The Incel community is primarily an online community composed of individuals—most of whom are men—who blame political or social movements, such as feminism, for empowering others to deny them romantic or sexual attention. While most Incels do not engage in violence, IVEs have conducted at least five lethal attacks in the United States and Canada since 2014, resulting in 28 deaths. In online posts advocating for violence, IVEs often glorify previous IVE attackers, including “founding forefather” Elliot Rodger, who killed six individuals in California in 2014, as well as school shooters, including those who have no connection to Incel forums or IVE ideology.

### (U) TARGETS and TACTICS

(U//FOUO) **Targets:** IVEs primarily target those who they believe are unjustly denying them sexual or romantic attention, which, in most cases, are women. IVEs also blame attractive men for competing against them for female attention and, more broadly, justify the targeting of “normies,” a term used to describe “normal people,” who they believe perpetuate their Incel status. While IVEs often call for physical or sexual violence against specific, identified individuals, IVEs also post threats against groups they believe contribute to their Incel status. Past attacks have included federal buildings, colleges, sorority houses, public walkways, store fronts, and yoga studios. In three of the five IVE attacks since 2014, women were the primary targets or victims.

(U//FOUO) **Tactics:** All three IVE attackers in the United States utilized firearms in the commission of their attacks, with one attacker also using an edged weapon and vehicle, while the two IVE attackers in Canada used a rented vehicle and edged weapon, respectively. Of these five attackers, three posted pre-attack messages outlining their ideology or attack plans, and one shared a manifesto at the time of the attack.

### (U) INDICATORS

(U//FOUO) Indicators of IVE ideology may comprise constitutionally protected conduct, and no single indicator should be the sole basis for a determination of IVE or criminal activity. The following indicators of IVE ideology may constitute a basis for reporting or law enforcement action when observed in combination with suspicious criminal or potentially violent activity:

- ◆ (U//FOUO) Glorifying previous IVEs in online posts—to include the use of shorthand, such as using “ER” to refer to Elliot Rodger—when calling for violence (example: “Going to be a hERo at my school tomorrow”)
- ◆ (U//FOUO) In text, video, or audio social media postings, describing a rationale for committing violence, targets of violence, desired societal outcomes of violence, and societal factors perceived to be exacerbating one’s Incel status

### (U) NOTABLE ATTACKS or CRIMINAL ACTS

(U) In November 2018, Scott Beierle committed an attack at a yoga studio in Tallahassee, Florida, with a firearm, killing two and injuring four. Prior to the attack, Beierle posted misogynistic messages online and uploaded self-produced music containing violent language towards women. In a video shared online, Beierle stated he shared a similar outlook to Elliot Rodger and discussed the “virginity burden” placed on young men by society.

(U) In April 2018, Alek Minassian drove a rented van into a crowd in Toronto, Canada, killing ten and injuring 15. Prior to the attack, Minassian posted a social media message praising Elliot Rodger and promoting Incel ideology. Additionally, in an interview following the attack, Minassian stated his intention to commit “strikes on society in order to confuse and shake the foundations just to put all the normies in a state of panic.”

(U) In May 2014, Elliot Rodger attacked a sorority house and pedestrians in Santa Barbara, California, with a knife, firearms, and a vehicle, killing six and injuring 14. Prior to the attack, Rodger posted an online video titled “Elliot Rodger’s Retribution,” and shared a written manifesto describing his grievance towards women and detailing a plan for their mass imprisonment and murder.

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**(U) KEY TERMS**

<b>Term</b>	<b>Description</b>
<b>AMazing hERo; going ER; Supreme Gentleman</b>	A reference to IVE attackers Elliot Rodger and Alex Minassian. "Going ER" often is used to state an intent to emulate Rodger by committing a mass attack. Rodger described himself as a "Supreme Gentleman."
<b>Ascension</b>	A term used to describe an Incel leaving Incel status by gaining sexual or romantic attention.
<b>-cel</b>	A suffix which is added to words to describe specific types of Incels. Examples include: baldcel (Incel who is bald); heightcel (Incel who is short); rapecel (Incel who condones rape); escortcel (Incel who supports use of prostitution to gain sexual attention).
<b>Chad (Chadpreet; Chang; Tyrone)</b>	Race-specific term used to describe idealized version of a male, who is very successful at gaining sexual and romantic attention from women. Incels unsuccessfully compete against Chads for attention.
<b>Femoid; Foid; Roastie</b>	Terms used to dehumanize females.
<b>Just Be First (JBF)</b>	A phrase used to describe the targeting of minors for sexual advances in order to be their first sexual experience, before their perceived corruption by society, and is "justified" by some as the only chance Incels have to ascend from Incel status.
<b>It's Over</b>	A comment which describes the hopelessness of being an Incel. The typical response to this comment is "it never began."
<b>LDAR</b>	Acronym for "Lie Down And Rot," which is perceived as the only option for Incels to cope with their Incel status.
<b>Looksmatching</b>	A term used to describe the matching of the attractiveness level of both romantic partners, which Incels see as a solution to the perceived problem of unattractive men having no potential partners.
<b>Looksmaxxing</b>	The process of self-improvement with the intent to become more attractive.
<b>MGTOW</b>	Acronym for "Men Going Their Own Way," which refers to an online community that has overlap with the Incel community.
<b>NEET</b>	Acronym for "Not in Education, Employment, or Training," which signifies that a person is truly hopeless. Not used exclusively by Incels.
<b>Normie; Blue Pill</b>	Derivative terms used to describe "normal people." Not used exclusively by Incels.
<b>Red Pill; Black Pill</b>	Red pill refers to a belief shared by many online communities that society is corrupt, and that the believer is a victim of this corruption. Black pill, which is specific to Incels, refers to a belief that this corruption can only be changed through massive societal restructuring, often including violence.
<b>Rope</b>	A reference to committing suicide by hanging.
<b>Stacy</b>	Idealized version of a female, who is very successful at gaining sexual and romantic attention from men. Chooses Chad over Incels.

## (U//FOUO) Racially or Ethnically Motivated Violent Extremism (RMVE): Significant Literature and Terminology Guide

### (U//FOUO) Significant Literature



#### *Mein Kampf* – Adolf Hitler

**Significance:** Work penned in 1924 by Hitler, in which Hitler describes how he came to be anti-Semitic, and argues for a conception of Jews as inferior and perpetrators of a plot to control the world. Hitler references genocide in the work, as well as his intention—and the need—to create a New Order.

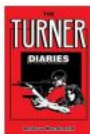
**Main Point(s):** Anti-Semitism; Need for New Order.



#### *White Power* – George Lincoln Rockwell

**Significance:** Published in 1966, the book is the last of six written by Rockwell, a prominent neo-Nazi who founded the American Nazi Party in 1959. The work is highly influential to RMVEs, often required reading for engagement in groups.

**Main Point(s):** National Socialism; anti-Semitism; white supremacy.



#### *Turner Diaries* – William Pierce (Andrew MacDonald)

**Significance:** A 1978 novel describing a fictional, subversive US-based RMVE organization's successful initiative to start a violent revolution and race war leading to the extermination of all non-whites, Jews, and perceived race traitors in the US, told from the perspective of a member of the organization. Highly influential to RMVEs and other DVEs, and has been cited by several attackers and violent plotters.

**Main Point(s):** Take action; tradecraft; organization/planning necessary; success possible.



#### *Siege* – James Mason

**Significance:** Collection of RMVE-themed articles penned by long-time American neo-Nazi, Mason, during the 1980s. *Siege*, and its author, are highly influential to RMVEs, and is required reading for many to join RMVE groups, their affiliated groups or others associated with RMVE subcultures online.

**Main Point(s):** “Direct action,” violence to inspire race war; leaderless resistance.



#### *Next Leap: An Iron March Anthology* – Alexander Slavros

**Significance:** 2015 work by Alexander Mukhitidinov (aka, Alexander Slavros). Slavros is a significant figure to many RMVEs as he is identified as the creator of the now defunct Iron March forum, an online forum created in 2011 in which many RMVEs communicated, and from which some prominent RMVE groups such as the now-disbanded Atomwaffen Division were formed. Some RMVEs adopt Slavros' particular brand of “fascism,” as outlined in the work.

**Main Point(s):** Key tenets of new “fascism.”

### (U//FOUO) Other Influential Literature

- *A Squire's Trial* – Alexander Slavros
- *American Futurist Manifesto* – Alexander Slavros
- *The Lighting and the Sun* – Savitri Devi
- *88 Precepts, White Genocide Manifesto* – David Lane
- *The Unbomber Manifesto: Industrial Society and its Future* – Theodore Kaczynski
- *Hunter* – William Pierce (Andrew MacDonald)
- *The Brigade* – Harold Covington
- *Leaderless Resistance* – Louis Beam

### (U//FOUO) Influential Attacker Manifestos



**2083: A European Declaration of Independence** – 2011, Anders Breivik: The work is predominantly anti-Muslim, anti-immigration, and anti-feminist.

**The Great Replacement** – 2019, Brenton Tarrant: Mirrors Breivik's manifesto in focus on anti-immigration, anti-Muslim themes; introduces anti-corporatism; environmentalism, eco-fascism; and accelerationism themes.

### (U//FOUO) Other Historical Influential Figures

- Timothy McVeigh
- Richard Butler
- Benhart “Ben” Klassen
- Matthew Hale
- Harold Covington
- Tom Metzger
- Miguel Serrano
- Pentti Linkola
- Julius Evola

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**(U//FOUO) Glossary of Terms Used by RMVEs**

<b>1488 (also 14 and 88 individually)</b>	Usually refers to the "14 words" coined by deceased RMVE David Lane: "We must secure the existence of our people and a future for White children," or less commonly, "Because the beauty of the White Aryan woman must not perish from the earth." The use of 88 refers to "HH" for "Heil Hitler."
<b>(( ( )))</b>	Sometimes called "echoes," RMVEs often use triple parentheses around a name to indicate the person is Jewish or that an institution is under Jewish management.
<b>Accelerationism</b>	A concept holding that the existing social order should be pushed to such a degree that Western countries become failed states, giving rise to changes that would reshape the world in radical ways. Adherents advocate for acts of social disruption, including violence, and taking violent action to prompt responses that would gain support from those advocating for the superiority of the white race.
<b>Alt Right</b>	"Alt right," a shortened version of "alternative right," is a loosely associated movement of identitarians, white nationalists, and others who reject traditional conservative politics and advocate for the preservation and protection of the white race and Western civilization.
<b>Based</b>	RMVEs use the term to refer to someone who has been converted to racist ideology, or as a way of indicating ideological agreement.
<b>Blood and Soil</b>	A slogan used by the Nazi regime that some RMVEs adopt to assert racial purity and ties to the land.
<b>Day of the Rope</b>	A reference to the plot of <i>The Turner Diaries</i> , specifically a day when 'race traitors' were executed in public hangings. RMVEs often use the term online to threaten or imply violence.
<b>Goys, Goyim</b>	A Hebrew term used to describe non-Jews, which RMVEs sometimes ironically apply to themselves and fellow RMVEs to set them apart from Jews.
<b>Great Replacement</b>	First popularized among European nationalists based on a 2005 book of the same title, the term refers to the belief in a conspiracy to replace the white race and Western culture through high non-white birth rates, mass immigration, and other measures. Also the title of the manifesto of the individual who attacked mosques in Christchurch, New Zealand in March 2019. See also, "White Genocide."
<b>Jews Will Not Replace Us You Will Not Replace Us</b>	Slogans used by RMVEs in response to perceptions that Jewish conspirators or others are plotting to replace white people through high non-white birth rates, mass immigration, and other measures.
<b>LARPing</b>	A term which stands for "Live Action Role-Playing" originally meant to describe a role-playing game in which participants act out their roles as fictional characters. RMVEs and their associates use the term online to deride individuals accused of not being as extreme, or in possession of skills or other valued characteristics, they claim to have.
<b>/pol/</b>	Refers to the "politically incorrect" discussion boards on 4chan and 8chan used by some RMVEs to broadcast their violent intentions and RMVE ideology.
<b>RaHoWa</b>	"Racial Holy War" is a belief in white power circles that whites should take up arms and fight a race war against Jews and non-whites.
<b>Red pill</b>	In the context of RMVE ideology, taking the red pill or becoming "redpilled" indicates the adoption of racist, anti-Semitic, or fascist beliefs.
<b>Shoah, Shoah'd</b>	A Hebrew term for the Holocaust. RMVEs sometimes adopt the term to make light of the Holocaust in an anti-Semitic context or to describe the deletion of their social media accounts.
<b>Siege Culture</b>	A term used to describe the ideological and operational themes advanced by adherents to James Mason's <i>Siege</i> . Individuals who adopt these ideas are often said to have been "Siege-pilled."
<b>White Genocide</b>	Refers to some RMVEs' belief that the white race is in danger of extinction due to forced assimilation engineered by a Jewish conspiracy or brought about by demographic changes, feminism, multiculturalism, interracial relationships, abortion, and other social forces.
<b>Zionist Occupied Government (ZOG)</b>	Also called "Jewish occupational government" or "JOG," serves as a reference to the belief that a Jewish conspiracy controls the government and manipulates it to counter the interests of the white race, such as through policies to advance "White Genocide."