NCITE EXPLAINER: Domestic Terrorism

“The greatest terrorism threat to the Homeland we face today is posed by lone offenders, often radicalized online, who look to attack soft targets with easily accessible weapons.”

What It Is

A premeditated act of violence against human life, critical infrastructure, or key resources that occurs inside the U.S. This violent act violates federal and/or state criminal laws and is done with intent to intimidate, coerce, influence, and/or affect the conduct of a government, business, or group beyond the immediate victim.

Why It Happens

Experts are looking for answers in a complex stew of extremist ideology, extremist group behavior, and individual beliefs and circumstances that, cooked in an online crucible, can boil into violence.

Who Can Help

NCITE is the largest and only federally designated research consortium studying this threat. Among our 50 plus researchers are:

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