



Policy Report

# **Data on Post-9/11 Terrorism in the United States**

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## Executive Summary<sup>1</sup>

### *A Brief Note on Methodology*

This policy report examines the challenges posed by violent extremists to our national security. It is comprised of two parts.

The first section does a statistical examination of convictions in terrorism trials since 9/11. This part primarily draws on data and analysis from New York University's Center for Law and Security and Syracuse University's Transactional Records Access Clearinghouse.

The second section of the report is focused on MPAC's Post-9/11 Terrorism Incident Database and an analysis of its information. The Database contains two open-source datasets for comparative analysis: one focused on Muslim violent extremists; other focused on non-Muslim violent extremists. A third, subset of post-Obama election plots by Muslim violent extremists is also added to measure possible trends of ideological extremism in Muslim American communities.

*All entries into the Database are incidents believed to be directly threatening United States.*

Additionally, the Database has three other key features:

1. **Our data draws upon work done by other organizations.** The Muslim dataset primarily draws upon tracking done by the *Congressional Research Service* and the *Heritage Foundation*. The non-Muslim dataset draws primarily from the *Southern Poverty Law Center*, *Anti-Defamation League*, and *DT Analytics* -- a private security firm specializing in domestic terrorism and extremism.

Both datasets are supplemented by MPAC's additional research, based on information from 1) official government documents such as affidavits, criminal complaints, and press releases, and 2) local, national and international mainstream media reporting.

2. **Only violent plots against people are counted in the dataset.** Therefore, "Eco-terrorists" tend to be excluded, because: 1) their violence is overwhelmingly directed at property, rather than people and 2) to ensure numbers are not inflated from those incidents of violence against property instead of people. They are only included when it can be reasonably assessed violence is directed at people.
3. **The report is deliberately more inclusive of Muslim violent extremists.** The Muslim dataset accounts for both U.S. and foreign-originated plots. The non-Muslim dataset is restricted *only* to U.S.-originated plots.

### *Summary of the Findings*

- Since 9/11, only 47% of so-called "jihadist" suspects publicly associated with terrorism were prosecuted under a terrorism or national security statute.
- There were 135 total plots by U.S.-originated non-Muslim perpetrators against the United States since 9/11. In comparison,

there have been 60 total plots by U.S. and foreign-originated Muslim perpetrators since 9/11.

- **There have been least 10 incidents of non-Muslim violent extremists possessing or attempting to possess Biological, Chemical or Radiological weapons.** One of those incidents occurred since Obama's election. No such cases involving Muslim violent extremists have been reported since 9/11.
- **Evidence clearly indicates a general rise in violent extremism across ideologies.** Using Obama's election as our measurement, since November 4, 2008 there have been 88 plots by domestic non-Muslim violent extremists. By comparison, there have been 36 plots by Muslim U.S. and foreign-originated extremists. Each of these categories constitutes more than 50% of all violent extremist cases in each dataset since 9/11.
- **Yet, there is little evidence of rising ideological extremism among Muslim Americans.** We use Obama's election as the start of a timeline for measurement. We found 19 out of 31 post-election plots (61%) involved Muslim Americans engaging in ideological extremism before the vote. 10 out of 31 cases (32%) are individuals involved in extremist activities

after Obama's election. 2 cases (6%) remain unknown.

**Al-Qaeda does not appear to be making new *ideological* gains into the Muslim American community.** *Instead, the data is pointing toward greater numbers of longstanding ideological extremists turning to violence.* Additional research by Syracuse and Duke Universities indicated a decline in violent extremism among Muslim Americans.

- **Muslim communities helped U.S. security officials to prevent nearly 2 out of every 5 Al-Qaeda plots threatening the United States since 9/11.** It highlights the importance of partnering with society through good relations and community oriented policing.

This report offers the following policy recommendations:

- Expand community-oriented policing initiatives
- Increase support for research on combating biased policing
- Expand investments in better human capital acquisitions
- Highlight citizen contributions to national security
- Reform the fusion center process to increase coordination among law enforcement
- Adopt MPAC's "four essential principles" to successful engagement with Muslim American communities

## Introduction

The arrests of individuals spanning from New York City, Baltimore, and Washington, D.C., to Detroit, Fort Hood and Baltimore have prompted concerns over whether there is a rise in domestic violent extremism against the United States. Yet the discussion of these incidents tends to lack proper context and solid empirical basis.

Additionally, a narrow focus on Muslim violent extremism is shortsighted. Terrorism is a phenomenon occurring among extremists of many ideological orientations – Muslim and non-Muslim\* alike.

This report quantitatively examines the challenges posed by Muslim violent extremists in two ways. The first is by examining the quantitative and qualitative nature of terrorism trials. Second, it looks at the number of actual and attempted attacks within the United States. It also employs a comparative analysis with domestic non-Muslim incidents.

This report will be regularly updated.

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\* Our non-Muslim extremist category consists mostly of violent Right-Wing extremists: specifically White Nationalists, anti-government “militias”, and Christian extremists. However it also includes two cases from Black Separatists (Nation of Islam), two Jewish extremist cases, two Anarchist cases and one heterodox cult. “Eco-terrorists” tend to be excluded, deliberately, because: 1) their violence is overwhelmingly directed at property, rather than people and 2) to ensure numbers are not inflated from those incidents of violence against property instead of people. They are only included when it can be reasonably assessed violence is directed at people.

## Terrorism Trials

If the threat of terrorism is extremely significant, it would be reasonable to expect many charges would be applied to law enforcement investigations billed as terrorism-related. However the hard data contradicts certain popular notions.

A 2009 study by the *Transactional Records Access Clearinghouse* (TRAC) at *Syracuse University* found within the last five years, **Federal attorneys declined to bring any charges against 67% of alleged terrorism-related cases referred to them from law enforcement agencies.** In 2008, this statistic rose to a 73% decline rate of referred cases from law enforcement organizations.<sup>2</sup>

When examining those remaining terrorism-related cases going to trial, publicly available data also paints a sobering picture. According to a study by the Center for Law and Security (CLS), examining “jihadist”<sup>3</sup> terrorism trials from September 11, 2001 to September 11, 2011, 204 out of 431 (47.3%) cases that were successfully prosecuted involved a terrorism or national security violation.<sup>4</sup> That less than half of all prosecuted “jihadist” trials involve a national security and/or terrorism charge has led one commentator at the *American Criminal Law Review* to note, “This suggests that the numbers of jihadist terror cases, and the perceived public threat of jihadist terrorism, is exaggerated in some part by relatively minor cases.”<sup>5</sup>

In fairness, law enforcement officials may argue terrorist plots sometimes need to be preempted, even before the necessary evidence is gathered to backup national security and/or terrorism charges. However when examining this claim, an earlier CLS report further noted:<sup>6</sup>

*...the DoJ [Department of Justice] may have acted in order to disrupt potential threats to public safety, although it is apparent that these allegations and any evidence supporting them are insufficient to determine whether or not an actual plot was disrupted.*

As the data shows, there are a fairly limited number of cases involving dangerous violent indicators, such as the possession of explosives. Yet, even in these limited cases, significant questions surrounding these incidents exist. CLS Executive Director, Karen Greenberg, has previously noted:<sup>7</sup>

*...in some cases—such as Fort Dix—allegations of conspiracy to use [Weapons of Mass Destruction]\*\* WMDs have been plagued with assertions that the defendants had neither the know-how nor the sophistication to actually carry out their intentions. They were, rather, deemed bumbly and wannabes.*

Finally, the September 2011 CLS report's data found the average sentence for those convicted of terrorism and national security charges were each slightly over 15 years.<sup>8</sup> However given that the majority of cases (52.7%) did not involve either of these serious charges, the average overall sentence rate is between 5 to 6 years.<sup>9</sup> In fact those facing neither of these two core charges received an average sentence slightly more than 1 year.<sup>10</sup>

While there is no doubt that Muslim violent extremists pose a serious challenge to American security, an examination of

terror trial data shows there has been significant mislabeling of trials and misapplication of counterterrorism resources.

This has serious implications for US policymakers as they seek to engage public concerns over national security and make tough choices when allocating limited resources.

Over-labeling trials as terrorism-related when the majority of them are prosecuted on other charges unnecessarily heightens public fear, rather than building level-headed vigilance.

Furthermore, the counterterrorism assets used to investigate and prosecute individuals committing non-terrorism or national security violations is a severe misapplication of our nation's limited resources that must be directed at actual terrorist threats.

## Comparative Incident Analysis

Looking at terrorism trials is only one aspect of seeking to identify threat trends. The second method is by tracking terrorist incidents – prevented and occurred – within and against the United States since 9/11. It also includes a comparative analysis with non-Muslim extremist incidents.

According to MPAC's Post-9/11 Terrorism Database,<sup>\*\*\*</sup> there have been at least 60 planned terrorist attacks against

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<sup>\*\*</sup> Not to be confused with Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear (CBRN) devices. Federal statutes on "Weapons of Mass Destruction" also include various non-CBRN explosive devices.

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<sup>\*\*\*</sup> **MPAC's Post-9/11 Database is completely open source.** Sources include mainstream media, government documents, and tracking from organizations including the *Congressional Research Service*, *Heritage Foundation* and the *Southern Poverty Law Center*. Refer to the appendices at the end for more information on the sources and explanation of the Database's categories and definitions.

the United States, which have been attributed to Muslims.<sup>11</sup> This category includes both domestic and international-based incidents/plots against the United States. There have been 17 deaths from post-9/11 Muslim violent extremists.

However, the number of incidents/plots should also be viewed with caution. MPAC's Database also recorded 14 out of 60 (23.3%) of alleged violent extremist incidents/plots that involved Muslims reaching only the "aspirational stage." In other words **over 1 out every 5 plots involving Muslim violent extremists arrested for terrorism or national security did not involve possession or attempted possession of weapons.**

None of 60 alleged incidents/plots involved possession or attempted possession of chemical, biological, radiological, or nuclear (CBRN) bombs. 55 of these incidents/plots were not implemented while 5 attacks actually took place, **an 8.3% Muslim violent extremist implementation rate.**

However a singular focus on Muslim violent extremists is shortsighted. Terrorism has historically been practiced by extremists of various ideological

orientations.<sup>12</sup> In order to allow for better context of incidents from Muslim extremists, we also provide a comparative analysis of incidents from non-Muslim extremists.

Non-Muslim violent extremists are also included because of the concern they elicit from state-level law enforcement. A 2007 survey by the *University of Maryland's Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism* (START) center, found Muslim violent extremists were seen as the greatest threat to national security by state law enforcement agencies.

However the START survey found non-Muslim violent extremists came in a close second place.<sup>13</sup> Furthermore, the survey also found, **"...just as many state-police agencies (62%) view Neo-Nazis as posing a serious threat to their own state's security as consider Islamic Jihadists to pose a serious threat."**<sup>14</sup>

Interestingly, the same START study also found law enforcement identified domestic extremist groups operating within their states more often than Muslim extremists. (*See the inset below*).<sup>15</sup>

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| • Neo-Nazi (92% of responding states) | • Extreme anti-immigrant (65%)         |
| • Militia/Patriot (89%)               | • Islamic Jihadi groups (62%)          |
| • Racist Skinheads (89%)              | • Extreme anti-abortion groups (62%)   |
| • Freemen/ Sovereign Citizen (87%)    | • Extreme Black nationalists (54%)     |
| • Extreme animal rights (76%)         | • Odinists (35%)                       |
| • Extreme environmentalists (73%)     | • Left-wing revolutionary groups (32%) |
| • KKK (73%)                           | • Idiosyncratic sectarians (32%)       |
| • Christian Identity (70%)            | • Other extremist groups (11%)         |
| • Extreme anti-tax (67%)              | • Doomsday cults (8%)                  |

While, MPAC's Database recorded at least 60 incidents/plots by Muslim violent extremists, it also recorded 133

incidents/plots by non-Muslim violent extremists (135 if Nation of Islam cases are included).<sup>16</sup> 129 out of 135 non-

Muslim incidents/plots reached the “operational stage.” There have been 56 deaths from post-9/11 non-Muslim terrorists, **68 if the “DC Sniper” shootings are included.**

Furthermore, the Database recorded 10 plots by non-Muslim extremists involving the use of CBRN weaponry. They include at least 5 attempts to acquire materials for developing a CBRN weapon and **5 cases involving actual possession of materials for a CBRN weapon.**

Out of the 133 (or 135) alleged incidents/plots, 50 were implemented, while the other 84 were foiled, an overall 37% non-Muslim violent extremist implementation rate. **In other words, nearly 2 out of every 5 non-Muslim terrorism attempt have been implemented.**

### **A Rise in Ideological Extremism Among Muslim Americans?**

With the spike of recent arrests of alleged violent extremists in the United States, some analysts are concerned these arrests may also indicate a rise in ideological extremism\*\*\*\* among Muslim Americans.<sup>17</sup> While there have been a number of high-profile arrests recently within a short time span, others point out that, “...the issue of homegrown terrorism plots is a serious

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\*\*\*\* This is also sometimes referred to as “radicalization.” Radicalization differs from violent extremism in that former is the intellectual approval of violence against civilians, whereas the latter also includes actual violence, incitement, or material support in support of one’s extremist position. For full definitions, see: Alejandro J. Beutel, *Building Bridges to Strengthen America: Forging an Effective Counterterrorism Enterprise between Muslim Americans and Law Enforcement*. (Washington, D.C.: Muslim Public Affairs Council, August 2010), P. 12.

one, but would [also] caution that it is not a pandemic...”<sup>18</sup>

In order to measure any recent trends, a timeline needs to be established. This report uses November 4, 2008, Obama’s election victory, as beginning of a timeline for measurement. It does so for two reasons:

- 1) *Transnational terrorists*, like Al-Qaeda and its affiliates, may see the presence of a new administration as an opportunity to force a policy overreaction after an attack, or have the President risk losing public legitimacy.<sup>19</sup> Also, online discussions from Al-Qaeda sympathizers indicate they are threatened by Obama’s potential charisma.<sup>20</sup>
- 2) *Domestic terrorists*, particularly right-wing violent extremists, are upset over the election of a non-White President, national demographic changes, and/or current concerns over the economy.<sup>21</sup>

Referring again to MPAC’s Database, since Obama’s Presidential election, there have been 36 attempted terrorist attacks by Muslim extremists, or 60% of all incidents/plots by Muslim terrorists against the United States since 9/11. Out of these post-Obama incidents, 34 were prevented. This represents a 5.6% Muslim violent extremist implementation rate in the post-Obama election period.

For non-Muslim extremists, there have been 88 attempted terrorist attacks since Obama was elected. This represents 65% of all terrorist attacks committed by non-Muslim terrorists since 9/11. Out of these 88 attempted incidents, 54 were prevented, representing a 39% non-Muslim incident implementation rate in

the post-Obama election victory period. **In other words, in a post-Obama period, nearly 2 of out every 5 non-Muslim violent extremists plots have been implemented.**

While it is clear that there has been a rise in *violent* extremism since Obama's election – among Muslims and non-Muslims alike – these figures do not tell us whether or not a trend toward *ideological* extremism (potentially leading to violence) exists. In order to measure whether or not there has been a recent rise in ideological extremism among Muslim Americans, we examine the data Muslim violent extremists further.

Again, we use Obama's election as a baseline to determine what is to be considered "recent." Among the 36 Muslim violent extremist plots, 31 involved Muslim Americans. (For instance, Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab is a U.S. citizen, a permanent resident, or long-term resident\*\*\*\*.) If there were a recent rise in ideological extremism one would expect a majority or a significant minority of violent extremists to have been radicalized after the election.

Using court documents and mainstream media report as our sources, we found the people involved in 19 out of the 31 post-Obama election plots (61%) were engaged in ideological extremism before the Presidential vote. 2 cases (6%) remain unknown. **10 out of 31 cases (32%), are individuals known to have been involved in extremist activities since Obama's election.** (For the complete subset displaying the results and their interpretation, see Appendix C, after the endnotes.)

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\*\*\*\* Defined as someone living within the sovereign territory of the United States for 5 continuous years or more.

Our findings do not support the notion of a recent rise in ideological extremism. In fact, the overwhelming number individuals involved in "recent" plots had engaged in ideological extremism several years. Al-Qaeda and its sympathizers have found it very difficult to make any ideological inroads among American Muslims over the years and these results continue to support that notion. American Muslims have been, and continue to be, overwhelmingly mainstream and anti-extremist.

Rather than a seeing a rise in ideological extremism, the data points toward greater numbers of *preexisting ideological extremists turning to violence*. While this phenomenon poses its own separate security challenges, a potential silver lining exists.

Other data-driven studies point toward declining trends in ideological extremism among American Muslims. For instance, a June 2010 report from Syracuse's TRAC center found federal prosecutions between June 2009 and June 2010 are down 53% from 2005.<sup>22</sup> A February 2011 study from Duke University's Triangle Center on Terrorism and Homeland Security found that the number of Muslim Americans apprehended for terrorism dropped by 57%, from 47 in 2009 to 20 in 2010.<sup>23</sup> The study went on to note, "the total for 2010 suggests that the previous year may have been more of an aberration than a trend."<sup>24</sup>

Overtime, the spike in domestic violent extremist activity may fizzle out because there will be few individuals left willing to engage in violence and even fewer who are capable of doing so. Rather than being able to expand its network of supporters, extremists face an increasingly difficult operational and recruiting environment.



The likelihood of this forecast increases in light of the recent death of Anwar Al-Awlaki and *Inspire* magazine editor, Samir Khan. According to an analysis of the last 28 plots since Barack Obama was elected, Al-Awlaki played an inspirational and/or operational role in 18 of the 36 plots. (See Appendix D for more information.) While some analysts are skeptical that Al-Awlaki and Khan's deaths will not significantly affect Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula's (AQAP) overall operational capabilities it seems it will mitigate the "homegrown" threat to the American homeland by severely reducing the capability of AQAP, and Al-Qaeda at-large to attract potential English-speaking American recruits to its cause.<sup>25</sup>

Others, however, caution that Al-Awlaki's writings have an "enduring appeal"<sup>26</sup> and that his recent death will garner further sympathy for his ideology and violent justifications among fellow sympathizers.<sup>27</sup>

Those "homegrown" extremists daring to engage in violence are not regarded as well-trained and ideologically hardened as the 9/11 hijackers. Instead, many analysts view them as "wannabees,"<sup>28</sup> "nitwits,"<sup>29</sup> and "idiots."<sup>30</sup> Not surprising this has led to, "U.S.-based jihadis hav[ing] a nearly unbroken record of operational failure."<sup>31</sup> Rather than signaling increasing influence, the rise in Al-Qaeda-inspired violent extremism within the United States signals the ideological movement's increasing weakness.

### **Terrorists in the United States and CBRN Weaponry: A Quick Summary**

Our Database shows ten cases of attempted or actual possession of CBRN material. These ten incidents are:

1. **September-October 2001:** Presumed bioterrorism suspect Dr. Bruce Ivins is believed to have mailed several letters laced with Anthrax to various media and U.S. Senate offices across the country, killing 5 people and sickening another 17.
2. **March 12, 2002:** Anarchist Joseph Konopka was found in possession of deadly amounts of sodium cyanide and potassium cyanide.<sup>32</sup>
3. **April 10, 2003:** Anti-government extremist William Krar is arrested and found in possession of a massive cache of small arms and a cyanide bomb capable of killing up to 6,000 people.<sup>33</sup>
4. **October 25, 2004:** Neo-Nazi Demetrius "Van" Crocker is arrested for attempting to acquire Sarin nerve agent and C-4 plastic explosives.<sup>34</sup>
5. **October 3, 2006:** Survivalist Denys Ray Hughes was arrested in 2006 and sentenced in October 2006 to seven years in prison for the illegal manufacture of ricin and illegal possession of firearms.<sup>35</sup>
6. **January 29, 2008:** Anti-government extremist Michael Alan Crooker was federally indicted on possessing ricin and abrin toxins. He has previously been indicted in 2004 for also threatening to use a weapon of mass destruction against a federal building in Springfield, Massachusetts.<sup>36</sup>
7. **December 9, 2008:** The FBI discovers "radiological dispersal device components and literature, and radioactive materials" at the home of Neo-Nazi James Cummings. He was failed to fully develop the device because his wife, due to domestic abuse, murdered him.<sup>37</sup>

8. **October 20, 2011:** Four anti-government extremists are arrested and charged for plotting to acquire and use guns, explosives, and the biological toxin ricin against U.S. federal officials and institutions. The suspects had acquired requisite castor beans to make ricin, but had not changed them into a toxic form.<sup>38</sup>
9. **April 25, 2012:** Martin Kimber is arrested chemical weapons charges for repeatedly poisoning the food at an Albany, NY-area hospital with mercury. A search of his home turned more two jars filled with mercury, as well as Nazi paraphernalia and a copy of the *Turner Diaries*, a white supremacist violent fiction book that also inspired Oklahoma City bomber Timothy McVeigh.<sup>39</sup>
10. **May 8, 2012:** Over a dozen Neo-Nazis in rural were stockpiling firearms and explosives, as well as receiving combat training from a fellow Neo-Nazi in the Missouri State National Guard in order to prepare to instigate a national “race war”. Members of the group had also reportedly sought to acquire ricin.

### **Community Oriented Policing Counterterrorism: A New Way Forward**

Data presented in this report shows terrorism is a more complex phenomenon than some may expect. Furthermore, the use of terrorism is not limited to Muslims; data shows significant activity from non-Muslim extremists too.

A singular focus on Muslim terrorists is both bad for national security and civil society. Even if one were to focus only on Muslim communities, the arrests of individuals such as the “North Carolina 7,” the “Fort Dix Six”, Abdulhakim Mujahid and Colleen “Jihad Jane” LaRose provide a few examples of individuals who do not fit a specific terrorist profile.<sup>40</sup> In fact numerous studies and experts have stated there is no reliable “terrorist profile.”<sup>41</sup>

It not only potentially leads to biased law enforcement, but also runs the risk of misallocating limited resources. Particular communities may get over-scrutinized while real threats – by actors from a variety of ideologies – go undetected. *All communities, irrespective of race, ethnicity, and faith, must exercise vigilance.*

Additionally the data appears to indicate that more surveillance powers do not necessarily make America safer. Numerous terrorist incidents, across ideologies, continue occurring after legislation reducing civil liberties protections – like the PATRIOT Act renewals and 2008 FISA Amendments– were passed. Instead, more precise information gathering is needed.

In order to effectively move forward to address all terrorist threats facing America, we propose integrating greater elements of community-oriented policing into local, state and federal counterterrorism strategies. Community-oriented policing is a law enforcement strategy emphasizing, “...collaborative partnerships between the law enforcement agency and the individuals and organizations they serve to develop solutions to problems and increase trust in police.”<sup>42</sup>

Working with local communities based on relationships of trust has been extremely effective at fighting various types of crime,<sup>43</sup> including terrorism.<sup>44</sup>

One of the most important benefits of trusted partnerships is the ability for community members to feel comfortable enough to step forward

and provide critical information to prevent any crime, including terrorism.

#### A Short List of Terror Plots Disrupted by Muslim Community Assistance

1. **September 2002:** Members of the “Lackawanna 6” are arrested. FBI first becomes aware of their activities in June 2001 when a local Muslim community member tips off the FBI.<sup>45</sup>
2. **June 2003:** FBI receives two tips from community members notifying them “military-style training” being conducted suspect by Ali Al-Tamimi. The tips start an investigation leading to the arrest of the “Paintball 11” in Northern Virginia.<sup>46</sup>
3. **August 2004:** James Elshafay and Shahwar Matin Siraj are arrested largely based on the controversial use of an informant in the investigation. However NYPD were first notified of Siraj after a Muslim community member anonymously notifies New York police about consistently troubling rhetoric coming from the suspect.<sup>47</sup>
4. **February 2006:** Muslim community members in Ohio provide information help into arrest and eventually convict 3 suspects planning attacks in Iraq.<sup>48</sup>
5. **August 2006:** British authorities arrest a group of British Muslim violent extremists suspected of plotting to blow up several airplanes over the Atlantic. Authorities first become aware of the plot based on a tip from a Muslim community member.<sup>49</sup>
6. **November 2006:** Adnan Babar Mirza, a Pakistani national studying in Houston, TX and is arrested for illegal firearms training and possession. Adnan come to the attention of the FBI when local Houston community members tip them off about Adnan’s activities and alleged intentions.<sup>50</sup>
7. **July 2009:** Mosque leaders in Raleigh, North Carolina contact law enforcement to notify them of “violent, threatening action... considered to be dangerous” leading to the arrest of Daniel Boyd and 6 other individuals.<sup>51</sup>
8. **September 2009:** Queens Imam Ahmad Afazali, a community liaison to the NYPD, helps local police and the FBI in the investigation and arrest of suspect Najibullah Zazi. Though Zazi is initially accused of tipping off Zazi to police surveillance, information in the court complaint<sup>52</sup> and corroborating reporting from mainstream media sources<sup>53</sup> found this notion to be false. (Afzali was, however, deported on charges of lying to FBI agents, but subsequent media reporting also strengthens Afzali’s claims that he was scapegoat for getting caught up in a turf battle between NYPD and FBI officials.)<sup>54</sup>
9. **November 2009:** Five Virginia Muslim youth are arrested in Pakistan, allegedly seeking to join a terrorist group, after family members told American federal authorities they went missing.<sup>55</sup>
10. **April 2010:** Senegalese Muslim Alioune Niass first spots the suspicious vehicle used as a bomb to attack Times Square in New York City. Clues from the vehicle and defused explosive immediately led to the suspect, Faisal Shahzad’s, arrest.<sup>56</sup>
11. **June 2010:** Suspects Mohammed Mahmoud Alessa and Carlos Eduardo Almonte are arrested, after the FBI first receives an anonymous report in 2006 from one of the suspects’ family members. News reports indicate one of Alessa’s family members provided the tip.<sup>57</sup>

12. **October 2010:** Former Hawaii resident Abdel Hamid Shehadeh is arrested for attempting to join the Taliban. Local media noted that the Muslim Association of Hawaii “assisted law enforcement agencies in the case” and that it has “in the past reported suspicious activities.”<sup>58</sup>
13. **October 2010:** Farooque Ahmed is arrested on charges of allegedly attempting to bomb the Washington, DC metro railway system. The FBI first learns of Ahmed’s intentions from a community tip-off.<sup>59</sup>
14. **October 2010:** An attempt by Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula to bomb Western targets using air cargo transportation is prevented by US and European authorities. Intelligence that prevented the plot came from ex-militant Jabr al-Faifi, who voluntarily handed himself into Saudi authorities.<sup>60</sup>
15. **November 2010:** Mohamed Osman Mohamud is arrested for attempting to bomb a Christmas tree-lighting ceremony in Portland, Oregon. The New York Times notes, “In the Oregon [Mohamud] case, the FBI received a tip from a Portland Muslim.”<sup>61</sup>
16. **December 2010:** Antonio Martinez is arrested for attempting to bomb a military recruiting center in Maryland. Statements from Justice Department officials indicate a Muslim community member reported Martinez to the FBI during its ongoing investigation.<sup>62</sup>
17. **June 2011:** Two Al-Qaeda inspired violent criminals planning to attack a military installation in Seattle are arrested by law enforcement. FBI officials first become aware of the planned attack after a fellow Muslim who was trying to be recruited into the conspiracy went to Seattle Police and informed them of the plot.<sup>63</sup>
18. **July 2011:** Uzbek national Ulugbek Kodirov was arrested for threatening to kill President Barack Obama and possession of illegal firearms and explosives. U.S. Attorney Joyce Vance expressed her “appreciation to the Muslim community of Birmingham, which was instrumental in helping law enforcement to shut down this threat.”<sup>64</sup>
19. **January 2012:** Violent Al-Qaeda sympathizer Sami Osmakac is arrested for planning to attack several sites in Tampa, Florida using guns and explosives. The U.S. Attorney for Central Florida noted, “This investigation was also predicated, in part, by assistance from the Muslim community.”<sup>65</sup>

Despite the numerous legal and social challenges Muslim Americans face at times, the above list shows the critical role their communities play in keeping America safe. This totals 19 post-9/11 plots involving anti-terror assistance from Muslim community members.

This does not include two notable cases where Muslim gave vital intelligence that was not used by security officials:

- Warnings from Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab’s father<sup>66</sup>

- Multiple tips from the Muslim wives of David Headley<sup>67</sup>

Factoring in the latter two cases, there have been 21 total instances of Muslims voluntarily seeking to help law enforcement prevent Al Qaeda-related terror activities threatening the United States since 9/11. **The represents over 1 out of every 3 (35%) cases.**

When specifically focusing on American Muslims (rather than Muslims at-large) providing unsolicited tips to prevent

“homegrown” terror plots, this amounts to 17 out of 54 (31.4%) post-9/11 plots. **In other words, American Muslims are responsible for providing initial unsolicited tips to law enforcement in nearly 1 out of every 3 Al-Qaeda related “homegrown” plots since 9/11.**

It is important to note, however, that these numbers may be underestimating the level of cooperation. Whereas this research was conducted using open sources, information that may have come from community tips may tend to remain unrevealed due to law enforcement officials’ desire to protect their sources of information.

### **Conclusion & Policy Recommendations**

In order to develop a stronger defense against all terrorist threats, it is clear there must be better relations between law enforcement and citizens to enhance national vigilance. Closer coordination must also be developed between local, state, and federal law enforcement.

Therefore we offer the following recommendations:

- **Expand community-oriented policing initiatives.** Those relationships require much effort and resources to maintain. Department of Justice’s Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) – which was recently allocated \$1 billion in stimulus money from Congress – can serve as an important resource by providing technical resources and information on best practices.<sup>68</sup> Congress and the White House should continue to increase its support for COPS.
- **Increase support for research<sup>69</sup> and training<sup>70</sup> to combat biased law enforcement practices.** As MPAC’s data demonstrates, terrorism against the United States is not limited to Muslim violent extremists. Using false profiles to disproportionately focus on a particular community is a misallocation of resources and ignores other risks at our nation’s peril. Enhanced research and training to reduce biased policing is necessary to make our nation more secure against all terrorist threats.
- **Expand investments in better human capital acquisition.** The Security agencies’ need more individuals, including Muslim Americans, with language and subject matter expertise. Federal, state and local agencies should proactively seek to hire individuals with critical skill sets through job fairs and scholarships.<sup>71</sup>
- **Highlight citizen contributions to national security.** Several examples, highlighted in this report show Muslim and non-Muslim communities actively step forward to notify authorities when they become aware of a violent threat. Doing so is particularly important for Muslim communities. They are also involved in several initiatives to combat extremist ideologies through various strategies in their communities.<sup>72</sup> Informing the public of Muslim Americans’ assistance will help allay public concerns about security and dispel unfounded stereotypes about communities. It will also strengthen relations

between law enforcement and citizens.

- **Reform fusion center processes for better law enforcement coordination.** The current network of fusion centers across the U.S. remains disjointed, despite sharing linked databases.<sup>73</sup> These efforts need to be harmonized through an

empowered Office of the Program Manager of the Information Sharing Environment (PM-ISE). The PM-ISE should push regional and state fusion centers to incorporate aspects of community policing in their internal procedures through strengthened auditing protocols and establishing a community relations advisory boards.<sup>74</sup>

## Endnotes

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# Post 9/11 Terrorism Incident Database

## Appendix A: Statistical Table of Muslim Terrorism Incidents Against the United States Since 9/11/01

	Name	Date of Arrest/Attack	Ideology	Implemented/ Prevented	Operational Stage?	# of Deaths	CBRN
1.	Richard Reid	12/2001	Muslim Extremist	Prevented	Yes	0	--
2.	Jose Padilla	5/8/2002	Muslim Extremist	Prevented	No	0	--
3.	Imran Mandhai and Shueyb Jokhan	5/18/2002	Muslim Extremist	Prevented	Yes	0	--
4.	Hesham Mohamed Hedayet	7/2002	Muslim Extremist	Implemented	Yes	2	--
5.	"Lackawanna 6"	9/2002	Muslim Extremist	Prevented	No	0	--
6.	Iyman Faris	3/2003	Muslim Extremist	Prevented	Yes	0	--
7.	"Virginia Jihad Network/11"	6/2003	Muslim Extremist	Prevented	Yes	0	--
8.	Dhiren Barot	8/2004	Muslim Extremist	Prevented	Yes	0	--
9.	James ElShafay/ Shahawar Siraj	8/2004	Muslim Extremist	Prevented	Yes	0	--
10.	Yassin M. Aref/ Mohammed M. Hossain	8/2004	Muslim Extremist	Prevented	Yes	0	--
11.	Hamid Hayat	6/2005	Muslim Extremist	Prevented	No	0	--
12.	Jamaat us-Saheeh (4 people)	8/2005	Muslim Extremist	Prevented	Yes	0	--
13.	Mohammad Amawi, Marwan Othman Al-Hindi, Wassim Mazloun	2/2006	Muslim Extremist	Prevented	No	0	--
14.	Mohammed Taheri-Azar	3/2006	Muslim Extremist	Implemented	Yes	0	--
15.	Ehsanul Islam Sadequee and Syed Haris Ahmed	4/2006	Muslim Extremist	Prevented	No	0	--
16.	Assem Hammoud	7/2006	Muslim Extremist	Prevented	Yes	0	--
17.	Naveed Haq	7/28/2006	Muslim Extremist	Implemented	Yes	1	--
18.	Transatlantic Bomb Plot	8/2006	Muslim Extremist	Prevented	Yes	0	--
19.	Adnan Mirza	11/28/2006	Muslim Extremist	Prevented	Yes	0	--
20.	Daniel Maldonado	1/2007	Muslim Extremist	Prevented	Yes	0	--
21.	Fort Dix, NJ Plot	5/7/2007	Muslim Extremist	Prevented	Yes	0	--
22.	JFK Airport Plot	6/2/2007	Muslim Extremist	Prevented	No	0	--
23.	Mohammed Jabarah	1/2008	Muslim Extremist	Prevented	Yes	0	--
24.	Christopher Paul	6/2008	Muslim Extremist	Prevented	Yes	0	--
25.	<i>Bryant Neal Vinas</i>	<i>11/2008</i>	<i>Muslim Extremist</i>	<i>Prevented</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>--</i>
26.	<i>"Newburgh Four"</i>	<i>5/20/2009</i>	<i>Muslim Extremist</i>	<i>Prevented</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>--</i>
27.	<i>Abdulahakim Mujahid Muhammad</i>	<i>6/1/2009</i>	<i>Muslim Extremist</i>	<i>Implemented</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>--</i>
28.	<i>"North Carolina 7"</i>	<i>7/27/2009</i>	<i>Muslim Extremist</i>	<i>Prevented</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>--</i>

29.	<i>Michael Finton</i>	<i>9/16/2009</i>	<i>Muslim Extremist</i>	<i>Prevented</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>--</i>
30.	<i>Hosam Smadi</i>	<i>9/17/2009</i>	<i>Muslim Extremist</i>	<i>Prevented</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>--</i>
31.	<i>Najibullah Zazi</i>	<i>9/19/2009</i>	<i>Muslim Extremist</i>	<i>Prevented</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>--</i>
32.	<i>Colleen LaRose</i>	<i>10/2009</i>	<i>Muslim Extremist</i>	<i>Prevented</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>--</i>
33.	<i>Tarek Mehanna</i>	<i>10/21/2009</i>	<i>Muslim Extremist</i>	<i>Prevented</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>--</i>
34.	<i>Nidal Hasan</i>	<i>11/6/2009</i>	<i>Muslim Extremist</i>	<i>Implemented</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>--</i>
35.	<i>“Virginia 5”</i>	<i>12/10/09</i>	<i>Muslim Extremist</i>	<i>Prevented</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>--</i>
36.	<i>Umar Farouk Abdulmuttallab</i>	<i>12/25/09</i>	<i>Muslim Extremist</i>	<i>Prevented</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>--</i>
37.	<i>Faisal Shahzad</i>	<i>4/30/2010</i>	<i>Muslim Extremist</i>	<i>Prevented</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>--</i>
38.	<i>Mohamed Mahmood Alessa &amp; Carlos Eduardo Almonte</i>	<i>6/6/2010</i>	<i>Muslim Extremist</i>	<i>Prevented</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>--</i>
39.	<i>Zachary Chesser</i>	<i>7/21/2010</i>	<i>Muslim Extremist</i>	<i>Prevented</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>--</i>
40.	<i>Paul G. Rockwood</i>	<i>7/21/2010</i>	<i>Muslim Extremist</i>	<i>Prevented</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>--</i>
41.	<i>Shaker Masri</i>	<i>8/3/2010</i>	<i>Muslim Extremist</i>	<i>Prevented</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>--</i>
42.	<i>Abdel Hameed Shehadeh</i>	<i>10/26/2010</i>	<i>Muslim Extremist</i>	<i>Prevented</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>--</i>
43.	<i>Farooque Ahmed</i>	<i>10/28/2010</i>	<i>Muslim Extremist</i>	<i>Prevented</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>--</i>
44.	<i>“Air Cargo Bomb Plot”/ Ibrahim Hassan Al-Asiri(?)</i>	<i>10/29/2010</i>	<i>Muslim Extremist</i>	<i>Prevented</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>--</i>
45.	<i>Mohamed Osman Mohamud</i>	<i>11/27/2010</i>	<i>Muslim Extremist</i>	<i>Prevented</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>--</i>
46.	<i>Craig Baxam</i>	<i>12/2011</i>	<i>Muslim Extremist</i>	<i>Prevented</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>--</i>
47.	<i>Antonio Martinez</i>	<i>12/8/2010</i>	<i>Muslim Extremist</i>	<i>Prevented</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>--</i>
48.	<i>Emerson Begolly</i>	<i>01/04/2011</i>	<i>Muslim Extremist</i>	<i>Prevented</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>--</i>
49.	<i>Roger Stockham</i>	<i>01/24/2011</i>	<i>Muslim Extremist (Anti-Shia)</i>	<i>Prevented</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>--</i>
50.	<i>Khalid Al-Dawsari</i>	<i>2/24/2011</i>	<i>Muslim Extremist</i>	<i>Prevented</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>--</i>
51.	<i>Waad Alwan</i>	<i>5/30/2011</i>	<i>Muslim Extremist</i>	<i>Prevented</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>--</i>
52.	<i>Abu Khalid Abdul-Latif &amp; Walli Mujahidh</i>	<i>6/23/2011</i>	<i>Muslim Extremist</i>	<i>Prevented</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>--</i>
53.	<i>Ulugbek Kodirov</i>	<i>07/2011</i>	<i>Muslim Extremist</i>	<i>Prevented</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>--</i>
54.	<i>Naser Jason Abdo</i>	<i>7/28/2011</i>	<i>Muslim Extremist</i>	<i>Prevented</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>--</i>
55.	<i>Mansour Arbabsiar</i>	<i>09/2011</i>	<i>Muslim Extremist (Iranian)</i>	<i>Prevented</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>--</i>
56.	<i>Rezwan Ferdaus</i>	<i>9/26/2011</i>	<i>Muslim Extremist</i>	<i>Prevented</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>--</i>
57.	<i>Jose Pimentel</i>	<i>11/21/11</i>	<i>Muslim Extremist</i>	<i>Prevented</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>--</i>

58.	<i>Sami Osmakac</i>	<i>1/7/2012</i>	<i>Muslim Extremist</i>	<i>Prevented</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>--</i>
59.	<i>Amine El-Khalifi</i>	<i>02/2012</i>	<i>Muslim Extremist</i>	<i>Prevented</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>--</i>
60.	<i>Ibrahim Hassan Al-Asiri (2)</i>	<i>5/2012</i>	<i>Muslim Extremist</i>	<i>Prevented</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>--</i>
	<b>Totals</b>						
	<b>60 incidents/plots</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5 Implemented/ 55 Prevented</b>	<b>47 Operational/ 13 Aspirational</b>	<b>17 deaths</b>	<b>0 cases</b>

**Definitions and Research Parameters:** All entries were specifically chosen because they fit this report’s definition of *violent extremism*. The term violent extremism, in our view, is synonymous with the term “terrorism.” We define violent extremism based on Title 28 Section 0.85 of the U.S. Code of Federal Regulations, “*the unlawful use of force and violence against persons or property to intimidate or coerce a government, the civilian population, or any segment thereof, in furtherance of political or social objectives.*” This replaces the Database’s earlier definition which was: “A criminal act inspired by political ideology that seeks to employ violence against unarmed human “civilians” (as defined by the Geneva Conventions).”

Incidents involving so-called “eco-terrorists” tend to be excluded because they mostly target property rather than humans and is perhaps better termed as “eco-sabotage”.

Furthermore the Database does not examine directly non-violent, but problematic legal offenses such as material support provisions. Database research specifically examines violations of the law involving violent offenses such as murder, engaging in terrorism training, engaging in terrorism and illicit possession of firearms, explosives and other “weapons of mass destruction”, as statutorily defined under U.S. federal and state criminal laws.

A terrorist plot is considered to reach “operational” stage if the suspected individuals have possessed or attempted to possess “weapons” for an attack by the time of their arrest and/or attack. “Weapons” are put in quotations because this database also categorizes individuals such as the “Newburgh Four” as having reached the operational stage, yet the materials given to them during the sting operation leading to their arrests were fake explosives. If no possession or attempted possession of weapons taken place, the plot is categorized as “aspirational”.

When the “United States” is mentioned, this is in reference to the American homeland, specifically the 50 federated states of the United States of America that share sovereignty with federal government, the District of Columbia and the unincorporated territories of the United States – specifically American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico and United States Virgin Islands.

For the purposes of conceptual clarity, we define a “Muslim” as a person who belongs to one of the eight major Islamic major schools of thought represented as a signatory to the *Amman Message*. We use this as our metric because for defining a “Muslim” because the *Amman Message* document reflects a rare modern-day cross-sectarian consensus. Any Islamic school of thought not represented in the document would be entered into our non-Muslim category. For more about the *Amman Message*, see: [www.ammanmessage.com](http://www.ammanmessage.com).

Plots entered into the Database are described as “threatening” the United States. Many of the plots accounted for in the Database are American citizens or legal permanent residents who do not directly target the “United States” (as defined above), rather they join or seek to join terrorist groups that may target Americans abroad. Nonetheless these plots are included because transnational war volunteers – also referred to as “Muslim Foreign Fighters” by former Harvard Kennedy School Fellow Thomas Hegghammer, end up becoming a significant source of recruitment for Al-Qaeda operatives to strike at Western countries and interests, including the United



States, later in their militant careers. As Hegghamer describes, “In the short term, Muslim foreign fighters pose a limited threat to the West, but in the long term they fuel international terrorism. Not all foreign fighters become al-Qaida operatives, but most al-Qaida operatives start as foreign fighters.” See: Thomas Hegghamer, “The Foreign Fighter Phenomenon: Islam and Transnational Militancy.” *Harvard University Kennedy School of Government*, (February 2011). Available at: [http://belfercenter.ksg.harvard.edu/files/Hegghammer\\_policy\\_brief\\_feb\\_2011.pdf](http://belfercenter.ksg.harvard.edu/files/Hegghammer_policy_brief_feb_2011.pdf).

Finally we define a “community tip” as any self-described “Muslim” (as defined above) who *voluntarily* submits information to any law enforcement and/or intelligence agency related to the prevention of a terrorist plot and is not employed as an informant for a law enforcement and/or intelligence agency in an official capacity due to agreement based on financial payment and/or legal coercion.

**Note on data categorizing:** All data entries in *italics* represent incidents/plots occurring after Barack Obama’s 2008 Presidential election victory.

**Note on incidents involving possible mental health issues:** Though some analysts speculate that the alleged mental health issues of Jared Lee Loughner, accused of shooting Rep. Gabrielle Giffords (D-AZ) and killing 6 others, may have heavily influenced his motive behind the shooting, the possible presence of mental health issues, per se, does not altogether exempt the case from being classified as a terrorist act, given that there also appears to be political motives, such as Sovereign Citizen beliefs according the domestic extremism expert J.J. McNab, behind the attack. See: Janet Novak, “Expert: Loughner Rants Sound Like Sovereign Citizen Beliefs.” *Forbes.com*, (January 12, 2011). Available at: <http://www.forbes.com/sites/janetnovack/2011/01/12/expert-loughner-rants-sound-like-sovereign-citizen-beliefs/>.

Similarly some have noted the presence of mental health issues and possible workplace grievances as motivating factors in Bruce Ivins presumed bio-terrorism anthrax attacks. However, the supporting affidavit in support of the search warrant for Ivins’s residence also noted that he held political and religious grievances against members of the U.S. Senate who supported pro-choice laws and opposed the USA PATRIOT Act.

We have decided to enter both cases into our Database. The examples of “DC Sniper” John Allen Muhammad and anti-abortion militant Scott Roeder both involved clearly stated political motives that also allow their cases to be classified as terrorist acts, despite the existence of mental health issues.

This position has also been supported by RAND terrorism expert Brian Michael Jenkins and Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee Chairman Joseph Lieberman. See: “The Fort Hood Attack: A Preliminary Assessment.” *Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs*, (November 19, 2009). Available at: <http://www.senate.gov/fplayers/I2009/urlPlayer.cfm?fn=govtaff111909&st=960&dur=10050>. (Specific remarks by Mr. Jenkins and Senate Lieberman begin at 96:00 mark.)

**Note on Waad Alwan:** Only Waad Alwan is listed in the Database, excluding his alleged co-conspirator Mohanad Shareef Hammadi because according to a Federal affidavit the former is charged with attempted murder and violence through terrorism, whereas the latter is only accused of material support. For more information on the court charges, see: <http://www.lawfareblog.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/05/Unsealed-Alwan-Hammadi-Indictment.pdf>.

**Update, 4/13/2010:** The case of Raja Lahrasib Khan has been removed from MPAC’s Database. Although the original criminal complaint contained an allegation of some sort of involvement in planning an attack against an unspecified Chicago sports stadium – which would merit Khan’s inclusion in MPAC’s Database – the U.S. Government’s formal indictment does not include that among the charges. According to an Associated Press story, “The indictment says nothing about an attack on a stadium. It merely says Khan twice sent money



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**Update, 8/23/2011:** The case of Ahmed Ferhani and Mohamed Mamdouh is removed from the Database. Although the original criminal complaint from the State of New York contained an allegation of attempting to kill Jews and possibly bomb the Empire State Building – which would merit Ferhani and Mamdouh's inclusion into the Database – a New York State's formal grand jury indictment does not include that among the charges. According to a New York Times story, "The state grand jury that heard evidence against the men declined to indict them on the charges of second-degree conspiracy as a crime of terrorism and as a hate crime, rejecting the prosecution's assertion that they had plotted to blow up synagogues while there were worshippers inside. Instead, the panel favored lesser charges that suggested that the defendants, at best, had wanted to destroy a synagogue when it was empty." Source: William K. Rashbaum and Colin Moynihan, "Most Serious Charges Are Rejected in Terror Case." *New York Times*, (June 15, 2011). Available at: [http://www.nytimes.com/2011/06/16/nyregion/most-serious-charges-rejected-in-synagogue-bomb-plot.html?\\_r=1](http://www.nytimes.com/2011/06/16/nyregion/most-serious-charges-rejected-in-synagogue-bomb-plot.html?_r=1).

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## **Appendix B: Statistical Table of Non-Muslim Domestic Terrorism Incidents Since 9/11/01**

<b>No.</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Date of Arrest/ Attack</b>	<b>Ideology</b>	<b>Implemented/ Prevented</b>	<b>Operational Stage</b>	<b># of Deaths</b>	<b>CBRN Possession</b>
1.	Steve Anderson	10/14/2001	White supremacist/ Christian Extremist	Implemented	Yes	0	--
2.	Clayton Lee Wagner	12/5/2001	Anti-abortion	Implemented	Yes	0	--
3.	Irving Rubin & Earl Krugel	10/11/2001	Anti-Government/ Jewish extremist	Prevented	No	0	--
4.	Michael Edward Smith	1/4/2002	Neo-Nazi National Alliance	Prevented	Yes	0	--
5.	David Burgert & Tracy Brockway	2/8/2002	Anti-Government	Prevented	Yes	0	--
6.	Joseph D. Konopka	3/2002	Anarchist	Prevented	Yes	0	C
7.	Charles Robert Barefoot Jr.	7/19/2002	KKK affiliated	Prevented	Yes	0	--
8.	Robert J. Goldstein	8/22/2002	Jewish Extremist	Prevented	Yes	0	--
9.	Larry Raugust	10/3/2002	Anti-Government	Prevented	Yes	0	--
10.	Andrew Mickel	11/19/2002	Anti-Government	Implemented	Yes	1	--
11.	Matt Hale	1/8/2003	Neo-Nazi	Prevented	Yes	0	--
12.	James D. Brailey	1/18/2003	Anti-Government	Prevented	Yes	0	--
13.	David Wayne Hull	2/13/2003	KKK	Prevented	Yes	0	--
14.	David Roland Hinkson	4/3/2003	Anti-Government	Prevented	Yes	0	--
15.	William Krar	4/10/2003	Anti-Government	Prevented	Yes	0	C
16.	John Noster	6/4/2003	Anti-Government	Prevented	Yes	0	--
17.	Scott Woodring	7/7/2003	Anti-Government	Implemented	Yes	1	--
18.	Norma Somerville	10/10/2003	Anti-Government	Prevented	Yes	0	--
19.	Sean Gillespie	4/1/2004	Neo-Nazi Skinhead	Prevented	Yes	0	--
20.	Wade and Chris Lay	5/24/2004	Political extremists	Implemented	Yes	1	--
21.	Andrew Ostanowski	9/21/2004	Neo-Nazi	Prevented	Yes	0	--
22.	Ivan Duane Braden	10/13/2004	Neo-Nazi	Prevented	Yes	0	--
23.	Demetrius Crocker	10/25/2004	White supremacist	Prevented	Yes	0	C (attempted)
24.	Earl Flippen	12/19/2004	Aryan Brotherhood	Implemented	Yes	2	--
25.	Brian Nichols	3/2005	Racial Extremist	Implemented	Yes	4	--
26.	Craig Orler & Gabriel Carafa	5/20/2005	Neo-Nazi	Prevented	Yes	0	--
27.	Daniel J. Schertz	6/10/2005	KKK	Prevented	Yes	0	--
28.	David J. D'Addabbo	3/19/2006	Anti-tax (IRS)	Prevented	Yes	0	--
29.	Liberty City 7	6/2006	"Seas of David" Cult	Prevented	Yes	0	--
30.	Denys Ray Hughes	10/3/2006	Survivalist	Prevented	Yes	0	B (attempted)

31.	Raymond Kirk Dillard	4/26/2007	Anti-immigrant	Prevented	Yes	0	--
32.	Jason Hamilton	5/19/2007	White Supremacist	Implemented	Yes	3	--
33.	Michael Curtis Reynolds	7/13/2007	Anti-Government	Prevented	Yes	0	--
34.	Christopher Riendeau	7/31/2007	Neo-Nazi	Prevented	Yes	0	--
35.	Dennis Clem	8/10/2007	Aryan Circle	Implemented	Yes	2	--
36.	Michael Phillips	8/15/2007	White Supremacist	Implemented	Yes	1	--
37.	Ed and Elaine Brown	10/5/2007	Anti-Government	Implemented	Yes	0	--
38.	Michael Alan Crooker	1/29/2008	Anti-Government	Prevented	Yes	0	B (attempted)
39.	Robert Bayliss	4/3/2008	Anti-Government	Implemented	Yes	0	--
40.	Bradley T. Kahle, Marvin E. Hall & Perry Landis	6/8/2008	Anti-Government	Prevented	Yes	0	--
41.	United Cities Group	7/8/2008	Anti-Government	Implemented	Yes	0	--
42.	Jim Adkisson	7/27/2008	Anti-Government	Implemented	Yes	2	--
43.	Bruce E. Ivins	8/1/2008	Anti-Abortion & Christian Extremist	Implemented	Yes	5	B
44.	David Guy McKay & Bradley Neal Crowder	9/3/2008	Anarchist	Prevented	Yes	0	--
45.	Daniel Cowart & Paul Schlesselman	10/24/2008	White supremacist	Prevented	Yes	0	--
46.	James G. Cummings	12/9/2008	Neo-Nazi	Prevented	Yes	0	R
47.	Bruce & Joshua Turnidge	12/12/2008	Anti-Government	Implemented	Yes	2	--
48.	Kody Ray Brittingham	12/16/2008	White supremacist	Prevented	Yes	0	--
49.	Ronald L. Struve	1/6/2009	Anti-Government	Prevented	Yes	0	--
50.	Keith Luke	1/21/2009	White supremacist	Implemented	Yes	2	--
51.	Harold Call	3/7/2009	Anti-Government	Prevented	Yes	0	--
52.	Richard Andrew Poplawski	4/4/2009	White supremacist	Implemented	Yes	3	--
53.	Philip Bay	4/6/2009	White Supremacist	Prevented	Yes	0	--
54.	Daniel Hayden	4/11/2009	Anti-Government	Prevented	No	0	--
55.	Joshua Cartwright	4/25/2009	Anti-Government	Implemented	Yes	2	--
56.	Andrew Steven Gray	5/31/2009	Anti-Government	Prevented	Yes	0	--
57.	Scott Roeder	5/31/2009	Anti-abortion, Christian Extremist	Implemented	Yes	1	--
58.	James von Brunn	6/10/2009	Neo-Nazi	Implemented	Yes	1	--
59.	Shawn Forde	6/12/2009	Anti-immigrant	Implemented	Yes	2	--
60.	Dennis Mahon and Daniel Mahon	6/25/2009	Neo-Nazi	Implemented	Yes	0	--

61.	Robert Joos	6/25/2009	Neo-Nazi	Prevented	Yes	0	--
62.	Glibert Ortiz	7/14/2009	Neo-Nazi Sympathizer	Implemented	Yes	1	--
63.	John Thomas and Burl Thomas	9/4/2009	Neo-Nazi sympathizers	Prevented	Yes	0	--
64.	Mark Mentzer & Joshua Little	9/24/2009	White Supremacist/KKK	Prevented	Yes	0	--
65.	Benjamin Kuzelka	10/9/2009	Unknown	Prevented	Yes	0	--
66.	Christopher Monfort	11/7/2009	Unknown	Implemented	Yes	1	--
67.	John Brek	10/21/2009	Anti-Government	Prevented	Yes	0	--
68.	Mark Campano	11/25/2009	Anti-Government	Prevented	Yes	0	--
69.	Warren Taylor	12/23/2009	Anti-Government	Prevented	Yes	0	--
70.	Charles Dyer	1/15/2010	Anti-Government	Prevented	Yes	0	--
71.	Richard Cobley	1/20/2010	Anti-Government	Prevented	Yes	0	--
72.	Gregory Girard	2/10/2010	Anti-Government	Prevented	Yes	0	--
73.	Lowell Aughenbaugh	2/11/2010	Anti-Government	Prevented	Yes	0	--
74.	Joseph A. Stack	2/18/2010	Anti-Government	Implemented	Yes	2	--
75.	John Patrick Bedell	3/4/2010	Anti-Government	Implemented	Yes	0	--
76.	Brody James Whitaker	3/25/2010	Anti-Government	Implemented	Yes	0	--
77.	Norman Leboon	3/29/2010	Anti-Jewish/ Millennialist	Prevented	No	0	--
78.	Brandon Lee Hall	4/2010	White Supremacist	Prevented	Yes	0	--
79.	Mark Simmons	04/2010	White Supremacist	Implemented	Yes	1	--
80.	Joseph Jeffrey Brice	04/2010	Muslim Extremist but is non-Muslim	Prevented	Yes	0	--
81.	Walter Fitzpatrick	4/1/2010	Anti-Government	Prevented	Yes	0	--
82.	Charles Alan Wilson	4/6/2010	Anti-Government	Prevented	No	0	--
83.	Gregory Lee Giusti	4/7/2010	Anti-Government	Prevented	No	0	--
84.	Larry Eugene North	4/7/2010	Anti-Government	Implemented	Yes	0	--
85.	Matthew Fairfield	4/15/2010	Anti-Government	Prevented	Yes	0	--
86.	Darren Huff	4/20/2010	Anti-Government	Prevented	Yes	0	--
87.	Ross William Muehlberger	4/22/2010	White Supremacist	Implemented	Yes	1	--
88.	Patrick Nugent Jr.	5/3/2010	White Supremacist	Implemented	Yes	0	--
89.	Sandlin Smith	5/10/2010	Anti-Muslim	Implemented	Yes	0	--
90.	Jerry Kane and Joseph Kane	5/20/2010	Anti-Government	Implemented	Yes	2	--
91.	Byron Williams	7/21/2010	Anti-Government	Implemented	Yes	0	--
92.	Raymond Peake and	7/29/2010	Anti-Government	Implemented	Yes	1	--

	<i>Thomas Tusso</i>						
93.	<i>Wayde Lynn Kurt</i>	8/30/2012	<i>White Supremacist</i>	<i>Prevented</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>--</i>
94.	<i>James J. Lee</i>	9/1/2010	<i>Environmental Extremist</i>	<i>Implemented</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>--</i>
95.	<i>Richard McLeod</i>	9/13/2010	<i>Anti-Government</i>	<i>Prevented</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>--</i>
96.	<i>Victor Dewayne White</i>	9/19/2010	<i>Anti-Government</i>	<i>Prevented</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>--</i>
97.	<i>James Patoock</i>	11/3/2010	<i>Anti-Government</i>	<i>Prevented</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>--</i>
98.	<i>Mark Krause</i>	12/7/2010	<i>Anti-Government</i>	<i>Prevented</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>--</i>
99.	<i>Clay Duke</i>	12/14/2010	<i>Anti-Government</i>	<i>Implemented</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>--</i>
100.	<i>Justin Vieira</i>	12/25/2010	<i>Neo-Nazi</i>	<i>Prevented</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>--</i>
101.	<i>Steven Scott Cantrell</i>	12/28/2010	<i>White Supremacist</i>	<i>Implemented</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>--</i>
102.	<i>Jared Lee Loughner</i>	1/8/2011	<i>Anti-Government</i>	<i>Implemented</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>--</i>
103.	<i>Charles Habermann</i>	12/2011	<i>Anti-Government</i>	<i>Prevented</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>--</i>
104.	<i>Willam Harpham</i>	1/18/2011	<i>Neo-Nazi Sympathizer</i>	<i>Prevented</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>--</i>
105.	<i>David Russell Myrland</i>	1/25/2011	<i>Anti-Government</i>	<i>Prevented</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>--</i>
106.	<i>Jeffrey Harbin</i>	1/26/2011	<i>Neo-Nazi</i>	<i>Prevented</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>--</i>
107.	<i>Schaeffer Cox &amp; 4 others</i>	3/10/2011	<i>Anti-Government</i>	<i>Prevented</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>--</i>
108.	<i>Donny E. Mower</i>	3/10/2011	<i>Anti-Government</i>	<i>Prevented</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>--</i>
109.	<i>John Matika</i>	4/1/2011	<i>Single Issue (Gun Control)</i>	<i>Prevented</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>--</i>
110.	<i>Robert Olson</i>	4/1/2011	<i>Anti-Government</i>	<i>Prevented</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>--</i>
111.	<i>James Tesi</i>	6/25/2011	<i>Anti-Government</i>	<i>Prevented</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>--</i>
112.	<i>Firebombed Health Center (unknown attacker)</i>	7/2011	<i>Single Issue (Anti-Abortion)</i>	<i>Implemented</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>--</i>
113.	<i>Glenn Neff</i>	8/22/2011	<i>Anti-Government</i>	<i>Prevented</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>--</i>
114.	<i>Joseph Gamache</i>	8/24/2011	<i>White Supremacist</i>	<i>Prevented</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>--</i>
115.	<i>Holly Grisgby &amp; David Peterson</i>	10/5/11	<i>White Supremacist</i>	<i>Implemented</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>--</i>
116.	<i>Frederick Thomas, Emory Dan Roberts, Ray Adams &amp; Samuel Crump</i>	11/2/11	<i>Anti-Government</i>	<i>Prevented</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>B (attempted)</i>
117.	<i>Mary Morgan</i>	11/7/11	<i>Anti-Government</i>	<i>Prevented</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>--</i>
118.	<i>Oscar Ortega</i>	11/20/11	<i>Anti-Government</i>	<i>Implemented</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>--</i>
119.	<i>Eli Franklin Myers</i>	12/20/11	<i>Anti-Government</i>	<i>Implemented</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>--</i>
120.	<i>Shawn Rice</i>	12/22/11	<i>Anti-Government</i>	<i>Prevented</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>--</i>
121.	<i>Ray Lazier Lengend</i>	1/1/12	<i>Anti-Muslim</i>	<i>Implemented</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>--</i>
122.	<i>Danny Lee Warner</i>	1/4/12	<i>Neo-Nazi/White Supremacist</i>	<i>Prevented</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>--</i>
123.	<i>Francis G. Grady</i>	01/2012	<i>Anti-abortion</i>	<i>Implemented</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>--</i>

124.	<i>Matthew David Stewart</i>	<i>01/2012</i>	<i>Anti-Government</i>	<i>Implemented</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>--</i>
125.	<i>Kevin Boney</i>	<i>2/15/2012</i>	<i>Anti-Government</i>	<i>Implemented</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>--</i>
126.	<i>Brian Klose, Ronald Cusak, Carlos Dubose, &amp; Harold Kinlaw</i>	<i>03/2012</i>	<i>White Supremacy/Aryan Nations</i>	<i>Prevented</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>--</i>
127.	<i>Charles Michael Carlsen</i>	<i>03/2012</i>	<i>Anti-government</i>	<i>Prevented</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>--</i>
128.	<i>Martin Kimber</i>	<i>04/25/2012</i>	<i>White Supremacy Sympathizer</i>	<i>Implemented</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>C</i>
129.	<i>Samuel J. Johnson &amp; Joseph Benjamin Thomas</i>	<i>4/27/2012</i>	<i>White Supremacist</i>	<i>Prevented</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>--</i>
130.	<i>JT Ready*</i>	<i>5/1/2012</i>	<i>White Supremacist</i>	<i>Prevented</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>--</i>
131.	<i>FL American Front 12</i>	<i>5/8/2012</i>	<i>White Supremacist</i>	<i>Prevented</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>B (attempted)</i>
132.	<i>Brian Church, Jared Chase &amp; Brent Betterly</i>	<i>5/16/2012</i>	<i>Anarchist</i>	<i>Prevented</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>--</i>
133.	<i>Douglas Howard Story</i>	<i>5/30/2012</i>	<i>White Supremacist, Anti-Muslim</i>	<i>Prevented</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>--</i>
	<b>133 Total Incidents/ Plots</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>49 Implemented/ 84 Prevented</b>	<b>126 Operational/ 6 Aspirational</b>	<b>56 deaths</b>	<b>10 cases</b>

*Addendum to Appendix B: Cases Involving Members of the Nation of Islam*

134.	John Allen Muhammad and Lee Malvo	10/24/2002	Nation of Islam	Implemented	Yes	12	--
135.	Derrick Shareef	12/8/2006	Nation of Islam	Prevented	Yes	0	--
	<b>Total (incl. Nation of Islam)</b>						
	<b>134 Total Incidents/plots</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>50 Implemented/ 84 Prevented</b>	<b>128 Operational/ 6 Aspirational</b>	<b>68 deaths</b>	<b>10 cases</b>

**Note: All data entries in *italics* represent plots occurring after Barack Obama’s Presidential election victory.**

The “DC Snipers” and Derrick Shareef are placed as an addendum for three reasons. First, both cases were treated as terrorism cases; therefore we include it in our database. Second they are categorized as non-Muslim, because the perpetrators of both plots were members of the Nation of Islam. Unlike radical Muslim groups, according to the Wall Street Journal, the Nation of Islam is, “...an eccentric American sect that focuses on racial (black) rather than religious supremacy.” The Southern Poverty Law Center also classifies the Nation of Islam as a “Black Separatist” group in its database of US domestic hate groups. Third, these cases as an addendum, rather than in the main statistical table, because there is the perception, albeit contrary to our definition of “Muslim”, the Nation of Islam (NOI) is a part of orthodox Sunni and/or Shi’a Islam despite the significant theological differences. Though this report has inserted them under the non-Muslim category, its



main focus is not on theological details and therefore allows the reader to examine the data without the presence of plots from NOI militants if s/he so chooses.

**Update, 4/13/2010:** An alleged plot to assassinate Barack Obama during the 2008 Presidential campaign involving Shawn Adolf, Tharin Gartrell and Nathan Johnson has been removed from the database. The men were not charged with threatening Mr. Obama because, "...the men were on methamphetamine and posed no credible threat..." Source: "Shawn Adolf, Man Who Discussed Assassinating Obama, Sentenced." *Associated Press*, (March 15, 2010). Available at: [http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2010/03/15/shawn-adolf-man-who-discu\\_n\\_499367.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2010/03/15/shawn-adolf-man-who-discu_n_499367.html).

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## **Appendix C: Dates of Radicalization for Muslim Violent Extremists Since Obama's Election**

	<b>Name of Suspect</b>	<b>Date of Arrest/Attack</b>	<b>Approximate Date of Radicalization</b>	<b>Source</b>
1.	<i>Bryant Neal Vinas</i>	<i>11/2008</i>	<i>Since at least "Summer of 2007"</i>	<a href="#"><i>CNN</i></a>
2.	<i>"Newburgh Four"</i>	<i>5/20/2009</i>	<i>Since at least June 2008</i>	<a href="#"><i>New York Times</i></a>
3.	<i>Abdulahakim Mujahid Muhammad</i>	<i>6/1/2009</i>	<i>November 2008</i>	<a href="#"><i>New York Times</i></a>
4.	<i>"North Carolina 7"</i>	<i>7/27/2009</i>	<i>Since at least March 2006</i>	<a href="#"><i>Department of Justice Criminal Complaint</i></a>
5.	<i>Michael Finton</i>	<i>9/16/2009</i>	<i>At least 2007</i>	<a href="#"><i>New York Times</i></a>
6.	<i>Hosam Smadi</i>	<i>9/17/2009</i>	<i>At least 2007</i>	<a href="#"><i>Dallas Morning News</i></a>
7.	<i>Najibullah Zazi</i>	<i>9/19/2009</i>	<i>At least August 2008</i>	<a href="#"><i>Associated Press</i></a>
8.	<i>Colleen LaRose</i>	<i>10/2009</i>	<i>Since at least 2007</i>	<a href="#"><i>Wall Street Journal</i></a>
9.	<i>Tarek Mehanna</i>	<i>10/21/2009</i>	<i>Since at least 2004</i>	<a href="#"><i>Boston Globe</i></a>
10.	<i>Nidal Hasan</i>	<i>11/6/2009</i>	<i>Since at least 2007</i>	<a href="#"><i>Washington Post</i></a>
11.	<i>"Virginia 5"</i>	<i>12/10/09</i>	<i>At least August 2009</i>	<a href="#"><i>BBC</i></a>
12.	<i>Faisal Shahzad</i>	<i>4/30/2010</i>	<i>2007</i>	<a href="#"><i>New York Times</i></a>
13.	<i>Mohamed Mahmood Alessa &amp; Carlos Eduardo Almonte</i>	<i>6/6/2010</i>	<i>Sometime between 2004-2007</i>	<a href="#"><i>CNN</i></a>
14.	<i>Zachary Chesser</i>	<i>7/21/2010</i>	<i>At least June 2008</i>	<a href="#"><i>Fox News and Department of Justice Affidavit</i></a>
15.	<i>Paul Rockwood</i>	<i>7/21/2010</i>	<i>Sometime between 2001-2006</i>	<a href="#"><i>Department of Justice Press Release</i></a>
16.	<i>Shaker Masri</i>	<i>8/3/2010</i>	<i>Unknown</i>	<i>--</i>
17.	<i>Abdel Hameed Shehadeh</i>	<i>10/27/2010</i>	<i>June 2008</i>	<a href="#"><i>Department of Justice Criminal Complaint</i></a>
18.	<i>Farooque Ahmed</i>	<i>10/28/2010</i>	<i>Unknown</i>	<i>--</i>
19.	<i>Mohamed Osman Mohamud</i>	<i>11/26/2010</i>	<i>Since at least 2006</i>	<a href="#"><i>Department of Justice Affidavit</i></a>
20.	<i>Antonio Martinez</i>	<i>12/8/2010</i>	<i>At least December 2008</i>	<a href="#"><i>Associated Press</i></a>
21.	<i>Emerson Begolly</i>	<i>01/04/2011</i>	<i>Since at least 2003</i>	<a href="#"><i>Southern Poverty Law Center</i></a>
22.	<i>Roger Stockham</i>	<i>01/24/2011</i>	<i>At least since 2002</i>	<a href="#"><i>Press &amp; Guide</i></a>
23.	<i>Waad Alwan</i>	<i>5/30/2011</i>	<i>At least 2005</i>	<a href="#"><i>Department of Justice Affidavit</i></a>
24.	<i>Abu Khalid Abdul-Latif &amp; Walli Mujahidh</i>	<i>6/23/2011</i>	<i>At least 2007</i>	<a href="#"><i>Seattle Post-Intelligencer &amp; Seattle Times</i></a>
25.	<i>Ulugbek Kodirov</i>	<i>07/2011</i>	<i>At least 2009</i>	<a href="#"><i>Sky News</i></a>
26.	<i>Naser Jason Abdo</i>	<i>7/28/2011</i>	<i>At least June 2010</i>	<a href="#"><i>New York Times</i></a>
27.	<i>Mansour Arbabsiar</i>	<i>09/2011</i>	<i>Unknown</i>	<i>--</i>
28.	<i>Rezwan Ferdous</i>	<i>9/28/2011</i>	<i>At least early 2010</i>	<a href="#"><i>Department of Justice Affidavit</i></a>
28.	<i>Jose Pimentel</i>	<i>11/21/2011</i>	<i>At least March 2009</i>	<a href="#"><i>Wall Street Journal</i></a>
29.	<i>Craig Baxam</i>	<i>12/2011</i>	<i>Since at least July 2011</i>	<a href="#"><i>NY Daily News</i></a>
30.	<i>Sami Osmakac</i>	<i>1/7/2012</i>	<i>At least November 2010</i>	<a href="#"><i>Associated Press</i></a>
31.	<i>Amine El-Khalifi</i>	<i>2/27/2012</i>	<i>At least mid-2010</i>	<a href="#"><i>Fox News</i></a>

**Summary of Findings:** The baseline measurement used for measuring a "recent trend" in ideological extremism is Obama's 2008 election. Based on our findings, 19 out of 31 post-Obama election plots (61%) involving "Muslim Americans" (defined as a U.S. citizen, legal permanent resident, or long-term resident [living in the United States for 5 years or more]), were done by people radicalized before Obama's election. 2 cases (6%) remain unknown. 10 out of 31 cases (32%), are individuals involved in extremist activities after Obama's election.



A plot is counted as a post-Obama radicalization case if reliable sources indicate that at least one person in a violent extremist plot (even if there are multiple people involved that plot) is radicalized after the Presidential election of Barack Obama.

Taken at face value, our overall findings tend to suggest that while there has been a recent spike of individuals crossing over the legal threshold from legally-protected activity into violent criminal behavior, it does not indicate a rise in “radicalization” – i.e. the rise in extremist, but legally-protected political thought and behavior.

Yet, it is important to note that information available on the last seven cases in our dataset all involve individuals who were radicalized after Obama’s election. This particular finding probably due to at least two factors. First, and as a cautionary note for the entire database, these figures are largely derived from secondary open source information. As a result that raises issues of access to information that could potentially inflate numbers suggesting higher numbers of “recently” radicalized individuals, when the opposite could be the case. Second, given the time lapsed between Obama’s election and this latest update (June 2012), arguably the utility of using the 2008 election as a baseline measurement is diminishing. That is to say, that as time goes on with updating the database, the last Presidential election continues to be come less “recent”.

#### **Appendix D: Terror Plots Possibly Influenced by Anwar Al-Awlaki**

The following terror plots listed below are taken from MPAC’s Post-9/11 Terrorism Incident Database and analyzed further to see what possible influence, if any, Anwar Al-Awlaki had on other Al-Qaeda related violent extremists. The categories of influence are unknown, Inspirational, and Operational. **Inspirational** can include ideological reinforcement of extremism through reading and audiovisual material. **Operational** involves direct logistical and tactical planning to commit an act of violence.

<u>#</u>	<u>Terrorist Plot</u>	<u>Type of Influence</u>	<u>Source</u>
1.	Bryant Neal Vinas	Unknown	--
2.	Newburgh four	Unknown	--
3.	Abdulahakim Mujahid Muhammad	Inspirational	<a href="#">Knoxville Commercial Appeal</a>
4.	North Carolina 7	Unknown	--
5.	Michael Finton	Inspirational	<a href="#">NEFA Foundation</a>
6.	Hosam Smadi	Unknown	--
7.	Najibullah Zazi	Unknown	--
8.	Colleen LaRose	Inspirational	<a href="#">MSNBC</a>
9.	Tarek Mehanna	Inspirational	<a href="#">US News &amp; World Report</a>
10.	Nidal Hasan	Inspirational	<a href="#">ABC News</a>
11.	Virginia 5	Unknown	--
12.	Umar Farouk Abdulmuttallab	Inspirational and Possibly Operational	<a href="#">CBS News</a>
13.	Faisal Shazad	Inspirational	<a href="#">Christian Science Monitor</a>
14.	Mohamed Mahmoud Alessa & Carlos Eduardo Almonte	Inspirational	<a href="#">CNN</a>
15.	Zachary Chesser	Inspirational	<a href="#">Christian Science Monitor</a>
16.	Paul G. Rockwood	Inspirational	<a href="#">CNN</a>
17.	Shaker Masri	Inspirational	<a href="#">Associated Press</a>
18.	Abdel Hameed Shehadeh	Inspirational	<a href="#">Los Angeles Times</a>

19.	Farooque Ahmed	Inspirational	<a href="#">CNN</a>
20.	"Cargo Bomb Plot" (Ibrahim Hassan Al-Asiri)	Operational	<a href="#">CBS</a>
21.	Rezwan Ferdaus	Unknown	--
22.	Mohamed Osman	Inspirational	<a href="#">CNN</a>
23.	Antonio Martinez	Inspirational	<a href="#">Baltimore Sun</a>
24.	Khalid Al-Dawsari	Unknown	--
25.	Waad Alwan	Unknown	--
26.	Abu Khalid Abdul-Latif & Walli Mujahidh	Unknown	<a href="#">MSNBC</a>
27.	Naser Jason Abdo	Inspirational	<a href="#">ABC News</a>
28.	Jose Pimentel	Inspirational	<a href="#">New York Times</a>
29.	Sami Osmakac	Unknown	--
30.	Craig Baxam	Unknown	--
31.	Ulugbek Kodirov	Unknown	--
32.	Emerson Begolly	Unknown	--
33.	Roger Stockham	Unknown	--
34.	Mansour Arbabsiar	Unknown	--
35.	"Yemen Underwear Bomb Plot" (Ibrahim Hassan Al-Asiri)	Unknown	--
36.	Amine El-Khalifi	Unknown	--

**Summary of Findings:** Based on our open source analysis of the last 36 terrorist plots attempted by al-Qaeda and its affiliates against the American homeland, since Obama was elected, 18 of those 36 appeared to have been influenced either inspirationally or operationally by now deceased alleged terrorist figure Anwar Al-Awlaki.

Interestingly, information on 16 out of the first 26 of these plots indicates some sort of influence, either inspirationally or operationally from Al-Awlaki. However after his September 30, 2011 death, evidence indicates only 2 out of the last 10 plots demonstrate some sort of inspirational or operational influence from Anwar Al-Awlaki.

As a cautionary note, these figures may not completely reflect the actual influence of Al-Awlaki given the open source, secondary nature of this inquiry.