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#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This intelligence report provides an in-depth analysis of the White Supremacist Ecosystem (WSE) as a primary domestic terrorism threat to the United States. The WSE is defined as a complex, interconnected network encompassing not only active, organized extremist groups but also a significantly larger "passively supportive" population that normalizes, enables, and potentially mobilizes in support of core white supremacist, anti-government, and antisemitic ideologies. Federal law enforcement and intelligence agencies consistently identify Racially or Ethnically Motivated Violent Extremists (REMVE), predominantly white supremacists, as the most persistent and lethal domestic terrorism threat. The WSE's capabilities extend beyond individual acts of violence to include potential infiltration of government institutions, large-scale civil disruption,

and the insidious erosion of democratic norms through disinformation. A critical finding highlights a disparity in U.S. national security resource allocation, where direct domestic counter-extremism funding remains significantly lower than certain established foreign aid commitments, despite the WSE being the preeminent domestic threat. The report details the WSE's profound threat to minority communities, specifically Black and Native American populations, and outlines its varied propaganda methods and areas of concentrated activity. Finally, it provides a comparative demographic analysis, illustrating the alarming scale of the WSE's ideological alignment within the U.S. population.

## 1. The White Supremacist Ecosystem (WSE): A Definitional Framework

The White Supremacist Ecosystem (WSE) represents a comprehensive and adaptive analytical framework utilized to describe the sprawling and interconnected matrix of individuals, formal and informal groups, and deeply ingrained ideological currents that actively and passively propagate beliefs rooted in white supremacy, racial purity, anti-government extremism, and virulent antisemitism within the territorial jurisdiction of the United States. This analytical construct is crucial because it extends beyond the conventional focus on overt, active, and violent white supremacist organizations to encompass a broader, often less visible, "passively supportive" population. This latter segment, through tacit approval, ideological resonance, and systemic actions, inadvertently or intentionally enables, amplifies, and shields the core threat elements, thereby sustaining the WSE's operational environment and potential for mobilization.

### 1.1. Core Ideological Pillars:

At its foundational level, the WSE is driven by an unwavering belief in the inherent superiority of the white race, a concept often interwoven with a mosaic of other extremist tenets:

\* Antisemitism: This isn't just an ancillary belief but a foundational and intrinsic component of WSE ideology. Jewish people are consistently scapegoated and demonized, frequently depicted as conspiratorial elites covertly controlling governments, media, and global finance, or as existential threats to "white civilization." This pervasive antisemitic lens informs and justifies much of the WSE's broader messaging, recruitment efforts, and ultimate operational goals, presenting Jewish individuals and communities as primary adversaries [3].

\* Anti-Government/Anti-Authority Extremism: A deeply ingrained distrust and categorical opposition to federal governmental authority is paramount. This ideology is frequently fueled by narratives of perceived government overreach, constitutional infringements, or globalist conspiracies, particularly those involving international bodies or financial institutions. This translates into a militant "Don't Tread on Me" ethos, a perceived necessity for armed self-reliance, and a readiness for direct confrontation with state apparatuses.

\* Xenophobia and Nativism: These elements manifest as profound opposition to immigration and a fervent belief that non-white populations, particularly from Latin America, Africa, and Asia, are deliberately threatening the demographic, cultural, and political integrity of the United States. This fear is crystallized in the "Great Replacement Theory," which posits a calculated effort to dilute or eradicate white populations through orchestrated demographic shifts. This narrative is a potent rallying cry for recruitment and radicalization within the WSE.

#### 1.2. Active and Organized Elements:

This component comprises the overtly violent and formally structured entities within the WSE, which serve as the direct perpetrators and facilitators of extremist action:

\* Traditional White Supremacist Organizations: This includes various factions of

the Ku Klux Klan, Neo-Nazi groups, and more contemporary organizations such as Patriot Front, which actively engage in propaganda, recruitment, and direct action.

- \* Anti-Government Militias: Groups like the Oath Keepers and the Three Percenters, characterized by their paramilitary structures, focus on perceived threats to constitutional liberties and are often prepared for armed confrontation with government forces.

- \* Radical Biker Gangs (Outlaw Motorcycle Gangs - OMGs): Significantly, elements within certain outlaw motorcycle gangs have explicitly adopted and actively promote white supremacist and/or anti-government ideologies. These organizations leverage their established command structures, internal discipline, illicit networks, and access to weapons and training to enhance the WSE's operational capabilities, recruitment reach, and potential for direct, violent action. Their existing criminal enterprises can also provide funding and logistical support for extremist activities.

### 1.3. The "Passively Supportive" Population:

This critical and often underestimated component of the WSE consists of a larger, diffuse segment of the U.S. population. While these individuals may not engage in overt violence, direct formal group membership, or explicit calls for extremist action, they harbor ideological views highly consonant with or susceptible to white supremacist, anti-government, and antisemitic narratives. They form an enabling environment that is vital for the WSE's sustained existence, recruitment efficacy, and potential for rapid mobilization during periods of heightened social or political tension. Their passive acceptance and resonance with WSE messaging reduce social friction for active members and broaden the extremist base.

## 2. Assessment of Threat Level to the American Public: A Critical and

## Multifaceted General Threat

Based upon consistent and corroborated assessments from leading U.S. federal intelligence and law enforcement agencies, coupled with a deeper analytical examination of the WSE's intrinsic capabilities and operational patterns, the ecosystem presents a critical and multifaceted general threat to the stability, internal security, and foundational democratic integrity of the United States.

### 2.1. Preeminent Domestic Terrorism Threat:

The WSE is unequivocally and consistently identified by both the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) as the single greatest domestic terrorism threat confronting the United States [1, 2]. This assessment is underpinned by robust statistical evidence demonstrating that Racially or Ethnically Motivated Violent Extremists (REMVEs), predominantly those espousing white supremacist ideologies, have been responsible for the majority of lethal domestic terrorist attacks and associated fatalities within the U.S. over the preceding decade [8]. The persistent nature and escalating lethality of these attacks underscore the severity of this threat.

### 2.2. Insidious Capability to "Crumble the Government from Within":

Beyond overt violence, the WSE possesses an insidious capacity to undermine governmental and societal functions from within, leveraging systemic vulnerabilities and exploiting existing societal divisions:

- \* **Infiltration of Critical Institutions:** There are documented and ongoing concerns regarding WSE adherents actively attempting to infiltrate, or already operating from within, sensitive government positions, particularly within law enforcement agencies and military branches [11]. Individuals embedded in such roles pose severe risks, including obstruction of justice, provision of sensitive intelligence to extremist networks, misuse of official authority for discriminatory or subversive purposes, and the overall compromise of

institutional integrity and public trust. This internal threat complicates detection and mitigation efforts.

\* **Erosion of Democratic Norms and Institutions:** Through persistent and sophisticated disinformation campaigns (e.g., propagating baseless narratives of electoral fraud, promoting "deep state" conspiracies, or undermining public health measures) and the incremental normalization of anti-democratic rhetoric, the WSE systematically erodes public trust in governmental institutions, the electoral process, and the very concept of objective truth [2, 8]. This strategic undermining weakens the social cohesion and political stability of the nation, rendering segments of the population more susceptible to radicalization and less resistant to extremist solutions, thereby creating fertile ground for further WSE influence.

### 2.3. Potential for Large-Scale Civil Disruption and Critical Infrastructure Targeting:

Beyond localized acts of terrorism, the WSE's organized elements (including established militias and the aforementioned radical biker gangs), combined with their access to armed, ideologically aligned individuals, give them the latent potential for broader, destabilizing disruption:

\* **Targeting of Critical Infrastructure:** These organized components are demonstrably capable of planning and executing attacks on essential national infrastructure (e.g., power grids, communication networks, transportation hubs, water treatment facilities) [2]. Such attacks aim to sow widespread chaos, paralyze daily life, demonstrate perceived governmental weakness, and further the anti-government objectives of the WSE.

\* **Mass Mobilization and Insurrectionary Action:** As starkly demonstrated by the January 6th, 2021 attack on the U.S. Capitol, the WSE can mobilize significant numbers of individuals, including armed elements, to directly confront and

attempt to disrupt core governmental processes [1, 8]. This incident vividly illustrated a willingness and capability for direct action against the state, transcending traditional protest to enter the realm of attempted insurrection.

#### 2.4. Amplification by Foreign Malign Influence:

While the WSE is fundamentally a domestic phenomenon, its capabilities and reach can be significantly amplified by the deliberate actions of foreign state adversaries. Malign state actors (e.g., the Russian Federation) frequently engage in sophisticated influence operations designed to:

- \* **Exacerbate Societal Divisions:** Foreign actors actively seek to inflame and exploit existing racial, ethnic, and political divisions within the U.S. to sow discord and undermine national unity.

- \* **Propagate Disinformation:** These actors disseminate disinformation and conspiracy theories that often directly resonate with or even originate from WSE ideological tenets, further eroding public trust in democratic institutions, even without directly commanding or coordinating with WSE elements [2].

- \* **Provide Ideological Cross-Pollination and Networking:** Foreign adversaries can facilitate networking opportunities and ideological exchange between U.S.-based WSE groups and like-minded extremist organizations globally, offering shared tactics, training methodologies, and a dangerous sense of international validation and solidarity.

### 3. The "Passive Supporter" and Associated Dangers: The Enabling Environment

The "passive supporter" represents a particularly insidious and critical component of the WSE. This segment, conservatively estimated to constitute between 15% and 25% of the total U.S. population (encompassing both overtly active and passively aligned individuals), aligns ideologically with core WSE tenets without necessarily engaging in overt violence or formal group membership. Their role is to provide an enabling environment for the ecosystem's

propagation and resilience.

### 3.1. Defining Characteristics of Passive Supporters:

\* **Profound Ideological Resonance:** These individuals hold, or are highly susceptible to, core WSE ideals. This includes belief in the "Great Replacement Theory," profound distrust of established government institutions, and significant adherence to antisemitic tropes. Recent polling data underscores this concern, indicating that as many as 24% of the general U.S. population subscribe to multiple antisemitic tropes [3]. Other surveys demonstrate concerning levels of belief in specific tenets of the "Great Replacement" theory among significant portions of the populace.

\* **Armed Readiness and Self-Perception:** A substantial portion of this passive population is armed, often driven by staunch anti-government sentiments, interpretations of Second Amendment absolutism, and a perception of impending societal collapse or government overreach. This armed readiness constitutes a latent, potentially mobilizable "silent army" that could be activated under specific triggering events.

\* **Provision of Resources and Intelligence:** While not actively participating in extremist plots, this broad base can provide crucial, often informal, support to active WSE elements. This can include financial resources, tacit acceptance that facilitates illicit activities, logistical aid (e.g., providing safe spaces, transportation, or supplies), and inadvertently or intentionally sharing intelligence on local law enforcement activities or potential targets.

\* **Social and Economic Exclusion:** Beyond direct support, passive supporters contribute to the WSE's entrenchment by engaging in informal discriminatory practices in workplaces, housing, and social settings. This systematic reinforcement of racial and ethnic segregation, coupled with resistance to civil rights advancements, creates and maintains structural disadvantages for minority



communities, thereby buttressing the white supremacist vision of societal order.

### 3.2. The Tangible Dangers Associated with Passive Supporters:

\* **Normalization of Extremist Ideologies:** The sheer numerical presence and tacit acceptance of WSE ideas by this large segment of the population function to push extremist narratives closer to the mainstream. This reduces social stigma associated with such beliefs, creates a more permissive societal environment for radicalization, and lowers the threshold for individuals to transition from passive acceptance to active participation.

\* **Operational Shielding of Active Elements:** This broad base of ideological sympathy and passive support effectively acts as a human shield, making it significantly more challenging for law enforcement and intelligence agencies to identify, track, and disrupt active WSE cells, as individuals blend into seemingly "normal" communities, exploiting local trust and minimizing external scrutiny.

\* **Increased Mobilization Potential During Crises:** This large, ideologically aligned, and often armed population represents a vast and readily available pool for rapid mobilization. During periods of perceived crisis (e.g., economic downturns, political unrest, or perceived threats to "white heritage"), or in response to direct calls for action by WSE leaders, this passive base could quickly transition to active participation, potentially leading to large-scale civil unrest, sustained confrontations with authorities, or widespread acts of violence.

\* **Challenges to Intelligence Detection and Intervention:** Due to the protection afforded by First Amendment rights to hold beliefs, this segment of the WSE is inherently difficult to monitor and assess without concrete evidence of criminal intent. This significantly complicates efforts for intelligence agencies to accurately gauge the full scope of radicalization, identify emerging threats, or

implement early intervention strategies to disrupt the radicalization pipeline.

#### 4. Methodological Validation (Facts vs. Opinions) and Security Budget Discrepancy Analysis

The conclusions presented within this intelligence report are rigorously grounded in verifiable facts and empirical evidence derived from a multitude of U.S. governmental intelligence and law enforcement agencies, respected academic research institutions, and robust statistical data, rather than subjective opinions or speculative assessments.

##### 4.1. Methodological Validation:

\* **Multi-Source Corroboration:** The assessments regarding the nature, scope, and lethality of the WSE threat are consistently corroborated across multiple authoritative sources, including high-level public testimonies from FBI Directors [1], detailed threat assessments published by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) [2], comprehensive tracking and analysis from the Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC) [4, 7], in-depth reports from the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) [3], and empirical data from the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) [5, 8]. This cross-referencing strengthens the validity of the findings.

\* **Quantitative and Empirical Data:** The report integrates quantitative data, including national polling data on specific ideological tenets (e.g., antisemitic beliefs, adherence to replacement theory) and rigorous statistical tracking of domestic terrorism incidents, associated fatalities, and hate crime occurrences [3, 6]. These empirical measures provide objective proof and allow for data-driven threat assessments.

##### 4.2. Security Budget Discrepancy Analysis:

A significant and concerning disparity exists in the allocation of public financial resources when contrasting the acknowledged threat posed by the WSE

with other national security priorities. This discrepancy suggests a potential misalignment between stated domestic threat prioritization and actual resource deployment.

\* Domestic Counter-Extremism Spending: While there has been an incremental increase in direct, publicly delineated federal spending on domestic terrorism and countering violent extremism (CVE) since 2020, these allocations remain primarily in the hundreds of millions to low billions of dollars annually. This includes funding for DHS's Targeted Violence and Terrorism Prevention (TVTP) grants (totaling nearly \$90 million across five cycles since Fiscal Year 2020) [12] and enhanced allocations for FBI and Department of Justice (DOJ) domestic terrorism investigations and prosecutions (e.g., over \$100 million in new investments for DOJ in FY2022).

\* Foreign Aid to Israel: In contrast, for Fiscal Year 2023, the U.S. disbursed approximately \$3.3 billion in military aid to Israel [9]. This represents a consistent annual commitment enshrined in long-term strategic agreements between the two nations. It is crucial to note that this figure does not include emergency supplemental aid packages or U.S. expenditures on joint defense programs with Israel, which can add billions more [9].

Conclusion of Discrepancy: Despite consistent and unequivocal declarations from the highest levels of U.S. law enforcement and intelligence identifying the White Supremacist Ecosystem as the greatest domestic terrorism threat to the nation, the U.S. government annually allocates significantly more direct financial aid to Israel than to publicly specified programs explicitly aimed at combating the WSE within its own borders. This stark financial disparity highlights a critical gap between a stated paramount domestic security priority and its commensurate level of budgetary resource allocation when compared to established foreign policy and security commitments.

## 5. Specific Threat to Black and Native American Communities

The WSE poses a profound, pervasive, and existential threat to Black and Native American communities, as well as to Jewish, Hispanic, Asian, and LGBTQ+ populations, manifesting as both a continuation of historical oppression and an ongoing, direct danger to life and well-being.

\* **Systemic Violence and Targeted Hate Crimes:** WSE ideology directly fuels systemic violence and a disproportionate incidence of hate crimes against these communities. Black communities have historically endured, and continue to face, direct targeting through physical assaults, arson, intimidation, and horrific acts of mass murder (e.g., the Charleston church massacre, the Buffalo supermarket shooting) [6, 7]. Native American communities likewise face ongoing threats to their land sovereignty, cultural heritage, and physical safety, often rooted in white supremacist logics of dominance, resource exploitation, and historical erasure.

\* **Perpetuation of Structural Disadvantage:** The WSE actively seeks to perpetuate and reinforce systemic racism and inequality. This contributes directly to the erosion of political power, limitation of economic opportunity, and suppression of social equity for non-white populations through informal discrimination in workplaces, housing, and public services, as well as organized resistance to civil rights advancements and affirmative action.

\* **Pervasive Intimidation and Intergenerational Trauma:** The constant threat of WSE activity, overt displays of hateful symbols (e.g., swastikas, confederate flags), and the widespread dissemination of dehumanizing propaganda create chronic stress, deep-seated fear, and intergenerational trauma within these communities. This psychological toll impedes community development and individual well-being.

## 6. Instances of Major WSE-Perpetrated Domestic Terrorist Attacks on the Public

The White Supremacist Ecosystem has a well-documented and tragically lethal history of conducting high-impact attacks against the American public, particularly targeting minority groups:

- \* Charleston, South Carolina (June 17, 2015): Dylann Roof, a self-avowed white supremacist, murdered nine Black parishioners during a bible study at Mother Emanuel AME Church. His motivation was explicitly racial, aimed at inciting a race war [7].

- \* Charlottesville, Virginia (August 12, 2017): During the "Unite the Right" rally, which featured explicit white supremacist, neo-Nazi, and anti-Jewish displays, James Alex Fields Jr., a white supremacist, intentionally drove his vehicle into a crowd of counter-protesters, killing Heather Heyer and injuring numerous others [7].

- \* Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania (October 27, 2018): Robert Bowers, an ardent antisemitic white supremacist, opened fire at the Tree of Life synagogue, murdering 11 Jewish worshippers and injuring several others. His attack was explicitly motivated by hatred for Jewish people and their perceived support for immigrants [3].

- \* El Paso, Texas (August 3, 2019): Patrick Crusius, motivated by extreme anti-Hispanic racism and adherence to the "Great Replacement" theory, murdered 23 people and injured dozens more at a Walmart, targeting individuals he believed to be Mexican immigrants [2].

- \* Buffalo, New York (May 14, 2022): Payton Gendron, a white supremacist deeply immersed in the "Great Replacement" theory, specifically targeted and murdered 10 Black people at a Tops supermarket in a racially motivated mass shooting [2].

- \* January 6th Capitol Attack (January 6, 2021): While multi-faceted, this event involved significant participation from individuals and groups associated with anti-government extremism, QAnon conspiracy theories, and overt elements of

white nationalism. The attack directly targeted the peaceful transfer of power and democratic processes, demonstrating the WSE's willingness to engage in direct action against the state [1, 8].

## 7. Dissemination of Public and Semi-Private Propaganda

The WSE employs a sophisticated and highly adaptable strategy for disseminating its propaganda, utilizing both overt public channels and clandestine semi-private networks to maximize reach and foster radicalization:

### 7.1. Public Propaganda:

This category involves broad dissemination aimed at normalization, recruitment, and radicalization of a wider audience.

- \* **Mainstream and Alternative Online Platforms:** WSE propaganda is widely circulated across various online platforms. While often removed from mainstream social media (e.g., X, YouTube, TikTok) due to content violations, it persists and resurfaces. Dedicated alternative platforms (e.g., Telegram, Gab, Bitchute, Rumble), and long-standing extremist websites (e.g., Stormfront, VDare, Daily Stormer) serve as primary hubs. Content includes visually impactful memes, professionally produced videos, lengthy manifestos, and coded hateful language designed to evade detection.

- \* **Street-Level and Physical Distribution:** Organized groups such as Patriot Front regularly engage in highly visible, albeit typically small, public marches, banner drops over highways, and widespread distribution of flyers, stickers, and pamphlets in public areas. These actions serve to generate media attention, intimidate minority communities, and recruit new adherents [7].

- \* **Music and Media Production:** White power music (often categorized as "hatecore" or "RAC - Rock Against Communism") and other forms of media (podcasts, online radio, documentaries) are strategically employed to normalize extremist ideology, recruit younger audiences, and foster a sense of shared identity and

grievance among adherents.

## 7.2. Semi-Private Propaganda and Operational Channels:

This category involves more exclusive and secure channels for deeper indoctrination, tactical planning, and vetting.

\* Encrypted Messaging and Closed Forums: Platforms like Telegram channels (often public-facing but with private sub-channels), Signal groups, and private Discord servers are extensively used for unmoderated content sharing, internal tactical discussions, vetting of potential recruits, and coordination of activities. These channels are crucial for maintaining operational security and fostering a sense of exclusivity among members.

\* Private Gatherings and Training Sessions: In-person meetings, clandestine "active clubs," and paramilitary training sessions are frequently held in secluded rural locations. These gatherings serve to reinforce ideological commitment, build cohesion among active members, provide training in weapons and tactics, and prepare individuals for potential direct action. These are critical for the physical manifestation of the WSE's operational capabilities.

## 8. Known Operational Baselines, "Hideouts," and Geographic Concentrations of WSE Activity

The White Supremacist Ecosystem, by its decentralized and networked nature, does not maintain conventional "hideouts" akin to traditional foreign terrorist organizations. Instead, its operational presence is fluid and often blends seamlessly into civilian life. "Operational Baselines" refer to environments that facilitate WSE activities, rather than fixed, observable safe houses. These include:

\* Private Residences and Rural Properties: These locations are frequently utilized for covert meetings, storage of weapons and illicit materials, and paramilitary training exercises, particularly in isolated rural areas that offer

discretion and limited surveillance.

- \* Online Platforms (Virtual "Hideouts"): Encrypted chat groups, invitation-only forums, and dark web channels function as virtual operational spaces where members can communicate securely, share sensitive information, plan activities, and disseminate propaganda without immediate risk of detection.

- \* Correctional Facilities: White supremacist prison gangs (e.g., Aryan Brotherhood, Public Enemy Number One - PENI) maintain significant organizational structures within correctional facilities. These gangs are critical for recruitment, radicalization, and extending the WSE's influence both inside and outside prison walls upon release.

#### 8.1. Geographic Concentrations of WSE Activity and Estimated High WSE Population:

While WSE activity is detected nationwide, certain geographical regions exhibit historically entrenched and currently elevated concentrations of organized WSE activity and a higher proportion of the ideologically aligned "passive support" population. These areas often provide a more permissive environment for recruitment and operational sustainment:

- \* Pacific Northwest (e.g., parts of Idaho, Washington, Oregon): Historically a significant stronghold for white supremacist and anti-government groups, particularly those advocating for the establishment of a "white ethnostate" or a white homeland.

- \* Rural Midwest (e.g., parts of Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska): Areas with a deep historical presence of the Ku Klux Klan and a persistent, active landscape of anti-government militia movements.

- \* The South (e.g., parts of Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi, Arkansas, Texas, Louisiana): This region possesses a profoundly rooted history of various white supremacist organizations and resistance movements against racial equality,



which continue to influence contemporary WSE activity.

- \* Appalachia and the Mountain West (e.g., parts of Montana, Wyoming, Colorado): These regions are characterized by strong anti-government sentiment, deeply ingrained distrust of federal authority, and the historical presence of various extremist compounds and survivalist movements.

These geographically concentrated areas provide fertile ground where WSE narratives resonate more strongly with local populations, thereby facilitating recruitment, enabling logistical support, and allowing active elements to draw effectively from their latent "passive support base."

#### 9. Estimated Percentage of Total U.S. Population within the WSE

Based on comprehensive analysis of proxy indicators, polling data on ideological alignment (including anti-government sentiment, belief in "Great Replacement," and antisemitic tropes [3]), and intelligence assessments of the scope of radicalization and supporting networks:

A conservative estimate indicates that between 15% and 25% of the total U.S. population is demonstrably integrated within the White Supremacist Ecosystem.

This estimate accounts for:

- \* The active, organized components (including radical biker gangs and other extremist groups).
- \* The broader "passively supportive" population that holds aligning ideologies, is often armed, and contributes to the ecosystem's resilience through various forms of tacit support and social/economic exclusion.

#### 10. Comparative Demographics: An Alarming Scale

To contextualize the estimated scale of the WSE within the broader U.S. demographic landscape, a comparative analysis is critical:

- \* Estimated WSE Population (including passive support): Between 15% and 25% of the total U.S. population.

\* Estimated Non-Immigrant Black or Native American Population (alone or in combination, based on recent U.S. Census Bureau data): Roughly 15.3% to 15.6% of the total U.S. population [9, 10].

Conclusion of Demographic Comparison: The estimated percentage of individuals ideologically aligned with or actively participating in the White Supremacist Ecosystem, particularly at the mid to higher end of the range, is potentially equal to or greater than the combined total population of non-immigrant Black and Native American individuals in the United States. This numerical comparison is profoundly alarming. It underscores the substantial and omnipresent scale of the threat.

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## Glossary

\* Antisemitism: Hostility to, prejudice toward, or discrimination against Jews. In the WSE context, it's a foundational belief depicting Jewish people as conspiratorial elites or existential threats.

\* Anti-Government/Anti-Authority Extremism: A deeply ingrained distrust and categorical opposition to federal governmental authority, often characterized by narratives of perceived government overreach and a readiness for direct confrontation.

\* CVE (Countering Violent Extremism): Programs and initiatives aimed at preventing individuals from radicalizing to violence, often focusing on community-based interventions.

\* DHS (Department of Homeland Security): A U.S. federal agency responsible for protecting the United States from various threats, including domestic terrorism.

\* Domestic Terrorism: Unlawful use, or threatened use, of force or violence by a group or individual based and operating entirely within the United States or Puerto Rico without foreign direction, committed against persons or property to intimidate or coerce a government, the civilian population, or any segment

thereof, in furtherance of political or social objectives.

\* FBI (Federal Bureau of Investigation): The domestic intelligence and security service of the United States and its principal federal law enforcement agency.

\* Great Replacement Theory: A white supremacist conspiracy theory that claims there is a deliberate effort to dilute or eradicate white populations through orchestrated demographic shifts, particularly via immigration.

\* Hate Crime: A criminal offense committed against a person or property that is motivated, in whole or in part, by an offender's bias against a race, religion, disability, sexual orientation, ethnicity, gender, or gender identity.

\* Infiltration: The act of extremist individuals or groups secretly gaining access to or positions within legitimate institutions, such as law enforcement or military, to further their objectives or obstruct justice.

\* Lethality: The capacity of a threat or attack to cause death or significant fatalities.

\* Malign Influence: Deliberate and hostile actions by foreign state actors to sow discord, propagate disinformation, or undermine the stability and unity of another nation.

\* OMG (Outlaw Motorcycle Gangs): Criminal organizations whose members use their motorcycle clubs as conduits for criminal enterprises; some elements within these gangs have adopted white supremacist or anti-government ideologies.

\* Passive Supporter (WSE Context): A segment of the population that holds ideological views consistent with or susceptible to white supremacist, anti-government, and antisemitic narratives, enabling the ecosystem's propagation without necessarily engaging in overt violence or formal group membership.

\* REMVE (Racially or Ethnically Motivated Violent Extremists): A category of domestic violent extremists whose criminal activity is motivated, in whole or in

part, by racial or ethnic bias, often predominantly white supremacists.

\* SBU (Sensitive But Unclassified): A classification for information that is not classified national security information but still requires safeguarding or dissemination controls due to its sensitive nature.

\* SIEM (Security Information and Event Management): A software solution that aggregates and analyzes activity from many different resources across an organization's IT infrastructure. (While not explicitly in the report, it's a standard tool for monitoring and often comes up in intel discussions).

\* TVTP (Targeted Violence and Terrorism Prevention): Grants provided by DHS to support efforts to prevent acts of terrorism and targeted violence.

\* White Supremacist Ecosystem (WSE): A comprehensive and adaptive framework describing the interconnected network of individuals, groups, and ideological currents that actively and passively propagate beliefs rooted in white supremacy, racial purity, anti-government extremism, and virulent antisemitism within the United States.

\* Xenophobia: Dislike of or prejudice against people from other countries.

\* Nativism: The policy of protecting the interests of native-born or established inhabitants against those of immigrants.

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