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Codebook Updates

The October 2018 PIRUS data release and codebook reflects the following changes to variables:

1. This codebook contains a significant update of how some variables are structured, so that a value of “0” now always indicates a “no” value. Because of this, the value of many variables have been shifted up by 1. For example, in the previous version of the codebook, the “Gender” variable was coded as 0=Female, 1=Male. In the updated version of the data and codebook, the variable for “Gender” is now structured as 1=Female, and 2=Male. As such, we strongly recommend that any users who have developed custom syntax to analyze the data should carefully review it for accuracy.
2. The definition of “gang” in gang membership now excludes ideologically-oriented gangs. As such, the “Gang_Ideology” and “Gang_Radicalize” variables were removed from the dataset.
3. “Male supremacist” was added as an option in the “Ideological_Sub_Category” variable.

Criteria Coding

Criteria for Inclusion

PIRUS includes a sample of individuals espousing Islamist, far right, far left, or single issue ideologies who have radicalized within the United States to the point of committing ideologically motivated illegal violent or non-violent acts, joining a designated terrorist organization, or associating with an extremist organization whose leader(s) has/have been indicted of an ideologically motivated violent offense.

Specification:

1. *Individuals* – regardless of whether they are part of a group.
2. *Espousing* – where it appears from the open sources that ideological motives were the prime driver of the decision to engage in illegal behavior.
3. *Ideological Motives*

Islamist – We recognize that the terms “jihadism” and “jihadist” are applied inconsistently in both academic and policy circles, and can imply a wide range of meanings based on the

context in which they are used.¹ For this project, we define “jihadism” as a militant methodology practiced by Sunni Islamist-Salafists who seek the immediate overthrow of incumbent regimes and the non-Muslim geopolitical forces which support them, in order to pave the way for an Islamist society which would be developed through martial power. Although there are a number of Islamist-Salafist thinkers who do not advocate for violent military strategies to achieve their goals (e.g., Muhammad Nasiruddin al-Albani), in the US context, the individuals we classify as “jihadists” are most commonly connected to, or inspired by, violent Islamist-Salafist groups that have their roots in the onset of “global jihadism” of the 1980s, including al-Qaeda and its affiliated movements.² There are a number of ideological tenets commonly elaborated by Islamist-Salafist groups, including the imposition of *shari’a* law with violent jihad as a central component, the creation of an expansionist Islamic state, or *khalifa*, and the use of local, national, and international grievances affecting Muslims, which are aired in an overtly religious context.³

Far Right – There exists a broad range of far right beliefs and actors (often overlapping movements), including both reactionary and revolutionary justifications of violence.⁴ In its modern manifestation in the United States, the ideology of the far right is generally exclusivist and favors social hierarchy, seeking an idealized future favoring a particular group, whether this group identity is racial, pseudo-national (e.g., the Texas Republic) or characterized by individualistic traits (e.g., survivalists).⁵ The extremist far right commonly shows antipathy to the political left and the federal government. As a result of this heterodoxy, this category includes radical individuals linked to extremist religious groups (e.g., Identity Christians), non-religious racial supremacists (e.g., Creativity Movement, National Alliance), tax protesters, sovereign citizens, militias, and militant gun rights advocates.

Far Left – The far left in the United States is essentially class-oriented and consists primarily of individuals and groups that adhere to some form of Marxism-Leninism, i.e., some form of Communism.⁶ With roots in the leftist student movement and radical prison reform movement of the late 1960s, far left extremists generally seek the overthrow of the capitalist system, including the United States government, and seek to replace it with a new, anti-imperialist economic order that empowers members of the “working class”.⁷

¹ For a thorough review of the challenges in defining these terms, see Mark Sedgwick, “Jihadism, Narrow and Wide: The Dangers of Loose Use of an Important Term,” *Perspectives on Terrorism* 9, no. 2 (April 23, 2015)

² Yahya Sadowski, “Political Islam: Asking the Wrong Questions?” *Annual Review of Political Science* 9, no. 1 (2006): 215–40.

³ Robin Simcox and Emily Dyer, *Al-Qaeda in the United States: A Complete Analysis of Terrorism Offences* (The Henry Jackson Society, 2013); Bruce Hoffman, *Inside Terrorism* (Columbia University Press, 2006); Assaf Moghadam, “The Salafi-Jihad as a Religious Ideology,” *The Combating Terrorism Center at West Point*, accessed June 20, 2016, <https://www.ctc.usma.edu/posts/the-salafi-jihad-as-a-religious-ideology>.

⁴ John George and Laird Wilcox, *American Extremists* (Amherst, N.Y: Prometheus Books, 1996).

⁵ Steven Chermak, Joshua Freilich, and Michael Suttmoeller, “The Organizational Dynamics of Far-Right Hate Groups in the United States: Comparing Violent to Nonviolent Organizations,” *Studies in Conflict & Terrorism* 36, no. 3 (March 1, 2013): 193–218, doi:10.1080/1057610X.2013.755912; Pete Simi and Brian Bubolz, “Far Right Terrorism in the United States,” in *Handbook of the Criminology of Terrorism*, ed. Gary LaFree and Joshua D. Freilich (New York, NY: Wiley, Forthcoming).

⁶ George and Wilcox, *American Extremists*.

⁷ Brent L. Smith, *Terrorism in America: Pipe Bombs and Pipe Dreams* (SUNY Press, 1994).

While there are some far left extremist groups that maintain a distinct racial identity (e.g., Black Panther Party), the far left differs from the far right in that its identity is grounded in economic grievances and not race-based issues. Although not all animal-rights and environmental extremists are inherently leftist in orientation (for instance, there are Green Fascists), the vast majority of eco- and animal rights extremists identify with leftist political positions and have thus been included in the far left category for the purposes of this project.

Single Issue – Single issue extremists are individuals that are motivated primarily by a single issue, rather than a broad ideology. Examples in the PIRUS data of single issue extremists are individuals associated with the Puerto Rican independence movement, anti-abortion extremists, members of the Jewish Defense League, and extremists with idiosyncratic ideologies (e.g., Ted Kaczynski).

4. *Radicalized...* - we regard the following as radicalization worthy of inclusion: anyone arrested, indicted, and/or convicted of either engaging or planning to engage in ideologically motivated unlawful behavior, or anyone who belonged to a designated terrorist organization or a violent extremist group. For planned violence, there must be a fairly direct connection between the individual and the plot. Note: radicalization does not necessarily involve violence. An individual who provides material support to an Islamist group because he/she identifies with the group's goals but does not participate in any attacks, or someone who runs a website for a violent extremist group, or is arrested for trespassing because they were stalking an individual for ideological reasons (like animal rights activists harassing employees of medical research labs) would count as radicalized. Note: radicalization does not include non-ideological criminal acts or legal ideological activities. For example, selling weapons to a group for material gains rather than ideological affinity would not count as radicalized. And someone who openly supports an extremist group that participates in politics (such as voting for a Communist Party candidate for office) would also not be radicalized.
5. *...within the United States* – the radicalization process must have begun and significantly advanced within the U.S. “Significantly advanced” is determined on a case by case basis but generally means that most or all of the individual’s radicalization occurred while residing in the U.S. This is to be distinguished from individuals who were radicalized in a place other than the U.S. If there is no evidence that the individual ever resided outside of the U.S., the coder can assume the radicalization occurred in the U.S. Individuals that leave the U.S. to immediately attend training camps abroad are presumed to already be radicalized.

Inclusion Criteria

Summary: In order to be eligible for inclusion, each individual **must meet one of the following five criteria**:

1. the individual was arrested;
2. the individual was indicted of a crime;
3. the individual was killed as a result of his or her ideological activities;
4. the individual is/was a member of a designated terrorist organization; or
5. the individual was associated with an extremist organization whose leader(s) or founder(s) has/have been indicted of an ideologically motivated violent offense.

In addition, each individual **MUST**:

1. have been radicalized in the United States,
2. have espoused or currently espouse ideological motives, and
3. show evidence that his or her behaviors are/were linked to the ideological motives he or she espoused/espouses.

Inclusion Criteria details

A. In order to be eligible for inclusion, each individual must meet **AT LEAST ONE** of the following five criteria:

1. Arrested/Charged: Was the individual arrested for committing a crime? This includes arrests or their equivalents outside the United States.

2. Indicted: Was the individual indicted for a crime? This includes indictments or their equivalents outside the United States.

3. Killed in Action: Was the individual killed as a result of his/her ideological activities? This includes being killed during the commission of an attack, including suicide, being killed during an attempted arrest/acquisition by security forces, being targeted by security forces (even if not the primary target), and being killed in an unmanned aerial vehicle strike. Note: This does not include individuals who are executed by the state after arrest or die while in prison.

4. Member of Designated Terrorist Organization: Is the individual currently or was the individual previously a member of a designated terrorist organization (DTO)?
Note: We define "member" broadly. This includes official members, individuals the US government or another government claimed were members of a DTO (even if the group itself did not acknowledge the membership), and individuals credible media sources link to the group (but not those based on pure speculation). It also includes individuals who claim membership in a DTO even if the group itself did not acknowledge membership.

5. Violent Extremist Group Association (VEGA): Is the individual currently or was the individual previously associated with an extremist organization whose leader(s) or

founder(s) has/have been indicted for an **ideologically motivated violent** offense? Note: Similar to 4, "association" is defined broadly. This includes official membership, membership claimed by a government, and self-identified association (even if the group does not acknowledge it). It also includes active participation in group activities, such as protests and newsletter subscriptions. And it includes ideologically-based interactions with VEGA members, such as an individual with Far Right views who has a friend who regularly interacts with members of a Far Right VEGA group but has not officially joined the group. Note: "Association" does not include less active participation in group activities, such as signing a petition or listening to a speaker from the group at a public event.

B. In addition, **both** of the following criteria **MUST** be met:

1. *United States:* Was the beginning and most significant period of radicalization in the United States? Refer back to point 5 in the section titled "Specification" above for a description of what qualifies as radicalization within the United States.

2. *Ideology:* Is there evidence that the individual espoused/espouses ideological motives? Refer back to point 3 in the section titled "Specification" above for a detailed description of each ideology. If multiple, explain why in the notes section.

- a. *Islamist*
- b. *Far Right*
- c. *Far Left*
- d. *Single Issue*

C. Is there some evidence that the behaviors in part A above are linked to the ideologies in part B.2 above?

1. Note: this includes crimes committed in furtherance of an ideological goal, such as an attack, trespassing as part of a protest and logistical support due to ideological affinity with the group. It does not include crimes that are connected to a DTO or VEGA but that the individual committed for non-ideological reasons; for example, an arms dealer who sells weapons to an extremist group but also sells arms to criminal gangs and other non-ideological actors would not be counted for this.

Management and Identification Variables

1. Field Name: Subject_ID

Variable Type: Numerical

Source: PIRANA and PIRUS

Description: Unique 4-digit numerical identifier for each individual in the dataset.

Plot and Consequences

The variables in this section capture details pertaining to the first publically known plot or extremist activity associated with the individual. This includes information about important dates, locations, targets, preparations, and consequences related to the activity.

Note: For cases in which an individual conducted multiple attacks or plots, these questions refer primarily to the plot that resulted in the individual's exposure, which is usually the final plot.

Plot

2. Field Name: **Loc_Plot_State/Loc_Plot_City**

Keshif Label(s): Location of Extremist Activities (City/State)

Variable Type: Text

Source: PIRANA

Description: Enter the U.S. state and city or foreign country where the first publically known extremist plot/activity was centered. This could include where the person was arrested, where he/she did most of his/her training, or where the individual intended to attack. In essence, it records the location most commonly associated in the media with the individual plot/activity. If unknown, list -99.

3. Field Name: **Date_Exposure**

Keshif Label(s): Year of Exposure

Variable Type: Date

Source: PIRANA

Description: Enter the date (using the format MM/DD/YYYY) at which the individual's activity/plot first came to public attention. This is usually time of incident or arrest, or earliest mention of individual in sources, so long as these are related to the plot/radicalization of the individual. If unknown, list -99. If only month and year are known, then assume first day of the month.

4. Field Name: **Plot_Target**

Keshif Label(s): Plot Target

Type: Categorical, Multiple Entry

Source: Global Terrorism Database

Description: If the individual's first publically known extremist activity included a violent plot, enter the target type or intended target type of the plot. Select up to three target types. If unknown, list -99. If there is no violent plot or no specific plot target, list -88.

- 1 = Businesses
- 2 = Government (general)
- 3 = Police
- 4 = Military
- 5 = Abortion related
- 6 = Airports & aircraft
- 7 = Government (diplomatic)
- 8 = Educational institution
- 9 = Food or water supply
- 10 = Journalists & media
- 11 = Maritime (includes ports and maritime facilities)
- 12 = Non-governmental organization
- 13 = Other (e.g., ambulances, firefighters)
- 14 = Private citizens & property
- 15 = Religious figures/institutions
- 16 = Telecommunication
- 17 = Terrorists/non-state militia
- 18 = Tourists
- 19 = Transportation
- 20 = Utilities
- 99 = Unknown
- 88 = Not Applicable (i.e., no plot)

5. Field Name: Attack_Preparation

Keshif Label(s): Attack Preparation

Variable Type: Ordinal

Source: PIRUS

Description: If the individual's first publically known extremist activity involved a violent plot, what type of preparation did the individual engage in before being publicly exposed as an extremist?

- 0 = None
- 1 = Moderate planning (minimal preparation, such as obtaining information on the target and rudimentary familiarity with planned tactics, but not more extensive preparation like casing the target or performing “dry runs” of the operation).

2 = Extensive planning (including obtaining significant amounts of information on the target—including both research and casing or active observation—and familiarity with the planned tactics, such as through research, training and “dry runs” of the operation)

-99 = Unknown

-88 = Not Applicable (for cases where the individual was not associated with any attack or violent plot)

6. Field Name: Op_Security

Keshif Label(s): Hide or Conceal Plot

Variable Type: Ordinal

Source: NCTC (incorporated some of Q. L19)

Description: If the individual's first publically known extremist activity involved a violent plot, did the individual attempt to hide or conceal preparation for the plot?

0 = No, was openly vocal about the plot (discussed it with friends and associates, procured suspicious supplies—like explosives or weapons—without being discrete, etc.)

1 = The individual was neither covert nor overt (did not discuss the plot openly or overtly procure supplies, but also did not attempt to hide activities).

2 = Yes (avoided discussion with friends and associates and used code words when discussing the plot, procured supplies through intermediaries or in areas outside place of habitation or target area, etc.)

-99 = Unknown

-88 = Not Applicable (for cases where the individual was not associated with any attack or violent plot)

7. Field Name: Changing_Target

Variable Type: Dichotomous

Source: NCTC (Q.M3)

Description: If the individual's first publically known extremist activity involved a violent plot, did the target of the plot change as the plot developed?

0 = No

1 = Yes

-99 = Unknown

-88 = Not Applicable (for cases where the individual was not associated with any attack or violent plot)

8. Field Name: Anticipated_Fatalities_Target

Variable Type: Ordinal

Source: NCTC (Q.M3)

Description: If the individual was involved in a violent plot, how many victims did the subject anticipate would be killed?

0 = None

1 = Some (1 to 20)

2 = Many (greater than 20)

3 = Mass (greater than 100)

-99 = Unknown

-88 = Not Applicable (for cases where the individual was not associated with any attack or violent plot)

9. Field Name: Internet_Use_Plot

Variable Type: Dichotomous

Source: PIRUS

Description: If the individual's extremist activity involved a violent plot, did the individual use the internet for communications or logistics while preparing for and undertaking the plot? This includes using the internet to communicate with group members or other extremists, threatening targets, researching the target and tactics, and ordering supplies. Note: this does *not* include radicalizing through the internet, which is addressed in another question.

0 = No

1 = Yes

-99 = Unknown

-88 = Not Applicable (for cases where the individual was not associated with any violent plot, or for when the plot occurred before 1995).

10. Field Name: Extent_Plot

Keshif Label(s): Plot Progress Extent

Variable Type: Ordinal

Source: PIRUS

Description: If the individual's extremist activity involved a violent plot, to what extent did the plot progress? I.e., how far did the planning and execution proceed?

0 = No plot

1 = Nebulous plot (general ideas only, threats made to targets in the absence of an planning or preparation)

2 = Attempted acquisition of materials for plot

3 = Acquisition and possession of materials for plot

4 = Attempted and failed execution of plot

5 = Successful execution of plot

-99 = Unknown

Consequences

11. Field Name: **Violent**

Keshif Label(s): Violent

Variable Type: Dichotomous

Source: PIRUS

Description: Did the individual actively participate in ideologically motivated operations/actions that resulted in casualties/injuries or clearly intended to result in casualties/injuries (but failed), or were they charged with conspiracy to kill or injure but were interdicted in the plotting phase? Examples of violent operations/plots include murder, assault, armed robbery, kidnapping, bombing, and arson (but not if they purposely avoid human casualties). Examples of nonviolent ideologically motivated operations/actions include property destruction/vandalism, illegal protest, armed standoffs that were defused without injury, receiving “terrorist” training but not acting on it, inciting others to violence but no direct action themselves, threatening violent actions without operational progress toward a plot, possession of illegal weapons without operational plans for violence, and “paper terrorism” tactics (e.g. filing false liens, tax fraud, etc.).

0 = No

1 = Yes

12. Field Name: **Criminal_Severity**

Keshif Label(s): Criminal Severity

Variable Type: Ordinal

Source: PIRUS

Description: Enter the maximum extent of the individual’s radical criminal activity by the time of public exposure.

0 = Non-criminal

1 = Conspiracy after the fact (e.g., making false statements)

2 = Illegal protest/criminal trespassing

3 = White-collar crimes/vandalism

4 = Recruiting others for violent group/incitement (indirect actions)

5 = Training/seeking training/material support to a violent extremist organization/unlawful possession

6 = Threatening others (if misdemeanor)

7 = Conspiring to kill or injure

8 = Threatening others (if felony)

9 = Participation in violence against property/arson

10 = Violence against person(s)/armed robbery/assault with deadly weapon

-99 = Unknown

13. Field Name: Criminal_Charges

Keshif Label(s): Criminal Charges

Variable Type: Categorical

Source: PIRUS

Description: If the individual was charged/arrested/indicted for an ideologically motivated crime as a result of their public exposure, indicate the type of crime the individual was charged/arrested/indicted for.

1 = Misdemeanor

2 = Felony

-99 = Unknown

-88 = Not Applicable (the individual was never arrested, charged, or indicted for an ideologically motivated crime)

14. Field Name: Indict_Arrest

Keshif Label(s): Indicted or Arrested

Variable Type: Categorical

Source: PIRUS

Description: If the individual was arrested or indicted for an ideologically motivated crime as a result of their public exposure, indicate whether the individual was indicted for the crime, arrested, or both.

1 = Arrested only

2 = Arrested but unknown if indicted

3 = Indicted only (in rare circumstances a person can be indicted before being arrested)

4 = Indicted and arrested (unless otherwise stated, you can assume a person who was indicted was also arrested)

-99 = Unknown

-88= Not Applicable

15. Field Name: Current_Status

Keshif Label(s): Current Status

Variable Type: Categorical

Source: PIRANA

Description: Current status of individual according to latest sources at the time of coding.

1 = At large (not being pursued by the government)

2 = At large (being pursued by government)

3 = Under arrest, awaiting trial

- 4 = Convicted
- 5 = Acquitted
- 6 = Dead (natural causes)
- 7 = Dead (suicide)
- 8 = Killed by law enforcement or military
- 9 = Killed by adversary (e.g., other extremist groups)
- 99 = Unknown

Group Nature

The variables in this section capture details about group dynamics and recruitment mechanisms.

Group Details

16. Field Name: **Group_Membership**

Keshif Label(s): Group Membership

Variable Type: Categorical

Source: PIRANA

Description: Was the individual in a group? If the individual is both a member of a formal extremist organization and an above-ground political movement or activist group, enter 3 for member of formal extremist organization. If individual is member of both an informal group of fellow extremists and a formal extremist organization, enter 3 for member of formal extremist organization. If the individual is a member of both an informal group of extremists and an above-ground political movement/activist group, enter 2 for informal group of extremists.

Note: refer to the Inclusion Criteria section for instructions on how to interpret group membership.

- 0 = Not a member of a group
- 1 = Member of an above-ground political movement or activist group (e.g., Operation Rescue, Earth First!)
- 2 = Member of an informal group of fellow extremists (e.g., a 'homegrown' cell or informal militia)
- 3 = Member of a formal extremist organization or an extremist movement (e.g., Weather Underground, Animal Liberation Front, al-Qaeda)
- 99 = Unknown

17. Field Name: **Terrorist_Group_Name**

Keshif Label(s): Terrorist Group Affiliation/Inspiration

Variable Type: Text

Source: PIRANA

Description: Name of existing Designated Terrorist Organization or extremist group with which individual is affiliated. Include those organizations with which the individual self-identifies, as well as those linked to the individual by authorities and affiliations mentioned in credible media sources (but not those based on pure speculation without real evidence). If unknown, enter -99. If no organization, enter -88 for N/A.

Recruitment Details

18. Field Name: **Actively_Recruited**

Keshif Label(s): Actively Recruited

Variable Type: Dichotomous

Source: PIRUS

Description: Was the individual actively recruited into an extremist movement?

0 = No

1 = Yes

-99 = Unknown

19. Field Name: **Recruiter**

Keshif Label(s): Recruiters

Variable Type: Categorical, Multiple Entry

Source: PIRUS

Description: If the individual was actively recruited, enter who actively recruited the individual.

1 = Associate(s) or member(s) of a terrorist or violent extremist group

2 = Family Member

3 = Friend

4 = Other

-99 = Unknown

-88 = N/A (was not recruited)

20. Field Name: **Actively_Connect**

Keshif Label(s): Connect with Extremist Group

Variable Type: Ordinal

Source: PIRUS

Description: Did the individual actively reach out to an extremist group to become a member?

0 = No

1 = Yes, prior to ideologically motivated radical behaviors

2 = Yes, after ideologically motivated radical behaviors

-99 = Unknown

Group Activities and Dynamics

21. Field Name: **Group_Competition**

Keshif Label(s): Group Competition

Variable Type: Dichotomous

Source: PIRUS

Description: If the individual was part of an informal cell or extremist group, was there competition within the group or with other groups for status, power, resources or other things around the time in which the individual was a member?

0 = No

1 = Yes

-99 = Unknown

-88 = Not Applicable (individual was not part of a group)

22. Field Name: **Role_Group**

Keshif Label(s): Role in Group

Variable Type: Categorical

Source: PIRUS

Description: What was the individual's role in the group at time of public exposure?

1 = Loose Associate

2 = Follower

3 = Leader

-99 = Unknown

-88 = Not Applicable (individual was not part of a group)

23. Field Name: **Length_Group**

Variable Type: Numerical (months)

Source: PIRUS

Description: If the individual was part of one or more groups, enter the amount of time the individual had been an active member, in months. If unknown, enter -99. Enter -88 if the individual was not part of any group.

24. Field Name: **Clique**

Variable Type: Dichotomous

Source: PIRUS

Description: Was the individual part of a clique? A clique is defined as a close-knit, insular, and exclusive group of people containing at least two individuals. A clique can exist within a larger group—e.g. a clique of operatives within al-Qaeda—and separately from an organized group, such as a clique of friends that plans a terrorist attack.

0 = No

1 = Yes

-99 = Unknown

25. Field Name: Clique_Radicalize

Keshif Label(s): Radicalize in Clique

Variable Type: Ordinal

Source: PIRUS

Description: If the individual was part of a clique, did the individual's radicalization coincide with his/her membership in the clique?

0 = No, radicalization began prior to clique membership

1 = Yes, onset of radicalization coincided with clique membership

-99 = Unknown

-88 = No, not a member of a clique

26. Field Name: Clique_Connect

Keshif Label(s): Connect with Clique

Variable Type: Ordinal

Source: PIRUS

Description: If the individual was part of a clique, did individuals in the clique attempt to connect with an extremist group after radicalizing?

0 = No

1 = Yes

-99 = Unknown

-88 = Not Applicable (individual was not a member of a clique)

Radicalization

Internet and Media

27. Field Name: Internet_Radicalization

Keshif Label(s): Internet Radicalization

Variable Type: Ordinal

Source: PIRANA

Description: What role did the internet play in the individual's radicalization?

0 = No known role of the internet in individual's radicalization

1 = Internet played a role but was not the primary means of radicalization (e.g. internet resources were used to reaffirm or advance pre-existing radical beliefs)

2 = Internet was the primary means of radicalization for the individual (e.g. initial exposure to ideology and subsequent radicalization occurred online)

-99 = Unknown

-88 = Not Applicable (radicalization occurred before 1995)

28. Field Name: Media_Radicalization

Keshif Label(s): Media Radicalization

Variable Type: Ordinal

Source: PIRUS

Description: What role did media besides the internet (books, movies, television shows, radio) play in the individual's radicalization?

0 = No known role of media in individual's radicalization

1 = Media played a role but was not the primary means of radicalization (e.g. media resources were used to reaffirm or advance pre-existing radical beliefs)

2 = Media was the primary means of radicalization for the individual (e.g. initial exposure to ideology and subsequent radicalization occurred through media)

-99 = Unknown

29. Field Name: Social_Media

Keshif Label(s): Social Media

Variable Type: Categorical

Source: PIRUS (CSTAB Year 5)

Description: Is there evidence that online social media played a role in the individual's radicalization and/or mobilization? Online social media is defined as any form of electronic communication through which users create online communities to share information, ideas, personal messages, and other content, such as videos and images. This variable is distinct from **Internet_Radicalization** in that it emphasizes online user-to-user communication, rather than passively viewing content hosted by an online domain.

0 = No

1 = Yes, it played a role but was not the primary means of radicalization or mobilization

2 = Yes, it was the primary means of radicalization for the individual (e.g., initial exposure to ideology and subsequent radicalization occurred over online social media)

-99 = Unknown

-88 = Not Applicable (radicalization/mobilization occurred before 2005)

30. Field Name: Social_Media_Frequency

Keshif Label(s):

Variable Type: Ordinal

Source: PIRUS (CSTAB Year 5)

Description: If there is evidence that online social media played a role in the individual's radicalization and/or mobilization, on average how often did the individual engage in social media-related activity related to radicalization and/or mobilization?

- 1 = Rarely (about once a month or less)
- 2 = Sporadically (about 2-3 times per month)
- 3 = Occasionally (about once a week)
- 4 = Frequently (about once a day)
- 5 = Continually (multiple times per day)
- 99 = Unknown
- 88 = Not Applicable (radicalization/mobilization occurred before 2005)

31. Field Name: Social_Media_Platform

Keshif Label(s):

Variable Type: Categorical, Multiple Entry

Source: PIRUS (CSTAB Year 5)

Description: If there is evidence that online social media played a role in the individual's radicalization and/or mobilization, which social media platforms did he/she use?

- 1 = Facebook
- 2 = Twitter
- 3 = YouTube
- 4 = Vimeo
- 5 = Instagram
- 6 = Flickr
- 7 = Tumblr
- 8 = Imgur
- 9 = Snapchat
- 10 = Google Plus
- 11 = Skype
- 12 = LinkedIn
- 13 = MySpace
- 14 = 4chan
- 15 = Reddit
- 16 = Ask.fm
- 17 = WhatsApp
- 18 = Surespot
- 19 = Telegram
- 20 = Kik

- 21 = Paltalk
- 22 = VK
- 23 = Diaspora
- 24 = JustPaste.it
- 25 = SoundCloud
- 26 = Personal blogging websites (e.g., Wordpress, Blogger, LiveJournal, etc.)
- 27 = Other non-encrypted software
- 28 = Other encrypted software/unspecified encrypted software
- 99 = Unknown
- 88 = Not Applicable (radicalization/mobilization occurred before 2005)

32. Field Name: Social_Media_Activities

Keshif Label(s):

Variable Type: Categorical, Multiple entry

Source: PIRUS (CSTAB Year 5)

Description: If there is evidence that online social media played a role in the individual's radicalization and/or mobilization, which types of social media-related activities did the individual participate in?

- 1 = Consuming content (passive)
- 2 = Disseminating content (i.e., sharing, spreading existing content)
- 3 = Participating in extremist dialogue (i.e., creating unsophisticated content)
- 4 = Creating propaganda/content (e.g., creating extremist manifestos, propaganda videos, etc.)
- 5 = Directly communicating with members of extremist group(s) to establish relationship/acquire information on extremist ideology (no communication on specific travel plans or plot)
- 6 = Directly communicating with members of extremist group(s) to facilitate foreign travel
- 7 = Directly communicating with members of extremist group(s) to facilitate domestic attack
- 99 = Unknown
- 88 = Not Applicable (radicalization/mobilization occurred before 2005)

Radicalization Ideology

33. Field Name: Radicalization_Islamist

Keshif Label(s): Radicalization Ideologies

Variable Type: Dichotomous

Source: PIRUS

Description: Did the individual become radicalized as part of an Islamist or jihadist movement?

- 0 = No

1 = Yes
-99 = Unknown

34. Field Name: Radicalization_Far_Right

Keshif Label(s): Radicalization Ideologies

Variable Type: Dichotomous

Source: PIRUS

Description: Did the individual become radicalized as part of a right-wing movement?

0 = No
1 = Yes
-99 = Unknown

35. Field Name: Radicalization_Far_Left

Keshif Label(s): Radicalization Ideologies

Variable Type: Dichotomous

Source: PIRUS

Description: Did the individual become radicalized as part of a left-wing movement?

0 = No
1 = Yes
-99 = Unknown

36. Field Name: Radicalization_Single_Issue

Keshif Label(s): Radicalization Ideologies

Variable Type: Dichotomous

Source: PIRUS

Description: Did the individual become radicalized over a single issue?

0 = No
1 = Yes
-99 = Unknown

37. Field Name: Ideological_Sub_Category

Keshif Label(s): Ideological Subcategory

Variable Type: Categorical, Multiple Select

Source: PIRUS

Description: Select the ideological categories that best encapsulate the individual's radical beliefs. There may be some overlapping ideologies. Select up to three categories.

- 1 = Militia/gun rights
- 2 = White supremacist/KKK/Neo-Nazi
- 3 = Xenophobic/Anti-immigrant
- 4 = Anti-government/Sovereign Citizens movement
- 5 = Christian Identity
- 6 = Animal rights/Environmental
- 7 = New Left (primarily 1960's student movements/anti-Vietnam War)
- 8 = Black Nationalist/Black Separatist
- 9 = Anti-capitalist/Communist/anti-Imperialist
- 10 = Anarchist
- 11 = Islamist
- 12 = Puerto Rican independence/Puerto Rican nationalist
- 13 = Irish Republican Army
- 14 = Cult/idiosyncratic
- 15 = Anti-abortion
- 16 = Jewish Defense League
- 17 = Anti-gay
- 18 = Other
- 19 = Male supremacist

Radicalization Location and Timing

38. Field Name: **Loc_Habitation**

Keshif Label(s): City/State of Habitation

Variable Type: Text

Source: PIRANA

Description: American state/province and city where individual spent most of their time in the United States. If unknown, list -99.

39. Field Name: **Itinerant**

Variable Type: Dichotomous

Source: PIRUS

Description: Did the individual spend an extended period of time (more than one month) residing in more than one location in the United States?

- 0 = No
- 1 = Yes
- 99 = Unknown

40. Field Name: **External_Rad**

Keshif Label(s): Radicalized outside of the U.S.

Variable Type: Dichotomous

Source: PIRANA

Description: Did any latter period of the individual's radicalization occur outside the United States?

0 = No (radicalized solely in the United States)

1 = Yes (at least some part of the radicalization process occurred outside the United States)

-99 = Unknown

41. Field Name: Rad_Duration

Keshif Label(s): Radicalization Duration

Variable Type: Categorical

Source: PIRUS

Description: What was the duration of time between the first evidence of radicalization (either radicalization of beliefs or radicalization of behaviors, whichever occurs first) and exposure (when the plot/threat first came to public attention)?

1 = Short (less than a year)

2 = Medium (between one and five years)

3 = Long (more than five years)

-99 = Unknown

-88 = Not Applicable (there was no plot/threat)

Extent of Radicalization

42. Field Name: Radical_Behaviors

Variable Type: Ordinal

Source: PIRUS (adapted from PIRANA)

Description: Enter the maximum extent of radicalization apparent in the individual's behaviors.

0 = No radical behaviors

1 = Associates with radicals

2 = Changing daily lifestyle in line with radical belief system (appearance; attendance at prayer or political meetings)

3 = Attempts to convert others to extremist ideology

4 = Distancing from past relationships (family; friends, etc.)

5 = Legal/aboveground activism in support of extremist belief system

6 = Material/financial support to extremist organizations

- 7 = Logistical support to operational elements
- 8 = Seeks operational training in violent extremist activities (the type of violent direct action the movement favors: “jihad” for Islamism, arson and sabotage for Far Left, etc.)
- 9 = Active participation in operational actions/plots *not* intending to result in casualties (such as tax evasion or trespassing)
- 10 = Active participation in operational actions/plots intending to result in casualties
- 99 = Unknown

43. Field Name: Radical_Beliefs

Variable Type: Ordinal

Source: PIRUS (adapted from PIRANA)

Description: Enter the maximum extent of radicalization apparent in the individual’s beliefs.

- 0 = Ideological system but no evidence of belief in radical versions of ideology
- 1 = Evidence of exposure to radical ideology
- 2 = Pursues further information on radical ideology
- 3 = Full knowledge of tenets of radical ideology
- 4 = Shares many of the beliefs of radical ideology
- 5 = Deep commitment to radical ideological beliefs
- 99 = Unknown

Radicalizing Events

44. Field Name: US_Govt_Leader

Variable Type: Dichotomous

Source: PIRUS

Description: Was the individual’s radicalization connected to specific actions by the United States government or particular US leaders?

- 0 = No
- 1 = Yes
- 99 = Unknown

45. Field Name: Foreign_Govt_Leader

Variable Type: Dichotomous

Source: PIRUS

Description: Was the individual’s radicalization connected to specific actions by a foreign government or particular foreign leaders?

- 0 = No

1 = Yes

-99 = Unknown

46. Field Name: Event_Influence

Type: Categorical, Multiple Entry

Source: PIRUS

Description: Which, if any, of the following events evidently (according to sources) precipitated or accelerated the individual's radicalization?

0 = None

1 = September 11 terrorist attacks

2 = Vietnam War

3 = Cold War

4 = First Gulf War

5 = Afghanistan/Iraq War

6 = Ruby Ridge/Waco

7 = Arab Spring/Syrian Civil War

8 = Other

-99 = Unknown

Radicalization Process

47. Field Name: Beliefs_Trajectory

Variable Type: Dichotomous

Source: PIRUS

Description: Did the individual's beliefs radicalize gradually over an extended period of time? Or, were key events or moments temporally linked to changes in the individual's radical beliefs?

1 = Gradual

2 = Key moments

-99 = Unknown

48. Field Name: Behaviors_Trajectory

Variable Type: Dichotomous

Source: PIRUS

Description: Did the individual's behaviors radicalize incrementally over an extended period of time? Or, were there key moments of transition in the radicalization of the individual's behaviors?

- 1 = Gradual
- 2 = Key moments
- 99 = Unknown

49. Field Name: Radicalization_Sequence

Variable Type: Categorical

Source: PIRUS

Description: In what sequence did the individual's beliefs and behaviors radicalize?

- 1 = Radicalization of beliefs preceded radicalization of behaviors (individual began espousing radical beliefs before undertaking illegal ideologically-motivated behavior)
- 2 = Radicalization of behaviors preceded radicalization of beliefs (individual began undertaking illegal ideologically-motivated behavior before espousing radical beliefs)
- 3 = Radicalization of beliefs and behaviors occurred at the same time
- 99 = Unknown

Radicalizing Sites

50. Field Name: Radicalization_Place

Variable Type: Categorical

Source: PIRUS

Description: Was the individual's radicalization significantly connected to a place of worship, an educational institution, or a social club?

- 0 = No
- 1 = Yes, place of worship
- 2 = Yes, educational institution
- 3 = Yes, social club
- 99 = Unknown

51. Field Name: Prison_Radicalize

Keshif Label(s): Radicalized in Prison

Variable Type: Categorical

Source: NCTC (Q.E4)

Description: Is there evidence that prison influenced the individual's radicalization?

- 0 = No, individual had reached maximum level of radicalization (in both behaviors and beliefs) before prison
- 1 = Yes, but radicalization had begun (in either behaviors or belief) before prison

- 2 = Yes, but radicalization reached maximum level (in both behaviors and belief) after prison
- 3 = Yes, radicalization began and reached maximum level in prison
- 99 = Unknown
- 88 = N/A (the individual never went to prison)

Demographics

The variables in this section capture details pertaining to the demographic profile of the individual. This includes information about the person's ethnicity, marital status, religious background, citizenship status, and ties to society.

General Details

52. Field Name: **Broad_Ethnicity**

Keshif Label(s): Ethnicity

Variable Type: Categorical

Source: PIRANA (with changed categories)

Description: What was the race/ethnicity of the individual?

- 1 = Hispanic/Latino
- 2 = Black/African-American
- 3 = White
- 4 = Middle Eastern/North African
- 5 = Native American
- 6 = Asian (incl. Iran, Afghanistan, and Pakistan)
- 7 = Other
- 99 = Unknown

53. Field Name: **Age**

Keshif Label(s): Age at Exposure

Variable Type: Numerical

Source: PIRANA

Description: What was the age of the individual **at the date of exposure** (usually time of incident or arrest)? If unknown, list -99.

54. Field Name: **Marital_Status**

Keshif Label(s): Marital Status

Variable Type: Categorical

Source: PIRANA

Description: What was the individual's marital status at the date of exposure?

- 1 = Single (never married)
- 2 = Married (religious or civil marriage qualifies)
- 3 = Divorced or Separated
- 4 = Widowed
- 99 = Unknown

55. Field Name: Children

Keshif Label(s): Children

Variable Type: Numerical

Source: PIRANA

Description: Number of children at date of exposure. If unknown, list -99.

56. Field Name: Age_Child

Variable Type: Numerical

Source: PIRUS

Description: Age of oldest child at time of individual's exposure. If unknown, list -99. Enter -88 for N/A (i.e. the individual did not have any children).

57. Field Name: Gender

Keshif Label(s): Gender

Variable Type: Dichotomous

Description: What is the individual's gender?

- 1 = Female
- 2 = Male
- 99 = Unknown

Religious Background

58. Field Name: Religious_Background

Keshif Label(s): Religious Background

Variable Type: Categorical

Source: PIRANA (with changed categories)

Description: What was the religion practiced / exposed to prior to becoming radicalized? If multiple religions, list earliest religion (in terms of person's age) mentioned in sources.

- 1 = Sunni Islam
- 2 = Shi'a Islam
- 3 = Sufi Islam

- 4 = Other Islam (including schismatic Muslims such as Ahmadis)
- 5 = Unspecified Islam (e.g. the source only mentioned the individual was a Muslim)
- 6 = Evangelical Protestant Christianity (e.g., Baptist, Pentecostal)
- 7 = Mainline Protestant Christianity (e.g., Lutheran, Presbyterian)
- 8 = Catholic Christianity
- 9 = Orthodox Christianity
- 10 = Other Christianity (including schismatic Christians such as Jehovah's Witnesses)
- 11 = Unspecified Christianity (e.g. the source only mentioned the individual was a Christian)
- 12 = Jewish
- 13 = Buddhist
- 14 = Hindu
- 15 = New religion (such as Scientology and New Age communities, including new religions that claim an ancient source, such as Odinism and Satanism)
- 16 = Agnostic (accepts existence of a deity, but no religious beliefs)
- 17 = Atheist (actively rejects existence of a deity)
- 18 = Other
- 99 = Unknown

59. Field Name: Convert

Keshif Label(s): Religious Convert

Variable Type: Categorical

Source: PIRUS (Adapted from PIRANA)

Description: Was the individual a convert to his/her religion at time of exposure?

- 0 = No
- 1 = Yes, converted prior to radicalization
- 2 = Yes, converted during radicalization
- 3 = Yes, converted after radicalization
- 99 = Unknown

60. Field Name: Convert_Date

Variable Type: Date

Source: PIRANA

Description: If person converted (i.e. '1' listed above), note the year of conversion date (using the format MM/DD/YYYY). If unknown, list -99. If only month and year are known, then assume first day of the month. Enter -88 for N/A (i.e. individual was not a convert).

61. Field Name: Reawakening

Keshif Label(s): Religious Reawakening

Variable Type: Categorical

Source: PIRUS

Description: Did the individual experience a religious renewal of previously held beliefs?

- 0 = No
- 1 = Yes, occurred prior to radicalization
- 2 = Yes, occurred during radicalization
- 3 = Yes, occurred after radicalization
- 99 = Unknown

62. Field Name: Reawakening_Date

Variable Type: Date

Source: PIRUS

Description: If person experienced a religious renewal, note the year of renewal (using the format MM/DD/YYYY). If unknown, list -99. If only month and year are known, then assume first day of the month. Enter -88 for N/A (i.e. person did not experience religious renewal).

Citizenship History

63. Field Name: Citizenship

Keshif Label(s): Country of Citizenship

Variable Type: Country

Source: PIRANA

Description: List name of country where the individual had citizenship at the Date of Exposure (see above). If he/she had citizenship in more than one country, list all countries, separated by semi-colons. If unknown, list -99.

64. Field Name: Residency_Status

Keshif Label(s): Residency Status

Variable Type: Categorical

Source: PIRANA

Description: What was the individual's residency status in the United States at the time of exposure?

- 1 = Born Citizen
- 2 = Naturalized Citizen
- 3 = Legal Permanent Resident
- 4 = Temporary Resident
- 5 = Undocumented Resident
- 99 = Unknown

65. Field Name: Nativity

Keshif Label(s): Nativity

Variable Type: Text

Source: PIRANA

Description: List name of country where individual was born (i.e. initial citizenship). If unknown, list -99.

66. Field Name: Time_US_Months

Variable Type: Numerical

Source: PIRANA

Description: How long was the individual in the United States, by number of months, before public exposure? If unknown, list -99.

67. Field Name: Immigrant_Generation

Keshif Label(s): Immigrant Generation

Variable Type: Categorical

Source: PIRUS

Description: Was the individual a first or second-generation immigrant? First generation immigrants refer to individuals born outside the United States. Second generation immigrants refer to individuals who were born in the United States, but whose parents were born outside the United States.

0 = Not a first or second-generation immigrant (3+ generations in the United States)

1 = First generation

2 = Second generation

-99 = Unknown

68. Field Name: Immigrant_Source

Keshif Label(s): Immigrant Source

Variable Type: Text

Source: PIRUS

Description: If the individual is a first or second generation immigrant, what was the country of origin immediately prior to coming to the United States? If unknown, list -99. List -88 if N/A (i.e. not an immigrant).

Ties to Society

69. Field Name: Language_English

Variable Type: Dichotomous

Source: PIRUS

Description: If English was not the individual's first language, did the individual have a good grasp of the English language?

0 = No

1 = Yes

-99 = Unknown

-88 = Not Applicable (English is first language)

70. Field Name: Diaspora_Ties

Variable Type: Ordinal

Source: PIRUS

Description: If the individual is a first or second-generation immigrant, how embedded was he/she in the diaspora community?

0 = Not at all (avoid contact with diaspora community in favor of either nuclear family, overseas contacts, or broader homogenous societal interactions.

1 = Little (occasionally interacts with members of the diaspora community and lives with other members of the community, but does not participate in diaspora community organizations and activities)

2 = Very (interacts with members of the diaspora community, lives with other members of the community, and participates in diaspora community organizations and activities)

-99 = Unknown

-88 = Not Applicable (individual was not a first or second generation-immigrant)

Socioeconomic Status

The variables in this section capture details pertaining to the individual's socioeconomic status. This includes information about the person's educational, financial, and employment background, military experience, and overall socioeconomic status.

Education

71. Field Name: Education

Keshif Label(s): Education

Variable Type: Categorical

Source: PIRUS (adapted from PIRANA)

Description: What was the highest level of education completed by date of exposure?

1 = Did not attempt high school

2 = Some High school

3 = High school diploma

4 = Some College
5 = College degree
6 = Some Vocational school
7 = Vocational school degree
8 = Some Master's school
9 = Master's degree
10 = Some Doctoral/Professional degree
11 = Doctoral/Professional degree
-99 = Unknown

72. Field Name: Student

Keshif Label(s): Student

Variable Type: Dichotomous

Source: PIRUS

Description: Was the individual a student at the time of radicalization of beliefs or behaviors?

0 = No
1 = Yes
-99 = Unknown

73. Field Name: Education_Change

Variable Type: Categorical

Source: NCTC (Q. C2)

Description: If the individual was a student, were there any changes in academic performance around the time of involvement in extremist activities?

0 = No
1 = Yes, it improved
2 = Yes, it worsened
-99 = Unknown
-88 = Not Applicable (individual was not a student)

Finances and Employment

74. Field Name: Employment_Status

Keshif Label(s): Employment Status

Variable Type: Categorical

Source: NCTC (Q. C6)

Description: What was the subject's employment status at the time of exposure?

- 1 = Employed
- 2 = Self-employed
- 3 = Unemployed, looking for work
- 4 = Unemployed, not looking for work
- 5 = Student
- 6 = Retired
- 99 = Unknown

75. Field Name: Change_Performance

Variable Type: Dichotomous

Source: PIRUS (adapted from NCTC (Q. C7))

Description: Were there any changes in the individual's work performance (e.g. started arriving late, not showing up, or unsatisfactory performance) around the time of radicalization (e.g. shortly before radicalization, during radicalization, or shortly after radicalization)?

- 0 = No
- 1 = Yes
- 88 = Not Applicable (the individual was unemployed)
- 99 = Unknown

76. Field Name: Work_History

Keshif Label(s): Work History

Variable Type: Ordinal

Source: PIRUS

Description: What is the individual's work history prior to their date of exposure?

- 1 = Long-term Unemployed
- 2 = Underemployed (i.e. less than full-time)
- 3 = Serially Employed (i.e. jumped from job to job)
- 4 = Regularly Employed (i.e. held the same job for a long period or followed an upward and/or conventional career path in the given profession)
- 99 = Unknown
- 88 = N/A

Military

77. Field Name: Military

Keshif Label(s): Military

Variable Type: Categorical

Source: PIRUS (Adapted from NCTC (Qs.D2, D6, D8))

Description: Was the individual ever in the US military?

0 = No

1 = Yes, inactive at time of radicalization, unknown deployment

2 = Yes, inactive at time of radicalization, never deployed

3 = Yes, inactive at time of radicalization but previously deployed

4 = Yes, active at time of radicalization, unknown if ever deployed

5 = Yes, active at time of radicalization but never deployed to an active combat zone

6 = Yes, active at time of radicalization and had been deployed to an active combat zone

-99 = Unknown

78. Field Name: Foreign_Military

Variable Type: Dichotomous

Source: PIRUS

Description: Was the individual ever in a foreign military (i.e., non-U.S.) service?

0 = No

1 = Yes

-99 = Unknown

Socioeconomic stratum

79. Field Name: Social_Stratum_Childhood

Keshif Label(s): Social Stratum (Childhood)

Variable Type: Ordinal

Source: PIRUS (adapted from PIRANA)

Description: In what social stratum did this individual fall in childhood?

1 = Low (e.g. receives welfare, lives close to the poverty line, regularly unemployed or at best works a blue collar job, lives in subsidized housing)

2 = Middle (e.g. does not receive welfare, lives in lower-middle or middle class neighborhood, has steady professional employment, owns or holds a mortgage on a house, has college degree)

3 = High (e.g. works a high-income, white-collar job, lives and owns a house in a middle or upper class neighborhood, can afford luxury items, has college degree or is self-employed as a successful entrepreneur)

-99 = Unknown

80. Field Name: Social_Stratum_Adulthood

Keshif Label(s): Social Stratum (Adulthood)

Variable Type: Ordinal

Source: PIRUS (adapted from PIRANA)

Description: In what social stratum did this individual fall in adulthood?

1 = Low (e.g. receives welfare, lives close to the poverty line, regularly unemployed or at best works a blue collar job, lives in subsidized housing)

2 = Middle (e.g. does not receive welfare, lives in lower-middle or middle class neighborhood, has steady professional employment, owns or holds a mortgage on a house, has college degree)

3 = High (e.g. works a high-income, white-collar job, lives and owns a house in a middle or upper class neighborhood, can afford luxury items, has college degree or is self-employed as a successful entrepreneur)

-99 = Unknown

-88 = Not Applicable (if exposure occurred before the individual turned 18 years old)

81. Field Name: Aspirations

Variable Type: Ordinal

Source: PIRUS

Description: Did the individual have clear educational or career aspirations?

0 = No

1 = Yes, but did not attempt to achieve them (e.g., talked about becoming a lawyer but never enrolled in college)

2 = Yes, had aspirations, but failed to achieve them

3 = Yes, achieved aspirations prior to public exposure

-99 = Unknown

Personal

The variables in this section capture details pertaining to the individual's emotional and psychological state, drug and alcohol abuse, family ties and social relationships, criminal history, extracurricular activities, and mindset prior to radicalization.

Abuse and Psychological Concerns

82. Field Name: Abuse_Child

Keshif Label(s): Abused as Child

Variable Type: Categorical

Source: PIRUS

Description: Is there evidence that the individual was abused—either verbally or physically—as a child? If there is no information, assume 0 for No.

- 0 = No
- 1 = Yes, by non-family members
- 2 = Yes, by family members
- 3 = Yes, by family and non-family members

83. Field Name: Abuse_Adult

Keshif Label(s): Abused as Adult

Variable Type: Categorical

Source: PIRUS

Description: Is there evidence that the individual was abused—either verbally or physically—as an adult? If there is no information, assume 0 for No.

- 0 = No
- 1 = Yes, by non-family members
- 2 = Yes, by family members
- 3 = Yes, by family and non-family members
- 88 = Not Applicable (if exposure occurred before the individual turned 18 years old).

84. Field Name: Abuse_Type

Keshif Label(s): Abuse Types

Variable Type: Categorical, Multiple Entry

Source: PIRUS

Description: If there is evidence that the individual was abused either as a child or an adult, what was the nature of the abuse? Enter all that apply.

- 1 = Sexual abuse (sexual harassment, physical sexual assault, rape, etc.)
- 2 = Other physical abuse (either physical neglect or coercive physical abuse)
- 3 = Emotional abuse
- 99 = Unknown
- 88 = Not Applicable (individual was not abused)

85. Field Name: Psychological

Keshif Label(s): Mental Illness

Variable Type: Dichotomous

Source: PIRUS

Description: Is there evidence presented in the sources that the individual had a history of mental illness? If there is no information, assume 0 for No.

- 0 = No

- 1 = Yes, according to public/popular speculation
- 2 = Yes, professionally diagnosed

86. Field Name: Alcohol_Drug

Keshif Label(s): Alcohol or Drug Abuse

Variable Type: Dichotomous

Source: PIRUS

Description: Is there evidence presented in the sources that the individual had a history of alcohol or drug abuse? If there is no information, assume 0 for No.

- 0 = No
- 1 = Yes

Family and Relationships

87. Field Name: Absent_Parent

Variable Type: Categorical

Source: PIRUS (Adapted from NCTC (Q. G2))

Description: Are/were there any parents absent (separated, divorced, killed, suicide, or dead of natural causes?) during the individual's childhood?

- 0 = No
- 1 = Yes, absent mother
- 2 = Yes, absent father
- 3 = Yes, both absent
- 99 = Unknown

88. Field Name: Overseas_Family

Variable Type: Dichotomous

Source: NCTC (Q. G6)

Description: Did the individual have any contact with family overseas? This includes both immediate and extended family.

- 0 = No
- 1 = Yes
- 99 = Unknown
- 88=Not Applicable (did not have overseas family)

89. Field Name: Close_Family

Variable Type: Ordinal

Source: PIRUS

Description: How emotionally close is the individual to his/her immediate family?

1 = Distant (has little regular contact with most family members, rarely attends family events, does not celebrate holidays with family, etc.)

2 = Close (regularly interacts with one or more family members, attends family events on a regular basis, usually celebrates holidays with family, etc.)

-99 = Unknown

90. Field Name: Family_Religiosity

Variable Type: Ordinal

Source: NCTC (Q. G9) (Adapted for PIRUS)

Description: Based on the evidence available, what do we know about the family's religiosity?

0 = Secular (Atheist, agnostic, or nominally religious)

1 = Somewhat Religious (Occasionally Observant; observes major religious holidays and attends religious services on occasion)

2 = Very Religious (Consistently Observant; observes major religious holidays, attends services frequently and regularly, and adheres to strict religious principles)

-99 = Unknown

91. Field Name: Family_Ideology

Variable Type: Categorical

Source: PIRUS

Description: What was the primary ideology of the individual's immediate family, if any?

0 = No ideology

1 = Islamist

2 = Far right

3 = Far left

4 = Other

5 = Single-Issue

-99 = Unknown

92. Field Name: Family_Ideological_Level

Variable Type: Ordinal

Source: NCTC (Q. G10)

Description: Based on the evidence available, what do we know about the family's ideology (in terms of intensity)?

0 = Non-Ideological

- 1 = Moderate
- 2 = Extreme in belief only
- 3 = Extreme in belief and action
- 99 = Unknown

93. Field Name: Prison_Family_Friend

Variable Type: Dichotomous

Source: PIRUS

Description: Did a close friend or family member of the individual serve time in prison?

- 0 = No
- 1 = Yes
- 99 = Unknown

94. Field Name: Crime_Family_Friend

Variable Type: Dichotomous

Source: PIRUS

Description: Was a close friend or family member involved in crime or victimized by criminals?

- 0 = No
- 1 = Yes, victimized by criminals
- 2 = Yes, involved in crime
- 3 = Yes, both victimized and involved in crime
- 99 = Unknown

95. Field Name: Radical_Friend

Keshif Label(s): Radical Friend

Variable Type: Ordinal

Source: PIRUS

Description: Was a close friend of the individual involved in radical activities?

- 0 = No
- 1 = Yes, but only known to have engaged in legal activities
- 2 = Yes, but only known to have engaged in non-violent illegal activities
- 3 = Yes, known to have engaged in extremist violence
- 99 = Unknown

96. Field Name: Radical_Family

Keshif Label(s): Radical Family Member

Variable Type: Ordinal

Source: PIRUS

Description: Was a family member of the individual involved in radical activities?

0 = No

1 = Yes, but only known to have engaged in legal activities

2 = Yes, but only known to have engaged in non-violent illegal activities

3 = Yes, known to have engaged in extremist violence

-99 = Unknown

97. Field Name: Radical_Signif_Other

Keshif Label(s): Radical Significant Other

Variable Type: Ordinal

Source: PIRUS

Description: Was the individual's significant other involved in radical activities?

0 = No (or the individual did not have a significant other)

1 = Yes, but only known to have engaged in legal activities

2 = Yes, but only known to have engaged in non-violent illegal activities

3 = Yes, known to have engaged in extremist violence

-99 = Unknown

98. Field Name: Relationship_Troubles

Variable Type: Dichotomous

Source: PIRUS

Description: Did subject typically have difficulty finding or maintaining romantic relationships?

0 = No

1 = Yes

-99 = Unknown

99. Field Name: Platonic_Troubles

Variable Type: Dichotomous

Source: PIRUS

Description: Did subject typically have difficulty finding or maintaining non-romantic relationships?

0 = No

1 = Yes

-99 = Unknown

Social Life

100. Field Name: **Unstructured_Time**

Variable Type: Dichotomous

Source: PIRUS

Description: Did the individual have a lot of unstructured time that was not taken up by activities? For example, an unemployed person who is not actively seeking employment, is not a student, and is not actively engaged in the community, would be considered to have a lot of unstructured time.

0 = No

1 = Yes

-99 = Unknown

101. Field Name: **Friendship_Source**

Variable Type: Categorical, Multiple Entry

Source: NCTC (Q. H5) (Wording adapted)

Description: From where did the majority of the subject's friendships come? Select multiple friendship sources if necessary.

1 = School

2 = Work

3 = Family

4 = Religious group

5 = Social Organization

6 = Other

-99 = Unknown

-88 = Not Applicable (had no friends)

102. Field Name: **Kicked_Out**

Variable Type: Dichotomous

Source: NCTC (Q. H6)

Description: Was subject ever known to be marginalized, ostracized, or dismissed from any social, cultural, religious, or political groups or organizations?

0 = No

1 = Yes

-99 = Unknown

Criminal Activity

103. Field Name: **Previous_Criminal_Activity**

Keshif Label(s): Pre-Radicalization Criminal Activity

Variable Type: Ordinal

Source: PIRANA

Description: Prior to their radicalization, does the individual have a history of involvement in non-ideologically motivated criminal activities?

0 = No previous criminal activity

1 = Previous (non-violent) minor criminal activity (e.g., convicted of a misdemeanor crime)

2 = Previous (non-violent) serious criminal activity (e.g., convicted of a felony crime)

3 = Previous violent crime

-99 = Unknown

104. Field Name: **Previous_Criminal_Activity_Type**

Variable Type: Categorical, Multiple Entry

Source: PIRUS, adapted from the Uniform Crime Report (FBI), (CSTAB Year 5)

Description: If an individual has a history of non-ideologically motivated crime prior to their radicalization, which of the following activities was he/she involved in?⁸ If you know they were engaged in criminal behavior prior to their date of exposure, but are unsure of the specific type, enter -99 for unknown. If the individual had never engaged in criminal activity prior to their date of exposure, enter -88. Select up to three choices, putting the corresponding numbers in ascending order. If more than three, select the three most serious offenses (with homicide being the most serious and vandalism being the least serious) and list the remaining offenses in the subsequent text field.

1 = Homicide

2 = Forcible Rape

3 = Robbery

4 = Aggravated Assault

5 = Burglary

6 = Larceny-Theft

7 = Motor Vehicle Theft

8 = Arson

9 = Simple Assault

10 = Fraud

11 = Forgery

⁸ For definitions on these types of criminal activities, refer to Appendix II - Offenses in Uniform Crime Reporting (https://www2.fbi.gov/ucr/cius_04/appendices/appendix_02.html)

- 12 = Embezzlement
- 13 = Driving Under the Influence (DUI)/Driving While Intoxicated (DWI)
- 14 = Prostitution
- 15 = Vandalism
- 16 = Drug related (e.g., selling/distributing drugs, cultivating drugs, but not simply drug use).
- 17 = Parole violation
- 18 = Unlawful possession, transportation, or use of a firearm
- 19 = Domestic violence/spousal abuse
- 20 = Other
- 99 = Unknown
- 88 = N/A (never engaged in criminal activity)

105. Field Name: Previous_Criminal_Activity_Age

Variable Type: Categorical

Source: PIRUS

Description: What age was the individual when they were first involved in non-ideologically motivated criminal activities, if applicable?

- 1 = Under 18 years old
- 2 = 18-24 years old
- 3 = 25-34 years old
- 4 = 35-44 years old
- 5 = 45 years old or older
- 99 = Unknown
- 88 = N/A (never engaged in criminal activity)

106. Field Name: Gang

Key Label(s): Gang Member

Variable Type: Categorical

Source: NCTC (Q.E8)

Description: Is there evidence that the individual was involved in a non-ideological street gang or organized criminal group prior to their date of exposure? A street gang is any durable *street-oriented youth group* whose involvement in illegal activity is part of its group identity.⁹ An organized criminal group is any group that has some manner of a formalized structure and whose primary objective is to obtain money through illegal activities. Organized criminal groups

⁹ Adapted from the Eurogang Consensus Nominal definition of street gangs. Esbensen, F. (2012). *Youth gangs in international perspective: Results from the Eurogang Program of Research*. Berlin: Springer.

maintain their position through the use of actual or threatened violence, corrupt public officials, graft, or extortion.¹⁰

- 0 = No
- 1 = Yes, street gang
- 2 = Yes, organized criminal group
- 3 = Yes, both street gang and organized criminal group
- 99 = Unknown

107. Field Name: Gang_Age_Joined

Variable Type: Numerical/Categorical

Source: PIRUS, NIJ-Gangs

Description: If the individual was involved with a street gang or organized criminal group prior to their date of exposure, how old were they when they first became involved? If the precise age is unknown, what best describes their developmental period when they first became involved? If the individual was involved in both a street gang and an organized criminal group, enter their age/developmental period at the time they became involved with whichever group came first. **Note:** If their precise age is known, enter it as "Age: X". If only the developmental period is known, enter the corresponding value listed below. If the individual was not involved with a street gang or organized criminal group, code -88 for Not Applicable. Code -99 if Unknown.

- 1 = Early childhood (8 and younger)
- 2 = Late childhood (8-12)
- 3 = Adolescence/teenage (13-19)
- 4 = Young adulthood (20-39)
- 5 = Adulthood (24-64)
- 6 = Late adulthood (65 and older)
- 99 = Unknown
- 88 = Not Applicable

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108. Field Name: Trauma

Keshif Label(s): Traumatic Experience

Variable Type: Categorical

¹⁰ Adapted from the Federal Bureau of Investigation definition of organized crime. <https://www.fbi.gov/about-us/investigate/organizedcrime/glossary>

Source: PIRUS (Adapted from NCTC (Q. F3) [Changed response categories]

Description: Prior to radicalization, was subject ever exposed to any traumatic event in which he witnessed an event or events that involve actual or threatened death or serious injury, or a threat to the physical integrity of others, where his response involved intense fear, helplessness, or horror?

0 = No

1 = Yes, but timing vis-à-vis radicalization is unknown

2 = Yes, but a long time before radicalization

3 = Yes, shortly before radicalization

-99 = Unknown

109. Field Name: Other_Ideologies

Variable Type: Dichotomous

Source: PIRUS

Description: Prior to their date of exposure, is there evidence that the individual adhered to another ideology or movement besides the one in which he/she became radicalized?

0 = No

1 = Yes

110. Field Name: Angry_US

Variable Type: Dichotomous

Source: PIRUS

Description: Were there signs that the individual was angry with US society, or did not accept the moral validity of the American social value system? Such signs could include public statements opposing specific policies (e.g. late-term abortions), burning or desecrating symbolic items (e.g. an American flag or bible), or posting inflammatory anti-U.S. messages in online forums.

0 = No

1 = Yes

-99 = Unknown

111. Field Name: Group_Grievance

Keshif Label(s): Group Grievance

Variable Type: Ordinal

Source: NCTC (Q.J16)

Description: Did the subject ever express that s/he identified with or felt attached to a specific group that was believed to be under threat (real or imagined) or had been subjected to injustice?

- 0 = No
- 1 = Yes, but not through a personal connection
- 2 = Yes, through a personal connection
- 3 = Yes, through direct experience
- 99 = Unknown

112. Field Name: Standing

Variable Type: Categorical

Source: PIRUS

Description: Did the individual experience a diminution of social standing prior to radicalization? Examples include being excluded from informal social groups, public embarrassment, or losing the respect of close friends, family, or acquaintances.

- 0 = No
- 1 = Yes, but timing vis-à-vis radicalization is unknown
- 2 = Yes, but a long time before radicalization
- 3 = Yes, shortly prior to radicalization
- 99 = Unknown