

# Domestic Terrorism and the rise of Right-wing Extremism thru the Decades

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1970: Left-wing extremism accounted for 68% of all attacks and 58% of all deaths, while right-wing extremism accounted for 39% of all attacks and 37% of all deaths.

1990: The U.S saw a decline in left-wing attacks because they were motivated by anti-war, anti-capitalism, and social issues. Left-wing extremism in the 90's (80%) was conducted by environmental groups. This was only 23% of all domestic terrorism attacks in the 90's. Right-wing extremism became more violent causing 89% of the deaths that resulted from terrorism in the 90's.

2000-present: There was a sharp decline in left-wing terrorist attacks from 64% to 12%. There was a sharp increase in right-wing extremists from 6% to 35% and religious extremists from 9% to 53%. Attacks between 2010 and 2016 were typically carried out by individuals rather than a specific group.

1980: The total number of domestic terrorist attacks declined by more than 65% and number of victim deaths by 70%. This is reflective of the decrease in violence carried out by the left-wing. For example, FALN (an independence group for Puerto Rico), conducted 100 in the 70's and just 13 in the 80's. Right-wing extremist attacks increased slightly from 14% of total attacks and 19% of victim deaths in the 70's to 19% of total attacks and 48% of all deaths in the 80's.

2000: Domestic terrorist attacks in the U.S declined by half in the 2000's. There were lethal attacks by anti-abortion and anti-Semitic groups but was significantly fewer than in 1990. Attacks by left-wing extremists increased by 80 percent in the 2000's. All attacks were motivated by environmentalism, focused to cause property damage, and none were lethal. Right-wing extremism declined by 40 percent.

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