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## Internal FBI Doc Outlines “Symbols,” Rhetoric That “Militia Violent Extremists” Use

If you fly the Gadsden flag, you just might be a “Militia Violent Extremist.”

If you fly the Betsy Ross flag or use “Revolutionary War imagery,” you just might be an MVE.

And if you talk about the Second Amendment a lot, and worry about government raids that send American citizens to the boneyard, well, you just might be an MVE.

Those ideas are found in the FBI’s unclassified but exclusively internal “Domestic Terrorism Symbols Guide.”



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Gadsden flag

The leaked document shows just how far the agency, under the guidance of FBI Director Christopher Wray and Attorney General Merrick Garland, is pushing the falsehood that American patriots, whom they call “white supremacists,” “domestic violent extremists,” and now “militia violent extremists (MVEs)” are the main threat facing the country.

### Second Amendment a Clue

Leaked to Project Veritas, the [internal FBI document explains](#) that the symbols, imagery, and language of MVEs involve several common themes “found on propaganda, online platforms, memes, merchandise, group logos, flags, tattoos, uniforms, etc.” According to [The Epoch Times](#):

Widespread use of symbols and quotes from American history, especially the Revolutionary War, exists within MVE networks.... Historic and contemporary military themes are common for MVE symbols....

The use or sharing of these symbols alone should not independently be considered evidence of MVE presence or affiliation, or serve as an indicator of illegal activity, as many individuals use these symbols for their original historic meaning or other non-violent purposes.

Despite the disclaimer above that not everyone who flies a Betsy Ross flag is an MVE, the message is clear. Traditional patriotic and other symbols, particularly those that call to mind the War for Independence, could mean trouble.

Among the modern symbols so-called MVEs use are those of the Boogaloo movement, anarcho-capitalism, the Punisher skull, and the Second Amendment.

Of the right outlined in the Constitution that the Framers thought so important they placed it second only to the rights of free speech and to practice one’s religion, the [FBI concluded](#) this: “MVEs justify



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their existence with the Second Amendment, due to the mention of a ‘well regulated Militia,’ as well as the right to bear arms.”

After symbols, the document says, agents should watch out for famous historical quotes:

- When tyranny becomes law, rebellion becomes duty, and variations;
- The tree of liberty must be refreshed from time to time with the blood of patriots and tyrants; and
- Well-regulated American militia

The document also includes a list of deceased Americans whom “MVEs consider ... to be martyrs.”

Among them are Vicki Weaver, killed by an FBI agent during the raid on her home at Ruby Ridge, Idaho; and Ashli Babbitt, the Trump supporter and Air Force Veteran whom Capitol Hill cop Michael Byrd [shot to death](#) unnecessarily during the mostly peaceful protest at the U.S. Capitol on January 6, 2021.

The document also lists events that MVEs discuss, such as [the raid](#) on the Branch Davidian compound in 1993.

## “White Supremacy” Terror Threat

Whether the FBI has published similar internal guidance on Antifa and Black Lives Matter, both of which rampaged through American cities after the [overdose death](#) of George Floyd, a martyr for anti-white leftists, we are not given to know.

We do know that the latest on “MVEs” segues naturally from President Joe Biden’s [ridiculous claim that](#) “terrorism from white supremacy is the most lethal threat to the homeland today — not ISIS, not al Qaeda — white supremacists.”

That Bidenism riffed off a report from the Department of Homeland Security in 2020, which said the same thing, right after the leftist and communist street armies of BLM and Antifa [tried to destroy](#) 200 American cities, left \$1 billion in damage behind them, and [killed Americans](#) along the way.

Nor does the claim take into account the number of illegal-alien terrorists or terror-connected illegals who have slipped past border agents.

But considering that border agents [have stopped 275 illegals](#) on the FBI’s terror watch list from the beginning of fiscal 2022 through June, DHS might consider focusing on the possibility that Islamic terrorists are working overtime to cross the border.

(And that doesn’t count the arrests of rapists, murderers, and gang members.)

[Maybe releasing](#) one million illegal aliens to disappear into the American heartland is a greater threat than white protesters who carry the Gadsden flag.



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