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Secret Service Assesses Threat of – Incels?

Forget ISIS. Forget Al-Qaeda. The federal government is focusing on a new terror threat: Incels.

The term "incel," an abbreviation for "involuntarily celibate," refers to an online community of men who claim to be unable to find romantic partners despite wanting them. The word is normally used in a mocking or negative way by those who wish to characterize those they don't like as incels. It is common among leftists to accuse conservatives as being incels, claiming this accounts for "sexist" and "misogynist" beliefs.



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In a 26-page report published Tuesday, the Secret Service's National Threat Assessment Center (NATC) examines what are portrayed as <u>incel-based attacks</u> on women. This includes a 2018 shooting in Tallahassee, Florida, in which a man murdered two women and killed four others at a yoga class.

Per the NATC report, the culprit in that case, Scott Beierle, who shot and killed himself at the scene of the crime, wrote a 70,000-word revenge fantasy letter about a serial killer.

"During his teen years, the attacker was accused of stalking his classmates, and he wrote stories that centered around violent themes," NATC lead research specialist Steve Driscoll said this week.

"One of those stories was 81 pages long and involved the protagonist murdering several girls before committing suicide. The female characters in the story that were killed represented the attacker's actual classmates from his high school, but he slightly changed the names in his writing."

The report also claims Beierle was motivated by his failure to carry out relationships with women. On the day of the shooting, he allegedly uploaded a song titled "F— 'Em All," which detailed his frustration with personal failures in his life.

"If I can't find one decent female to live with, I will find many indecent females to die with," Beierle wrote in a note he left behind.

The Hill notes:

The NATC report also noted recent incidents of incel-linked terrorism including the case of Roy Den Hollander, a self-described "anti-feminist" attorney who killed the son and wounded the husband of U.S. District Judge Esther Salas in July 2020.

The report concluded that "there is no one profile of an individual who plans or executes an act of targeted violence" but that investigators must consider potential targets when seeking to thwart attacks, as suspects routinely "explore multiple targets during the planning process, before making their final selection."

There is also the case of the 2014 Isla Vista killings, in which 22-year-old Elliot Rodger killed six people

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and injured 14 others in a shooting, stabbing, and vehicle-ramming spree near the University of California, Santa Barbara. In this incident, three women were shot outside of a sorority house. Prior to carrying out the attack, Rodger lamented not being able to find a girlfriend on social media, relating his hatred for women and interracial couples.

The Secret Service said behavioral threat assessment can be performed at workplaces, college campuses, and state and local police institutions.

Fourteen states are <u>launching lawsuits</u> against the Biden administration for records related to the federal government's alleged work with the National School Boards Association (NSBA) in order to target parents who were voicing their concerns at school-board meetings.

The state officials seek to review communications between federal officials and the NSBA to determine whether the administration had called for the surveillance of parents who protested left-wing policies at school-board meetings and were labeled "domestic terrorists" for it.

The lawsuit argues that in a memo last October, Attorney General Merrick Garland "parroted language" from a letter the NSBA sent to the Biden administration, warning about the level of backlash they're getting from parents over Critical Race Theory and other controversial teaching material.

"The Biden administration wants to sweep under the rug these inexcusable assaults on parents' freedom of speech," Indiana Republican state Attorney General Todd Rokita said. "But we're fighting for full transparency and accountability for this misconduct so it doesn't happen again."

Democrats have also <u>sought to pass a bill</u> that would launch an "unconditional war on racism" while creating a new federal agency known as the "Department of Reconciliation."

"Declaring unconditional war on racism and invidious discrimination and providing for the establishment of a Cabinet-level Department of Reconciliation charged with eliminating racism and invidious discrimination," reads a summary of the bill, H.R. 919.

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