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Introduction

In August 2026, the global landscape was marked by an alarming presence of terrorism and extremism linked to extreme right-wing ideologies. This analysis underscores the paramount significance of this issue in the contemporary world order.

Terrorism and extremism, irrespective of its ideological roots, has long posed a grave threat to international peace and security. Recent times, however, have witnessed a distinct shift in this threat landscape. The ascent of extreme right-wing terrorism has introduced a new layer of complexity to the global security equation.

This report aims to provide a comprehensive analysis of extreme right-wing extremism in August 2026, offering insights into its evolution, and current manifestations. By dissecting the trends, causative factors, and ramifications of this phenomenon, our objective is to foster awareness and inform policymaking while fostering international collaboration to counter this growing menace.

UNITED STATES

U.S. indicts former SPLC executive in alleged fraud scheme over payments to informants in white supremacist groups

Heidi Beirich, a former executive at the Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC), has been indicted on charges of wire fraud, bank fraud, and money laundering. Prosecutors allege that Beirich oversaw a fraudulent scheme in which the SPLC told donors and banks it was dismantling white supremacist and extremist groups, but instead funneled payments to confidential informants within those groups to fund violent, racist, and extremist activities. The indictment specifically alleges that Beirich had a romantic relationship with one informant and diverted approximately \$140,000 from SPLC accounts into joint accounts between 2015 and 2021 for personal living expenses (1).

This marks the first individual charge connected to the civil rights nonprofit in a case the Justice Department announced in April. The SPLC itself faces 11 counts of wire fraud, bank fraud, and conspiracy to commit money laundering. Beirich's attorney claims the charges are politically motivated and without merit, asserting that his client has been targeted because of her work combating hate groups. The organization has pleaded not guilty to all charges.



Jackson Flees Collins over White Nationalist, Neo-Nazi Ties

GOP Gubernatorial nominee Rick Jackson is distancing himself from GOP Senate nominee Mike Collins over Collins' extensive ties to white nationalism and neo-Nazi associations (2). Democratic leaders Jon Ossoff and Keisha Lance Bottoms called on Jackson to publicly condemn white nationalism, denounce Collins' associations, and stop campaigning with him, warning that failure to do so would suggest Jackson is willing to tolerate extremism for political gain.

Collins ongoing controversies, included associations with white supremacists and an active federal investigation into illegal misuse of tax dollars. Collins' top aide Kip Talley was recently replaced after being revealed to have worked with white nationalists, including Nick Fuentes, to attempt to free a Holocaust denier from jail. Jackson and Collins have notably not campaigned together since winning their GOP nominations.



Neo-Nazi group agrees to fine, community service for targeting cafe

On Father's Day in June 2023, nearly two dozen members of the white supremacist group Nationalist Social Club-131 (NSC-131) demonstrated outside the Teatotaler Café and Bakery in Concord, New Hampshire, which was hosting a children's drag story hour. The demonstrators chanted homophobic slurs, banged on windows, performed Nazi salutes, and carried banners including one reading "Defend white communities" and another featuring a crossed-out rainbow symbol of LGBTQ pride.

Christopher Hood, the group's founder, and 19 unidentified defendants were charged with unlawful discrimination under New Hampshire's civil rights law. After three years of litigation, Hood agreed to a settlement requiring him to complete 250 hours of community service, pay a \$10,000 civil penalty, and maintain a 250-foot distance from any Teatotaler Café location (3). All defendants were permanently ordered to cease unlawful discriminatory practices and any future hate- or bias-motivated conduct.

KKK flyers found in Melvindale neighborhoods, police say

Police in Melvindale, Michigan reported that Ku Klux Klan recruitment flyers were discovered in parts of the city. According to Police Chief Christopher Egan, the flyers appeared to have been distributed by a group from Ohio and were thrown from a car window. No specific individuals were targeted and no formal complaints were filed, though residents contacted police out of concern.

The flyers were also reported in another Metro Detroit community and have since been destroyed. In response, Dawud Walid, executive director of the Council on American-Islamic Relations Michigan chapter, expressed concern about the escalation of white supremacist activity in Southeast Michigan and called for information about those responsible for distributing the hate materials to be reported to local police (4).

White Supremacist Aryan Brotherhood Member Convicted of Prison-Ordered Murders in California

Justin Gray, a 40-year-old associate of the white supremacist prison gang Aryan Brotherhood and member of the Baby Blue Wrecking Crew, was convicted in August 2026 of murdering two men in Lomita, California, in October 2020. The killings were ordered by incarcerated Aryan Brotherhood member Francis Clement following a perceived act of disrespect towards the gang. Gray lured the victims to the location before shooting them alongside another gang associate (5).

The conviction demonstrates the Aryan Brotherhood's capacity to coordinate lethal violence from within prison facilities through affiliated criminal networks. Gray faces a mandatory life sentence, and the broader investigation has resulted in charges against 21 defendants for offences including racketeering, murder, and drug trafficking.



ITALY

16-Year-Old Italian Teenager Arrested for ISIS and Neo-Nazi Propaganda Dissemination

A 16-year-old Italian teenager from the province of Como was arrested in August 2026 on suspicion of participating in an international terrorist organization and disseminating propaganda inciting racial, ethnic, and religious hatred. Italian intelligence identified multiple online profiles sharing jihadist and pro-ISIS content, leading to police investigations that uncovered conversations and digital materials containing ISIS propaganda, antisemitic narratives, white supremacist imagery, and neo-Nazi content. The suspect allegedly expressed support for ISIS, claimed involvement in propaganda production, and maintained contact with terrorist organization members. Investigators also discovered a Russian-language video bearing the ISIS logo with instructions for manufacturing improvised explosive devices.

The case is significant as an example of ideological hybridization between jihadist and far-right extremism. The suspect consumed and disseminated propaganda from both movements despite their fundamental ideological contradictions. This convergence demonstrates radicalization through multiple extremist narratives coexisting in online activity, potentially connected through shared antisemitism, violence glorification, and rejection of established institutions. The case illustrates challenges posed by fluid extremist identities among youth radicalized in digital environments, where exposure to multiple extremist ecosystems blurs conventional ideological boundaries, though evidence does not establish whether the suspect developed a coherent hybrid ideology or engaged with distinct narratives simultaneously (6).

GERMANY

Over a Thousand Jurists Call on German Parliament to Ban Far-Right AfD Party

More than 1,000 German jurists have issued an open letter to the German Parliament and Government urging them to initiate legal proceedings to ban the far-right Alternative for Germany (AfD) party, which leads opposition and polling (7). The jurists base their argument on an independent expert opinion published in June that refutes claims that the legal basis for declaring AfD unconstitutional is insufficient, demonstrating instead that the party systematically undermines democratic principles and human dignity guarantees through exclusionary policies targeting migrants, Muslims, LGBTQ+ individuals, and disabled persons, combined with structural antisemitism.

The jurists emphasize that elected officials and members of the government led by conservative Friedrich Merz have a special responsibility to protect the Constitution by pursuing AfD's ban. The letter warns of the imminent risk that the far-right party, leading in national polling, could win absolute majorities in regional elections in Saxony-Anhalt and form governments there. Currently, the party is monitored as a possible extremist organization by Germany's domestic intelligence agency, with some regional sections confirmed as extremist cases.

German court sentences young members of 'Last Defense Wave' to prison

A Hamburg court convicted and sentenced seven members and one supporter of the right-wing extremist group 'Last Defense Wave' to prison on charges including attempted murder, arson, and aggravated assault (8). The defendants, aged 14-21 at the time of incidents, were found guilty of planning and carrying out arson and bomb attacks on asylum seeker shelters and left-wing facilities. Sentences ranged from one and a half to five years in prison, with the youngest defendant receiving a suspended sentence.

The group carried out multiple violent attacks between January and October 2024. In January 2024, two members attempted to set fire to an asylum seeker shelter in Thuringia using pyrotechnics and vandalized it with swastikas and xenophobic slogans. An October 2024 arson attack on a cultural center in Brandenburg completely destroyed the building, and another planned attack on an asylum shelter in Brandenburg was prevented. The defendants were also accused of vigilante 'pedo-hunting' activities.

[7] (EFE, 2026)

[8] (AP News), 2026)

UNITED KINGDOM

Police probe protesters displaying terror and neo-Nazi banners

Police in Edinburgh are investigating claims that demonstrators displayed the flag of the Ulster Defence Association (UDA), a proscribed terrorist organisation, alongside neo-Nazi paraphernalia during a protest on Princes Street on Saturday. Videos circulating on social media show a group of men holding the UDA flag, and images also show some carrying banners bearing the logos of Combat 18, a neo-Nazi group, and far-right organisations Patriotic Alternative and the Scottish Defence League.

The UDA is a loyalist paramilitary group that was active in Northern Ireland during the Troubles and claimed responsibility for hundreds of killings during the conflict. It was proscribed as a terrorist organisation in 1992, making it a criminal offence to belong to, invite support for, or express supportive opinions or beliefs about the organisation (9)



CANADA

Hamilton police seek suspect after neo-Nazi, anti-Black stickers placed on East Hamilton building

Hamilton police are investigating a hate-related mischief incident at Solidarity Place Worker Education Centre in East Hamilton. An unknown masked person placed approximately 10 neo-Nazi and anti-Black stickers on the building and also scratched threatening messages into a side door. The Hamilton Police Service Hate Crime Unit released images of the suspect and is seeking public assistance in identifying the individual.

The incident was followed the next day by a confrontation involving 15 to 20 far-right white nationalists who gathered at the location. According to a joint statement from community leaders and organizations, the white nationalist neo-Nazi group posted hateful rhetoric, brandished racist banners, chanted racist slogans, and made Nazi salutes. The incident was characterized as a targeted attack on workers, the labour movement, and racialized communities in Hamilton (10).

FRANCE

French soldiers disciplined over Rhodesian flags linked to white supremacists

France's Ministry of the Armed Forces has launched disciplinary proceedings against several soldiers photographed displaying Rhodesian flags, which have become associated with white supremacist movements. Two separate groups of French soldiers – one in Nîmes in southern France and another in the United Arab Emirates – were pictured holding banners featuring the Rhodesian coat of arms, with the images later shared in online groups glorifying the former British colony that operated a white-minority ruled system similar to South African apartheid (11).

The Rhodesian flag and symbols have become popular in white supremacist circles globally, functioning similarly to Confederate symbols in the United States as representations of a 'lost cause.' The article notes that these symbols allow white supremacists to signal their beliefs without displaying more overtly extremist imagery like swastikas. The Ministry of the Armed Forces stated that military personnel are subject to strict requirements of exemplary conduct and neutrality, and that the armed forces do not tolerate any manifestation of racist, supremacist, or extremist nature.

[10] (J Tram, 2026)

[11] (RFI, 2026)

SPAIN

Ultra campaign for European 'ethnic continuity' arrives in Spain with Ceuta in the crosshairs

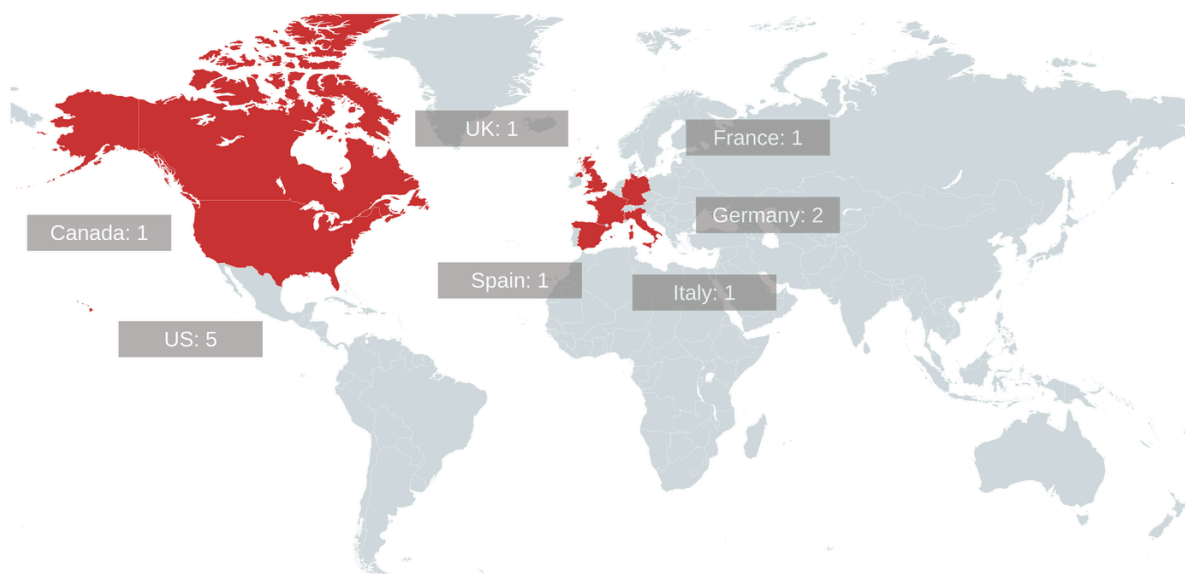
A far-right European movement called Save Europe Act, led by white supremacists Eva Vlaardingerbroek and Martin Sellner, is organizing public demonstrations in Barcelona and Madrid to demand European Union protection for the 'ethnic continuity' of 'native European peoples' against immigration. The campaign promotes mass deportations, restricts non-European immigration, and has garnered support from prominent far-right figures including Hungarian PM Viktor Orbán, and French far-right leader Éric Zemmour (12).

The initiative frames immigration as causing demographic replacement and damaging European societies' social cohesion and services. Although the EU rejected their citizen proposal in July as discriminatory based on race and ethnicity, the movement continues to collect signatures online with over 700,000 supporters and plans a tour across European cities beginning with Barcelona and Madrid demonstrations.



Graphical Analysis of Far-Right Extremism in August 2026

Countries affected by incidents linked to terrorism and right-wing extremist violence in August 2026



Source: Own elaboration



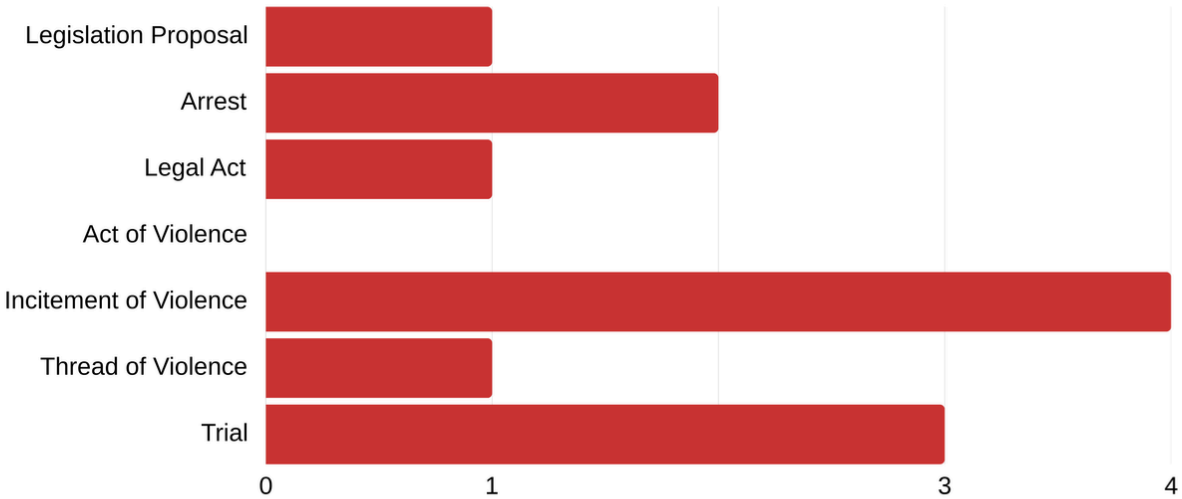
In August 2026, the geographical distribution of incidents linked to terrorism and right-wing extremist violence remained concentrated in North America and Western Europe. The United States recorded the highest number of incidents, with five cases, while Germany accounted for two. Canada, the United Kingdom, France, Spain and Italy each recorded one incident. Compared with the previous month, the distribution therefore shows a particularly marked concentration in the United States, alongside a more dispersed pattern across several Western European countries.

Overall, August reinforces the continued prominence of North America and Western Europe within the recorded incident landscape. While the United States stands out quantitatively, the presence of cases across five European countries illustrates the geographically dispersed nature of the phenomenon within the region. The monthly distribution also underlines the importance of examining both recurrent concentrations of activity and isolated national cases, while avoiding interpreting short-term fluctuations as evidence of broader trends without a longer observation period.

In August 2026, the distribution of incident types linked to right-wing extremism remained dominated by incitement to violence, which accounted for four of the recorded cases. Judicial activity was also prominent, with three trials, while arrests accounted for two cases. Legal acts, legislative proposals and threats of violence were less frequent, with one case each, and no direct acts of violence were recorded during the month.

Overall, the August data point to a combination of extremist mobilization and institutional responses rather than completed physical violence. The prominence of incitement to violence indicates that rhetoric and calls for violence remained an important component of the activity monitored, while the number of trials, arrests and legal or legislative measures reflects parallel judicial and institutional responses. The absence of recorded direct acts of violence should therefore be interpreted within this broader context, as the monitored activity continued to include forms of incitement, threats and cases at different stages of law-enforcement and judicial proceedings.

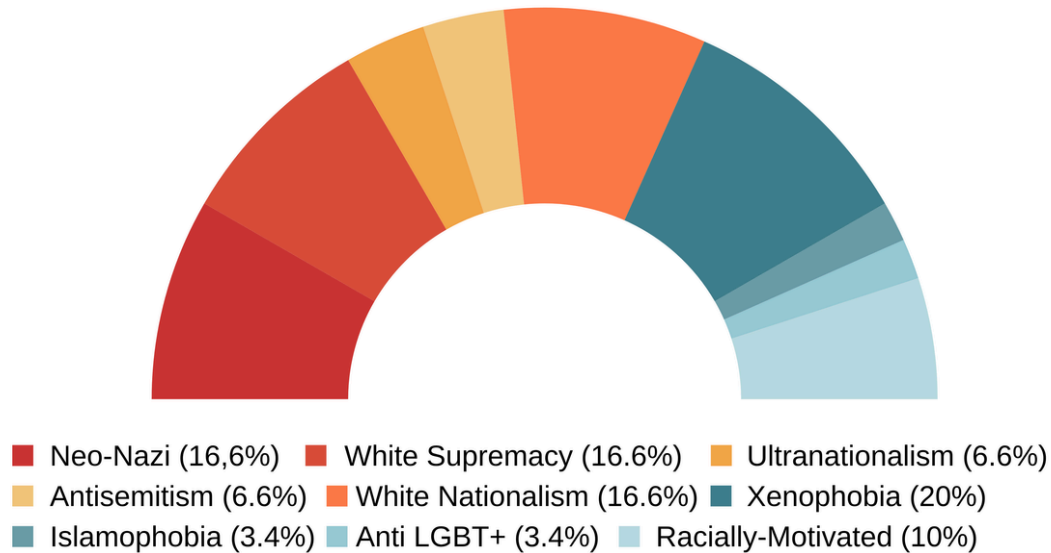
Type of violent incident linked to the extreme right in August 2026



Source:Own elaboration



Ideology of terrorism and right-wing extremist violence in August 2026



Source: Own elaboration



In August 2026, the ideological distribution of incidents linked to terrorism and right-wing extremist violence was spread across several supremacist, nationalist and exclusionary currents, without a single dominant category. White supremacy, white nationalism and xenophobia emerged as the most prominent ideological currents, followed closely by neo-Nazism. Racially motivated extremism, ultranationalism and antisemitism also maintained a visible presence within the incidents monitored during the month.

Overall, August shows a relatively fragmented ideological landscape, while remaining strongly centred on narratives of racial or ethnic identity, exclusion and white supremacist or nationalist ideas. The presence of antisemitic, Islamophobic and anti-LGBT+ motivations further illustrates the diversity of groups and identities targeted by extreme-right narratives, highlighting the coexistence of multiple and, in some cases, overlapping ideological motivations within the broader extremist landscape.

A black and white photograph of police officers in riot gear, including helmets and shields, standing in a line. The image is used as a background for the text.

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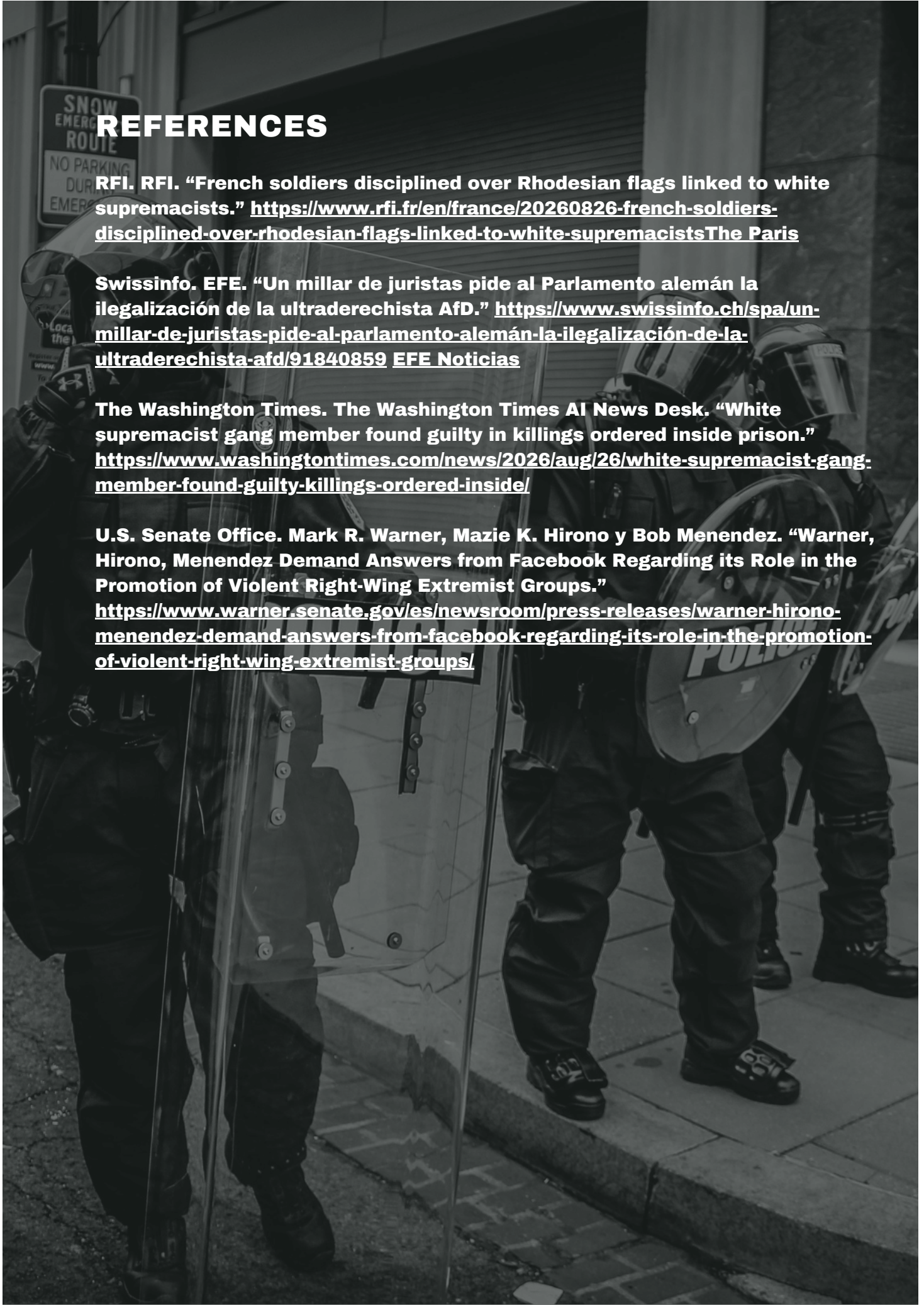
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