



# American Far-Right – Trump Supporters Face Threat of Radicalization by White Supremacists – Where and How?

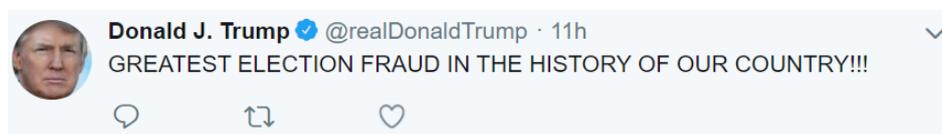
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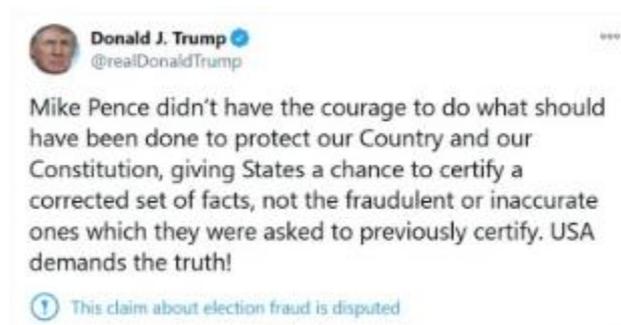
Capitol being overrun shocked the American people and the rest of the world. Such an event had only occurred once before— in 1814, when the British captured and attempted to destroy the Capitol building.<sup>4</sup>

President Trump was keenly aware of social media’s power and influence from his time as a businessman. As president, he has continued to use social media as a tool to speak directly to his base, with nearly 90 million people following his tweets during his first term.<sup>5</sup> Throughout the period before, during, and after the election, President Trump continued to use Twitter to engage his supporters by claiming that “fraud,” “forgery,” or “theft” had occurred.



Source: Twitter December 20, 2020

On January 6, even before the riots erupted, President Trump connected with his supporters via Twitter, sending messages such as “Mike Pence didn’t have the courage to do what should have been done to protect our country and our constitution....USA demands the truth”.



Source: Twitter January 6, 2021

Another tweet referred to allegedly lost ballots. Per President Trump, 50,000 more ballots had been found on January 5. He suggested that “the USA is embarrassed by fools. Our election process is worse than third world countries.”

<sup>4</sup> BBC News. Capitol riots: Has the US legislature been attacked before?. BBC News. January 07 2021. <https://www.bbc.com/news/world-us-canada-55572825>

<sup>5</sup> Buchbut Hagar “ Erasing Trump’s Twitter Account is a Grievous Mistake”, January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021, <https://www.ynet.co.il/digital/technology/article/S1u2Dx00Av>



Source: Twitter January 6, 2021

Although initially silent, hours after the riots began, President Trump asked his supporters to go home “with love & in peace.” In the same tweet, he suggested that the unrest that transpired at the Capitol happened due to the election being stolen “from great patriots” and asked his supporters to “remember this day forever.”



Source: Twitter January 6, 2021

On January 7, 2021, just before his account was suspended indefinitely, President Trump addressed his supporters, stating that they will not be disrespected in “any way, shape or form [sic].”



Source: Twitter January 7<sup>h</sup>, 2021

President Trump’s more tempered response after the events at the Capitol was perceived as an affront by large sections of his base who felt that he had abandoned them. Many Trump supporters stated on Telegram and other websites on the darknet that the president had betrayed them by accepting the “fraudulent”

election's outcome. One supporter claimed that he [President Trump] "drove a knife through their hearts" because he had left them to the mercy of the authorities and further suggested that individuals who stormed the Capitol should be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

Well, the words I never expected to hear coming out of the greatest fighter of America's mouth was 'Orderly transition of power' just came from the man himself, assuming the entire thing wasn't deep faked or pre-recorded.

I've been warned multiple times about this happening, yet I denied and denied, and now I see Trump's betrayal to the American people in full. To be honest, I still never heard 'I concede' or 'Biden Administration' come out of his mouth, but I also see the writing on the fucking wall. TRUMP LEFT US TO DRY.

This is the man who said he'd never concede to a fraudulent election, which **EVERYONE KNOWS IT IS**, and he gave up at the 11th hour, like a damn cuck. Him and his team should have been hard focused on even more supreme court lawsuits, and decepts, but nope. Trump just had to puss out, even with Taiwan, Japan, multiple leaders, and countries asking him **NEVER TO DO SO**, yet ANTIFA breaks right in and causes havoc at the capitol, and now he gives up, with the lot of us painted as 'terrorists' and 'The bad guys'.

Trump even said he condemned what happened, and said that WE (his supporters) should be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law, which isn't the only knife twist in the heart. The one that hurt me the deepest was his betrayal overall and letdown of the people who supported him, and the folks who died under his name. Minorities were stabbed, nearly killed, three or more people were shot dead, just so he can just give up and run. Lil Pump, Kanye, Mike Lindell, Tito Ortiz, Jorge Masvidal, the entire UFC, all the people he freed and helped, he goes and does this. I'm fucking pissed.

Source: Trump Supporters' Forum, darknet, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Much like global jihadist organizations that use seminal events to promote radicalization within individuals or groups, far-right organizations treat crises as opportunities to disseminate their radical ideology. This article wishes to alert and inform on this practice. Based on an analysis of white supremacists communications, it seems that a new and worrying phenomenon is occurring in the United States. Far-right actors, specifically those in the White Supremacist segment of the far-right, are attempting to leverage Trump supporter's anger to engage in a coordinated propaganda and radicalization campaign.

### Global Jihadist Organizations' Radicalization Process

One of the most significant growth tools for global jihadist organizations is radicalization, a process that relies on the promotion of radical Islamic ideologies through a Da'wa system, in an attempt to establish a network of activists committed to the Islamic message, the idea of restoring the caliphate and promoting the Islamic state vision. Radicalization can occur where there is either a physical or a virtual meeting between the recruiting element (organization/network/individual), the recruitment platform (Da'wa centers, public space, cyberspace), and the target audience. This process's success depends on the recruiter's abilities (especially

organizations) and the occurrence of some seminal event that drives either individuals or groups towards radicalization (e.g., the caliphate's formation in 2014).<sup>6</sup>

It appears that far-right movements, much like global jihadist organizations, utilize a wide variety of radicalization techniques to establish a network of activists to support and promote their ideology.

### **Ideological Differences Between Trump Supporters and White Supremacists**

To understand the radicalization process, one must examine the ideological differences between white nationalist movements and the Alt-Right (which many Trump supporters are part of, albeit primarily in a non-violent capacity).

The ideology that is considered the most radical of the far-right movements is the white supremacists. White supremacist actors believe that the white race faces extinction due to massive non-white immigration, ultimately diluting the culture. Per white supremacists, this threat is guided by an elite-class aligned against them. To gain public legitimacy for their ideology, the white supremacists use terms such as “us against them” and “forces of light vs. forces of darkness.” In their view, this alleged threat justifies violence disguised as self-defense.<sup>7</sup> Among the ideological currents within white nationalist ideologies, “Accelerationism” is considered the most extreme. Accelerationism advocates that western governments are corrupted beyond repair due to being too pluralistic and liberal. As a result, they believe that a new civil war (Boogaloo) is inevitable. In contrast to some far-right actors' thoughts of waiting for the Boogaloo to naturally occur, Accelerationists advocate using violence and terrorism to accelerate the collapse of current society. They suggest that sowing chaos and increasing political tensions will begin this RAHOWA (Racial Holy War) and mobilize white men into action.<sup>8</sup>

As a result of their beliefs, Accelerationists regularly criticize non-violent far-right movements and mainstream conservative groups. To further their goals, they have historically attempted to penetrate such groups and use them as a platform to disseminate propaganda and radicalize potential recruits.<sup>9</sup>

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<sup>6</sup> Azani Eitan, Koblenz Liram. *Muslim Converts Who Turn to Global Jihad: Radicalization Characteristics and Countermeasures*. Studies in conflict and terrorism. 2019. P.4-5

<sup>7</sup> Azani Eitan, Koblenz-Shtenzler Liram, Lorena Atiyas-Lvovsky, Delila Meshulam, Dan Ganor, Arie Ben Am :Far Right – Modus Operandi and Development Trends”; ICT, September 2020, P. 15.

<sup>8</sup> Ibid, P. 18-19

<sup>9</sup> Ibid, P. 22

Some Trump supporters are among the non-violent far-right groups. Most are associated with an ideological current called the Alt-Right. The Alt-Right is a political ideology that wishes to forcefully expand the spectrum of legitimate political views. To do this, Alt-Right members often try to inject their racist and antisemitic views into the legitimate political discourse. As a result of their views, the Alt-Right has been largely exiled from the conservative mainstream.

The Alt-Right in and of itself consists of a variety of ideologies. For example, Paleoconservatism advocates a limited government, a focus on traditionalism, and a restoration of traditional values on race, social status, religion, and ethnic origin. This ideology rejects liberal ideas, non-white immigration, the welfare state, or equality.<sup>10</sup> While many Trump supporters hold similar beliefs, they also express high levels of patriotism or “American pride.”<sup>11</sup>

A large portion of Trump supporters are also known to be susceptible to conspiracy theories, the most famous of which is QAnon. QAnon believers suggest that a global conspiracy involving an international network called the “Deep State” controls world governments, banking institutions, the media and, the entertainment industries. They argue that this “Deep State” exists to support the “elites” interests while leaving the rest of the world ignorant and subjugated. In 2017 an anonymous web user named “Q” uploaded a post to 4Chan and presented himself as a senior Trump administration official, possessing high-security clearance, that was charged with providing intelligence to the public regarding President Trump’s alleged plans against the “Deep State.” Although QAnon does not explicitly refer to Alt-Right ideology, they heavily overlap in their belief that the political establishment is corrupted, the belief in an “awakening” of the ignorant and oppressed masses, and labeling the liberal political regime as a villain.<sup>12</sup>

As previously mentioned, one of the most significant factors for a successful radicalization campaign is the occurrence of a seminal event that drives an individual or a group towards a more radical ideology. In this case, the seminal event was President Trump’s loss to President-elect Biden in the November 2020 presidential elections and the final realization of that loss at the certification of electoral votes on January 6, 2021, in the Capitol building. This was exacerbated by the feeling that the process was conducted fraudulently, and that the presidency was maliciously “stolen” from Trump – with close to 70% of the

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<sup>10</sup> Ibid, P. 24-25

<sup>11</sup> Emily Ekins, “*The Five Types of Trump Voters: Who They Are and What They Believe*” (Democracy Fund Voter Study Group, June 2017), <https://www.voterstudygroup.org/publication/the-five-types-trump-voters#>. p. 10, 16, 25; V. Lance Tarrance, “Patriotism’s Reshaping of the Parties and the 2020 Election,” Gallup.com (Gallup, November 23, 2020), <https://news.gallup.com/opinion/polling-matters/266150/patriotism-reshaping-parties-2020-election.aspx>

<sup>12</sup> Ibid, P. 28-29

population identifying as conservative, believing that the election process was neither free nor fair<sup>13</sup>. Trump supporters, most of whom believe conspiracy theories like QAnon, are more susceptible because they are more easily convinced that this injustice did occur.

### A Request From White Supremacist Activists to Disseminate Their Ideology Among Trump Supporters

Based on monitoring of far-right online forums, it appears that members of the white supremacist movement are attempting to capitalize on the situation and disseminate propaganda among Trump supporters. For example, one Telegram post depicts the various consciousness stages Trump supporters must pass until they accept new radical ideas.



**Shock** - "No it can't be. He will fight for us."  
**Denial** - "The video was fake"  
**Anger** - "NOOO Trump how dare you betray us"  
**YOU ARE HERE** —————> **Bargaining** - "Fuck Trump"  
**Depression** - "If you only knew how bad things really are"  
**Testing** - "Hmm there is an exit to this reactionary shit. Let me test Fascism"  
**Acceptance** - "Yeah I am Nazi now. Fuck right cucks fuck leftists. Voting will not remove them"

**Shock, denial, anger, bargaining, depression, testing new ideas, and finally accepting said ideas. The post ends with the same slogan that has been prevalent since the elections: "voting will not remove them"; Telegram January 7, 2021**

Another post discusses how valuable the loss in the elections is to the Accelerationists. Per them, "the entire Rightwing of America" will be open to accepting new, more radical ideas. They suggest that Trump supporters are "primed, ready, and hungry for the Solution only [white supremacists] can offer." Users suggest significantly spreading their message that "there is no political solution."<sup>14</sup> The post adds that these potential recruits don't need to praise Adolf Hitler or the martyrs of Accelerationism<sup>15</sup> but simply need to state they are against the system and support direct action against it.

<sup>13</sup> Victoria Bekiempis, "70% Of Republicans Say Election Wasn't 'Free and Fair' despite No Evidence of Fraud – Study," The Guardian (Guardian News and Media, November 10, 2020), <https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2020/nov/10/election-trust-polling-study-republicans>

<sup>14</sup> A message used by Accelerationists.

<sup>15</sup> Lone wolves that perpetrated terror attack in the name of this ideology.



A similar Telegram post argued that “everyone on this channel should be punching in overtime redpilling as everyone you can.” The user also advocated creating propaganda related to the revolutionary war to exploit the patriotism felt by many Trump supporters.

**EVERYONE ON THIS CHANNEL SHOULD BE PUNCHING IN  
OVERTIME REDPILLING EVERYONE YOU CAN**

**THIS IS THE ULTIMATE TIME TO CREATE  
REVOLUTIONARY WAR PROPAGANDA**

**DO. NOT. STOP. COMPARING. THE. US. GOVERNMENT. WITH.  
REDCOATS. AND. TYRANTS.**

Source: Telegram (January 8, 2021)

Far-right actors also highlighted the importance of engaging with MAGA (Make America Great Again) supporters smartly and respectfully when attempting to radicalize them. For example, they suggested not disseminating posts related to Hitler or Nazism and also to treat the Trump supporters as “family.” The far-right users stated that their “lives depend on moving them [Trump supporters] to our side [white supremacists].”

When you go into the MAGA chats, don't be a sperg. Show them we are smarter than them in a respectful way. Don't role in with Hitler memes. Treat them like family and like our lives depend on getting them to our side. If we alienate them, we die. Treat it that way. That's an order.

Source: Telegram (January 8, 2021)

### **Relying on Trumps' Supporters Sense of Victimhood**

It appears that white supremacist activists are attempting to promote radicalization efforts by highlighting and amplifying the sense of perceived victimhood felt by Trump supporters. Based on an analysis of the white supremacist content, trends have emerged, suggesting that accelerationists are using two distinct themes: first, content amplifying the belief that the elections were fraudulently stolen from President Trump and the government is the enemy; second, content intensifying sense of perceived inequality in the treatment Trump supporters received from law enforcement agencies during January 6, 2021.

## 1. The Elections Were Fraudulent and a Call Against the Government

White supremacy organizations are aware of the Trump supporters' frustration with the election results and their belief that the government is corrupt. Wanting to exploit these existing sentiments, white supremacist actors are uploading posts and propaganda on that subject. For example, as a video of Republican leaders condemning the siege on the Capitol building was shared, one Telegram user suggested that Trump supporters must now realize that the "ZOG is your sworn enemy."<sup>17</sup> Additionally, they argued that the Republican Party had betrayed the "MAGA [Make American Great Again] crowd."

I hope the MAGA crowd is paying attention to detail.  
Everyone in the ZOG is your sworn enemy. The chutzpah of  
this literal cock sucker to label the GOP voters seditious.  
Never forget!

Source: Telegram (January 8, 2021)

Another post suggested that Vice President Pence did nothing to contest the election results, "which shows the complete lack of a relationship with Congress and the American people." The user further argues that politicians only serve the interests of the so-called "globalist handlers." The post suggests that this serves as evidence that can be used to radicalize family and friends.

At the end of the session in Congress yesterday, Pence did not breathe a word about challenging the illegitimacy and fraudulence claims which half of America believed took place

This shows the complete lack of a relationship with Congress and the American people

REMINDER THAT THESE BUREAUCRATS CARE ONLY ABOUT THE MONEY THEY RECEIVE FROM THEIR GLOBALIST HANDLERS

ALL OF YOU SHOULD BE PUTTING IN OVERTIME FOR IRL RADICALIZATION TO EVERY FAMILY MEMBER AND FRIEND

[https://youtu.be/qbWeDNe7L\\_c](https://youtu.be/qbWeDNe7L_c)

Source: Telegram (January 8, 2021)

## 2. Unequal Treatment by Law Enforcement Agencies to Far-Right Protests vs. Far-Left Protests

Another tactic recently used by white supremacist actors is disseminating propaganda regarding the perceived unequal treatment by law enforcement of the Trump supporters on January 6, 2021, compared to the treatment of far-left protesters such as Black Lives Matter and ANTIFA.

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<sup>17</sup> White supremacy movements refer to the government as Zionist puppets (ZOG – Zionist Occupation Government).

One such post claimed that “Trump refused to use live ammunition against BLM Antifa while they burned down cities. MAGA whites chimp out once and they’re firing live bullets into unarmed white women [sic].”

Trump refused to use live ammunition on BLM Antifa while they burned down cities 🔥 MAGA Whites chimp out once and they're firing live bullets into unarmed White women

Source: Telegram (January 6, 2021)

Another post claimed that the police shot a patriotic woman during the events of January 6, 2021. Conversely, they argue that law enforcement was complicit in allowing Black Lives Matter activists and ANTIFA to operate without restriction. They highlight this perceived difference by questioning: “when did the police shoot BLM? when did the police should [sic] Antifa? This means war!”

Police just killed a woman who was a patriot.

When did police shoot BLM?

When did police should Antifa?

This means **WAR!**

Source: Telegram (January 8, 2021)

Ashli Babbitt, the unarmed protester shot by a law enforcement officer during the unrest at the Capitol, is often mentioned in posts as well. For example, “...show them the video of Ashli getting shot and slowly dying. Show them the police kneeling before BLM who destroyed millions of dollars’ worth of citizen property... now is the time to push your anti-governmental propaganda to the absolute limit...implant the radical seeds and water them with your pent up knowledge...Now is the time. Educate them.” This rhetoric is meant to highlight the perceived disproportionality of how law enforcement responded to the “patriots.”

SHOW THE CENSORSHIP OF ASHLI BABBITT'S DEATH

SHOW THE VIDEO OF ASHLI GETTING SHOT AND SLOWLY DYING

SHOW THEM THE POLICE KNEELING BEFORE BLM WHO DESTROYED MILLIONS OF DOLLARS WORTH OF CITIZEN PROPERTY

SHOW THEM THAT THE MEDIA PROMOTES VIOLENCE FOR BLM AND CONSIDERS IT EFFECTIVE SOCIAL REFORM BUT NOT AGAINST A CORRUPT GOVERNMENT

NOW IS THE TIME TO PUSH YOUR ANTI-GOVERNMENTAL PROPAGANDA TO THE ABSOLUTE LIMIT

IMPLANT THE RADICAL SEEDS AND WATER THEM WITH YOUR PENT UP KNOWLEDGE

NOW IS THE TIME

EDUCATE THEM

Source: Telegram (January 7, 2021)

## Summary

Monitoring content uploaded by far-right activists suggests that white supremacists are using cyberspace as a platform to recruit Trump supporters. These white supremacists are exploiting the “opportunity” they were presented with – President Trump’s loss of the most recent election and the events of January 6, 2021, to push radicalization efforts. White supremacists are leveraging the perceived sense of victimhood of these Trump supporters. They understand the pressure points and adjust their propaganda accordingly. These actors primarily exploit the existing resentment towards the government and the sentiment that the presidential elections do not reflect the voters’ wishes. They also leverage the belief that the government and law enforcement response has been unfairly directed toward Trump supporters following the events of January 6, 2011, as opposed to the treatment of Black Lives Matter or Antifa activists during the protests after the murder of George Floyd.

Far-right activists, specifically in the Accelerationist movement, have successfully radicalized individual-initiative (“lone wolf”) actors in the past, which has sometimes resulted in mass shooting incidents such as in Christchurch, New Zealand. Security forces must be cognizant of this new phenomenon and think of ways to prevent it, such as de-radicalization campaigns.

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