

HOMEGROWN TERRORISM



“What does the term ‘homegrown terrorism’ mean? Is it useful?” “homegrown terrorism” (HGT) has proven to be a recurrent theme in political, academic and public discourses, yet has remained conceptually obscure. Nevertheless, starting with the phrasing itself, HGT carries both domestic and evolutionary implications, conveying both recognizable origins and a process of change. It can be a heavily emotive, pejorative expression, with connotations of betrayal and duplicity. [8] The core assumption of HGT is that the terrorists themselves are born and raised, or at least have a strong affiliation to the West,[9] but undergo a process of radicalization,[10] gradually adopting an extremist ideological framing.[11] Less immediately apparent, but potentially more strategically significant, is the notion of autonomy and self-determination in the act – HGT is often conceptualized as being conceived and carried out independently of any direct control or chain of command.[12] Some observers consider that being “native-born citizens” to the country attacked is the qualifying criteria for HGT.[13]” (Severs)

I concur with Severs in what he has said here, this is what I have been saying all along, so many people are so naive that they do not want to believe that terrorist’s can be American’s. I picked this paragraph because, of all the great notes and points and how I feel about Homegrown Terrorist.

Minimizing the Threat, Ignoring the Facts

“In the [latest study from](#) the New America Foundation on the threat of homegrown terrorism the researchers pose the question,

"Just how real is the 'homegrown' Islamist terrorist threat?"

According to their findings issued in March, it's no big thing. In fact, you have a greater chance of being murdered by your neighbor than being killed by a radical Islamic jihadist” (Dunleavy).

I concur with Dunleavy, I think that the American people should get more facts before they start pointing fingers. You also have a greater chance of being hit by a car than being killed by radical terrorist.



Homegrown Terrorism

“The cartoonist plays on two meanings of the word **homegrown**. **Homegrown** can be used to describe things grown in someone's garden rather than on a large farm. However, **homegrown** can also mean 'belonging to one's own particular locality or country', and in recent times, the expression **homegrown terrorist** has come to mean a citizen or resident of a Western country who plots attacks within the country's borders — a phenomenon sometimes referred to as **homegrown terrorism**”.

(Chappatte)

I concur with Chappatte, Homegrown has several meanings. When using it with the word Terrorist people are not understanding that it means, born and raised in the United States, they are American citizens. Who for what ever their reason gave up on America.



“How Much Danger Do We Face From Homegrown Jihadist Terrorist “?”

“Perhaps the most unusual thing about the Boston Marathon bombing is that it happened at all. While we've seen all manner of terrorist bomb plots since September 11—the Times Square bomber, the underwear bomber, even the guys who fantasized about destroying the Sears Tower—all have been thwarted by the FBI, the perpetrators' own bumbling, or both” (Gilson).

I concur with Gilson, there are so many Homegrown Terrorist attacks, that are being called mass shootings, but in reality it's a form of a terrorist act. Look at Adam Lanza who fatally shot 20 children at an Elementary School in 2012, Lanza was born and raised in New Hampshire.

Weapons of mass destruction charges have been filed against at least 25 Islamist terrorism defendants since 9/11. Weapons involved in these cases include:

Grenades	Richard Reid's shoe bomb
Car bombs	The underwear bomb
IEDs	Backpack bombs
Surface-to-air missiles	The planes hijacked on 9/11

Between September 12, 2001 and mid-2011
Source: *Mother Jones*

Mother Jones

“Homegrown Terrorist”

“In this cartoon, we see a man looking into a pair of binoculars representing Muslim Terrorists and Homegrown Terrorists. However the cartoon is showing that, regardless of the fact that there are homegrown terrorists, the media generally only focuses on Muslims as terrorists. The man is focusing so much on Muslims that he does not even see the Homegrown Terrorists. The “reality” is that the media, and Americans in general, focus on Muslims as being the main terrorists of our country. The facts however, show that Muslims are not the main cause of terrorism here in the United States”(Matson).

I concur with Matson, this cartoon speaks volumes, not only is the government turning a blind eye, but us as American citizens are doing the same thing. The Media has become our worst enemy, it only puts out the information that makes the ratings. Is it the correct information, maybe but twisted around so we interpret what we want to believe weather it is wright or wrong. Turning a blind eye to Homegrown Terrorist is the real issue here not the Muslims.



“Far right domestic terrorism on par with foreign threats, experts say”

“Timothy McVeigh the Oklahoma City Bombing is showed the U.S. Vulnerability to domestic terrorism. The greatest threat of large-scale attacks come from individuals and small groups of extremists who subscribe to radical Islamic or far right-wing ideologies, said Gary LA Free, director of the National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism, or START” (CNN) Looks like the boy next door.

I concur with this statement by CNN, for the most part our Homegrown Terrorist looks like the boy next door. Our Homegrown Terrorist dates back as far as 1865 when President Lincoln was shot by John Wilkes Booth. And how about all the others that would follow Booth in their Terrorist attacks on their United States. Then the bombing by labor activists in 1910.



“Daniel Boyd: A Homegrown Terrorist”

“To hear his neighbors tell it, Daniel Boyd is one of the most upstanding citizens of Willow Springs, North Carolina. “If he's a terrorist, he's the nicest terrorist I ever met in my life,” a 39-year-old drywall contractor, was arrested on July 27 — along with six others, including his twenty-something sons, Dylan and Zakariya — for allegedly plotting “violent jihad” overseas. According to the indictment, Boyd has spent the past three years stockpiling weapons in his rural home, recruiting and training would-be suicide bombers and orchestrating trips to Gaza, Israel, Jordan and Kosovo to scout potential attack sites”. (Stephey)

I concur with Stephey, and here is Boyd reminds me of McVeigh, clean cut all American boy next door. I think that if more people became more aware of what is going on around them, then maybe people like Boyd and McVeigh could get caught faster and maybe stop all this violence and Homegrown Terrorist acts.



“America’s Domestic Terrorists”

“There is a very real threat to law enforcement officers in America, however, the primary threat is not coming from ISIS, Al-Qaeda or any radicalized Muslims in the United States as the controlled media would have you believe. A direct threat has emerged from within the sovereign citizens movement, an ideologically committed group of people with documented views against the U.S. government, who advocate violent overthrow of existing government structures, laws and call for citizen arrests of high-ranking political officials. It is also referred to in some circles as the “Patriot” movement”.(Muhammad)

I concur with Muhammad, as I have stated in my past few slides, that our bigger threat to the United States is the lack of education on Homegrown Terrorists, our Muslim population. The media does not help, I believe they are more of a nuisance. As American citizens we need to get more involved with our communities and let's pay closer attention to what is going on in our own back yards.



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[10] Taken to mean an increasing “willingness to use, support, or facilitate violence, as a method to effect societal change” (U.S..Dept. Homeland Security)

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