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Lone White Supremacist Extremists Leverage Direct Action

Lone white supremacist extremists will likely attempt to conduct attacks against targets they perceive as existential threats to the white race, despite white supremacist organizations encouraging non-violent means to further their ideologies. On August 3, Patrick Crusius, a suspected white supremacist extremist, shot and killed 22 people and injured 24 others at a Walmart in El Paso, according to authorities.

- Prior to the attack, Crusius uploaded a manifesto online that outlined his motivation for the shooting; showed admiration of the Christchurch, New Zealand, mosque shooter; and espoused anti-immigrant and anti-Hispanic rhetoric. Within the manifesto, Crusius wrote the attack was “a response to the Hispanic invasion of Texas,” and he was “defending [his] country from the cultural and ethnic replacement brought on by an invasion.”
- On April 27, John Earnest attacked a synagogue in Poway, California, resulting in one death and three injuries. Prior to the attack, Earnest posted a manifesto online in which he claimed that “any white man...who is brave enough can take any action he wants against the tyrannical and genocidal Jew.” He added that “every single White man has everything to lose by doing nothing, and everything to gain by taking action.”
- On October 27, Robert Bowers shot and killed 11 people and injured six others at a synagogue in Pittsburgh. Hours prior to the attack, Bowers posted online that a Jewish organization “likes to bring invaders in that kill [white] people. I can’t sit by and watch [white] people get slaughtered. Screw your optics, I’m going in.”



Patrick Crusius

There are no known or credible threats to New Jersey because of the attack in El Paso. The New Jersey Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness (NJOHSP) provides [training](#) in terrorism awareness and prevention, active shooter incidents, homemade explosives awareness and response, complex coordinated attack response, and New Jersey’s threat environment.

- We encourage New Jersey’s residents to report suspicious activity to local law enforcement and NJOHSP by calling 1-866-4-SAFE-NJ or emailing tips@njohsp.gov.

Additional Resources

[Conspiracy Theory Likely Leads to Extremist Violence](#)

[Online Manifestos Inspire Other Extremists](#)

[Online Platforms Provide Refuge for White Supremacist Extremists](#)