









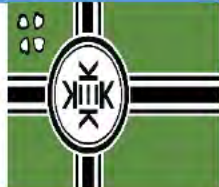



Awareness of Extremist Imagery Provides Opportunities for Officer Safety Amid Elevated Inauguration Threat Environment

Recent high-profile mass-casualty attacks in the West have demonstrated the enduring threat posed by a wide range of racially/ethnically motivated violent extremists and conspiracy-driven malicious actors, including those inspired by far-right, neo-Nazi, and white supremacist worldviews. Due to this concerning trend, the NYPD Intelligence Bureau advises law enforcement to maintain awareness of key symbols, icons, and graphics associated with or appropriated by domestic violent extremist movements that—in some cases—were observed during the January 6 deadly and destructive riot at the U.S. Capitol. While possession of these symbols is protected under the first amendment and is not alone sufficient grounds for arrest or prosecution, several of these symbols have been used to convey threats in acts of vandalism and harassment. Identification of these graphics may provide members of service critical opportunities for improved officer safety during tense mass gatherings, investigative lead generation, and threat mitigation. (Updated: 14 January 2021)

#	Image	Meaning and Common Usage	Examples
1		QAnon is a broad conspiracy movement with anti-Semitic underpinnings that falsely alleges, based on purportedly classified intelligence, that an elite cabal of pedophiles, led by Democrats, is plotting to harm children and undermine President Trump. Several adherents to the movement have been responsible for acts of violence and criminality.	
2		The Three Percenters are a North American militia movement/paramilitary-style group with members who adhere to a far-right/libertarian ideology with a primary focus on firearms ownership right and opposition to expansive U.S. federal government authority. The group's name is reportedly rooted in the claim that only three percent of American colonist took up arms against the Kingdom of Great Britain.	
3		The Proud Boys are a far-right extremist, neo-fascist organization that has promoted and engaged in acts of violence throughout the U.S. and Canada. The group maintains that Western culture is under siege and its members have periodically been involved in violent clashes with counter-protest groups.	
4		The Oath Keepers are a far-right, militia organization purportedly comprised partly of former military, police, and first responders, who pledge to fulfill the oath that all military and police personnel take to "defend the Constitution against all enemies, foreign, and domestic."	
5		National Social Club 131 (the alphanumeric code for ACA) Anti-Communist Action is a U.S. based neo-Nazi white supremacist organization. Several of its members have ties to other racially/ethnically motivated violent extremist groups, including The Base, which has engaged in and/or plotted to carry out ideologically motivated violent actions.	
6		The "Kek" flag, which has its roots in online gaming, is an icon appropriated by alt-right extremists and white nationalists. The design is based on the Nazi war flag.	



7		The Boogaloo movement is a loosely organized extremist, anti-government, movement that actively prepares for and aims to incite a second American Civil War, referred to as the “Boogaloo.” Its adherents, which include far-right/militia supporters, have been responsible for violence and criminality—including the murder of law enforcement officers - and have frequently attended mass gatherings, often equipped with military-style tactical equipment and firearms.	
8		National Socialist Order is the successor organization to the rebranded Atomwaffen Division, a U.S. based Racially and Ethnically Motivated Violent Extremist group that seeks to accelerate the collapse of the U.S. government and replace it with a neo-Nazi regime via a race war.	
9	14	This number represents the “14 words,” namely: “We must secure the existence of our people and a future for white children,” that was coined by David Lane, a prominent member of the white supremacist organization The Order. It is frequently incorporated into online screen names and e-mail addresses. Domestic extremists will typically use the number “14” in conjunction with “88.”	
10	88	“88” is used as a numerical representation for “Heil Hitler,” with “H” corresponding to the eighth letter of the alphabet. “88” is a common symbol throughout the entire white supremacist movement, and is not limited to neo-Nazis.	
11		The swastika is one of the most recognized symbols closely associated with the white supremacist movement, after Nazi Germany appropriated the symbol.	
12		The “Sonnenrad” or “Sunwheel,” originally a Nordic cultural symbol, has been appropriated by neo-Nazis.	
13		The “SS” lightning bolts are derived from the Schutzstaffel (SS) of Nazi Germany. Members of the SS were part of the government’s special police force, which included armed guards at concentration camps. Variations of this sign have been adopted by white supremacists, neo-Nazis, and prison gangs.	
14		An interpretation of the Celtic Cross, also known as Odin’s Cross, Sun Cross, or Wheel Cross, has been adopted by some white supremacist groups. It appears similar to a bullseye. The white supremacist group Stormfront has added “White Pride World Wide” to this symbol on makeshift patches, tattoos, etc.	

15		<p>Among domestic extremists, the initials “WP” stand for “White Power.” White supremacists have been known to display the “okay” hand symbol to represent the letters “WP.” The hand symbol began as a hoax on online forums but eventually spread throughout the movement.</p>	
16		<p>The “Archangel Michael Cross,” a triple cross symbol representing prison bars, has been used by fascist groups throughout Europe. This symbol has accompanied acts of vandalism and acts of arson.</p>	
17		<p>The “Othala Rune,” also known as the “Norse Rune,” is a Nordic cultural symbol appropriated in recent years by neo-Nazis.</p>	
18		<p>The “Norse Algis Rune”, or the “Life Rune” symbol, is often used by neo-Nazis, particularly those who subscribe to extreme eco-fascist ideologies.</p>	
19		<p>The “Totenkopf” or “Death’s Head” skull and crossbones was used as insignia by the police force of Nazi Germany and has been adopted by fascists and neo-Nazis. It is sometimes photoshopped over faces to mask the identity of white supremacists online.</p>	
20		<p>The Universal Order symbol is derived from the book <i>Siege</i> by James Mason and is promoted by “accelerationist” white supremacist groups. Such groups seek to speed up what they believe is an inevitable race war through violent means. The symbol is used to represent the fascist concept of Universal Order.</p>	
21		<p>The nuclear symbol is used by domestic extremist groups, particularly Atomwaffen Division, an “accelerationist” group.</p>	
22		<p>Multiple parentheses, typically three, or the “echo,” is used in domestic extremist circles to refer to others as Jewish, without directly identifying them. Anti-Semitic individuals, some associated with white supremacy groups, use these frequently in online chat rooms.</p>	<p>Here’s to all the American, German and British heroes who died June 6, 1944, fighting a pointless war brought on by (((globalists))). #DDay</p>
23		<p>While not originally meant as a hate symbol, Pepe the Frog, or the “sad frog meme,” was appropriated by users who post racist, anti-Semitic, anti-LGBT, and other bigoted content. Individuals will also alter Pepe the Frog to show him in various costumes or as recognizable hate figures, such as Hitler.</p>	