

A RESOLUTION IN FAVOR OF DEFINING  
TERRORISM AND DOMESTIC TERRORISM IN IDAHO

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**WHEREAS**, FBI Assistant Director of Counter Terrorism Michael McGarrity explained before congress on June 4, 2019 that current federal code does not contain a "charge" for domestic terrorism<sup>1</sup>; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 20th, 2021 President Biden directed his national security team to lead a 100-day comprehensive review of U.S. Government efforts to address domestic terrorism, and stated that domestic terrorism was the "most urgent" terrorist threat facing the United States today<sup>2</sup>; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 29th, 2021, the National School Board Association asked President Joe Biden to label parents as domestic terrorists for questioning local school board policies<sup>3</sup>; and

**WHEREAS**, on October 4, 2021 AG Merrick Garland under the Biden administration instructed the director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to investigate parents attending and participating in school board meetings<sup>4</sup>; and

**WHEREAS**, the Canyon County Central Committee (CentCom) finds that the definition of 'terrorism' to be dangerously absent in county ordinance and ambiguous in state statute<sup>5</sup>; and

**WHEREAS**, the CentCom finds that the definition of 'domestic terrorism' to be dangerously absent in county ordinance and state statute<sup>7</sup>; and

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<sup>1</sup><https://www.c-span.org/video/?c4801423/user-clip-aoc-questioning-fbis-michael-mcgarrity-white-supremacist-violence-treated-domestic>

<sup>2</sup><https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2021/06/15/fact-sheet-national-strategy-for-counterterrorism/>

<sup>3</sup><https://www.documentcloud.org/documents/21094557-national-school-boards-association-letter-to-biden>

<sup>4</sup><https://www.justice.gov/ag/page/file/1438986/download>

<sup>5</sup><https://legislature.idaho.gov/statutesrules/idstat/Title18/T18CH81/SECT18-8103/>

<sup>6</sup><https://legislature.idaho.gov/statutesrules/idstat/title18/t18ch81/sect18-8102/>

<sup>7</sup><https://www.fbi.gov/file-repository/fbi-dhs-domestic-terrorism-definitions-terminology-methodology.pdf>

**WHEREAS**, the CentCom is concerned that labels, such as ‘domestic terrorism’ and ‘extremism,’ are being used to politically weaponize federal, state, and local law enforcement<sup>8</sup>; and

**WHEREAS**, the CentCom is concerned that mis-, dis-, and mal-information (MDM) resulting in Federal National Security Threat Assessments are being used as justification to surveil, investigate, arrest, imprison, prosecute, and even murder, concerned citizens beyond the prescribed methods for statutory criminal activity<sup>9</sup>; and

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<https://legalinsurrection.com/2021/10/garland-promises-not-to-label-parents-as-domestic-terrorists-but-doj-will-monitor-meetings/>

<sup>8</sup><https://www.breitbart.com/education/2022/01/11/nsba-letter-targeting-parents-domestic-terrorists-allegedly-requested-cardona/>

<sup>9</sup>[https://www.grassley.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/grassley\\_hawley\\_to\\_deptofhomelandssecuritydisinformationgovernanceboard.pdf](https://www.grassley.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/grassley_hawley_to_deptofhomelandssecuritydisinformationgovernanceboard.pdf)

<https://www.cisa.gov/mdm>

**WHEREAS**, the CentCom sees the potential, due to the lack of county ordinance and ambiguous state definition, for mislabeled threat assessments using ‘terrorism’ and ‘domestic terrorism’ to be a waste of taxpayer resources, a threat of potential liability, and an overall harassment to the lives and well-being of Idaho citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, a local check and balance for ensuring the accuracy of any Threat Assessment generated on an Idaho citizen does not exist<sup>10</sup>; and

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the CentCom recommends that the Idaho State Legislature define ‘terrorism’ and ‘domestic terrorism’ as follows:

“Terrorist” means a person who pleads guilty to or is found guilty of terrorism as defined in this section.

“Terrorism” means activities that:

- (a) Are done in cooperation with any foreign terrorist organization, as defined in 8 U.S.C 1189, that threatens the sovereignty of another state or the United States of America;
- (b) Are within the geographical boundaries of the state of Idaho; and
- (c) Either:
  - (i) Involve violent acts or threats specifically intended to physically harm human life and:
    - 1. Intimidate, coerce, influence, or disrupt other lawful activities outside the state of Idaho; or
    - 2. Influence the policy of any jurisdiction of the United States or any political subdivision thereof; or
  - (ii) Involve the use of weapons of mass destruction, as defined in section 18-3322, Idaho Code.

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<sup>10</sup><https://statepolicies.nasbe.org/health/categories/physical-environment/threat-assessment/idaho>

“Domestic Terrorist” means a person who pleads guilty to or is found guilty of Domestic Terrorism as defined in this section<sup>11</sup>.

“Domestic Terrorism” means activities conducted within or that take effect within the geographical boundaries of the State of Idaho that<sup>12</sup>:

- (a) Are done in cooperation with any foreign terrorist organization, as defined in 8 U.S.C 1189, that threatens the sovereignty of Idaho or the United States of America;
- (b) Are a violation of Idaho criminal law; and
- (c) Either:
  - (i) Involve violent acts specifically intended to physically harm human life and:
    - 1. Intimidate, coerce, influence, or disrupt other lawful activities within Idaho; or
    - 2. Influence the policy of the state of Idaho or any political subdivision thereof; or
  - (ii) Involve use of weapons of mass destruction as defined in section 18-3322, Idaho Code.

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Chairman

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Secretary

DATED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

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<sup>11</sup> <https://www.insider.com/former-kansas-teacher-faces-isis-terrorism-charges-2022-1>

<https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/american-woman-who-led-isis-battalion-charged-providing-material-support-terrorist>

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<sup>12</sup><https://www.deepcapture.com/2022/09/michigan-domestic-extremism-exposed-three-state-officials-linked/>