

CONCERN 30: STATE GOVERNMENT relying on SPLC ‘experts’ to “address the rise in violent extremism and white supremacy.” future violators of 1A & Due Process?

EXHIBIT 11: excerpts from...



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2022 DOMESTIC TERRORISM STUDY

In 2022 the Washington State Legislature asked my office to produce a study on these issues. We must urgently address the factors leading to the rise in violent extremism and white supremacy. For the past six months my team worked diligently, consulting with experts across the country who are renowned in their respective fields. My team also consulted with community organizations rooted in Washington State and included them in the work.

The AGO engaged a team of outside experts, comprised of: The Raben Group, a public policy consulting firm; Rich Stolz, the former executive director of OneAmerica; Cynthia Miller-Idriss, a professor at American University's School of Public Affairs and Director of the Polarization and Extremism Research Lab; and the Institute for Constitutional Advocacy and Protection (ICAP) at Georgetown University

7: See Cynthia Miller-Idriss & Bill Braniff, *The State of Hate-Fueled Violence in America*, Expert Presentation at the White House United We Stand Summit (Sept. 15, 2022) (reviewing data drawn from the START PIRUS dataset and reports by the Anti-Defamation League (ADL), Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR), STOP AAPI Hate, Human Rights First, and the Center on Countering Digital Hate).

Appendix 2: Consultant Team Biographies

Cynthia Miller-Idriss

Cynthia Miller-Idriss is an award-winning author and scholar of extremism and radicalization. She directs the Polarization and Extremism Research & Innovation Lab (PERIL) in the Center for University Excellence (CUE) at the American University in Washington, DC, where she is also Professor in the School of Public Affairs and in the School of Education. Dr. Miller-Idriss has testified before the U.S. Congress and regularly briefs policy, security, education and intelligence agencies in the U.S., the United Nations, and other countries on trends in domestic violent extremism and strategies for prevention and disengagement. She serves on the international advisory board of the Center for Research on Extremism (C-REX) in Oslo, Norway and is a member of the Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC)'s Tracking Hate and Extremism Advisory Committee.

A globally-recognized expert on far right youth and preventative interventions, Dr. Miller-Idriss is the author, co-author, or co-editor of six books, including *Hate in the Homeland: The New Global Far Right*, published by Princeton University Press in October 2020. In addition to her academic work, Miller-Idriss writes frequently for mainstream audiences, both as an opinion columnist for MSNBC and in additional essays, with recent by-lines in *The New York Times*, *The Atlantic*, *Foreign Affairs*, *The Washington Post*, *The Boston Globe*, *CNN*, *The Hill*, *Politico*, *The Guardian*, *Le Monde*, *Salon*, and [more](#). She appears regularly in the media as an expert source and political commentator, including regular appearances on [Fareed Zakaria GPS](#) as well as other [CNN](#) news programs, *PBS News Hour*, NPR's [Morning Edition](#) and [All Things Considered](#), MSNBC's [Hardball with Chris Matthews](#), NBC's [Evening News with Lester Holt](#), C-SPAN's [Washington Journal](#), NBC's [The Today Show](#), ABC's [Good Morning America](#), and in global news outlets in over a dozen countries, including *BBC News*, *Deutsche Welle*, *France 24*, *al Jazeera* and more.

Dr. Miller-Idriss frequently advises or consults with foundations and organizations seeking expertise on radicalization and extremism, and has provided expert consultation in legal cases involving radicalization and extremist violence.