

Study shows Right-wing violence on the rise in U.S.



Washington, January 1 (RHC)-- As the New Year 2019 dawns, a study shows that attackers motivated by Right-wing political ideologies in the U.S. have committed dozens of shootings, bombings and other acts of violence over the past decade, far more than any other category of domestic extremism.

The Washington Post analysis of data on global terrorism shows that violence by white supremacists and other far-Right attackers has been on the rise since Barack Obama's presidency and has surged since President Donald Trump took office.

Of 263 incidents of domestic terrorism between 2010 and the end of 2017, one-third -- 92 were committed by Right-wing attackers, according to The Post's analysis.

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The study found that last year, 2018, was especially deadly, with 13 people dying in two incidents in the last months of the year. In the first incident in October, a gunman in the state of Kentucky attempted to

enter a historically Black church, then shot and killed two Black patrons in a nearby grocery store.

In the second incident, a man who had expressed anger about a caravan of Central American refugees that Trump termed an "invasion" has been charged with gunning down 11 people in a Pittsburgh synagogue, in what the media described the deadliest act of anti-Semitic violence in U.S. history.

And November brought two more deaths. A U.S. military veteran who had railed online against women and Blacks began shooting in a yoga studio in Tallahassee, Florida, killing two women and wounding five.

Overall, researchers say at least 20 people were killed during 2018 in suspected Right-wing attacks. While Trump has blasted Democrats as "an angry Left-wing mob" and the "party of crime," researchers have identified just one fatal attack in 2018 that may have been motivated by Left-wing ideologies.

Among the Right-wing terrorist attacks was the vehicle attack in August 2017 by a neo-Nazi man that killed one person and injured 35 others protesting a rally by white supremacists in Charlottesville, Virginia.

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A similar report released in early November found that the number of attacks carried out by white supremacists and Right-wing extremists in the United States has grown significantly over the past decade.

The report, published by the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), a Washington-based think tank, found that Right-wing attacks doubled in the U.S. from 2016 to 2017.

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