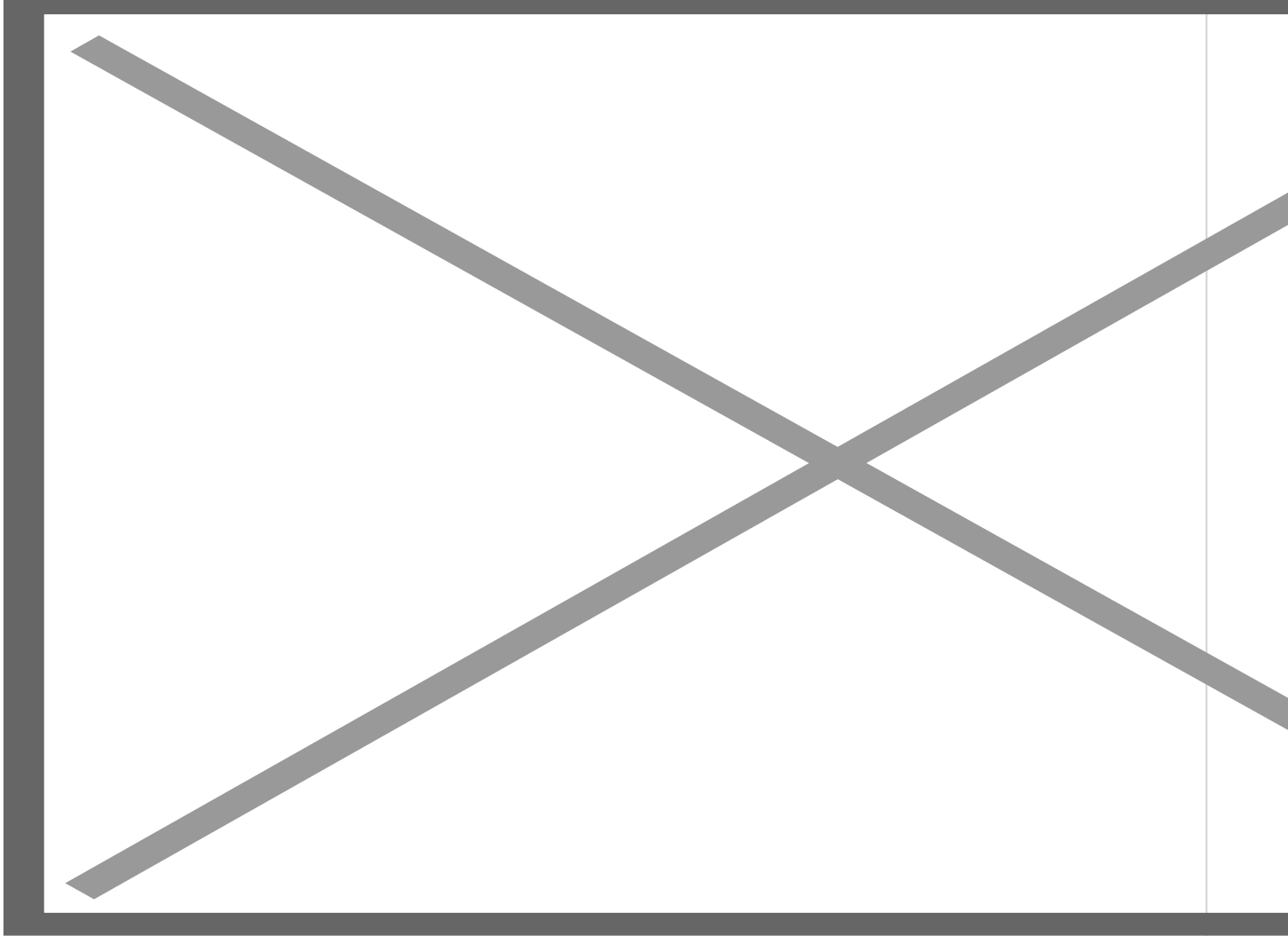


The United States of Arms

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Right-wing militia groups are armed and dangerous. (Photo: Internet)

If the COVID-19 pandemic is highlighting the enormous inequalities in the United States, the social and political crisis due to racism and police brutality shows a divided society, where armed security forces entail a potential danger.

White supremacists have been exercising terror for a long time. An example is the creation of the infamous Ku Klux Klan in 1865 -- dissolved five years later and reborn in 1915 -- as the darkest expression of xenophobia and hatred of Blacks, which soon spread to other minorities.

Throughout the years, the Klan has had its ups and downs, but it definitely planted bitter seeds in the United States, many of which fell on fertile soil and brought bitter fruit.

In 2017, it is thought that there were more than 1,300 far-right organizations in the United States, a number that multiplied due to fertilizer provided by the administration of President Donald Trump.

The problem is that they are neither political nor social debate groups, but rather armed militias ready to carry out any act of violence.

Kyle Rittenhouse, the teenager who shot two protesters to death and wounded another in Kenosha, Wisconsin, is a member of one of those gangs.

Isaac Newton warned in his third law of motion: For every action, there is an equal and opposite reaction. And it turns out that the regular victims of racism began to rise, as had happened in the 1960's with the Black Panther Party, only now with more anger than politics.

Thus, the NFAC organization emerged, a self-defense group made up entirely of Black citizens with strict military discipline. In fact, many of its members, men and women, served in the U.S. Army and a number of them have combat experience.

They are able to use the Second Amendment to the Constitution, which allows them to buy large-caliber weapons, as well as military supplies, and carry them openly on the streets, as allowed by the law of different states.

They have paraded several times in tight formation, ready to go to war. Their leader, John Fitzgerald Johnson, who calls himself Grand Master Jay, was an independent candidate in the 2016 presidential elections and says the group's membership stands at about 3,500 individuals.

They are not the only ones -- although perhaps the most visible in the United States. A country that lives on a powder keg and with a president who likes to throw sparks into the air every day.

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