

Transgender Ideology-Inspired Violent Extremism (TIVE)

Background and FAQs on Need for an FBI Domestic Terrorism Designation

Transgender Ideology (TI) is a belief that wholly or partially rejects fundamental science about human sex being biologically determined before birth, binary, and immutable. **Transgender Ideology-Inspired Violence and Extremism (TIVE)** This threat encompasses the potentially unlawful use or threat of force or violence, including incitement to unlawful violence, in furtherance of ideological agendas derived from Transgender Ideology (TI) and related beliefs, including:

1. the belief that violence is justified against people who oppose TI, who decline to support or affirm TI, or who are silent or indifferent regarding TI; or
2. the belief that opposing TI, declining to support or affirm TI, or remaining silent or indifferent regarding TI,
 - a. itself constitutes a form of violence towards people who identify as any variant of transgender or gender nonconforming;
 - b. is a true threat to the existence of such persons; or,
 - c. poses an imminent threat to such persons' emotional, psychological, or physical safety, including through self-harm or suicide.

The assassination of Charlie Kirk has shaken the nation. It is the latest example of a perpetrator brainwashed by a corrosive and disjointed transgender ideology to carry out horrific acts of violence against innocent Americans. The first step in solving a problem is identifying that one exists. The time has come to identify the threat to safety posed by this particular violent transgender ideology on Americans. The Federal Bureau of Investigation ("FBI") has immense legal, intelligence, and law enforcement tools available to it to keep Americans safe. Chief among them include its capabilities to counter acts of Domestic Terrorism and gather intelligence on other individuals that share ideological commonalities in order to prevent future attacks.

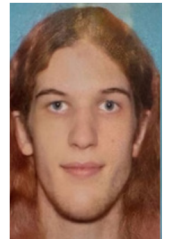
The Oversight Project and the Heritage Foundation urge the FBI to designate "Trans Ideology-Inspired Violent Extremism" ("TIVE") as a Domestic Terrorism threat category and use the full toolkit of the FBI to prevent future attacks inspired by this ideology.

Recent Instances of TIVE-Motivated Acts of Domestic Terrorism

- Sept 10, 2025: Tyler Robinson allegedly assassinates Charlie Kirk, citing ideological hatred.
- Aug 27, 2025: Robin Westman attacks Annunciation Catholic Church, kills two children.
- May 4, 2025: Jared Ravizza stabs six, including children, during gender transition.
- April 2025: GOP office firebombed by lipstick-wearing suspect.
- Feb 2025: Lucy Grace Nelson arson at Tesla dealership.
- June 18, 2024: Mia Bailey kills parents, shows no remorse.
- Mar 31, 2023: William Whitworth plans school/church shooting.
- Mar 27, 2023: Audrey Hale kills six at Covenant Presbyterian School.
- June 7-8, 2022: Nicholas Roske foiled attempt on Justice Kavanaugh.
- May 7, 2019: Alec McKinney shoots at STEM School.
- Sept 20, 2018: Snochia Moseley kills four at Rite Aid.



Tyler Robinson,
Alleged Kirk Assassin



Robert "Robin" Westman,
Alleged Annunciation
Catholic Church Shooter

Experts estimate that 50% of all major (non-gang related) school shootings since 2015 have involved or likely involved transgender ideology. To put the incidents above in perspective, trans-identifying persons constitute approximately 1% of the population according to the Williams Institute.

Frequently Asked Questions and Key Terms

How would a TIVE Domestic Terror designation mitigate the threat?

A designation would allow the FBI to better employ advanced investigative techniques (e.g., human sources, data analysis, network mapping, undercover operations etc.) to prevent violence.

Does this mean that all transgender individuals or their allies are domestic terrorists?

No. Individuals are free to identify as transgender, or support LGBT causes or transgenderism in a nonviolent way. They are even free to engage in offensive and hateful speech under the First Amendment so long as they do not stray into unlawful incitement, defamation, true threat, obscenity, or some other category of non-protected speech. The Domestic Terror designation becomes relevant only when individuals or groups: (1) are motivated by an ideology that encourages, promotes, or condones violence; and (2) take or incite unlawful violent action or threats based on that ideology. Both criteria must be met.

Does the FBI's Designation of Nihilistic Violent Extremism (NVE) Address the Problem?

No. It is an overly broad designation designed to avoid the particular threat and to avoid tough conversations that may be perceived as politically incorrect. It is also logically flawed in that TIVEs are not "nihilistic" in that they are fighting for an alternate vision of life and society to replace the existing social order and often characterize themselves (wrongly) as acting in defense of their worldview.

TIVE classification differs from Nihilistic Violent Extremism ("NVE") because NVEs refer to a form of extremism characterized by a sense of meaninglessness and lack of ideological substance cohesion. TIVEs, on the other hand, are not driven by meaninglessness and use violence to coerce and intimidate the public or government into accepting their view of the transgender debate.

Does President Trump's Designation of Antifa as a Terrorist Organization Address this Problem?

No. President Trump was right to designate Antifa as a terrorist organization. But Antifa is a related yet separate problem we raise here. Antifa represents a broader movement of individuals of varying far-left and anarchist ideologies that engage in street-level violence, rioting, online and in-person intimidation and harassment, and property damage. TIVE is a more narrowly-defined group that is responsible for several high-profile domestic terrorist events recently. While Transgender Ideology is present in some Antifa elements, not all TIVEs are Antifa and not all Antifa members are TIVEs.

How Has the FBI Classified Domestic Terrorism Before?

The FBI, as the lead U.S. agency on terrorism, prioritizes preventing attacks by investigating domestic violent extremists (DVEs) based on 18 U.S.C. § 2331(5). The statute defines domestic terrorism as activities on U.S. soil that “involve acts dangerous to human life” that violate federal or state criminal laws that “appear to be intended” to:

- Intimidate or coerce civilians,
- Influence government policy, or
- Affect government conduct via mass destruction, assassination, or kidnapping.

Lone offenders and small groups, often socially isolated, mentally unstable, and radicalized online, pose significant threats using accessible weapons. Current DVE categories include:

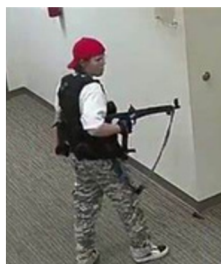
- Racially/Ethnically Motivated Violent Extremism,
- Anti-Government/Anti-Authority Violent Extremism,
- Animal Rights/Environmental Violent Extremism,
- Abortion-Related Violent Extremism,
- Nihilistic Violent Extremism,
- All Other Domestic Terrorism Threats.

What are typical characteristics of TIVEs?

- Typically target Christian and religious groups, justified by claims of existential threats.
- Feature mental illness, self-harm, suicidal tendencies, and lack of respect for genetic human realities, amplified by online radicalization (e.g., Reddit, Discord, Telegram).
- Echo chambers promote violence against critics.



Common TIVE slogan



Audrey “Aiden” Hale
Alleged Covenant School Shooter



Magazine of Annunciation
Catholic School Shooter



“Trantifa” Symbol

Terminology Used by TIVE

Cisgender / Cis

A person who identifies with his/her biological sex.

Deadnaming

Calling an individual who identifies as transgender or “gender non-conforming” by the individual’s birth name after he or she has adopted a new name. TIVE extremists claim that deadnaming is a form of violence.

Gillick Competence

A term used in medical law to decide whether a child (under 16 years of age) is able to consent to social “transitioning,” puberty blockers, cross-sex hormone treatments, removal of healthy sexual organs, or sterilization without the need for parental permission or knowledge. Another term used is Fraser competence.

Misgendering

The intentional or unintentional use of words or names that acknowledge the reality of a transgender person’s biological sex. TIVEs view misgendering as an act of actual violence.

“Right to Exist”

Individuals motivated by TIVE routinely use the phrase “right to exist” or “erased” in online forums and at protests. This life-or-death terminology is consistent with TIVE propaganda justifying violence in the name of self-defense. The denied “right to exist” or “erasure” is equivalent to killing them or genocide as opposed to merely acknowledging there are two sexes or disagreeing with transgender ideology.

“Trans genocide”

A term used by TI activists and academics to describe anyone who makes statements to affirm the reality of biological sex as “genocidal” towards TIVEs.

“You either have a live boy or dead girl (or live girl / dead boy), you choose.”

A phrase commonly used to try to pressure, shame, or cause emotional distress in persons who do not support TI or affirm the reality of biological sex in people who are gender-confused, especially children.