



Evaluating the Terrorism and Extremist Violence in the United States (TEVUS) Database

Americans for Intelligence Reform (AIR) conducted a multi-year study to review carefully the federally funded Terrorism and Extremist Violence in the United States (TEVUS) Database and Portal.

The study's findings include that TEVUS characterizes Islamist high-fatality events as hijackings, hostage takings or armed assaults rather than homicides, including the 9/11 jihad attacks that led to 3,000 total deaths, leaving a towering 89% of events categorized explicitly as "Homicide" in TEVUS with Right-Wing ideologies listed for them, even though the Islamist 9/11 dominates the actual body count of terrorism.

The study also found that TEVUS excluded or mischaracterized about 73% of those on a Congressional list of individuals implicated in terrorism from March 2014 to June 22, 2016; 96.4% of the individuals on the Department of Justice's public list of individuals convicted of terrorism and terror-related charges between 9/11 and the end of 2014; and 98% of "Killings in the Name of Islam" since 9/11.

Similarly, TEVUS simply omits a substantial number of non-white perpetrators of terrorism and extremist violence, and even misrepresents their races in some cases, including classifying every one of the exclusively Arab 9/11 hijackers not as "Arab," but "White/Caucasian non-Hispanic," falsely exploding the number of fatalities associated with White perpetrators.

TEVUS also systematically obscures the role Black Nationalism plays in extremist violence by flatly excluding multiple groups of that sort, including Black Lives Matter (BLM), though BLM activists and supporters have allegedly killed at least 11 police officers alone.

Likewise, TEVUS systematically excludes Left-Wing violence, containing not a single Antifa crime nor Antifa itself, even though the Obama Administration's Department of Homeland Security formally classified Antifa's activities as "domestic terrorist violence."

TEVUS also omits Left-Wing individuals and labels on extremist violence, including the name and ideology of the 2017 Congressional Baseball mass shooter who literally asked a leaving lawmaker if those practicing were Republicans or Democrats.

Furthermore, TEVUS researchers have modified their database to eliminate Left-Wing ideologies where it once acknowledged it during the Trump Administration, including removing the "Left Wing" ideology for the gay confessed terrorist who carried out the 2012 attack against the politically conservative Family Research Council, even though his only known statement during the attack was, "I don't like your politics."

By contrast, not one of TEVUS' descriptions of the 39 court cases it characterizes as Right-Wing include a reference to a federal terrorism charge, and only one of TEVUS' descriptions of all 244 first-degree related right-wing events includes a mention of "terror" in any context – and that was a case in which the attacker referred to his target as a 'terrorist' and a 'suicide bomber.'

Overall, TEVUS appears to be a carefully-crafted, taxpayer-funded attempt to whitewash Islamic, Arab, Black Nationalist, and Left-Wing terrorism and extremist violence, while amplifying White and Right-Wing violence to the maximum extent possible.