

Far From Gone: The Evolution of Extremism in the First 100 Days of the Biden Administration

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This report provides an overview of domestic extremism in the United States. It examines the various groups and movements that gained momentum under the administration of former President Donald Trump and how these have evolved in the first 100 days of the Biden administration.

This report reveals the US is contending with a persistent domestic extremist threat, which despite Trump's defeat is unlikely to dissipate any time soon.

The 100 days that followed the inauguration of President Biden revealed a number of common narratives under which previously distinct groups have begun to converge, including anti-government ideologies, COVID conspiracy theories, election misinformation, racism, antisemitism, misogyny and transphobia.

The militia movement is on the brink of a "fourth wave" since Donald Trump left office and is extremely hostile towards President Biden, as many members view his presidency as illegitimate and as a sign of the impending New World Order.

The insurrection is likely to have inspired domestic extremists and may be taken as a signal that the American people can stand up to perceived tyrannical governments. As such, the concept is likely to remain a dominant influence within broader domestic extremist movements.

The insurrection of 6 January 2021 is a stark example of what happens when mass movements such as QAnon are not taken seriously, especially in the context of how some of its adherents have evolved into an ideologically motivated violent extremist movement. However, due to the mass deplatforming of QAnon, creating a mass exodus to alternative social media platforms, QAnon has balkanised into various ideological ecosystems, thus the threat is not consistent across the board and should be considered as a spectrum.

