

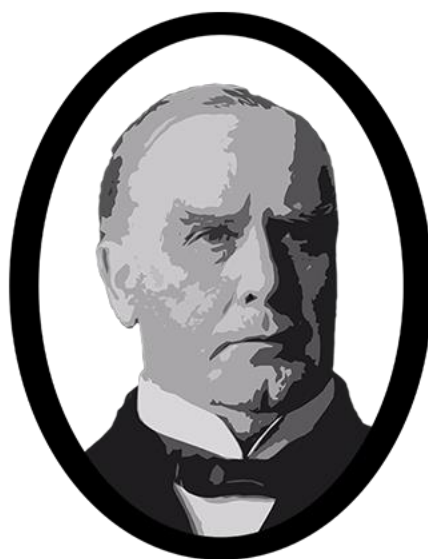
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**FINDINGS**

The Revolutionary Abolitionist Movement or RAM, is an aspiring anarcho-terrorist organization that has been linked to vandalism, theft, harassment and intimidation of political opponents, and assault. The organization has six chapters nation-wide, and publish a range of literature, operating as an intellectual anarchist vanguard. RAM has explicitly stated in their manifesto and interviews that their goal is the toppling of the United States Government. To accomplish this, they intend to build an interconnected movement that operates in part above ground with the appearance of legality, with the other part below ground, executing violent operations against the state and those they perceive support its existence. The organization has close ties with at least one foreign terrorist group and regularly work with prison gangs to disrupt and oppose the incarceration system in an attempt to dismantle it.

IDEOLOGY

Anarchist/Anti-State
Anti-Carceral
Anti-Democratic
Anti-Paternalist

Anarcho-Terrorist
Anti-White
Black Identity Extremist

RAM is a radical Black anarchist and revolutionary organization. As such, they deny the existence of state sovereignty¹ and seek to carve out sovereign anarchic enclaves that they are willing to defend with a range of tactics that include vandalism, targeted harassment, intimidation, and violence. RAM believe that all forms of organizational hierarchy are morally illegitimate and “oppressive.” This includes the government, military, corporate entities, educational institutions, and the prison system.² Any institution where the participants do not sporadically assemble as uncoerced individuals with equal input and authority is considered immoral.

As a Black Identity Extremist (BIE) organization,³ RAM believe slavery was never fully abolished and still continues through “a system, a lineage, and a stratified code of bondage, dehumanization and captivity.”⁴ Inequality of social, economic, conviction rates, or health outcomes for Blacks are perceived as being the result of a “White Supremacist” conspiracy by the government and prevailing institutions,⁵ despite a wide range of known factors that contribute to the differences in these demographic outcomes.^{6,7,8,9,10}

¹ Dr. Ariel Koch, “Trends in Anti-Fascist and Anarchist Recruitment and Mobilization,” *Journal for Deradicalization* 14 (2018): 23-24, issn: [2363-9849](https://doi.org/10.1080/2363-9849.2018.1511111).

² Colin Jenkins, “Burning Down the American Plantation: An Interview with the Revolutionary Abolitionist Movement,” *The Hampton Institute*, August 9, 2017, <http://www.hamptoninstitute.org/burning-down-the-american-plantation-RAM-interview.html>.

³ “Black Identity Extremists Likely Motivated to Target Law Enforcement Officers,” *Federal Bureau of Investigation: Counterterrorism Division*, August 3, 2017, <https://www.documentcloud.org/documents/4067711-BIE-Redacted.html>.

⁴ Revolutionary Abolitionist Movement, *Burn Down the American Plantation: Call for a Revolutionary Abolitionist Movement* (United States: Combustion Books, 2017), 5, isbn-13: [978-1938660191](https://www.amazon.com/dp/9781938660191).

⁵ See note 2 above.

⁶ Thomas Sowell, *Discrimination and Disparities* (New York: Basic Books, 2018), isbn-13: [978-1541645639](https://www.amazon.com/dp/9781541645639).

This redefinition of slavery provides RAM and their followers with the perception of attaining a moral high ground above their ideological opponents. Furthermore, they believe this self-righteousness justifies violent, tyrannical actions against anyone who stands in their way. It is in this anarchist morality and univariate, environmental extremist interpretation of causation that shapes RAM's vehemently anti-White attitudes. It is no surprise that they view the *Weather Underground*, a terrorist group that once discussed the ethics of "killing all newborn White babies,"¹¹ positively.

Demographic differences in arrest and conviction rates are one of several arguments against the penal system. RAM also views incarceration for drug offenses or illegal immigration to be inhumane and racist.¹² Imprisonment, as well as any form of incarceration by the state are perceived as human rights violations, and aid is to be provided fugitives of the state.¹³ Furthermore, all action taken against the carceral system is promoted. Any attempts to free fugitives are viewed as morally justified, despite the heinous crimes that many who are there have committed. Rapists, pedophiles, murderers, torturers, assailants, and thieves, individuals that disproportionately target society's most disadvantaged peoples, are to be freed.

As equalitarian extremists, RAM seek "the destruction of the gender binary and the liberation from patriarchal control. . . ." Womanhood is viewed as being "constructed on the basis of the total captivity of black women" and situated within

⁷ "Crime in the US 2015: Table 43A," Federal Bureau of Investigation, Accessed May 2, 2019, <https://ucr.fbi.gov/crime-in-the-u.s/2015/crime-in-the-u.s.-2015/tables/table-43>.

⁸ Ching-Yu Cheng et al. "African Ancestry and Its Correlation to Type 2 Diabetes in African Americans: A Genetic Admixture Analysis in Three U.S. Population Cohorts," *PLoS ONE* 7 no. 3, (2012): 4-6, doi: [10.1371/journal.pone.0032840](https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0032840).

⁹ Anu Ghosh and M. Seshadri, "Indian Ethnic Populations Characterized by Dopamine (D4) Receptor VNTR Polymorphism," *Annals of Human Biology* 32 no. 5, (2005): 574-584, doi: [10.1080/03014460500228790](https://doi.org/10.1080/03014460500228790).

¹⁰ Natalia Hernandez-Pacheco et al. "What Ancestry Can Tell Us About the Genetic Origins of Inter-Ethnic Differences in Asthma Expression," *Curr Allergy Asthma Rep* 16 no 53, (2016): 1-11, doi: [10.1007/s11882-016-0635-4](https://doi.org/10.1007/s11882-016-0635-4).

¹¹ *Making Sense of the 60s*, Episode 5, "Picking Up the Pieces: How Vietnam Affected America in 1968," directed by David Hoffman, aired 1991, PBS. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pGeFPzFNkQg&list=PL15jpZP-bgnm062FH0VVktr8zOveXLhI&index=7>.

¹² Revolutionary Abolitionist Movement, *Burn Down the American Plantation*, 2, 9, 22, 30, 38, 40.

¹³ Revolutionary Abolitionist Movement, 22, 40.

the context that “the normalization of the white family unit and its categories of woman and man can’t be extricated from the ownership relation.”¹⁴ Subsequently, RAM seek to destroy distinctions between men and women, in addition to the heteronormative nature of American society. How RAM members intend to accomplish this noumenal task when confronted by the phenomenon of sex — the biological category that informs the social construct of gender and without which the latter loses all meaning — is not conveyed by the group.

RAM also seek to “liberate women” through “restructuring gender roles.” They believe the solution to accomplish this is “to not only seek parity for women but to give women a higher footing.”¹⁵ In other words, through establishing a matriarchy that subjects men’s rights and social status through the imposition of a sex-based form of affirmative action (“positive” discrimination) and subjugation, men and women will achieve the exact same outcomes. RAM rejects liberal egalitarianism where inequality of demographic outcome is the result of differences in individual’s aptitude, life choices, personality, personal preference, and socioeconomic upbringing. Instead, demographic equality of outcome is enforced regardless the level of competence, education, desire to perform certain societal roles or the desire of others to work with an individual.

Self-defense is often referenced in RAM’s literature, however, according to their own manifesto “revolutionary justice may just as easily be called self-defense.”¹⁶ The examples of “revolutionary justice” provided by RAM in their manifesto are that of terrorist organizations that have committed numerous counts of murder.

*“every group that goes underground to launch clandestine attacks against bondage and oppression, like the Black Liberation Army or the United Freedom Front***, engages in acts of revolutionary justice.”¹⁷*

“Self-defense” for RAM is therefore not defensive violence to protect oneself from immediate corporal injury, but instigative violence used in pursuit of their political agendas. Again, these violent acts are viewed as morally justified because RAM

¹⁴ Revolutionary Abolitionist Movement, 28.

¹⁵ Revolutionary Abolitionist Movement, 31.

¹⁶ Revolutionary Abolitionist Movement, 22.

¹⁷ Revolutionary Abolitionist Movement, 23.

posit themselves and others as “oppressed,” and those they advocate violence against “oppressors.”

TACTICS

RAM has called for a “*diversity of tactics*”^{18,19} and claim that they “intend to learn from the lessons of the past few decades and create a genuinely militant resistance that can eventually begin to garner the capacity to overthrow the state and capital.”²⁰ RAM is not shy in explaining that this does not exclude violence. They stress the importance of getting “outside the narrow framework that unfortunately liberal discourse has relegated this conversation to” because according to them “it’s not a question of violence or non-violence as a tactic.”²¹ In the same paragraph, they go on to say “by studying insurgencies from around the world, especially the more successful ones, it becomes clear that multiple tactics are employed.” In other words, they believe both to be necessary.

In a response to a question about the pros and cons of “resistance movements throughout history includ[ing] both underground [violent] and above ground [legal presenting] organizations” and their importance, RAM responds by claiming that “revolutionary political organizations must have both, and they must correspond.” By this, RAM means that a segment of their movement will conduct violent terrorist actions (below ground) while the other part runs political campaigns (above ground). Ram claims that in order for them to be effective their “militant work gives teeth to the political organizing and allows the movement to make good on its intentions.”²²

In response to the recent nationalist and populist rise in America as well as many other Western countries, RAM claims that “Antifa groups have risen to the occasion and are fighting these groups back, preventing them from marching and organizing, shutting down their speaking engagements, and getting them fired from their jobs.”

¹⁸ Revolutionary Abolitionist Movement, 42.

¹⁹ See note 2 above.

²⁰ See note 2 above.

²¹ See note 2 above.

²² See note 2 above.

They have done this through their diversity of tactics strategy that includes harassment campaigns of organizers and participants. When unsuccessful, they escalate by engaging in other *direct action* techniques. While not all forms of direct action are violent (sit ins, screaming at people, blocking roads, calling employers, etc...) many are or have the potential to become such and often do.

The most popular direct action technique to shut down an opponent's event is called the black bloc. According to one source, "the Black Bloc is an easily identifiable collective action carried out by individuals wearing black clothes and masks and forming a contingent—a black block —within a rally."²³ This mobbing tactic emboldens participants to commit various crimes from vandalism,^{24,25} arson,^{26,27} assault,^{28,29} and even attempted murder,³⁰ assuming their identity will remain anonymous.

In the recent past, even when charges have been brought against black bloc rioters, their charges have often been drastically reduced³¹ or dismissed altogether^{32,33}

²³ Francis Dupuis-Déri, "The Black Blocs Ten Years after Seattle: Anarchism, Direct Action, and Deliberative Practices," *Journal for the Study of Radicalism* 4 no. 2, (2010): 45-82, issn: [1930-1189](https://doi.org/10.1080/19301189.2010.500000).

²⁴ "Masked Mob Clad in Black Vandalizes Businesses in Hamilton," *680 News*, last modified Mar 6, 2018 at 4:44 PM EDT, <https://www.680news.com/2018/03/04/hamilton-vandalism/>.

²⁵ Associated Press, "Germany: G20 Riots Caused up to \$13.8 Million Insured Damage," *Business Insider*, Last modified July 18, 2017 at 3:42 AM, <https://www.businessinsider.com/ap-germany-g20-riots-caused-up-to-138-million-insured-damage-2017-7>.

²⁶ Mike Ciandella, "New Video Released by Berkeley PD Reportedly Shows Antifa Smashing, Setting Fire to City Vehicles," *The Blaze*, last modified August 10, 2018, <https://www.theblaze.com/news/2018/08/10/new-video-released-by-berkeley-pd-reportedly-shows-antifa-smashing-setting-fire-to-city-vehicles>.

²⁷ Associated Press, "Owner of Limo Torched in DC During Inauguration Day Protests Says Insurance Unlikely to Pay," *Fox News*, last modified January 24, 2017, <https://www.foxnews.com/politics/owner-of-limo-torched-in-dc-during-inauguration-day-protest-says-insurance-unlikely-to-pay>.

²⁸ Tom Ciccotta, "'Anti-Fascist' Rioters Beat Milo Attendees with Flag Poles, Fists at UC Berkeley," *Breitbart*, last modified February 1, 2017, <https://www.breitbart.com/social-justice/2017/02/01/rioters-beat/>.

²⁹ Gordon R. Friedman, "Andy Ngo says he suffered brain injury during Portland 'mob beating'," *The Oregonian*, last modified July 25, 2019, <https://www.oregonlive.com/news/2019/07/andy-ngo-says-he-suffered-brain-injury-during-portland-mob-beating.html>.

³⁰ Rob Shimshock, "Police Arrest Professor Accused of 'Bike Lock' Assault," *The Daily Caller*, last modified May 25, 2017 at 4:28 PM, <https://dailycaller.com/2017/05/25/police-arrest-berkeley-professor-accused-of-bike-lock-assault/>.

³¹ Rob Shimshock, "All Felony Assault Charges Dropped Against Bike Lock Prof. He'll Serve Three Years of Probation," *The Daily Caller*, last modified July 8, 2018 at 9:18 PM, <https://dailycaller.com/2018/08/08/eric-clanton-bike-lock-professor-probation/>.

despite overwhelming evidence against participants. This tactic has been used to shut down lawful conservative, populist, and nationalist events across the country in recent years.^{34,35,36} RAM has participated in the use of this tactic on several occasions as chronicled below in RAM's history.

Noise demos, or demonstrations, are also a common direct action tactic popular with RAM. These demonstrations often take place outside of jail or prison facilities,³⁷ but can also be conducted in other places, such as store fronts.³⁸ During these demonstrations, participants make as much noise as possible in an attempt to intimidate others and disrupt normal routine. In the case of prison noise demos, they are a call to inmates to rise up against the staff, as they have claimed that "if successful, we will inspire others to acts of revolutionary justice and self-liberation"³⁹ and accordingly "Every prison uprising from Attica* to Lucasville**, is an example of revolutionary justice."⁴⁰

One last form of direct action involves the desecration of cultural symbols deemed statist, oppressive, or White supremacist. RAM has repeatedly called for and participated in the burning of flags, as well as the vandalism of monuments. Storefronts are also viewed as symbols of capital exploitation to anarchist groups, though our research did not reveal any such cases by RAM members.

³² Associated Press, "Government Drops Charges Against all Inauguration Protestors," *NBC News*, last modified July 6, 2018 at 7:48 PM EDT, <https://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/government-drops-charges-against-all-inauguration-protestors-n889531>.

³³ "All Charges Dropped in Case of Toppled Confederate Monument," *Associated Press*, last modified February 20, 2018, <https://apnews.com/c54365cd89eb4c4d9d9f610abb3016b3>.

³⁴ Ben Kew, "Milo Medai Meltdown: Breitbart Editor's UC Davis Event Dominates Headlines," *Breitbart*, last modified January 15, 2017, <https://www.breitbart.com/social-justice/2017/01/15/milo-media-meltdown-breitbart-editors-uc-davis-event-dominates-headlines/>.

³⁵ "Milo Yiannopoulos Event at UC Berkeley Canceled After Violent Protests," *CBS News*, last modified February 2, 2017 at 12:29 AM, <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/milo-yiannopoulos-uc-berkeley-event-canceled-after-violent-protests/>.

³⁶ Alicia Nieves, "'MAGA' Rally in Center City Quickly Turns Into Anti-Trump Protest," *CBS 3 Philly*, last modified March 25, 2017 at 7:36 PM, <https://philadelphia.cbslocal.com/2017/03/25/maga-rally-in-center-city-quickly-turns-into-anti-trump-protest/>.

³⁷ @RevAbolitionistNYC, *Facebook*, May 1, 2019 (6:54 p.m.), https://www.facebook.com/RevAbolitionistNYC/videos/vb_310788875929056/617112388715317/?type=3&theater.

³⁸ @AshAgony, *Twitter*, May 1, 2019 (6:44 p.m.), <https://twitter.com/AshAgony/status/1123765214711881731>.

³⁹ Revolutionary Abolitionist Movement, *Burn Down the American Plantation*, 27.

⁴⁰ Revolutionary Abolitionist Movement, 23.

All these direct action tactics are employed in service of accomplishing RAM's post-statist and neo-tribalist goals. Through methods of "organizing from the ground-up, putting in place the communal structures of self-governance and defense, and building outside of the...statist regimes..." they intend to replace the United States government.⁴¹ This strategy requires operating "completely outside the legal and political parameters of this current one."⁴² The alternative political paradigm RAM is attempting to create will operate through "a network of councils and communes without the State" with "a vision of autonomy that runs through neighborhood-based councils"⁴³ and by "connecting self-defense groups to the smallest unit of self-governance possible: the neighborhood."⁴⁴

In practice, these "autonomous" neighborhood councils will enforce their will on others through vigilantism euphemistically described as "self-defense." As already established, RAM claims that "revolutionary justice may just as easily be called self-defense" and that the examples of "revolutionary justice" provided by RAM are murderous acts carried out by terrorist groups. It is ultimately through this place claiming strategy, enforced with a diversity of tactics that include violence, that RAM ultimately believe they will "overthrow the state and capital." This includes the carceral system, as they have expressed their desire "to abolish the prisons, the ICE facilities, the detention centers, and the American plantation as a whole"⁴⁵ which they see as their "duty to bring this process to a halt, as soon as possible, *by any means necessary.*"⁴⁶

⁴¹ See note 2 above.

⁴² See note 2 above.

⁴³ Revolutionary Abolitionist Movement, *Burn Down the American Plantation*, 21.

⁴⁴ Revolutionary Abolitionist Movement, 19.

⁴⁵ Revolutionary Abolitionist Movement, 38.

⁴⁶ Revolutionary Abolitionist Movement 40.

HISTORY

Origins

The Revolutionary Abolitionist Movement (RAM) was founded in May of 2017. They operate out of an anarchist hangout called “The Base” located on the corner of Myrtle Ave. and Stockholm St. in Bushwick, a suburb of Brooklyn, NY. Here the organization holds regular meetings that are announced on their public Facebook page.⁴⁷ The group holds a school for inductees called the Kuwasi Balagoon Liberation School.^{48,49}

2017

#J20 (Presidential Inauguration)

Several months before the 2017 inauguration of Donald J. Trump, The Base publicly claimed that there would “be no peaceful transition to power. #J20 we are shutting shit down.”⁵⁰ In their announcement, they linked to a public declaration signed by 57 other anarchist extremist groups that called for disruption of the ceremonies.⁵¹ RAM and The Base held a fundraiser for the #J20 defendants,⁵² many of whom were responsible for bashing out windows of buildings and cars, even lighting one on fire.

New Orleans’ Monument Desecration

In May of 2017, a confederate monument of the poet Father Abram J. Ryan was vandalized with the anarcho-terror symbol circle-a or Ⓐ. The vandals left a note at

⁴⁷ @TheBkBase, “Upcoming Events,” *Facebook: Events*,

https://www.facebook.com/pg/TheBkBase/events/?ref=page_internal.

⁴⁸ @RevAbolitionistNYC and @TheBkBase, “Join Ram: Kuwasi Balagoon Liberation School,” *Facebook: Events*, <https://www.facebook.com/events/366665537513740/>.

⁴⁹ The Kuwasi Balagoon Liberation School, “Home Page,” accessed May 5, 2019, <https://kuwasibalagoon.org/>.

⁵⁰ @TheBaseBK, *Twitter*, November 15, 2016 (11:28 a.m.), <https://twitter.com/TheBaseBK/status/798608516315385856>.

⁵¹ *DisruptJ20 – Protest the Inauguration of Donald Trump*, Facebook Events, Hosted by The Simulator and Resist This, <https://www.facebook.com/events/637396566442326/>.

⁵² @TheBaseBK, *Twitter*, December 13, 2017 (11:09 a.m.), <https://twitter.com/TheBaseBK/status/941022240359018496>.

the scene that claimed they were dedicating their vandalism to the Revolutionary Abolitionist Movement.⁵³ RAM gleefully shared the news on Twitter.⁵⁴

NYC Puerto Rican Day Parade

RAM participated in the June 2017 Puerto Rican Day parade posting several photos to their social media accounts. In the parade, they marched with the New York City Black Panther Party and Workers World Party, who were holding signs calling for the release of convicted cop killer Mumia Abu Jamal.^{55,56} Convicted terrorist Oscar López Rivera was a celebrated guest of the parade.⁵⁷ Rivera's sentence was commuted by President Barack Hussein Obama after having served 36 years in prison for his part in the 130 bomb attacks carried out by the Fuerzas Armadas de Liberación Nacional Puertorriqueña (FALN). The event's entire parade was marked by thousands of people carrying banners and placards of Rivera, celebrating him as a hero of color.

Trump Rally, Suffolk Community College

A man who identified himself as Conrad George and a member of Redneck Revolt posed for the *The Lost Journal* blog proudly displaying RAM's flag during a protest against President Donald Trump on Crooked Hill Road near Suffolk Community College, July 28, 2017.⁵⁸

Unite the Right

Members of the organization were spotted at the Unite the Right rally in Charlottesville, Virginia in August 2017.^{59,60} Despite the mainstream narrative,

⁵³ "Another Confederate Monument Vandalized on Jeff Davis Parkway," *WGNO: ABC News*, last modified May 24, 2017, <https://wgno.com/2017/05/24/another-confederate-monument-vandalized-on-jeff-davis-parkway/>.

⁵⁴ @RevAbolitionist, *Twitter*, May 26, 2017 (7:13 p.m.), <https://twitter.com/RevAbolitionist/status/868289121118281732>.

⁵⁵ El Australiano, "2017 Puerto Rican Day Parade (NYC)," *Youtube*, June 11, 2017 (6:53-7:59 min.), <https://youtu.be/XDluGnhOBh4?t=413>.

⁵⁶ Trading PhotoS, "Videos of Live EventS, AND MorE. Puerto rican day parade 2017," *Youtube*, June 13, 2017, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x086hSO9XIA>.

⁵⁷ Deniz Cam, "Puerto Rican Nationalist Booed, Cheered at New York Parade," *Associated Press*, last modified June 11, 2017, <https://apnews.com/67745fcb8c844eeaa40334dbec4ec16>.

⁵⁸ "High Tensions Brings People Together at Crooked Hill Road Thanks to Appearance from President Trump," *The Lost Journalist (blog)*, accessed April 5, 2019, <https://www.thelostjournalist.com/brentwood-protests/>.

⁵⁹ @baynardwoods, *Twitter*, August 12, 2017 (10:41 a.m.), <https://twitter.com/baynardwoods/status/896426328018350080>.

scholars have suggested the outbreak of violence, and who was responsible for it at the event, is not so clear cut.⁶¹ In an article published in *It's Going Down* the day after, RAM celebrated, claiming that “the antifascists held their ground and succeeded in stopping the rally” and that “it is essential for each and every one of us to fight. . . . with the same intensity that we offensively attack the enemy.”⁶² This admission of guilt by RAM in instigating the violence was overlooked by the corporate media and law enforcement. To this day, there have been no arrests of RAM members or other organizations coordinating with them to violate the civil rights of rally goers.

Times Square Solidarity Protest

On September 13, 2017, RAM members marched into Times Square in a demonstration organized by the Workers World Party (WWP), unfurling a black banner with the words “BURN DOWN THE AMERICAN PLANTATION” seen at many other RAM demonstrations.^{63,64,65} Another banner at the protest that said “MAKE RACISTS AFRAID AGAIN: SMASH WHITE SUPREMACY (WORKERS WORLD PARTY)” was carried by the WWP in Charlottesville, Virginia at Unite the Right.⁶⁶ The purpose of the Times Square rally was to stand in solidarity with WWP member Taquiya Thompson, and others, charged for toppling a monument in Durham, North Carolina.^{67,68} At the rally, an unidentified woman gave

⁶⁰ @baynardwoods, *Twitter*, August 12, 2017 (10:39 a.m.),

<https://twitter.com/baynardwoods/status/896425881400463362>.

⁶¹ Joe Philips and Joseph Yi, “Charlottesville Paradox: The ‘Liberalizing’ Alt-Right, ‘Authoritarian’ Left, and Politics of Dialogue,” *Society* 55 no. 3, (2018):221-228, doi: [10.1007/s12115-018-0243-0](https://doi.org/10.1007/s12115-018-0243-0).

⁶² Revolutionary Abolitionist Movement, “Of Courage and Resistance: Revolutionary Abolitionist Movement Statement on Charlottesville,” *It's Going Down*, last modified August 13, 2017,

<https://itsgoingdown.org/courage-resistance-revolutionary-abolitionist-movement-statement-charlottesville/>.

⁶³ @RevAbolitionNYC, *Twitter*, May 1, 2019 (5:46 p.m.),

<https://twitter.com/RevAbolitionNYC/status/1123750507749806080>.

⁶⁴ @RevAbolitionMov, *Twitter*, August, 24, 2018 (12:11 p.m.),

<https://twitter.com/RevAbolitionist/status/1033069382199435264>.

⁶⁵ Kim Kelly, “What it is and why pop culture loves it,” *Teen Vogue*, last modified

September 7, 2018, <https://www.teenvogue.com/story/anarchy-explained-what-it-is-why-pop-culture-loves-it>.

⁶⁶ @RealAlexRubi, *Twitter*, August 12, 2017 (7:36 a.m.),

<https://twitter.com/RealAlexRubi/status/896379916857602054>.

⁶⁷ Will Racke, “Woman who Destroyed Durham Confederate Statue is a Pro-North Korea Marxist,” *The Daily Caller*, last modified August 16, 2017, <https://dailycaller.com/2017/08/16/woman-who-destroyed-durham-confederate-statue-is-a-pro-north-korea-marxist/>.

a speech in which she called for not only tearing down statues, but “all this b*llshit, too,” as she pointed around at the buildings in Times Square.⁶⁹

2018

Juneteenth

Juneteenth is a portmanteau of the words “June” and “nineteenth” that celebrates the announcement of the abolition of slavery in Texas. Some Black identity extremists have celebrated this unofficial holiday by rioting and committing anti-White violence.⁷⁰ In June of 2018, this RAM called for a “Capture the Flag” campaign where participants would take flags they had “captured” and burn them, sending video to RAM on social media under the hashtags #CaptureTheFlag and #Juneteenth.⁷¹ The organization’s main Twitter account shared several of these videos.^{72,73,74,75} It is unknown whether these flags (American, blue lives matter, confederate, libertarian, & Trump) were bought or stolen, but the name of the campaign and the condition of the flags implies the latter.

Unite the Right 2

RAM was sighted at the second UTR rally in Washington DC on August 12, 2018.⁷⁶

⁶⁸ L.T. Pham, “Freedom Fighters Topple White Supremacy Statue,” *Workers World*, last modified August 15, 2017, <https://web.archive.org/web/20170816061028/https://www.workers.org/2017/08/15/freedom-fighters-topple-white-supremacy-statue/>.

⁶⁹ Aaron Klein, “Exclusive Video: Communist Protesters Vow to Demolish ‘White Supremacist’ Times Square After Confederate Monuments,” *Breitbart*, last modified September 13, 2017, <https://www.breitbart.com/politics/2017/09/13/exclusive-video-communist-protesters-in-times-square/>.

⁷⁰ Colin Flaherty, “*White Girl Bleed A Lot*”: *The Return of Racial Violence to America* (United States of America), 5th Ed., pg 111-130, isbn-13: 978-1479299027.

⁷¹ Revolutionary Abolitionist Movement, “Juneteenth: Capture the Flag,” *It’s Going Down*, last modified May 21, 2018, <https://itsgoingdown.org/juneteenth-capture-the-flag/>.

⁷² @RevAbolitionist, *Twitter*, June 20, 2018 (10:41 a.m.), <https://twitter.com/RevAbolitionist/status/1009491399610429446>.

⁷³ @RevAbolitionist, *Twitter*, June 19, 2018 (8:01 p.m.), <https://twitter.com/RevAbolitionist/status/1009270077340946433>.

⁷⁴ @RevAbolitionist, *Twitter*, June 19, 2018 (9:56 a.m.), <https://twitter.com/RevAbolitionist/status/1009117851775635456>.

⁷⁵ @574Antifa, *Twitter*, June 19, 2018 (12:09 a.m.), <https://twitter.com/574Antifa/status/1008970085690691584>.

⁷⁶ @SMcK17, *Twitter*, August 12, 2018 (1:06 p.m.), <https://twitter.com/SMcK17/status/1028734409267204096>.

2019

May Day

For May Day, RAM participated in a noise demo at the Brooklyn Detention Center with two other organizations, Anarchist Black Cross and Shut it Down. They claimed to have assaulted and stolen a flag from a nationalist.⁷⁷ In another video of the event in New York City, a RAM members appear to attempt to *de-arrest* a man who seems to have assaulted a passerby in front of the police.⁷⁸

RAM's Elm City chapter protested in Hartford, Connecticut with various far left groups against the construction of a wall on the southern boarder.⁷⁹ Local news of the event shows attendees carrying a banner of Che Guevara,⁸⁰ a Communist guerrilla.

Indonesian Solidarity Demo

On May 12, RAM held a solidarity demonstration outside the Indonesian consulate in New York City⁸¹ after Indonesian Antifa and anarchists rioted on International Labor Day (May Day), leading to a clash with police.⁸²

All Out D.C.

All Out D.C. was the name of a counter-protest of the Demand Free Speech rally. At the event, black bloc participants charged police in an attempt to break through a

⁷⁷ Revolutionary Abolitionist Movement, "May Day 2019 in NYC," *revolutionaryabolition.org* (blog), May 2, 2019, <https://www.revolutionaryabolition.org/news/may-day-2019-nyc/>.

⁷⁸ @punksforprogress, *Facebook*, May 1, 2019 (2:04 p.m.), https://www.facebook.com/punksforprogress/videos/vb_1130825646938183/291247905110796/?type=2&theater.

⁷⁹ @RevAbolitionEC, *Twitter*, May 2, 2019 (3:22 p.m.), <https://twitter.com/RevAbolitionEC/status/1124076820645781506>.

⁸⁰ Zinnia Maldonado, "Protestors Gather to Fight for Workers' Rights at May Day Rally," *Fox 61*. last modified May 2, 2019 (5:37 a.m.), <https://fox61.com/2019/05/01/protestors-gather-to-fight-for-workers-rights-at-may-day-rally/>.

⁸¹ @RevAbolitionNYC, *Twitter*, May 12, 2019 (10:07 a.m.), <https://twitter.com/RevAbolitionNYC/status/1127621317543583744>.

⁸² CNN Indonesia, "May Day, Massa Berkostum Hitam Bikin Ricuh di Bandung," *Youtube*, May 1, 2019, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RH3goQkjOVs>.

police cordon^{83,84} and use newspaper stands as barricades to block the street.⁸⁵ RAM members were seen among the rioters.^{86,87}

MEMBERSHIP

Membership is not limited to Blacks, and many White participants can be seen in the propaganda photos and video posted by RAM to various social media outlets. RAM claims to have six chapters across the United States; Brooklyn, NY; Chicago, IL; Inland Empire, CA; New Haven, CT; Philadelphia, PA; and North Bay, CA.⁸⁸ The exact number of members is unknown; however, we estimate the organization to have at least 100-150 active participants based on photos and videos obtained in our research. However, their network is likely larger, with affiliate anarcho-terrorist groups ranging in the thousands.

Unlike traditional organizations, anarchist organizations do not have any official registry. Membership is negotiated through promotion of the brand and acceptance by the founding participants by means of acknowledgement. Those who carry out actions on behalf of the brand are participants of the brand, and members of the organization, despite lack of registry.

⁸³ @BenjAlvarez1, *Twitter*, July 6, 2019 (9:57 a.m.), <https://twitter.com/BenjAlvarez1/status/1147550226741387265>.

⁸⁴ @Julio_Rosas11, *Twitter*, July 6, 2019 (9:51 a.m.), https://twitter.com/Julio_Rosas11/status/1147548742666661888.

⁸⁵ @Julio_Rosas11, *Twitter*, July 6, 2019 (9:49 a.m.), https://twitter.com/Julio_Rosas11/status/1147548018931118080.

⁸⁶ @Julio_Rosas11, *Twitter*, July 6, 2019 (9:43 a.m.), https://twitter.com/Julio_Rosas11/status/1147547028559450115.

⁸⁷ @BenjAlvarez1, *Twitter*, July 6, 2019 (9:45 a.m.), <https://twitter.com/BenjAlvarez1/status/1147547121085816832>.

⁸⁸ Revolutionary Abolitionist Movement, "Branches," Accessed April 20, 2019, <https://www.revolutionaryabolition.org/branches/>.

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Thebasebk.org

Twitter

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[@RevAbolitionist](https://twitter.com/RevAbolitionist)

[@RevAbolitionIE](https://twitter.com/RevAbolitionIE)

[@RevAbolitionCHI](https://twitter.com/RevAbolitionCHI)

[@RAM_Philly](https://twitter.com/RAM_Philly)

[@RevAbolitionEC](https://twitter.com/RevAbolitionEC)

Facebook

[@TheBkBase](https://www.facebook.com/TheBkBase)

[@revolutionaryabolitionistmovement](https://www.facebook.com/revolutionaryabolitionistmovement)

[@RevAbolitionistNYC](https://www.facebook.com/RevAbolitionistNYC)

[@RevAbolitionIE](https://www.facebook.com/RevAbolitionIE)

[@revolutionaryabolition.philly](https://www.facebook.com/revolutionaryabolition.philly)

AFFILIATIONS

Anarchist Black Cross (ABC)

The ABC is “a prison abolitionist group which supports prisoners”⁸⁹ that provides aid in the form of books, letters, money, and other commodities to convicted anarcho-terrorists. The NYC branch of the ABC provides a listing (now in its 14.2 edition) of prisoners to contact and support. Among them are individuals such as inmate Casey Brezik who attempted to assassinate the governor of Missouri and three members of the “Cleveland Four” who were arrested for plotting to blow up a

⁸⁹ Atlanta Anarchist Black Cross, “DeKalb Jail Blocks Number to Anarchist Black Cross,” *It’s Going Down*, last modified May 17, 2019, <https://itsgoingdown.org/dekalb-jail-blocks-number-to-anarchist-black-cross/>.

bridge.⁹⁰ RAM claimed to have participated in a *noise demo* at the Brooklyn Detention Center on May Day of 2019 with this organization⁹¹ and mention them positively in their manifesto.⁹²

AK Press

AK Press is an anarchist publisher that sells a print edition of RAM's manifesto.⁹³

Black Panther Party, New York

As cited in RAM's history, members of the group marched with the Black Panther Party of New York during the 2017 Puerto Rican Day Parade in New York City.

It's Going Down (IGD)

RAM has been a regular contributor to the extremist Antifa media outlet *It's Going Down* since May 20th of 2017, when announcing the organization's founding⁹⁴ and has since republished 55 articles on the website under the Revolutionary Abolitionist Movement⁹⁵ and 7 under The Brooklyn Base.⁹⁶ The journal also hosts the organization's violent manifesto on the top of its free library page.⁹⁷

Yekîneyên Parastina Gel (YPG) & Yekîneyên Parastina Jin (YPJ)

Since the foundation of RAM, the organization has had close ties with the Kurdish Yekîneyên Parastina Gel (YPG) or "People's Protection Unit" and Yekîneyên Parastina Jin (YPJ) or "Women's Protection Units." These groups were highly praised in the organization's founding manifesto and have been waging a violent campaign in the middle east on multiple fronts to establish an anarchist enclave. RAM appears to have extensive ties to these organizations and have even coordinated actions with the groups. This is an alarming development, as there have already been claims that in a 2017 FBI report, another unidentified Oakland-based

⁹⁰ NYC Anarchist Black Cross, "U.S. Political Prisoner and Prisoner of War Listing, [Edition 14 2](#)," (self-pub., April 2019), accessed April 30, 2019.

⁹¹ Revolutionary Abolitionist Movement, "May Day 2019 in NYC."

⁹² Revolutionary Abolitionist Movement, *Burn Down the American Plantation*, 10.

⁹³ "Burn Down the American Plantation," *AK Press*, accessed April 22, 2019. <https://www.akpress.org/burn-down-the-american-plantation.html>.

⁹⁴ Revolutionary Abolitionist Movement, "Burn Down the American Plantation: Announcing RAM," *It's Going Down*, last modified May 20, 2017, <https://itsgoingdown.org/revolutionary-abolitionist-movement/>.

⁹⁵ "Authors: RAM," *It's Going Down*, accessed April 12, 2019, <https://itsgoingdown.org/author/ram/>.

⁹⁶ <https://itsgoingdown.org/author/basebk/>.

⁹⁷ "It's Going Down Reading Library," *It's Going Down*, accessed April 15, 2019, <https://archive.fo/aTEVC>.

militant Anti-fa group traveled to both Syria and Germany to meet with members of ISIS, AQAP and AQIP for the purpose of acquiring training, bomb making equipment, and weapons.⁹⁸

The Hampton Institute

RAM fielded an interview with neo-Marxist think tank, The Hampton Institute,⁹⁹ that was published August 9, 2017. In this interview, the Hampton Institute founder and editor Colin Jenkins nonchalantly spoke with RAM about their terrorist plans.

Redneck Revolt

In June of 2017, a man who identified himself as Conrad George posed with several of his comrades proudly displaying RAM's flag at a protest against President Trump's speech at Suffolk Community College on Long Island, New York. George claimed to be a member of Redneck Revolt, revealing a crossover between the groups.¹⁰⁰ According to *Far Left Watch*, Redneck Revolt used to provide "a downloadable 36 page guerrilla warfare manual on their website that included sections on kidnapping, sabotage, terrorism, and executions."¹⁰¹ In 2017, one of their founding members, Dave Strano, was accused of sexual assault.¹⁰² In 2018 a leader of the group, Dwayn Dixon, was charged with assaulting the Editor-In-Chief of *Big League Politics* Patrick Howley.¹⁰³

⁹⁸ Ed Klein, "EXCLUSIVE: US left wing groups travelled to Germany for the G20 Summit last July to meet with Al Qaeda and ISIS leaders and plot the destruction of President Trump, Secret FBI investigation reveals," *The Daily Mail*, last modified October 30, 2017 (11:47 e.d.t.), <https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-5018141/ISIS-connection-anarchists-revealed-Ed-Klein-book.html>.

⁹⁹ See note 2 above.

¹⁰⁰ See note 53 above.

¹⁰¹ "Far-Left Militia Leader Arrested for Assaulting Journalist," *Far Left Watch*, last modified September 6, 2018, <https://farleftwatch.com/far-left-militia-leader-arrested-for-assaulting-journalist/>.

¹⁰² "Far-left militia leader rocked with sexual abuse allegations," *Far Left Watch*, last modified September 19, 2017, <https://farleftwatch.com/far-left-militia-leader-rocked-with-sexual-abuse-allegations/>.

¹⁰³ Peter D'Abrosca, "Antifa Professor Dwayne Dixon ARRESTED for Assaulting BLP Editor," *Big League Politics*, last modified September 5, 2018, <https://bigleaguepolitics.com/antifa-professor-dwayne-dixon-charged-for-assaulting-blp-editor/>.

Shut It Down

RAM claimed to have participated in a noise demo in New York City on May Day of 2019 with this organization. Virtually nothing is known about the group at this time.¹⁰⁴

Torch Antifa Network

The *Torch Antifa Network* is a national syndicate of anarcho-terrorist organizations and acts as the coalition's centralized networking hub. Organization members are required to adhere to their 5 points of unity.¹⁰⁵ Several chapters of the coalition have committed violent assaults across the country from coast to coast. This includes the beating of Journalist Andy Ngo by members of *Rose City Antifa*,^{106,107} a group still listed as a chapter on the Torch Antifa Network's website,¹⁰⁸ even after admitting to the assault.¹⁰⁹ Another chapter of the Torch Antifa Network who hosted their second annual conference, *Philly Antifa*,^{110,111} assaulted several Marines while hurling racial epithets at them.^{112,113} RAM has coordinated illicit actions with the group^{114,115} and signed a position statement the organization published.¹¹⁶

¹⁰⁴ Revolutionary Abolitionist Movement, *May Day 2019 in NYC*.

¹⁰⁵ Torch Antifa Network, "Points of Unity," *torchantifa.org*, retrieved August 1, 2019, <https://torchantifa.org/points-of-unity/>.

¹⁰⁶ Shelby Talcott, "Rose City Antifa Triumphantly Claims Attack On Andy Ngo As Victory For 'Community Defense'," *The Daily Caller*, last modified July 31, 2019 (1:07 p.m.), <https://dailycaller.com/2019/07/31/rose-city-antifa-claims-attack-andy-ngo/>.

¹⁰⁷ Rose City Antifa, "Getting The Band Back Together: RCA Joins TORCH NETWORK," *rosecityantifa.org*, last modified Nov 30, 2016, <https://rosecityantifa.org/articles/torch-announcement/>.

¹⁰⁸ Torch Antifa Network, "Chapters," *torchantifa.org*, retrieved August 2, 2019, <https://torchantifa.org/chapters/>.

¹⁰⁹ Rose City Antifa, "Statement about June 29, 2019," *rosecityantifa.org*, last modified July 3, 2019, <https://rosecityantifa.org/articles/june-29-statement/>.

¹¹⁰ Torch Antifa Network, "Philly Antifa Join The Torch Network," *torchantifa.org*, last modified December 26, 2013, <https://torchantifa.org/philly-antifa-joins-the-torch-network/>.

¹¹¹ Philly Antifa, "Public Portion of TORCH Conference Schedule Announced," *phillyantifa.org*, last modified September 23, 2015, <https://phillyantifa.org/page/7/>.

¹¹² Victor Fiorillo, "Philly Antifa Activist Tom Keenan Charged in Assault on Marines," *Philadelphia*, last modified November 26, 2018 (1:44 p.m.), <https://www.phillymag.com/news/2018/11/26/philly-antifa-tom-keen-an-marine-attack/>.

¹¹³ Victor Fiorillo, "Marines Testify About the 'Antifa Mob' They Say Attacked Them In Philly," *Philadelphia*, last modified December 13, 2018 (3:54 p.m.), <https://www.phillymag.com/news/2018/12/13/marines-assaulted-philadelphia-keen-an-masse-y-antifa/>.

¹¹⁴ Torch Antifa Network, "#DanAndSpit Action Round Up," *torchantifa.org*, last modified July 5, 2018, <https://torchantifa.org/danandspit-action-round-up/>.

Workers World Party

The Workers World Party is a Communist political party founded by Sam Marcy and was responsible for organizing the toppling of a Confederate statue in Durham, North Carolina in 2017.¹¹⁷ RAM has joined multiple demonstrations organized or attended by the Workers World Party, including their 2017 Times Square Protest,¹¹⁸ the 2017 Puerto Rican Day Parade (NYC),¹¹⁹ the 2017 Unite the Right Rally in Charlottesville,¹²⁰ Virginia and 2019 New York May Day protest.¹²¹

INSPIRATIONS

Black Panthers Party (BPP)

Inspired by men like Stokely Carmichael and Robert Williams, Huey Newton and Bobby Seale founded the Black Panther Party for Self-Defense in 1967. The group rose to prominence overnight due to their iconic uniforms of black leather jackets, turtlenecks, and black berets, as well as their armed confrontations of law enforcement officers. After the two founders were arrested, Newton for engaging in a shootout with police and Seale for an armed attempt to raid the California state capital, the group devolved into chaos and violence.¹²² RAM points to the BPP and its infrastructure as a goal to inspire to.¹²³

¹¹⁵ @RevAbolitionNYC, *Twitter*, July 4, 2018 (3:06 p.m.),

<https://twitter.com/RevAbolitionNYC/status/1014631516981194754>.

¹¹⁶ Torch Antifa Network, "Statement on the Far-Right's Attempt to criminalize Protest of Concentration Camp Deaths and Hate Groups," *torchantifa.org*, last modified July 25, 2019, <https://torchantifa.org/statement-on-the-far-rights-attempt-to-criminalize-protest-of-concentration-camp-deaths-and-hate-groups/>.

¹¹⁷ "Who Are the Workers World Party, the group who helped organize the Durham Confederate Statue Toppling," *ABC Eyewitness News, 11*, last modified August 16, 2017, <https://abc11.com/politics/who-are-the-workers-world-party-and-why-durham/2314577/>.

¹¹⁸ See note 58 above.

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¹²⁰ See notes 54 and 55 above.

¹²¹ See note 65 above.

¹²² Bryan Burrough, "Days of Rage: America's Radical Underground, the FBI, and the Forgotten Age of Revolutionary Violence," (New York: Penguin Press, 2015), 37-52, isbn: [978-1-59420-429-6](https://www.penguin.com/books/978-1-59420-429-6).

¹²³ Revolutionary Abolitionist Movement, *Burn Down the American Plantation*, 38.

Black Liberation Army (BLA)

Several members of the New York chapter of the Black Panther Party formed the Black Liberation Army during the implosion of the latter. This group of black urban guerillas robbed multiple banks and targeted police officers, killing several and wounding others.¹²⁴ RAM both praises and critiques the BLA in their manifesto as “the most recent example of successful autonomous resistance to the state in America...”¹²⁵ and an example of a group that conducted “revolutionary justice.”¹²⁶

Fuerzas Armadas de Liberación Nacional Puertorriqueña (FALN)

A Puerto Rican paramilitary group responsible for a conducting more than 130 bombings in the 70’s and 80’s.¹²⁷ The group killed 4 people and permanently disfigured and injured dozens more.¹²⁸ As cited in RAM’s history, as many as five RAM members celebrated the release of FALN leader Oscar López Rivera, a special guest of the parade, at the 2017 Puerto Rican Pride parade in New York City.

John Brown Gun Club

The John Brown Gun Club is a militant communist paramilitary organization. In may of 2019, a member of the organization was arrested for felony harassment after stalking a member of an American identitarian organization outside his home while brandishing a firearm in Seattle, Washington.¹²⁹ Several months later, Willem van Spronsen, another member of the same chapter was killed after launching an armed attack against an ICE facility in Tacoma, Washington. Spronsen lit a federal vehicle on fire and attempted to blow up an industrial-sized propane tank.^{130,131} RAM

¹²⁴ Burrough, “Days of Rage,” 202, 173-77, 178-79, 210-214.

¹²⁵ Revolutionary Abolitionist Movement, *Burn Down the American Plantation*, 16.

¹²⁶ Revolutionary Abolitionist Movement, 23.

¹²⁷ Laura Lambert, “FALN,” in *The SAGE Encyclopedia of Terrorism*, ed. Gus Martin. (California: SAGE, 2011), 193-194, [ISBN 978-1-41-298016-6](https://doi.org/10.1080/10439862.2011.584166).

¹²⁸ Burrough, “Days of Rage,” 316-19, 321-323, 329-332, 396-397, 459-460, 490.

¹²⁹ Shane Trejo, “Activist with Militant Communist Cell Promoted by CNN Charged with Felony Harassment,” *Big League Politics*, last modified May 13, 2019, <https://bigleaguepolitics.com/activist-with-militant-communist-cell-promoted-by-cnn-charged-with-felony-harassment/>.

¹³⁰ Kristinn Taylor, “Tacoma ICE Facility Terror Attacker IDed as Antifa Activist,” *Gateway Pundit*, last modified July 13, 2019, <https://www.thegatewaypundit.com/2019/07/tacoma-ice-facility-terror-attacker-ided-as-antifa-activist/>.

¹³¹ Mariel Padilla, “Man Attacking ICE Detention Center Is Fatally Shot by Police,” *The New York Times*, last modified July 13, 2019, <https://www.nytimes.com/2019/07/13/us/tacoma-detention-center-shooting.html>.

celebrated the attack as “a proportionate action against enslavers and internment camp operators” and claimed he joined “a long list of fallen anarchist martyrs.”¹³²

United Freedom Front (previously Sam Melvin Jonathan Jackson unit or SMJJ)
Led by Marxist activist and ex-convict Raymond Luc Levasseur in the 1970’s, this terrorist group “robbed banks, engaged in deadly shootouts with police, and bombed courthouses, military installations, and multinational corporations.”¹³³ RAM cites the United Freedom Front’s terrorist activities as an example of “revolutionary justice” that themselves and others should aspire to.¹³⁴

Yekîneyên Parastina Gel (YPG) & Yekîneyên Parastina Jin (YPJ)

Male and female divisions of the anarchist and Kurdish separatist paramilitary. While these groups have become popular recently for their role in fighting ISIS,¹³⁵ they are less well known for fighting the Turkish government as well to create an autonomous anarchic enclave.¹³⁶ RAM has not only mentioned these groups in their manifesto,¹³⁷ but have constantly promoted the groups on social media^{138, 139} and coordinated actions with them.¹⁴⁰

Assata Shakur (JoAnne Chesimard)

The godmother of infamous murdered rapper Topac Shakur, Assata Shakur, once part of the Black Panthers and BLA terrorist organizations, escaped from prison in

¹³² @RevAbolitionist, *Twitter*, July 13, 2019 (5:54 p.m.), <https://twitter.com/RevAbolitionist/status/1150206905840594944>.

¹³³ Burrough, 408.

¹³⁴ Revolutionary Abolitionist Movement, *Burn Down the American Plantation*, 23.

¹³⁵ Avaneesh Pandey, “Three Americans Join Kurdish Forces to Fight ISIS,” *International Business Times*, last modified October 3, 2014 (7:14 a.m.), <https://www.ibtimes.com/three-americans-join-kurdish-forces-fight-isis-1698950>.

¹³⁶ James F. Jeffrey and David Pollock, “How to Stop the War Between Turkey and the Syrian Kurds,” *Foreign Policy*, last modified January 25, 2018 (1:48 p.m.), <https://foreignpolicy.com/2018/01/25/how-to-stop-the-war-between-turkey-and-the-syrian-kurds/>.

¹³⁷ Revolutionary Abolitionist Movement, *Burn Down the American Plantation*, 17-18.

¹³⁸ @RevAbolitionist, *Twitter*, May 5, 2019 (11:40 a.m.), <https://twitter.com/RevAbolitionist/status/1125107967358132227>.

¹³⁹ @RevAbolitionist, *Twitter*, May 5, 2019 (8:00 a.m.), <https://twitter.com/RevAbolitionist/status/1125052722582118401>.

¹⁴⁰ Revolutionary Abolitionist Movement, “RAM & Kurdish Group Coordinates Actions in Solidarity with Afrin,” *It’s Going Down*, last modified March 1, 2018, <https://itsgoingdown.org/revolutionary-abolitionist-movement-solidarity-actions-afrin/>.

1979 while serving a life sentence for the murder of a law enforcement officer and severely injuring another. Shakur managed to escape to Cuba after being freed by a group called The Family,¹⁴¹ where she now lives in Havana to avoid extradition back to the US.¹⁴² In RAM's manifesto, Assata Shakur is labeled a "Black Liberation Army militant"¹⁴³ and a "BLA guerrilla"¹⁴⁴ while simultaneously claiming she was innocent of the charges brought against her and praising her escape from prison.

Zayd Shakur (James Coston)

Zayd Shakur became a prominent member of both the Black Panthers and the BLA and was killed in a shootout with state officials after opening fire on a New Jersey turnpike. During the exchange he was shot in the chest and died.¹⁴⁵ He conspired with, and carried out multiple attempts to kill law enforcement officers with BLA members Assata Shakur, Melvin Kearney, and Freddie Hilton.¹⁴⁶ In their manifesto, RAM claims that the death of Zayd Shakur was the result of "intense repression during COINTELPRO."¹⁴⁷

Mumia Abu Jamal (Wesley Cook)

A convicted cop killer sentenced to death after his 1982 trial for shooting officer Daniel Faulkner after the Faulkner pulled over his brother for driving the wrong way on a one-way street. The sentence was later overturned to life without the possibility of parole.¹⁴⁸ In the introduction of RAM's manifesto, the group quotes

¹⁴¹ Burrough, "Days of Rage," 474-479.

¹⁴² Achy Obejas, "Why Cuba Will Never Send Assata Shakur to the U.S.," *Chicago Tribune*, last modified December 29, 2014 (4:58 p.m.), <https://www.chicagotribune.com/opinion/commentary/ct-cuba-assata-shakur-fbi-america-obama-perspec-1230-20141229-story.html>.

¹⁴³ Revolutionary Abolitionist Movement, *Burn Down the American Plantation*, 30.

¹⁴⁴ Revolutionary Abolitionist Movement, 9.

¹⁴⁵ Special Agent Michael Whitaker, "Joanne Chesimard, Convicted Murderer and Fugitive, Named to FBI Most Wanted Terrorist List, with \$1 Million FBI Reward Offered for Information Leading to Her Capture and Return," *FBI*, last modified May 2, 2013, <https://archives.fbi.gov/archives/newark/press-releases/2013/joanne-chesimard-convicted-murderer-and-fugitive-named-to-fbi-most-wanted-terrorists-list-with-1-million-fbi-reward-offered-for-information-leading-to-her-capture-and-return>.

¹⁴⁶ Burrough, "Days of Rage," 240-249.

¹⁴⁷ Revolutionary Abolitionist Movement, *Burn Down the American Plantation*, 30.

¹⁴⁸ Timothy Williams, "Execution Case Dropped Against Abu-Jamal," *The New York Times*, last modified December 7, 2011, <https://www.nytimes.com/2011/12/08/us/execution-case-dropped-against-convicted-cop-killer.html>.

Jumal glowingly¹⁴⁹ and members were seen marching with Black Panther members holding pictures of Jumal at the Puerto Rican Day Parade in New York City.^{150, 151}

Kuwasi Balagoon (Donald Weems)

A violent Black anarcho-terrorist who held membership in various terrorist organizations such as the Black Panthers and the BLA. Weems' illicit activities landed him in prison on multiple occasions. He was eventually convicted of murder during what is known as the "Brinks robbery,"¹⁵² an armored car heist where he helped kill a money courier and two police officers when seizing 1.3 million dollars.¹⁵³ Weems is less well known for his revolutionary writings, which have been added to a compilation of anarchist works entitled "The Kuwasi Balagoon Liberation School" in his honor. This ebook, used by RAM in addition to their own manifesto, is used to indoctrinate new members into violent anarchist ideologies at their headquarters in Brooklyn.^{154, 155, 156}

Oscar López Rivera

Convicted terrorist who served 36 years in prison for his leading role with the FALN. RAM celebrated his pardon by President Barack Hussein Obama at the 2017 Puerto Rican Day Parade in New York City, a parade that Rivera himself was heralded with a hero's welcome.¹⁵⁷ As cited in RAM's history, as many as five RAM members celebrated the release of FALN leader Oscar López Rivera at the 2017 Puerto Rican Pride parade in New York City.

¹⁴⁹ Revolutionary Abolitionist Movement, *Burn Down the American Plantation*, 3.

¹⁵⁰ See note 50 above.

¹⁵¹ See note 51 above.

¹⁵² Associated Press, "THE CITY; Defendant Guilty In 2nd Brink's Case," *The New York Times*, last modified October 24, 1984, <https://www.nytimes.com/1984/10/24/nyregion/the-city-defendant-guilty-in-2d-brink-s-case.html>.

¹⁵³ Burrough, "Days of Rage," 500-503.

¹⁵⁴ Kalil, "Kuwasi Balagoon Liberation School – RAM Intro," *thebasebk.org*, last modified October 1, 2018, <https://thebasebk.org/kuwasi-balagoon-liberation-school-ram-intro/>.

¹⁵⁵ The Brooklyn Base, "Brooklyn, NY: Kuwasi Balagoon Liberation School Launches," *It's Going Down*, last modified March 27, 2017, <https://itsgoingdown.org/brooklyn-ny-kuwasi-balagoon-liberation-school-launches/>.

¹⁵⁶ "Resources," The Kuwasi Balagoon Liberation School, accessed April 23, 2019, <https://kuwasibalagoon.org/resources.html>.

¹⁵⁷ Associated Press, "Oscar Lopez Rivera Booed and Cheered at New York's Puerto Rican Day Parade," *CBS News*, last modified June 11, 2017 (10:42 p.m.), <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/oscar-lopez-rivera-new-york-puerto-rican-day-parade/>.

Weather Underground

The Weather Underground was an anarcho-communist terrorist organization formed by the leadership of the Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) in 1969 that began with the Days of Rage riots. These riots, included among other things, members exposing their genitalia to minors¹⁵⁸ and culminated in a decade-long bombing campaign.¹⁵⁹ In their manifesto, RAM discuss the gains their movement has made in the 1960's and 70's, and how the Weather Underground gained experience and coordinated effectively.¹⁶⁰

PUBLICATIONS

Burn Down The American Plantation: A Call For A Revolutionary Abolitionist Movement

This short manifesto was launched by RAM June 2, 2017 and details their ideology and violent strategies to create anarchic enclaves. The book was published by *Combustion Books* May 17, 2017 and is currently sold by AK Press. An eBook has been disseminated for free by RAM and other affiliate websites such as *It's Going Down*.

CONCLUSION

According to our research, the Revolutionary Abolitionist Movement is highly dangerous, with the potential and motive to commit serious acts of terrorism. *The William McKinley Institute for the Study of Anarcho-Terrorism* recommends that authorities designate this organization a criminal gang based on their activity typifying U.S. Code §521(a).¹⁶¹ Their open conspiracy to overthrow the United

¹⁵⁸ Burrough, "Days of Rage," 74.

¹⁵⁹ Burrough, 136, 223.

¹⁶⁰ Revolutionary Abolitionist Movement, *Burn Down the American Plantation*, 38.

¹⁶¹ "U.S. Code § 521. Criminal street gangs," *Cornell Law School*, accessed May 5, 2019, <https://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/text/18/521>.

States government alone rises to the level of criminality.¹⁶² It is very clear from their writings and interviews that they intent to wage a violent revolution. Charlottesville was one example of such intent placed into action. It may also be possible that members have attempted to use their connections with foreign groups to gain weapons training or explosives manufacturing techniques to wage war against the state and ideological opponents. Any information about this group should be provided to authorities in addition to this document. Extreme caution should be taken if contact is made with its members.

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Glossary

Affinity Groups

A small cell of tightly knit friends who form the equivalent of a fire team in military terms.

Black Bloc

A mobbing tactic where participants wear all black in an attempt to blend in with the mob and evade arrest for criminal acts of vandalism or violence towards political opponents.

By Any Means Necessary

The willingness to accomplish one's political goals using every tactic available, including violence.

De-arrest

Any attempt to free an individual during an active arrest by authorities.

Direct Action

Any form of physical confrontation, both violent and non-violent, to thwart an opponent.

Diversity of Tactics

The acceptance of a range of tactics, both violent and non-violent, to be used in concert to achieve one's political ends.

Noise Demo(nstration)

An activist technique where participants make as much noise as possible. This can include banging on drums or pots, whistles, fireworks, air horns, or shouting to silence opposition from being heard or to let one's presence be known.

Points of Unity

Points of agreement that an ideologically heterogenous coalition can unify around.

Radical (Revolutionary) Justice

Vigilante violence utilized against one's political opponents viewed as morally justifiable.

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