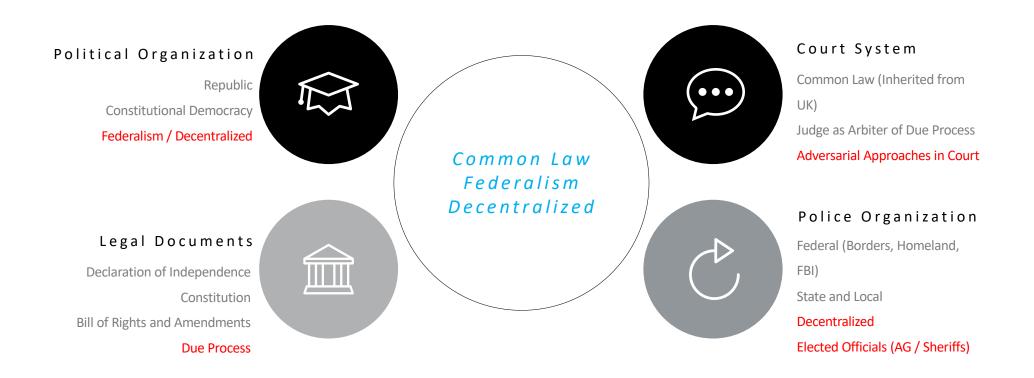
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## US Criminal Justice System and Police Organization



# US Bill of Rights and Amendments

- Only free white men guaranteed rights (1789)
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment: Well-Regulated Militia and Right to Bear Arms
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Amendment: Freedom against Unreasonable Search and Seizure
  - 5th-8th Amendments: Due Process
- Emancipation Proclamation (1862)
  - 13<sup>th</sup> Amendment: Abolishes slavery (1865)
  - 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment: Defines citizenship, due process, equal protection (1868)
  - 24<sup>th</sup> Amendment: Abolished poll tax (voting rights) (1962)
  - Civil Rights Act (1964)

### Militarization of Police Forces in US

#### Transnational Organized Crime and Terrorism

Increasingly complex and violent offenders

Task Forces: Federal / Local and diversion of community policing resources

#### Neoliberal Rhetoric

"War on Crime" / "War on Drugs" Plays on populist fears Increase in sentencing minimums / carceral punishments for low level

crimes



Neo-Liberalism Criminalization "School Resource Officers"



### "Broken Windows"

Decline in community policing Increase in low level arrests Over-policing

Disproportionate impact on minority populations



Agencies Act 1990 1033 Program

NDAA military surplus to local

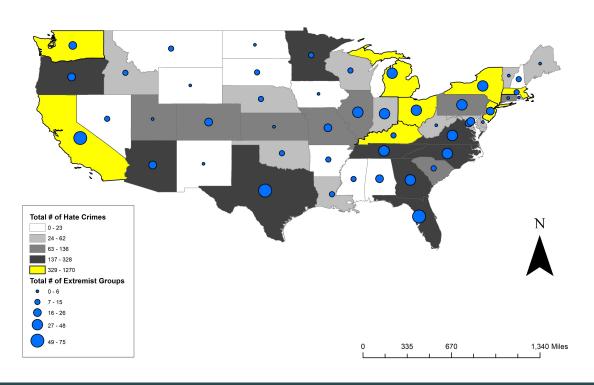
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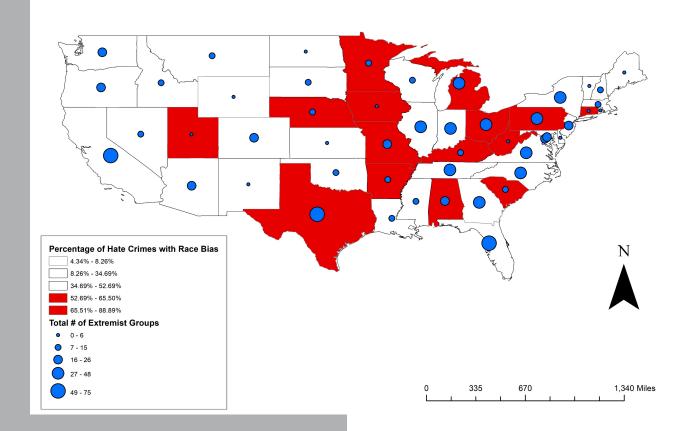
# White Supremacy and Hate Crimes

- Lack of dedicated local police forces to hate crimes except in limited areas (such as NYC)
- White supremacist infiltration of police / military
- Spread of extremist ideologies online / social media
- 6 April 2020 Designation of RIM (Russian Imperial Movement) as SDGT (specially designated global terrorist) movement





## Concentration of SPLC Extremist Groups by State and States with Majority of Hate Crimes with Race or Ethnic Bias in 2017



## Suggested Resources

- Southern Poverty Law Center: <a href="https://www.splcenter.org/hatewatch">https://www.splcenter.org/hatewatch</a>
- Anti-Defamation League: <a href="https://www.adl.org/adl-hate-crime-map">https://www.adl.org/adl-hate-crime-map</a>
- FBI Hate Crimes Data: <a href="https://www.fbi.gov/investigate/civil-rights/hate-crimes">https://www.fbi.gov/investigate/civil-rights/hate-crimes</a>
- White Fragility <a href="http://www.beacon.org/White-Fragility-P1631.aspx">http://www.beacon.org/White-Fragility-P1631.aspx</a>

## Thank You

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