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Threat Insight: White Identity-Motivated Violent Extremism in New Zealand

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- This Threat Insight provides an overview of the core motivations of White Identity-Motivated Violent Extremism (W-IMVE) globally. This assessment seeks to provide CTAG stakeholders with an understanding of likely thematic targets for W-IMVE attacks in New Zealand and the west.
- CTAG has moderate confidence in its assessments, which are informed by a large body of credible open source material, and our understanding of White Identity Extremism and the W-IMVE presence in New Zealand and abroad.

Key judgements

- W-IMVE is the violent end of the White Identity Extremism spectrum – an ultra-conservative ideology, opposed to progressive change from a past perceived ideal dominated by white, European-descended heterosexual males.
- Adherents of W-IMVE seek to portray themselves as defending three main thematic areas – ethnicity, society, and economy – which they believe they currently control.
- Legitimate attack targets for W-IMVEs include individuals and communities they view as challenging their perceived dominance or benefitting from progressive change.
- W-IMVEs view such individuals or communities as either targets for eradication – forced removal or elimination – or subjugation through political or physical means.
- W-IMVE in New Zealand is highly individualistic, and there is no indication of an organised W-IMVE group in New Zealand.
- The diffuse nature of the New Zealand W-IMVE landscape, particularly in the online space, can pose a challenge to investigation and interdiction of such terrorist threats.