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gov/ Reference The Charlottesville incident marks one of many domestic terrorism that have taken place on American soil since the heightened international terrorism attacks of 9-11. These acts of terrorism on American soil continue to cause fear and a heightened sense of alert amongst the general public, especially since they are becoming more frequent than not. It is important to learn from mistakes within DHS and agencies to strengthen law enforcement and agency protocols in an attempt for an effective reaction towards domestic terrorism incidents. Effective control measures would better control chaos and eliminate casualties and injuries as well as stress. The agencies initially involved included state and local police. Police involvement was present, however, the incident unfolded their lack of preparation to handle these types of incidents.

In earlier days prior to the rally, The Department of Homeland Security issued a warning to law enforcement authorities indicating “ an escalating series of clashes had making the event “ among the most violent to date” between white supremacists and anarchists” (POLITICO). Local, state and federal authorities were aware of details in this report. The report provided two other instances where these opposing groups which confirmed anti-f, found themselves in violent altercations.

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The fact these two groups were already involved in similar altercations, should have increased effective security measures. Instead, police were criticized on the way they handled the incident. Communication was not carried through. The incident in itself could have been prevented if law enforcement blocked off intersections when knowing the type of rally that was to take place. Poor tactics were exercised to separate protesters and counterprotesters.

Law enforcement proved their tactics were not efficient in handling the enraged crowd. The United States Attorney for the Western District of Virginia, the F. B.

I and the Departments of Civil Rights Division, as a civil rights investigation has further established to seek further details into the incident. By labeling this incident as an act of terrorism, a more thorough investigation could be conducted. One can argue this incident can also be labeled a hate crime due to the nature of the protests and his direct actions of driving into the crowd of counter protesters, which appeared to be have members of the anti-fascism or "antifa" group involved. Prior to the start of the "Unite the Right March", members of the black lives matter, anti-racist action and showing up for racial justice groups were involved in violent acts against the white nationalists. Altercations became very violent and as a result the rally was deemed unlawful by authorities and shutdown.

Through video coverage, the violence supporting the presence of antifamembers includes their wearing of bandanas and showing up to multiple protests against everything that promotes inequality, prejudice and <https://assignbuster.com/> <http://www.charlottesville.org/home/showdocument?id=59615-the-rally-the-department-of-homeland-security/>

oppression. The fact that the group of people Mr. Field's Jr drove his car into, happened to be a mixture of members of black lives matter or even antifa, can very well steer this incident as a hate crime. The Charlottesville incident in my opinion, would be categorized as domestic terrorism, however, it can borderline be a hate crime.

As we look at the events leading to the incident, the facts that stand are, white nationalist and groups including " KKK' and neo-Nazis planned to gather on 12 August 2017 for a " Unite the Right March" in Charlottesville. These protesters gathered to voice their opposition to local officials about the removing of the confederates top general, Robert E. Lee from the Emancipation Park in Charlottesville. That in itself signifies a political event that was taking place and the reason that sparked controversy amongst opposing groups. As the day progressed, Mr.

James Alex Fields, Jr. drove his vehicle willingly and knowingly plowed into a group of counter protesters. His vehicle not only hit the protesters along the way but also plowed into another vehicle, causing fear and intimidation amongst the civilian population in the event. His actions killed one person and injured 19 people, causing destruction and assassination. Mr. Fields Jr, could have very well injured or killed several more people if the other vehicle in which he plowed into, was not there. Domestic terrorism has become a major threat in the United States.

It is a silent and unseen threat that can affect our public safety in our own soil. While many people may say international terrorist's acts such as the attacks on 9-11, are the highest form of threat towards the United States, <https://assignbuster.com/>  
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domestic terrorism is just as big of a threat. Domestic terrorism often goes unnoticed until terrorist attacks take place at a moment's notice, making them extremely dangerous. The dictionary defines domestic terrorism as acts that are dangerous to human life and are a violation of the criminal laws in the United States. These acts appear to be intended to intimidate a civilian population. Domestic terrorism acts are influenced by policy of a government by and carried through by intimidation and affects the conduct of a government by mass destruction and assassination. Charlottesville Incident 3.

The Department of Homeland Security classifies the Antifa group as domestic terrorists. Is there any evidence that Antifa was involved? If not terrorism, what was it? 2. Which federal and state agencies were involved with this incident? Comment on interagency cooperation. 1. Does the Charlottesville incident meet the definition of terrorism? Be specific. August 12, 2017, Charlottesville, VA. A man intentionally slammed his car into a group of protesters, killing a woman and injuring others.

Watch Cell Phone Video Shows Deadly VA. Crash. As you look at the video, think about other recent attacks on civilians using vehicles as weapons. Consider what you know of the assailants' mental and emotional make-up at moment of attack. Determine in your own mind if this is domestic terrorism, a hate crime, a crime perpetrated at the spur of the moment. Charlottesville Killing: An Act of Terrorism? 21 Dec 2017 Professor Payne, Dr.

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