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## Introduction/ Background

5 Elements of Terrorism Political Agenda Tactic: Violence Target: Civilians Publicity **Non-State Actors** 



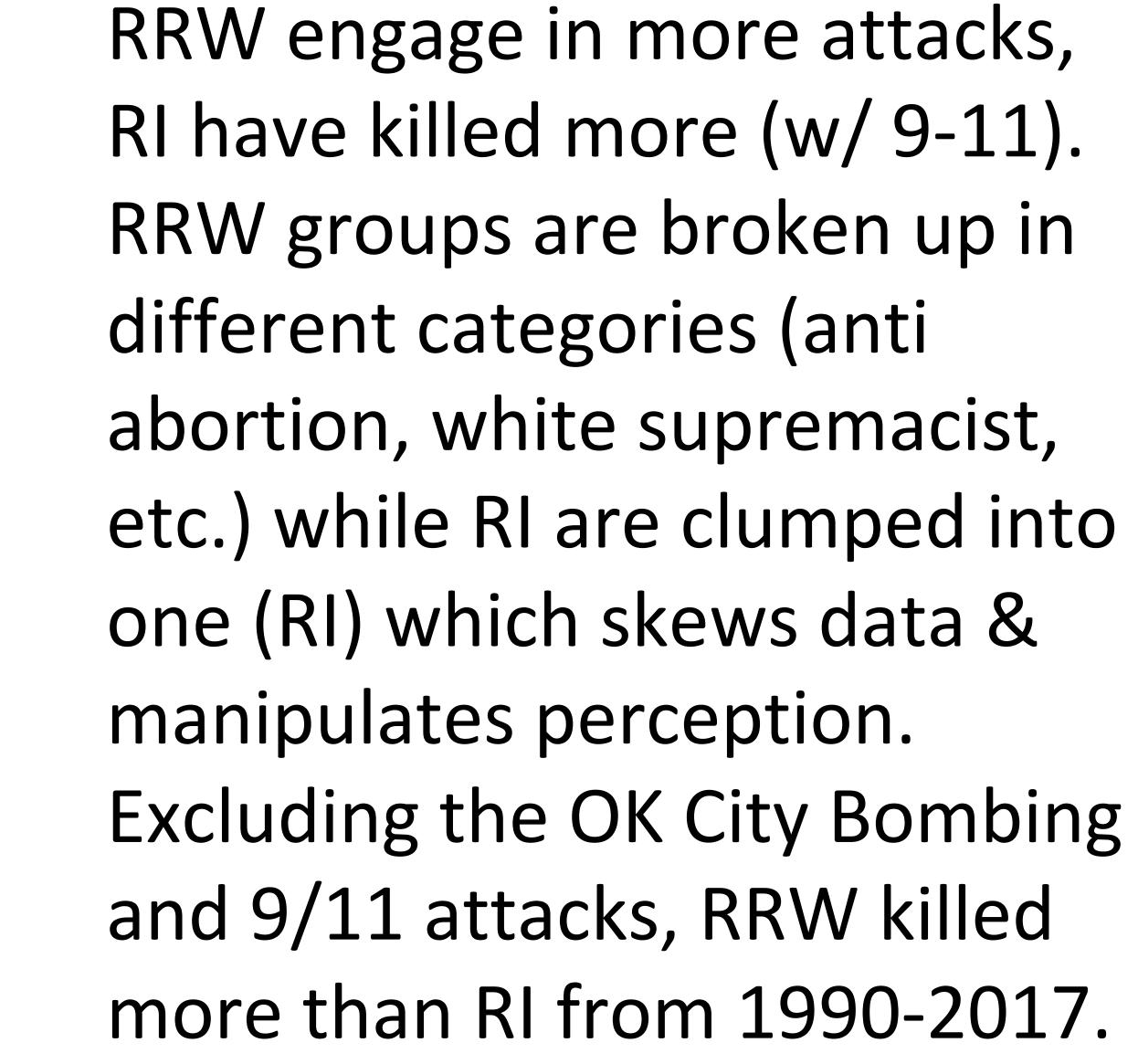
## **Purpose/Method**

Conducted to analyze US perspective/actions of these groups. Compare: Ideology, Motives, Attack Methods, Demographic Profile, Structure and Communication Method.

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## **Results/Findings**

Characteristic	Radical Right (RRW)
Ideology and Motives	Pure Christians, Anti- gov. women, diversity. Racial purification
Attack Method	Mostly firearms & explosives
Demo. Profile	White Christian males, lower socio- economic and less educated
Structure	No hierarchy, decentralized
Communication	Internet



Radical Islamic	
(RI)	

Pure Muslims, Anti-modernity/ westernization. Racial purification

Mostly explosives & firearms

Younger, single men, middle/ upper middle class, and more education

Hierarchical, decentralized

Various

# **US Response**

**RI:** Global War on Terror, DHS, Patriot Act, Stricter Airport Regulations Travel Bans, etc. **RRW:** Nothing Significant



Conclusion RRW and RI groups are nearly identical and fall under the same terrorism category but the US has taken extensive measures against RI and has not against RRW even though local law enforcement say that RRW terrorism is more of a threat to communities than RI; other data and findings of this study concur.

