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To counter White identity terrorism globally, and for other purposes.

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Mr. DEUTCH introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To counter White identity terrorism globally, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. FINDINGS.**

4 Congress finds the following:

5 (1) “White Identity Terrorism” is the term
6 used by the Department of State to encompass
7 White nationalist and White supremacist terrorists.
8 Individuals who adhere to White nationalist and
9 White supremacist ideologies share a common belief

1 that White people and “White identity” in western
2 countries are under siege and pursue the destruction
3 of pluralistic values intrinsic to the American way of
4 life.

5 (2) The Global Terrorism Database and cor-
6 responding Global Terrorism Index has recorded a
7 rise in the number and lethality of White identity
8 terrorist incidents over the past decade domestically
9 and internationally.

10 (3) Various individuals, networks, and organiza-
11 tions fall under the umbrella of the global White
12 identity terrorist movement, whose adherents are be-
13 coming increasingly internationalized, with fighters
14 and terrorist ideology moving across borders.

15 (4) Irresponsible social media site are enabling
16 the internationalization of the White identity ter-
17 rorist movement in terms of organization and re-
18 cruitment. State and nonstate actors have helped to
19 build a global, online White identity terrorist echo
20 chamber, including by translating terrorist mani-
21 festos and promoting other violent extremist content.
22 This includes countries using troll farms to exacer-
23 bate fears of immigrants, Muslims, Jews, and other
24 minorities in western countries among potentially
25 sympathetic audiences.

1 (5) There is evidence that adherents of the
2 White identity movement in the United States are
3 increasingly traveling overseas for training, further
4 contributing to the internationalization of White
5 identity terrorism. Jihadist experiences in Afghani-
6 stan, Iraq, and Syria highlight the dangers that such
7 individuals can pose because of the connections and
8 capabilities they bring with them when they return
9 home.

10 (6) The global White identity terrorist move-
11 ment has manifested a decentralized organizational
12 approach that encourages individuals to operate
13 independently from one another and execute ter-
14 rorist attacks on their own. This approach poses
15 challenges to law enforcement efforts to track, mon-
16 itor, and disrupt planned violence. In the same way
17 that Islamist terrorists have looked to figures in al-
18 Qaeda and the Islamic State, White identity terror-
19 ists draw on one another for inspiration.

20 (7) The growing global interconnectivity of the
21 White identity terrorist movement means that the
22 United States must confront this threat as part of
23 an integrated, whole-of-government approach.

1 **SEC. 2. COUNTERING WHITE IDENTITY TERRORISM GLOB-**
2 **ALLY.**

3 (a) STRATEGY AND COORDINATION.—Not later than
4 six months after the date of the enactment of this Act,
5 the Secretary of State shall—

6 (1) develop and submit to the Committee on
7 Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives and
8 the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate
9 a Department of State-wide strategy entitled the
10 “Department of State Strategy for Countering
11 White Identity Terrorism Globally” (in this section
12 referred to as the “strategy”); and

13 (2) designate the Coordinator for Counterter-
14 rorism of the Department to coordinate Department
15 efforts to counter White identity terrorism globally,
16 including with United States diplomatic and con-
17 sular posts, the Director of the National Counterter-
18 rorism Center, the Director of the Central Intel-
19 ligence Agency, the Attorney General, the Director
20 of National Intelligence, the Secretary of Homeland
21 Security, the Director of the Federal Bureau of In-
22 vestigation, the Secretary of the Treasury, and the
23 heads of any other relevant Federal departments or
24 agencies.

25 (b) ELEMENTS.—The strategy shall at a minimum
26 contain the following:

1 (1) An assessment of the global threat from
2 White identity terrorism abroad, including geo-
3 graphic or country prioritization based on the as-
4 sessed threat to the United States.

5 (2) A description of the coordination mecha-
6 nisms between relevant bureaus and offices within
7 the Department of State, as well as with United
8 States diplomatic and consular posts, for developing
9 and implementing efforts to counter White identity
10 terrorism.

11 (3) A description of how the Department plans
12 to build on any existing strategy developed by the
13 Bureau for Counterterrorism to—

14 (A) adapt or expand existing Department
15 programs, projects, activities, or policy instru-
16 ments based on existing authorities for the spe-
17 cific purpose of degrading and delegitimizing
18 the White identity terrorist movement globally;
19 and

20 (B) identify the need for any new Depart-
21 ment programs, projects, activities, or policy in-
22 struments for the specific purpose of degrading
23 and delegitimizing the White identity terrorist
24 movement globally, including a description of
25 the steps and resources necessary to establish

1 any such programs, projects, activities, or policy
2 instruments, noting whether such steps would
3 require new authorities.

4 (4) Detailed plans for using public diplomacy,
5 including the efforts of the Secretary of State and
6 other senior executive branch officials, including the
7 President, to degrade and delegitimize White identity
8 terrorist ideologues and ideology globally, including
9 by—

10 (A) countering White identity terrorist
11 messaging and supporting efforts to redirect potential
12 supporters away from White identity terrorist content
13 online;

14 (B) exposing foreign government support
15 for White identity terrorist ideologies, objectives,
16 ideologues, networks, organizations, and internet
17 platforms;

18 (C) engaging with foreign governments and
19 internet service providers and other relevant
20 technology entities, to prevent or limit White
21 identity terrorists from exploiting internet platforms
22 in furtherance of or in preparation for
23 acts of terrorism or other targeted violence, as
24 well as the recruitment, radicalization, and in-

1 doctrination of new adherents to White identity
2 terrorism; and

3 (D) identifying the roles and responsibil-
4 ities for the Office of the Under Secretary for
5 Public Affairs and Public Diplomacy and the
6 Global Engagement Center in developing and
7 implementing such plans.

8 (5) An outline of steps the Department is tak-
9 ing or will take in coordination, as appropriate, with
10 the Director of the National Counterterrorism Cen-
11 ter, the Director of the Central Intelligence Agency,
12 the Attorney General, the Director of National Intel-
13 ligence, the Secretary of Homeland Security, the Di-
14 rector of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the
15 Secretary of the Treasury, and the heads of any
16 other relevant Federal departments or agencies to
17 improve information and intelligence sharing with
18 other countries on White identity terrorism based on
19 existing authorities by—

20 (A) describing plans for adapting or ex-
21 panding existing mechanisms for sharing infor-
22 mation, intelligence, or counterterrorism best
23 practices, including facilitating the sharing of
24 information, intelligence, or counterterrorism

1 best practices gathered by Federal, State, and
2 local law enforcement; and

3 (B) proposing new mechanisms or forums
4 that might enable expanded sharing of informa-
5 tion, intelligence, or counterterrorism best prac-
6 tices.

7 (6) An outline of how the Department plans to
8 use designation as a Specially Designated Global
9 Terrorist (under Executive Order 13224 (50 U.S.C.
10 1701 note)) and foreign terrorist organization (pur-
11 suant to section 219 of the Immigration and Nation-
12 ality Act (8 U.S.C. 1189)) to support the strategy,
13 including—

14 (A) an assessment and explanation of the
15 utility of applying or not applying such designa-
16 tions when individuals or entities satisfy the cri-
17 teria for such designations; and

18 (B) a description of possible remedies if
19 such criteria are insufficient to enable designa-
20 tion of any individuals or entities the Secretary
21 of State considers a potential terrorist threat to
22 the United States.

23 (7) A description of the Department's plans, in
24 consultation with the Department of the Treasury,
25 to work with foreign governments, financial institu-

1 tions, and other related entities to counter the fi-
2 nancing of White identity terrorists within the pa-
3 rameters of current law, or if no such plans exist,
4 a description of why.

5 (8) A description of how the Department plans
6 to implement the strategy in conjunction with ongo-
7 ing efforts to counter the Islamic State, al-Qaeda,
8 and other terrorist threats to the United States.

9 (9) A description of how the Department will
10 integrate into the strategy lessons learned in the on-
11 going efforts to counter the Islamic State, al-Qaeda,
12 and other terrorist threats to the United States.

13 (10) A identification of any additional resources
14 or staff needed to implement the strategy.

15 (c) INTERAGENCY COORDINATION.—The Secretary of
16 State shall develop the strategy in coordination with the
17 Director of the National Counterterrorism Center and in
18 consultation with the Director of the Central Intelligence
19 Agency, the Attorney General, the Director of National
20 Intelligence, the Secretary of Homeland Security, the Di-
21 rector of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Sec-
22 retary of the Treasury, and the heads of any other rel-
23 evant Federal departments or agencies.

24 (d) STAKEHOLDER INCLUSION.—The strategy shall
25 be developed in consultation with representatives of

1 United States and international civil society and academic
2 entities with experience researching or implementing pro-
3 grams to counter White identity terrorism.

4 (e) FORM.—The strategy shall be submitted in un-
5 classified form that can be made available to the public,
6 but may include a classified annex if the Secretary of
7 State determines such is appropriate.

8 (f) IMPLEMENTATION.—Not later than three months
9 after the submission of the strategy, the Secretary of State
10 shall begin implementing the strategy.

11 (g) CONSULTATION.—Not later than 90 days after
12 the date of the enactment of this Act and not less often
13 than annually thereafter, the Secretary of State shall con-
14 sult with the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House
15 of Representatives and the Committee on Foreign Rela-
16 tions of the Senate regarding the development and imple-
17 mentation of the strategy.

18 **SEC. 3. COUNTRY REPORTS ON TERRORISM.**

19 The Secretary of State shall incorporate all credible
20 information about White identity terrorism, including re-
21 garding relevant attacks, the identification of perpetrators
22 and victims of such attacks, the size and identification of
23 organizations and networks, and the identification of nota-
24 ble ideologues, in the annual country reports on terrorism
25 submitted pursuant to section 140 of the Foreign Rela-

1 tions Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 1988 and 1989 (22
2 U.S.C. 2656f).

3 **SEC. 4. REPORT ON SANCTIONS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 120 days and
5 again 240 days after the submission of each annual coun-
6 try report on terrorism submitted pursuant to section 140
7 of the Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Years
8 1988 and 1989 (22 U.S.C. 2656f), as modified in accord-
9 ance with section 3 of this Act, the President shall submit
10 to the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Rep-
11 resentatives and the Committee on Foreign Relations of
12 the Senate a report that determines whether the foreign
13 persons, organizations, and networks identified in such an-
14 nual country reports on terrorism as so modified, satisfy
15 the criteria to be designated as—

16 (1) foreign terrorist organizations under section
17 219 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8
18 U.S.C. 1189); or

19 (2) Specially Designated Global Terrorist under
20 Executive Order 13224 (50 U.S.C. 1701 note).

21 (b) FORM.—Each determination required under sub-
22 section (a) shall be submitted in unclassified form, but
23 may include a classified annex, if appropriate.

1 **SEC. 5. REQUIREMENT FOR INDEPENDENT STUDY TO MAP**
2 **THE GLOBAL WHITE IDENTITY TERRORISM**
3 **MOVEMENT.**

4 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than 60 days after the
5 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State
6 shall enter into a contract with a federally funded research
7 and development center with appropriate expertise and an-
8 alytical capability to carry out the study described in sub-
9 section (b).

10 (b) **STUDY.**—The study described in this subsection
11 shall provide for a comprehensive social network analysis
12 of the global White identity terrorism movement to—

13 (1) identify key actors, organizations, and sup-
14 porting infrastructure; and

15 (2) map the relationships and interactions be-
16 tween such actors, organizations, and supporting in-
17 frastructure.

18 (c) **REPORT.**—

19 (1) **TO THE SECRETARY.**—Not later than one
20 year after the date on which the Secretary of State
21 enters into a contract pursuant to subsection (a),
22 the federally funded research and development cen-
23 ter referred to in such subsection that has entered
24 into such contract with the Secretary shall submit to
25 the Secretary a report containing the results of the
26 study required under this section.

1 (2) TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 30 days
2 after receipt of the report under paragraph (1), the
3 Secretary of State shall submit to the Committee of
4 Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives and
5 the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate
6 such report, together with any additional views or
7 recommendations of the Secretary.

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