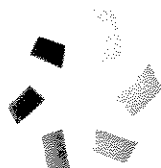


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Introduction

This FBI file provides an excellent case study of the tracking of a hate group by the federal government. A group of right-wing extremists, the Posse Comitatus, was formed in Oregon in the early 1970s. Established as a group of citizens "voluntarily acting in the name of the local sheriff to enforce the law," it targeted Jews, African Americans, and government officials above the rank of sheriff as objects of its hatred. The Posse held the federal government in contempt as illegitimate, recognized lawful authority only on the county level, and advocated tax rebellion. The file covers the period 1973-1977 and 1980-1996. It contains copies of hate literature, details of a bombing, and notes from several income tax evasion trials.

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