

Hearing Before the Committee on Homeland Security: Examining the Threat of Domestic Terrorism in the United States

On Wednesday, May 25, 2022, the Committee on Homeland Security held a hearing entitled "Examining the Threat of Domestic Terrorism in the United States." The hearing examined the threat of domestic terrorism in the United States, including the motivations and tactics of domestic terrorists, the challenges law enforcement faces in preventing and responding to domestic terrorism, and the role of government, law enforcement, and communities in countering domestic terrorism.



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The hearing was chaired by Chairman Bennie G. Thompson (D-MS) and Ranking Member John Katko (R-NY). The following witnesses testified at the hearing:

- The Honorable Alejandro N. Mayorkas, Secretary of Homeland Security
- The Honorable Christopher A. Wray, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation
- The Honorable Todd H. Robinson, Inspector General of the Department of Homeland Security
- Mr. Brian Michael Jenkins, Senior Advisor to the President of the RAND Corporation
- Ms. Asha Rangappa, Professor of Law at Yale Law School

In his opening statement, Chairman Thompson said that the hearing was "an important opportunity to examine the threat of domestic terrorism in the United States and to discuss what we can do to prevent and respond to this threat." He said that the threat of domestic terrorism is "real and growing" and that it is "a threat that we must take seriously."

Ranking Member Katko said in his opening statement that "the threat of domestic terrorism is one of the most serious threats facing our country today." He said that "we must do everything we can to prevent and respond to this threat" and that "we must work together to keep our communities safe."

The witnesses testified about a variety of topics related to domestic terrorism, including the motivations and tactics of domestic terrorists, the challenges law enforcement faces in preventing and responding to domestic terrorism, and the role of government, law enforcement, and communities in countering domestic terrorism.

Secretary Mayorkas said that the Department of Homeland Security is "committed to countering the threat of domestic terrorism" and that the department is "working to prevent and respond to this threat in a variety of ways." He said that the department is "working to improve our intelligence collection and analysis capabilities" and that the department is "working to strengthen our partnerships with state and local law enforcement." He said that the department is also "working to address the root causes of domestic terrorism" and that the department is "working to build resilience in our communities."

Director Wray said that the FBI is "committed to investigating and disrupting domestic terrorism threats" and that the FBI is "working to prevent and respond to this threat in a variety of ways." He said that the FBI is "working to improve our intelligence collection and analysis capabilities" and that the FBI is "working to strengthen our partnerships with state and local law enforcement." He said that the FBI is also "working to address the root causes of domestic terrorism" and that the FBI is "working to build resilience in our communities."

Inspector General Robinson said that the Department of Homeland Security "has made progress in countering the threat of domestic terrorism" but that "there is still more work to be done." He said that the department "needs to improve its intelligence collection and analysis capabilities" and that the department "needs to strengthen its partnerships with state and local law enforcement." He said that the department also "needs to address the root causes of domestic terrorism" and that the department "needs to build resilience in our communities."

Mr. Jenkins said that "the threat of domestic terrorism is real and growing" and that "we need to do more to prevent and respond to this threat." He said that we need to "improve our intelligence collection and analysis capabilities" and that we need to "strengthen our partnerships with state and local law enforcement." He said that we also need to "address the root causes of domestic terrorism" and that we need to "build resilience in our communities."

Ms. Rangappa said that "the threat of domestic terrorism is a serious threat to our country" and that "we need to do more to prevent and respond to this threat." She said that we need to "improve our intelligence collection and analysis capabilities" and that we need to "strengthen our partnerships with state and local law enforcement." She said that we also need to "address the root causes of domestic terrorism" and that we need to "build resilience in our communities."

The hearing was adjourned after the witnesses completed their testimony.

Additional Resources

- Department of Homeland Security: Terrorism
- FBI: Terrorism
- RAND Corporation: Terrorism and Counterterrorism
- Yale Law School: Asha Rangappa



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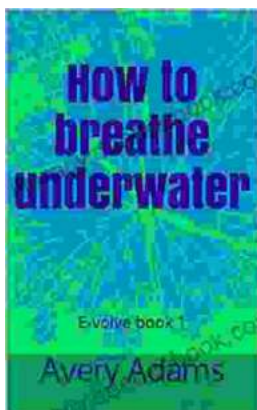
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