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The conventional narrative concerning religious terrorism inside the United States says that the first salvo occurred in 1993, with the first attack on the World Trade Center in New York City. This narrative has motivated more than a decade of wars, and re-prioritized America's domestic security and law enforcement agenda. But the conventional narrative is wrong.

A different group of jihadists exists within U.S. borders. This group has a long but hidden history, is outside the purview of public officials and has an agenda as apocalyptic as anything Al Qaeda has to offer. Radical sects of Christianity have inspired some of the most grotesque acts of violence in American history: the 1963 Birmingham Church bombing that killed four young girls; the "Mississippi Burning" murders of three civil rights workers in 1964; the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr. in 1968, the Atlanta Child Murders in the late 1970s; and the Oklahoma City Bombing in 1995. *America's Secret Jihad* uses these crimes to tell a story that has not been told before.

Expanding upon the author's groundbreaking work on the Martin Luther King, Jr. murder, and through the use of extensive documentation, never-before-released interviews, and a re-interpretation of major events, *America's Secret Jihad* paints a picture of Christian extremism and domestic terrorism as it has never before been portrayed.

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Scott Haraburda says

This book was well-researched and crafted as the author tied many of American racial hate crimes to religious extremism. The author provided evidence to this linkage using several terrorist-related crimes, such as MLK's assassination, described in separate chapters. This book would be of interest to those seeking more information about American religion, race, and civil rights issues.

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We are so lucky to have this author on our faculty. This is an important book that bears reading by anyone interested in religion, race, civil rights or American history. The author is an incredible researcher and builds a clear case that many of what we would call racial hate crimes in history were actually crimes of religious extremism. Each chapter delves into a particular crime (the 16th Street Baptist Church bombing, MLK's assassination, the Atlanta Child Murders, just to name a few) and not only explains them but weaves a complex web of connections all leading back in part to religious hate groups, and specifically to Christian Identity. There is a lot to learn -- this book is dense -- but it is well worth the time.

Kara says

Overall, this seems well-researched, but it occasionally approaches conspiracy theory territory. Some of the conclusions Wexler wants to draw just aren't supported by actual evidence. He also repeats himself a lot.

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