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## White supremacists behind over 80% of extremism-related U.S. murders in 2022

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A woman holds a sign during a rally against guns and white supremacy in the wake of mass shootings in Dayton and El Paso in front of the White House in Washington, U.S., August 6, 2019. ... [Purchase Licensing Rights](#)  [Read more](#)

WASHINGTON, Feb 23 (Reuters) - Mass shootings in the United States accounted for most extremism-related fatalities last year in the country with over 80% of those murders committed by white supremacists, data released by the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) showed on Thursday.

The advocacy group labeled 25 murders in 2022 as "extremist-related," with 18 of those "committed in whole or part for ideological motives."

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Two mass shootings - one in May in Buffalo, New York, wherein an avowed white supremacist [fatally shot 10 Black people](#) [↗](#), and another in November in Colorado Springs wherein [five people were killed](#) [↗](#) in an LGBTQ nightclub - accounted for most of the extremist-related murders of 2022, the ADL report showed.

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White supremacists commit the highest number of domestic extremist-related murders in most years, but in 2022 the percentage was unusually high: 21 of the 25 murders were linked to white supremacists, according to the ADL report.

"All the extremist-related murders in 2022 were committed by right-wing extremists of various kinds," the ADL [report said](#) [↗](#).

ADL's Center on Extremism reported an overall decrease from 2021 when 33 extremist-related killings were documented. ADL had documented 22 extremist-related killings in 2020.

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Human rights groups have raised concerns over white supremacy in the United States in recent years.

President Joe Biden has labeled white supremacy as [poison](#) and called on Americans to reject it. In December, he established [an inter-agency group](#) to coordinate efforts to counter antisemitism, Islamophobia and related forms of bias and discrimination.

The issue of white supremacy came back into headlines late last year when former President Donald Trump [hosted](#) white supremacist [Nick Fuentes](#) at his private club in Florida. Trump said the encounter with Fuentes happened inadvertently while he was having dinner with Ye, the musician formerly known as Kanye West.

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