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Understanding Domestic Violent Extremism

Activity 1: CELL (Counterterrorism Education Learning Lab)

Directions: Use the thecell.org website to answer the questions below.

1. What is the CELL Mission Statement?

2. Identify one or two global security issues you believe the United States faces today:

3. Visit the Champion Change tab on the website and list two of the national security experts who are part of the program.

Codes of Conduct

Directions: Summarize the CELL's commitment to your visit and as a class **develop** three guidelines for the upcoming virtual docent tour experience.

The CELL will:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Our class will:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Activity 2: Domestic Violent Extremism at a Glance



1. What makes it difficult to treat American based groups similarly to those designated as foreign terrorist organizations?

2. Nikki Floris, FBI Deputy Assistant Director, testified saying that we cannot charge, nor do we have designated domestic terrorist groups, what is the implication of this?

3. How do authorities still charge people with crimes since there is not a domestic terrorism charge?

Activity 3: The Significance of the Oklahoma City Bombing

Directions: After viewing the History Channel's '[Oklahoma City Bombing: Why did it occur and who was behind it?](#)' answer the following questions.

1. What happened at the Oklahoma City Bombing?

2. What motivated Timothy McVeigh and Terry Nichols to do this horrendous act?

3. What were Timothy McVeigh and Terry Nichols charged with and convicted of?

Activity 4: Understanding Domestic Violent Extremism

Directions: As a class review the FBI's definition of Domestic Terrorism, then create a working definition of Domestic Violent Extremism.

FBI Definition of Domestic Terrorism:

Violent, criminal acts committed by individuals and/or groups to further ideological goals stemming from domestic influences, such as those of a political, religious, social, racial, or environmental nature.

Working definition of Domestic Terrorism/Domestic Violent Extremism:

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- ...

Based on your current understanding of Domestic Violent Extremism, would you consider the Oklahoma City Bombing an act of Domestic Terrorism? Explain your answer.

Activity 5: Conclusion and Exhibit Tour Prep

Directions: This last activity will help you prepare for your upcoming CELL Tour creating your own code of conduct.

Individual Code of Conduct while visiting the CELL:

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- 2.
- 3.