Political Extremism and Radicalism: Far Right Groups in America

With material from five eminent source libraries and institutions, Political Extremism and Radicalism: Far Right Groups in America is an indispensable resource for researchers looking at topics such as fascism, racism, anti-Semitism, homophobia, and nationalism, amongst others. The archive includes essential publications and ephemera that explore the nature of right-wing politics in the United States, including material that both supports and criticizes the radical Right.
ABOUT THE ARCHIVE

Political Extremism and Radicalism: Far Right Groups in America is an extension of the Political Extremism and Radicalism series focusing specifically on Far Right America, with coverage concentrating more closely on white supremacist and nationalist groups in the United States. These groups include the Ku Klux Klan, the National Socialist White People’s Party (aka the American Nazi Party), the Aryan Nations, and others. The archive covers several topics that fall under the broader theme of right-wing America, including nationalism, racism, anti-Semitism, Christian Identity, homophobia, political misinformation, and conspiracy theories. This archive will be valuable to modern and contemporary history, politics, government studies, sociology, gender studies, African American studies, and religious studies departments.

COLLECTIONS FROM RENOWNED LIBRARIES AND ARCHIVES ARE REPRESENTED:

University of California, Santa Barbara – Christian Identity and Far Right-Wing Politics
This collection consists of periodicals, pamphlets, programs, and other printed ephemera regarding American Christian conservative groups’ philosophies as well as far right-wing politics and election propaganda. It includes both ephemera and periodicals through which researchers can explore the intersection of Christian conservatism and the Far Right.

University of Iowa – Social Documents Collection
The Social Documents Collection contains a large accumulation of materials published by conservative organizations, groups generally considered to be to the right on the political spectrum. This collection includes a number of pamphlets, publications, leaflets, correspondence, and ephemera focusing specifically on material related to Far Right groups that have been selected from the wider Social Documents Collection. Materials concern a range of right-wing and Far Right thinking, from Second Amendment gun rights and tax protests to anti-communist, racist, anti-Semitic, neo-Confederate thinking, and much more.

University of California, Davis – Walter Goldwater Radical Pamphlet Collection
The library at the University of California, Davis, established the Radical Pamphlet Collection in 1966 with a collection of pamphlets purchased from Walter Goldwater, a book dealer who specialized in radical politics and who was also one of the first book dealers to specialize in African American studies. Through the material in this collection, researchers can explore the role that the Far Right plays in the United States, with titles authored by both those in support of and criticizing Far Right viewpoints, and that cover topics such as the Ku Klux Klan, communism, politics, racism, and fascism.

Idaho State University – James Aho Collection
The James Aho Collection is comprised of a variety of materials documenting right-wing extremism in Idaho and the Pacific Northwest. Materials consist of printed matter, recordings, and ephemera, with the bulk of the collection consisting of newsletters from various churches and organizations promoting their beliefs. Of particular interest is the collection of recorded sermons and interviews (hosted as audio files and transcripts), which provide an interesting window into the viewpoints and inner workings of Far Right groups, such as the Aryan Nations.

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Files on Joseph McCarthy, Charles Lindbergh, Ezra Pound, and the Posse Comitatus document the FBI’s surveillance of influential right-wing thinkers and one extremist hate group. These fascinating materials will appeal to anyone interested in twentieth-century American social history as well as Far Right extremism in America.

GALE DIGITAL SCHOLAR LAB

Political Extremism and Radicalism: Far Right Groups in America will also be accessible through Gale Digital Scholar Lab.

This all-in-one research platform aligns over 600 years of multidisciplinary primary source material and optical character recognition (OCR) text with advanced humanities computing tools that allow students and researchers to examine primary sources through an entirely new lens.

FEATURES AND TOOLS

Term Frequency
See the frequency of search terms within a content set to begin assessing interactions and how they developed over time.

Term Clusters
Develop research topics by identifying and organizing frequently occurring themes and revealing hidden relationships between search terms.

Text and Data Mining
At request, Gale will deliver data and metadata associated with a collection for use in data mining and textual analysis, supporting the digital humanities.