Abstract: In the last few years, especially since 2007, there has been a dramatic rise in the number of attacks and violent plots originating from the far-right of American politics. The current study provides a conceptualizing of the American violent far right and then depicting its ideological and organizational-operational evolution. By utilizing a unique dataset which includes more than 4000 incidents of far-right violence between the years 1970-2012, the study strives to provide an assessment of the current and future trajectory and characteristics of the American violent far-right by trying to answer three core questions: (1) what are the main current characteristics of the violence produced by the American far-right?; (2) What type of far-right groups are more prone to become involved in violence? And lastly, (3) what are the social and political factors which are associated with the level of far-right violence?

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