

Antifa: FBI Records and Federal Investigations

Official government sources and research links

Purpose

This document compiles publicly available FBI records, U.S. Department of Justice announcements, and resources for researching Antifa, anti-fascist groups, federal investigations, and related criminal cases. Full website addresses are written out for direct access.

An important distinction is that “Antifa” is generally used to describe a decentralized anti-fascist movement rather than one universally centralized organization. Records concerning a particular group, individual, or incident do not establish criminal conduct by everyone associated with anti-fascist activism. Criminal charges and indictments are allegations unless and until guilt is established in court.

I. FBI records and document collections

1. FBI Vault: ANTIFA, Part 01

The FBI's public FOIA records collection includes documents concerning Antifa. Open the official page to view the records and available PDF.

Full link:

<https://vault.fbi.gov/antifa/antifa-part-01/view>

2. FBI Vault: ANTIFA collection

The FBI's main Antifa collection page provides access to released records and available parts of the collection.

Full link:

<https://vault.fbi.gov/antifa>

3. FBI Vault: Rose City Antifa

This is a separate FBI Vault collection concerning Rose City Antifa, a group associated with Portland, Oregon.

Full link:

<https://vault.fbi.gov/rose-city-antifa>

4. FBI Domestic Terrorism Symbols Guide

This FBI document addresses symbols and terminology associated with domestic terrorism topics. Its contents should be read in context. The appearance of a symbol or political designation in an FBI document does not, by itself, establish that a person committed a crime.

Full link:

<https://vault.fbi.gov/domestic-terrorism-symbols-guide/Domestic%20Terrorism%20Symbols%20Guide%20Part%2001%20%28Final%29>

5. FBI Vault: Main records library

The FBI Vault contains additional publicly released records on investigations, individuals, organizations, and historical events.

Full link:

<https://vault.fbi.gov/>

6. FBI electronic FOIA portal

The FBI's electronic Freedom of Information Act portal can be used to request records that are not already publicly available.

Full link:

<https://efoia.fbi.gov/>

II. Department of Justice announcements concerning federal cases

The following links concern specific federal cases. Read each announcement alongside any available court filings to distinguish allegations, convictions, and other judicial outcomes.

7. Prairieland ICE detention center shooting case

A Department of Justice announcement concerning federal convictions connected with the July 4, 2025, attack at the Prairieland ICE detention facility in Texas.

Full link:

<https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/antifa-cell-members-convicted-prairieland-ice-detention-center-shooting>

8. Direct Action Minnesota case

A DOJ announcement concerning federal charges against members and associates of Direct Action Minnesota, a Minneapolis-based group that prosecutors associated with Antifa.

Full link:

<https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/15-members-direct-action-minnesota-minneapolis-based-direct-action-group-antifa-ties>

9. Federal case involving alleged cyberstalking and threatening communications

A DOJ announcement concerning an arrest and federal charges involving alleged cyberstalking and threatening communications. Consult the announcement and court records for the specific allegations and subsequent case status.

Full link:

<https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/anti-ice-antifa-member-arrested-federal-charges-cyberstalking-and-threatening-communications>

10. Department of Justice news releases

The DOJ's official news page can be searched for additional federal investigations, indictments, prosecutions, convictions, and case updates.

Full link:

<https://www.justice.gov/news>

III. How to request additional FBI records through FOIA

If the publicly available documents do not provide enough information, you can submit a Freedom of Information Act request.

Official FBI FOIA portal:

<https://efoia.fbi.gov/>

Potential subjects for a records request include:

1. FBI records referring to “Antifa” or “Rose City Antifa” within a specified date range.
2. Publicly releasable investigative records concerning a specific incident, city, or federal case.
3. Final domestic terrorism assessments or policy memoranda addressing anti-fascist violence and domestic violent extremism.
4. Publicly releasable records identifying the FBI field office responsible for a particular investigation.
5. Records concerning threats, assaults, property destruction, or other alleged criminal conduct attributed to specific individuals or groups.

Requests should identify the subject, relevant dates, locations, and known case numbers where possible. The FBI may withhold or redact records under applicable FOIA exemptions, including exemptions protecting privacy and law-enforcement information.

IV. Research and documentation recommendations

When compiling these records into a research report:

- Prioritize original FBI documents, court filings, and official DOJ announcements.
- Record each document's title, issuing agency, publication date, and page number.
- Distinguish allegations from charges, convictions, and judicial findings.
- Do not treat political affiliation, participation in a protest, or the use of a symbol as proof of criminal conduct.
- Check for later court decisions or corrections before describing a case as resolved.

V. Reference list

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