

## "Patriot" Movement

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A collective term used to describe a set of related extremist movements and groups in the United States whose ideologies center on anti-government conspiracy theories. The most important segments of the "Patriot" movement include [the militia movement](#), [the sovereign citizen movement](#) and [the tax protest movement](#). Though each submovement has its own beliefs and concerns, they share a conviction that part or all of the government has been infiltrated and subverted by a malignant conspiracy and is no longer legitimate. Though there is some overlap between the "Patriot" movement and the white supremacist movement, that overlap has shrunk over time; there are, in fact, people of color within the "Patriot" movement, particularly within the sovereign citizen movement.