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TERRORISM IN THE UNITED STATES

Program on Extremism

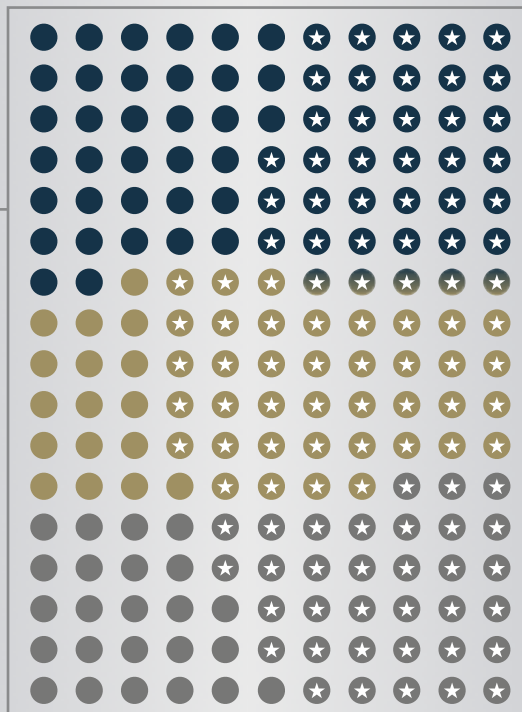
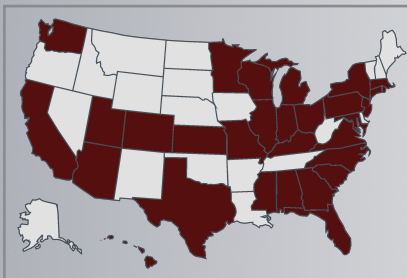
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208 INDIVIDUALS HAVE BEEN CHARGED IN THE U.S. ON OFFENSES RELATED to the Islamic State (also known as IS, ISIS, and ISIL) since March 2014, when the first arrests occurred. Of those:

The average age of those charged is **28**

90% are male

Their activities were located in **30** states and the District of Columbia



40% were accused of attempting to travel or successfully traveled abroad.

31% were accused of being involved in plots to carry out attacks on U.S. soil.

58% were charged in an operation involving an informant and/or an undercover agent.

★ indicates law enforcement operation

156 HAVE PLEADED OR WERE FOUND GUILTY

THE AVERAGE LENGTH OF SENTENCE IN YEARS IS **13.4***

*Uses 470 months for life sentences per the practice of the U.S. Sentencing Commission

IS Arrests

HARDY LEE BROWNER

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Hardy Lee Browner, a former resident of Chicago, Illinois, was charged in the Northern District of Illinois with making false statements to government officials regarding his online activities in support of IS. In an interview with FBI agents on July 15, 2015, Browner is alleged to have claimed that he did not use specific pro-IS Twitter accounts, and that he did not communicate with known IS supporters and networks online. Sources: [Browner Indictment](#), [Browner Order of Detention](#)

Legal Proceedings (IS & Other Jihadist Groups)

BRIAN ARTHUR DEMPSEY

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Brian Arthur Dempsey, a 48-year-old former Sacramento, California resident, was arraigned in the Eastern District of California for making false statements to government officials regarding his travel to Syria. In July 2013, Dempsey traveled from Sacramento to Syria to fight for jihadist factions in the Syrian border town of Azaz. He later attempted to return to the U.S. via Italy, but was questioned by the FBI at an airport in Rome about his previous travel in Syria. During the interview, Dempsey is alleged to have made false statements to FBI agents regarding his experiences with jihadist factions in Azaz, and

absconded from Italy shortly after the interview. He was arrested by U.K. authorities in 2017, and extradited to the U.S. on June 12, 2020 to face charges. Sources: [DOJ Press Release](#), [Dempsey Order of Detention](#), [The Sacramento Bee](#)