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A year into Donald Trump's presidency resurgent white supremacists are preaching hate. Now left-wing activists are hitting back with their own shock tactics. Stephanie March goes inside a controversial radical group.

They call themselves Redneck Revolt.

They're a citizens' militia that totes guns in the name of "community defence". A right wing neo-Nazi group? Just the opposite.

I would argue we're in a new civil war – Dwayne Dixon, Redneck Revolt



With chapters spreading across America, Redneck Revolt is a left-wing counter to white supremacists who have found voice and vigour under Donald Trump's presidency. It's part of a broad new movement of self-proclaimed anti-fascists and anti-racists called "Antifa". But some Antifa tactics are too extreme even for many on their own side.

There's a Nazi over there with a gun. I wanna make sure I've got a gun too – Jeff, Redneck Revolt

Correspondent Stephanie March obtains rare access to the secretive men and women of Redneck Revolt as they plot to disrupt white supremacist rallies in America's South.

White lives matter! White lives matter! – white nationalist protesters

Among the Redneck Revolt counter-protesters is Dwayne Dixon. The softly spoken, vegan anthropology professor is as comfortable carrying an AR-15 assault rifle as he is in the classroom.

When the left uses violence, in the rare case that it happens, it's resistance. To paraphrase poorly George Orwell, the best offence against tyranny is a rifle over the fireplace of every working man – Dwayne Dixon

To Dixon, evidence of that tyranny is seen in the growing number of hate crimes against African-Americans, Muslims and immigrants. A key player in the white nationalist movement is Matthew Heimbach, once described as the youthful, affable face of hate in America. Preying on white Americans' fears of becoming a "hated and despised" minority, Heimbach wants a whites-only homeland within the USA.

We're the ones that were able to settle and build our nation. We were able to come and conquer it and create this civilisation. This is ours – Heimbach, interviewed by Stephanie March

His stated ambition for a white Christian Utopia strains credulity. More believable is the immediate aim to normalise racism.

America is a house on fire... A multicultural America leads to tension – Heimbach
Antifa groups like Redneck Revolt argue that Americans are foolish to dismiss the rise of supremacist groups.

Back 10 years ago there were a handful. Today there are many more. You organise against these small groups as if they could be the starting points of future murderous movements... and you stand up to them by any means necessary – Mark Bray, left wing scholar and author

I'm not going to let people fly swastikas freely on the streets of the United States – Dwayne Dixon



**On the eve of President Trump's inauguration anniversary, Stephanie March heads to the front lines in the battle for identity in America. Redneck Revolt airs on Foreign Correspondent at 8.30 pm Monday January 15 on ABC TV (repeated 1 pm Tuesday and 11.30 pm Wednesday on ABC TV; 8 pm Saturday and 1 am Sunday on ABC News).
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