

## Exam Blueprint – Certified Domestic Terrorism

Below is the exam blueprint based off the job task analysis, SME, and IFPO psychometric process to verify reliability, validity, and fairness. The tables below identify the proportion of questions from each domain and passing score that will appear on the assessment. The assessment will include the application of concepts, knowledge and comprehension, definitions, synthesis, evaluation, development of conclusions, ideas and recommendations for action based on hypothetical situations.

Domain	Percentage of Items on Test	% of exam questions	Number of Questions (100)
Introduction to domestic terrorism	18	18	18
Methods and strategies	20	20	20
“Lone Wolf” terrorism	10	10	10
Extremism and known extremists	12	12	12
Counter-terrorism strategies	20	20	20
Anti-immigration extremism	20	20	20
		Passing %: 80	Passing Score: 80%

### Introduction to Domestic Terrorism

Domain Task	Percentage
1. Evaluate the risk posed by domestic terrorists	
2. Understand to which agency domestic terrorism is a major concern	
3. Analyze definition of domestic terrorism	
4. Analyze how USA PATRIOT Act applies to domestic terrorism	
5. Understand which agencies respond to domestic terrorism	
6. Know the FBI’s definition of domestic terrorism	
7. Analyze the difference between hate crimes and domestic terrorism	
8. Differentiate among the various known extremist groups	

### Methods and Strategies

Domain	Percentage
1. Identify the targets of known extremist groups	
2. Analyze the tactics most commonly used by extremist groups	
3. Identify most well-known extremists	
4. Identify which extremist groups are most likely to target government agencies/officials	
5. Compare and contrast militia groups to non-militia groups	

### “Lone Wolf” Terrorism

Domain	Percentage
1. Understand motivations of the lone wolf terrorist	
2. Analyze advantages of the lone wolf	
3. Analyze the propaganda techniques employed by lone wolf	
4. Define “leaderless resistance group”	
5. Understand concept of “self-radicalization”	
6. Identify tactics of well-known lone wolf terrorists	
7. Understand the concept of a “virtual pack”	

### Extremism and Known Extremists

Domain	Percentage
1. Identify the motivations behind the most common extremist groups	
2. Identify the primary “causes” terrorist groups seek to promote	
3. Identify tactics of militia groups	
4. Analyze differences between animal rights groups and supremacist groups	
5. Know the differences among the anti-government groups	

### Counter-terrorism Strategies

Domain	Percentage
1. Identify international groups that have been listed as known terrorist organizations	

2.	Identify the primary “causes” terrorist groups seek to promote
3.	Compare and contrast U.S. domestic terrorism strategies with those of the U.N.
4.	Understand the “pillars” of U.N. counter-terrorism strategy
5.	Analyze how the U.N. defines terrorism
6.	Analyze the factors the U.N. attributes to causes of terrorism
7.	Understand the methods the U.N. uses to combat terrorism
8.	Identify how the U.S. intends to fight terrorism
9.	Compare the impact on the U.S. of international terrorism with domestic terrorism
10.	Identify successes the U.S. claims in its counter-terrorism efforts
11.	Identify “safe havens” for domestic terrorists
<b>Anti-immigration Extremism</b>	
<b>Domain</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
1.	Know how the FBI defines a hate group
2.	Understand who anti-immigration extremists blame for problems
3.	Understand the current trajectory for the number of hate groups
4.	Analyze the “geography” associated with hate groups
5.	Evaluate the factors that lead to the development of hate groups
6.	Analyze the differences in immigration reactions in Norway and the U.S.
7.	Analyze the causes if anti-immigration in Norway
8.	Compare the Norwegian approach to the U.S. approach

### Sample Questions

1. In 1999, the Federal Bureau of Investigation reported that during the past 30 years, the vast majority of the deadly terrorist attacks occurring in the United States have been perpetrated by \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. Jihadists
  - b. Serial Killers
  - c. Domestic Extremists\*
  - d. Islamic Extremists
2. Critics of federal government efforts to counter animal rights extremists have focused on rights secured through the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. First Amendment\*
  - b. USA PATRIOT Act
  - c. Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances Act
  - d. Animal Enterprise Terrorism Act
3. Compared to group or network terrorism, lone wolves have what critical advantage?
  - a. They more easily avoid identification and detection\*
  - b. They don't have to rely on others to do their part
  - c. They don't have to worry about being caught through association with other terrorists
  - d. They don't have to follow orders from a chain of command
4. The Federal Bureau of Investigation has defined a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ group as "an organization whose primary purpose is to promote animosity, hostility, and malice against persons of or with a race, religion, disability, sexual orientation, ethnicity, gender, or gender identity that differs from that of the members or the organization."
  - a. terrorist
  - b. Jihadist
  - c. **hate**
  - d. activist