

I was lurking over at survivalblog.com as is my usual morning routine while sipping some Sumatra coffee and ran across this great write-up by J.D. titled, *Intelligence Gathering at Protests*.

Let me take a few lines of the article out for the folks who can not read the whole piece.

Antifa "Security"

"The first one I attended was on the University of Michigan campus. The protest was rather large, about 1,500 people. What I found interesting was that the first speaker pointed out that "allies from RevCom/ANTIFA" were present, just to provide "logistical support" including medical and security teams. The local RevCom leader got up and explained how to find the medics (Large red or green crosses) and explained that security was "circulating among the crowd" for safety. That was an ominous statement, as I'll point out later."

Overt Counter-Surveillance

"Counter-Surveillance is a huge piece of the ANTIFA/RevCom program. They recorded license plate numbers of vehicles they deemed "suspicious". At one point, when Ethan saw a man (not me) outside the protest taking photos, he tried to get the police to make the man leave. Imagine, protesting against the police, yet asking them to help you. The police told Ethan that Ethan and his group had no legal standing to ask anyone to leave, since they didn't own the parking lot and were technically trespassing."

They're Stepping up to Intimidation

"At the Capitol protest, the game changed significantly. Ethan and his team met up with other RevCom/ANTIFA and BLM security teams from around the state and all were openly carrying arms, including long guns. Many of the ANTIFA people who showed up all in black were wearing

helmets and soft armor, so they were ready for violence. They actively harassed and intimidated anyone they deemed as "Militia". My point in mentioning that is that if you show up to track one of these protests dressed in your "tacti-cool" gear, they'll make you and drive you off long before you get there. Blend in, go gray."

I was Targeted

"I fell victim to their counter-surveillance again because the Militia folks had heightened their awareness with several attempts to enter the Capitol grounds, and apparently one of them observed me take a photo. They immediately began following me, including off the Capitol grounds to try and get my license plate, maybe even confront me, but since I had done a thorough map study and recon (again using my trusty BattleBoard Scout as a guide), I was able to lead them on a longer chase than they wanted to go on and they gave up. I was able to successfully change profile and re-enter the crowd."

Some Lessons Learned

"So what are the lessons for patriots?"

1. The protests are organized by a central organization.
2. They have trained and professional security teams.
3. They actively conduct counter-surveillance.
4. Park sufficiently far enough distance away to discourage anyone following, and walk in.
5. They are completely willing to use arms and force.
6. The presence of body armor indicates a willingness to use violence.
7. Blending in is far better than direct confrontation.

8. Have a fully stocked and ready first aid kit, such as a BearFAK.”

And then last,

Contrived Escalation

“As a follow-up, after I observed one protest in Detroit, my friend Ethan came out of the shadows and made a Twitter post that the Detroit Police had tried to run him over, complete with video. I was there. They surrounded the police cars and began beating on them, trying to force the police to use deadly force or hit them with the cars. The entire situation was a set-up designed to produce a new incident to create more tension and protests.

Be prepared for many more of these protests as the election nears.”

Thank you JD and Survivalblog for putting this piece of work out there.

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