Assignment #2

Chose one of two theories, **either** <u>human security theory</u> (Callaway and Harrelson-Stephens 2006) **or** <u>pure terror theory</u> (Black 2004), and discuss how well or poorly that theory explains U.S. domestic terrorism – by such violent groups as The Order and the Aryan Nations – whose ideologies are based on Christian Identity (CI) religious beliefs. CI is described in the article by Martin Durham (2008) and the class lecture.

How well does Christian Identity terrorism fit with your chosen theory's propositions (e.g., either about human-rights conditions or social-geometric distances)? Discuss which theoretical propositions, if any, are consistent with CI violence and which ones are less-well supported.

Does that theory identify the social settings from which people are likely to be recruited into CI domestic terrorist orgs? Why / why not?

Be sure to cite all sources you use; e.g., articles, books, lectures, conversations

Due WEDNESDAY, November 3 (also submit to SafeAssign)

Maximum word limit = **750**. Include name & student ID#, "Word Count = ___".