

Oath Keepers

The Oath Keepers are a loosely organized group of right-wing anti-government extremists within the larger militia movement. While they allow anyone to join, the Oath Keepers explicitly focus on recruiting current and former military, law enforcement, and first responder personnel. The group was founded in 2009 by their current leader, Stewart Rhodes. The Oath Keepers gained notoriety for its armed participation in disputes between ranchers or miners and federal agencies in 2014 and 2015. They are also known for having provided vigilante-style "security" for local communities and businesses during Black Lives Matter protests in 2020. Members of the group have been arrested for a wide range of criminal activities, including various firearms violations, conspiracy to impede federal workers, possession of explosives and threatening public officials. Several Oath Keepers also played a prominent role in the January 6th storming of the Capitol building, and more than 20 have been arrested for their actions that day.

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