Chapter 2
An Overview of the Impact of Racial Hate and Its Manifestation of Homegrown Terrorism in America

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ABSTRACT
Since the 2008 election of the first African American President of the United States, Barack Obama, racial hatred has been on the rise. During the 2016 presidential election, right-wing extremist groups like the Ku Klux Klan and Ultra-Right groups have become more vocal resulting in civil rights organizations like the Southern Poverty Law Center reporting a significant rise in hate crimes and threats. Unfortunately, President Donald Trump helped to stoke the fears of these hate groups with his incendiary campaign rhetoric of hate mostly against immigrants. This chapter provides a historical overview of racial hate and its manifestation of homegrown terrorism in America. Additionally, this chapter examines how hatred and fear became the source of lynching and race riots in America from the 18th to the 21st century. Understanding the past and present history of hatred directed at racial, ethnic and gender groups can help to bring a factual and more truthful point of view that can help reduce the recurrence of homegrown terrorism.

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I imagine one of the reasons people cling to their hates so stubbornly is because they sense, once hate is gone, they will be forced to deal with pain.

*Darkness cannot drive out darkness: only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate: only love can do that.*

- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Strange Fruit

*Southern trees bear a strange fruit,*  
*Blood on the leaves and blood at the root,*  
*Black body swinging in the Southern breeze,*  
*Strange fruit hanging from the poplar trees.*

*Pastoral scene of the gallant South,*  
*The bulging eyes and the twisted mouth,*  
*Scent of magnolia sweet and fresh,*  
*And the sudden smell of burning flesh!*  
*Here is a fruit for the crows to pluck,*  
*For the rain to gather, for the wind to suck*  
*For the sun to rot, for the tree to drop,*  
*Here is a strange and bitter crop.*

- Lewis Allan

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It can be argued that America’s greatest sin (Wallis, 2016) was not simply the enslavement of African abductees who became victims of international human trafficking to America as early as 1619, but the very act of racism itself, which existed before kidnapping became a catalyst for the capture, bondage and oppression of African male and female children, youth (King, 2011), and adults brought to America (Horton & Horton, 2005; Horton &
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