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Animal Rights Extremism (ARE):

A situation assessment on

Stop Huntington Animal Cruelty (SHAC)

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- · Based upon British a initiative
- Europol assessed on ARE/SHAC
- Most significant representative
- For the purpose of awareness
- Routine-Activity-Theory (RAT)

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- The "math" of RAT:
- motivated offender
- + suitable target
- + inefficient guardianship
- = crime setting
- Data gathering
- Source triangulation
- Macro perspective

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- Disregarding judicial options vs. non-conformity to legal norms
- · Progression from "saving the animal" to "stalking an industry"
- SHAC criminalised itself & motives departed from the original
- Motive refers to the reasoning for delinquent or criminal behaviour
- It serves satisfactory purposes...social change...personal fulfilment
- Motives can be evident as well as hidden, i.e. to avoid detection of it
- SHAC...a group being one institutional actor of great homogeneity

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- Psychological concept of "Naming and Identity"
- SHAC declares on motive "Stop Animal Cruelty"
- SHAC declares on the prime target "Huntington"
- · Identity evolved into a constant state of rebellion
- Against legal, social and economical standards

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- Social movement ... the advocate of animal rights (Jonas) (Reinforced by past success, i.e. fox hunting in the UK)
- Social conflict...the unequal distribution of power (Marx) (Expressed through direct action and civil disobedience)
- Social change...a result of conflict of a movement (Weber)



"A TINY GROUP OF ACTIVISTS IS SUCCEEDING WHERE KARL MARX, THE BAADER-MEINHOF GANG AND THE RED BRIGADES FAILED"

- The Financial Times as quoted on the homepage of www.shac.net (26.04.07)
- Acceptance of a label of (left-wing) ideology, extremist and terrorist predecessors
- Advantage of the Intimidation factor correlated to extremism and the ideology behind



- Conceptualised belief system to gain or maintain power
- Strong correlation between left-wing ideology and SHAC
- · Anti-authoritarian, anti-capitalist & anti-establishment
- Agents of social control are the traditional opponents
- They maintain order and enforce law on behalf of "HLS"
- Synonym for an empowered and privileged social class



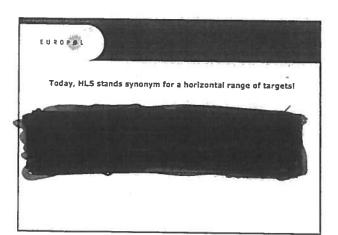


- SHAC is a "social institution" that meets human needs
- · Recognition, significance, importance, individuality, etc.
- SHAC is a "commercialised campaign" to make ends meet
- · activists live of and for it, through the interdependencies
- of funding, donations, merchandising & direct action
- a "social infrastructure" supports imprisoned activist &
- Lowers internal restrictions to offend for others further



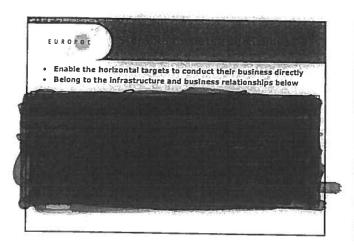
- 1. Saving the animal
- · assumption of ethical and moral supremacy
- own rights are elevated above those of others
- 2. Generating social change
- the way society is constructed is questioned
- challenge of the sovereignty of the majority
- 3. Ideological agenda
- manifestation of enemy pictures in a broader context
- targeting the capital is a consequence of left-wing
- 4. Personal agenda
- fulltime occupation for professional protesters
- encouraged to disregard repression & deterrence







- · Value: quality targets
- Inertia: static targets
- · Visibility: high public profile
- Access: virtual, electronic and physical





- Value: quantity targets
- · Inertia: static targets
- · Visibility: lower public profile
- Access: virtual, electronic and physical



- victimisation shifted from horizontal to vertical targets
- to effect the quality targets via the bypass of quantity
- cut business relationships between the target levels
- gains & keeps a momentum of control and surprise
- through the quantity victimisation is unpredictable
- trend of (cross-border) quantity victimisation continues
- the internet is the "virtual battleground" of SHAC

