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WASHINGTON — Threats against a new president historically spike right after an election, but from Maine to Idaho law enforcement officials are seeing more against Barack Obama than ever before. The Secret Service would not comment or provide the number of cases they are investigating. But since the Nov. 4 election, law enforcement officials have seen more potentially threatening writings, Internet postings and other activity directed at Obama than has been seen with any past president-elect, said officials aware of the situation who spoke on condition of anonymity because the issue of a president's security is so sensitive.

Earlier this week, the Secret Service looked into the case of a sign posted on a tree in Vay, Idaho, with Obama's name and the offer of a "free public hanging." In North Carolina, civil rights officials complained of threatening racist graffiti targeting Obama found in a tunnel near the North Carolina State University campus.


And in a Maine convenience store, an Associated Press reporter saw a sign inviting customers to join a betting pool on when Obama might fall victim to an assassin. The sign solicited \$1 entries into "The Osama Obama Shotgun Pool," saying the money would go to the person picking the date closest to when Obama was attacked. "Let's hope we have a winner," said the sign, since taken down.

In the security world, anything "new" can trigger hostility, said Joseph Funk, a former Secret Service agent-turned security consultant who oversaw a private protection detail for Obama before the Secret Service began guarding the candidate in early 2007.

Obama, of course, will be the country's first black president, and Funk said that new element, not just race itself, is probably responsible for a spike in anti-Obama postings and activity. "Anytime you're going to have something that's new, you're going to have increased chatter," he said.

The Secret Service also has cautioned the public not to assume that any threats against Obama are

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due to racism.

The service investigates threats in a wide range. There are "stated threats" and equally dangerous or lesser incidents considered of "unusual interest" _ such as people motivated by obsessions or infatuations or lower-level gestures such as effigies of a candidate or an elected president. The service has said it does not have the luxury of discounting anything until agents have investigated the potential danger.

Racially tinged graffiti _ not necessarily directed at Obama _ also has emerged in numerous reports across the nation since Election Day, prompting at least one news conference by a local chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in Georgia.

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A law enforcement official who also spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak publicly said that during the campaign there was a spike in anti-Obama rhetoric on the Internet _ "a lot of ranting and raving with no capability, credibility or specificity to it."

There were two threatening cases with racial overtones:

_ In Denver, a group of men with guns and bulletproof vests made racist threats against Obama and sparked fears of an assassination plot during the Democratic National Convention in August.

_ Just before the election, two skinheads in Tennessee were charged with plotting to behead blacks across the country and assassinate Obama while wearing white top hats and tuxedos.

In both cases, authorities determined the men were not capable of carrying out their plots.

In Milwaukee, police officials found a poster of Obama with a bullet going toward his head _ discovered on a table in a police station.

Chatter among white supremacists on the Internet has increased throughout the campaign and since Election Day.

One of the most popular white supremacist Web sites got more than 2,000 new members some day after the election, compared with 91 new members on Election Day, according to an AP count. The site, stormfront.org, was temporarily off-line Nov. 5 because of the overwhelming amount of activity it received after Election Day. On Saturday, one Stormfront poster, identified as Dalderian Germanicus, of North Las Vegas, said, "I want the SOB laid out in a box to see how 'messiahs' come to rest. God has abandoned us, this country is doomed."

It is not surprising that a black president would galvanize the white supremacist movement, said Mark Potok, director of the Southern Poverty Law Center, who studies the white supremacy movement.

"The overwhelming flavor of the white supremacist world is a mix of desperation, confusion and hoping that this will somehow turn into a good thing for them," Potok said. He said hate groups have been on the rise in the past seven years because of a common concern about immigration.

Associated Press writers Lara Jakes Jordan in Washington and Jerry Harkavy in Standish, Maine, contributed to this report.

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This is the Modern World. The Cops got a birds eye. You can't see them but they can see you. If somebody makes a wrong move they will be apprehended way before it happens. Why you think Assassinations don't happen anymore?
If somebody attempts to make a wrong move. They're just a wanna-be, Them little unfiltered tramps won't even make it across their front doorstep.
Put them where the Police put all them gangstas from out of the 80's. You don't want to get on the Police bad side. with that Operation Clean Sweep.
It ain't been too much of a problem since then. And I don't think nobody is trying to go there either. There's too much Technology in this World.

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I think Obama should be re-elected 4 years from now too.

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Racism is for Old Bags. Young folks ain't tring to be mis-influenced by a bunch of Oldtimers like that.
Why don't you Odtimers, pick that dirt out your toes. You filthy tramps. Trying to mislead our Youth. like that. And I know youngstas don't carry it like that. You make a Racial remark to them. They jump like they seen a ghost.. Cause they don't recognize that kind of talk. Why don't you Baby Boomers go drink a glass of Yahoo and go a take a nap. Or figure out who you gonna write your will out to. You obsolescent tramps and stop misleading our Youth.

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The only ones who be taling all that Racism are the Poor Whites. Nowhow are they gonna take out an order to do something to somebody,? They ain't got no money. They don't even have enough money to buy a can of oil for that old ragedty pick up truck, that they drice they children to school in everyday in?
Everything is hearsay. Rich Whites can't stand poor Whites.
The young Whites don't be tripping off no Racism either. And for some of them that do, they must have a young face, and old undemeath. i hate to see what they look like when they pull the skin off their heads. They probably look like an 90 year old phang.

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There are intellectually, psychologically, spiritually damaged people in this world and that is just a fact of life that we all must recognize and accept. The most that we can do is to be centered ourselves, stand for what's right and pray for both the lost souls and those whom they negatively fixate upon.



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I'm really scared something's gonna happen!

The O means so much to all of us, the whole world is humming in expectations.

A man in The White House who can think, reason, speak in whole meaningful sentences, a man with equally smart and strong wife... I'm still crying (a good ugly cry) whenever I play the scene fra the park i Chicago. It may sound stupid coming from an European, but the sheer joy and relief I felt when I saw Barack Obama - President-Elect on CNN 5 AM our time made me believe my parents hadn't told me about who I really am! I'm a transnational, a person born in one country (very nice, very safe country), but should have been born in a other - America!

Dear American friends - take care of him, look after him, keep him safe, because not only you but the rest of world needs him too. We haven't been in love with American president since JFK!

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People would still hate him even if they knew he was the best president and the right time for this country. He is different, he is not white, he is intelligent, thoughtful, has a solid family, and really has the best interest for this country in mind. THAT is scary for people, for corporations, for the world. Think about it, ask yourself what could all the reasons be?

Just because we voted for a African American (truly)... That means 42 million people voted for a old white guy and a red-neck woman both spouting hate rather then how they are going to fix the country. That in of itself should be a big indicator of why.

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It's not only skinheads, I was at church today and my pastor whose godson attends a Catholic school says no one will play with him now since Obama won (the godson is black). And this is a Catholic church/school!!! No wonder the world hates us. God must be sad.

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I am finding this story a little far fetched unless you live in Alabama or Arkansas!

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What on earth will Rush and Hamity say when the repubs run Gov. Jindal in 2012?? That will be interesting!

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Palin and her cronies- dumb as a box of rocks. Hateful and rancid as all get-out.

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nothing will change unless mcpalin is forced to issue a public apology. it won't help to have O give another race speech. a white person needs to speak out, preferably a white republican that these people will listen to. they booed mccain during his concession speech, so maybe Palin is the best bet. they will likely turn against who ever reprimands this behavior, but something has to be done before it gets uglier.

if the repubs are so concerned about rebuilding they have to address racism in a real way. they won't, and that's why they'll be obsolete soon.

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I agree. They encouraged and incited the violence.
Now they are behaving positively normal, as if all that v.e.n.o.m was just good clean campaign fun and now it's over.
It isn't.

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Just shows you that racism still does exist in America and that there are a lot of fearful bigots out there still. Well lets hope they go the way of the dinosaur because the world is evolving ...

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Pay attention kids!! This is the first of many red herrings.

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Shouldn't the owner of that store in Maine be arrested for threatening the President? Free speech is one thing, but isn't that actually against the law?

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