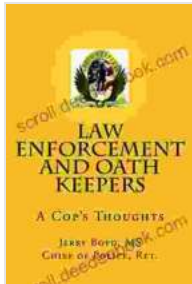


# Law Enforcement and Oath Keepers: A Complex Relationship



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Law enforcement and Oath Keepers have a complex relationship. While both groups share a commitment to upholding the law, they often have different interpretations of what that means. This article explores the history, mission, and activities of Oath Keepers, as well as their relationship with law enforcement.

## History of Oath Keepers

Oath Keepers was founded in 2009 by Stewart Rhodes, a former army paratrooper and Yale Law School graduate. Rhodes was motivated to create the group after the election of Barack Obama, whom he believed was a threat to the Constitution. Oath Keepers is a loosely organized militia that recruits primarily from current and former law enforcement and military personnel.

The group's mission is to "defend the Constitution against all enemies, foreign and domestic." Oath Keepers believe that the federal government is overstepping its authority and that it is their duty to resist any attempts to infringe on the rights of American citizens.

## **Activities of Oath Keepers**

Oath Keepers have been involved in a variety of activities, including:

- Providing security for anti-government protests
- Monitoring polling places during elections
- Training members in firearms and combat tactics
- Recruiting members from within law enforcement and the military

Oath Keepers have also been accused of engaging in more extreme activities, such as planning armed uprisings and stockpiling weapons. In 2016, several Oath Keepers were arrested for their involvement in an armed standoff at the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge in Oregon.

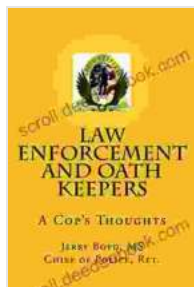
## **Relationship with Law Enforcement**

The relationship between law enforcement and Oath Keepers is complex. Some law enforcement officers view Oath Keepers as a valuable resource, while others see them as a potential threat. In some cases, law enforcement has worked with Oath Keepers to provide security for events. However, in other cases, law enforcement has cracked down on Oath Keepers for their extremist activities.

The future of the relationship between law enforcement and Oath Keepers is uncertain. However, it is clear that this is a complex and evolving

relationship that will continue to be shaped by the political and social climate in the United States.

Oath Keepers is a complex and controversial organization. While the group claims to be committed to upholding the law, its activities have raised concerns about its true intentions. The relationship between law enforcement and Oath Keepers is also complex, with some officers viewing the group as a valuable resource and others seeing them as a potential threat. The future of this relationship is uncertain, but it is clear that this is an issue that will continue to be debated in the years to come.



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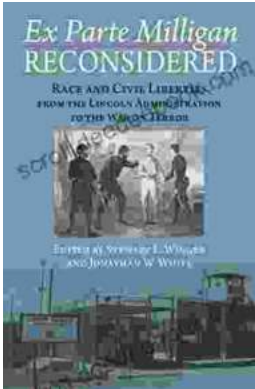
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