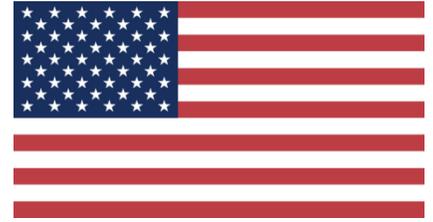


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Hopkins County Cemetery Vandalized ¹	6/6/2018	TX	At Weaver Cemetery, vandals turned over dozens of headstones and set the cemetery's American flag on fire. <i>"Pretty upset," said Sheriff Lewis Tatum, Hopkins County Sheriff. "And burning that flag, a lot of people in my family are veterans and I am, too. Why would anyone want to burn an American flag? But they did."</i>
Vandals Damage Headstones at Weaver Cemetery After Weekend Memorial Day Service. \$1,000 Reward Being Offered for Information Leading to Arrest ²	6/5/2018	TX	In a local cemetery, a flag was burned and multiple headstones were vandalized.
Man accused of starting wildfire while burning U.S. flag blanket ³	5/30/2018	WA	A Washington man started a wildfire while he was burning an American flag blanket.
Iowa Police Investigating US Flag Burning over Memorial Day Weekend ⁴	5/29/2018	IA	A flag was burned over Memorial Day weekend in a residential neighborhood. <i>"They say this sort of vandalism hurts, but is especially painful because of Memorial Day weekend." "If they wanted to express their opinions, that's fine, but to do it in a neighborhood where people really like having the flags up like this on a weekend that memorializes the veterans who gave their life for our country, it just didn't seem right," said Dina Hall, who discovered the flags."</i>
Iowa City 'FedEx Patriot' who stopped flag burning rallies for Indianola Republican ⁵	5/29/2018	IA	A driver for FedEx stopped a group of protesters burning flags in the street.
Man paraded burning American flag in downtown Youngstown, police say ⁶	5/25/2018	OH	26-year-old Braylon Barnes was walking down the street while holding a burning a flag. He was found by police standing with the remains.
U.S. flag becomes touch point when downtown protest group rips, tries to burn it ⁷	5/20/2018	MI	A group protesting the recent U.S. embassy opening in Jerusalem used the American flag as a symbol, tearing and trying to burn it Saturday in downtown Grand Rapids.
Left Wing Student Group Holds Public Burning of American Flag at Beloit College ⁸	5/16/2018	WI	Members of the Young Revolutionary Front chapter at Beloit College burned an American flag on campus in what they say is "revenge against the corrupt establishment."

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3 arrested in Charlotte flag-burning at May Day protest in Uptown Park, cops say ⁹	5/2/2018	NC	Three people participating in a May Day Protest set a U.S. flag on fire by pouring "ignitable liquid" on it.
American flag destroyed, replaced with ISIS flag in Utah; FBI: Incident likely not connected to someone in group ¹⁰	2/20/2018	UT	Officers in Hurricane, Utah, said that an American flag was ripped from a flagpole, desecrated, slashed and replaced with something resembling the notorious black ISIS banner.
Protesters Burn American Flag While Marching In Center City ¹¹	1/20/2018	PA	Protesters burned a flag as they marched down the street.
Flag belonging to Marine veteran set on fire by vandals at Madison County, Ohio, park ¹²	11/30/2017	OH	A flag flying in a children's park belonging to a Marine veteran was burned and left in a pile of ashes. <i>"It meant the world to me, it was everything," said Chaz Curry, who received the flag in 2014 at Camp Lejeune, when the corporal left the Marines after serving four years that included time in Afghanistan. "It makes me want to cry. It infuriates me. It burns me deep," said Curry. "People gave their lives for the flag," said Curry.</i>
Ferguson Protesters Burn Flag, March Over White Police Officer's Murder Acquittal ¹³	10/7/17	MO	A group of protesters marched down the streets of a suburb while burning a flag.
American flag hanging on Turlock home's door is burned ¹⁴	9/29/17	CA	A family's personal flag on display on their front door was burned by an unknown suspect.
Caught On Camera: Man Sets American Flag On Fire Outside Astoria Home ¹⁵	9/29/17	NY	A man set a neighbor's flag on fire and left it there to burn.
Florida man accused of burning American flags at Marion church ¹⁶	9/22/2017	FL	A flag displayed in front of a church was burned on Memorial Day leaving only a charred flag stick. "All that was left was the flag stick with char on it," pastor Dr. Jim Keough said. "It was very upsetting, you do think about 'what if?' We're just grateful and thankful"
Vandals burn American flag, dealership to raise it again ¹⁷	9/11/2017	AZ	A group of people took down and burned a flag that was iconic in the Tucson community.
Police: Man burns American flags honoring veterans outside Lancaster Catholic High School ¹⁸	9/10/2017	PA	Several flags honoring veterans were burned outside of a high school.
American and Thin Blue Line flags burned in north Modesto neighborhood ¹⁹	8/26/2017	CA	Almost a dozen flags were taken from a neighborhood and burned.
American flags in front of metro Detroit homes burned by vandals ²⁰	8/25/2017	MI	Three flags on display in a neighborhood were set on fire overnight. "My husband was a veteran. We fly the flag all the time. Shame on them, if you're not proud of it, why are you here?" said neighbor Arlene Sliwa.
Arlington shop's American flag burned ²¹	8/16/2017	VA	A flag was set aflame outside a local family business.
American flag burned outside Virginia home of disabled veteran ²²	7/14/2017	VA	A flag hanging outside of a disabled WWII veteran's home was set on fire in the middle of the night. <i>"I served under that flag and bled for it, really, and it was a personal affront," Cohen told NBC4Washington. "Cohen calls the flag a very important symbol in his life."</i>
Police arrest man who burned American flag hanging from Richmond home ²³	6/29/2017	VA	A young man set fire to a flag on a neighbor's porch that could have spread to the entire house. "This is vandalism and you have somebody that totally disregards the safety of the people around there," Tanner said. "It is also totally disregard what the flag represents."

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Iowa City Flag Burning Protest Leads to Scuffle ²⁴	1/27/2017	IA	A group of protesters were seen setting fire to the American flag along the pedestrian mall. People passing by confronted them, with a FedEx driver even pulling away one of the flags.
Protesters Burn American Flags in Pioneer Courthouse Square as Portland Braces for Anti-Trump Marches ²⁵	1/20/2017	OR	At least 300 people have gathered in a soggy Pioneer Courthouse Square as an uneasy city waits to see what a Portland protest of President Donald J. Trump will look like. A few masked protesters have burned American flags in the square known as "Portland's Living Room."
Asheville man burns American flag because of how Trump election made him feel ²⁶	12/2/2016	NC	This week, Donald Trump tweeted that burning a flag should be illegal. An Asheville man says he burned his because of how Trump's election made him feel.
Hampshire College students burn American flag to small reaction on-campus ²⁷	11/28/2016	MA	A group of about 150 students burned an American flag in the middle of the Hampshire College Campus.
USA Student Arrested for Burning American Flag, Making Terrorist Threats in Apartment Fire ²⁸	11/15/2016	AL	Ibrahim Alohal, 27, was accused and arrested of burning an American flag and setting fire to his apartment.
Student protesters burn American flags at confrontation over Trump victory ²⁹	11/9/2016	DC	A group of American University students burned U.S. flags to protest Donald Trump's election as president, some shouting "F— white America!"
Trump Tower Protesters Burn American Flag ³⁰	11/9/2016	NY	Protesters outside Trump Tower in New York City burned the American flag to protest the election of Donald Trump as the United States president.
Black Lives Matter Protesters Burn Bundy Supporter's American Flag in Front of Portland Justice Center ³¹	10/28/2016	OR	Protesters affiliated with Don't Shoot Portland and Black Lives Matter took an American flag from a supporter of Ammon Bundy and set it on fire in front of the Justice Center
Desecrated U.S. flag with anti-Semitic message left at Tampa synagogue ³²	10/17/16	FL	An American flag with an anti-Semitic message was found Saturday afternoon just outside the Jewish synagogue Tampa Congregation. <i>"I'm just as disgusted that somebody would desecrate an American flag in the process of sending such a message. Clearly, whoever wrote it is frustrated."</i>
WATCH: Video captures suspect burning American flag in back of Lafayette business ³³	9/23/2016	LA	Charri Mohamad, on surveillance video, was seen burning an American flag near a local business.
American Flags Burn Outside DNC After Anti-Hillary March ³⁴	7/27/2016	PA	Left-wing protesters burned American flags outside the Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia. <i>"Soldiers are fighting under that flag for your f--king freedom," the man shouted as a long line of police officers on bicycles rolled by.</i>
Arrestment for flag burning protesters, 17 detained released on personal bail bonds ³⁵	7/21/2016	OH	Gregory Lee "Joey" Johnson, who is the same revolutionary Communist activist who burned an American flag during the 1984 Republican National Convention in Dallas, burned a flag at an RNC event in Ohio and, in doing so, lit those around him on fire.
American Flag Burnt By 'Trans Power' Activists in San Francisco ³⁶	6/26/2016	CA	Whilst on a "trans power" march in San Francisco, people were seen on video celebrating as an American flag is burned.
Anti-cop group burns American flag over death of black teen ³⁷	6/7/2016	NY	A group of anti-cop dissenters burned an American flag outside a Staten Island police station house in protest of the NYPD's investigation into the death of a black teenage boy who police said suffered a fatal asthma attack after a gang-related street fight.

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Protesters take to streets after Trump rally in San Jose ³⁸	6/3/2016	CA	After a GOP nominee rally, a protestor burned an American flag while another protestor burned a MAGA hat.
Man Charged with Desecrating American Flag after Posting Photos on Facebook ³⁹	4/5/2016	IL	Bryton Mellott posted several photos on Facebook on July 3 showing him burning the American flag. On the photo post, he included a statement about why he is “not proud” to be an American.
Woman charged after taking down U.S., state flags and stomping them at Red Clay ⁴⁰	3/25/2016	TN	Emily Arianna Warren, 34, took down the U.S. and Tennessee <i>flags</i> at Red Clay State Park, place them on the ground and stomp on them. <i>"She stated this was not the first time she had removed flags at the park"</i> Bradford said.
Protesters set American flag on fire, MPD officers ceremoniously fold it up ⁴¹	11/11/2015	WI	During a march from Milwaukee's City Hall, some protesters set an American flag on fire -- which was immediately extinguished by officers from the Milwaukee Police Department.
Man steals American flag, burns it in front of Long Beach home ⁴²	8/6/2015	CA	Authorities are searching for a man suspected of removing a flag from a Long Beach home and burning it
Colorado Springs police investigate American flag burning outside city hall ⁴³	7/21/2015	CO	Police in Colorado Springs are investigating after someone cut down an American flag flying over the city's hall early Tuesday and apparently burned it.
American flag burned at Port Deposit home ⁴⁴	7/6/2015	MD	American Flag set on fire on a pole during the middle of the night
Activists protest symbols of oppression in Tampa, burn American flag ⁴⁵	7/4/2015	FL	Black Lives Matter activist burn three flags in public demonstration "The American flag holds as much hatred, as much oppression, as much blood as the Confederate flag," said Wilson, 25.
Protesters Burn American Flag In Fort Greene Park; Opponents Rush In ⁴⁶	7/1/2015	NY	A group made good on a plan to burn at least one American flag during a protest in Fort Greene Park in Brooklyn. <i>"I think about all the soldiers that gave their lives over the years to protect this free ground we stand on today, the men and women serving overseas," New York State Sen. Martin Golden (R-Brooklyn), said.</i>
Demonstrators burn a US flag in Denver as protests against 'state-sponsored racism' spread across America in wake of South Carolina shooting ⁴⁷	6/24/2015	CO	Demonstrators have burnt a US flag in Denver as protests against 'state-sponsored racism' intensified in the wake of the South Carolina mass murder.
American flag burned in front yard ⁴⁸	6/12/2015	TX	Lowell Thomas, who served in the Air Force in the Vietnam War, woke up to find his American flag burned on his front lawn.
St. Louis protesters burn American flags post-police shootings ⁴⁹	11/10/2014	MO	Protesters in St. Louis, angry at a police officer's return fatal gunfire on an 18-year-old black man, took to burning the American flag in the streets, chanting “no justice, no peace.”
American Flags Found Burned, Police Search For Vandals ⁵⁰	8/11/2014	CO	Suspects have been taking down flags from outside of homes and burning them.

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