

Civil wars

That a kidnapping attempt by a group of far-right extremists is a sign of impending civil war might strike you as preposterous.

But modern civil wars start with vigilantes just like these — armed militants who take violence directly to the people. Militias are now the defining feature of conflicts around the world.

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How Civil Wars Start

[Refers to the arrest of 13 men in October 2020 for attempting to kidnap and perhaps kill Michigan's governor, Gretchen Whitmer]