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Deconstructing Official Rationales for the Texas State Raid on the Fundamentalist Latter Day Saints

Stuart A. Wright is Professor of Sociology and Director of Research in the Office of Research at Lamar University in Beaumont, Texas. Dr. Wright has authored over forty publications in scholarly journals and edited volumes and he has published five books, including *Armageddon in Waco* (1995), *Patriots, Politics, and the Oklahoma City Bombing* (2007), and *Saints under Siege: The Texas State Raid on the Fundamentalist Latter Days Saints* (with James Richardson, 2011). Dr. Wright is an internationally recognized expert on religious and political movements, conflict and violence. He has testified in Congressional hearings on state-sect conflict, served as an advisor to the FBI's Crisis Incident Response Group (CIRG), and worked as an expert or consultant in a number of high profile legal cases, including the Branch Davidian criminal and civil trials, the Oklahoma City bombing trial of Timothy McVeigh, the dragging death of James Byrd, Jr., and the trials of polygamists after the FLDS raid in Texas.

