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The **Ohio Defense Force** (**ODF**) is a right-wing [privately organized militia](#) in the state of Ohio. The Ohio Defense Force is not a part of the US Military, the [Ohio National Guard](#), nor Ohio's similarly named [State Defense Force](#).^[1] Rather, it is organized, led, and staffed by private citizens. The [Southern Poverty Law Center](#) lists the Ohio Defense Force as an anti-governmental organization.^[2]

The Ohio Defense Force, originally named the Southeastern Ohio Defense Force, was founded in 1989 as a non-profit corporation. In 2004, the organization decided to expand statewide and was renamed the Ohio Defense Force.^{[3][4]} [TIME](#) journalists conducted extensive interviews with members of the group during a training exercise in their piece "The Secret World of Extreme Militias".^[5]

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Abbreviation	ODF
Formation	1989
Type	private non-governmental paramilitary militia
Location	Ohio
Members	300 (claimed by ODF)
Key people	William B. Alexander (founder)

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