“The Virus of Hate”
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Thank you!
Our Mission

• To reach people with a new understanding of public safety that hinges on education, awareness and research, and community engagement;

• To advance violence prevention strategies, policies and research; and

• To contribute to global security in a time of increasing threats
Homegrown Violent Extremists

“HVE describes a terrorist act within the context of ideologically motivated violence or plots, perpetrated within the United States or abroad by American citizens, residents or visitors, who have embraced their legitimizing ideology largely within the United States”
2017 USC Global Solutions in the Age of Homegrown Violent Extremism

2019 USC Homegrown Violent Extremism Digital Summit
“Without data you’re just another person with an opinion.”

- W. Edwards Deming,
  Data Scientist
Underreporting is a problem!
(FBI Uniform Crime Report 2011-2018)

- 20 cities with populations >150,000 reported zero hate crimes
- Zero incidents reported in the entire states of Alabama and Wyoming
- Majority of 16,039 law enforcement agencies reported zero in 2018
NY Field Office: **white supremacists and neo-Nazis** encouraging members to spread coronavirus to law enforcement and Jewish communities.

36-year old **racial/religious/anti-government extremist** plotted to bomb Kansas City medical center

Analysis warning of **increase in hate crimes against Asian Americans**
STOP AAPI HATE online reporting center (March 19)

• Reports of verbal harassment, shunning & physical assault
• First week: 670 complaints (total)
• Second week: more than 1,100 complaints (total)
• 32% of the incidents occurred in California
• More incidents have taken place in grocery stores, pharmacies and big box retail
LA Metro:
• “Every disease has ever came from China homie. Everything comes from China because they’re f****** disgusting.”

New York Subway Station:
• Victim was wearing a mask.
• Man walked up and called her a “diseased b****.”
Words matter: “Thanks China” sign during Coronavirus outbreak
March 19, 2020

“14.88”

The Fourteen Words:
“We must secure the existence of our people and a future for White children.”

Union Jack Liquor
Louisville
Religion

“Accelerationists”

Anti-Semitic Incidents: U.S. | Post Charlottesville Increase

Total Incidents | 350
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175

Pre-Charlottesville
85 Total Incidents

Post Charlottesville
221 Total Incidents

↑182%

There was an increase in the rate of change by 182% post Charlottesville.

Before Charlottesville (7/1-8/10) there was an average of 2.36 incidents a day but after it rose to 4.3 incidents a day.
ADL:
• 25% of respondents stated they have done at least one thing to avoid anti-Semitism
• 12% avoid wearing markers of Judaism
• 50% feared being attacked in public by wearing Jewish religious symbols and/or a violent attack on a synagogue
• 63% of American Jews say they are less safe than a decade ago

American Jewish Committee:
• 20% of Jews experienced verbal anti-Semitism
Anti-government Patriot Groups from 1996 - 2017

BILL CLINTON 1993-2001

GEORGE W. BUSH 2001-2009

BARACK OBAMA 2009-2017

DONALD TRUMP 2017-
Fueling the issue

U.S. is projected to be a majority-minority country by 2045
If you are the victim:
• Distance yourself
• Identify your departure route and take it

If you are a witness:
• Consider your surroundings – distance from the perpetrator
• IF SAFE, move closer to the victim – signals support
• IF SAFE, film the incident
• Follow-up with the victim, recommend reporting
Lessons Learned

• All threats and threateners are not equal.
• Most threateners are unlikely to carry out their threat.
• However, all threats must be taken seriously and evaluated.

Notify the proper authorities!
“Stay Informed!”

• Interactive & customizable map
• Developed by the ADL Center on Extremism
• Details extremist & anti-Semitic incidents across the nation.
“Reporting & Education!”

- “CombatHate”
- Museum of Tolerance
- Resources to interpret symbols & language of hate.
- Lexicon of Hate and Digital Terrorism and Hate CD also available
Current listing of news reports, government announcements and other resources covering extremist activities during the pandemic. It is regularly updated to include most recent instances of HVE.

Go to: sci.usc.edu
We should unapologetically challenge everything violent extremists stand for!

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