

Hate Crimes: Causes, Consequences and Trends

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Level

Intermediate

Room

Track

Clinical

CE

CPA/BBS/CJER

Bio

Jack McDevitt, PhD is a Professor of the Practice Emeritus in the School of Criminology and Criminal Justice at Northeastern University. Jack was the Founding Director of the Institute on Race and Justice at Northeastern University. Jack is the co author of three books *Hate Crimes: The Rising Tide of Bigotry and Bloodshed*, *Hate Crime Revisited: American War on Those Who Are Different* (both with Jack Levin) and *Victimology* (with Judy Sgarzy). He has also co-authored dozens of publications and reports on hate crime, racial profiling, police misconduct, gun violence and human trafficking including a national curriculum on hate crime developed to train law enforcement officers to recognize and respond to hate motivated violence. In 2014 he was appointed by the Speaker of the Massachusetts House of Representatives to Chair a Gun Violence Commission to make recommendations on ways to reduce gun violence in the Commonwealth. In 2020 He led a team that drafted a Hate Crime Resource Guide for all elementary, middle and high schools in Massachusetts. He has spoken on hate crime, racial profiling human trafficking and security both nationally and internationally and has testified as an expert witness before the Judiciary Committees of the US House of Representatives and in May of 2024 Jack gave the Keynote Address at White House conference Hate Crimes: Issues with Measurement and Impact on Victims: Advancing Understanding of Hate and Bias Incidents.

Narrative

This presentation will review the history of attempts to reduce bias motivated violence, commonly referred to as hate crimes, a discussion of the characteristics of hate crimes including a review of a typology of offenders and a discussion of recent trends in hate crimes including the role of the internet and social media and the role organized hate groups.

Learning Objectives

1. Describe three historical attempts to eliminate hate crimes in the US
2. Identify the typology of offenders who commit hate crimes
3. Describe three recent trends in hate crimes involving use of weapons and the role of social media