

Bias Motivation by Category and Type

RACE/ETHNICITY/ANCESTRY

Anti-American Indian or Alaska Native
Anti-Arab
Anti-Asian
Anti-Black or African American
Anti-Hispanic or Latino
Anti-Multiple Races, Group
Anti-Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
Anti-Other Race/Ethnicity/Ancstry
Anti-White

RELIGION

Anti-Buddhist
Anti-Catholic
Anti-Eastern Orthodox
Anti-Hindu
Anti-Islamic (Muslim)
Anti-Jehovah's Witness
Anti-Jewish
Anti-Mormon
Anti-Multiple Religions, Group
Anti-Other Christian
Anti-Other Religion
Anti-Protestant
Anti-Sikh
Anti-Atheism/Agnosticism

SEXUAL ORIENTATION

Anti-Bisexual
Anti-Gay (Male)
Anti-Heterosexual
Anti-Lesbian
Anti-Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, or Transgender (Mixed Group)

DISABILITY

Anti-Mental Disability
Anti-Physical Disability

GENDER

Anti-Female
Anti-Male

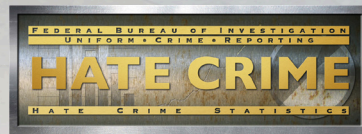
GENDER IDENTITY

Anti-Gender Nonconforming
Anti-Transgender

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The FBI Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program collects hate crime data regarding criminal offenses motivated, in whole or in part, by the offender's bias against a race, religion, disability, sexual orientation, ethnicity, gender, or gender identity. Due to the difficulty of ascertaining the offender's subjective motivation, bias is to be reported only if investigation reveals sufficient objective facts to lead a reasonable and prudent person to conclude the offender's actions were motivated, in whole or in part, by bias.

Bias Crime – A committed criminal offense that is motivated, in whole or in part, by the offender's bias(es) against a race, religion, disability, sexual orientation, ethnicity, gender, or gender identity; also known as Hate Crime.

Note: Even if the offender was mistaken in his or her perception that the victim was a member of the group he or she was acting against, the offense is still a bias crime because the offender was motivated by bias against the group.

Objective Evidence that the Crime was Motivated by Bias

<https://www.fbi.gov/services/cjis/ucr/hate-crime>

Motivation is subjective, therefore, it is difficult to know with certainty whether a crime was the result of the offender's bias. For that reason, before an incident can be reported as a hate crime, sufficient objective facts must be present to lead a reasonable and prudent person to conclude the offender's actions were motivated, in whole or in part, by bias. While no single fact may be conclusive, facts such as the following, particularly when combined, are supportive of a finding of bias:

1. The offender and the victim were of a different race, religion, disability, sexual orientation, ethnicity, gender, and/or gender identity. For example, the victim was African American and the offender was white.
2. Bias-related oral comments, written statements, or gestures were made by the offender indicating his or her bias. For example, the offender shouted a racial epithet at the victim.
3. Bias-related drawings, markings, symbols, or graffiti were left at the crime scene. For example, a swastika was painted on the door of a synagogue, mosque, or LGBT+ center.
4. Certain objects, items, or things which indicate bias were used. For example, the offenders wore white sheets with hoods covering their faces or

a burning cross was left in front of the victim's residence.

5. The victim is a member of a specific group that is overwhelmingly outnumbered by other residents in the neighborhood where the victim lives and the incident took place.

6. A substantial portion of the community where the crime occurred perceived the incident was motivated by bias.

7. The offender was previously involved in a similar hate crime or is a hate group member.

8. There were indications a hate group was involved. For example, a hate group claimed responsibility for the crime or was active in the neighborhood.

9. A historically-established animosity existed between the victim's and the offender's groups.

10. The victim, although not a member of the targeted racial, religious, disability, sexual orientation, ethnicity, gender, or gender identity group, was a member of an advocacy group supporting the victim group.



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