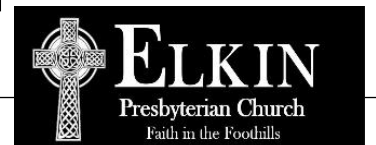




EMBRACE LOVE AND PEACE IN A WORLD
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www.elkinpres.org

NORTH CAROLINA

ORGANIZATIONS COMMITTED TO SPREAD HATE, DISCRIMINATION AND VIOLENCE: 28 CHAPTERS ACROSS STATE!

ACTBAC NC

- Is a Neo-confederate Hate Group.
Participated in 2017 'Unite the Right' rally in Charlottesville, VA. & Silent Sam event.

AMERICANS FOR LEGAL IMMIGRATION

- Anti-immigration especially for non-white immigrants

ASATRU FOLK ASSEMBLY

- Neo-Volkish, Fears of White Replacement, Anti-Critical Race Theory & Anti-Covid 19 vaccinations & masks.

GREAT MILLSTONE

- General Hate

IDENTITY DIXIE

- A neo-Confederate group, was instrumental in the deadly 'Unite The Right' rally in Charlottesville, VA.

ISRAEL UNITED IN CHRIST

- Black, Hispanic and Native Americans are true descendants of the 12 tribes of Israel.

ISRARITE SCHOOL OF UNIVERSAL PRACTICAL KNOWLEDGE (5 chapters)

- A black supremacist extremist sect. It is part of the Black Hebrew Israelite movement.

ISRAELITES SAINTS OF CHRIST (2 chapters)

- Black, Hispanics & native Americans are true descendants of the 12 Tribes.

Extremist hate Group clouded in Old Testament Scripture.

LEAGUE OF THE SOUTH

- Is a White nationalist, neo-Confederate, white supremacist groups.

LOYAL WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN

- White Supremacists & Christian Nationalists.

MASHARAH YASHARAHLA - GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL

- General hate. Based on the 12 Tribes in Scripture.

NATIONS OF ISLAM. (4 chapters)

- Antic-Semitic, Anti-LGBTQIA, 4 chapters in NC.

NEW BLACK PANTHER PARTY FOR SELF DEFENCE

- Antisemitic & racists. Leaders have encouraged violence.

OLD GLORY SKINHEADS

- Racist skinheads.

PATRIOT FRONT

- White nationalist.

PROUD BOYS. (3 chapters)

- Far Right Neo-fascists male organization. Anti-Feminist, Anti-immigrant O& LGBTQIA.

THE UNITED NEUWAPIANS WORLDWIDE/ALL EYES ON EGIPT

- Black Supremacist w/ worship of Egypt & their pyramids.

VINLANDERS SOCIAL CLUB

- Racist Skinheads

**A FEW NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS SPREADING TO HIGHLIGHT
FOR THEIR HATE, DISCRIMINATION AND VIOLENCE**

FAMILY RESEARCH COUNCIL (FRC)

- Anti-LGBTQIA and Anti-Muslim. They tout 'Christian Religious Freedom' to attack and marginalize the LGBTQIA & Muslim communities.
- Extremely influential in US & Foreign Politics

ALLIANCE DEFENDING FREEDOM (ADF)

- Also advocates 'Religious Freedom' along the same lines as the FRC.
- Highly influential in US and Foreign politics.

RISE ABOVE MOVEMENT (RAM)

- Violent White nationalists group founded by Robert Paul Rondo. He is on the Dept. of Homeland Security No-Fly list.

OATHKEEPERS

- Far-right anti-government militia group

VDARE

- *Racists activists, white nationalist. They promote the 'Great Replacement.'

**ORGANIZATIONS COMMITTED TO REDUCING HATE,
DISCRIMINATION AND VIOLENCE**

STAND UP to HATE and VIOLENCE



CHRISTIANS AGAINST CHRISTIAN NATIONALISM

www.christiansagainstchristiannationalism.org

PCUSA is one of the churches endorsing this organization.



As Christians, we are bound to Christ, not by citizenship, but by faith. We believe that:

- People of all faiths and none have the right and responsibility to engage constructively in the public square.
- Patriotism does not require us to minimize our religious convictions.
- One's religious affiliation, or lack thereof, should be irrelevant to one's standing in the civic community.
- Government should not prefer one religion over another or religion over nonreligion.
- Religious instruction is best left to our houses of worship, other religious institutions, and families.
- America's historic commitment to religious pluralism enables faith communities to live in civic harmony with one another without sacrificing our theological convictions.
- Conflating religious authority with political authority is idolatrous and often leads to oppression of minority and other marginalized groups as well as the spiritual impoverishment of religion.
- We must stand up to and speak out against Christian nationalism, especially when it inspires acts of violence and intimidation—including vandalism, bomb threats, arson, hate crimes, and attacks on houses of worship—against religious communities at home and abroad.

COMMUNITIES AGAINST HATE



www.communitiesagainsthate.org

CAH is a national initiative to collect data and respond to incidents of violence, threats, and property damage motivated by hate across the United States. The initiative leverages a reporting database that aggregates reports from both victims, witnesses and news accounts of hate incidents, as well as offers legal resources and social services to support people in need. CAH aims to aggregate data on hate incidents, providing legal and social support, raising awareness, and educating the public on the prevalence of hate.

The initiative is led by The Leadership Conference Education Fund, the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, and partner organizations representing diverse communities that reflect the fabric of America, including Center for Community Change; Color of Change; Genders and Sexual Alliance Network (GSA); Hollaback!; Muslim Advocates; National Council of La Raza; National Alliance of Arab American Communities (NNAAC); New York City Anti-Violence Project; and the Transgender Law Center. The Southern Poverty Law Center is serving as strategic adviser.

Southern Poverty Law Center

www.splcenter.org

We're currently tracking more than 1,600 extremist groups operating across the country. We publish investigative reports, train law enforcement officers and share key intelligence, and offer expert analysis to the media and public.

ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE

www.adl.org

ADL fights all forms of antisemitism and bias, using innovation and partnerships to drive impact. A global leader in combating antisemitism, countering extremism, and battling bigotry wherever and whenever it happens. ADL works to protect democracy and ensure a just and inclusive society for all.

ERADICATE HATE GLOBAL SUMMIT

www.eradicatehateglobalsummit.org

Eradicate Hate Global Summit is based in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania where the deadliest anti-Semitic attack in U.S. history occurred in 2018 at the Tree of Life Synagogue. The Eradicate Hate Global Summit is oriented toward finding effective solutions to hate-fueled extremism by forming year-round working groups that inform each subsequent annual Summit gathering. **2023 SUMMIT DATES ANNOUNCED! SEPTEMBER 27-29, 2023 | PITTSBURGH, PA**

We Are Many United AGAINST HATE

www.united-against-hate.org

We are... a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization of common people—urban and rural, spiritual, and secular—seeking equal protection for all, united against hate, bigotry and racism. We Do... outreach and intervention in communities to promote understanding, healing, reconciliation, and redemption. Instead of simply condemning the latest eruptions of hate-inspired violence, we dig down to the root causes of division, fear and hate. And we advocate policies creating greater economic security, promoting religious tolerance, celebrating differences and honoring America's heritage of openness to foreigners. We Are Many-United Against Hate's efforts are being recognized nationally. In May 2019 the FBI's national director gave Masood Akhtar the agency's Community Leadership Award.

HEROIC IMAGINATION PROJECT

www.heroicimaginationproject.org

Founded by Phil Zambardo, Psychologist. Inspired by the Heroic Imagination in each of us, HIP designs innovative strategies by combining psychological research, intervention education and social activism to create everyday heroes equipped to solve local and global problems. *We believe ordinary people can do extraordinary things.*

LAWYERS COMMITTEE for CIVIL RIGHT

www.lawyerscommittee.org

The principal mission of the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law is to secure equal justice for all through the rule of law, targeting in particular the inequities confronting African Americans and other racial and ethnic minorities. The Lawyers' Committee is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization, formed in 1963 at the request of President John F. Kennedy to enlist the private bar's leadership and resources in combating racial discrimination and the resulting inequality of opportunity – work that continues to be vital today.

FUTURES WITHOUT VIOLENCE

www.futureswithoutviolence.org

An international nonprofit health and social justice organization providing groundbreaking programs, policies, and campaigns that empower individuals and organizations working to end violence against women and children around the world, help individuals and communities heal, and prevent violence before it happens. For more than 40 years, we have worked to transform social norms, training professionals such as health providers, judges, educators, and athletic coaches on improving responses to violence and abuse. We also work with advocates, policy makers, creative artists, and others to build sustainable community leadership and educate people everywhere about respect and healthy relationships. For more information, visit Community-Based Projects in California, Colorado, District of Columbia, Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, West Virginia and Wisconsin Awarded Grants.

UNITED AGAINST HATE

www.united-against-hate.org

It's efforts are being recognized nationally. In May 2019 the FBI's national director gave Masood Akhtar the agency's Community Leadership Award. The Southern Poverty Law Center also saluted Masood's work with a Certificate of Appreciation for his contributions to the ongoing fight against hatred and intolerance in America. His name was added to the Wall of Tolerance in Montgomery, Alabama to provide inspiration to all those who choose to take a stand against hatred.



GUN SAFETY ADVOCACY GROUPS

NORTH CAROLINIANS AGAINST GUNS

www.ncgv.org

NCGV has a 25-year track record of being a reliable resource for gun legislation and its potential impact on the safety of North Carolinians. NCGV informs and educates the public, elected officials and media on gun legislation and gun violence.

Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence

www.bradyunited.org

Mission to reduce gun violence by 25% by 2025.

COALITION TO STOP GUN VIOLENCE (CSGV)

www.giffords.org

Across our nation, Americans are standing up and demanding safer communities. We help mobilize voters and educate lawmakers so that together, we can create a future free from gun violence.

EVERYTOWN for GUN SAFETY

www.everytown.org

Goals:

- Defeating the gun lobby's *guns everywhere* agenda
- Opposing armed extremism
- Pressuring lawmakers to improve our gun laws
- Educating the public about common-sense gun laws and responsible gun ownership
- Mobilizing grassroots supporters
- Amplifying the voices of survivors of gun violence

MOMS DEMAND ACTION

www.momsdemandaction.org

Moms Demand Action is a grassroots movement of Americans fighting for public safety measures that can protect people from gun violence. We pass stronger gun laws and work to close the loopholes that jeopardize the safety of our families. We also work in our own communities and with business leaders to encourage a culture of responsible gun ownership. We know that gun violence is preventable, and we're committed to doing what it takes to keep families safe. Moms Demand Action is part of Everytown for GS.

MAYORS AGAINST ILLEGAL GUNS

www.mayors.everytown.org

Founded in 2006 by Mayor Michael Bloomberg & Boston Mayor Thomas Menino with 15 other mayors. Today the coalition totals 2,000 members. MAIG works closely with Everytown to promote gun safety and sensible gun laws.

Note on National Day of Hate

New York, NY, February 24, 2023, ...

With white supremacist groups attempting to organize antisemitic activities as part of a so-called "National Day of Hate" this coming weekend and especially on Saturday, ADL (the Anti-Defamation League) today called on our community and our allies to join together by creating a Shabbat of Peace.

Using the hashtag #ShabbatOfPeaceNotHate, ADL is asking supporters and allies to join us in sharing a message of unity against antisemitism and hate by sharing with their online community that they will not back down and not be intimidated by extremists.



GUN OWNERSHIP, GUN VIOLENCE AND GUN DEATHS

KEY POINTS ON GUNS & VIOLENCE

I. GENERAL GUN OWNERSHIP & DEATHS BY FIREARMS

- A. There are 393 million guns in the US. (120 guns for every 100 Americans)
- B. Pew Research Feb 3, 2022, citing the CDC:
 - 45,222 Total Gun Deaths in 2020
 - 24,222 were suicides = 54% of the total
 - 19,384 were murders = 43% of the total
 - 611 were law Enforcement involved = .0135%
 - 535 were unintentional = .0118%
 - 400 were undetermined = .0088%
- C. Firearms are the #1 cause of homicides for children and teens.
 - 1) For children 13 & younger the majority of deaths are in the home.
 - 2) Black children/teens are 17% more likely die of guns than white children/teens.
- D. Domestic Violence and gun deaths and shootings
 - 1) In the US, 70 women per month are shot & killed by an intimate partner.
 - 2) Access to a gun makes it 5 times more likely the woman will be killed.
- E. 59% of adults or someone they know/care about have experienced gun violence in their lifetime.

II. NORTH CAROLINA GUN DEATHS AND GUN OWNERSHIP

- A. 1,588 people die from guns in NC. In an average year. (Rate of 14.9 deaths per 100,000 people)
- B. SUICIDE accounts for 54% of all firearm deaths in NC
- C. Gun deaths in NC have increased 2012 to 2021 by 47% compared to a 39% increase nationwide.
- D. North Carolina ranks 23rd in the nation for gun deaths.
- E. Gun violence costs NC \$19.5 Billion dollars/year. Taxpayers pay \$471 million of the 19.5 B.
- F. The Gun ownership in the US is the highest of any country in the world, twice the next highest.

III. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON FIREARMS AND DEATHS

- A. Since 1972 the % of households owning guns ranges from

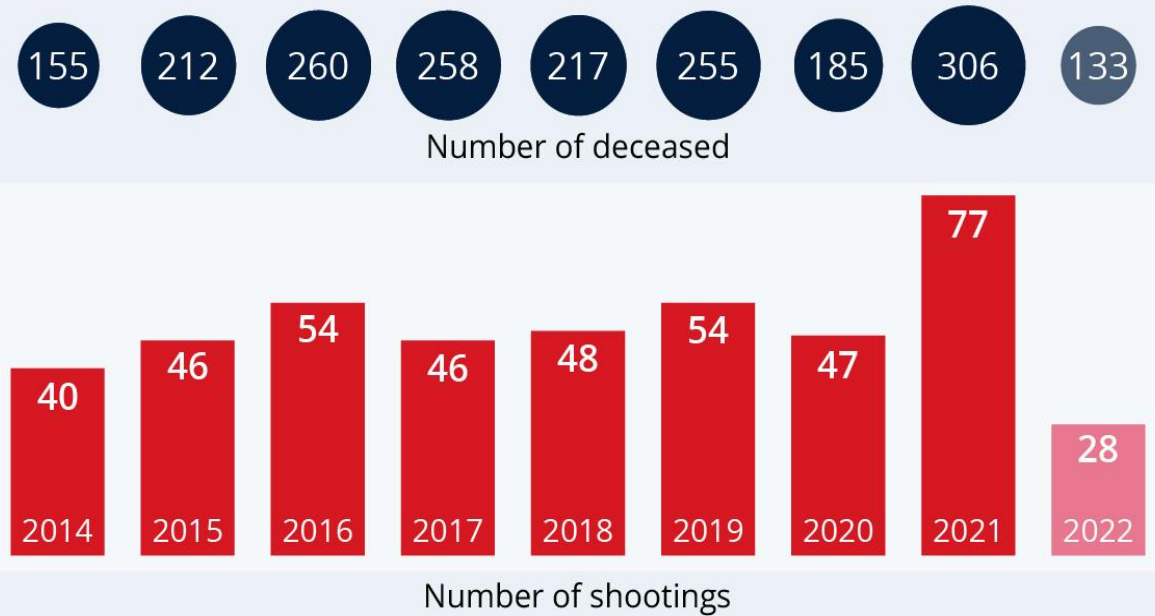
37% to 42%

- B. Texans own the most guns with 1,006,555
- C. North Carolinians own 222,15 and ranks 8th in state gun ownership.
- D. With more Guns there are more Deaths and more Violence 79% of all homicides in the US involved firearms.
- E. The data underscores socio-economic divides, with some of the poorest counties seeing up to 4.5 times more homicides than areas with the least amount of poverty.
- F. Mass shootings (3 or more people) rose in 2021 to 77 shootings killing 306 people.
- G. Mass shootings receive a lot of news coverage. However, gun violence involving 1 or 2 victims goes on daily in rural and urban areas .
- H. Firearm related suicides remained high through 2020.
- I. White males are the largest group of suicides. But Native American and Alaskan Native Suicides rose 42% in 2020 from 2019.
 - 400 were undetermined = .0088%
- J. BACK/SOURCE FOR RECAP FROM JAMA & KAISER.
 - 1) A majority of US guns are owned by a minority of people, studies show.
 - 2) The share of American households owning at least one firearm has remained relatively steady since 1972, hovering between 37 percent and 47 percent. In 2021, about 42 percent of U.S. households had at least one gun in their possession. Jul 27, 2022
- K. **From the Kaiser Family Foundation:**
 - 1) **The U.S. Is the Only Country Among Its Peers in Which Guns Are the Leading Cause of Death Among Children**
 - 2) Ranking (number of deaths) by leading cause of mortality for children ages 1-19 years, U.S. and peer countries, 2020
 - 3) Here are a few countries compared to the US... [see chart next page]

Firearm	Motor vehicles	Other injuries	Congenital disease	Cancer	Substance use	Heart disease
U.S.	1(4,357)	2(4,112)	3(3,879)	4(3,166)	5(1,767)	6(1,552)
U.K.	15(8)	3(291)	4(183)	2(322)	1(417)	9(62)
Switzerland	6(5)	3(32)	4(24)	2(33)	1(41)	7(4)
Sweden	9(4)	2(38)	4(27)	3(32)	1(62)	6(9)
Netherlands	13(2)	2(73)	4(35)	3(70)	1(103)	11(4)
Japan	15(5)	2(365)	4(313)	3(333)	1(492)	14(9)
Germany	13(14)	2(406)	4(194)	3(303)	1(411)	9(29)
France	8(48)	1(471)	3(300)	4(288)	2(432)	12(17)
Canada	5(48)	1(294)	4(153)	3(165)	2(234)	6(45)
Belgium	9(5)	1(73)	3(42)	3(42)	2(64)	11(4)
Austria	9(4)	1(49)	4(30)	2(42)	2	7(10)

The United States' Mass Shootings

Number of mass shootings and number of deceased since 2014 in the U.S. (as of July 5, 2022)



Minimum of three shot and killed. Independent of number of shooters, public or private location or timeline

Source: Gun Violence Archive



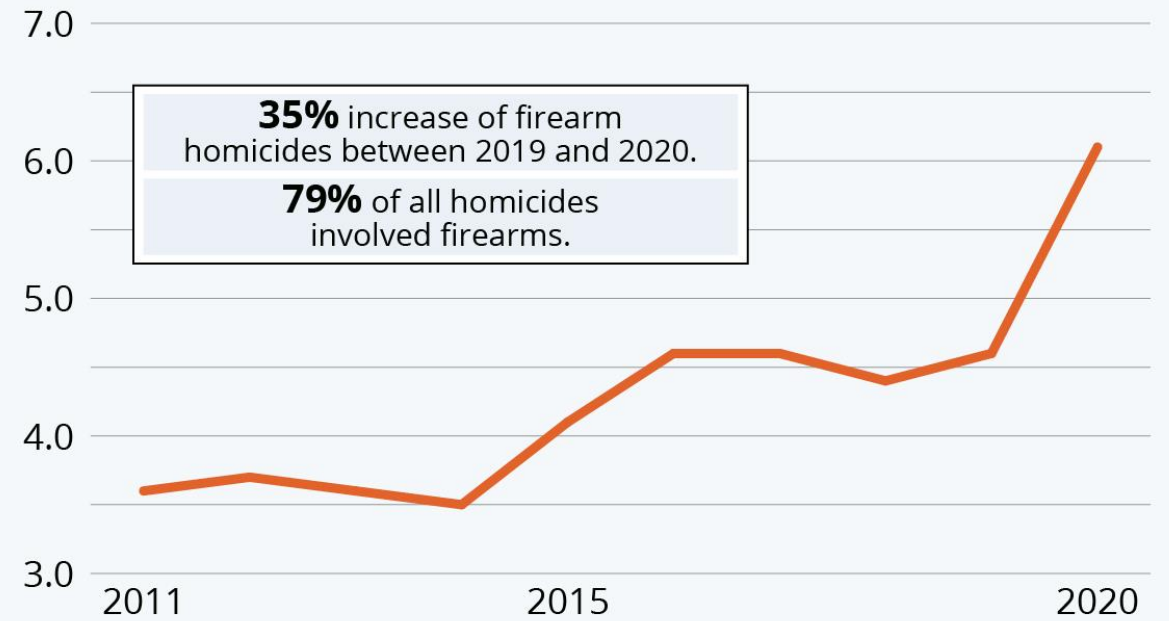
Gun-related deaths rose 35 percent in the first year of the [pandemic](#), according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ([CDC](#)), seeing the highest recorded rates since 1994. The organization's [Vital Signs Report](#) found that 79 percent of all homicides in 2020 involved firearms. As our chart shows, 6.1 out of 100,000 [Americans](#) were killed nationwide in gun-related homicides in 2020, up from 4.6 the year before. The data underscores socio-economic divides, with some of the poorest counties seeing up to 4.5 times more homicides than areas with the least amount of [poverty](#). Black Americans were disproportionately at risk, with Black men and boys aged 10 to 24 being 21 times more likely to be fatally shot than white males the same age.

Meanwhile, gun-related suicides remained high in 2020, with a recorded 8.1 deaths per 100,000 people. While suicide rates are still highest among white men, the largest increase in firearm-related suicides was among American Indian and Alaska Native people, showing a 42 percent rise from the year before.



U.S. Gun Deaths Surged in First Pandemic Year

Number of firearm homicides per 100,000 population (aged 10+) between 2011 and 2020



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)



From NYT Article, **Schools Are Spending Billions on High Tech Defence for mass Shootings**, by Nate Singer

In 2021, schools and colleges in the United States spent an estimated \$3.1 billion on security products and services, compared with \$2.7 billion in 2017, according to Omdia, a market-research company. Security [trade groups](#) have [lobbied for hundreds of millions of dollars](#) in federal and state funding for school safety measures. The [gun legislation](#) that Congress passed last week includes an additional \$300 million to bolster school security.

The offerings are numerous: automatically locking doors, bullet-resistant tables, Kevlar backpacks, artificial intelligence that detects guns and countless types of training exercises, like breathing techniques to avoid panic during an attack or strategies for how to use a pencil to pierce a shooter's eyes.

(CNN) February 2, 2023 A federal law that prohibits people subject to domestic violence restraining orders from possessing firearms is unconstitutional, a conservative-leaning appeals court ruled Thursday.

[The ruling](#) is the latest significant decision [dismantling a gun restriction](#) in the wake of the Supreme Court's [expansion of Second Amendment rights](#) last year in the New York State Rifle & Pistol Association, Inc. v. Bruen decision.

The 5th US Circuit Court of Appeals said that the federal law targeting those believed to pose a domestic violence threat could not stand [under the Bruen test](#), which requires that gun laws have a historical analogy to the firearm regulations in place at the time of the Constitution's framing. "Through that lens, we conclude that (the law's) ban on possession of firearms is an 'outlier' that our ancestors would never have accepted," the 5th Circuit said.

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Now, the appellate panel has given itself a do-over, releasing a [new decision](#) that manages to make matters even worse. In particular, the ruling includes an expanded concurrence from Judge James C. Ho that questions the fairness and wisdom of the law, known as Section 922(g)(8).

"Scholars and judges have expressed alarm that civil protective orders are too often misused as a tactical device in divorce proceedings — and issued without any actual threat of danger," wrote Ho, who was named to the bench by President Donald Trump.

Last month, the federal appeals court issued [a terrible Second Amendment ruling](#), striking down the federal law that prohibits people under domestic violence restraining orders from having guns. The Fifth Circuit had previously upheld the law, but said it was compelled to change course by a 2022 Supreme Court ruling that requires judges to search for historical analogues to modern gun restrictions.

Consider some facts he didn't mention: As Everytown for Gun Safety [reports](#): "70 women in America are shot and killed by an intimate partner in an average month — and the presence of a gun in a domestic violence situation makes it five times as likely that a woman will be killed."

LAWS THAT DISCRIMINATE MARGINALIZED PEOPLE

LAWS AGAINST TRANS & LGBTQIA+ PEOPLE

- I. ANT-TRANS LAWS ON THE RISE IN THE US
 - A. 2018; 19 TOTAL
 - B. 2019; 25 TOTAL
 - C. 2020; 60 TOTAL
 - D. 2021; 131 TOTAL
 - E. 2022; 155 TOTAL
- II. NC IS SIGHTED AS THE START OF THE ANTI-TRANS & ANTI LGBTQ LEGISLATION W/ THE 2016 "**BATHROOM BILL**".
- III. TEXAS GOVERNOR ABBOTT, DIRECTED CHILD SERVICES TO INVESTIGATE & CHARGE PARENTS WITH CHILD ABUSE WHO PARTICIPATE IN GENDER AFFIRMING MEDICAL PROCEDURES FOR THEIR CHILD.
- IV. FLORIDA'S LAW, "**PARENTAL RIGHTS IN EDUCATION**" (**DON'T SAY GAY**) BARS DISCUSSION OF SEXUALITY & GENDER IN GRADES K – 3RD. IT ALSO RESTRICTS DISCUSSION THAT IS NOT 'AGE APPROPRIATE' THRU 12TH GRADE. THE LAW PROVIDES BROAD POWERS TO PARENTS TO SUE SCHOOL DISTRICTS THEY FEEL ARE NOT IN COMPLIANCE.
- V. "**RELIGIOUS FREEDOM LAWS**' HAVE PASSED IN SOME STATES WHICH ALLOW ON RELIGIOUS BELIEFS TO NOT SERVE OR EMPLOY LGBTQIA OR TRANS PEOPLE.
- VI. '**HEALTH CARE RESTRICTIONS**' ARE IN PLACE IN ALABAMA, ARKANSAS & ARIZONA WHICH CRIMINALIZE DOCTORS WHO PROVIDE GENDER AFFIRMING CARE AND PUNISH PARENTS WHO SUPPORT THEIR KIDS AS THEY SEEK TREATMENT.
- VII. **TRANSPHOBIA** IS 'TO BE FEARFUL OF TRANSGENDER PEOPLE'. TRANSPHOBIA SOULDS LIKE AN INDIVIDUAL CONDITION. HOWEVER, FHE WORD DOWNPLAYS THE SYSTEMS AND INSTITUTIONS THAT HARM TRANS PEOPLE
- VIII. **TRANSMISIA** IS ANY ATTITUDE, BELIEF, OR POLICY THAT DENIES TRANS & GENDER NON-CONFORMING PEOPLE THEIR IDENTITY, OR STIGMAATIZES THEM OR TREATS THEM LESS WORTHY OF RESPECT AND CARE.



1) PREJUDICE SETS IN AND HATE IS EXPRESSED

2) "HATE" expressed in many forms.

- A. The term "hate", when used in a hate Crime Law, "hate" means bias against people or groups with specific characteristics that are defined by the law.
- B. Hate crimes are attacks on people or property.
- C. Hate is also expressed as rage and dislike. It often takes form in Hate Speech, Cyber-attacks/rumors and Bullying both physical and in cyberspace/internet.

3) HATE CRIMES ARE INCREASING

- A. There were 7,759 reported hate crimes in the U.S. in (2020)— the most in 12 years, the FBI reported.
- B. The number is likely higher because over 60 jurisdictions with populations over 100,000 affirmatively reported zero hate crimes.
- C. 64% of all 2020 Hate Crime were motivated by a bias against race, ethnicity or ancestry.
- D. Of all hate crimes, 36% were anti-Black or anti-African American,
- E. Of the known offenders over 50% were white.

4) HATE SPEECH

- A. Words Matter as seen in 2020 when Hate Crimes against Asians and Pacific Islanders jumped between March 2020 & June 2020 because political rhetoric referred to Covid-19 as the 'Chinese Virus'
- B. Christians & Other Religions need to join with Secular Institutions

such as the United Nations to address Hate Speech and Intimidation.

*Christians are called to renounce Hate in every form & place.

*Christians are called to change institutions that encourage hate
And support institutions that are working to reduce hate.

- C. The United Nations Human Rights Office issued a report in March 2021 by Dr. Fernand de Varnnes.

*Too often, hate speech is followed by hate crimes and violence," says de Varennes. "It can too easily prepare the ground for dehumanization and scapegoating of minorities, and for normalizing hate. We need to learn from history and place all our efforts in erasing hate speech from the online space."

- D. Cyber- Online hate across the world not just the US.

* In many countries, three quarters or more of the victims of online hate speech are members of minority groups. Women belonging to these groups are disproportionately targeted.

COUNCIL OF EUROPE WEBSITE | EUROPEAN COMMISSION AGAINST RACISM & INTOLERANCE states

*Hate speech covers many forms of expressions which advocate incite, promote or justify hatred, violence and discrimination against a person or group of persons for a variety of reasons.

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*it can lead to acts of violence and conflict on a wider scale.

5) BULLYING ANOTHER FORM OF HATE FOUND AMONG THE YOUTH

National Bullying Prevention Center website provides the following:

One out of every five (20.2%) students report being bullied.

[\(National Center for Educational Statistics, 2019\)](#)

Bullying is both physical and spread online through direct attacks or spread by rumors about others. This is especially prevalent In students in middle school through high school.

National Center for Education Statistics reports for 2019:

When the prevalence of bullying is examined by school characteristics,² it can be observed that the percentage of students who reported being bullied at school during the school year was higher for students enrolled in schools in rural areas (28 percent) than for students enrolled in schools in other locales (22 percent each for those enrolled in schools in cities and in towns, and 21 percent for those enrolled in schools in suburban areas).

Research used in the Key Points

Hate The term "hate" can be misleading. When used in a hate crime law, the word "hate" does not mean rage, anger, or general dislike. In this context "hate" means bias against people or groups with specific characteristics that are defined by the law.

Thousands of law enforcement agencies voluntarily submit data to the [Uniform Crime Reporting Program's \(UCR\) Hate Crime Statistics Data Collection](#) on crimes motivated by prejudice based on race, gender and gender identity, religion, disability, sexual orientations, or ethnicity.

NPR Hate Crimes Reach The Highest Level In More Than A Decade Updated September 1, 2021 11:17 AM ET [JOE HERNANDEZ](#)

There were 7,759 reported hate crimes in the U.S. last year (2020)— the most in 12 years, [the FBI reported this week](#). But some experts and advocacy groups say the true number is probably even higher. The number of recorded bias incidents reported by the FBI was the highest since 2008, when 7,783 hate crimes were reported to the agency, [federal data shows](#). The spike in 2020 follows a recent upward trend in bias incidents, and it was a 6% increase over 2019.

Nearly two of every three hate crimes reported last year — 64% — were motivated by a bias against race, ethnicity or ancestry, the FBI said. **Of all hate crimes, 36% were anti-Black or anti-African-American**, 10% were anti-white and 9% were anti-Jewish.

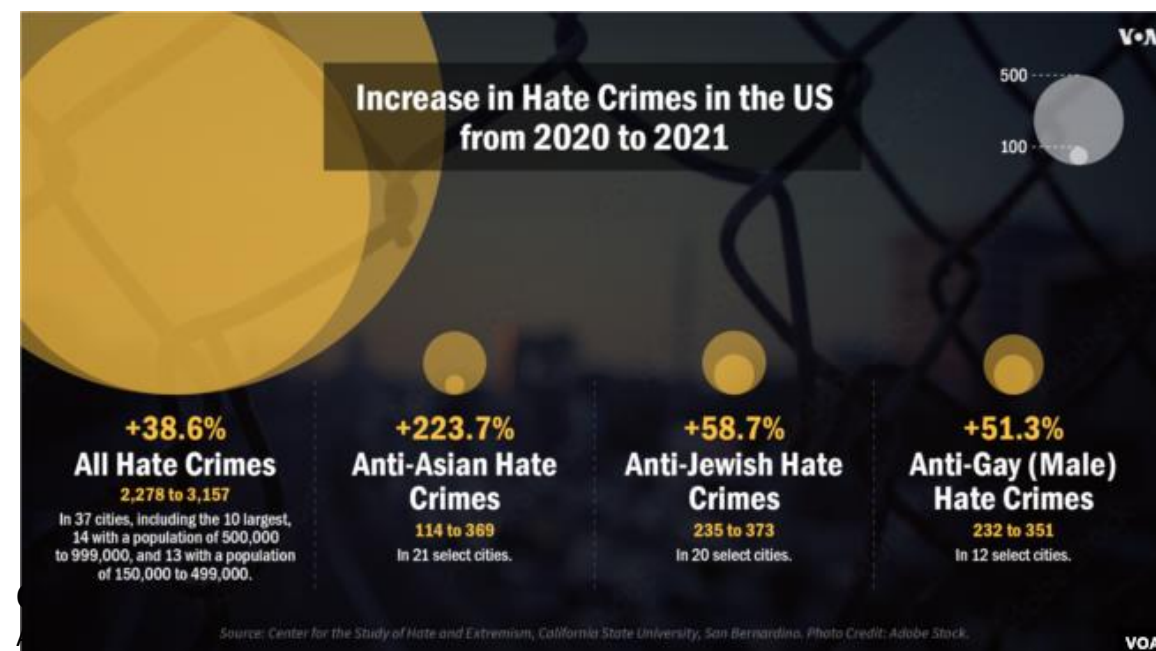
"As [the Anti-Defamation League] has said time and time again, when just one individual is targeted by a hate crime, it negatively impacts the entire community, resulting in marginalized groups rightfully feeling vulnerable and under siege," said ADL CEO Jonathan Greenblatt [in a statement](#).

The FBI defines a hate crime as an offense that is motivated at least in part by a bias against a victim's race, religion, disability, sexual orientation, ethnicity, gender or gender identity.

The numbers released this week represent the hate crimes reported to the FBI last year by 15,136 law enforcement agencies across the country. Some experts [say the true number of hate crimes is likely higher](#), since not every crime is reported to law enforcement, not every agency reports its data to the FBI and many agencies report no incidents.

"While these numbers are disturbing on their own, the fact that so many law enforcement agencies did not participate is inexcusable, and the fact that over 60 jurisdictions with populations over 100,000 affirmatively reported zero hate crimes is simply not credible," Greenblatt added.

The increase also comes amid a [rise in reported hate crimes against Asian people](#). The national coalition Stop AAPI Hate received 9,081 incident reports of bias incidents against Asians and Pacific Islanders between March 19, 2020, and this June. The sudden increase in reported hate crimes against Asian people was attributed in part to the scapegoating of the Asian community for the emergence of COVID-19, which originated in China and which [former President Donald Trump called](#) the "Chinese virus." In a statement, Attorney General [Merrick Garland said](#) preventing and responding to hate crimes was among the Justice Department's top priorities. "These hate crimes and other bias-related incidents instill fear across entire communities and undermine the principles upon which our democracy stands," he said. "All people in this country should be able to live without fear of being attacked or harassed because of where they are from, what they look like, whom they love or how they worship."



Overall, more than 11,000 people reported that they were victims of a hate crime motivated by a single bias, and 346 were victims of crimes motivated by different biases. **Of the known offenders, more than half were White, according to the FBI.**

****HATE IS NOT ALWAYS A CRIME BUT IT IS UNCHRISTIAN**

UNITED NATIONS HUMAN RIGHTS OFFICE, MARCH 23, 2021

REPORT: Online hate increasing against minorities by Dr. Fernand de Varnnes

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"Too often, hate speech is followed by hate crimes and violence," says de Varnnes. "It can too easily prepare the ground for dehumanisation and scapegoating of minorities, and for normalising hate. We need to learn from history and place all our efforts in erasing hate speech from the online space."

"The current tsunami of hate and xenophobia requires clarity and consistency in guidance, and understanding built upon international human rights law being at the very centre, rather than an afterthought," stated de Varnnes, when presenting the report.

Further, an internationally acceptable legal definition of hate speech should be adopted in accordance with international human rights law, particularly on freedom of expression, advises the report.

Prioritizing minorities is key With minorities forming the overwhelming majority of victims of online hate speech, it is crucial that social media platforms prioritize them in consultations in their efforts to address hate speech. States also have a responsibility, says the report, to protect the needs of all minorities, not just some.

A zero-tolerance policy for hate speech, hate crime and racism against minorities must be adopted by States and tech and social media companies, recommends the report. Rigorous monitoring of hate speech and racism is also a critical requirement.

COUNCIL OF EUROPE WEBSITE EUROPEAN COMMISSION AGAINST RACISM & INTOLERANCE

Hate speech covers many forms of expressions which advocate, incite, promote, or justify hatred, violence and discrimination against a person or group of persons for a variety of reasons.

It poses grave dangers for the cohesion of a democratic society, the protection of human rights In many countries, three quarters or more of the victims of online hate speech are members of minority groups. Women belonging to these groups are disproportionately targeted.

rights and the rule of law. If left unaddressed, it can lead to acts of violence and conflict on a wider scale. In this sense hate speech is an extreme form of intolerance which contributes to hate crime.

Aware of the **dangerous link between hate speech and violence**, ECRI has always considered that criminal prohibition is necessary when hate speech publicly incites violence against individuals or groups of people. At the same time criminal sanctions should be used as a measure of last resort and, all along, **a balance must be kept between fighting hate speech on the one hand, and safeguarding freedom of speech on the other**. Any restrictions on hate speech should not be misused to silence minorities and to suppress criticism of official policies, political opposition or religious beliefs.

ECRI recommends states to provide practical support to those targeted by hate speech and violence: they should be made aware of their rights to redress through administrative, civil and criminal proceedings and encouraged to report to the authorities and receive legal and psychological assistance.

HEALTH AFFAIRS WEBSITE; HEALTH POLICY BRIEF,

A troubling recent trend is the proliferation of [hate on the internet](#), with a recent survey of eighteen- to twenty-five-year-olds in six countries finding that a majority had been exposed to online hate in the preceding three months. Microaggressions and other subtle expressions of hate are also prevalent. Indeed, research from 2017 suggests that over the course of [twelve months, up to one in four Black and Latinx students were victims of racial microaggressions](#), depending on contextual factors. All these data likely underestimate prevalence, given underreporting by both [victims](#) and [law enforcement](#).

Bullying a form of Hate

National Bullying Prevention Center website provides the following:

- One out of every five (20.2%) students report being bullied. (*National Center for Educational Statistics, 2019*)
- A higher percentage of male than of female students report being physically bullied (6% vs. 4%), whereas a higher percentage of female than of male students reported being the subjects of rumors (18% vs. 9%) and being excluded from activities on purpose (7% vs. 4%). (*National Center for Educational Statistics, 2019*)
- A slightly higher portion of female than of male students report being bullied at school (24% vs. 17%). (*National Center for Educational Statistics, 2019*)

- The reasons for being bullied reported most often by students include physical appearance, race/ethnicity, gender, disability, religion, sexual orientation. (*National Center for Educational Statistics, 2019*)

Effects of Bullying

- Students who experience bullying are at increased risk for depression, anxiety, sleep difficulties, lower academic achievement, and dropping out of school. (*Centers for Disease Control, 2019*)
- Students who are both targets of bullying and engage in bullying behavior are at greater risk for both mental health and behavior problems than students who only bully or are only bullied. (*Centers for Disease Control, 2019*)

Cyberbullying

- Among students ages 12 – 18 who reported being bullied at school, 15% were bullied online or by text (*National Center for Educational Statistics, 2019*)
- Reports of cyberbullying are highest among middle school students, followed by high school students, and then primary school students (*Centers for Disease Control, 2019*)
- The percentages of individuals who have experienced cyberbullying at some point in their lifetimes have more than doubled (18% to 37%) from 2007-2019 (*Patchin & Hinduia, 2019*)
- The type of cyberbullying tends to differ by gender. Girls were more likely to say someone spread rumors about them online while boys were more likely to say that someone threatened to hurt them online (*Patchin et al., 2019*)

National Center for Education Statistics reports for 2019:

When the prevalence of bullying is examined by school characteristics,² it can be observed that the percentage of students who reported being bullied at school during the school year was higher for students enrolled in schools in rural areas (28 percent) than for students enrolled in schools in other locales (22 percent each for those enrolled in schools in cities and in towns, and 21 percent for those enrolled in schools in suburban areas). However, there were no measurable differences between public and private school students in the percentage of students who reported being bullied.

POLITICS HAVE INCREASED HATE SPEECH

So many examples, do you need me to list some?