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Hate Crimes Research Network Mission Statement

The Hate Crimes Research Network is designed to link academic research that is being done on the topic of bias motivated crime. Based at the Department of Sociology of Portland State University in Oregon, the HCRN links work done by sociologists, criminologists, psychologists and other academics, including graduate students. The goal is to create a common pool of research and data to understand the phenomenon of hate crimes. The HCRN and this site are directed by Dr. Randy Blazak.

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IN THE NEWS

Hate Crimes Rose 8 Percent in 2006

November 19, 2007 - [Associated Press](#) - **CRIME SURGE:** Hate crime incidents rose nearly 8 percent last year, the FBI reported Monday, as civil rights advocates increasingly take to the streets to protest what they call official indifference to intimidation and attacks against blacks and other minorities.

MOSTLY RACIAL: More than half the incidents were motivated by racial prejudice, but the report did not even pick up all the racially motivated incidents last year.

REACTION: Still, the Jena, La., incidents and other racial incidents around the country have spawned civil rights demonstrations that culminated last week at Justice Department headquarters.

Full story at: [The Washington Post \(click here\)](#)

[CLICK HERE FOR THE 2006 FBI HATE CRIME DATA](#)

National Geographic Channel Explores the Resurgence of Skinheads

The National Geographic Channel will feature a special on the resurgence of skinheads on Wednesday, November 14, 2007 at 9 pm. The hour-long program features a review of the 2003 murder of a homeless man in Tacoma, Washington by Volksfront skinheads, as well as anti-racist skinheads, known as SHARPs. The special also looks at how racist

skinheads have used anti-immigration sentiment. Randy Blazak, from the HCRN, and Mark Pitcavagee, from the ADL, are featured. The network has established an online blog on the subject (on which many racist supporters have posted).



[Click image to connect to blog](#)

A personal note from Randy Blazak: I am quite impressed with the scope of this special and its importance in a time when anti-immigrant hate has gone mainstream. The discussion of illegal immigration has become racialized. In all my interviews on the subject, no one has commented on illegal immigration by Russians, Ukrainians, or the Irish. White groups enter the country illegally as well, but the panic is over the "brown." immigrants.

I did one interview to promote this special with a nationally syndicated radio program called [The Mancow Show](#). In the small portion I heard of this show, and was on it, not only were there complaints about Latino migrants, there was an assertion that the Boy Scouts of America were forcing scout troops to have gay scoutmasters who are pedophiles. The story was untrue and the majority of pedophiles, research shows, are HETEROsexual. But here is the hate machine in action. They also had a comical skit based on the study that "25% percent of veterans are homeless." In truth, [the Veterans Affairs and Census bureaus found that 25% of the homeless are veterans \(including 1500 from the Iraq and Afghan wars\)](#). This type of mis-information as "comedy" fuels hate. Mr. Macow asked me what type of person becomes a racist skinhead. I should have said the type of person that listens to the Mancow Show.

RESPONDING TO HATE VIOLENCE: NEW CHALLENGES AND SOLUTIONS



The October 2007 issue of [American Behavioral Scientist](#) features 14 articles that deal with hate violence after 9/11. Some of the leading names in the field are included. The volume, edited by Gordana Rabrenovic of the Brudnick Center on Violence and Conflict at Northeastern University, includes the following articles:

Gordana Rabrenovic - Introduction: Responding to Hate Violence: New Challenges and Solutions

Erik Bleich - Hate Crime Policy in Western Europe: Responding to Racist Violence in Britain, Germany, and France

Nihad Bunar - Hate Crimes Against Immigrants in Sweden and Community Responses

Kevin Borgeson and Robin M. Valeri - The Enemy of My Enemy Is My Friend

Vicky Kielinger and Susan Paterson - Policing Hate Crime in London

Elizabeth Englander - Is Bullying a Junior Hate Crime? Implications for Interventions

Shea W. Cronin, Jack McDevitt, Amy Farrell, and James J. Nolan, III - Bias-Crime Reporting: Organizational Responses to Ambiguity, Uncertainty, and Infrequency in Eight Police Departments

[Oregon Spotlight discusses hate with racists](#)

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[GLBT community discusses "Facing Homophobia"](#)

[Hate-Crime Discussion Network](#)

[Discuss anti-Arabian hate since 9/11](#)

[Professors for Peace discussion group](#)

Paul Iganski Too Few Jews to Count? Police Monitoring of Hate Crime Against Jews in the United Kingdom

Jack Levin, Gordana Rabrenovic, Vincent Ferraro, Tara Doran, and Daniela Methe - When a Crime Committed by a Teenager Becomes a Hate Crime: Results From Two Studies

Kathleen M. Blee - The Microdynamics of Hate Violence: Interpretive Analysis and Implications for Responses

Yueh-Ting Lee, Sandy Vue, Richard Seklecki, and Yue Ma - How Did Asian Americans Respond to Negative Stereotypes and Hate Crimes?

Gordana Rabrenovic, Jack Levin, and Nelly M. Oliver - Promoting Respect for Difference on the College Campus: The Role of Interdependence

Thomas H. Koenig and Michael L. Rustad - "Hate Torts" to Fight Hate Crimes: Punishing the Organizational Roots of Evil

Brian Levin and Sara-Ellen Amster - Making Hate History: Hate Crime and Policing in America's Most Diverse City

Gordana Rabrenovic - When Hate Comes to Town: Community Response to Violence Against Immigrants

Articles can be accessed on line at: [American Behavioral Scientist](#) October 2007, Volume 51, No. 2

Excellent Research on White Supremacist Movement Featured in Journal

**Journal of Political and Military Sociology, Vo. 34, No. 1 (Summer 2006)
Special Issue: The White Power Movement in the U.S.
Edited by Betty A. Dobratz and Lisa K. Waldner**



The [Journal of Political and Military Sociology](#) (Summer 2006) has published an impressive collection of research on the WSM from some of the leading names in the field.

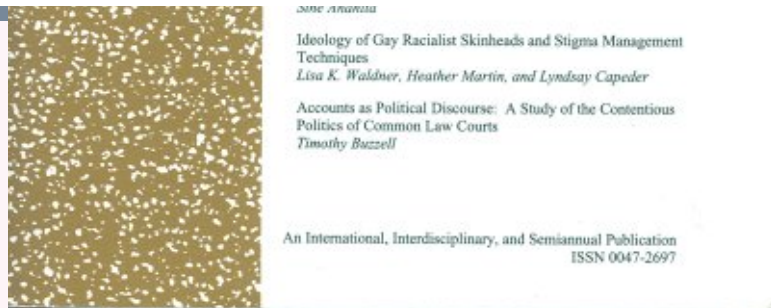
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In Search of Understanding the White Power Movement: An Introduction by Betty A. Dobratz and Lisa K. Waldner

Overview of White Supremacist Groups by Chip Berlet and Stanislav Vysotsky

The Strategy of White Separatism by Betty A. Dobratz and Stephanie Shanks-Meile

The Rise and Fall of Aryan Nations: A Resource Mobilization Perspective by Robert A. Balch



Cyberculture and the Endurance of White Power Activism by Pete Simi and Robert Futrell

Blogging the Borders: Virtual Skinheads, Hypersmasculinity, and Heteronormativity by Sine Ahahita

Ideology of Gay Racist Skinheads and Stigma Management Techniques by Lisa K. Waldner, Heather Martin, and Lyndsay Capeder

Accounts as Political Discourse: A Study of the Contentious Politics of Common Law Courts by Timothy Buzzell

CORRESPONDENCE

I found your website, and I thought you would be interested in linking to one of our articles on our site which deals with issues you are involved with. Freedom Magazine has a story on hate crimes and the Coalition Against Hate Crimes at <http://www.freedommag.org/english/vol34i1/page09.htm>. -- from Roman Geissauer, Production Manager, Freedom Magazine.

EDITORIALS

"War on Hanukkah" article in Newsday stirs a reaction

January 18, 2007: After a series of attacks on Hanukkah displays in Long Island, New York, Newsday asked me to write a 750 word piece about what might be behind it. The result was the op-ed, "[I'm not a racist, but . . . 'Regular people,' not members of hate groups, often commit acts such as LI menorah vandalism](#)", published on January 5. The short piece prevented me from a larger discussion of hate crimes. Instead I steered my focus to the climate Fox News has created in its ongoing "War on Christmas." As is obvious by current events, war is not an effective strategy for most objectives. What is interesting is the comments that followed on the on-line version in the [Newsday Forum](#). Many of those comments (along with a strange letter sent by the Catholic League), stressed that whites and Christians are the "real" victims of hate crimes. While that contention is only supported by a perversion of the definition of "hate crime" and no research, it also highlights the need for public education on bias-motivated criminality and a need to research hate crimes against majority populations.

Bill O'Reilly, Derek Jeter and Inter-Racial Relationships: My Final Word

September 27, 2005: I've been fortunate enough to talk about hate crimes in the local and national media over the years. My recent (9/26/05) appearance on Fox News' [The O'Reilly Factor](#) was certainly unique. The topic was the hate mail that New York Yankee Derek Jeter has received threatening his life for dating white women. Other prominent African-Americans have also received such harassing letters, including Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas. Mr. O'Reilly was rightfully opposed to such hateful behavior but seemed to think it was just a few nutjobs on the fringe who were responsible. When I tried to point out that, in 2005, there is still intense bigotry against inter-racial couples, he shut me off, saying, "No, I disagree." And my segment was over. Mr. O'Reilly, who works in New York City, might be surrounded by racially tolerant people at Fox News but

I would challenge him to go outside and speak to some of his white male viewers about the matter. He simply need to ask them the classic race question: How would you feel about your daughter dating a black man? I suspect the responses would lead Bill to revise his talking point.

I was hoping to talk about the persistent problem of racism in America. It doesn't help when news channels show the same footage of black looters in New Orleans over and over again, describing them as "disgusting people." Added to the post-Katrina coverage were repeated unsubstantiated reports of numerous rapes in the New Orleans superdome. Such characterization of black men as sexual criminals is what fuels the racist fear. White supremacists believe that white women are the property of white men and must be protected from hyper-sexual black men. They also believe that the children of inter-racial couples are "less white" and therefore less human. Having grown up in Georgia, I know that belief IS mainstream among many whites who say, "I'm not racist, but..." I have to wonder how much Bill O'Reilly knows about his viewers. Just a thought.

Randy Blazak
HCRN

PS. I've received some calls from Mr. O'Reilly's viewers, including victims of anti-Semitism in the South and a member of the Ku Klux Klan in California. I am happy to discuss the issue of hate crimes and direct individuals to resources to combat hate.

CALLS FOR PAPERS

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[American Society of Criminology 2007 Annual Meeting](#)

Atlanta Marriott Marquis

November 14-17, 2007

Atlanta, Georgia

Theme: CRIME AND JUSTICE: IN THE GLOBAL AND IN THE LOCAL

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PRESENTATIONS BY HCRN MEMBERS

HCRN Presentations

The Hate Crimes Research Network sponsored a panel on hate crimes at the April 2003 meeting of the Pacific Sociological Association in Pasadena, California.

The Hate Crimes Research Network presented at the 2002 American Society of Criminology meeting and the 2002 American Sociological Association meeting. The presentations are now available here: [HCRN 2002](#)

The Hate Crimes Research Network co-sponsored a panel on hate criminals at the 2001 meetings of the American Society of Criminology. It was called, "Strain and Hate: In Their Own Words (Session 399: SA5)", featuring the research of Barbara Perry, Jarrod Hindmon, and Randy Blazak.

BOOK RELEASES & REVIEWS

New Releases



A major contribution! Abby Ferber's edited volume takes our understanding of race/class/gender intersectionality to a new and higher level. Home-Grown Hate shows how gender issues-and especially male anxieties-are key sources of racism. Every student of race and racism, every anti-racist activist, should read this book carefully. Home-Grown Hate should be adopted for ethnic studies and women's studies courses, and for traditional disciplines as well | o Howard Winant, author of *The World Is a Ghetto: Race and Democracy Since World War II* This provocative collection of articles is simultaneously a comprehensive overview of white supremacist movements in the U.S. and a groundbreaking analysis of how gender, race, and class intertwine to shape every aspect of extreme right movements. Home-Grown Hate is must reading for scholars and students of social movements and gender, or anyone who wants a better understanding of the way class-based anger, racial entitlement, and gender inequality shape men's and women's participation in white supremacist movements | o Verta Taylor, co-author of *Drag Queens at the 801 Cabaret* A must-read for anyone wanting to understand the extreme right wing in the United States today. While most analyses of extremist groups focus only on racism and xenophobia, the contributors to this volume show how sexism and patriarchy are also central to right wing ideology. This results in a deeper and more disturbing picture of a social movement that is a profound threat to all who want to achieve a more egalitarian society | o Fred L. Pincus, author of *Reverse Discrimination: Dismantling the Myth*

Are all terrorists men? Why are most school shooters teenage boys? What role do women play in the spread of hatred? Many books, news programs and magazine articles have examined the rise and activities of extremist and white supremacist groups; however, the role of gender in right-wing ideology has been almost completely overlooked. The original essays in this collection explore the link between gender and racism in a variety of racial and white supremacy organizations, including white separatists, the Christian right, the militia/patriot movements, skinheads and more. Abby Ferber brings together the leading voices studying hate groups to investigate ways that gender influences the hate crimes that we read about in the papers and see on the news. Home-Grown Hate is an important and timely contribution that advances our understanding of these hate groups, analyzes their movements and sets the agenda in developing strategies to prevent the further proliferation of hate.

Contents:

Foreword, Michael Kimmel

Introduction, Abby L. Ferber

Mapping the Political Right: Gender and Race Oppression in Right-Wing Movements - Chip Berlet

Women and Organized Racism -Kathleen Blee

White Genocide: White Supremacists and the Politics of Reproduction - Barbara Perry

Normalizing Racism: A Case Study of Motherhood in White Supremacy -Jackie Litt and JoAnn Rogers

The White Separatist Movement: Worldviews on Gender, Feminism, Nature and Change - Betty Dobratz and Stephanie Shanks-Meile

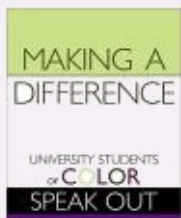
"White Men Are This Nation": Right Wing Militias and the Restoration of Rural American Masculinity - Abby Ferber and Michael Kimmel

"Getting It": The Role of Women in Male Desistance from Hate Groups - Randy Blazak

The Dilemma of Difference: Gender and Hate Crime Policy -Valerie Jenness

Green or Brown? White Nativist Environmental Movements - Rajani Bhatia

Afterword: The Growing Influence of Right Wing Thought- Peggy McIntoshThought, Peggy McIntosh



A teachable new book about race at the University of Oregon, told from the students' perspective, has just come out from Rowman and Littlefield Publishers. Co-authored by Julia Lesage, Abby Ferber, Debbie Storrs, and Donna Wong, the book is entitled Making a Difference: University Students of Color Speak Out. In the first half of the book, college students of color relate their first-hand experiences with educational



institutions and campus living conditions. In its address, the book is framed so as to be useful to teachers, administrators, and workplace organizers. Most of all, the book is a user-friendly guide. The students' voices reveal the power of personal narratives to illuminate and contest dominant society's often hidden beliefs about race, culture, institutional goals, and power. Following the narratives, contextualizing essays focus on teaching and acting collectively to create a more diverse environment, across student-teacher-administrative-staff divisions. A lengthy appendix provides extensive, up-to-date resources and concrete tools, including diversity websites, lists of associations, a bibliography, and videography of autobiographical videos by people of color. This book has lots to teach faculty and students (both white and non-white), parents of college students, college administrators, and executives and administrators of other institutions and businesses. The contextualizing essays following the student narratives are written by teachers and student affairs professionals who draw links between issues of institutional access, recruitment and retention of students and faculty of color, curriculum changes, teaching strategies--especially for teaching whiteness and racial identity formation, campus climate, and the relation between an individual institution's history of dealing with race to developments in public policy.

Reducing Hate Crimes and Violence Among American Youth: Creating Transformational Agency Through Critical Praxis (Counterpoints, New York, N.Y., Vol. 186), by Greg S. Goodman. Peter Lang Publishing, January 2002, ISBN 0-8204-52807. As hate crimes and violence continue to hurt the innocent, our society has looked little beyond retribution and punishment for the perpetrators. This book breaks new ground by looking at the ways in which educators and school boards can work to develop transformational agency for those students most at risk. By developing alternative schools that foster strong relationships through supportive communities, disaffected youth can find hope and trust within themselves as they continue their educational and social development. Undergirded with critical and border pedagogy, alternative schools effectively build transformative agency within their students by genuinely caring about their success. Greg S. Goodman works as a school psychologist in Clovis, California, and he teaches in the Graduate School of Counseling and Special Education at California State University, Fresno.

OTHER RECENT BOOK RELEASES

[Hate Crimes : Causes, Controls, and Controversies](#)

by Phyllis B. Gerstenfeld SAGE Publications (June 26, 2003)

[Crimes of Hate : Selected Readings](#)

by Phyllis B. Gerstenfeld (Editor), Diana R. Grant (Editor) SAGE Publications (September 16, 2003)

COOL SLIDE SHOW

Chip Berlet of Political Research Associates has a cool slideshow called [The Right: 101](#). Check it out [here](#).

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