



Hate Crimes

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the experience of criminal and violent victimization has profound psychological consequences; and

WHEREAS the frequency and severity of crimes and violence manifesting prejudice have been documented; and

WHEREAS the American Psychological Association (APA) opposes prejudice and discrimination based upon race, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, or physical condition;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the APA condemns harassment, violence, and crime motivated by such prejudice;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the APA encourages researchers, clinicians, teachers, and policymakers to help reduce and eliminate hate crimes and bias-related violence and to alleviate their effects upon the victims, particularly those victims who are children, youth, and elderly;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the APA supports the government's collection and publication of statistics on hate crimes and bias-related violence, provision of services for victims and their loved ones, and interventions to reduce and eliminate such crimes and violence and policies that perpetuate them.



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