

PSCI 3510  
Terrorism and Political  
Violence  
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Car defaced with anti-LGBTQ graffiti in Denver, November 2016

### Open Questions about Hate Crimes

- "Crimes against society" (prostitution, drug crimes).
- Data are based on incident reports.
- Fewer anti-Muslim hate crimes than expected (by us).
  - US: Jews: 2%, Muslims, >1%.
  - 2015: 67% increase in one year.

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- Reliability issues:
  - officer discretion: is it a hate crime?
  - unclear criteria: do we always know crimes based on identity when we see it?
  - bias
  - under-reporting by victims
  - inconsistent reporting: *over 14,000 agencies* provide data

### Trivia Question

- How many hate crimes were reported in Mississippi in 2015?
- Zero.






### (Initial) Definitions

- Hate Crimes:
  - "Crimes that manifest evidence of prejudice based on race, religion, sexual orientation, or ethnicity" (Hate Crime Statistics Act, 1990)
- Terrorism:
  - "A tool used to achieve a specific outcome by using force or violence on one segment of society with the primary goal of causing fear in the larger society to make change in that society."

Are any of the following "hate groups?"



Video from clashes during alt-right demonstration and Antifa counter-demonstrators in Berkeley, CA on 8/27/17 




What distinguishes them?

<u>Group</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>Tactics</u>
KKK and Neo-Nazis		Violent?
Antifa	Laudable? Morally unacceptable? Unclear?	Threatening? Non-violent?
Black Lives Matter		

From "How to Distinguish Between Antifa, White Supremacists, and Black Lives Matter," *The Atlantic*.  
<https://www.theatlantic.com/politics/archive/2017/08/drawing-distinctions-antifa-the-alt-right-and-black-lives-matter/538320/>

Waves (Rapoport)\*

- 1880s-1920s: Anarchist wave
  - Haymarket bombing in Chicago, 1886.
  - Assassination of William McKinley, 1901.
  - Immigration Acts of 1903 and 1918 targeted Anarchists (and others).
  - Sacco and Vanzetti trial and execution, 1920s (d. 1927).



\* Non-state "rebel"/grass-roots terrorism



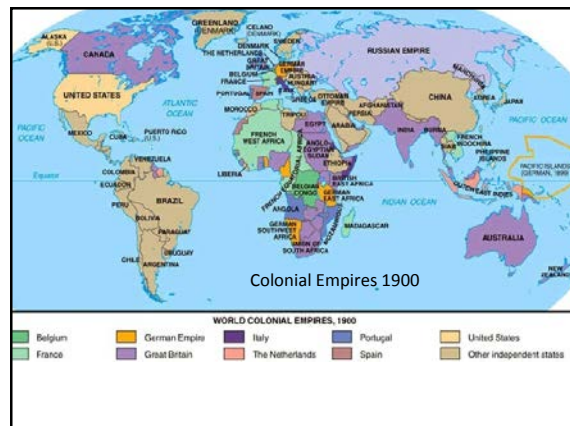
"Anarchist ideas influenced some labor activists and inspired a few terrorist attacks but never posed a serious threat to the country, and the movement petered out within a few decades. The only threat to our liberty was the public's overwrought response to anarchism-inspired crimes."

Historian and author Michael Wolraich

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- 1960s-1990s: New Left wave
- 1979+: Religious wave

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