Trends in hate crimes

It should be noted national data on hate crimes varies and are inconsistent. FBI national-level data only goes through 2015. However, it indicates that it did increase 6.8% from 2014, largely due to an increase in attacks on Muslims. 1, 3

Hate crimes in Orange County increased 14% in 2016 from 2015 and hate incidents in Orange County increased 67% with spikes particularly in November and December 2016 after the election. 3

Symbols of hate

The number 88 references "Heil Hitler" because "H" is the eighth letter of the alphabet.

The number 14 refers to a 14-word mission statement: "We must secure the existence of our people and a future for white children."

The "not equal" sign is an attempt to claim that different races are not equal to each other (and to imply that the white race is superior).

Pepe the frog is used by the "alt-right" to portray racist and anti-Semitic sentiments, but look at the context of the meme as the use of the frog itself does not mean the person is a racist.

For a more comprehensive list, visit https://www.adl.org/education/references/hate-symbols

How to help

As a show of support, people are attaching safety pins to their lapels, shirts and dresses to signify that they are linked, willing to stand up for the vulnerable. 9

Record and report hate crimes and signs and symbols of hate to:

Your local, state, and national representatives asking them to condemn this behavior

Southern Poverty Law Center Hate Watch to help expose these crimes and help collect more comprehensive data on this issue

For more information and resources on ways to support minority communities, please visit hbhuddle.com/nobannowall