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- My name is **Alex Amend** and I'm the Research Director for the **Intelligence Project**.
- I manage a 12-person team of research analysts and fellows.
- The **Intelligence Project** monitors hate groups and other extremists (incl. antigovernment movement) throughout the United States and expose their activities to the public, the media and law enforcement.
- I graduated from the **University of Minnesota** School of Journalism and Mass Communication in 2008.

WHAT IS A HATE GROUP?

WHAT IS A HATE **CRIME**?



THE MATTHEW SHEPARD AND JAMES BYRD, JR.,
HATE CRIMES PREVENTION ACT OF 2009
18 U.S.C. § 249

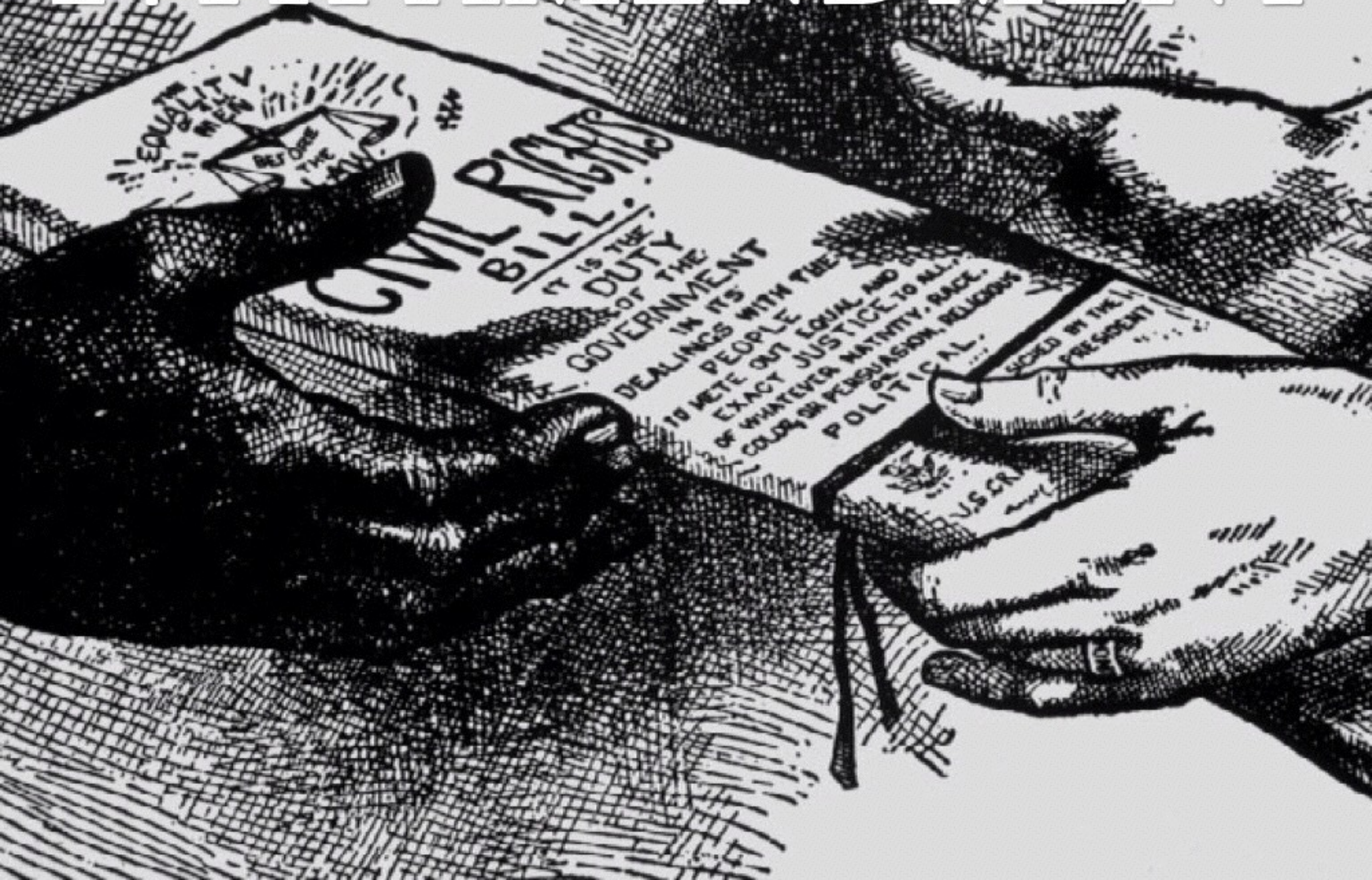
- (1) Offenses involving actual or perceived **race, color, religion, or national origin.**
- (2) Offenses involving actual or perceived religion, national origin, **gender, sexual orientation, gender identity,** or disability.

WHAT IS A HATE **GROUP**?

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- The SPLC defines a hate group as an organization that – based on its official statements or principles, the statements of its leaders, or its activities – **has beliefs or practices that attack or malign an entire class of people, typically for their immutable characteristics.**
- The organizations on our hate group list vilify others because of their **race, religion, ethnicity, sexual orientation** or **gender identity** – prejudices that strike at the heart of our democratic values and fracture society along its most fragile fault lines.

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WHAT IS A **HATE GROUP**, CONT.?

- We define a “group” as an entity that has a process through which followers identify themselves as being part of the group. This may involve **donating**, paying **membership dues** or participating in **activities** such as meetings and rallies. Individual chapters of a larger organization are each counted separately, because the number indicates reach and organizing activity.
- Tracking hate group activity and membership is extremely difficult. Some groups do everything they can to obscure their activities, while others grossly over-represent their operations. The SPLC uses a variety of methodologies to determine the activities of groups and individuals. These include **reviewing hate group publications** and **reports by citizens, law enforcement, field sources** and the **news media**, and **conducting our own investigations**.

WHAT ***ISN'T*** A HATE GROUP?

- Vilifying or demonizing groups of people on the basis of their immutable characteristics, such as race or ethnicity, often inspires or is a precursor to violence. **But violence itself is not a requirement for being listed as a hate group.**
- Conversely, there are some violent groups that are not hate groups. For example, we do not list racist prison gangs as hate groups, **because their goals are primarily criminal,** not ideological.

ACTIVE HATE GROUPS

in the United States in 2016



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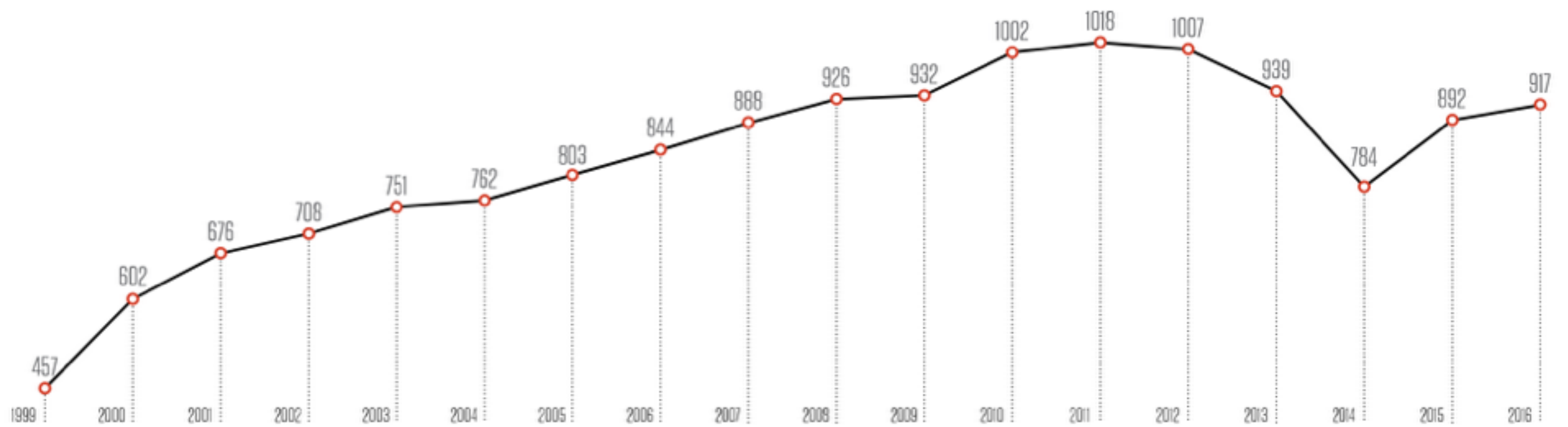
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“With the rise of the Alt-Right to public awareness, we are witnessing an effort by American white nationalists to appeal to the conservative mainstream, particularly on the issues of immigration and multiculturalism.”

– Damon T. Berry, *Blood & Faith: Christianity in American White Nationalism* (2017)

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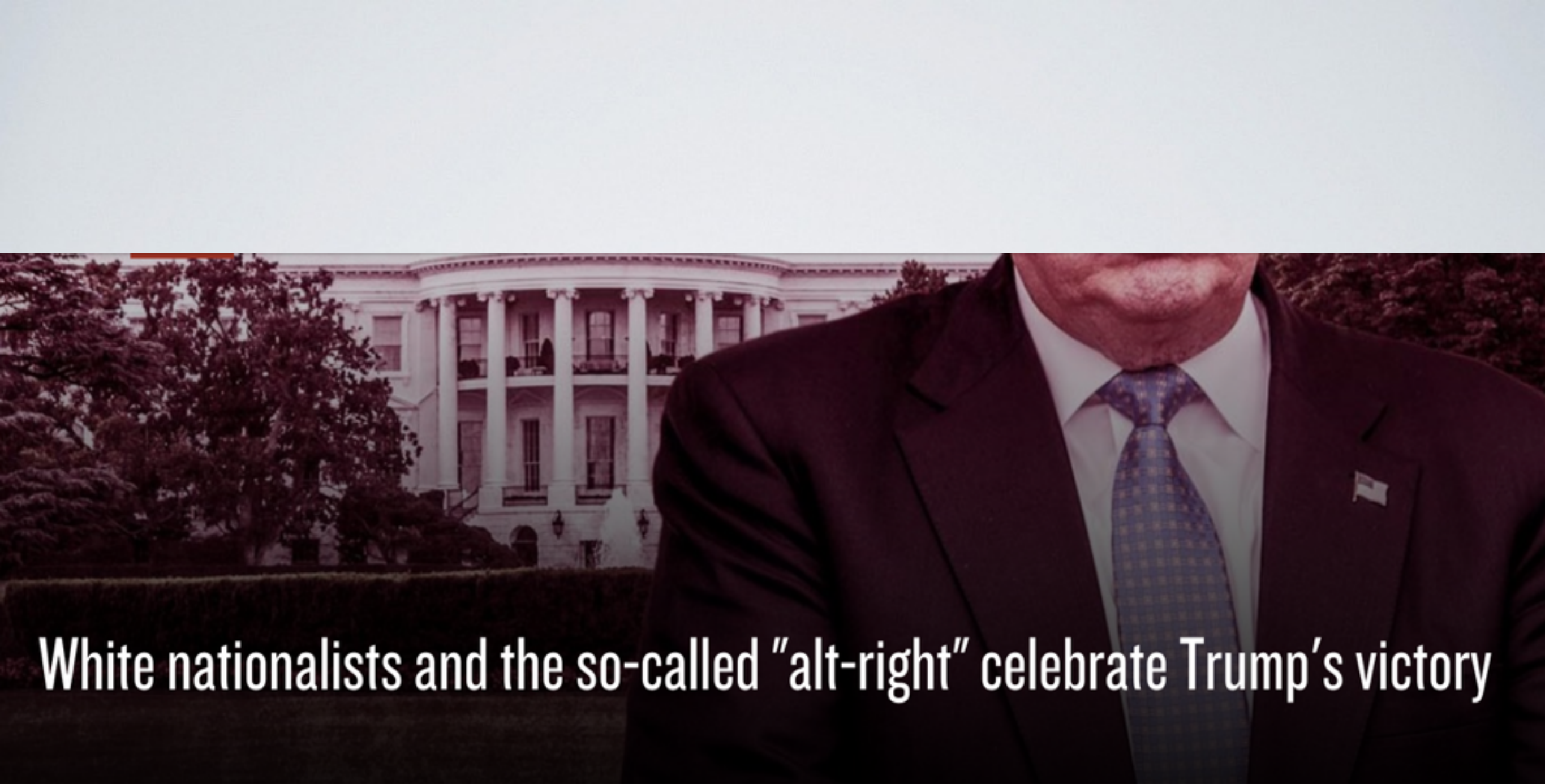
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THE YEAR IN HATE AND EXTREMISM

AFTER HALF A CENTURY, THE RADICAL
RIGHT ENTERS THE MAINSTREAM

PLUS HATE GROUP MAP & LISTING INSIDE





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2/ Hate crimes reported from October through December, around the election, were up 25.9% from 2015. It's the highest fourth quarter number of reported hate crimes reported in years.

	2,015	2016	Percent change	Difference
Incidents	5,850	6,121	4.6	271
Participating	14,997	15,254	1.7	257
Actually reported	1,742	1,776	2	34
Q1	1213	1243	2.5	30
Q2	1632	1484	-9.1	-148
Q3	1617	1647	1.9	30
Q4	1388	1747	25.9	359

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WHITE NATIONALISTS, POST-CHARLOTTESVILLE

Morning Mix

GoDaddy — then Google — ban neo-Nazi site Daily Stormer for disparaging Charlottesville victim

By Katie Mettler and Avi Selk August 14, 2017



PayPal's AUP – Remaining Vigilant on Hate, Violence & Intolerance

August 15, 2017 | Franz Paasche

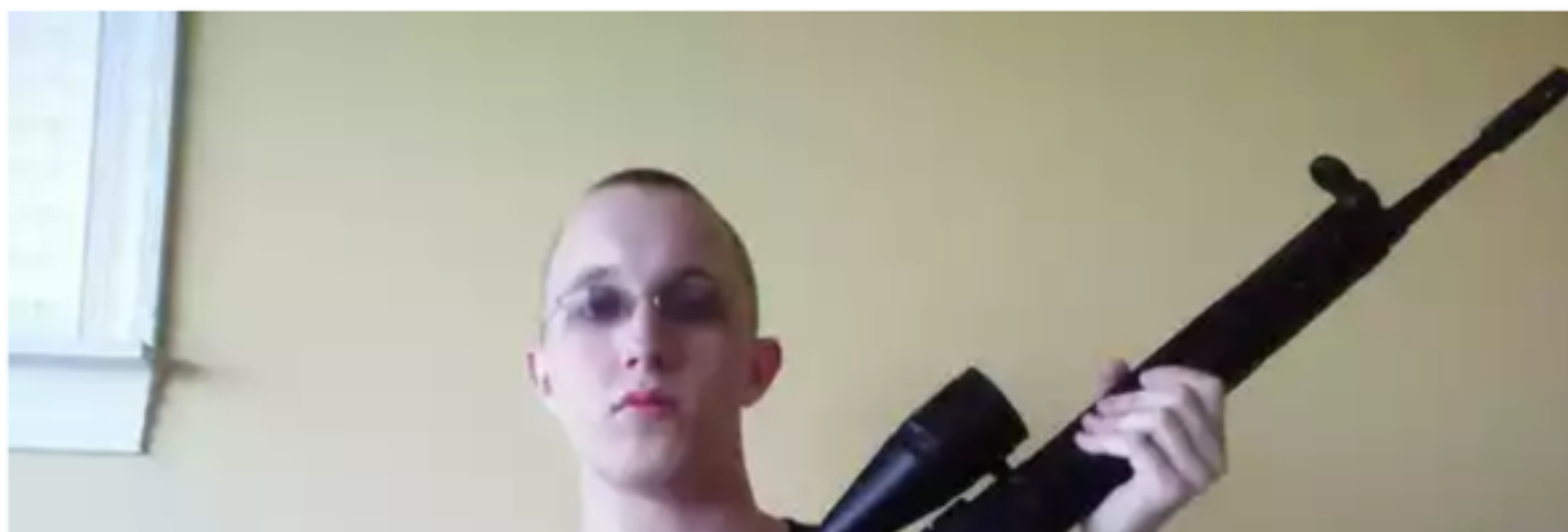
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It is with heavy hearts that we reflect upon the recent events that occurred in Charlottesville, Virginia. Lives lost due to hatred and intolerance are a tragedy for every person in our nation. The PayPal community was appalled by the events that transpired – and our hearts go out to the people of Charlottesville and all who have been touched by

Stormfront: 'murder capital of internet' pulled offline after civil rights action

Web.com pulls support for one of the oldest and largest neo-nazi hate sites following campaign by Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law

Another disturbing example of the many forms that hate speech can take, however, does not always march in the streets. It can take on-line and off-line forms, across a wide array of platforms. It is a drop that PayPal strives to navigate the balance between free and open dialogue -- and the limiting and closing of doors to promote hate, violence and intolerance.



#POLITICS SEPTEMBER 12, 2017 / 11:56 PM / 4 MONTHS AGO

Congress votes to call on Trump to denounce hate groups

Alex Dobuzinskis

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(Reuters) - The U.S. Congress passed a resolution late on Tuesday calling on President Donald Trump to condemn hate groups after Trump was criticized for his response to the violence at a white nationalist rally in Charlottesville, Virginia, a month ago.





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Welcome to Stormfront.

We are a community of racial realists and idealists. We are White Nationalists who support **true** promote the interests, values and heritage of non-White minorities. We promote ours.

We are the voice of the new, embattled

If this is your first visit, be sure to check out the [Introduction to Stormfront](#). You are also welcome before you can post anywhere except the Open Forums.

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White Nationalists Reappear in Charlottesville in Torch-Lit Protest

By MATT STEVENS OCT. 8, 2017



A group of white nationalists briefly protested in Charlottesville, Va., on Saturday night, eight weeks after a rally there turned violent.

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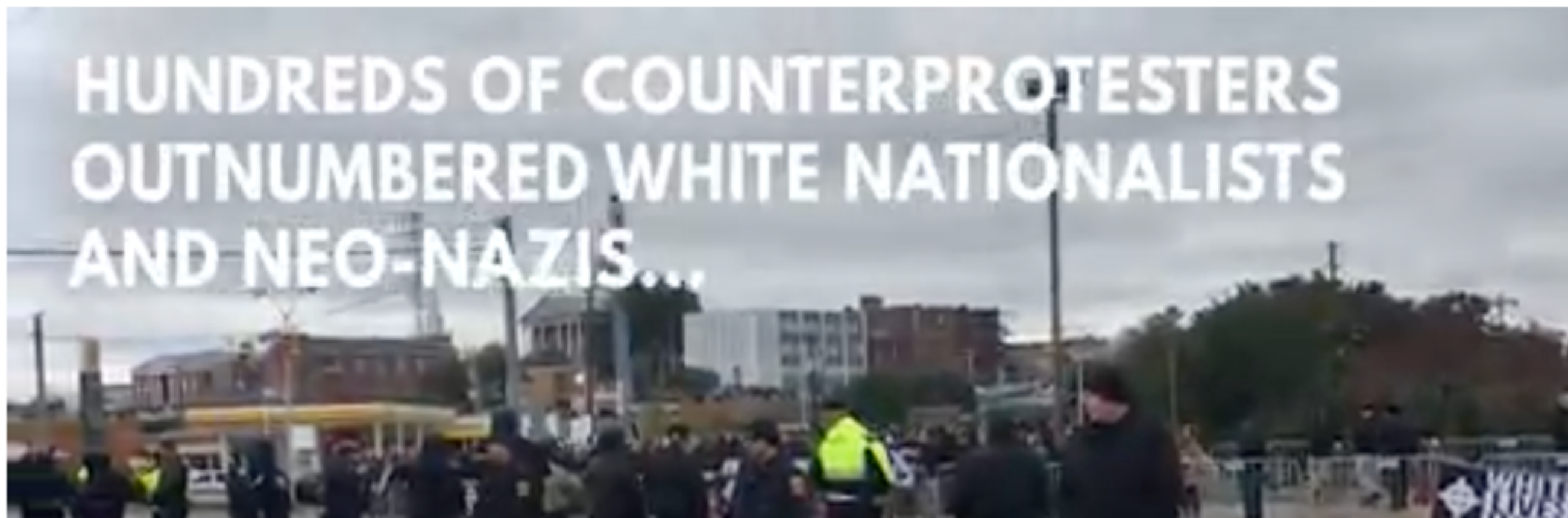
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WHITE NATIONALISTS PRAISE TRUMP FOR 'SHITHOLE' COMMENT: 'IT'S OBVIOUSLY ALL ABOUT RACE'

BY **MICHAEL EDISON HAYDEN** ON 1/12/18 AT 1:46 PM

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Death to America II: Thoughts on American Nationalism

October 30, 2017

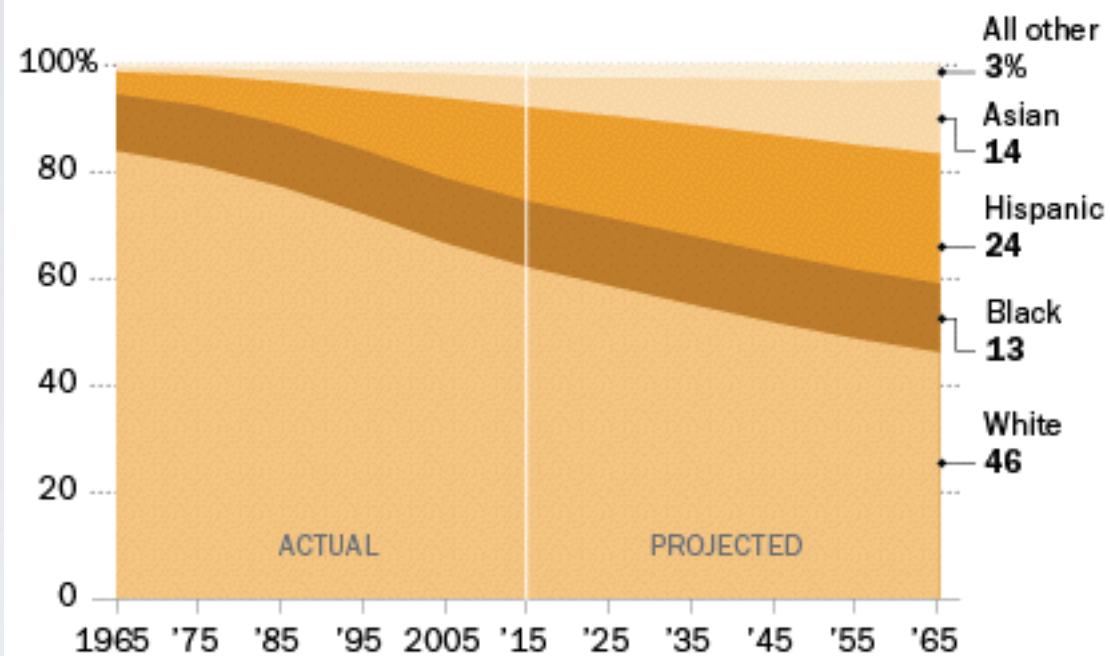


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WHAT'S UNDERNEATH

The changing face of America, 1965–2065

% of the total population



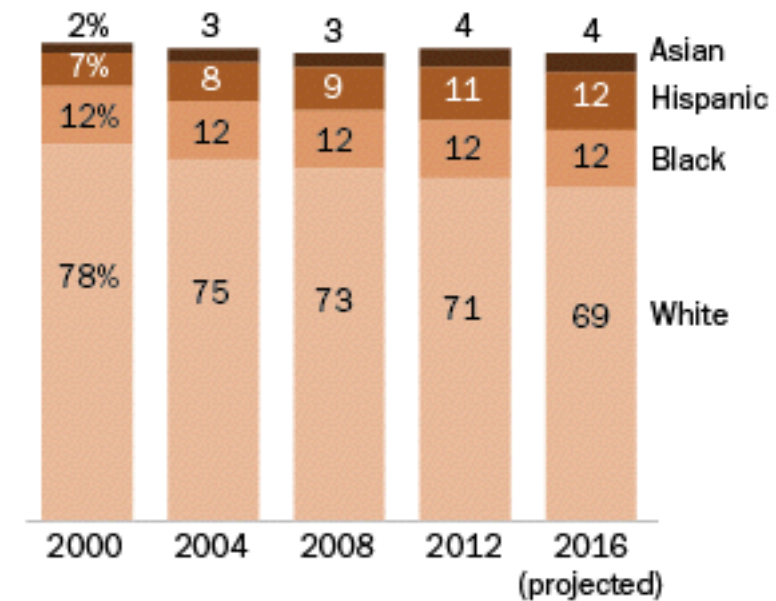
Note: Whites, blacks and Asians include only single-race non-Hispanics; Asians include Pacific Islanders. Hispanics can be of any race.

Source: Pew Research Center 2015 report, "Modern Immigration Wave Brings 59 Million to US, Driving Population Growth and Change Through 2065"

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2016 voters most diverse ever

% among eligible voters



Note: Eligible voters are U.S. citizens ages 18 and older. White, black and Asian includes only non-Hispanics. Hispanics are of any race. American Indians, Native Hawaiian/Pacific islanders and multi-race Americans not shown.

Source: For 2000-2012, Pew Research Center tabulations of the Current Population Survey, November Supplements. For 2016, Pew Research Center estimates based on American Community Survey (2008-2014), November Current Population Survey (2008-2015), and the Puerto Rican Community Survey (2008-2014).

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Americans Feel More Negative than Positive about Election Outcome [▼](#)

The 2016 Election: The Last Chance to Stop America's Decline?

Roughly four in ten (41%) Americans believe the 2016 election represented the last chance to stop America's decline. A majority (57%) of the public reject this characterization of the election.

This sentiment is much more common among Republicans than Democrats. Six in ten (60%) Republicans and 66% of Trump voters believe the election represented the last opportunity to arrest America's decline, while only 29% of Democrats and 22% of Clinton voters embrace this view. More than two-thirds (68%) of Democrats and 76% of Clinton voters reject this idea. The views of political independents closely resemble those of the public overall.

Importantly, white working-class Americans are divided about what the election represented. Nearly half (49%) of white working-class Americans believe the election was the last chance to stop America's decline, while about as many (50%) disagree. Fewer than three in ten (27%) white college-educated Americans believe the election was the last chance to stop America's decline.

“As demographics continue to trend toward the decline of the white majority in the United States, a demographic decline of white Evangelicals in particular, we may see the increasing appeal of protectionist rhetoric as a radicalizing element for some white Americans, Christian and non-Christian alike.”

– Damon T. Berry, *Blood & Faith: Christianity in American White Nationalism* (2017)

“Although it is true, as Michael Barkun argues, that the respectability should neither qualify nor disqualify it for study, American white nationalists’ efforts to access the political mainstream through popular radicalized discourses on multiculturalism and immigration may point to the importance of studying the racist Right as more than an outlier in American public life.”

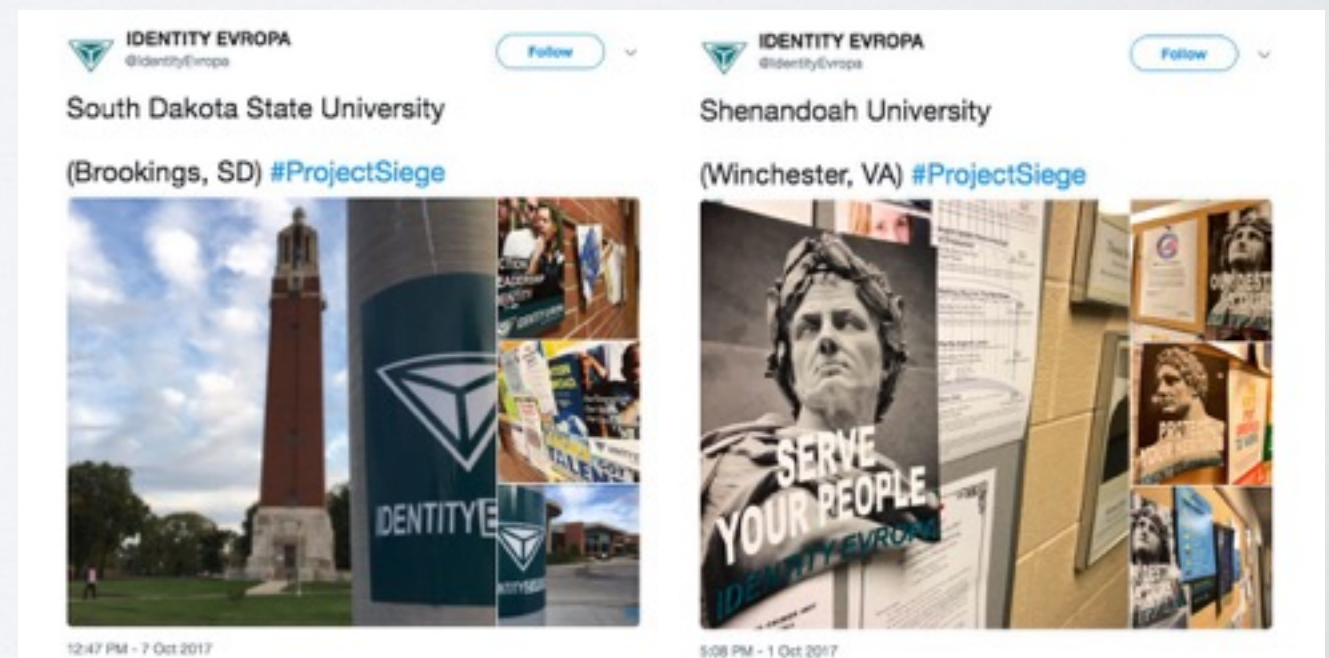
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CAMPUS FLYER INCIDENTS

- Since March 2016, the SPLC has tracked 329 flyer incidents on 241 different college campuses across the United States, a number that continues to grow.



“It is a ‘**cultural racism**,’ as Balibar describes it—one that justifies racism but allows an alibi for it in that it can deny being biologically racist while still preserving racial segregation through the definition of ‘culture’ as a marker of insurmountable differences between groups of people.”

– Damon T. Berry, *Blood & Faith: Christianity in American White Nationalism* (2017)

“Christine Bolan, a 35-year-old construction project manager in St. Paul, Minn., said there is “a lot of misunderstanding about what Trump’s message actually is. He is “brash but gives everyone a chance,” she said. He “doesn’t put labels on people” and “is a businessman.”

“On the one hand, Bolan, who is white, thought it was “really cool” to have a black president. But in the end, she thought “Obama cared more about black people.” Democratic politicians have too often tried to make her “ashamed to be white,” she said.”

– *Los Angeles Times*, Nov. 17, 2016

“If the economic policies of the new administration do indeed end up hurting the white working class that voted Trump into office, we should not assume the administration to automatically receive the blame. Rather, **we should expect scapegoating**, so the most vulnerable among us will have to face even further hardship and violence. The same accusatory politics that brought Trump to electoral victory will be mobilized to keep him from accountability.”

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HATEWATCH



The Emerging Racists: The Challenge of Covering the Radical Right

December 19, 2016



by Hatewatch Staff



An Alt-Right Makeover Shrouds the Swastikas

A movement of many factions is trying to change its image now that its profile has risen, but its message — one of racial separation and supremacy — is unchanged.

By SERGE F. KOVALESKI, JULIE TURKEWITZ, JOSEPH GOLDSTEIN and DAN BARRY DEC. 10, 2016



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“Richard Spencer uses chopsticks to deftly pluck slivers of togarashi-crusted ahi from a rectangular plate. He is sitting in the Continental-style lounge of the Firebrand Hotel, near his home in the upscale resort town of Whitefish, Montana, discussing a subject not typically broached in polite company. ‘Race is something between a breed and an actual species,’ he says, likening the differences between whites and people of color to those between golden retrievers and basset hounds.”

— *Mother Jones*



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Writing about the ‘alt-right’

Nov. 28, 2016, by John Daniszewski

Recent developments have put the so-called “alt-right” movement in the news. They highlight the need for clarity around use of the term and around some related terms, such as “white nationalism” and “white supremacism.”



John Daniszewski
Vice President for Standards



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Let's tackle them.

The “alt-right” or “alternative right” is a name currently embraced by some white supremacists and white nationalists to refer to themselves and their ideology, which emphasizes preserving and protecting the white race in the United States in addition to, or over, other traditional conservative positions such as limited government, low taxes and strict law-and-order.



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How to describe extremists who rallied in Charlottesville



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How to describe extremists who rallied in Charlottesville

Aug. 15, 2017, by John Daniszewski

UPDATED Aug. 16: We are adding “anti-Semitism” to the definition of “alt-right”; noting that the antifa movement that has been recently in the news actually has antecedents back to the 1930s; and adding some guidance on spelling and punctuation on the recently coined term “alt-left.” The post below includes these updates.



John Daniszewski
Vice President for Standards



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The events in Charlottesville are an opportunity to take another look at our terminology around “alt-right” and the way that we describe the various racist, neo-Nazi, white nationalist and white supremacist groups out there.

At AP, [we have taken the position](#) that the term “alt-right” should be avoided because it is meant as a euphemism to disguise racist aims. So use it only when quoting someone or when describing what the movement says about

Minnesota militia group says they're ready for 'civil war'



By: [Tom Lyden](#)



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U.S. | A Voice of Hate in America's Heartland



A Voice of Hate in America's Heartland

By RICHARD FAUSSET NOV. 25, 2017





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People mad about this article want to believe that Nazis are monsters we cannot relate to. White supremacists are normal ass white people and it's been that way in America since 1776. We will continue to be in trouble till we understand that.



A Voice of Hate in America's Heartland

Tony Hovater, a 29-year-old welder, helped form a pro-Nazi group. Now he is hoping his bigotry and fascist ideals will go mainstream.

[nytimes.com](https://www.nytimes.com)

4:15 PM - 25 Nov 2017

“We regret the degree to which the piece offended so many readers. We recognize that people can disagree on how best to tell a disagreeable story. **What we think is indisputable, though, is the need to shed more light, not less, on the most extreme corners of American life and the people who inhabit them.** That’s what the story, however imperfectly, tried to do.”

— Marc Lacey, National Editor, *New York Times*

“Reporters experienced in dealing with radical racists know well this secondary pitfall: Giving them a soft-focus kind of exposure, the kind they are likely to hand you, only serves to enhance their toxic influence, both by “normalizing” them and by gliding over the nature of their ideology. If you’re going to report on them, you have to be not just precise but thorough.

“The mistake is an easy one to make, an aspect of the spotlight-shining nature of the enterprise, because it is easy at first to dwell too long on the surface of the subject, readily exposed by the light, and **too little on the shadows that define its real shape**. Context is everything in journalism, and especially when reporting on a subject with potentially dire consequences if mishandled.”

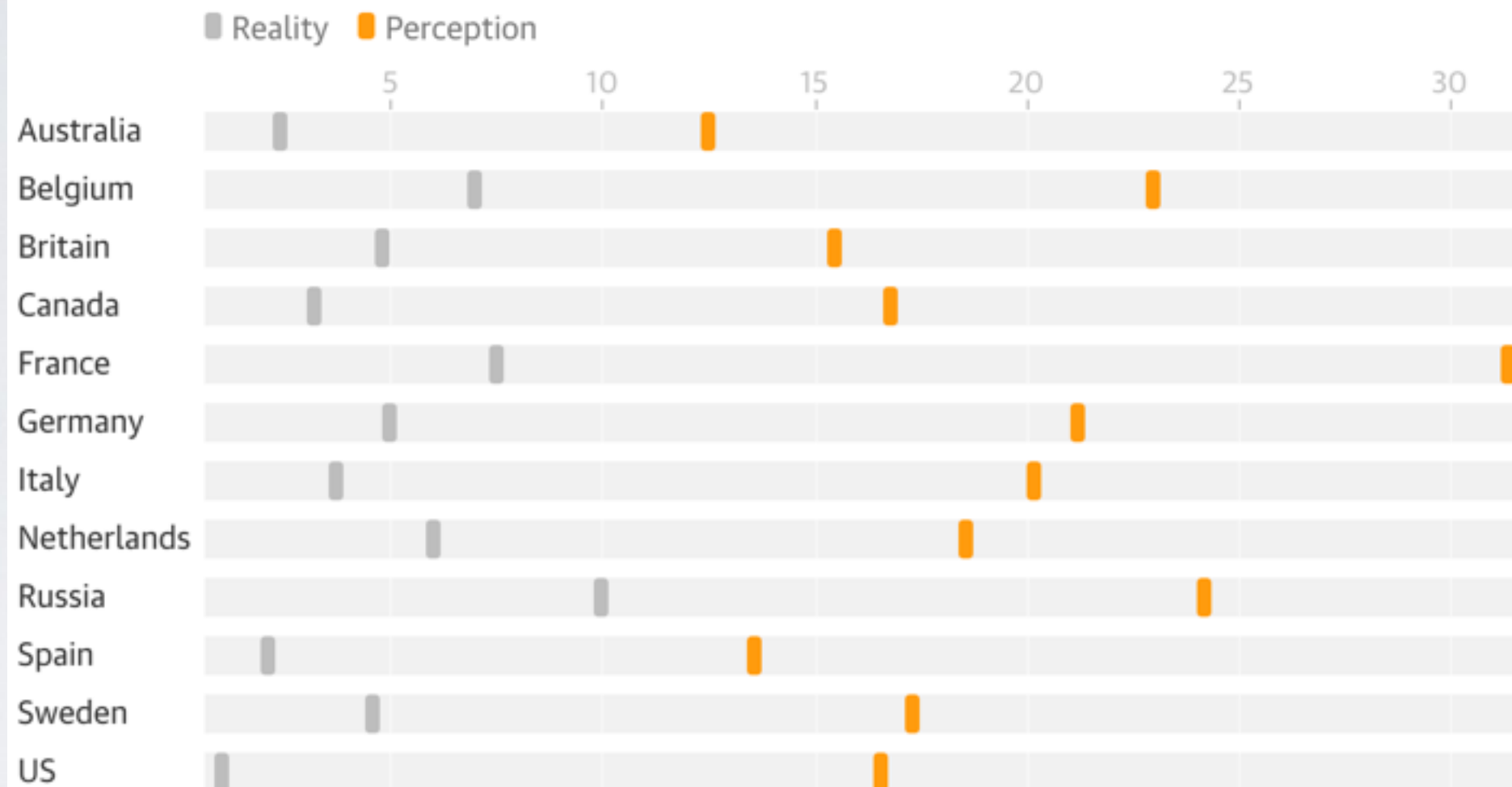
– David Neiwert, investigative reporter,
Southern Poverty Law Center

TIPS

- We should not limit ourselves to letting such groups define themselves, and instead should report their **actions, associations, history** and **positions** to reveal their actual beliefs and philosophy, as well as how others see them. (AP)
- So the Times' piece told us the many ways in which Tony Hovater was an ordinary guy, but it told us very little about the ways in which he was anything but. Just **giving us a taste of Hovater's extremist** social-media posts, many of them laden with bizarre conspiracism and overt racism, would have been helpful. (Neiwert)
- **Study up on the history of their ideas.** Know the concepts in order to shear euphemisms and messaging to reveal what's just beneath. (SPLC)
- Ask subjects about the **logical conclusion of their ideas**. How would the races be separated? What then if people resisted? (SPLC)
- As always, provide **context** on the issues white nationalists use to marshal their arguments. What are the facts around immigration policy in the U.S.? What does the general public think on these issues in comparison?

People in many western countries greatly overestimate their current Muslim population ...

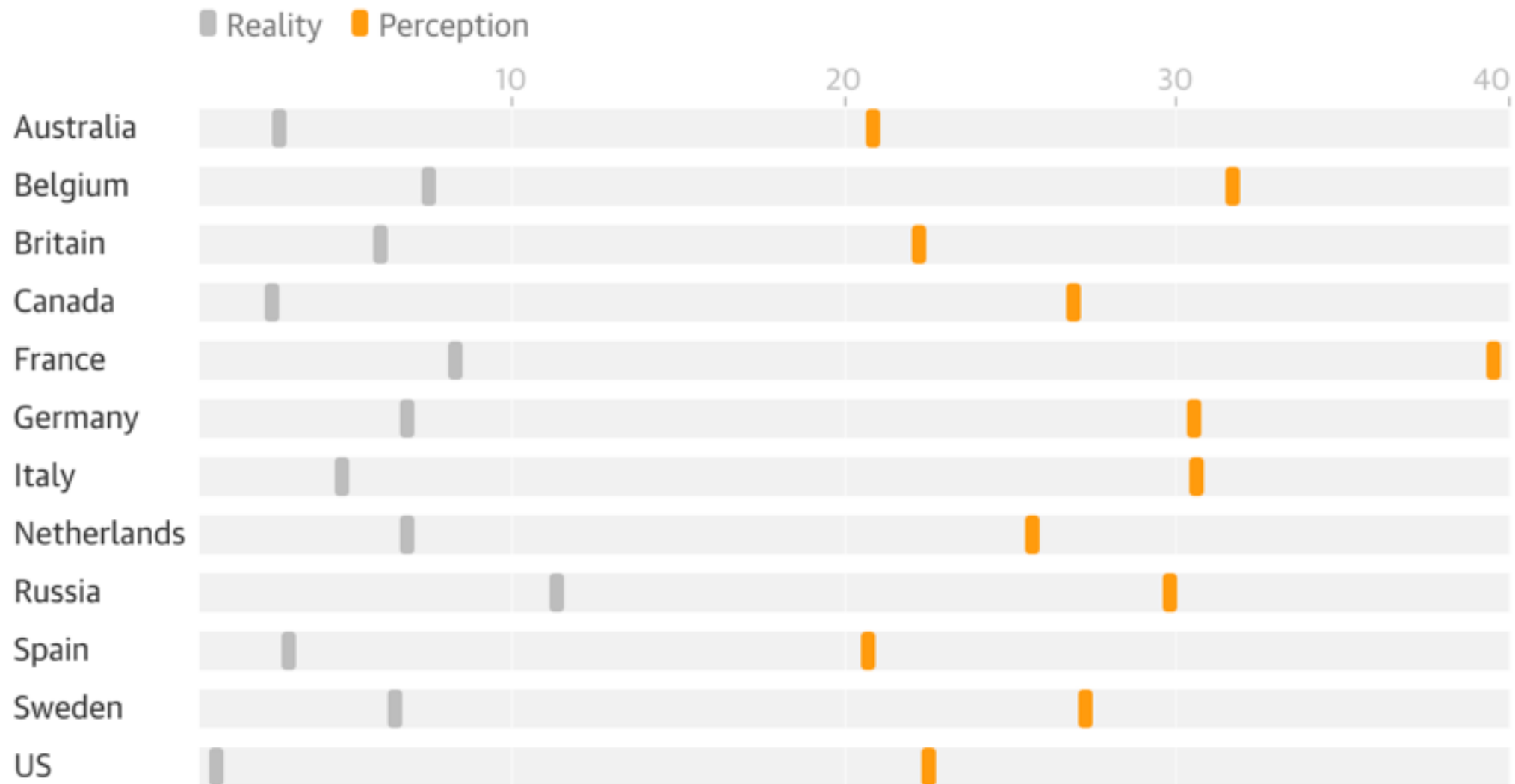
Responses to the question: 'Out of every 100 people in your country about how many do you think are Muslim?'



Guardian graphic | Source: Selected countries, IPSOS MORI Perils of Perception 2016, Pew Research/De Standaard (Belgium)/Statistics Canada

...while the perception gap for the estimated Muslim population in 2020 was even greater

Responses to the question: "Now thinking about 2020, out of every 100 people in your country, about how many do you think will be Muslim?"



Guardian graphic | Source: Selected countries, IPSOS MORI Perils of Perception 2016, Pew Research

FOR PUBLISHERS?



White-supremacy threat demands its own beat reporters



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“It is important for the liberal to see that the oppressed person who agitates for his rights is not the creator of tension. He merely brings out the hidden tension that is already alive. Last summer when we had our open housing marches in Chicago, many of our white liberal friends cried out in horror and dismay: “You are creating hatred and hostility in the white communities in which you are marching. You are only developing a white backlash.” I never could understand this logic.

They failed to realize that the hatred and the hostilities were already latently or subconsciously present. Our marches merely brought them to the surface. How strange it would be to condemn a physician who, through persistent work and the ingenuity of his medical skills, discovered cancer in a patient. Would anyone be so ignorant as to say he caused the cancer? Through the skills and discipline of direct action **we reveal** that there is a dangerous cancer of hatred and racism in our society. We did not cause the cancer; **we merely exposed it. Only through this kind of exposure will the cancer ever be cured.**”

— Martin Luther King Jr.
“Where Do We Go from Here: Chaos or Community?” (1967)

RECOMMENDED READINGS

- *Blood & Faith: Christianity in American White Nationalism* by Damon T. Berry
- *Kill All Normies* by Angela Nagle
- *The Condemnation of Blackness: Race, Crime, and the Making of Modern Urban America* by Khalil Gibran Muhammad
- *The Terrorist Next Door: The Militia Movement and the Radical Right* by Daniel Levitas
- *The Funding of Scientific Racism: Wickliffe Draper and the Pioneer Fund* by William H. Tucker
- SPLC's Hatewatch blog and Twitter @Hatewatch