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*Latest Facts on Crimes and “Hate Crimes”*

## “Hate Crimes” Versus All Crimes

The Majority Leader has said that he intends to call up, perhaps soon, the “hate-crimes” bill that is pending on the Senate Calendar (S. 625, order no. 103). If the Senate is going to consider a “hate-crimes” bill, it would be well to know how “hate crimes” fit within the context of all crimes.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation publishes two essential books of crime statistics, CRIME IN THE UNITED STATES (often called the “Uniform Crime Reports”), an annual compilation of major crimes reported to the police, and HATE CRIME STATISTICS, an annual report of crimes motivated by bias (*i.e.*, because of race, religion, ethnicity, national origin, disability, or sexual orientation). The books for the year 2000 are the latest available, and the crime numbers shown below are from those two sources exclusively.

- ✓ In the year 2000, 9,430 “hate crimes” were reported to police. However, 7,672 of those crimes (81 percent) are of such relatively minor consequence that *they are not even counted* in the Uniform Crime Reports. The “hate crimes” numbers are inflated because they include minor crimes such as simple assaults, vandalism, and even “intimidation.”
- ✓ 1,424,289 murders, rapes, aggravated assaults, and robberies were reported in 2000; 1,346 of these were “hate crimes” (0.09 percent). In short, 1,057 violent crimes were motivated by all other causes for every one that was motivated by officially designated “hate.”
- ✓ There were 10,181,462 property crimes reported in the United States in 2000 (burglary, larceny-theft, motor vehicle theft); 263 of these were “hate crimes” (0.003 percent). Therefore, for every 38,712 property crimes that were motivated by all other causes, one was motivated by officially designated “hate.”
- ✓ 15,517 murders were reported in 2000. Nineteen of these were reported to have been motivated by “hate.” To understand this evil in context, remember that 408 children were murdered by a parent, 30 children were murdered by a babysitter, and 580 children under the age of nine were murdered. Fire was the weapon in 128 murders.
- ✓ Of the 90,186 rapes reported in the United States in 2000, four were reported to have been

motivated by officially designated “hate.”

## Crime Reported in the United States, 2000

	<u>All Crimes</u>	<u>Hate Crimes</u>	Hate Crimes As a % of <u>All Crimes</u>	Ratio of All Other Motivations To "Hate" Motivation
<b>Violent Crime</b>				
Murder	15,517	19	0.122%	816:1
Rape	90,186	4	0.004%	22,546:1
Robbery*	407,842	139	0.003%	2,933:1
Aggravated Assault	910,744	1,184	0.130%	768:1
<b>Other Crimes Against Persons:</b>				
Simple Assault	not counted	1,615	---	---
Intimidation	not counted	3,292	---	---
Other	not counted	16	---	---
<b>Total Violent Crime</b>	<b>1,424,289</b>			
<b>Property Crime</b>				
Burglary	2,049,946	138	0.007%	14,854:1
Larceny-Theft	6,965,957	114	0.002%	61,104:1
Motor Vehicle Theft	1,165,559	11	0.009%	105,959:1
Destruction/Damage/Vandalism	not counted	2,765	---	---
Other	not counted	22	---	---
<b>Total Property Crime</b>	<b>10,181,462</b>			
Arson**	68,756	52	0.076	1,321:1
Crimes Against Society	not counted	59		
<b>Total "Hate Crimes"</b>		<b>9,430</b>		

Supporters of "hate-crimes" law must acknowledge these numbers, but they believe that "hate crimes" are so destructive to society that they demand the special attention of the Federal Government. By this reasoning, each "hate crime" is more destructive than every other crime: A murder in which the assailant yelled a racial epithet as he shot his victim is considered more destructive to society and of more concern to the Federal Government than a murder in which a child is kidnapped, raped, and killed by torture. Only the former is a "hate crime."

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Notes for chart:

\* HATE CRIME STATISTICS inexplicably counts "robbery" as a property crime; we have counted it as a crime of violence as does the Uniform Crime Reports.

\*\* Arson is a property crime, but the FBI regards arson numbers as highly unreliable, and *does not* count them in the total of property crimes in the Uniform Reports. Accordingly, we too have

shown the arson number but not counted it in the total for all crimes. The Government does, though, include an arson number in the “hate crimes” total.

The percentages shown in columns 3 and 4 were calculated by RPC.