

IS THERE ADEQUATE DOCUMENTATION OF BIAS-MOTIVATED HATE CRIMES IN THE U.S.?

No.

While we focused on some of the ways that Asians have been systemically discriminated against throughout recent history, we conclude that the issues in hate crime data and the collection of this data affect all marginal populations in the U.S.

Although some revisions have been made over the years, this data does not adequately represent the annual number of race-based hate crimes that are committed in the U.S. The categorizations are oversimplified, and the actual number of incidents are grossly under reported. Furthermore, the data appears to be overly representative of White victims, who may be more likely to work with (and be supported by) law enforcement.

To more accurately track the magnitude of these crimes, consistent nationwide data collection must be implemented, and a deeper understanding of hate crimes must be explored. This knowledge will help direct the funding and resources needed to better support all survivors of hate crimes.