



Hate Crimes in the U.S. January 2004 – May 2011

- April 2006 – A high school student identified only as Felipe was attacked in Salt Lake City, Utah while walking to school by two white men who called him a “stupid wetback” and told him: “Go back to your country, you don’t belong here.”
- April 2, 2006 – In Harris County, Texas 16-year-old David Ritcheson, a Mexican American, was attacked by skinheads at a house party. The attackers broke his jaw and knocked him unconscious while screaming, “White power!” and calling Ritcheson a “spic” and a “wetback.” The attackers then burned Ritcheson with cigarettes, kicked him with steel-toed boots, attempted to carve a swastika into his chest, poured bleach on him, and violently sodomized him with a patio umbrella pole. Ritcheson underwent 30 surgeries before he was able to return to school, still confined to a wheelchair and wearing a colostomy bag. Ritcheson committed suicide on July 1, 2007.
- July 30, 2006 – Jordan Gruver, a 16-year-old boy of Panamanian and Native-American descent, was attacked in Bradenburg, Kentucky, by members of a Ku Klux Klan group because the Klansmen mistakenly thought he was an illegal Latino immigrant. The men called the boy a “spic,” and then beat him severely, leaving him with two cracked ribs, a broken left forearm, and jaw injuries requiring extensive dental repair.
- August 20, 2006 – Mark Gautreau shot two Latino men in the legs as they fished near Hahnville, Louisiana. Witnesses said the Gautreau announced he was going to “shoot some Mexicans” before pulling out a shotgun. Gautreau is booked on two counts of first-degree attempted murder as a hate crime.
- 2007 – Although the number of hate crime offenses based on ethnicity or national origin has remained the same since 2003, anti-Hispanic bias as a motivating factor for such crimes has risen from 42.8% in 2003 to 61.6% in 2007.
 - <http://www.fbi.gov/about-us/cjis/ucr/hate-crime/2007>
- May 31, 2009 – Dr. George Tiller was gunned down in Wichita, Kansas, while serving as an usher at church; Tiller had been repeatedly referred to as “Dr. Tiller the Baby Killer” on mainstream media outlets.
 - <http://www.nytimes.com/2009/06/01/us/01tiller.html>
- June 11, 2009 – White supremacist James von Brunn shot and killed an African American security guard at the Holocaust museum in Washington, DC; hateful messages against Jews and African Americans were found in von Brunn’s vehicle.

- <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/01/06/AR2010010604095.html>
- July 18, 2010 – Abelino Mazanigo, 47, was sitting on a Summit, New Jersey park bench after finishing his shift at a nearby restaurant when two teens ran up, threw a sheet over him and began pummeling the El Salvadorian immigrant with their fists. The father and husband never regained consciousness after suffering severe head trauma, and he died on July 20th.
 - <http://abcnews.go.com/US/nj-teens-arrested-videotaped-beating-death-immigrant/story?id=11237897>
- September 22, 2010 – Andrew Conley, a teenager from Indiana, pleaded guilty to murdering his 10-year-old brother, citing he wanted to be just like the TV serial killer “Dexter.” Conley told police he felt like the fictional character after killing his brother.



ARIZONA

- January 9, 2004 – Pedro Corzo, a Cuban-born regional manager for Del Monte Fresh Produce, is gunned down in Dateland, AZ, by two Missouri residents – 16-year-old Joshua Aston and his 24-year-old cousin Justin Harrison – who traveled to a remote section of southern Arizona with the specific intent of randomly killing Mexicans. The group shaved their heads before embarking on their odyssey.
 - <http://www.splcenter.org/get-informed/intelligence-report/browse-all-issues/2007/winter/immigration-backlash>.
- June 12, 2009 – Minutemen leader Shawna Forde murdered 9-year-old Brisenia Flores and her father in Arivaca, AZ; Forde broke into their home dressed as a law enforcement officer, looking for money and drugs to finance her vigilante border watch group.
- May 6, 2010 – Juan Varela was killed by his neighbor, Gary Thomas Kelley, 50, in Phoenix, AZ, reportedly due to the tensions surrounding SB 1070. Kelley allegedly shouted racial epithets and fatally shot Varela.
- June 10, 2010 – Five undocumented immigrants were ambushed by two camouflage-clad gunmen near the dead end of Peck Canyon Drive in Rio Rico. One of the men, Manuel Esquer Gomez, 45, was shot in the arm as the group fled. Another undocumented immigrant has been shot in Santa Cruz County. A similar incident occurred on July 2nd when Jose Eneidion Acosta-Amaniego, 28, was shot in the back by unidentified assailants as he was walking through a canyon area west of Rio Rico.
 - <http://m.nogalesinternational.com/articles/2010/07/12/news/doc4c3741f96c38f394832544.txt>

- July 29, 2010 – Rep. Raúl Grijalva, D-Ariz., has closed his Yuma district office for the day after staff discovered that a bullet had shattered a window. The incident occurred on the day that Arizona's controversial new immigration law had been scheduled to go into effect. U.S. District Judge Susan Bolton on July 28 granted a preliminary injunction that blocked key parts of the measure, commonly known as Senate Bill 1070. Grijalva has been an outspoken critic of the law. On April 23, the day Arizona Gov. Jan Brewer signed the legislation, Grijalva closed his Tucson and Yuma offices early due to threats.
 - <http://www.azcentral.com/members/Blog/azdc/91471>
- January 8, 2011 – Six people died and thirteen were injured in the Saturday morning shooting at a Tucson, Ariz., grocery store parking lot, in which [Jared Lee Loughner](#) specifically targeted Arizona Rep. Gabrielle Giffords. Giffords was shot in the head, and the shooting continued until citizens tackled the Loughner. Pima County, Ariz., sheriff Clarence Dupnik suggested to a national audience that radio and TV vitriol could have been a factor in the killing spree. He spoke of "all the vitriol we hear inflaming the American public by people who make a living off of doing that. That may be free speech," Dupnik said, but that vitriol and political rhetoric "is not without consequence."
 - <http://www.npr.org/2011/01/10/132764367/congresswoman-shot-in-arizona>

CALIFORNIA

- August 2007 – Felipe Alvarado was taunted with racist threats and then attacked by three men, one carrying a loaded gun, in Garden Grove, California. The men were arrested and charged with felony assault with hate crime enhancements for allegedly beating Alvarado after yelling, among other things, "Go back to Mexico, you wetback!"
- July 18, 2010 – Byron Williams got into a 15 minute shootout with California Highway patrol following a stop for speeding. In an [affidavit](#), an Oakland police investigator reported that during an interview at the hospital, Williams "stated that his intention was to start a revolution by traveling to San Francisco and killing people of importance at the Tides Foundation and the ACLU." Williams admitted, "I would have never started watching Fox News if it wasn't for the fact that [Glen]Beck was on there. And it was the things that he did, it was the things he exposed that blew my mind." Williams also pointed to other media figures -- right-wing propagandist David Horowitz, and Internet conspiracist and repeated Fox News guest Alex Jones -- as key sources of information to inspire his "revolution." According to the SPLC's 2009 [report](#), the anti-government resurgence has been buttressed by paranoid rhetoric from public officials like Republican Congresswoman Michele Bachmann and media figures like Fox News' Glenn Beck.
 - <http://mediamatters.org/research/201010110002>
 - <http://abclocal.go.com/kgo/video?id=7565979>
 - <http://gawker.com/5593078/oakland-shooter-targeted-obscure-foundation-that-glenn-beck-rails-against>
 - http://www.salon.com/news/glenn_beck/index.html?story=/politics/war_room/2010/07/21/oakland_police_shooting_beck_tides

MARYLAND

- August 23, 2007 – Victor Hernandez was kicked into unconsciousness by teenagers who robbed him of \$160 while he was walking home from work in Montgomery County, Maryland. The two teens arrested told police they were “amigo shopping” – looking for vulnerable Hispanic workers to rob. Following the attack, *The Washington Post* reported on “alarmingly common” anti-immigrant crimes in the area of Washington, D.C., and its suburbs. Police from Montgomery County and other neighboring counties told the newspaper that the majority of local robbery victims since 2006 have been Latino.
- August 21, 2010 – Baltimore police arrested Jermaine Holley, 19. Police said detectives arrested Holley in connection with the robbery and fatal beating of a 51-year-old Hispanic man, Martin Reyes who was beaten to death by a wooden plank. Baltimore City police spokesman Anthony Guglielmi said police are investigating at least five violent incidents against Hispanics on the city's southeast side in the past two weeks. Investigators said they do not believe there are common assailants in the various cases.
 - <http://www.wbaltv.com/news/24714888/detail.html>

NEW YORK

- July 12, 2005 – A 61-year-old Ecuadorean man was badly beaten by three white men as he pushed a shopping cart through the streets collecting cans in Patchogue, NY. Before the attack, the man was asked if he had a green card. "Then they started pummeling him," Suffolk County Hate Crimes Det. Robert Reecks told reporters. The man, whose name has not been made public, suffered a broken eye socket and facial bruises.
- June 12, 2006 - In Rocky Point, NY, two Mexican men fishing at a jetty were asked for their green cards, and then beaten and robbed by four teenagers posing as federal agents. The teens took money from the victims while accusing them of stealing jobs from U.S. citizens. All four are charged with felony robbery and assault as hate crimes.
- June 15, 2006 – Miguel Vega, a native of Peru, was attacked and murdered by five men who also stole his wallet, in Yonkers, NY. An investigation found that they specifically sought a Mexican to rob that night.
- September 10, 2006 – Carlos Rivera was stabbed multiple times and robbed in Hampton Bays, NY, by two men who yelled racial epithets during the attack.
- November 8, 2008 - In Patchogue, NY, 37-year-old Marcelo Lucero was brutally killed by seven teenagers, ages 16-17. Six of the seven teens are charged with multiple counts of gang assault and hate crimes. And Mr. Lucero was not the first “Mexican” whom the boys had targeted that day. Earlier two of the teens had fired a BB gun at a Hispanic man from their car, striking him several times, and all seven of them had together beaten a third Hispanic man who was able to escape.

- http://www.nytimes.com/2010/04/20/nyregion/20patchogue.html?_r=1&emc=na
- December 7, 2008 – In Queens, NY, Jose Sucuzhanay, 31, was savagely beaten by four men because of the color of his skin and because they thought he was gay. The perpetrators, Hakim Scott and Keith Phoenix, smashed Mr. Sucuzhanay over the head with a bottle, hit him in the head with a bat, and kicked him. Phoenix was convicted in a retrial on June 28, 2010 of attempted assault as a hate crime, and for also attacking the murder victim's brother, Romel Sucuzhanay.
 - <http://abclocal.go.com/wabc/story?section=news/local&id=6546253>
 - http://www.cbsnews.com/8301-504083_162-20009167-504083.html

- September 23, 2009 – Mario Vera was viciously beaten by men yelling racial slurs in Brooklyn, NY. This was the second anti-Latino attack in a year to occur in the Bushwick neighborhood.
 - http://www.nydailynews.com/ny_local/brooklyn/2009/10/22/2009-10-22_vigil_for_migrant_savaged_by_thugs.html



- April 5, 2010 – Four people were arrested and charged with hate crime offenses in New York after a Mexican immigrant was beaten with a baseball bat, a metal chain and wooden planks. The victim, 26-year-old Rodolfo Olmedo, was heading home in the morning after leaving a club in the Port Richmond neighborhood of Staten Island when he was jumped by four men.
 - <http://www.cnn.com/2010/CRIME/04/10/hate.crime.arrests/index.html>
- April 25, 2010 – Rogelio Vazquez, 46 years old, suffered lacerations to his head and fractured his arm in an attack. Police classified the attack as a hate crime and have charged a 19-year-old Asian woman and 21-year-old African-American man.
 - http://online.wsj.com/article/NA_WSJ_PUB:SB10001424052748704249004575385233007847238.html
 - <http://www.nytimes.com/2010/07/31/nyregion/31staten.html?pagewanted=all>

- June 23, 2010 – An 18-year-old Puerto Rican suffered a brutal beating which caused head trauma and a fractured jaw in his home community and is in critical condition in Richmond University Medical Center. The teen was chased and then pummeled by his attackers.
 - http://www.silive.com/northshore/index.ssf/2010/06/yet_again_assailant_targets_hi.html



- June 24, 2010 - Alejandro Galindo, 52, was hospitalized with a broken eye socket and brain trauma. Police say he was walking alone on Forest Avenue when he was approached by three black men in Port Richmond. One of the men suddenly punched him in the right side of his face, and Galindo told police the alleged attacker yelled slurs about his Mexican heritage.



- http://www.nyl.com/content/top_stories/121109/s-i--police-investigate-beating-as-possible-hate-crime

- July 23, 2010 – Fidel González, a 31-year-old Mexican man was attacked by several men yelling anti-Mexican epithets while he was walking home after playing soccer in a park. The men punched him and hit him with a scooter, breaking his jaw and cutting open his head.

- <http://www.nytimes.com/2010/07/31/nyregion/31staten.html>

- July 31, 2010 – Christian Vazquez, an 18-year-old Latino was kicked and punched to the ground by assailants allegedly yelling anti-Mexican slurs. The attack is the 11th instance of hate-related violence since April 2010.



- http://www.nydailynews.com/news/ny_crime/2010/08/03/2010-08-03_i_thought_i_was_gonna_die.html#ixzz0xBotjPQ3

- http://www.nydailynews.com/news/ny_crime/2010/08/02/2010-08-02_15yearold_boy_arrested_in_attack_on_mexican_immigrant_on_statens_island.html#ixzz0vT0QhYRl

- August 18, 2010 – A 15-year-old Mexican was robbed of his MP3 player at knifepoint, the Staten Island prosecutor's office said. Police classified the attack as a bias crime. The suspect, Yashua Plair, 17, pleaded not guilty to charges including robbery and menacing.

- <http://www.latimes.com/news/nationworld/nation/wire/sns-ap-us-immigration-attacks-archbishop,0,7208045.story>

- May 25, 2011 – Researchers at Baruch College found that 48 percent of New Yorkers fear being violently attacked because of their race or ethnicity. Researchers asked 1,207 New Yorkers of all different races, income levels and backgrounds in April and May. Hispanic New Yorkers are the most fearful of being attacked, according to the survey, with 62 percent saying they were concerned about becoming a hate crime victim, including 43 percent who said they felt “very concerned.” Also, 57 percent of African-Americans and many immigrants — 65 percent of people who reported speaking Spanish at home — reported concern.

- <http://www.metro.us/newyork/local/article/871185--half-of-new-yorkers-fear-a-hate-crime>

PENNSYLVANIA

- July 12, 2008 – Teenage perpetrators in Shenandoah, Pennsylvania beat 25-year-old Luis Eduardo Ramirez Zavala to death, called him a “spic” and yelled things like: “This is Shenandoah. This is America. Go back to Mexico.” According to witnesses, the perpetrators punched Mr. Ramirez in the head, knocking him down and causing him to hit his head on the roadway. They then collectively kicked him to the point where he was foaming at the mouth and convulsing so feverishly that “he was bouncing off the ground.”
 - <http://www.univision.com/content/videoplayer.jhtml?cid=2503675>
 - http://www.aztlan.net/shenandoah_anti-mexican_hate_crime.html
- August 30, 2008 - Javier Alcala Jr., 21, was beaten by three men who duct-taped and blindfolded him in Shenandoah, Pennsylvania. According to Mr. Alcala, three skinheads beat him on the head with a metal object, bound and blindfolded him with duct tape, and then tortured him. He says the men used a drill and a torch to terrorize him. He was beaten unconscious, and suffered a head injury, damaged teeth, bruises, and an arm injury.
 - http://www.aztlan.net/another_attack_in_shenandoah.htm

WASHINGTON

- May 7, 2010 – Seattle Police are investigating an officer for allegedly beating a man wrongfully accused of robbery. A [video](#) obtained by local news outlets, shows Officer Shandy Cobane stomping on a Hispanic man yelling “I’m going to beat the f*cking Mexican piss out of you homey. You feel me?” The man repeatedly said he had nothing to do with the robbery, despite being accosted by the police.
- July 4, 2010 – An Auburn man who police say sent more than 230 ranting emails to Washington Sen. Maria Cantwell, many containing threats against Mexican immigrants, has been charged with malicious harassment after he reportedly pointed a gun at his neighbors. Thomas Hanson, 63, is accused of pointing a gun at Sergio Zapata-Zurita's family on the night of July 4, according to charging documents. Auburn police found four rifles and six handguns inside Hanson's trailer, several of which were loaded, prosecutors said.
 - http://seattletimes.nwsources.com/html/theblotter/2012358362_auburn_man_charged_with_hate_c.html