

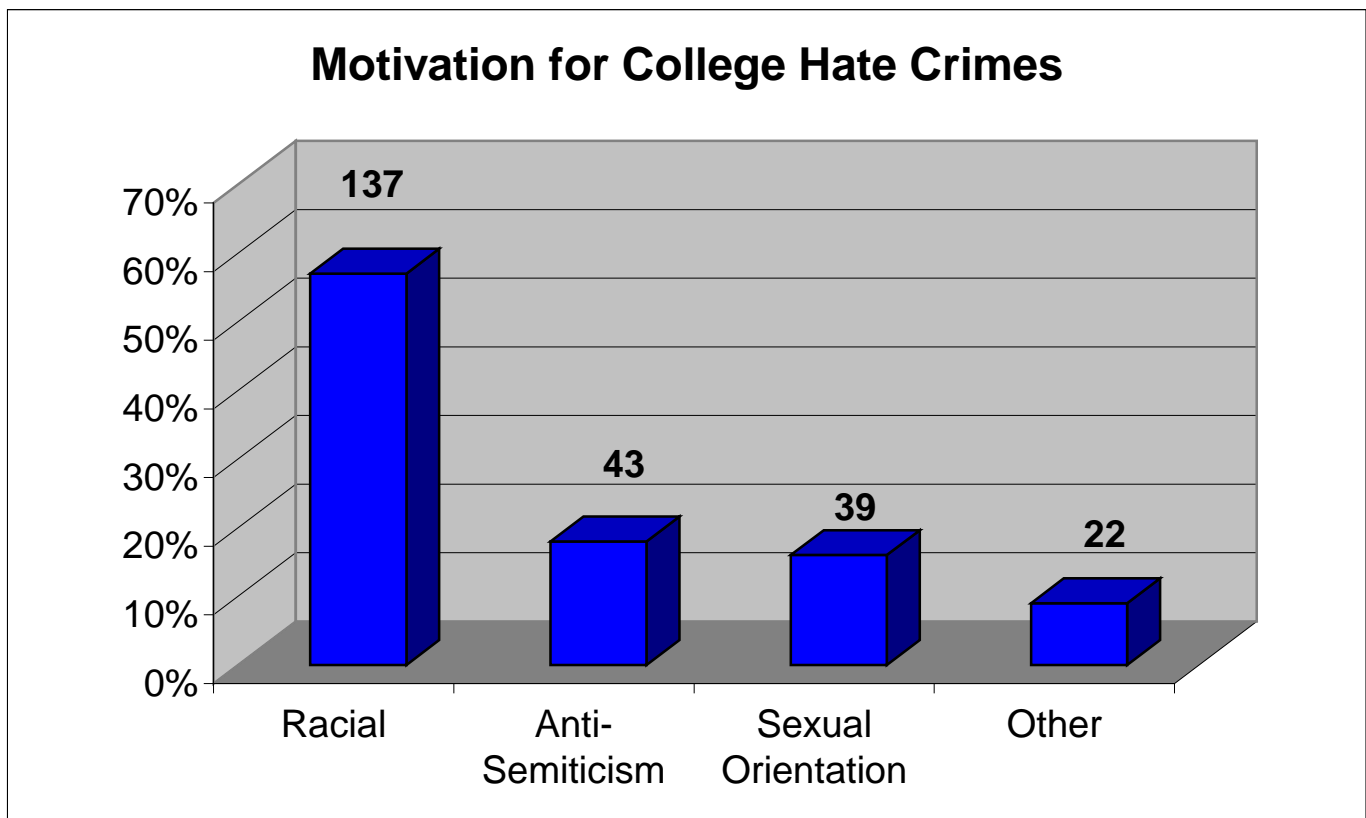
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Fact Sheet

Hate Crimes on the College Campus

A hate crime can be defined as a criminal incident ranging from threats to bombings to physical assault that are specifically motivated by biases such as racial, anti-Semitism, or sexual orientation. The college campus is not immune from such types of motivated crimes. In 1998, the Federal Bureau of Investigation conducted a study specific to the problem of hate crimes on the college campus. This study involved 450 higher education institutions from 40 states. Of the 450 institutions surveyed, 222 or 49% reported an incident of a hate crime during 1998. In total, these 222 higher education institutions reported 241 incidents of hate crimes in 1998.

The following figure displays the breakdown of the reported motivations for a hate crime at a higher education institution in 1998.



*Source: *Hate Crimes on Campus: The Problem and Efforts to Confront It*, Bureau of Justice Assistance