

COUNTIES United Against Hate



Hate Against One = Hate Against All

Growing a coalition of individuals, nonprofits, faith groups, businesses, and governments to publicly denounce racism, bigotry, and hatred of any kind.

Educating ourselves and others to understand the root causes of prejudice by amplifying the work of exceptional organizations, and hosting thought-provoking workshops and events.

Inspiring everyone to champion social justice by challenging all communities to take agency in ending discrimination and holding ourselves accountable to interrupt bullying and injustice at every level, system, and institution where it exists.



The Symbol

A beacon provides a visible acknowledgment of actively seeking to build tolerance, compassion, and justice. With so many symbols of hate, it is important to uplift symbols of unity. It can be modified to celebrate and bring awareness to different holidays, diasporas, and cultures. When recognized, it will be known that all are welcome and hate has no home there.

**Pledge to
Unite
Against Hate**



I pledge to unite against hate.

I pledge to welcome all people regardless of their background or identity.

I pledge to support tolerance and justice.

The Pledge

Pledge to join your community to stand up against hate, bigotry, and discrimination of any kind:

- Actively learn from those with lived experiences that are different from mine
- Question hateful acts when I see or hear them
- Educate myself on how to safely interrupt hate
- Support efforts towards social justice
- Inspire others to take this pledge

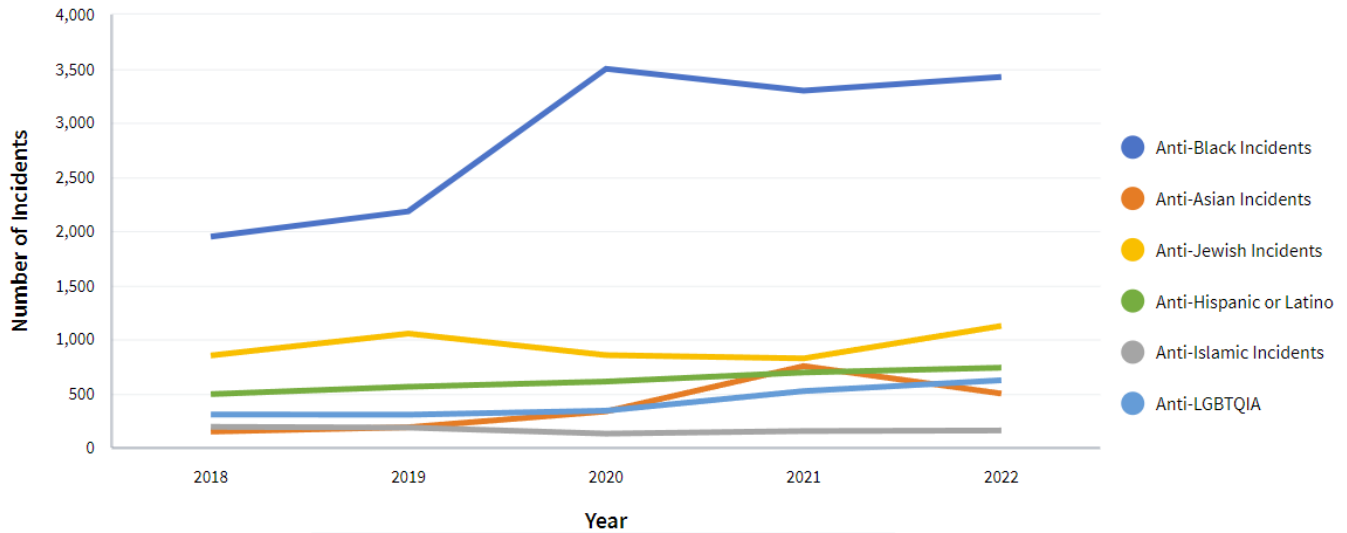


Online Resource Library

A growing library of online resources highlights and amplifies existing scholarship about the legacies of systemic racism and discrimination, how to be an active, informed ally, and how to create a more equitable world for all.

GROWING COALITION. INSPIRING CONVERSATION. BUILDING AWARENESS. EMPOWERING ACTION.

Hate incident reports have increased 60% in the past 5 years, from 7,172 in 2018 to 11,613 in 2022.



Source: [Federal Bureau of Investigation Crime Data Explorer](#)



GROWING COALITION: Public Declarations Against Hate

In Cook County, more than 50 government localities, nonprofits, and faith institutions have partnered and are publicly denouncing hate, including more than 18 Municipalities, Townships, Park Districts, and Library Boards that have passed official Resolutions and Proclamations adopting the Cook County United Against Hate pledge. Cook County also dedicates Board Resolutions to honor the Day of Racial Healing, United Against Hate Week, and ethnic, racial, and religious awareness months.



INSPIRING CONVERSATION: Film Screening & Panel Discussion

Hosting a powerful, eye-opening film, curated for residents, followed by a moderated panel of coalition partners discussing their work interrupting intolerance helps attendees to actively learn from those with different lived experiences. In Cook County, films have included Not In Our Town's *Repairing the World*, and the award-winning documentary *Refuge*.



BUILDING AWARENESS: Hate Crime Response Workshop

Our Hate Crime Workshop builds knowledge and awareness about hate crimes and hate incidents, and what to do as witnesses or victims to hold those who commit them accountable. In Cook County, a panel of the Sheriff, State's Attorney, Public Defender, and Department of Human Rights and Ethics discuss how hate crimes are investigated, prosecuted, and repaired, how the community can best support victims and repair the damage, and remedies when hate is not a crime.



EMPOWERING ACTION: Community Resource Showcase

Activating communities with a showcase of local organizations working to end hate. Participants interact with nonprofits and government leaders, create art, and make their voices heard at this fun, family-friendly event. In Cook County, past events in Glenview and Arlington Heights brought scores together for powerful interactive opportunities to learn, engage, challenge, and take a stand.

