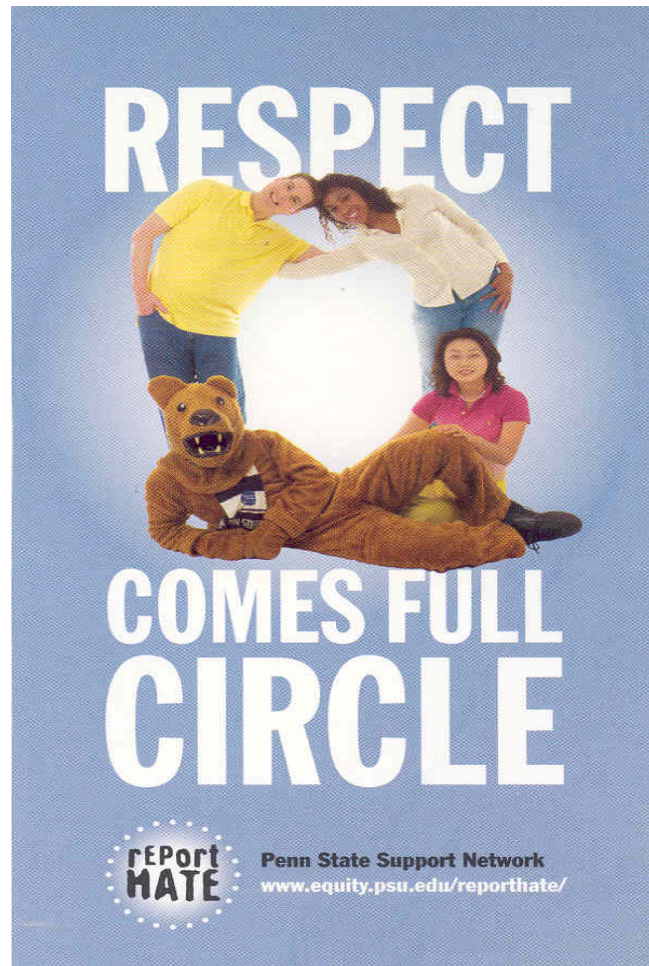


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**BIAS MOTIVATED
INCIDENTS REPORT
SUMMER / FALL 2009**

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THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY

BIAS MOTIVATED INCIDENTS REPORT

Summer and Fall 2009

Start Date: May 18, 2009

Closing Date: December 18, 2009

<i>Total Number of Reports (All Sources)</i>	17
<i>Report Hate Web Site Reports:</i>	4
3 from undergraduate students	
1 report to both Report Hate Website and University Police	
<i>Report from University Police:</i>	12
4 from an undergraduate student	
1 from Residence Life Assistants (students)	
4 from a Residence Life Coordinator	
1 from a Staff Member from Housing	
1 from a Staff Member (unidentified otherwise)	
1 from a Faculty Member	
<i>Referred Directly to the Diversity Advocate:</i>	1
1 e-mail from an undergraduate student	
<i>Distribution of Campus Locations for Reports:</i>	
University Park Campus	15
Altoona Campus	1
Mont Alto Campus	1

Statistical Breakdown for Bias Incidents Reported

Status of Targeted Persons:

Undergraduate Students = 21
Graduate Students = 1
Penn State Community in General = 1
Member of a Particular Fraternity = 1
Faculty = 1

Gender Identity of Targeted Persons:

Male = 13
Female = 10

Sexual Orientation of Targeted Person(s):

Heterosexual = 2 disclosures

LGBT = 3 disclosures

Reports where targeted person(s) were perceived to be LGBT, but weren't = 2

Race/Ethnicity (Actual or Perceived) of Targeted Person(s):

White = 7

Latino/Hispanic = 0

Black = 4

Asian = 1

Indian (from India) = 0

Pacific Islander = 0

Indian (Native American) = 0

Arab/Muslim = 2

Bi/Multiracial = 1

Religious Belief (Actual or Perceived) of Targeted Person(s):

Arabic Descent/Muslim = 1

Jewish = 1

Christian = 0

Atheist = 2

Submitter's Status:

(In 12 reports, the targeted person and the submitter of the report were the same.)

Undergraduate Students = 10

Graduate Students = 1

Coordinator of a Multicultural Program = 1

Housing Staff Employee = 1

Residence Life Coordinator = 2

Residence Life Assistants = 3

Faculty = 1

Submitter's Gender Identity:

Male = 10

Female = 7

Submitter's Sexual Orientation:

LGBT = 2 disclosed (gay)

Heterosexual = 2 disclosed

Unspecified/Unknown = 13

Submitter's Racial/Ethnic Identity:

Latino/Hispanic = 1

Black = 1

Asian = 1

Arab/Muslim = 2

White = 6
Indian (from India) = 0
Indian (Native American) = 0
Multiracial = 0
Unspecified/Unknown = 7

Submitter's Religious Belief:

Islam = 1
Judaism = 1
Christianity = 0
Atheism = 2
Other = 0

Identification of Perpetrator(s) known (most often unknown), or believed to be:

Student = 10
Male (actual or suspected) = 9
Female (actual or suspected) = 4
White = 5
Black = 4 (includes those of Caribbean and African ancestry who identify as Black)
Latino/Hispanic = 1
Sorority Members = 2
Heterosexual = 2
Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual/Transgender = 0

Targeted Issues (motive behind the intolerance of perpetrators; sometimes multiple motives):

Sexual Solicitation = 1
Sexual Orientation = 5
Race = 5
Ancestry = 2
Religious/Spiritual Beliefs = 5
Retaliation = 3
Motive Unknown = 2

Type of Offense (how bias was demonstrated--may involve more than one type):

Harassment (verbal/written/e-mail/phone) = 11
Verbal Attack/Comment = 3
Intimidation = 1
Physical Assault = 2
Graffiti = 4
Vandalism = 1
Derogatory Internet Posting = 1
Hostile Attitude/Environment Created = 2
Mischief = 1

Geographic Location:

On Campus = 17

Month Incident Occurred:

May = 0 (period beginning May 18)

June = 0

July = 0

August = 0

September = 4

October = 3

November = 6

December = 4 (period ending December 18th)

Day of Incident:

Sunday = 5

Monday = 1

Tuesday = 4

Wednesday = 1

Thursday = 0

Friday = 1

Saturday = 5

Time of Incident:

6:00 a.m. to Noon = 3

Noon to 6:00 p.m. = 1

6:00 p.m. to Midnight = 12

Midnight to 6:00 a.m. = 0

Intoxicant Involved:

Yes = 0

No or Unknown = 17

Weapons Involved:

Yes = 0

Threat of Weapon Involved = 1

No or Unknown = 16

Bias Motivated Incidents Report Discussion

- **A total of seventeen incidents were reported during summer / fall 2009, compared to twenty reports for summer / fall of 2008.**
- **Fifteen reports received were from the University Park campus; one report received was from the Altoona campus; one report was from the Mont Alto campus.**

- **One case was reported twice because two separate incidents of the same type were made to the same targeted person. Therefore, instead of making the total number of reports eighteen, those two reports were combined into one.**
- **As always, confidentiality of identities and information will be respected, unless permission to release information is given by the submitter or targeted person.**
- **Multiple categories often exist for the status of Targeted Persons, Race/Ethnicity, Targeted Issues, and Types of Offense. An effort is made to indicate one choice and which best describes an incident or individual, or how that individual may identify themselves. However, in some instances when appropriate and where overlap exists, more than one category is chosen and indicated. This accounts for the occasional slightly higher numbers within a category than the total number of reports given. In addition, two or more perpetrators may act in concert.**

Finally, the intended target for a perpetrator may be more than one student, a student organization, the University community in general, or a subgroup of the community. Also, the numbers of those targets involved can be higher than the number of reports made or may not be able to be determined.

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