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## ADL NATIONAL INITIATIVES



2019 Audit of Antisemitic Incidents



## 2019 AUDIT OF ANTISEMITIC INCIDENTS

Each year, ADL's [Center on Extremism](#) tracks incidents of antisemitic harassment, vandalism, and assault in the United States.

2019 was an unprecedented year. ADL recorded a 12% rise in reported antisemitic incidents over the previous year—an average of six antisemitic incidents occurred in the United States every day. In ADL's 40 years of tracking antisemitic incidents, this added up to the largest number ever recorded. Of these, 37% were reported in New York and New Jersey.

To read more about our Annual Audit of Antisemitic Incidents and our findings in New York and New Jersey, including our press releases, please visit our website by [clicking here](#).



## EXTREMISTS INVOLVED IN NATIONWIDE PROTEST AGAINST CORONAVIRUS RESTRICTIONS

Americans' response to the coronavirus pandemic now includes a spate of nationwide rallies decrying stay-at-home orders and calling for "reopening" the economy. While many of the protests calling for the reopening of the economy and lifting of state-issued quarantine mandates have been organized by more mainstream conservative organizations, a number have been sponsored in whole or part by identified extremists and a range of rally participants have carried signs or flags affiliated with various right-wing extremist ideologies.

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## **ADL CALLS FOR PLATFORMS TO TAKE ACTION TO ADDRESS HATE ONLINE DURING PANDEMIC**

At ADL, we are watching in real time how the spread of the coronavirus is opening the doors to a new surge of online hate and bigotry targeting Jews, Asians and Asian-Americans, Muslims and immigrants, among others. We are tracking antisemitic, anti-Asian, and anti-Muslim content on Facebook and other social media platforms, and we believe the scale and speed at which these platforms operate could transform the situation from a tinderbox of hate to potential real world violence against marginalized communities.

ADL has engaged directly with private technology companies, including Facebook, about their content moderation practices during the pandemic. Many tech companies sent their human content moderation teams home, but this left their platforms to be predominantly moderated by automated systems – and often automated systems are tuned towards leniency.

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## **SPOTLIGHT ON EDUCATION INITIATIVES**



## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NO PLACE FOR HATE SCHOOLS

ADL New York/New Jersey is excited to recognize the **241 schools** in our region who achieved the designation of No Place For Hate® in the 2019-2020 school year! We are so proud of the nearly **181,000 students** who have proven their commitment to building inclusive and safe communities. For the full list of 2019-2020 No Place For Hate designated schools in our region, please [click here](#).

In recognition of the accomplishments of all schools across the nation, ADL came together with schools and communities to join forces in celebration.

On May 21st we were proud to celebrate all students and schools who have made strides in diversity, inclusion and allyship by using **#noplaceforhate**. This campaign reached over **10,000 people** online who joined in recognizing the achievements of all schools who worked to create more inclusive environments. Neil Golub, a longtime supporter of ADL NY/NJ education and benefactor of our Albany satellite office, shared [this message of congratulations](#).





## **ADL EDUCATION TABLE TALK: HOW SYSTEMIC RACISM IMPACTS CORONAVIRUS RACIAL DISPARITIES**

The impact of coronavirus has been vast and devastating; its impact on public health and the economy is felt across the globe. Meanwhile, various U.S. cities and states are tracking demographic data which reveals that COVID-19 is disproportionately impacting communities of color in the U.S.

ADL's latest Table Talk resource equips educators and families with information and discussion questions to engage young people in conversations about how marginalized communities are feeling the impacts of COVID-19 more acutely, and how they can take action to confront these disparities.

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**UNDERSTANDING ANTISEMITISM**

ADL's latest Lesson Plan, [Discussing Antisemitism: A Guide for Reflection and Conversation](#), equips educators and families with information and discussion questions to engage young people in conversation about the recent surge of antisemitic incidents. Use our middle and high school lesson plan to understand the harm antisemitism does and explore ways to challenge the trend.

ADL's family discussion guide on, [Antisemitism Today](#), provides guiding questions to engage your family in a conversation about current trends and what individuals and groups can do to address it.

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## ADL NY/NJ COVID-19 RESOURCES



### ADL'S RESPONSE TO PANDEMIC-RELATED BIAS

ADL has recorded a striking increase in the amount of antisemitic and anti-Asian sentiment in the wake of the current pandemic. ADL NY/NJ Deputy Regional Director Alexander Rosemberg and Congresswoman Grace Meng authored an op-ed about these current biased attitudes and actions, and what we can do to curb the rise of hatred in our communities. [Click here to read more](#).

For additional information on ADL's response to the current rise in hatred, please review the blogs and lessons below.

- ADL's Mini Lesson: [What is Bias?](#)
- ADL's Table Talk: [What is Everyday Bias?](#)
- ADL Blog: "[ADL Calls for Platforms to Take Action to Address Hate Online During Pandemic](#)"
- ADL Blog: "[Reports of Anti-Asian Assaults, Harassment and Hate Crimes Rise as Coronavirus Spreads](#)"

For additional live updates on our work, please visit us on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), and

our [regional website](#).

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## ADL NY/NJ IN THE MEDIA

### Speaking Out Against Antisemitism

- April 4: [Anti-Semitic Social Media Posts Target Suburban New York Orthodox Community](#) (Haaretz.com)
- April 23: [We can't allow COVID-19 to foment hate](#) (NJ.com)
- May 3: [Reports of Anti-Asian Assaults, Harassment and Hate Crimes Rise as Coronavirus Spreads](#) (ShoreNewsNetwork.com)

### Audit in the News

- CNN: [Antisemitic incidents in the US reached the highest on record in 2019, ADL says](#)
  - NYTimes: [Anti-Semitic Incidents Surged in 2019, Report Says](#)
  - NJNewsNetwork: [Anti-Defamation League: NJ Had Highest Level Of Anti-Semitic Incidents Ever Recorded In 2019](#)
  - ABC7NewsNY: [Exclusive: ADL reports big increase in anti-Semitism in NY, NJ](#)
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## FURTHER INVOLVEMENT OPPORTUNITIES



**SIGNATURE SYNAGOGUES**

**ADL's Signature Synagogue Program** is a network of engaged congregations committed to fighting antisemitism and all forms of hate. Signature Synagogues receive direct access to ADL programs, resources and learning opportunities, and are currently offered virtual opportunities for participants. The Program creates a central location for members to become ambassadors for ADL, when standing up to antisemitism and hate is more important than ever. For more information, **please contact [Hannah Sattler](#)**.



## **FIGHTING HATE FROM HOME**

At a time when we can all feel isolated, we need to pull together now more than ever to stand up against antisemitism and extremism. ADL is offering a new series of webinars called **[Fighting Hate from Home](#)** to help unite and inform our community.

Please **[click here](#)** to view recordings of the recent webinars in the series, and click the link below to register for our upcoming webinars.

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