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## **ONLINE HATE INDEX REPORT: THE DIGITAL EXPERIENCE OF JEWISH LAWMAKERS**

ADL released a new study finding a “deluge” of antisemitic tweets directed at Jewish members of Congress as the 2020 campaign heats up. **Read the full report** with recommendations for social media companies, lawmakers and candidates.

This study presents a snapshot in time of “Problematic” content, which for the purposes of this report we have defined as including both antisemitic tweets as well as tweets that include antisemitic tropes but require more context to be definitively categorized as antisemitic.

This analysis was aided by the **Online Hate Index**, a tool currently being developed by ADL's Center for Technology and Society, which is being designed to automate the process of detecting hate speech on online platforms.

**[CLICK HERE TO READ MORE](#)**



*Pictured above: Enrique Tarro, chairman of the Proud Boys*

## **PROUD BOYS BACKGROUNDER**

The Proud Boys represent an unconventional strain of American right-wing extremism. While the group can be described as violent, nationalistic, Islamophobic, transphobic and misogynistic, its members represent a range of ethnic backgrounds, and its leaders vehemently protest any allegations of racism.

During the last three years, the Proud Boys have established themselves as a dominant force within the alt lite. Easily recognizable, thanks to their black and yellow Fred Perry polo shirts and red Make America Great Again baseball caps, members are regulars at far-right demonstrations and Trump rallies.

**[CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE](#)**



## **CENTER ON EXTREMISM PODCAST**

Extremely is a podcast for anyone who wants to understand and interrupt modern hate and extremism. Hosted by Oren Segal, ADL's Vice President of the Center on Extremism, and brought to you by ADL and American University, these conversations feature expert analysis and fresh perspectives on this global threat -- and what it might take to stop it in its tracks.

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## **EDUCATION SPOTLIGHT**



## **ADL EDUCATION - VOTING RIGHTS RESOURCES**

If you're not sure if you're registered to vote, where to cast your ballot in person or how to request an absentee ballot, or what changes your state has implemented in response to COVID-19, we're here to help.

You can use the new interactive [ADL Voting Rights tool](#) to answer all of these questions; just enter a few basic details to be prepared to vote for the candidates of your choice in 2020.

We also encourage you to visit the following ADL resources for more information on voting and elections:

- [Should We Keep the Electoral College?](#) lesson plan provides an opportunity for students to learn more about the Electoral College, consider different viewpoints about the Electoral College and write a persuasive letter that expresses their opinion about the Electoral College.
- [Let's Talk About Voting!](#) encourages family discussions around the history and purpose of voting, and the ways in which the right to vote has been prevented and suppressed throughout our history.



- **Elections and the Youth Vote** for high school students explores the role and importance of the youth vote, consider barriers to the youth vote, and proposes ideas for taking action.
- **Teaching About Elections** are education resources, lesson plans, family resources, and other election-related content to assist you in teaching and talking about elections.
- **Identity and Diversity in My Generation** provides an opportunity for students to learn more about Gen Z, and reflect on their identities to create portraits/quotes representing themselves.
- **Representing the People: Diversity and Elections** lesson provides an opportunity for students to learn more about the current landscape of elected officials and Presidential hopefuls.

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## REGIONAL INITIATIVES

**ADL / TAKE ACTION**

**Election 2020:  
The Struggle for Voting  
Rights & Access to the  
Ballot Box in NY**

**October 5, 2020  
12:30 PM - 1:30 PM  
Zoom Webinar  
CLICK HERE TO RSVP**

For more information or to submit questions, please contact Oriana Capone at [ocapone@adl.org](mailto:ocapone@adl.org).

**Join Us for a Conversation**

The health of our democracy depends on our ability to vote, yet even in states with mail-in voting there continues to be voter accessibility challenges, such as language access rights, lack of available poll workers and voter suppression.

Join us in NY/NJ and an exclusive panel of New York experts in a conversation about the history and struggle for voting rights and what each of us can do to ensure that everyone has access to the ballot box.

**Speakers:**  
 Karen Levit, ADL National Civil Rights Counsel  
 Melody Lopez, Executive Director, New York Civic Engagement Table  
 Jarret Berg, Co-Founder, Vote Early NY  
 Susan Lerner, Executive Director, Common Cause NY

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### NEW YORK VOTING RIGHTS WEBINAR

On October 5th, ADL New York/New Jersey's Lawyers Division, hosted a webinar with an exclusive panel of New York experts. We were joined by **Karen Levit, ADL National Civil Rights Counsel; Melody Lopez, Executive Director, New York Civic Engagement Table; Jarret Berg, Co-Founder, Vote Early NY; and Susan Lerner, Executive Director, Common Cause NY.**

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**ADL** / TAKE ACTION

**Election 2020:  
The Struggle for Voting  
Rights & Access to the  
Ballot Box in NJ**

**October 6, 2020**

**12:00 PM - 1:00 PM**

**Zoom Webinar**

**CLICK HERE TO RSVP**

For more information or to submit questions, please contact Oriana Capone at [ocapone@adl.org](mailto:ocapone@adl.org).

**Join Us for a Conversation**

The health of our democracy depends on our ability to vote, yet even in states with mail-in voting there continues to be voter accessibility challenges, such as language access rights, lack of available poll workers and voter suppression.

Join ADL NY/NJ and an exclusive panel of New Jersey experts for a conversation about the history and struggle for voting rights and what each of us can do to ensure that everyone has access to the ballot box.

**Speakers:**  
Karen Levit, ADL National Civil Rights Counsel  
Jesse Burns, LWV Executive Director  
Aaron Greene, NJISJ Associate Counsel  
Brett Pugach, Voting Rights Attorney, Bromberg Law, LLC

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LWV LEAGUE of WOMEN VOTERS  
OF NEW JERSEY



Photo: ADL.org

**NEW JERSEY VOTING RIGHTS WEBINAR**

On October 6th, ADL New York/New Jersey's Lawyers Division hosted a webinar with an exclusive panel of New Jersey experts. We were joined by **Karen Levit, ADL National Civil Rights Counsel; Jesse Burns, LWV Executive Director; Aaron Greene, NJISJ Associate Counsel; and Brett Pugach, Voting Rights Attorney at Bromberg Law, LLC.**

[WATCH THE RECORDING](#)

**UPCOMING VIRTUAL EVENTS AND WEBINARS**



## **ADL'S WALK AGAINST HATE VIRTUAL CELEBRATION**

Ending hate means we must come together to denounce it loudly and clearly, and not be bystanders. Make your voice heard by stepping out for **ADL's Walk Against Hate**. This virtual event, national in scope for the first time, brings together entire communities from across the country including students, educators, synagogues, and families.

**Registration is free**, and your fundraising helps advance ADL's critical mission. You can join our efforts by walking individually, forming a team, or sharing your #WalkAgainstHate photos online. However you participate, you are supporting ADL's efforts to celebrate diversity and challenge hate.

**This Sunday, October 18th at 12:00 PM ET**, we invite you to join participants from across the country for our virtual Walk Against Hate Celebration! This exciting event will recognize the impactful steps you took to support ADL's vital work.

Walk Against Hate Resources:

- [Walk Against Hate Information Session Recording](#)
- [Walk Against Hate Promotional Video](#)
- [Register at walkagainsthate.org](https://www.walkagainsthate.org)
- [Walk Against Hate Participant Toolkit](#)





## **NEVER IS NOW: ADL'S SUMMIT ON ANTISEMITISM AND HATE**

We strongly encourage you to join [ADL's Never Is Now: Summit on Antisemitism and Hate](#), the world's largest summit of its kind. **This year's event is free and will be delivered virtually from November 8th through 19th.**

Never Is Now is the best way to learn about and discuss contemporary drivers of antisemitism and hate. The Summit will explore how you can add your voice to the conversation regarding combating bias and bigotry of all kinds. Sessions will feature top level keynote addresses, panelists and influential speakers focused on ADL's mission. As part of the **Summit's Edward Brodsky CLE track**, we are offering panels on hate crimes legislation and preventing digital harassment.

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

# Students' voices are stronger together.

## Apply for the Edward Brodsky Student Fellowship



### NEVER IS NOW: EDWARD BRODSKY STUDENT FELLOWSHIP

For students, this year's Never Is Now Summit offers TWO free opportunities to expand their knowledge and understanding of ADL's work. First, high school students and educators can attend all sessions and panels, including a special post-event student only session in December. **Register your students today.**

Additionally, students are invited to apply for the first-ever [Edward Brodsky Student Fellowship](#) where student leaders across the country will connect through conversations about bias and identity, examination of the impacts of bias and oppression, and exploration of ways they can make an impact in their schools and communities. The Fellowship consists of three 90-minute sessions and is capped at 50 students. Interested students **need to apply by October 23rd.**

The Edward Brodsky Student Fellowship was created in memory of Edward Brodsky, a prominent member of New York's legal community and dedicated ADL supporter. The Fellowship aims to bring Mr. Brodsky's vision of a just and fair society to the next generation of leaders.

Please note, you must **apply for the Fellowship** and register for the Summit separately. The above opportunities are most appropriate for upper high school students (11th and 12th graders) and educators, but interested younger

students are welcome to participate.

For more information, **please visit our website** or reach out to **[ninstudent@adl.org](mailto:ninstudent@adl.org)** with any questions.



### **ADL'S VIRTUAL CONCERT AGAINST HATE**

Join ADL supporters from across the country as we share a night of live music and inspiration, celebrating real-life heroes in the fight against injustice, extremism and hate.

Our first virtual ADL In Concert Against Hate continues a 25-year tradition of lifting up ordinary people who perform extraordinary acts of courage and compassion when confronted by hatred and bigotry. **Tune in December 6th at 8:00 PM ET to be a part of this free musical experience.**

**Click here** to learn more about the Concert Against Hate.

For questions or sponsorship opportunities, please contact Jessica Stolzman at **[jstolzman@adl.org](mailto:jstolzman@adl.org)**.

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