

A MESSAGE TO OUR NEIGHBORS

Since Election Day, minority communities around New York City and the rest of the country have been under attack. Between Wednesday November 9 and Monday November 14, the Southern Poverty Law Center collected 437 reports of hateful intimidation and harassment.

“Trump” was scrawled on the door of a Muslim prayer room at New York University on November 9. On the same day, a “Make America White Again” sign with a swastika was graffitied on a softball dugout wall in a park in Wellsville, New York.

On November 10, a nineteen-year-old Muslim woman on a bus in Queens, New York was approached by two other passengers and told that she wasn’t allowed to wear her head scarf anymore.

Several black University of Pennsylvania students received racist and threatening messages Friday November 11, including invites to a “daily lynching.”

On Saturday November 12, swastikas were drawn on several doors in a residence hall at the New School. Three Jewish women live in the suite where one of the swastikas was drawn. On the same day, a man spray-painted a swastika in front of a 78-year-old man's home on Montgomery Street, near Brooklyn Avenue in Crown Heights.

If you witness a hate crime or are a victim of a hate crime, reach out for help:

In an emergency, call 911.

To report a previously witnessed hate crime, call 311.

NY State has created a Division of Human Rights bias report toll-free hotline at (888) 392-3644 (9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday – Friday).

If you are a victim of anti-gay/lesbian/bisexual/trans violence, call the Anti Violence Project 24 hour hotline 212-714-1141.

The Hate Crimes Unit at the NY District Attorney's Office can be reached at 212-335-3100.

You can also contact the Arab American Association at 718-745-3523.

If you would like to volunteer to accompany at-risk individuals through their neighborhoods you can email accompany.my.neighbor@gmail.com.

Know that you are not alone. Governor Andrew Cuomo issued the following statement on November 12: “As New Yorkers, we have fundamentally different philosophies than what Donald Trump laid out in his campaign. So let me be absolutely clear: If anyone feels that they are under attack, I want them to know that the state of New York – the state that has the Statue of Liberty in its harbor – is their refuge. Whether you are gay or straight, Muslim or Christian, rich or poor, black or white or brown, we respect all people in the state of New York....We are New York, and we will stand up for you.”