



MAY
A Year In HATE
2006

The driver's side window of a man's car was smashed and the words "GO BAK TO IRAK" were spray painted on the door of his car. The man is from India, not Iraq.

Targets of Hate 2006

- Despite their numerically small population in Orange County, African-Americans again reported the highest number of hate crimes in 2006. The combined total of 25 crimes and incidents was slightly higher than was reported in 2005.
- Despite concerns of under-reporting, Gays and Lesbians continue to be amongst the most targeted groups (14 in 2006) in Orange County.
- Anti-Jewish hate crimes and incidents were a reported 23 – the lowest number since 1992.
- A decrease of reported hate crimes and incidents against Latinos (from 14 to 10) is noted despite continuing anti-immigrant sentiments. However, the controversy may cause under reporting in this community.
- Hate crimes and incidents targeting the Muslim/Arab/Middle Eastern population has doubled in the last year (from 10 to 20) which may be in part due to the conflict in Iraq.
- Also noteworthy is the marked increase in hate crimes targeting the Asian/Pacific Islander community which recorded 4 in 2005, compared to 8 in 2006.