

# Hate Crimes Sentencing Enhancement Act Of 1992: Hearing Before The Subcommittee On Crime And Criminal Justice

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I am very proud to appear today in support of H.R. 1592 The Local Law Enforcement Hate Crimes Prevention Act of 2007. I will use my time to address some broad issues of the characteristics and impact of hate crimes on our society and thus the need for this important Federal Legislation.

## **Background**

I have been conducting research on various aspects of hate crimes for more than 20 years and have published two books and numerous reports, journal articles and book chapters. I co-authored the first national report on hate crime mandated by the 1990 Hate Crime Statistics Act, [Hate Crimes 1990: A Resource Book](#) published by the FBI in 1993. I also co-authored [Hate Crime the Rising Tide of Bigotry and Bloodshed](#) with Jack Levin in 1993 and [Hate Crime Revisited: Americas War on Those Who Are Different](#) in 2002.

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