

Learning Activity #4

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A hate crime is typically one involving violence. They are motivated by prejudice usually on the basis of race, religion, sexual orientation, etc. Hate crimes have been around for years, they have evolved from time of early European settlers and their violence toward Native Americans. An examples of hate crimes is the Ku Klux Klan and its activities against blacks and other groups.

The definition of a regular crime is an action or omission that constitutes an offense that may be prosecuted by the state and is punishable by law. The difference between crime and hate crime is that hate crimes are motivated by those certain characteristics whereas regular crime are just illegal activities that can be caused by absolutely anything. A hate crime can be attacking a black person because of their skin color and a regular crime can be someone robbing a gas station because they needed money.

With that being said the question is do I believe there should be a separate category known as "hate crime" or are all crimes equally egregious with respect to their impact on society.

Personally I believe that no matter the crime there going to be equally egregious depending on each situation in a case by case basis. However, I do still believe there should be a separation between hate crime and regular crimes. Whether that be in determining punishment for a crime. That doesn't mean I believe if its a hate crime it deserves to be punished more than a regular crime I just believe there should be a something to distinguish the difference between the two. Its

a hard question that I don't really know the answer to but I do think that I it needs to be brought to life and more people should talk about.