

# UNITED SIKHS: The Impact of Racial/ Religious Profiling Post 9/11 on Sikh Americans

## Policy of Institutionalized Racial/ Religious Profiling by the Transportation Security Agency (TSA): Evolution of Aviation Security Policies & its Impact on Sikh Americans Post- 9/11



**Profiling by the Federal Government Reinforces Negative Stereotypes Perpetuated by the Media & Sanctions the Mistreatment of Minority Communities by Society in General**

### HATE CRIMES

5 Criminal Acts w/i Last 8 Months are Potential Bias/ Hate Crimes.

- Sacramento, CA (2)  
(1<sup>st</sup> Incident- Assault, 2<sup>nd</sup> Incident – Shooting)
- Las Vegas, NV (Shooting)
- Atlanta, GA (Assault)
- Queens, NY (Assault)

### BULLYING

The Sikh community has endured a collective trauma from bullying.

- Sikh children face bullying at a rate of ~ 60%
- Negative media portrayal and government policies that stigmatize those with turbans, beards, or religious dress reinforce dangerous stereotypes

### EMPLOYMENT DISCRIM.

UNITED SIKHS has received over a dozen complaints in the last year.

- Majority of discrimination cases arises from a lack of accommodations for religious manifestation
- Currently, employers can segregate employees and put them in the “back room” as a form of accommodation