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


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Explosive Trace Detection (ETD) + Metal Hand Wand

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)
  1st Incident: Assault, 2nd 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 arise 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