

Student Affairs Committee Statement on Hate Crimes
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Columbia University is a diverse and vibrant community with students from almost every country and culture in the world. Our strength comes from our diversity and our differences. Last week, an anti-Semitic crime was perpetrated at Teachers College when a professor's office was daubed with swastikas to intimidate members of our community and create fear.

The Student Affairs Committee of the University Senate strongly condemns this act of hate and intolerance and any other hate crime, on or off campus. We, the Student Affairs Committee, believe wholeheartedly that different identities coexisting at Columbia University are what makes our university unique. There is no place for hate, intolerance, or intimidation at this University, as it chills the campus climate and damages the sense of community we seek to foster.

We stand together as a community during this time. Let us not allow the intolerance of a few prevent the many from benefiting from and celebrating Columbia's diversity.

For those in our community that may feel especially vulnerable, please reach out to the many University and city-wide networks for support, including the following:

- Morningside Campus: Counseling and Psychological Services
 - 212-854-2878
 - <http://health.columbia.edu>
- Medical Center Campus: Mental Health Services
 - 212-305-3400
 - <http://www.cumc.columbia.edu/student-health>
- The Office of the University Chaplain offers faith-based support and spiritual counseling
 - 212-854-1493
 - <http://ouc.columbia.edu>
- Columbia Barnard Hillel - Kraft Center for Jewish Life
 - 212-854-5111
 - <http://columbiabarnardhillel.org/about/staff>
- If you have a safety concern or want to report a potential bias incident on campus, Columbia University Public Safety is available:
 - Morningside Campus – 212-854-555
 - Medical Center Campus – 212-305-7979
 - <http://publicsafety.columbia.edu/content/report-crime>
- NYC Well (24/7/365)
 - Available in 200+ languages – 1-888-NYC-WELL (1-888-692-9355)
 - <https://nycwell.cityofnewyork.us/en/>
- The Samaritans based in NYC (24/7)
 - English only – 212-673-3000
 - <http://samaritansnyc.org/calling-the-hotline/>