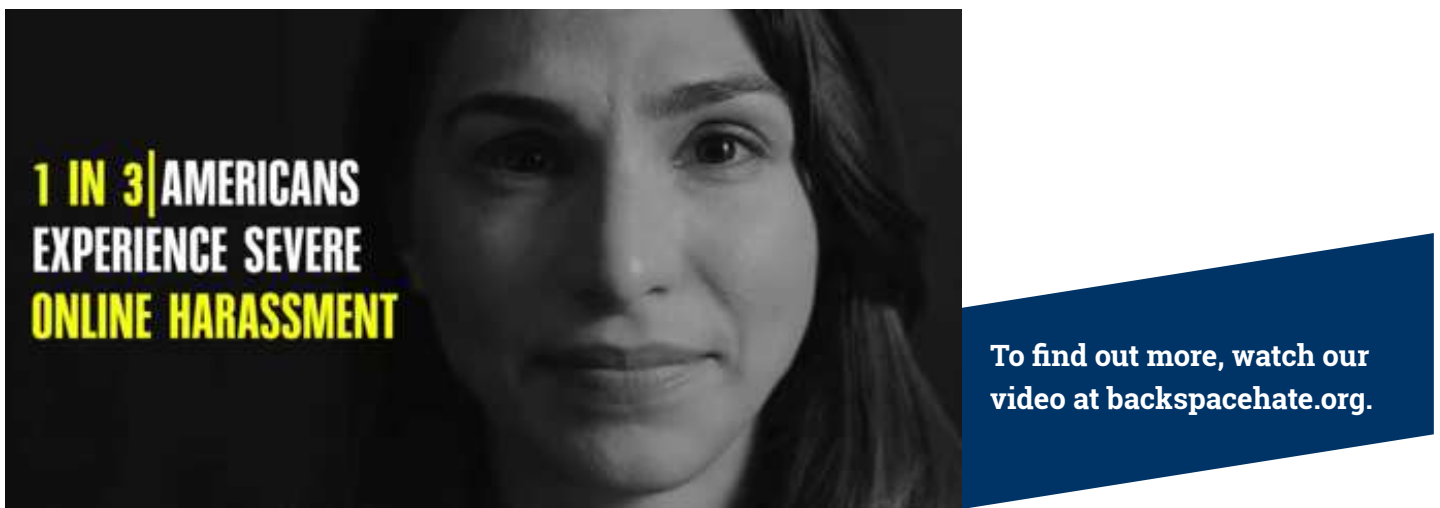


BACKSPACE HATE™

AN ADL INITIATIVE

Online hate stokes fear, silences voices and causes harm to people's personal and professional lives. Backspace Hate™ is ADL's initiative **supporting victims and targets of online hate and harassment by raising awareness and passing legislation to better hold perpetrators accountable** for their actions online. When harassment pushes targets offline, perpetrators silence valuable voices. It's time to **backspace the hate and make room for good.**



Online hate and harassment have increasingly become a part of the online experience.

- In a 2018 ADL survey, 37% of American adults reported experiencing severe harassment online—including physical threats, sexual harassment, stalking and sustained harassment—up from 18% in 2017.
- Currently, most online hate and harassment does not constitute a crime under state or federal law. Victims and targets of cyber-harassment or hate have limited legal recourse.
- The rhetoric and tactics employed in online hatred are often rooted in white supremacy, misogyny and anti-Semitism.

Online safety is fundamental to ADL's vigilant fight against hate. We prioritize working to protect the marginalized communities who are targeted most online. The goal of Backspace Hate™ is to create online protections where they are lacking entirely or where they need to be strengthened.

Visit backspacehate.org to get involved:

- Sign our petition to tell lawmakers to support victims and targets of online hate and harassment.
- Attend Never Is Now, ADL's annual summit on anti-Semitism and hate.
- Read ADL's reports about online hate and harassment:
 - [The Trolls are Organized and Everyone's a Target: The Effects of Online Hate and Harassment](https://adl.org/trollsharassment) (adl.org/trollsharassment).
 - [Online Hate and Harassment: The American Experience](https://adl.org/onlineharassment) (adl.org/onlineharassment).
- Visit ADL's resources for addressing cyberhate and harassment—reporting hate to platforms, preventing online attacks, etc.

STRONG SUPPORT FOR LEGISLATIVE CHANGE

86%



of American adults support strengthening laws against perpetrators of online hate and harassment.

*Reported in ADL's Online Hate and Harassment: The American Experience

CYBERHATE BY THE NUMBERS

53%



of American adults have experienced some kind of online harassment.

38%



of those who have been harassed stop, reduce or change their online behavior.

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“It's just infuriating...someone sits behind their screen and tries to destroy everything I've worked so hard for. They don't have any consequences and I have to defend everything I do.”

- First-generation college grad and non-profit professional

“Being trans and successful is all it takes to attract harassment.”

- Twitch Streamer



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