

## Why the Pittsburgh shooter raged about immigration before attacking a synagogue

On Saturday, a shooter opened fire inside a **synagogue** in the heart of a heavily Jewish neighborhood in **Pittsburgh**. The attack occurred during Shabbat services and during a **bris**, a celebration of a newborn life.

Pittsburgh 匹兹堡

synagogue 犹太教堂

bris 犹太割礼

Immediately before the massacre the alleged killer tweeted about HIAS, an organization once known as the **Hebrew** Sheltering and Immigrant Aid Society that dated back to the late 19<sup>th</sup> century. “HIAS likes to bring invaders that kill our people,” he wrote. It doesn’t take a deep understanding of American **anti-Semitism** to know that to him, “our people” did not include Jewish Americans, even though Jews have lived in America since before the founding of the United States and the **congregation** he attacked has been convening to pray since **the Civil War**.

Hebrew 希伯来人；犹太人

anti-Semitism 反犹主义

congregation 集合；集会

the Civil War 南北战争

Why, then, did this white-nationalist **xenophobe** gun down local Jews to protest HIAS? The massacre reflects a stark reality with deep roots in American history: Anti-Semitism, **nativism** and anti-immigrant sentiments have long been **inextricably** intertwined.

xenophobe 害怕外人者

protest 抗议

nativism 本土主义

inextricably 无法解决地

technophobe 技术恐惧者

acrophobe 恐高患者

The anti-Semitism that drove the immigration policy of the early 20<sup>th</sup> century never faded from American life. Nor did its connection to anti-immigrant sentiment. And that sentiment is what compelled a shooter ranting about HIAS to massacre Jews who were part of a congregation that dated to the 1800s and is located in a city where HIAS has no offices or presence.