Pre-existing fields:

- A. Incident number
- B. Date—date of newspaper story
- C. Title—title of story
- D. Organization—source of news story
- E. City—city in which story was published
- F. State—state in which story was published
- G. URL—url to the story

Fields to code:

- H. Hate Incident—code as 1 if the story refers to a recent incident, in which one or more individuals engaged in hate speech or violence against a minority group. Code as 0 if the story is on legislation, or doesn't involve any hostile activity against a minority group. If this variable equals 0, then fill all other columns in this row as "na," except for column T (Incident type)
- I. New incident—code as 1 if the story reports a recent hate incident (within a couple of days), otherwise code as 0.
- J. Day of Incident—enter the day of the month on which the incident occurred, enter 'na' if unclear.
- K. Month of Incident-- enter the month (numeric) during which the incident occurred, enter 'na' if unclear.
- L. Year of Incident-- enter the year during which the incident occurred, enter 'na' if unclear.
- M. Violent—enter 1 if the incident involved violence, e.g., a physical fight, assault, murder. Otherwise enter 0.
- N. Num Victims—enter the number of victims, either exact or approximate (e.g., "more than 1", "more than 100", etc.) enter 'na' if unclear.
- O. Num Perp—enter the number of perpetrators, either exact or approximate (e.g., "more than 1", "more than 100", etc.) enter 'na' if unclear.
- P. Num Deaths—enter the number of fatalities, either exact or approximate (e.g., "at least 1", "more than 1", "more than 100", etc.). Enter 0 if not a fatal incident, 'na' if not a violent incident.
- Q. Issue Identity—enter the type of identity that triggered the crime (e.g., race, LGBT, immigration status, nationality, etc.)
- R. Incident City—City in which the incident occurred.
- S. Incident State—State in which the incident occurred. If not a US incident, enter country.
- T. Incident Type—one or two-word summary of what happened (e.g. murder, hate mail, prison fight, etc.)
- U. Inc Intensity—numeric value associated with the type of incident:
 - 1=unorganized expression of hate speech
 - 2=organized expression of hate speech (e.g., hate mail or rally)
 - 3=non-fatal physical violence
 - 4=violence resulting in at least 1 fatality
 - 5=mass violence resulting in several injuries fatalities (e.g., someone drove a car into a crowd, a shooting) 6=mass murder/terrorism related incident (e.g., Dylan Roof, the plot against a Kansas mosque, a bomb plot)
- V. Notes—any coder remarks about the incident or the story.