

The Changing Face Of 'Hate Crime'

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Back in the 1980s, social justice warriors coined the phrase “hate crime” as part of their crusade against such chimeras as white privilege. There was also another misleading term, “racist attack”, which it has now largely superseded. Most rational people then as now regard an attack or a crime as something tangible, either a physical assault, an act of vandalism, or perhaps something as trivial as painting an offensive phrase on a wall. These days however, hate crimes include one member of the public ranting at another member, and if a racial epithet or similar offensive phrase is used, well, that is the ultimate sin.

When this newspeak was foisted onto the English language and shortly enshrined in law, it was thought it would apply only to white ‘bigots’, but that turned out to be wishful thinking. In November 2000, a black man was convicted of a racially aggravated offence

against a black woman because *inter alia* he had called her a “stupid African bitch”. His conviction **was upheld** by the Court of Appeal in February the following year.

There have also been real hate crimes committed against whites, one of the most notorious in the UK was the 2007 murder of 20 year old Sophie Lancaster, who appears to have been kicked to death simply because she was a Goth.

More recently, two blacks have been in the news for far less serious crimes, both of them targeted Moslems. Simone Joseph of North London laid into a pregnant woman **on a bus**, while also in the capital, Kashif Samuels **is alleged** to have attacked an elderly man who is believed to be Turkish.

Prejudice may come in all shades and colours, but one can only wonder what John Tyndall and **Colin Jordan** would have made of this had they lived to see blacks on the streets of London attacking Moslems and telling them to go back to their own country!

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