

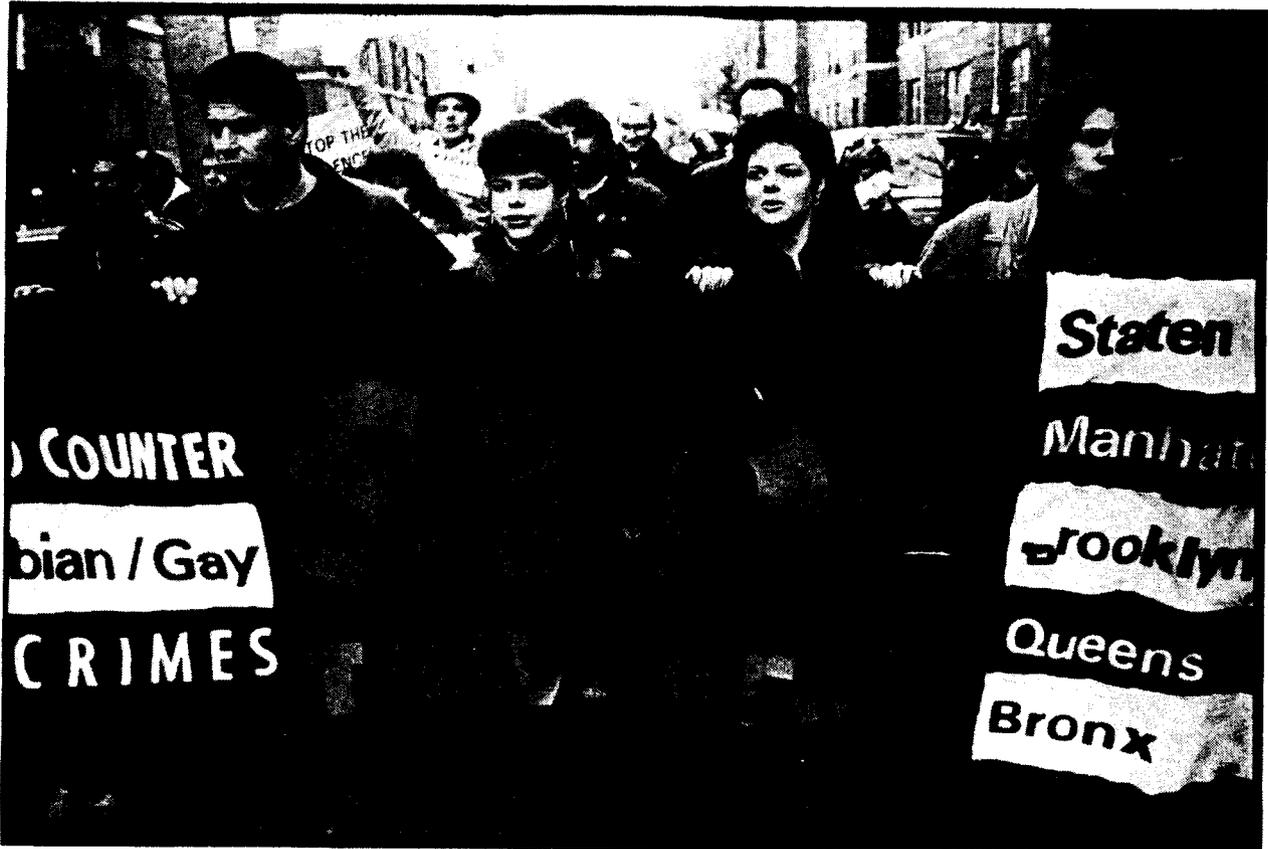
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Recent reports from advocacy groups throughout the country documenting the extent of violence against gay men and lesbians have alerted lawmakers to the need for new approaches to this problem. Late in 1990 Mayor David N. Dinkins directed the Commission on Human Rights and the Office for the Lesbian and Gay Community to document the reported rise of bias and violence against gays and lesbians. The project, which was carried out in conjunction with constituency groups throughout the city is intended to provide a context for New York State legislators considering the passage of the Hate Crimes Bill and to illustrate the experiences which have led advocates for gays and lesbians to press for protection under it. It was also hoped that the survey would illustrate the pain and humiliation suffered by New Yorkers simply because of their sexual orientation to those elected officials for whom the inclusion of sexual orientation in the Hate Crimes legislation presented problems.

Documentation questionnaires were distributed through individual and group contacts as well as the media over a five-month period. The forms solicited information on numbers and types of bias incidents experienced by respondents, descriptions of serious incidents, dates and outcomes of those incidents, and level of reporting to police and other officials. This report is based on 481 forms received by May 30, 1991. As of the writing of the report, 508 forms had been returned and they continue to arrive at the Commission.

These responses come largely from people who have never before contacted the police or other organizations about the attack. Thus, this report sheds light on a vast range of hate crimes which have heretofore not been exposed to public and official scrutiny. Many people to whom we reached out were reluctant to answer the questionnaire for fear of having to relive frightening or unpleasant experiences; their stories remain untold. Others stated they would not complete the form because they saw efforts to document such violence as futile, given the perception of a larger societal indifference.

The completed questionnaires reveal a disturbing array of hate crimes which range from verbal abuse to vicious gang attacks. The effects on peoples' lives are often dramatic and long-lasting. The key findings are:

BIAS INCIDENTS ARE COMMON IN THE LIVES OF GAY MEN AND LESBIANS. People returning the documentation forms had been targets of bias many times in their lives; they reported a total of 10,418 incidents that they had experienced ranging from physical violence to graffiti and hate mail. They had witnessed or been informed of 4,953 incidents other than those they had learned of in the media.

ANTI-GAY AND LESBIAN ATTACKS ENDANGERED THE LIVES AND PHYSICAL WELL-BEING OF THE RESPONDENTS AND EVEN RESULTED IN DEATH IN SOME INSTANCES. In describing the most serious incident they had experienced, 50% said that they had been physically attacked and another 17% had threats of violence made against them. Weapons such as knives, baseball bats, lead pipes, and mace were used in 41% of the physical attacks. A surprising number of people reported knowing someone who was murdered apparently for bias-based reasons.

BIAS-MOTIVATED ATTACKS HAVE SERIOUS AND LONG-LASTING EFFECTS ON THE LIVES AND WELL-BEING OF GAYS AND LESBIANS. Many people were seriously injured and experienced financial and other difficulties as a result of an attack. 7.1% had to be hospitalized, another 13.5% required medical treatment and 18% incurred medical expenses. For 81.8% the attack resulted in an increase in anxiety. 18.2% had to take time off from work after the incident. People also reported having to avoid certain neighborhoods or change jobs, schools, or places of residence as a result of a bias attack.

VIOLENCE AGAINST LESBIANS AND GAY MEN IS PREMEDITATED, DELIBERATE AND CONSIDERED SOCIALLY ACCEPTABLE. As with most other forms of bias violence, gay bashing is often carried out by groups of people who outnumber their targets. These attackers travel to neighborhoods or areas where they believe they will be able to find gays and lesbians to taunt. They carry weapons such as bats and guns with them which are brought along to intimidate and physically harm. The incidents of bias are unprovoked and happen to victims simply because they are perceived to be gay or have AIDS. Often the acts are carried out in front of observers or passers-by who do not come to the aid of the victims or even show concern.

SURVIVORS USUALLY DID NOT ATTEMPT TO CONTACT OFFICIALS WHO COULD HELP, BECAUSE THEY WERE FEARFUL OR WERE UNAWARE OF THEIR RIGHTS. 73% had not notified the police of the incident even when it involved physical assaults or threats of violence. Many did not think the offense justified calling the police or did not know they had the right to notify the police. A large number mistrusted the police. In addition, 73% had not contacted any victim services organizations about the attack.

ACTS OF VIOLENCE AND PREJUDICE AGAINST LESBIANS AND GAY MEN ARE A GROWING PROBLEM. Over 85% of the incidents reported in this survey occurred between 1986 and 1991. Reports from New York City police and the Human Rights Commission indicate that incidents reported to them have nearly tripled since 1988.

BACKGROUND TO THE ANTI-GAY/LESBIAN BIAS DOCUMENTATION PROJECT

Over the last several years crimes motivated by anti-gay and anti-lesbian sentiment have come sharply into focus. Advocacy and support groups such as the New York City Gay and Lesbian Anti-Violence Project and the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force Policy Institute in recent years have gathered reports of violence through hotlines, surveys, and examination of law enforcement statistics. As early as 1983, the New York City Commission on Human Rights found many incidents of physical and verbal attacks on gays and lesbians in documenting sexual orientation discrimination complaints. Figures compiled in recent years show an alarming increase throughout the country in such behavior as harassment, intimidation, destruction of property and physical assaults against gays. According to the New York City Gay and Lesbian Anti-Violence Project, New York City leads the nation and appears to have had the largest increase in such crimes in the last two years.

Statistics such as these have led to the inclusion of sexual orientation as a protected category in the Hate Crimes Bill which is being considered by the New York State Legislature. The bill would, among other things, increase penalties for bias-motivated crimes and create a statewide system for collecting data on such crimes.

In December of 1990 the New York City Commission on Human Rights and the Mayor's Office for the Gay and Lesbian Community joined with constituency groups to document the rising tide of violence against gay men and lesbians which has been reported in public meetings and the media throughout New York City. The aim of the project was to inform the deliberations of New York State legislators on the proposed bias-related violence bill by providing a more complete picture of the nature and effects of the bias expressed toward New Yorkers who are or are thought to be gay or lesbian.

Documentation forms were distributed during the first five months of 1991 through various channels including press conferences, meetings, and the print media. They solicited a range of information from people including the number of times they had experienced various types of bias; a description of the most serious bias incident they had experienced; the dates of the incidents; the effects of the most serious incident on various aspects of their lives; whether they had reported it to the police or an organization; and if not, why they did not report it. 508 forms were returned to the Commission on Human Rights and they continued to arrive in the mail each day up to the time this report went to press. The profile which follows is based on the responses in the first 481 received.

It is important to note that these responses —which are from males and females of all ages who live in all boroughs of New York City as well as in some surrounding areas— represent an essentially untapped source of information on the problem of bias attacks. Most of those answering the questionnaire have never contacted the police or other agencies or organizations which regularly document bias incidents based on sexual orientation. Thus, their particular experiences have been hidden from public awareness until now. No doubt, many others with similar experiences never saw the questionnaire or were afraid to fill it out and mail it in. In addition, several persons expressed a profound skepticism about the utility of providing such information.

This documentation project was not designed to answer the question of how frequently violence and harassment occurs against people based on their sexual orientation. It does not systematically gather information on the perpetrators of such violence or on their motives. Furthermore its limitation, like all self-report studies, is that there is no independent verification of the reports. Its purpose, instead, is to offer a more comprehensive set of descriptions of the types and severity of violence experienced within the gay and lesbian community for public scrutiny.

Appendix 1 provides a more complete description of the Documentation Project design. It includes a copy of the questionnaire, a profile of the respondents' age, gender, and race/ethnicity, and a description of the neighborhoods where they live and the areas where the incidents occurred.

RESULTS FROM THE DOCUMENTATION PROJECT

The completed questionnaires paint a portrait of a disturbing array of hate crimes. They range from verbal abuse on the job to vicious gang attacks on the streets, resulting in physical and emotional scars, hospitalization, even death. The following is a summary of key findings from the information gathered.

Bias incidents are not isolated but common in the lives of gay men and lesbians

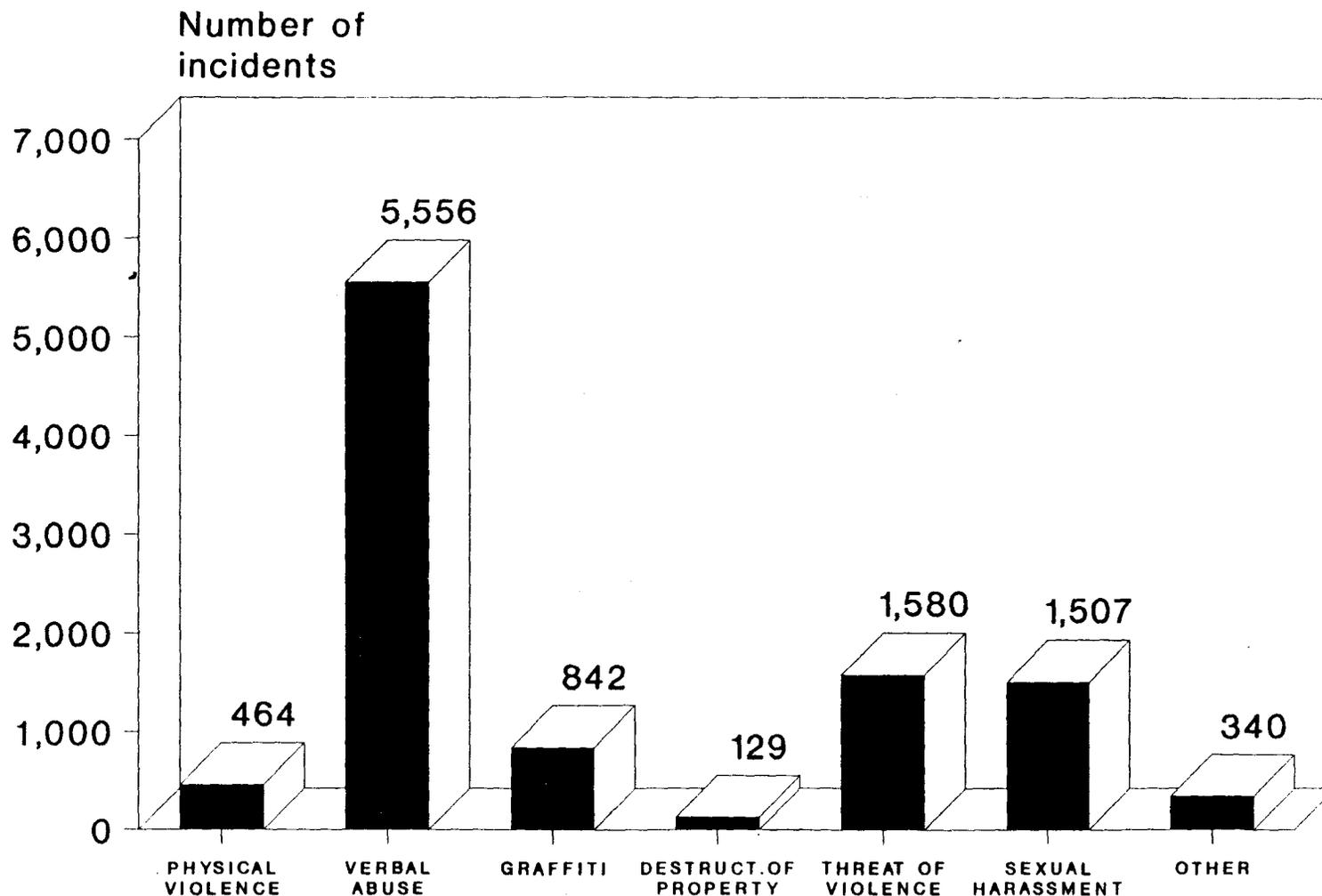
Most survey respondents had been targets of bias over and over again. A total of 10,418 instances of bias ranging from physical violence to graffiti had been encountered by the people filling out the documentation form. This included over 464 physical attacks and 1,580 threats of violence as well as 7,532 episodes of verbal abuse, graffiti, property damage, and sexual and other harassment. (See chart entitled "Number of Bias Incidents Experienced," p. 6)

Respondents had also witnessed (or been informed of) numerous instances of anti-gay and lesbian slurs and attacks. The respondents to the survey had seen or heard about a total of 4,953 bias incidents, excluding those they personally had experienced or had learned of in the media. In answer to the question of what had been the most serious incident of anti-gay or anti-lesbian violence they had witnessed, 47 people described a murder, 10 described a rape, and 267 recounted some other type of physical violence. Another 22 people wrote about knowing of a threat of violence. (See Appendix 3 for a complete list of examples of incidents witnessed or heard about by respondents.)

Anti-gay and lesbian attacks endangered the lives and physical well-being of the respondents and even resulted in death in some instances

50% of the respondents recounted a physical attack when asked to describe the most serious incident they had experienced. A range of behaviors from pushing to beating to stabbing and shooting was described. While even bias incidents which are verbal or written (e.g. graffiti or hate mail) can be frightening, half of the ones described as serious had immediately dangerous consequences. (See chart entitled "Most Serious Bias Incident Experienced," p. 7)

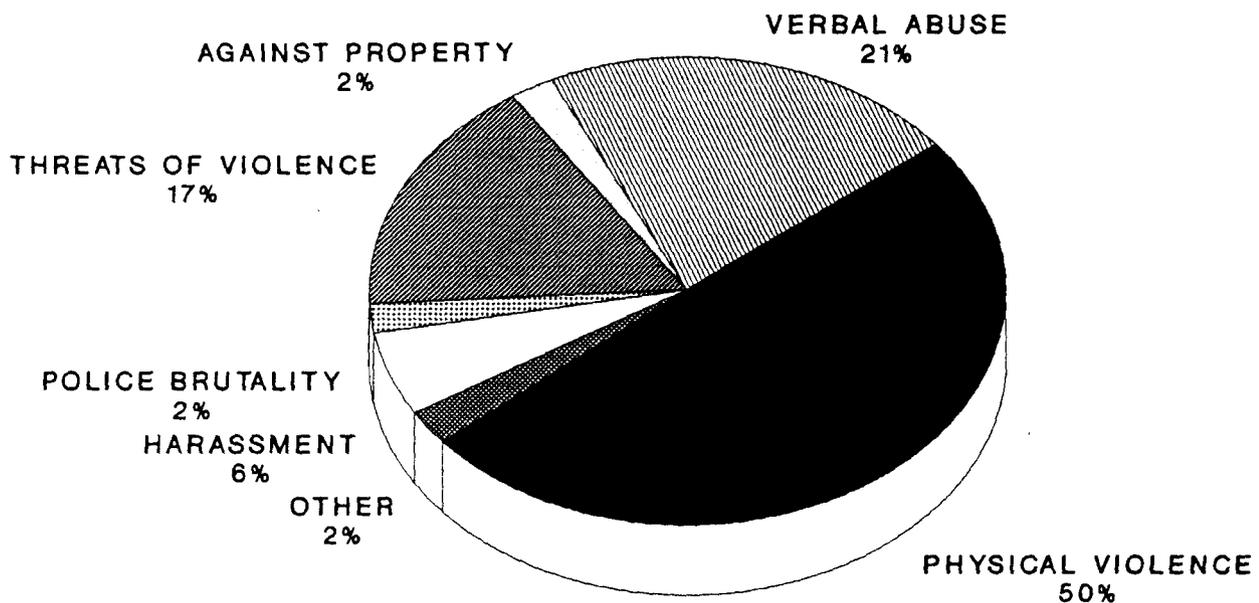
NUMBER OF BIAS INCIDENTS EXPERIENCED



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BASED ON ANSWERS PROVIDED BY 481 RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION 8. PEOPLE WERE ALLOWED TO REPORT MULTIPLE INCIDENTS.

MOST SERIOUS BIAS INCIDENT EXPERIENCED



BASED ON DESCRIPTIONS PROVIDED
BY 451 RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION 9.

I was fag bashed in the oval in Stuyvesant Town 150 feet from a guard booth. Seven college students attacked. I suffered a mangled face, shattered ulna and radius, and a severed arm. This required many operations, lengthy hospital stay and much rehabilitation.

A friend and myself were approached by a group of about 20 teenagers - one punched my friend in the head, ripping out his 2 earrings - another punched me in the face causing the left side of my face to swell. My friend's ear was bleeding - my face was swollen and sore for almost one week.

Verbal assaults often preceded or accompanied the attack with bashers chanting words such as "cocksucker", "faggots", "dykes", "lesbos", "butches", "homos", and "AIDS".

Another 17% reported threats of violence. These threats were most often delivered in person, but also came in the form of mail, graffiti, and phone calls. Those harassing the women in our sample often implied that the women needed to be "fucked" to make them heterosexual.

I stopped to talk to someone I knew in the late evening and 3 or 4 older teenage boys began screaming "faggot" and ran toward us with bats and sticks. This happened in Jackson Heights, Queens.

Walking down E. 2nd Street, between 1st and 2nd Avenue, a man walked by my lover and me yelling 'fucking sick dykes, you filthy disgusting cunts.' He raised his arms to hit us. He physically threatened us.

(See Appendix 3 for a complete listing of descriptions written by respondents of the most serious incident they have experienced.)

98 of the 240 physical assaults reported involved weapons. The attacks and threats of violence involved use of knives, baseball bats, sticks, lead pipes, mace, rocks, bottles and eggs. Clearly the use of these weapons increases the potential danger of the attacks. In addition, it strongly suggests that many of these assaults were premeditated, with attackers actively seeking out victims.

A friend and I were walking from the Village to a bar in Chelsea, at 11:00 p.m. on a weekday night, when for no reason we were attacked by 10 or 12 young men who beat us with bats and fists. I got away by jumping on the back of a passing taxi. My friend was seriously injured. This occurred on approximately 10th Avenue and 18th Street.

On the street in Manhattan, Greenwich Village, a passing van of adult males in their early to mid twenties pulled up to the corner where I was standing waiting for a light. One pulled out a spray bottle of mace, screamed "fucking faggots, die you pansy!" He sprayed mace in my face and pulled away, laughing".

Murder was the outcome in some of the cases which were witnessed or heard about by respondents. 20 respondents (4.2%) cited murders in which the victim was described as a "friend" or "acquaintance." An additional 27 respondents (5.6%) reported hearing about someone being murdered. On additional respondent mentioned the suicide of an acquaintance who had received repeated threats on the job because of her sexual orientation.

My best friend and his boyfriend were murdered in his apartment on West 10th Street in Manhattan. During the crime, the perpetrators were saying "we're going to kill all you faggots." This was witnessed by my best friend's roommate who was hiding in the bedroom and escaped with his life. Death by gun shot. The victim was a very close friend.

The murder of a friend with a pipe by teenagers in a group attack.

The killings usually involved guns, knives and/or baseball bats, and in several cases, the victim was tortured and mutilated. 35 occurred within the past 10 years, 24 of them since 1987.

11th Street, 1st Avenue; youths with bats and combat boots, beat and kicked a man to the ground, spray painted him and shot him dead.

An acquaintance was murdered and mutilated in his home. His genitals were cut off and stuffed down his throat. This incident was nearly identical to one that occurred to a close friend many years before.

Clearly it is not possible to determine completely the accuracy of these figures, or any other incidents reported here, for that matter. However, we checked some aspects of them to eliminate any obvious exaggerations. For example, we examined them to see how many duplications there were in reporting (thus, inflating the figures) and found that the descriptions appear to document 40 separate murders. This conclusion was reached by cross-checking descriptions (date, type of weapon used, location). Additionally, we checked to see where they occurred; 33 of these murders apparently occurred in New York State. Finally, some of these murders (as well as other

types of incidents reported here) were most likely not classified as bias incidents by the police. However, we felt it was important to include their reports for the purposes of examination.

Appendix 4 is a complete catalogue of the killings described.

Bias-motivated attacks have serious and long-lasting effects on the lives and well-being of gays and lesbians

Many people experienced serious injuries and traumas as a result of their attack. 7.1% (32) of the respondents who reported aftereffects from their experience required hospitalization as a result of a hate-motivated attack. 13.5% (61) required medical treatment and 18% (81) incurred medical expenses. (See chart entitled "Aftereffects of the Bias Incident", p. 11)

The consequences of such injuries cannot be quantified or their severity adequately characterized. However, many respondents sustained emotional and physical scars as a result of the attack.

I was jumped by a gang of teenagers yelling "Kill the Fag". I was kicked and beaten with a pipe; I was not robbed. I had a concussion, anxiety attacks, stitches. I was hospitalized.

"I Had 55 stitches in my head, a broken nose and black eyes."

A carload of male youths shouted anti-gay abuse, several jumped out of the car and smashed me in the mouth with a rock. I required emergency surgery to sew both severed lips.

I have a scar over my left eye for life.

A number of people cited costs other than medical expenses that they incurred as a result of an anti-gay or anti-lesbian attack.

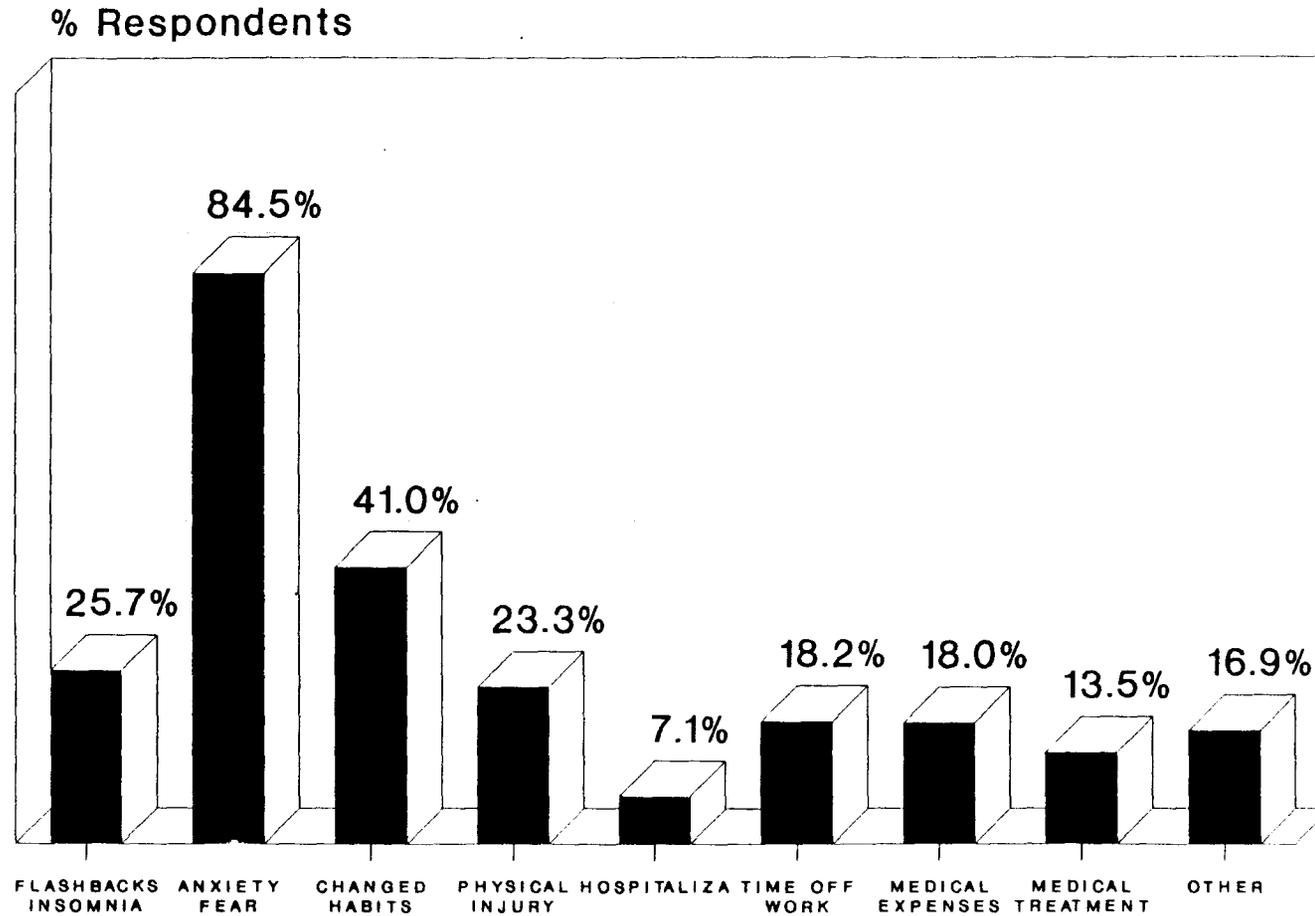
We bought steel gates for our windows (after a bunch of kids threatened us outside our apartment and threw bottles at us).

My glasses were broken, and I had to pay \$300 to get them replaced.

I had to pay moving expenses when I moved to another neighborhood.

81.8% of respondents described experiencing an increased level of anxiety and fear result-

AFTEREFFECTS OF THE MOST SERIOUS BIAS INCIDENT



BASED ON ANSWERS PROVIDED BY
451 RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION 11.

ing from the bias incident they described. These were the two most common responses to the encounters with bias. (See chart entitled "Aftereffects of the Bias Incident," p. 11) In addition to anxiety and fear, however, many people said they reacted with paranoia, reduced self-esteem, embarrassment, anger, self-hatred, and fear of showing affection to friends on the street. Others reported developing eating disorders, chemical dependency problems, insomnia or flashbacks. Only one respondent described a positive aftereffect, saying that the incident "was empowering because I fought them off."

Several respondents said that their work or their academic life suffered as a result of the attack. For example, 18.2% of those who reported aftereffects (82 people) had to take time off from work in order to recover from the physical and emotional damage inflicted by the attackers. Such changes in their daily routine placed greater stress on their professional and personal lives. Here are some examples of these consequences:

My performance in artwork and auto racing (concentration) suffered.

I required stitches and \$300 worth of medical costs. Due to emotional trauma I nearly lost my job.

I failed a class and had to go to Junior College instead of a State University.

Violence against lesbians and gay men is premeditated, deliberate and considered socially acceptable

Bashing is often carried out by groups of perpetrators who outnumber their victims. The majority of respondents were victimized while walking alone (57%), and another 30% while accompanied by one other person. In the case of groups of 3 or more people accosted, the victims were usually groups of women together. When the clustering of victims is contrasted with the typical size of the gangs of gay bashers, ranging from 3 to more than 10 men, it becomes apparent that they almost always outnumber their targets.

Attackers appeared to seek out people they believed to be gay or lesbian. Even though incidents reported took place in more than 60 different communities and in all five boroughs of New York City, from affluent enclaves to impoverished neighborhoods, attacks were most common in areas where large numbers of gays or lesbians live, work, or socialize. On the other hand, the perpetrators appeared not to be in their own neighborhoods but to have travelled out of their own neighborhoods to these known gay areas. There were at least 40 incidents in our sample involving gay bashers driving to the scene of the physical or verbal assault. Often the perpetrators seemed intentionally to be picking people who were displaying same-sex affection through such gestures as holding hands.

The presence and use of weapons in these encounters indicates that the violence was planned. In 98 of the physical attacks and threats of violence perpetrators had guns, knives, mace, eggs, or baseball bats, articles brought along with the intention of doing harm.

I suffered injuries to the head, neck, back and shoulders (mostly my head — lots of bleeding) from being beaten with a tire iron. My lover's injuries were less. I went to an Emergency Room and was given 25-30 stitches.

I was walking down a street in the West Village when I was assaulted by a man with a knife. He was verbally and physically abusive, calling me a fag, pussy boy, etc. He stole my wallet and some jewelry.

A bunch of boys - one with a lead pipe - taunted me and my lover, calling us "dykes." I told them to be men and say that to my face. They walked off. Pretty lucky, I guess.

The attacks were unprovoked. Victims were usually singled out, not because of anything they did to the bashers, but simply because of something about their appearance, their behavior, or because of the neighborhood or area where they were. While victims of assaults sometimes attributed the attack to their "gay appearance", many people didn't know why the attacker assumed they were gay or lesbian. In fact, a number of survey respondents stated that they were "straight" or were with a "straight" friend when they were confronted.

I was walking down St. Marks with my friend on July 4, going to watch fireworks from a friend's roof. A group looked my friend and I up and down and stated they hated faggots and they should kill everyone. We continued down the block ignoring the remarks until from behind someone came running up behind my friend and I and broke a bottle in a bag over the top of my head.

"I was visiting a friend who lived in the Bronx. Neither of us is gay. It was a Friday night at around 3:00 a.m. He suggested that we go to a diner in the Throgs Neck Section to eat. As we drove away from the diner, a car pulled alongside mine. First they made gay taunts. Then they began to try and cut my car off. They chased us to the Whitestone Bridge. One of them got out and kicked my car. We were able to escape by making a U-turn back to the Bronx and they kept going to Queens."

People were victimized not only because they were perceived to be gay or lesbian but, in addition, because of their race, gender or because they were perceived to have AIDS. The victims reported that other factors besides being perceived as gay or lesbian played a role in triggering the abuses. Interracial couples believed that race was an additional factor in attacks against them and women often considered gender a factor in their bias incidents. In some cases, people were attacked because they were perceived to have AIDS. The following examples illustrate these contributing factors:

Being followed by a man in a car who kept calling me a nigger dyke. I (female) was harassed for about 2 blocks. I found a grocery store and went inside.

I saw a man with what appeared to be Kaposi sarcoma taunted for being "a fag with AIDS" on the F train in the spring of 1990. He was beaten about the head.

Bashers often acted as if their behavior were in accordance with tacitly accepted social norms, frequently initiating assaults in front of witnesses. Several respondents reported that there were people around who did not attempt to stop an attack or seemed not to notice it. In a few unsettling instances, bystanders even encouraged bashers to beat up their victims.

Two youths crashed into me yelling "faggot". One snuck up behind me, broke a bottle over my head nearly severing my ear (20+ stitches). The other threw a bottle at my face. A crowd stood by and watched, no one helped. Police never came.

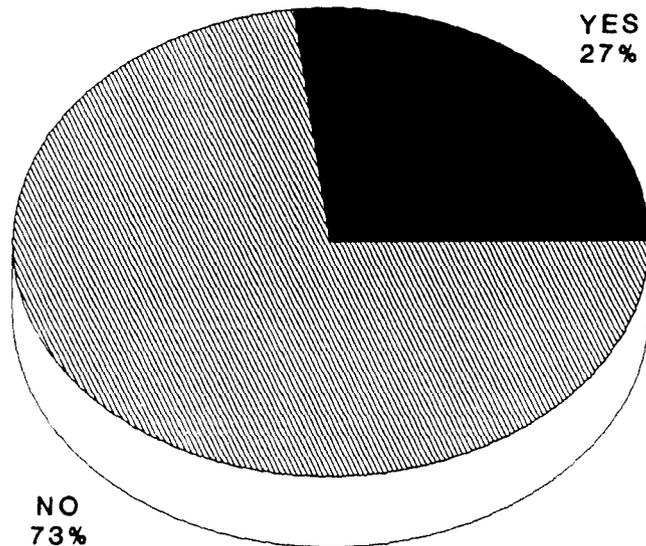
I was being harassed by a man in the 72nd IRT subway station. I was eventually forced to flee the station. The token booth officer did not help me.

Survivors usually did not attempt to contact officials who could help, either because they were fearful or unaware of their rights

73% of the respondents did not notify the police. (See chart entitled "Bias Incidents Reported to the Police," p. 15) This was a surprisingly high number because of those incidents not reported to the police, 42% involved some kind of physical assault, 24% involved verbal abuse and 19% involved a threat of violence against the respondent. These categories of incidents are criminal in nature and could have been reported as such.

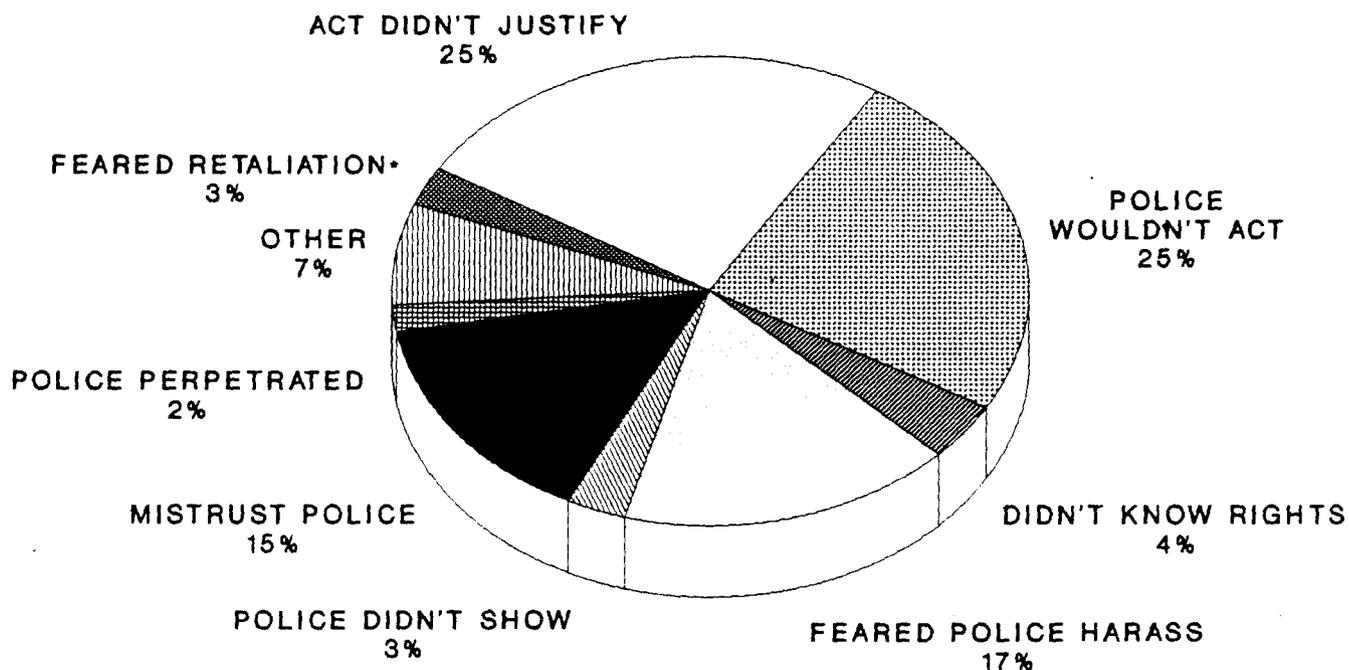
25% of the respondents who did not report the incident to the police felt that the offense was not serious enough to justify it. (See chart entitled "Reasons The Incident Was Not Reported to the Police," p. 16) Most of these respondents had experienced verbal abuse or threats of violence,

BIAS INCIDENT REPORTED TO THE POLICE



BASED ON ANSWERS PROVIDED BY
458 RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION 12.

REASONS THE INCIDENT WAS NOT REPORTED TO THE POLICE



BASED ON ANSWERS PROVIDED BY
229 RESPONDENTS TO QUESTION 13.
*FEARED RETALIATION FROM PERPETRATORS.

acts which are considered by the police to be criminal offenses. Apparently the respondents were not aware of their rights in this situation. In 4% of the cases where police were not contacted, the respondents indicated not knowing such incidents were a criminal offense.

Respondent stated that on Broadway, at about 5 p.m., he was walking with a friend when two young men came up to sell them a watch and then went on to call them faggots and describe sexual acts. They followed the respondent and friend very close for about 2 blocks. Respondent did not contact the police because he did not think the offense was serious enough.

Respondent was stabbed for being a "faggot". Respondent stated that he is not gay, but he was perceived to be. He was not seriously injured thus he did not call the police.

Respondent was harassed while eating in a restaurant. He was then chased by a violent street gang. He did not report it to the police because the event never got to the level of physical violence.

In 32% of those incidents not reported, respondents indicated mistrust and fear of harassment by the police as the reason for not reporting it. The type of incidents with these reasons varied but most included some kind of physical encounter. That is, the victim was aware of the severity of the incident and his or her right to report it, but feared not being taken seriously by the police or feared further harassment by them. In the general population, most violent and severe incidents are reported. In practice, then the law offers less protection to gay and lesbian citizens than to other citizens.

A female was beaten and raped by 3 young males while they said "enjoy it Dyke". This incident was not reported to the police because respondent was afraid to be harassed by the police.

Respondent was beaten and thrown through a plate glass window by a group of 5-7 teenagers. Respondent sustained several injuries and had to be hospitalized, but was afraid to report it to the police.

Three high school students (one a former student of respondent) threatened to kill respondent more than once outside of the elementary school where he teaches. Respondent did not report to the police because at the time he was in the closet and as a teacher he did not want to jeopardize his position.

Other reasons cited for not reporting the incident to the police were, "police-perpetrated bias" (2%), and "fear of retaliation by the perpetrator" (3%). In another 3% of cases, the respondent did notify the police, but they didn't show up.

Respondents rarely contacted non-police organizations for assistance after a bias encounter. Of the 481 responses, 73% did not report the incidents to any organizations. Among the more frequently cited reasons were: "did not know of any" (37%), "would not be effective" (23%), "act did not justify it" (21%) and "did not know rights" (5%).

Acts of violence and prejudice against lesbians and gay men are a growing problem

Most of the incidents against gays and lesbians reported occurred between 1986 and 1991. Over 85% of the serious incidents occurred within the last five years. The significant number of anti-gay and lesbian criminal actions reported during that period shows that this community has to endure a continuous situation of fear, mistrust and anxieties.

Bias-based assaults appear to be on the increase. According to the New York City Police bias reports received by the Commission on Human Rights, there has been a steady increase of bias related incidents against gays and lesbians in the past three years. In 1988 the New York City Commission on Human Rights received 37 reports of anti-gay incidents and in 1989 the number increased to 45. The greatest increase occurred in 1990 when the number of incidents more than doubled to an alarming 97 reported cases. It is important to keep in mind that even this number is a conservative figure because out of the 481 questionnaire that we received, 73% of the experienced incidents were not reported to the police. Thus, police figures may only reflect 27% of the actual incidents against gays and lesbians. It is apparent that none of the present deterrents in the system of justice have halted this kind of violence.

APPENDIX 1

Design of the Documentation Project



Distribution of the Questionnaire

A questionnaire was designed to elicit information on aspects of bias incidents based on sexual orientation such as type, quantity, seriousness, and effects. It was intended to be filled by the victim or a witness to the incidents. (See questionnaire on pp. 22-23)

Documentation participants, which included approximately twenty-five gay and lesbian organizations, the New York City Commission on Human Rights, and the Mayor's Office for the Lesbian and Gay Community, began distributing the documentation form in New York City in January 1991. This was done by including forms in organization mailings, distributing them at meetings, and announcing the existence of the Project through electronic and print media. As the outreach efforts increased, the magazine *Ourweek* and later *The Village Voice* joined by printing the questionnaire in their respective publications.

A total of 508 completed documentation forms had been received at the time this report went to press and they were continuing to come in. The 481 which were received by May 30 were included in this analysis.

Profile of Respondents

The respondents' ages ranged from 15 years to 67 years.. Over 78% of them were between 25 and 44 years old. Men accounted for 71% and women for 29% of the responses. The returned questionnaires showed that almost 70% of the incidents described had occurred within the last 2 1/2 years. In addition, over 83% of the incidents occurred within the last 5 1/2 years.

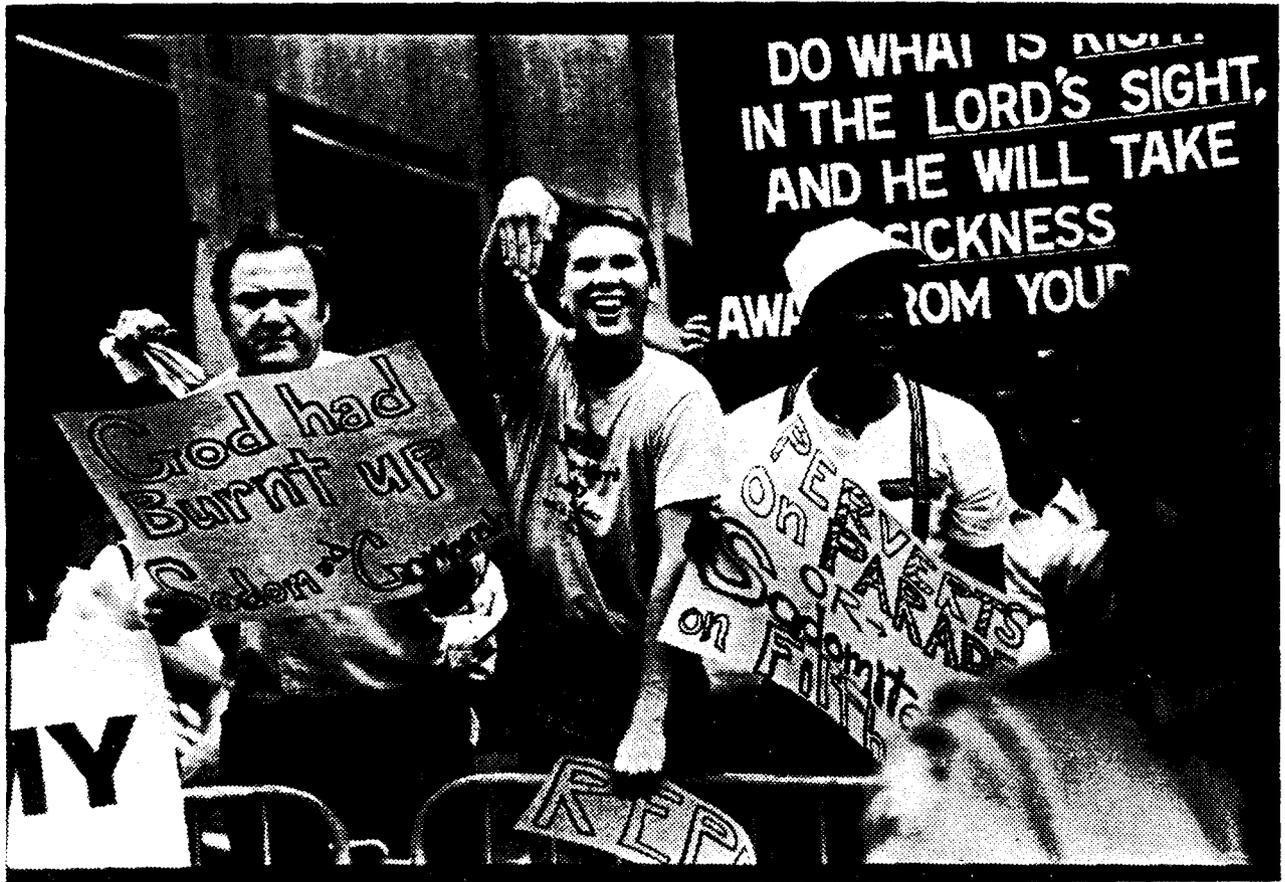
Most of the respondents identified themselves as white (79.8%) followed by 8% who were African-American and 8% who were Latino. Asians comprised 2% of the sample.

Respondents lived in all five boroughs of New York. Out of 481 questionnaires analyzed, 57.9% of them came from respondents who live in Manhattan and slightly over 19.7% in Brooklyn, 8.6% in Queens, 5.2% in the Bronx and less than 1% in Staten Island.

The incidents occurred in many different neighborhoods. The lower Manhattan area below 30th Street was the site of nearly 50% of the incidents. 25.8% of the incidents took place in Greenwich Village, 6.2% in the East Village and 9.3% in Chelsea. The bulk of remaining incidents were concentrated in Brooklyn, with only a few in Queens, The Bronx, or Staten Island.

Considering the difficulties inherent in this project, the number of forms returned is impressive. Many victims, both those who filled out the questionnaires and those who declined, said that they found it disturbing to dredge up feelings of shame and fear which had accompanied their experiences. Evoking the experience was always emotionally painful. Some of the respondents described flashbacks, anxieties and fears generated by memories of their victimization. In addi-

tion, their mistrust of traditional authorities made them reluctant to be involved in the project. For these reasons, the number of people willing to come forward and provide personal testimony and insights from their experiences is remarkably high.



ANTI-LESBIAN OR ANTI-GAY BIAS DOCUMENTATION FORM

Reprinted as a community service in conjunction with the Mayor's Liaison to the Lesbian and Gay Communities and the New York City Commission on Human Rights.

Dear New Yorker,

The New York State legislature is once again about to consider passing the New York State bias-related violence bill, which will provide stiff penalties for those convicted of hate crimes based on race, creed, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, or sexual orientation. One obstacle to the bill's passage is the vocal opposition of those who believe gay men and lesbians do not deserve the protections afforded the other victims of hate crimes. The bill's opponents also state that gay men and lesbians do not suffer from bias and hate crimes in numbers similar to other groups. We know that this is not true. On the reverse side of this letter is a form designed to allow you to document the anti-gay or anti-lesbian bias you personally experienced or know of second-hand. Please take the time to document your experience(s) so that your voice can be included when I present these forms to state legislators as evidence of the compelling need to protect the gay and lesbian communities from violence. Thank you.

Mayor David N. Dinkins

Readers should return completed forms to:
Bias Documentation Project
NYC Commission on Human Rights
52 Duane Street
New York, NY 10007

Dear Community Representative,

As the Commissioner/Chair for the City's Human Rights Commission, and the Mayor's Liaison to the Gay and Lesbian Communities, we urge you to participate in the Mayor's project to document violence against gay men and lesbians. Everyone in our community must come together to rid our city of the blight of hate crimes. As you'll see from the form, you need not include your name if you prefer anonymity. The information you supply will be a vital part of the presentation Mayor Dinkins makes in support of the New York State bias-related violence bill. As you may know, the NYS Senate has refused to enact the bill because it includes provisions directed at sexual-orientation-based violence. We hope this project will demonstrate the need for such broad-based legislation. Please lend us your whole-hearted support in the worthwhile project, so that each of us can benefit from this attempt to ensure an environment free from hate.

Marjorie Hill, Ph.D.
 Mayor's Liaison to the Gay
 and Lesbian Communities

Dennis deLeon, Esq.
 Commissioner/Chair
 NYC Commission on Human Rights

ANTI-GAY OR ANTI-LESBIAN BIAS DOCUMENTATION FORM

This form will be used to provide documentation of the need for legislative protection for gay men and lesbians who are the victims of bias crimes. For purposes of this form, a *bias incident* is described as an *unwanted incident of verbal or physical abuse directed at an individual because s/he is, or is perceived to be, a gay male, lesbian, or bisexual*. You may recount personal experiences on the form as well as incidents that you have witnessed or incidents that you are familiar with which affected a friend, lover, or family member.

1. Name (optional): _____
 However, your answers to the following are important!
2. Age: _____ 3. Race/Ethnicity/
 National Origin: _____
4. Sex: M F 5. Your Zip code: _____
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6. *Anti-Lesbian/Anti-Gay Bias incidents you personally experienced.*
7. Under Column 1 below, check off any incidents which have happened to you.
8. For every incident you checked off under Column 1, write the number of times it has happened to you in Column 2.
9. For every incident you checked off under Column 1, write the year of the last time it happened to you in Column 3.

Column 1 Incidents Happened To You	Column 2 Number of Incidents	Column 3 Year of Last Incident
<input type="checkbox"/> Physical Violence	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Verbal Abuse	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Graffiti	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Destruction of Property	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Threats of Violence	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Sexual Harassment	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify): _____	_____	_____

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 Continue with Q.9 on page 2

9 Please describe the most serious incident you experienced (Please include location—street, work, subway, or the like)

10 Date of the incident described in question 9: _____

11 Please check below any aftereffects you suffered from the incident described in question 9:

- Flashbacks, insomnia, weight loss, nightmares
- Anxiety/fear
- Hospitalization
- Had to take time off work
- Other (specify): _____
- Medical or other expenses
- Change in daily habits
- Physical injury
- Need for medical treatment

12 Did you notify the police about the incident?

- Yes, I notified the police.
- No, I didn't notify them.

13 If you didn't notify the police, why didn't you notify them?

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Continue with Q. 14 on page 3

14 Did you notify any other organization(s) about the incident?

- Yes, I did.
- No, I did not.

15 If you did notify any other organization(s) about the incident, which ones did you notify?

16 If you didn't notify any other organization(s) about the incident, why didn't you notify them?

17 Did the event occur in New York City?

- Yes, it did.
- No, it did not.

18 If it occurred in NYC, in which borough did it occur?

- Manhattan
- Queens
- Bronx
- Staten Island
- Brooklyn

19 In what neighborhood did this incident occur?

20 If it did not occur in NYC, where did it occur?

21 Check off below any other factors which may have contributed to your being chosen as a target of hate incidents:

- Race/color
- Gender
- National Origin
- Age
- Disability
- Religion
- Perception that you have AIDS
- Homelessness

Other (specify): _____

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21 This section is for anti-lesbian/anti-gay bias incidents you have witnessed or heard about, excluding events you heard about through the media.

22 How many anti-gay or anti-lesbian bias incidents have you witnessed or heard about?

23 Which of the following elements played a role in these bias incidents? Please check all that apply.

- Physical Violence
- Destruction of Property
- Graffiti
- Other (specify) _____
- Verbal Abuse
- Threats of Violence
- Sexual harassment

24 Please describe the most serious anti-gay or anti-lesbian bias incident you have witnessed or personally heard about. Don't include incidents you have only heard about through the media.

25 Approximate date of incident in question 24: _____

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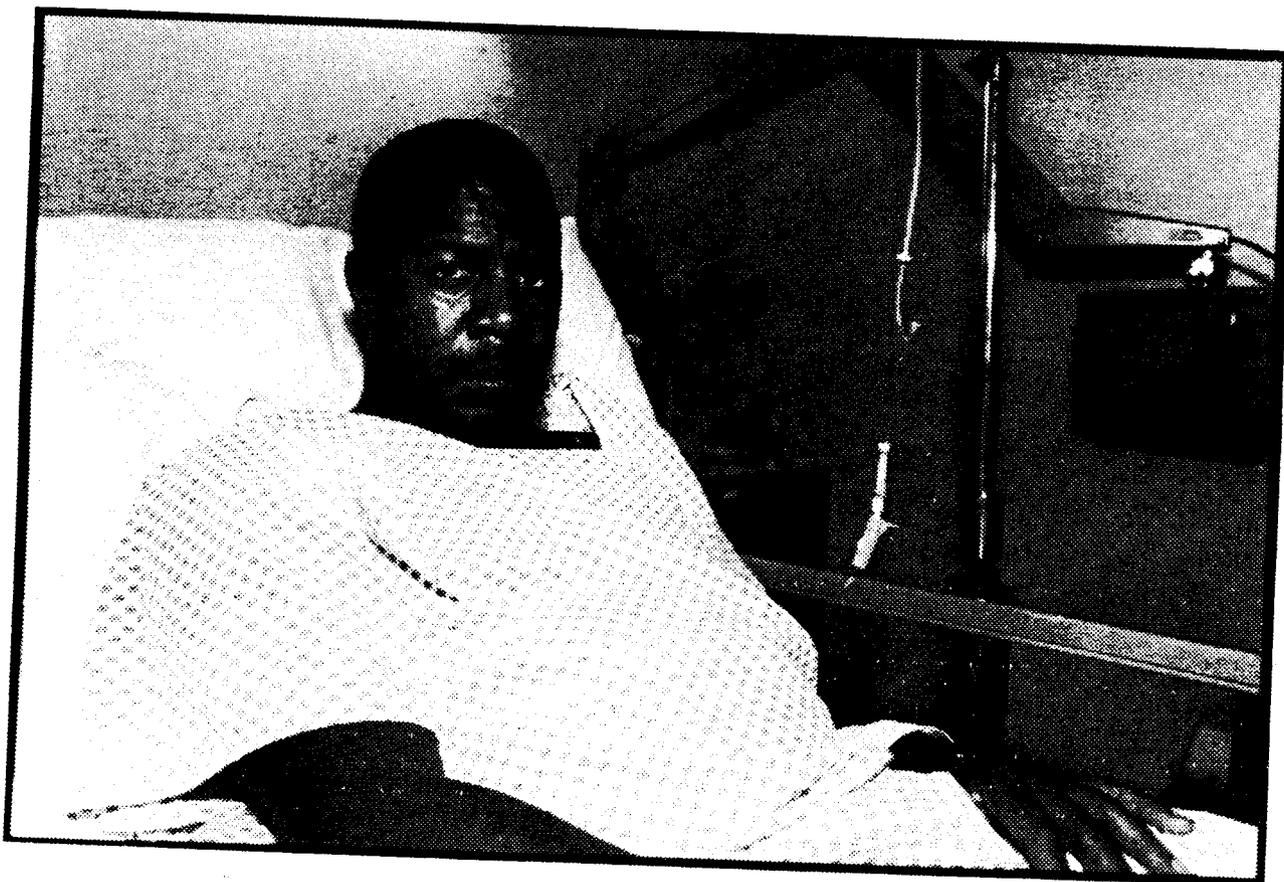
Thank you for filling out this form. Your participation is an important part of the fight against anti-gay and anti-lesbian bias.

Please fold, tape, and mail this form by March 1, if you prefer, you can call your documentation in to the NYC Commission on Human Rights at (212) NO-3-BIAS, or you can fax forms to the Commission at (212) 371-7374. You may remain anonymous if you wish.

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APPENDIX 2

List of the Most Serious Incidents Experienced by Respondents



List of the most serious incidents experienced by respondents

- June, 1989 - "A friend of mine and I (2 men) were returning from Raintree's restaurant on Prospect Park West - 9th St. We were menaced by one of the members of a local gang who tried to wrestle me to the ground but I fought him off. He followed us down Prospect Park West to Carroll Street threatening to kill us. We asked several building doormen to call the police but they refused, probably because the assailant kept yelling that we were faggots. Upon reaching my friends house on Carroll Street, I called 911 and was told to go to the scene and wait for a police car. I told the operator to send a car to Carroll Street. We waited on the stoop for 3 hours and no one came."
- March, 1990 - "A gang of 11 or 12 men chased us (2 men) down our own street and throwing bottles and stones at us. We ran into our house and called police who did not come."
- October - 1990 - "I (male) was walking down Amsterdam Avenue holding hands with my boyfriend; eggs were thrown at us and we were called faggots. I think I have the right to hold hands with my boyfriend in public just like heterosexuals."
- Labor Day, 1990 - "I (male) was on the number 4 train between Bergen Street and Eastern Parkway in Brooklyn. "On my way to a Caribbean Carnival. The trains were packed. A young male, entered the train and told me, 'Get out of my way faggot'. I confronted him. He pushed me, he came towards me, took my glasses off, and slapped me. I defended myself but I was overpowered. I pulled the emergency brake, people started asking me what I wanted to stop the train for, and I felt I was going to be gang attacked. Train stopped. I got off. I told a policeman what happened and he laughingly told me 'should I get an ambulance?'"
- 1988 - "I (male) stopped to talk to someone I knew in the late evening and 3 or 4 older teenage boys began screaming 'faggot' and ran toward us with bats and sticks. This happened in Jackson Heights, Queens."
- February, 1990 - "Outside Uncle Charlies, I (male) was verbally abused and punched by 3 men outside the bar. My lip was bleeding profusely. I required stitches and \$300 worth of medical costs. Due to emotional trauma I nearly lost my job."
- October, 1990: 4:00 a.m. - "Walking west on 11th Street on the way home, I (male) was confronted by about ten youths marching in rows evenly spaced apart - similarly dressed

in a military style uniform. Punched twice in the head. I fell, hurt my wrist, ran, escaped. Called police immediately. They took half an hour to arrive.”

- October, 1990 - “1:30 a.m., a Saturday night; Cornelia Street, Greenwich Village. A group of young men in a car drove slowly past myself and 4 gay male friends - we were all very dressed up - they opened the window - threw a bottle at us and said ‘Fuck you nigger queers’.”
- July morning, 1990 - “Houston and 2nd Avenue; I (male) was walking to work - A man noticing an ACT UP sticker on my briefcase called me ‘Fag, etc...’ and kept walking behind me. He threw a bottle of coke at me which hit me in the back of the head.”
- 1989 - “I was walking with lover (2 men) on Christopher Street. Two skinheads blocked our way and put their faces in ours and screamed ‘faggots’.”
- June, 1990 - “I (male) was walking down Grove Street with 2 friends. A group of 4 men began shouting ‘faggot,etc...’ We walked on.”
- May, 1990 - “I (male) was verbally abused on the sidewalk at 4th Street and 3rd Avenue in Manhattan by two men while walking hand in hand with my Philippino boyfriend.”
- 1984 - “Rosedale Avenue, Bronx, New York. A push-in mugging, I (male) was bound and gagged, threatened with electrocution by being placed in a bathtub and having an electric element placed in such.”
- October, 1989 - “False arrest near an AIDS demonstration. In spite of saying I (male) have arthritis and cannot be handcuffed behind the back, I was for an hour. It ripped a pectoral muscle joint under my neck, which is still painful. No effective treatment is available. It may be permanently painful.”
- October, 1984 - “Street - Jane and Hudson - I (male) was attacked by a group of teenagers out to fag bash on Halloween night - A broomstick was broken on my head resulting in 55 stitches, broken nose and black eyes.”
- August, 1990 - “I (male) was attacked (beaten on the head and shoulders) by 2 men on 50th Street and 10th Avenue in Manhattan.”
- September, 1990 - “I (male) was surrounded and beaten up because my jacket was too

'effeminate'. It happened on the corner of Sherman and Nagle in Inwood."

- 1985 - "The most serious was in 1985, in high school, having a rock thrown at my head (hitting me) and being called a 'faggot'."
- December, 1990 - "A friend and myself (male) were approached by a group of about 20 teenagers - one punched my friend in the head, ripping out his 2 earrings - another punched me in the face causing the left side of my face to swell. This occurred on E. 3rd street between Avenues B and C. My friend's ear was bleeding - my face was swollen and sore for almost one week."
- 1988 - "A group of young men followed a friend of mine and me (male) and made threats of violence, called us names and threw a bottle."
- 1989 - "Street - Bensonhurst, Brooklyn - ACT UP contingent at anti-racist rally - large contingent of riot police was the only thing that prevented crowd of homophobes (their abuse was specifically anti-queer) from the clear intention of killing us."
- August, 1989 - "Broadway and 74th Street, evening after a concert. I (female) tried to hail a cab - as cab was stopping for my lover and me, 4 young men (who had been yelling obscenities at us) shoved us away from the car door. My lover was spit on and I had the items I was carrying slapped out of my hands."
- 1988 - "Eight kids harrassed me (male) and a friend on the subway. A cop at the end of the car refused to do anything."
- "I (male) was sitting on bench in Bronx River Park; 4 young boys (12-16 years old) asked for "head" threatened me with 3 foot branch and knife."
- November, 1989 - "A car of young males, perhaps drunk, at night, verbally abused me (female) as I walked alone. They called me a dyke queer."
- February, 1991 - "Token clerk at booth on 36th street in Queens refused to serve me (male). One clerk came out of the booth and began to make remarks such as 'all gay people have AIDS', 'white faggot', 'all gays should be exterminated'. This occurred along the R train line."
- 1989 - "Brooklyn, Flatbush area, about 15 teenagers threw debris such as bottles and

rocks at me (female). Also attacked me verbally.” A second set of incidents involved “verbal abuse from people in the work place in Sutton Place, Manhattan.”

- January, 1991 - “The incident occurred at 8:30 a.m. on 6th Avenue and 13th Street. A man walking along side me asked if I (male) was looking at him. At the corner he stared at me and said ‘I know you’re a faggot’. He continued to say this. When I said ‘Fuck you’, he said ‘I’ll pound you into the ground faggot’, and began chasing me down the street. I escaped.”
- September, 1984 - “I (male) was mugged in my building, East 4th Street and Avenue B. Four kids verbally assaulted me; one had a knife. He rubbed it on my neck/strap of walkman while the ring-leader (He looked to be under 16) kept saying ‘He’ll cut you faggot.’ They took the walkman; I told them to go mug someone with money and leave me alone. After more threats, they left. It happened around 5:30 p.m. They hassled me for months after the incident.”
- July, 1987 - I (male) was at home (Lefferts Manor, Brooklyn) in the evening. At about 9:00 p.m., I heard a commotion outside. I looked out the window, and saw a small crowd of teenagers across the street. They chanted ‘homosexual’ and threw rocks at my house, breaking one window.”
- May, 1990 - “I (male) was pushed on the ground and called ‘faggot’, and had a knife held at me. This was on a street in the East Village in front of other people.”
- 1985 - “I (female) live in a household of lesbians. Several of us were harassed by teenagers going in and out of the house. In three years the house was robbed 3 times.”
- 1981 - “Three junior high school students threatened to kill me (male) more than once over a period of two or three weeks. It happened on the street outside of the elementary school in Fort Greene, Brooklyn that I work at.”
- September, 1990 - I (male) was walking east on West 4th Street near NYU; A group of students (drunk) asked if my friend and I were ‘queer’ and threatened violence.”
- Spring, 1989 - On a weekend night, college campus, a group of drunk college men began throwing insults and jokes, yelling, as I (female) walked down the street with my girlfriends. We didn’t respond as they wished to the original ‘come-ons’, we have short hair, so we were verbally assaulted.”

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- Spring, 1983 - My lover and I (female) were invited to a party by our landlord. In conversation, he realized we were lesbians. He basically forced us to move out by refusing to repair the plumbing in the bathroom. He said it was 'beyond repair.' After we moved, he rented the apartment the following week."
 - June, 1990 - "My friend and I (male) were harassed by restaurant owner on the West Side Highway near 14th Street. The owner hit me in the head and called us faggots because we questioned her blocking off the sidewalk in front of the restaurant. I didn't try to press charges. Too much time."
 - August, 1985 - "21st Street and 8th Avenue, my lover and I (male) were walking at 8:30 p.m. We were suddenly hit by several hard pieces of fruit from across the street. I was badly bruised, glasses broken. They yelled 'faggots' at us as we ran."
 - 1986 - I (female) was standing on the porch of a fraternity party at St. John's College where a number of men verbally abused me after one of them said he'd seen me leaving a gay dance. They described in graphic detail how they would 'make me straight' via sex acts, etc... The police response was 'boys will be boys'."
 - 1986 - "My boyfriend and I (male) were verbally abused while walking down a street in Greenwich Village. We were holding hands after a gay march."
 - February, 1991 - "I (male) was walking by Bennie's Burrito on Greenwich Avenue when a male and female came out of the restaurant and started calling me a faggot. When I confronted them, they threatened me with physical violence and injury so I ran."
 - March, 1991 - "A group of my friends and myself (male) were verbally abused by a gang of teenagers and threatened with violence in the subway in the Brooklyn downtown area."
 - August, 1989 - "Around 7th Avenue and 23rd Street in Manhattan, I (male) was chased by a gang of young men who threaten to kill me because they perceived me to be gay."
 - January, 1991 - "On the street in Manhattan, Greenwich Village, 1990 a passing van of adult males in their early to mid 20s pulled up to the corner where I (male) was standing waiting for a light. One pulled out a spray bottle of mace, screamed 'fucking faggots, die you pansy!' He sprayed mace in my face and pulled away, laughing."

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- August, 1990 - "I (male) was walking by myself to a gay club. As I approached a group of young men and passed by them, one hit me in the back of my neck and yelled fag. They started chasing me but stopped after I ran a few blocks. This happened on 8th Avenue in Chelsea."
 - February, 1991 - "Young hoods walked up to my lover and myself (male) while we were looking in a store window and physically hit me and threatened my lover with physical-abuse. After defusing the situation, we walked away but they continued to call abuse after us."
 - 1978 - I (male) was beaten up with a stick by several people. They stole my coat and my car. Location - Forest Park at Park Lane South in Queens."
 - 1990 - "I (male) was walking down a street in Lower Manhattan with 2 friends when a group of young men began to throw snowballs with rocks inside them, calling us names."
 - July, 1990 - "I (male) was walking on Hudson Street in Greenwich Village - Sunday afternoon - approached by 2 teens (16-19) and threatened to beat us up because 'All fags have AIDS'.
 - 1987 - "Beer bottles were thrown at me (male) and a group of friends while on our way to a party by a group of young men. They engaged in verbal abuse and threatened further physical violence. This attack was completely unprovoked."
 - Gay Pride Day, June, 1988 - "On Christopher Street, my lover and I (female) were walking and 3 men came up to us making remarks like 'ooh I could really go for 2 lesbians tonight'. One man told my lover that he wanted to pour some lotion all over her."
 - November, 1989 - "In an upscale neighborhood, on the sidewalk, I (female) was walking slowly; a man behind me was annoyed at my pace. I apologized and he lit into me verbally, calling me a 'lezzie' and saying he thought 'lezzies' should be killed. He kept turning back toward me, muttering inaudible things; I did not know for sure if he had a weapon."
 - 1988 - "I (male) had gotten off the subway at the #1 train downtown Canal Street stop and some teenagers tossed bottles at me as the train pulled out of the station."

- 1976 - "I (female) was beaten and raped by three young males while they said 'enjoy it dyke'. This happened on the upper west side of Manhattan."
- August, 1988 - "Waiting for a bus, I (male) looked at a young man who was talking to a young woman. He looked at me, challenged me for looking at him, called me 'faggot, etc...' and approached me with fists raised. I ran into street traffic to avoid him. The girl was delighted by all this. Everyone else stood by and watched. He never struck me."
- 1984 - "I (male) was a supervisor at work and had to discipline an uncooperative employee. He went to the union, alleged I had propositioned him in the men's room. This was untrue but management still had me transferred and my career never was the same again. I eventually left management one year later."
- 1989 - "I (male) was walking on 9th Avenue in Chelsea when about 20-25 male teenagers surrounded me and threw snowballs, yelling about faggots. They kept closing in and I thought they were going to kill me. Then a police car turned the corner and they ran away."
- August, 1986 - Sixth Avenue in Manhattan in Greenwich Village carful of straight boys yelled "fucking faggots" at me (male) and my lover. He walked up to their car, pantomimed spitting in their car and they chased us four blocks until we hid in a stairwell. There were six of them"
- April, 1989 - "I (male) was attacked by another man who called me 'faggot'. He hit me in the face. This occurred in Penn Station."
- 1987 - "I (male) answered an entrapping personal ad - letters were sent to my employer and neighbors informing them that I am gay and that I posed a health threat."
- 1990 - " I (male) was beaten up and mugged in Prospect Park because, as the assailant said, 'he's a faggot, he deserves to get beat up.'"
- June, 1990 - "I (African American female) was physically assaulted by my (lesbian) ex-lover's ex-husband in Brooklyn at 1020 New York Avenue. This occurred on the street."
- February, 1991 - "I (male) was walking home from the subway and was verbally and physically threatened by a group of (4 or 5) Black teenagers."

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- September, 1990 - While I (male) was on the subway with my children, 2 teenagers began making remarks regarding my sexuality and having kids. The teenagers were loud and verbally abusive.”
 - Summer, 1987 - “On 6th Avenue and 8th Street, I (female) was talking with a friend, leaning against a car, when a man who was holding hands with a woman, assumed we were lesbians (my friend is not) . He said ‘fucking dykes’ and spit at my friend. Her hair had very ugly spit in it.”
 - September, 1990 - “My friends and I (male) were attacked on West 24th Street between Broadway and 6th Avenue by a gang of 5 men. Two of us were attacked. I was severely beaten and property damaged.”
 - 1978 - At Broadway and 97th Street, five to seven youths passed at the street light and pushed me (male) aside. When I objected they beat me; when I ran, they caught me and threw me through a plate glass window.”
 - 1989 - “Upon being called a fag by a stranger on the street (Upper West Side) , I (male) said ‘You got it’. I was then told, ‘I’m gonna beat the shit outta you faggot’.”
 - June, 1979 - “I was fag bashed in the oval in Stuyvesant Town 150 feet from a guard booth. Seven college students attacked. I suffered a mangled face, shattered ulna and radius, and a severed arm. This required many operations, lengthy hospital stay and much rehabilitation.”
 - February, 1983 - “At work (Water Street) , I (male) was shoved against daily delivery boxes by a male co-worker, and was told by him and another male co-worker to keep my mouth shut, and that I’m going to get hurt. We also worked together as temps in the mail room. I had come out to my co-workers three months earlier (November, 1982).
 - October, 1987 - “In 1987, when new windows were installed in my apartment, I (male) came home to find a gross anti-gay insult inscribed on one of the windows. I speculate it was provoked (unintentionally) by a picture of a nude male in my living room.”
 - October, 1990 - “East 4th Street between Avenue A and First Avenue, I (male) was attacked by a group of youths - junior high age. When I reported it to my local precinct, I was told this sort of thing ‘was to be expected’, especially on Halloween.”

- 1980 - "Fired from a job and assaulted for taking my lover to my high school prom in 1980. I (male) had my car graffitied and I was physically assaulted by peers. Also, grilled and lost a credit from a physics class because school administration kept pulling me out of class."
- May, 1990 - "I (female) was walking down 7th Avenue in Brooklyn with a (straight) female friend. At the corner of 2nd Street several white teenage boys began shouting "dykes" at us."
- 1985 - "I (female) was raped in home in Fort Greene, Brooklyn."
- 1988 - "I (male) was approached by a group of youths who threw firecrackers at me and tried to start a physical fight. This was on the street (7th Avenue) in Brooklyn."
- April, 1990 - "I (male) was followed down 34th Avenue from 76th Street down to 74th Street over to Roosevelt Avenue - I was threatened and harassed and followed with remarks that I had AIDS. He knew where I lived. He was going to spread it around the neighborhood unless I paid him not to. I was going to a local bar and instead I had to get on the subway to get rid of him. Two months after this incident I moved out of the neighborhood."
- April, 1989 - "I (male) was attacked at 49th Street station in Times Square - punched in the face by one very large prejudiced male and accomplice - called 'faggot'. I ran from the scene because I was so upset."
- October, 1990 - "A group of teenage boys followed me for a few blocks on 7th Avenue in Park Slope, calling me a 'dyke, lezzie', asking if I (female) liked cock, etc... I ignored them and went into a store. When I came out, they were gone."
- January, 1990 - "I (male) was surrounded on the PATH train by 4 youths; they threatened to kill me because I was 'a disease spreading fag'. I had on a Silence = Death button. They voted on whether or not to kill me. This incident was written about in the New York Times."
- Fall/Winter, 1988 - "On 7th Street between Avenue B and C, approached and asked if I (male) was gay by 3 men in a car. Then when I said yes and refused their sexual questions, I was verbally abused and chased by them in the car."

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- December, 1990 - "On the number (1) train near Penn Station, I (male) was kicked and verbally abused."
 - 1975 - "I (male) was in Riis Park; a group came after several people with baseball bats as we came off the gay beach."
 - November, 1990 - "I (female) was walking down the street, holding hands with my lover (in Greenwich Village) . We were rammed into from behind by man who called names and began yelling in a violent manner when confronted with what he had done."
 - March, 1986 - "A friend and I (male) were walking from the Village to a bar in Chelsea, at 11 p.m. on a weekday night, when for no reason we were attacked by 10 or 12 young men who beat us with bats and fists. I got away by jumping on the back of a passing taxi. My friend was seriously injured. This occurred on approximately 10th Avenue and 18th Street.
 - Summer 1990, a Friday morning - On West 8th Street, approximately 1:00 a.m., a bunch of young men shouted threats at me (male) , and 'faggot'. But when I saw them coming, I knew something was going to happen."
 - January, 1991 - "On 8th Avenue, between 20th and 21st street on the west side of the street, I (male) was physically attacked by three males. Prior to the physical assault, they said homophobic things to me."
 - 1981 - "I (female) was raped in the entrance to my apartment and called 'dyke' and 'lezzie cunt' the whole time. I never prosecuted."
 - June, 1990 - "A man on the D train started screaming and cursing at the women on the train. He started spitting and threatening the 'dykes' - all the women on the train. We complained to the conductor and he had the man removed from the train. The police were called for the same man at another incident but said that they could not do anything about him."
 - July, 1990 - "I (female) was followed for 4-5 blocks, then confronted by a man who wanted to know if I wanted to/would have sex with him. I said no. He then started taunting me, asking me if I was a 'dyke'. I didn't answer (he was bigger than I was) . He assumed I was and grabbed me and started to push me and drag me around."

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- Summer, 1985 - "While walking on the Boardwalk at Rockaway Beach with 2 male friends (who aren't gay), a group of men ran after us and kicked me (male) in the back and kicked me to the ground, shouting anti-gay slurs."
 - August, 1985 - "I (female) was walking in Prospect Park with my lover around sunset in the summer. A group of young teenagers began throwing stones at us, eventually forcing us to leave the park."
 - March, 1991 - "I (male) experienced verbal abuse from a car full of teenagers in the East Village - threats and taunts but no violence."
 - September, 1990 - "A friend and I (male) were walking down 18th street across 9th Avenue, and a bunch of kids were hanging out on the corner. We were on our way to the Roxy (a club). It started off verbally, then we were attacked. My friend was punched in the ear. We ran before we were harmed anymore."
 - Summer, 1988 - "At a gay demonstration, a police officer clubbed me (female) with a nightstick without warning or provocation. The demonstration was in Greenwich Village. I believe the officer would not have used such unnecessary force if I had not been a lesbian."
 - June, 1988 - "Late night, walking my dog on Perry Street, three teens drove by, stopped car and asked directions to gay bar. I (male) played dumb. They opened the trunk and got out baseball bats. I still played dumb; they finally left."
 - January, 1991 - "A guy was harassing my girlfriend and I (female for holding hands). When I responded, he threatened to 'slap the shit' out of me. I responded again, then two local cops stepped in and arrested him for menacing."
 - 1989 - "A rock was thrown out of a passing car. It hit me (male) in the arm. I was with two other people."
 - January, 1991 - "My lover and I (lesbian couple) were on the uptown 7th Avenue subway. I was wearing a 'Silence = Death' button. Several young men started calling us 'faggots' and making obscene comments about what would 'fix us'."
 - June, 1990 - "I (male) was grabbed from behind while walking along 1st Avenue in

Manhattan toward Houston. A group surrounded me and my friend and started calling us homophobic names and threatened to beat us up.”

- Summer, 1988 - Hudson Street. Four young men, probably drunk, drove up and stopped next to me (I was walking on the sidewalk). They shouted ‘Do you want to get fucked up the ass?’ several times. I (male) was alone at the time. Then they drove away.”
- February, 1991 - “On the street in midtown Manhattan, I (male) was assaulted repeatedly (punched, kicked, spat upon, and hit by a nightstick) by a group of six police officers. This was while being arrested - but I had been apprehended and did not resist. They called me ‘faggot’ and ‘cocksucker’.”
- 1989 - “I (male) was cruising a guy on the subway who ended up beating me up and taking my walkman. He and his accomplice were sent to jail by me after I survived the attack to chase them with the help of neighbors and catch them. I did not report it as a bias crime.”
- 1983 - “11:00 p.m. - I (male) was walking with 2 friends on 8th Avenue at 22nd street - two young men walked by and punched my friend in face, kicked the other friend and verbally harassed us saying ‘faggot’ and other slurs. The incident was totally unprovoked.”
- Summer, 1990 - “I (female) was hit on the head by a rock by three teenage boys when with my lover at 68th Street and Columbus in Manhattan. The boys said nothing, only laughed. Also, in the summer of 1989, I was chased down the street by two teenage boys shouting ‘Is that a dyke?... yeah, that’s a dyke, get her!’ This occurred next to Sheridan Square in N.Y.C.”
- May, 1990 - “I (male) was beaten up on Cortelyou Road by four guys on Memorial Day weekend at around 1:00 a.m. A minute later, the police went down Cortelyou Road, 2 in a car, looked me over real good, and apparently decided I was a faggot and took off. I had blood running down my face.”
- October, 1989 - “Cops called me (male) a homo.”
- October, 1987 - “I (male) was beaten by a gang of skinheads on Saint Marks Place between 2nd and 3rd Avenues.”

- Early 1990 - "Teenage boys threw bottles at me (female) and two lesbian friends, calling us 'faggots'. This was at the corner of Garfield Place and 8th Avenue, Park Slope, Brooklyn, the block where I live."
- February, 1991 - "Walking out of a disco on 26th Street in N.Y.C. My friend and I (male) were verbally threatened by a group of youths who followed us down the block, until we went into an all night pool hall and they walked on."
- 1989 - "I (female) was approached by a man on the sidewalk - 110th Street between 2nd and 3rd Avenues. He walked straight toward me saying 'get out of my way Butch!'"
- January, 1991 - "Leaving a bar in Forest Hills, Queens around 11:00 p.m., Friday night. I (male) was verbally attacked by a group of young men in a parked car. They threatened violence by jerking their car forward as I passed in front."
- 1990 - "I (male) was harassed and pushed by a policeman."
- January, 1991 - "Outside a movie theater, 6-8 teenagers hissing "dykes, dykes" and then catcalling until my lover and I (white female) were out of earshot."
- March, 1990 - "I (female) was gay bashed at Purity Diner in Park Slope, Brooklyn. One woman's nose was broken. I was also gay bashed in front of the Roost Pub on Seventh Avenue."
- July, 1991 - "I (female) was harassed while walking along the sidewalk in Greenwich Village by two men saying 'if we fucked you, you wouldn't be gay'. They followed us in their car, chanting abuses."
- 1982 - "Jumped by four young white men in South Beach, Staten Island. I (male) was beaten, verbally assaulted."
- 1990 - "Anti-gay graffiti on my (male) locker at Baruch College."
- 1988 - "Being followed by a man in a car who kept calling me a nigger dyke. I (female) was harassed for about 2 blocks. I found a grocery store and went inside."
- April, 1990 - "On the subway at night, a gang of young men approached my lover and I (male) and began to taunt us with anti-gay threats. We got off the subway at the next

stop.”

- 1988 - “Exiting a bar on Lafayette Avenue (which offered a gay evening) near Pratt in Brooklyn, numerous bottles were thrown at myself (male) and about 6 or 7 other men - walking home. Of course, the obligatory epithets were hurled.”
- 1991 - “I (female) am working with two homophobic men. One is a waiter, and the other is my boss. They tried to get me fired, but because I’m in the union, they can’t; 1500 Broadway, Beefsteak Charlies.”
- Spring, 1990 - “I (male) was walking along East 7th street with my lover, and a guy walked by and called us ‘faggots’. When my boyfriend responded, he stopped, picked up a plastic garbage pail and threw it at us. I knocked it away, and we challenged him to fight. He walked away quickly.”
- October, 1990 - “Location - 14th Street between 8th and 9th Avenues. I (female) was walking down the street with flowers in my hand when a group of 12 kids, ages 11 to 15, attacked me with eggs and tried to take my leather jacket. I was called ‘white bitch’ and ‘dyke’. One kid kicked me. I beat them off with the flowers and kicked several of the kids. They they ran away.”
- Summer, 1991 - “Group of youths - mixed male and female - ran after lover and myself (female) as we got into #2 train at 14th Street stop. The doors closed as they reached the train, so they pounded on the windows, screaming as the train left the platform.”
- 1980 - “I (male) was smacked in the face by a man (part of a group of 6 or 7) . This did not take place in New York, but in Pittsburgh.”
- December, 1990 - “I (male) was on 3rd street, walking home with my boyfriend, two teenagers started walking on either side of us. One then hit me ripping my earrings out of my ear. When my friend turned to help me he was punched in the face.”
- Summer, 1990 - “Bleecker Street. I (male) was called ‘faggot, queer, etc.’ Men in black leather jackets walked very close behind us and threatened to ‘beat my faggot ass’ and told us to get off the sidewalk where normal people walked.”
- February, 1991 - “Two men saw a friend and I (male) walking on Grove Street, Manhattan. They spat on our shoes and screamed ‘we ain’t no faggot’. They raised their

fists at us as if they were going to punch us and we ran into a bar for protection.”

- May, 1990 - “Several young boys (8+) , one carrying a baseball bat passed my lover and I (female on 6th Avenue and 8th Street in Park Slope, Brooklyn. Several remarks were made ‘dyke, lesbos, etc..’. One boy pinched my lover’s rear and the boy with the baseball bat raised the baseball bat while saying something like ‘fuck them up’.”
- 1982 - “A group of seven teenagers - 13, 14 years old - surrounded me (male) on 9th Avenue just above 14th Street on a winter night, about 10:00 p.m. I fled, was chased and at one point “caught” by the group, was then kicked and punched.”
- August, 1990 - “In Prospect Park with a girlfriend, we were suprised by a group of 6-8 young men who had been watching us for some time - we were in a secluded area and it was falling dusk. We started to move out of the area, realized they were following/closing in on us. We broke into a sprint and several of them chased us, the rest encouraging them - “Go get ‘em” - I (female) made a lot of noise and they eventually stopped on the advice of those who had hung back, who yelled ‘let them go, chill out’.
- 1988 - “A bunch of boys - one with a lead pipe - taunted me (female) and my lover, calling us ‘dykes’. I told them to be men and say that to my face. They walked off. Pretty lucky I guess.”
- July, 1989 - “Coming home from work on Myrtle and Greene in Brooklyn, a car with 3 men pulled up beside me (male) and shouted out anti-gay remarks, attacked me with bat, stick and knife.”
- September, 1989 - “I (male) was attacked while driving in a car. I was smashed into oncoming traffic guard rail. They told police they wanted ‘to teach those fucking faggots a lesson’.”
- 1988 - “I (male) was walking from the E train to La Guardia Community College in Long Island City, when someone shouted ‘hey faggot’. I paid it no mind until a group of teens surrounded me and one teen took a swing at me. He missed. After shoving one down, I ran at top speed to the college.”
- 1989 - “Walking home in Jackson Heights, I (male) was approached by two teenage youths saying ‘AIDS’. Then one shoved me and challenged me to fight.”

- Summer, 1989 - "I (male) was walking down Hudson Street and just turned on West 40th when three young men (about 20 years old) approached me and called me 'faggot'. They punched me and slapped me and walked away."
- February, 1991 - "On the street, a beer bottle was thrown from a passing car, narrowly missing my boyfriend and shattering at his feet."
- 1991 - "When I (male) came out to my parents, my father tried to run me off the road with his car while I was driving on a boulevard on Long Island. He could have killed us both. I only narrowly escaped."
- January, 1990 - "Subway platform, downtown Brooklyn - A "wilding" in which 20 or so kids in their early teens surrounded me at 4:00 am. on an empty platform - two were punching at my face. I got off with bruises."
- March, 1991 - "Walking south on Central Park (east side) I passed four people who started talking out loud about me, saying "fag, queer, etc..." Two of the four followed me about 30-50 yards yelling insults and threats. They then stopped and turned back."
- 1987 - "I was raped by an acquaintance."
- Summer, 1990 - "Two men began pushing my lover and I on the street. There was a quick fight and then we ran."
- July, 1983 - "I was beaten up by two men (a third man was driving the car) in a parking lot of a gay bar on Long Island's east end."
- March, 1991 - "I was harassed on the street while walking with my girlfriend; I was subjected to offensive comments and hostile language. This happened numerous times."
- October, 1990 - "Attacked by 3 young men after verbal anti-gay harassment. 9th Street and 1st Avenue. I was hit once. I fought back each one - one at a time and got away."
- Winter, 1988 - "On Christopher Street - attacked verbally when I was embracing my girlfriend. When I responded verbally, he grabbed me by the sleeve and tugged me. Finally, a gay man intervened and the "basher", who was drunk, left."
- Summer, 1990 - "Suffolk County, Long Island - walking to Sayville RR station with my

lover. A full beer can was thrown from a car, narrowly missing us.”

- 1987 - “A young man followed my lover and I, and used menacing gestures, while we were on the subway. We had to maneuver 2 subway stations, with the help of transit cops, to evade the man.”
- April, 1990 - “I was robbed on Christopher Street.”
- 1989 - “While walking down 21st Street, between 11th and 12th Avenue, half a block from my apartment on the way to a bar at 4:00 am., a red corvette with N.J. license plates stopped and a white male with the build of a football player got out of the passenger side, and ran after me yelling he’s going to beat me up and wants my money and makes remarks about my being gay. He tripped on the curb, fell on his face and I ran away.”
- January, 1991 - “Walking down E. 2nd Street, between 1st and 2nd Avenue, a man walked by my lover and me yelling ‘fucking sick dykes, you filthy disgusting cunts.’ He raised his arms to hit us. He physically threatened us.”
- August, 1990 - “I was on my way to work when I saw a gang of youth on the opposite side of the street. I did all the right ‘cautionary’ things, but they attacked me from behind breaking my clavicle. Later, I found 6 other gay men were ‘wilded’ that morning.”
- November, 1990 - “I was attacked on the street - 10th Avenue and 23rd Street - by a gang of young boys.”
- January, 1989 - “I was on Horace Harding Expressway (not the highway itself but the road above and adjacent to the Expressway) in Fresh Meadows, Queens, a few blocks from Queens College. Five or six young men (18-22) attacked me physically, beating me and threatening me with rape and death for being who I am - a lesbian.”
- 1976 - “On the boardwalk, West 5th Street, Brooklyn: A gang of teens knowing I was in a gay hangout, knocked me down, went through my pockets and stole my watch (the only personal thing on me except my key) .”
- November, 1990 - “13th Street and Broadway - A carload of young men yelled dyke bitches at my girlfriend and me and threw a bottle out of the window.”

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- January, 1991 - "I had a lightbulb thrown at me from a passing car. I've also had a bottle thrown at me."
 - 1990 - "College campus: Football player verbally abused me in front of fellow students, who were my residents (I was a resident advisor at the time) ."
 - 1990 - "Verbal threats of violence against me on the street in the vicinity of West Side (18th-22nd Street) Gay Dance Clubs."
 - July, 1987 - "Walking in the vicinity of Forest Park in Queens, I was attacked by a gang of 10-20 youths. I was hit with large tree branches and other objects as they yelled things like 'get the faggot'. I spent a week in the hospital. None of my personal possessions were taken so it was not a robbery. The police officers called to the hospital refused to consider it a bias crime."
 - July, 1990 - "Walking down city street, 15 teenagers surrounded and beat me up."
 - Summer, 1990 - "West 4th Street near Washington Square Park, I was cornered by 2 men, while standing with a friend. These men pushed up against us physically and threatened violence (to hit us and fuck us) . They continued the verbal abuse as they finally left, calling out 'lesbos, etc...'"
 - 1984 - "On a busy street at 10:00 p.m. in the evening, I was walking with 2 friends. 2 young men approached from the opposite direction. They punched, kicked and verbally abused us."
 - December, 1991 - "Canal Street - walking with a friend arm in arm - followed by a car and on foot by two men who threatened to rape and slash us 'dykes'."
 - October, 1990 - "Ten to twelve inch high white letters painted on a black door entrance to townhouse on east 39th street (between Park and Madison Avenue) reading 'Murder All Gay Men', which I had to pass every day for two weeks on the way to work until painted over."
 - March 17, 1991 - "I was hassled by white teenage boys at N.Y.C.'s St. Patrick's Day Parade."

- June, 1987 - "My lover and I were sitting on a hill above one of the streets in Central Park on a Sunday afternoon in June. Eight young men walking by on the street below and seeing us holding hands and sitting close, said, loudly and tauntingly, 'oh, two women, how disgusting'. They stopped a moment and looked, laughed and jeered as they passed on. I wanted to reply, but she said I had better not because it might start violence, so I didn't."
- 1989 - "I was walking down a street in the West Village when I was assaulted by a man with a knife. He was verbally and physically abusive, calling me a 'fag, pussy boy, etc...' He stole my wallet and some jewelry."
- September, 1989 - "3:00 p.m. N train stuck between 86th Street and Stillwell Avenue. Five youths, male, harassed and verbally assaulted, threatened and pushed me, then the leader put a knife to my throat. The incident was reported to transit police at Stillwell Avenue. The suspects were pointed out. The officers did nothing but the sergeant said I shouldn't ride the subway alone."
- 1987 - "I was forced to come out at my job by a sick supervisor."
- 1990 - "A ball player, unhappy with a call I made during a game, made several loud, obscene comments after the game, physically accosting me in the parking lot. Threatened to "slap my silly dyke face". Maybe he would have if other umpires (males) had not come along."
- August, 1989 - "On 125th Street, between Lexington Avenue and First Avenue, a car with approximately 4-6 males hurled slurs about cunnilingus and which one of us is the man."
- July, 1989 - "In front of my house a man yelled at me as I was entering my home 'you know you're a faggot!'. He added, 'Say something!'. I was afraid to reply for fear of being beaten with the stick he was swinging."
- 1979 - "On 91st Street (between 2nd and 3rd Avenue) at street level: A friend of mine and I were walking home. Suddenly we were surrounded by teenagers, who taunted and pushed us. My friend sustained a minor cut on his hand. We were both shaken up."
- July, 1990 - "A bottle with paper was lit on fire was thrown through my open kitchen window by neighborhood kids who had it out for me for no reason from a similar inci-

dent prior to this! What was just as bad was the cops' reaction to this. They made it seem very minor and suggested that I take care of it myself!"

- 1990 - "While in Nassau County, males hurled slurs and called my lover a man. People found it amusing and didn't see homosexuals in a relationship, only as perverse and indecent."
- May, 1981 - "My lover and I were attacked by 4-5 teenagers who taunted us while driving by in a car. We jumped out. I suffered injuries to the head, neck, back and shoulders (mostly my head — lots of bleeding) from being beaten with a tire iron. His injuries were less. I went to an emergency room and was given 25-30 stitches."
- 1991 - "It has happened in my work environment; I have been sexually harassed by another worker who is a supervisor. I am a caseworker."
- March, 1991 - "While walking with friends, we were followed up Sixth Avenue near West 4th Street by a group of men saying things like 'Fucking faggots'. They were very close behind us."
- February, 1991 - "'Queer' was spray painted on the front of my house."
- March, 1991 - "While riding a bicycle on Second Avenue between 23rd and 28th Streets, I was 'chased' (I can't think of a more appropriate word) by a group of young people in a car, taunted with homophobic and AIDS-phobic slurs, and run off the road. I still can't figure out why this happened."
- April, 1991 - "Because of harassment, I was forced to give up my apartment and move in with my family in Westchester."
- April, 1991 - "On E. 138th Street and 3rd Avenue, I was putting up flyers about an event for gay men. Two young men (late teens) , noticing what I was doing with 2 other guys, shouted that they didn't want this shit in their neighborhood. We continued going about our business when a bottle smashed 2 feet to my left. Then another bottle smashed. We then got back into our car under the threat of another bottle which was thrown when we started driving away. It missed the car."
- April, 1991 - "Every time I walk on City Island, the Bronx, (I have friends there) the teenagers throw beer bottles and call me names."

- 1977 - "With a friend at Squibb Park. Fifteen working class teenagers sniffing glue ran up to us and attacked us. We ran. My glasses were broken, and we each got black eyes."
- October, 1990 - "Verbal harassment walking along 80th Street with two other gay men - felt like there was a real potential for violence. We were called anti-gay names by a group of 3-4 younger men."
- October, 1990 - "I left the Village with a friend (driver) heading north on 8th Avenue. I was followed by a car with two males with their girlfriends. We stopped for a red light. They stopped, got out of the car, yelled slurs and smashed the drivers' side window cutting my friend's face. We flagged down a nearby police officer who stopped the offending vehicle. Police said they could not take action since they didn't see it happen in spite of one offender's bloody hand (from breaking the window) Argh!"
- January, 1991 - "Manhattan, Sixth Avenue and Eighth Street, 8:00 p.m.: I was in a group of six people, four women and two men (all young professionals). Over a dozen young men (18 to early 20's) approached us, called us 'faggots' and 'dykes', chased us, hurled chunks of ice and snowballs at us, hitting one woman. They threatened us verbally and wanted to engage in physical confrontation."
- July, 1982 - "A friend and I were beaten up in a parking lot outside a club by 8 guys who said 'faggot' a lot."
- 1991 - "Harassment at work including being forced to listen to anti-gay bigotry from persons in superior/protected positions."
- August, 1990 - "On the streets of the Village, I was pushed and shoved by teenage boys who didn't look like they were from Manhattan. They called me 'Faggot', 'Queer' and 'AIDS carrier'. I was able to run away but now I'm more careful about who is on the streets."
- 1991 - "The president of our coop board continues to harass us by having garbage put outside our window, putting up a gate that blocks our view, etc..."
- May, 1990 - "I was near City Hall, approximately 7:30 p.m. when a young man (25 years of age verbally attacked me with 'faggot' slurs. He threatened to physically abuse me as

well (incident near subway station).”

- January, 1988 - “My lover and I were on the subway when a member of the Nation of Islam came into the car and began a rap denigrating gay people. We challenged his bigotry and he threatened us, shaking his fist in my lover’s face. He was saying ‘we will destroy you’. We stood up to challenge him. Then we reached our stop and left the train.”
- November, 1990 - “23rd Street and 8th Avenue in Manhattan subway entrance. My lover and I hugged good-bye and I left for the subway going in the opposite direction. When I got down on the platform, my lover was surrounded by a group of teenage boys verbally abusing and threatening her because they had seen us hug. It was very frightening. I ran upstairs and back down to her aid but the boys had gotten on the arriving train.”
- March, 1991 - “Plain clothes U.S. Park Service policemen cruise (on Belt Parkway Plum Beach and actually entrap men by cruising them by showing interest in them sexually and when interest is returned, arrest is made.”
- June, 1990 - “I was robbed in home (\$90 stolen) under threat of violence.”
- December, 1990 - “On Christopher Street pier, 9:00 p.m. Sunday evening: My friend and I were walking back to the street when 2 men jumped us from behind. One with broken bottle held at my face threatened to smash me for being a ‘faggot’. Another male held a knife at my friend’s back. They frisked us, stole \$40 in cash, a college ring and a walkman.”
- July, 1990 - “Manhattan - West 18th Street and 9th Avenue (corner) I was attacked physically and verbally by 6-7 youths. I incurred serious injuries.”
- 1979 - “I was attacked in a public park with a friend - chased down streets to our home - attacked with sticks and metal rods from the trash. I was hit across the face with metal - requiring stitches.”
- Fall, 1990 - “Walking on West 19th Street and 9th Avenue with a group of friends, all gay men, a bottle was thrown at us and anti-gay statements were made. No one was physically hurt.”

- April, 1991 - "I was physically attacked and threatened with a gun by a tenant in the lobby of my building. The incident was unprovoked. He interrupted my conversation with another tenant over my support of the Mideast war."
- 1987 - "I was 'jumped' by 10 to 12 teenagers. They pushed me down and kicked me while calling me a 'faggot'."
- December, 1990 - "I experienced an apartment break-in with anti-gay graffiti on my wall."
- April, 1991 - "I was threatened on the street."
- Mid 1990 - "In the workplace (Wall Street area) male co-workers from a different department called me on the phone and said things like 'dyke', etc..."
- 1986 - "I was punched in the face by a fellow employee at a job I had in Nassau County. It was motivated by the fact that I am openly gay. The person I had the problem with has a history of physical attacks to persons he thought were gay."
- Summer, 1987 - "I was mugged by 4 guys while sitting in Kelly's Park with an ex-lover of mine. They started off with verbal abuse, then jumped us with clubs, bats, knives and a small pistol. They took \$100 between both of us."
- "I was followed on the street, and I escaped just as I was grabbed on the back of my neck."
- September, 1990 - "I was chased by bike messenger on 59th and 3rd in Manhattan near Bloomingdales. He then followed me to the corner of 58th Street and yelled, 'listen homosexual, I've got a make on you, next time I won't miss. I will run you over.'"
- 1989 - "On the subway, I (White male) was raped by a man while others watched."
- April, 1991 - "I was walking to lunch near my office when I met my lover for some free time. We kissed and embraced; we were harassed by male co-workers calling us 'dykes'. I tried to respond, but could utter only a murmur. My friend tried to console me but it ruined my afternoon and lessened my pleasure."
- May, 1990 - "A teenager wanting to use the pay phone I was on became verbally abu-

sive. When I turned to respond to him, he punched me in the face. While preparing to defend myself, he had taken out 2 sets of num-chucks (Asian fighting device of 2 sticks connected by a chain and hit me in the face.”

- April, 1989 - 7th Avenue and 12th Street - A bottle was thrown from a car which hit me on the head leaving a mark for over a week. As they threw it, they yelled ‘dance faggot dance.’”
- September, 1988 - “I had the shit beat out of me 2 years ago while having sex in a park.”
- 1990 - “One time I saw a group of guys throwing a bottle at a guy they perceived to be gay! And I once had a bottle thrown out of a window at me.”
- December, 1990 - “A firecracker was thrown into a crowd of men in front of a gay bar.”
- 1988 - “At home, the superintendent glued a sign on my door saying ‘Lesbians and Gays Equals AIDS’. When I discovered who did it, I was told that if I took him to court, he had a gun. He implied that I was in danger. I left town for 2 weeks in fear.”
- August, 1989 - “4 larger males surrounded me at the West 44th Street station, and although they did not touch me (people began to appear on the platform) they did threaten to rape and treat me like a woman”
- May, 1990 - “Graffiti on the New York Bell Building on East 37th Street, and also on East 41st Street said “Murder Gay Men.”
- 1987 - “Greenwich Village & Hudson Street. I was followed in the street by an automobile with several youths, giving verbal abuse and threatening to run us (me and friends) over. Luckily the police arrived before the violence started.”
- 1990 - “Robbed and beaten in my apartment - a setup planned.”
- 1982 - “I was fired from a job merely on perception of being gay.”
- 1974- “In 1974 I witnessed bottles thrown at the car of an elderly university professor (gay) in Albany, New York. When I responded to his screams, I was attacked with a bottle by a 17 year old. My chin was cut requiring stitches. He was prosecuted.”

- June, 1990 - "On the subway, I was called 'queer' and kicked in the chest on an uptown train (IRT at Astor Place) ."
- 1985 - "West Village, Manhattan, 1 block below Christopher - 2 blocks east of Hudson River. 2 men (about 35) beat me unconscious with a baseball bat. I endured severe physical and (still) mental injury."
- 1990 - "The most serious incident of anti-gay violence was being punched in the face by a 14 year old boy. It was at the corner of 1st Avenue and 3rd Street. He was part of a group of young people."
- 1988 - "Glass bottles and rocks thrown at me by some people trying to run me down in their car."
- 1990 - "Countless instances of 'faggot' being yelled at me from moving automobiles. I have experienced this in Greenwich Village, Chelsea and the Upper West Side."
- October, 1990 - "Aside from being beaten up and called a 'faggot' numerous times in public school, the most serious incident occurred a couple of months ago when a cab driver refused to take me to Brooklyn. We argued, and he shoved me up against the cab, called me a 'faggot' and a 'cocksucker' and threatened to beat me. This incident lasted 15 minutes and put me in a desperate fear for my safety."
- November, 1990 - "Walking on the street, a gang started shouting 'faggot, etc...' at me. They came running after me. I ducked into a straight bar until they were gone, took a taxi home but passed them on the street again. Good thing I hadn't walked."
- December 1, 1989 - "6th Avenue, 16th Street, a Friday night, 10:00 p.m. Two youths crashed into me yelling 'faggot'. One snuck up behind me, broke a bottle over my head nearly severing my ear (20+ stitches) . The other threw a bottle at my face. A crowd stood by and watched, no one helped. Police never came."
- 1982 - "My lesbian friends and I were verbally harassed by men at a Mexican restaurant on Manhattan's Upper East Side. They were drunk and loud and called us dykes when we asked them to lower their voices."
- 1983 - "When I was working for Soho Natural Soda, our warehouse was broken into and vandalized and 'dyke' was graffitied on the walls. The tires were stolen on the vans."

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- September 29, 1990 - "West 4th Street and 6th Avenue. I was attacked at a phone booth, requiring 9 stitches to close the wound in my forehead."
 - July, 1990 - "I was chased home by a group of high school age boys with rocks, sticks, etc..."
 - April, 1986 - "Two of us were set upon, knocked down, kicked and beaten by over a dozen teenagers because they perceived us to be gay, at 7:00 p.m. at an entrance to Central Park off 5th Avenue."
 - March 15, 1991 - "Acid was sprayed on my eyes and face while waiting for a train — no motive for assault."
 - March, 1987 - "I met someone in a bar and told me he was gay. Later in his van which he used to take me to my place, rob me and slash me with a razor blade in the neck, stomach and legs, saying that he will kill me for being a 'faggot'. I did require hospital attention."
 - Summer, 1989 - "Mugging on Central Park West at 86th Street by 5 youths with baseball bats."
 - 1990 - "My roommate and I were leaving the subway and this man behind us made some lewd comments. I told him to fuck off and he started yelling 'fuck you, you nigger dykes'. He spat on the ground in front of us."
 - September, 1990 - "On the Upper West Side, when with a group of friends, people yelled obscenities at us like 'queer, fags..'"
 - 1976 - "A street gang bashed my head in with pipes because it was rumoured I was dating a Puerto Rican man. This was in East New York, Brooklyn where I was born. At the hospital, where I stayed three weeks, the police advised me not to press charges because I would lose my job."
 - March, 1989 - "A man pulled a knife on me and took my money and jewelry."
 - 1981 - "On the street, I was jumped by a gang of teenagers yelling 'Kill the Fag'. I was kicked and beaten with a pipe; I was not robbed. I had a concussion, anxiety attacks,

stitches. I was hospitalized.”

- 1979 - “I was physically attacked by 3 young men at 4:00 p.m. on 7th Avenue near St. Luke’s Place. I was kicked in the chest, punched in the face and generally roughed up. Some passing motorists came to my defense.”
- 1980 - “Physically assaulted in midtown Manhattan in mid-day, resulting in a fractured skull.”
- In walking from the train to the boat in Sayville, Long Island I was regularly taunted by the teenagers of the town with cries of ‘faggot’ ‘suck this’ and ‘wanna blow me?’.”
- June, 1990 - “On Greenwich Avenue, a group of youths threw an orange against the windshield of our car, as my Asian lover and I drove by one evening. The orange splattered all over the windshield. They screamed threats at us.”
- “I (male) was beaten by a young man about the face. I got a black eye and bloody nose. This happened on Shore Road and 99th Street in Brooklyn, only blocks from my home.”
- 1990 - “On Central Park West, a group of youths attacked me by throwing bottles and yelling ‘kill the white faggot’. The police refused to help, responding after 20 minutes, and refusing to seek the youths.”
- 1979 - “On old RR line to Astoria, a young man with a young woman taunted me verbally so much I got off the train before my station.”
- Summer, 1990 - “One block from our apartment, my girlfriend and I (female) were walking our dog when a group of 7-8 males (approximately 17-21 years old) began following us and verbally harassing us (hoots, taunts, etc.) They were carrying open beer bottles. We got free of them with help from a changing traffic signal.”
- December, 1989 - “On the corner of West 4th Street and 7th Avenue, I was jumped from behind and severely beaten in the face and head. Reason: too many people hailing a cab on the corner. I walked to the middle of the block and got a cab first. A man didn’t like it and said “you fucking fag, that’s my cab”. He jumped me from behind. Many cheered as they walked by.”
- September, 1990 - “Walking down the street, a group of teenage boys taunted us with

'fag, queer, homo' and threw small stones after we passed them."

- 1980 - "The most humiliating thing was some graffiti on a locker at school."
- 1989 - "I was walking with friends in Greenwich Village and 3 men threatened to beat me up after verbally harassing me. We continued walking. They finally left us alone. They called me a faggot and were hostile to all gays."
- "Teenagers in a car driving by. We were coming out of Playwrights Horizons Theater. They swerved close and screamed 'faggot'. It's hard to describe how hostile and violent this kind of verbal abuse is. I feared that they might be physically violent too, although this did not prove to be the case."
- March, 1988 - "I was roughed up and mugged, being called 'queer' and 'faggot' on West 92nd Street."
- April, 1989 - "Sexual/verbal abuse from my immediate supervisor at work."
- 1989 - "I was attacked by man in Central Park."
- January, 1991 - "A male, approximately 25 years old, screamed 'faggot' at me at Christopher Street and 7th Avenue. He then crossed the street, came right up to me, challenged what I was looking at and threateningly told me to 'get out of my face, faggot'. I immediately left the area as I felt threatened and wished to avoid physical harm."
- 1988 - "On the subway, I was accosted by 4 youths around 15 years old who starting beating me for no apparent reason except that they wanted to 'get somebody' that night."
- 1979 - "My lover and I were on our way to Smilers on Sheridan Square late on a Friday night. A group of about 10 guys were outside of the deli harassing gays walking by. They did the same to us, and a fight between myself and the ringleader ensued."
- 1987 - "On Halloween, 2 young males came up to 2 of my friends and myself and called us 'fucking faggots', and spit on my friend. One then punched my other friend. We charged him and beat him up; his friend left him there."
- July, 1990 - "My lover and I were driving back into our garage. Standing there was the

parking attendant who, as he is signaling us, yells 'this way maricon'. Since I'm fluent in Spanish, I told him I understood his derogatory remark, but he didn't apologize. The next time I came to the garage the battery of my brand new car was dead."

- 1990 - "About 11:00 p.m. on a West Side Street, I was walking home. 3 guys (18-20) approached. One said "What are you looking at faggot?". They taunted me. Then they started slapping and kicking me. I yelled but the street was deserted. They dragged me into a parking lot, behind a van. One held me while the other two beat me, and kicked me viciously in the ribs and groin. Then one of them urinated on me. When I turned over, they spat in my face. The leader said "that will teach you, faggot. If I ever see you again, you'll be a dead queer." Then they left."
- 1989 - "My lover and I were robbed at gunpoint in lobby of my apartment building."
- March, 1983 - "A friend and I were standing at a bus stop. A man approached us, made anti-gay comments, and assaulted us."
- May, 1990 - "A man approached my lover and I and stuck his dick out stating "this is what you need, not her! This magic wand in your pussy."
- 1991 - "Standing on the street in a crowd in front of a bar on West Street (between 20th and 21st Streets) in Manhattan, late at night. People go by in a car and yell "fags" and throw bottles."
- January, 1991 - "6th Avenue and 10th Street; I was threatened by 4 punks who were going to attack me."
- July 4, 1990 - "In July of 1990, myself and a friend were crossing the street when a car swerved towards us in an attempt to hit us while shouting anti-gay remarks."
- 1978 - "A friend and I were beaten up, pushed to the ground and kicked repeatedly early one Saturday morning as we walked home. Our attackers yelled 'fag' and 'homo cock-suckers' as they did it. They were 5 youths from this working class housing project in Chelsea. The attack happened on 23rd and 10th Avenue."
- May 17, 1991 - "While at work, as a result of not entertaining one of the male supervisors on my job, I was called a dyke."

- July 4, 1989 - "I was walking down St. Marks between 1st and 2nd Avenue with my friend going to watch fireworks from a friend's roof. Outside one of the bars a group looked us up and down and stated they hated faggots and they should kill everyone. We continued down the block ignoring the remarks until from behind someone came running and broke a bottle in a bag over the top of my head. I then walked into Stromboli's and got napkins to stop the bleeding."
- February, 1991 - "On my way to a subway in Brooklyn (during the early evening) two males jumped me and reportedly beat me and called me names like faggot, etc... The result was two black eyes and assorted bruises."
- August, 1990 - An anti-gay male youth tried to burn me with a cigarette in front of the Palladium night club the night of an AIDS benefit. The attack was accompanied with anti-gay slurs."
- June, 1987 - "The Brooklyn promenade in the Heights. 7 teens chased and threw bottles at us. We were hit with broken glass. Minor lacerations were incurred."
- 1990 - "Walking down in the Village, a group of young guys called me names and kicked me in the rear."
- March 17, 1991 - "Day of St. Patricks Parade - 61st street and Madison Avenue. A throng of young men - one holding a beer bottle approached me shouting "hey, are you a lesbian? — Lesbian, lesbian, lesbian!!! I did fear for my safety and felt an attack from behind was imminent. I moved on as quickly as possible."
- January 22, 1991 - "Going home one evening, I was verbally abused on Hudson and King. Two guys tried to pull my pants down and asked me to service them. I tried to call for help and no one stopped. I was then beaten in the stomach and head."
- April, 1991 - "Walking down the street, I was threatened to be killed, and an empty beer bottle was thrown at me."
- August, 1990 - "In Prospect Park, another woman and I were sitting on the steps when 5 or 6 teenage boys tried to surround us. We started to run and they chased us out of the park yelling 'get them'. They had been watching us for a while and when we kissed, we heard them gasp."
- 1982 - "Soho: I was walking home. A speeding car (from New Jersey) of heterosexual drunken people tried to run me over. The women in the car were screaming 'no', and the male driver was yelling 'faggot'. Because I sensed something, I hesitated at the curb and

was not injured.”

- January, 1990 - “3 members of a family, ages 8 to approximately 20, taunted me and my girlfriend on the subway - first by shaking their fingers and saying “tsk, tsk” and then going on to say things like “fucking lesbian.”
- October, 1990 - “I was chased and hit by a cab driver at 10:00 a.m. on Hudson Street while bicycling. The incident lasted about 10 minutes. The driver rode along side me trying to knock my bike over until he did.”
- February, 1991 - “I was walking from my car to Private Eyes (a club). It happened 2 blocks west of the bar. Two teenagers were urinating against a wall. I heard them scream something and then saw a petite male (who looked gay) struggle to get away. I then gave the two obnoxious guys a mean glance. One yelled at me ‘we know you need it’. The other said, ‘Keep looking and I’ll fuck you over’.”
- 1984 - “On the street, walking home with two friends, we were chased by 8 teenagers who shouted anti-gay remarks as they threw rocks and food they had been eating.”
- 1982 - “A taxi cab at Penn Station; Christmas Eve: Driver ripped off on the meter (long ride instead of requested route). At the end of the ride I told him so. He got out of the car, called me names, kicked me severely in the buttocks and scrotum, thighs and chest. Witnesses saw it. I brought the case to the TLC. 5-6 months were wasted and nothing was done.”
- 1982 - “Late in the evening in the Village, a group of male teenagers tried to surround a friend and I. She wasn’t gay and couldn’t believe what was happening.”
- 1980 - “On the train platform in Staten Island at 11:00 p.m., I was with a straight friend who knew the attacker. I was punched in the face, no warning, a broken nose, tooth. My friend said “Why?”. The attacker answered, ‘because he’s a faggot’. My friend tried to stop the attack.”
- June, 1984 - “After being arrested for a DWI, taken into custody, booked, singled out of those put into lockup and then promptly beaten and kicked by 3-5 policemen. Choked, and anti-gay slurs shouted at me. I was left cuffed through the night in a cell and the next day charged with resisting arrest.”
- 1977 - “As a senior in high school, I was verbally taunted for months after I came out. I was once cornered in the cafeteria and punched. Several teachers came to my rescue. Later the same students vandalized my car, breaking windows and bashing in fenders.”

- 1990 - "The most serious incident occurred in the street - physical violence - in Long Island City, Queens, N.Y.C."
- October, 1987 - "Walking on St. Mark's Place, late at night with a friend, I was attacked by a gang of skinheads. I was punched repeatedly in the face, fractured nose, broken tooth."
- 1985 - "I met a woman friend in a bar/restaurant for a drink after work. Two men came up and asked, 'Are you girls alone?' I replied 'obviously not'. They persisted and finally we bluntly told them we wanted to continue our own conversation. They called us 'dykes' (we're both straight) and became belligerent, actually following us onto the street and pushing us."
- 1987 - "Two men cracked a liquor bottle over my head and kicked me in the groin."
- 1984 - "Walking home from work with my lover (9th street and Avenue B & C), we were raped in an empty lot by 2 men. Although this incident was solely based on gender, I had to get an abortion as a result. Very awkward not to have been able to state that I've been in a monogamous relationship with a woman. My pregnancy was in question by the perpetrator."
- 1990 - "I received threatening messages on the phone."
- 1982 - "Attacked on 7th Avenue, Park Slope by 7 males. They said 'get the dyke'. They threatened me with a knife, punched and kicked my face. I suffered rib contusions."
- April, 1991 - "On 7th Avenue South, I was leaving a woman's bar, and a group of men threatened to 'fuck' my friends and I and then we would never be 'dykes' again."
- March, 1991 - "Standing at Grove and Bleecker Street with my 45 year old aunt, a man began to yell at us, 'you fat lesbians... you lesbian pigs'. It was an unpleasant, embarrassing and unnerving visit to N.Y.C. to say the least."
- September, 1991 - "I was visiting a friend who lived in the Bronx. Neither of us is gay. It was a Friday night at around 3:00 a.m. He suggested that we go to a diner in the Throgs Neck Section to eat. As we drove away from the diner, a car pulled alongside mine. First they made gay taunts. Then they began to try and cut my car off. They chased us to the Whitestone Bridge. One of them got out and kicked my car. We were able to escape by making a U-turn back to the Bronx and they kept going to Queens."
- 1985 - My boyfriend asked a woman going into a bar (on 7th Avenue in Park Slope) 'is this a gay bar'? She laughed and said 'no'. We kept walking and were two blocks away

when bar patrons began yelling 'faggot' taunts - chased us for several blocks and throwing beer bottles. We were not hit."

- May 15, 1991 - I was surrounded by 5 youths, hit in the shoulder, pushed and shoved. I was chased by 1 of 5 who were verbally abused me when I reached the safety of a restaurant front door. It happened on the street at 9:00 p.m."
- April, 1991 - "On the subway, I (female) was harassed and poked because I wouldn't engage in conversation. They said it was because I hadn't had it from a man."
- 1985 - "On 10th Avenue and West 17th Street, a carload of male youths shouted anti-gay abuse, several jumped out of the car and smashed me in the mouth with a rock. I required emergency surgery to sew both severed lips."
- 1991 - "Very frequently people have verbally abused me and my lover on the street and subway."
- March, 1991 - "A friend was coming to visit me at my apartment and was verbally harassed by another man, and propositioned in an extremely crude way."
- October, 1990 - "Walking with a mixed group of friends, being followed in a car by two young men screaming, 'what are you, a bunch of faggots and dykes? Pussy lickers! Cocksuckers!' It was on Hudson Street at Perry Street, outside a Different Light."
- February, 1991 - "Seventh Avenue - crossing street at Greenwich Avenue, a herd of young boys threatened to 'whip my dyke ass'. I ran into a store."
- 1990 - "On 7th Avenue, walking with my lover, a drunk college student threatened to 'smash our lezzie faces'."
- February, 1991 - "I was harassed while eating in a restaurant. Also, in August 1990, I was chased by a violent street gang outside of the Roxy. I called the police."
- March, 1991 - "I was 'escorted' out of a department store."
- Summer, 1988 - "Approximately 6 teenagers chased me for 2 blocks with the intent to do some violence to a 'fag' and rob me, they said. This happened at around 20th Street and 10th Avenue."
- June 27, 1988 - "While walking my dogs to the Citibank ATM at 79th Street and First Avenue, my dog and I were attacked. The dog's ribs were broken. Perpetrators were arrested."

- 1990 - "On Queens Blvd., 2 men beat me up and took money because they said I'm gay. In 1988, I was at the piers at night on the WestSide when somebody said we want your money and cracked my head open. I fled."
- April, 1991 - "I was stabbed for being a 'faggot' (I'm not gay) on P Street in Washington D.C. I wasn't seriously hurt."
- June, 1983 - "I was thrown on the floor, over a chair at home by my ex-husband."
- Summer, 1987 - "Basically, when walking along Bleecker Street in the Village, I and a friend had anti-gay slurs shouted at us and threats of violence. We ran to a more crowded street and lost them."
- April 25, 1991 - "In the 1st week of April this year, 1991, on West 11th Street and West 4th Street, a man with doberman pincers told me that I was a 'faggot' and 'the AIDS carrier of the 1990's'. He said he was going to 'beat the shit out of me.'"
- January 2, 1991 - "During the evening, walking down the street with my lover, a band of 5 teenagers first tried to trip us from behind. They yelled insults and obscenities, most specifically anti-gay. Many threats of physical violence were made. They were joined by 3 or 4 more. It finally ended with half a quart of beer bottle hurled at us across the street (We were walking away) which very narrowly missed out heads."
- May 16, 1991 - "I left a party at 8:00 p.m. on a weeknight to get some ice. As I walked down Madison Avenue, someone punched my son. I turned - there were four kids, about 14-16. I yelled, 'hey, why did you do that?' They said, 'fuck you, faggot'."
- May, 1990 - "Physical attack was made on 6th Avenue in Greenwich Village."
- September, 1990 - "At the corner of 4th and 10th Streets in Manhattan, I was having dinner with a friend who had recently (within the past month• been beaten and kicked in a queer bash. A car pulled up along side the restaurant, and men inside started screaming 'faggots' and pointing at us."
- January, 1991 - "My girlfriend and I were chased down 7th Avenue in Brooklyn (Park Slope) after being sexually harassed and threatened with rape. It was about 8:00 p.m."
- May, 1991 - "One Sunday in May my lover and I were heading for the subway on 138th Street in the Bronx on 3rd Avenue. On the corner of 140th street in Alexanders, a tall guy was yelling racial and anti-gay slurs at us."

- September, 1987 - "On December of 1987, I was almost choked by this guy who hated Hispanics. It occurred at the Martha Valle Junior High School grounds."
- February, 1989 - "2 blocks from Christopher Street subway station in the Village, my lover and I were physically hit and verbally abused by 6 youths. They then threatened to kill us if we called for help."
- "We were in our car, stopped at a red light on the very street that we have lived on for six years. A group of neighborhood boys that looked around 17-21 years old whom we see in our area but do not know, started screaming bigoted slurs at us. When I looked at them in shock at the unprovoked hatred, they responded by throwing rocks at us and threatening to kill us. The light turned green not a moment too soon."
- 1989 - "At the job site, a superior made an inappropriate statement. He was disciplined and apologized in writing."
- January, 1991 - "I was mugged by two men while entering the Christopher Street subway, the uptown side. I was left on the sidewalk bleeding from my face. There were no police. It was 7:30 p.m."
- June, 1990 - "On 72nd street IRT subway platform, I was harassed by a man and forced to flee the station. I received no help from the ticket booth. I had to get in a taxi to escape."
- February 11, 1991 - "This happened at an ACT UP demonstration at the Midtown North police precinct on W. 42nd St. We were protesting the treatment of 3 ACT UP members arrested the week before. They were harassed and one was physically abused. As we were getting ready to go, the police charged us with their nightsticks out."
- May, 1991 - "I was standing at a bus stop, and was verbally abused. Then I was smacked from behind with a cane."
- December, 1990 - "My most serious incident was when my friend and I were leaving the Bottom Line and we were attacked by a group of men because we were black and gay."
- May, 1988 - "On Bergen Street, I was attacked by a gang of guys. I was beaten until the police came and broke it up."
- November, 1989 - "I was accosted by a man asking for money at a cafe near Lincoln Center. When I replied that I wasn't a bank, he responded "no, you're a faggot", and threw a dish of butter at my face. He then said, 'goodbye Gloria' and left."

- May 9, 1991 - "IND Subway - Broadway and Lafayette; a hetero couple got in my face. She said 'stop looking at him'. He said 'I'll fucking kill you'. I fled."
- Summer, 1987 - "On W. Broadway, at about 5:00 p.m. on a Saturday in June, I was walking with a friend when 2 young men came up and started to sell us a watch. They then went on to call us faggots and described sexual acts. They followed us very close for about 2 blocks."
- July, 1990 - "A large group of straight teenagers congregated across the street from a lesbian friend's food vending cart; we were verbally abused and menaced. Bottles were thrown at us until we left."
- 1989 - "On St. Mark's Place, on a weekend night around 10:00 p.m. A group of 6-7 youths, male and female (some skinheads) began hitting, kicking and yelling because I was disseminating some information about an ACT UP demo."
- October, 1990 - "I was threatened with a broken bottle and called a 'faggot'."
- August, 1990 - "A car with two people (male and female) pulled onto the sidewalk behind me as I was walking and the driver started revving the engine. The two then proceeded to call me a 'dyke' and other abusive things."
- 1987 - "The PATH train from N.Y.C. to Hoboken. Drunken young male (well dressed sits next to me. His friend is up front. He begins telling me (female) how big his penis is, trying to get a response. I continue reading my book. He starts pushing me against the wall and calling me a lesbian because I won't respond - shouting, pushing... follows me part of the way home when the train stops."
- April, 1986 - "I was attacked by three street tough types on the D train to Harlem. Two of them only verbally assaulted me, the third pushed me and smashed me in my face with a bottle. I escaped unharmed."
- November 12, 1990 - "In midtown Manhattan at 50th Street, between 6th and 7th Avenues, my friend and I were verbally assaulted by a group of teenage boys in a car who screamed at us 'fucking lesbians'."
- 1989 - "I was running for election as President of the Board of Directors of the cooperative in which I live. A neighbor, who knew I was a lesbian generated a flier and posted it throughout the development insinuating that since I was a lesbian, I might have AIDS."
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the men removed.”

- March, 1991 - “While walking through 6th Avenue of W. 4th Street, one evening a group of drunken men in front of a 24 hour grocery store threw a quart bottle of beer at us as we walked passed them, and called me and my lover and another couple that walked with us names I’d rather not repeat.”
- 1989 - “On E. 68th Street, a group of about five young men harassed my friends and I by verbally insulting us and by throwing garbage at us and they threatened to hurt us.”
- December, 1989 - “Males in a car with New Jersey license plates pulled up beside me, yelled homophobic taunts at me and when I ignored them and kept walking, they threw beer bottles at me. The location was West Street and Charles Street, Manhattan.”
- April 20, 1991 - “In a straight singles bar a man repeatedly tried to buy me a drink. I repeatedly said ‘no’, and he was relentless. He started to call me a ‘dyke’, and he was generally abusive, at one point he moved as if to strike me, but a bouncer intervened.”
- March 10, 1991 - “96th and Broadway, and anti-gay verbal abuse; then a physical attack.”
- January, 1991 - “I was coming home from school and these guys from my school started calling me names; then they started throwing stuff and I tried to run. They chased me and hit me, spit on me, called me names, and threatened me. They said I was a dirty faggot and that they should kill me because I spread AIDS. I do not have AIDS. They hurt me. They beat me up because I am gay. They said the cops would be on their side. It took place in Cadman Plaza Park in Brooklyn Heights. Some people helped me, but not right away.”
- February, 1991 - “I was in the street hailing a taxi when a man said ‘look at the fucking faggots’ referring to me and my companion. When I asked him to repeat what he had said because I wasn’t prepared to accept it, he said it again and threw a punch that nearly knocked me down. A fight ensued.”
- June, 1990 - “Bedford and 7th Avenue, 11:30 p.m. Three young males surrounded me, pushing, spitting and hitting me. They threatened to kill me, saying all ‘fags’ should from AIDS.”

APPENDIX 3

List of Examples of Incidents Witnessed by Respondents



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- “In Albany, N.Y. a friend who is visibly butch told of being beaten outside of a straight bar by two men. She was with a femme woman.”
- “A gang of youths attacked a friend and his companion near a beach in Staten Island (South Beach) . They hit the car with sticks and yelled epithets.”
- “A friend was attacked by the piers. As he was being bashed toward the water, he shouted he couldn’t swim and would drown. He was thrown in any way, and his assailant sat and waited for him to drown.”
- “My friends from Columbia Law school were beaten when they left a Columbia dance, two of them were holding hands. I’m sick of attacks on us because we openly demonstrate our love. But I won’t let it stop me from being open.”
- 1989 - “A friend of mine and partner were threatened by a gang of youths driving in a car with two-by-fours.”
1990 - “Another time they were chased and they threw dog shit at them.”
- Fall, 1987 - “A girlfriend of mine was in the park on West 4th street with an obviously gay man. They were both attacked, beat around the face and neck.”
- December, 1990 - “A friend was beaten so badly that he was in a coma.”
- 1985 - “I heard screams. I saw a man bloodied on Perry Street.”
- November, 1990 - “My friend’s brother and his lover were attacked in the West Village with a baseball bat and a golf club.”
- October, 1990 - “Head-bashing by a group of young thugs at the projects on First Avenue and 6th Street. Blood, concussion, etc; youths clearly indicated anti-gay bias verbally before attacking (of course, they ran).”
- October, 1989 - “A woman of butch haircut and leather jacket was cut in the face by a man on a bus - simply for appearing to be a lesbian.”
- 1990 - “Lesbian attacked on Christopher Street on Halloween.”
- June, 1990 - “A friend was stabbed in Washington Square Park.”

- 1989 - "I saw an old man leaving a gay bar get beat up by three men. He begged them to take his money. But it was not about money."
- November, 1990 - "A student at Fordham University had a blood-signed threatening note pinned to his dorm room."
- January, 1991 - "I witnessed a male gay couple on the subway harassed, then punched and kicked by some young white teens."
- March, 1990 - "A waiter at my restaurant along with a friend of his were attacked and beaten by a group of teenage boys in the East Village."
- June, 1990 - "A friend was beaten on the head in an unprovoked attack on Greenwich Avenue."
- July, 1990 - "A friend of mine was beaten and mugged in the street (Bedford Stuyvesant, Brooklyn) called "Black faggot" repeatedly while people watched and did nothing."
- 1985 - "Friends (lesbians) being beaten up regularly in their building and no one helps them."
- April, 1990 - "Two friends of mine (women) were beaten by a gang of 12-15 teenagers because they are lesbians and they were hospitalized."
- 1989 - "Lesbians upstate politically active with pro-choice organization were run over while manning a table with leaflets on the sidewalk. She was in the hospital, traction, and physical rehabilitation for eight months. While the driver bragged about purposefully bashing her. He received slight sentence."
- 1990 - "A friend of mine came out of a gay bar and was attacked by a gang of youths. He spent two weeks in the hospital."
- September, 1990 - "Two friends of mine were beaten up on Hudson Street."
- June, 1990 - "A friend was severely beaten - broken jaw, etc... Also verbally abused by assailants and by hospital workers and the police."
- January, 1991 - "I heard about the destruction of a car belonging to lesbians."
- July, 1990 - "A lesbian friend was walking to the West 4th street subway station with her lover and 3 men verbally abused them and threatened to rape them. They said that they can make them straight."

- 1990 - "Verbal abuse outside of Charlie's Bar where a bomb was placed inside the club."
- 1990 - "Boy had his eye cut out on the corner of 7th and Avenue C."
- 1974 - "A good friend of mine was walking east on a street in the West Village. He was attacked by a gang of male teenagers, wielding pipes, and suffered a skull fracture."
- 1988 - "Two friends were beaten with baseball bat in Village; hospitalized one, with facial and scalp lacerations severe psychological trauma."
- 1990 - "I saw a man with what appeared to be Kaposi's sarcoma taunted for being "a fag with AIDS" on the F train in the spring in 1990. He was beaten about the head."
- 1986 - "My friend was lead to a nearby park and ambushed by six men; he was beaten and had to be hospitalized for internal bleeding."
- August, 1990 - "Four people (2 lesbians and 2 gay men - one of them my friend) were harassed and the gay men were beaten up near Columbia University - they were law students."
- January, 1989 - "A girlfriend of mine was raped and beaten in the village because she was a dyke. She suffered for months, then moved to Vermont because she couldn't take it."
- 1988 - "One of my friends had his jaw broken."
- June, 1990 - "A friend of mine and his lover were assaulted by a gang on the subway. Both were hospitalized."
- June, 1988 - "Bat wielding teens in Queens, N.Y. assaulted and battered a friend seen holding another man's hand in public. Severe physical damage."
- July, 1990 - "A few friends had a gun pulled out against them because they were 'cock-suckers'."
- November, 1990 - "Gay man knifed in West 20's while attackers yelled anti-gay slogans."
- June, 1988 - "A person I know who is bisexual was called a faggot and other epithets by 4 teens on the Upper West Side and stabbed. He got a punctured lung."

- 1990 - "Lesbian being beat-up after being seen kissing her girlfriend."
- 1989 - "Two openly gay male friends went into a store. They were watched by security very closely, while others weren't supervised."
- February, 1990 - "I saw a group of men hit a gay man in his face only because he looked feminine."
- 1986 - "A friend was beaten so severely that she was hospitalized for 10 days and has a permanent injury to her leg."
- 1987 - "I was waiting for a friend to arrive in a restaurant. I noticed a commotion in front. My friend was being beaten by 4 guys in their early 20's from Long Island who said they wanted 'to kick faggot butt'. I pulled my friend from the center of the fight."
- Summer, 1990 - "Someone I knew had his hand broken."
- 1986 - "A friend was beaten with a bat and lost an eye."
- 1989 - "I worked as a reporter for the gay press until 1989 (starting in 1984) so I've heard of many - including murders."
- 1984 - "I know a woman (lesbian) beaten... a man beaten and crippled."
- November, 1989 - "A friend of mine who lives in Washington Heights knew a gay man who was brutally beaten in her neighborhood."
- 1990 - "A friend was falsely lured to someone's apartment where he was raped, robbed and beaten very badly."
- June, 1990 - "Two women in Brooklyn were assaulted brutally by men who called them dykes and butches."
- 1988 - "An acquaintance was beaten to the point of unconsciousness and hospitalized."
- June, 1989 - "I saw a gang of teenagers attack two gay men. They were just walking down the street together."
- November, 1990 - "Two friends were attacked outside of the Tunnel Bar on 1st Ave in the East Village."
- September, 1990 - "A close friend was attacked (with another person) by two men who

yelled anti-gay comments. My friend suffered cracked ribs and severe facial lacerations. They had just exited a movie theater in the Village.”

- 1990 - “A man baited an acquaintance of mine into cruising him on the street in N.Y.C. and then physically threatened him but was intimidated and backed off.”
- 1970s - “A woman I went to college with was badly beaten along with her lover. She was hospitalized and had surgery for damage to internal organs.”
- Halloween, 1988 - “Two friends were severely beaten by a gang of men at midnight. They required hospitalization and several months of treatment and rehabilitation.
- February, 1991 - “The N.Y.C. Board of Education hearings regarding condoms provided a pulpit for people to preach hatred in the name of religion (Catholic, Orthodox Jewish, Baptist) . I was there.”
- June, 1990 - “During a march against anti-gay/lesbian violence, I saw demonstrators being attacked.”
- 1989 - “The murder of a friend with a pipe by teenagers in a group attack.”
- September, 1990 - “Attacks by black youth against a white male adult.”
- December, 1990 - “I was in class at Brooklyn Women’s Martial Arts when someone threw a rock through the window.”
- 1990 - “Colleague at work saying queers should be put to death.”
- May, 1990 - “A friend was hit on the head and had to be hospitalized.”
- June, 1990 - “Gay Pride Day every year all along the route.”
- Summer, 1990 - “A group of young teenage males walking around Christopher Street threatening violence and almost committing it.”
- Summer, 1990 - “I heard about a fight between a couple of straight men and a group of lesbians in a bar in Park Slope.”
- 1990 - “Women being harassed and then beaten outside bars.”
- April, 1990 - “I know many people gay-bashed over the years. Most serious - 2 friends punched in the face outside Ty’s on Christopher Street. November, 1990 - “A friend

being beaten, kicked and verbally abused on the street.”

- November, 1990 - “Two gay men and a lesbian couple were followed, verbally harassed and then beaten up on 116th street between Broadway and Riverside where I live. I heard the screams but only caught the tail-end of the incident.”
- 1974 - “A friend was bashed in the face knocking out his front teeth.”
- December, 1991 - “Two gay male friends were attacked and pushed to the ground and kicked while walking home from the movies.”
- July, 1990 - “A gay female friend was robbed and attacked by two men who called her “dyke”, etc...”
- 1990 - “Two lesbian friends who was attacked by a gang of guys in Park Slope, Brooklyn.”
- 1989 - “A gay man was so badly beaten by attackers that he had a detached retina and permanent damage to his vision.”
- 1984 - “In Bank Street, a man entering his building was attacked and lost an eye.”
- Summer, 1990 - “My friend Heidi and her girlfriend were beaten badly last year on Bleeker and 6th Avenue.”
- August, 1990 - “A friend was chased by a group of teenagers beaten up, robbed, called homophobic names, left for dead.”
- 1985 - “A friend was beaten up on the subway.”
- June, 1990 - “A young man, a member of GLYNY was brutally attacked by a gang after he left the Christopher Street bookstore. He was 17 or 18. Seriously injured.”
- 1983 - “A straight friend was stabbed by a man who thought he was gay. (Friend survived and is o.k.)”
- “An ex-lover of mine was slashed outside a bar in the East Village. He lost much blood and has a facial scar.”
- 1985 - “Two gay men I know were beaten up.”
- 1989 - “A friend punched in the face in Greenwich Village by a drunk when he came out

of a gay bar.”

- 1988 - “A friend was beaten up in a park where gay men are known to frequent they used words like faggot and queer.”
- “A lesbian got beaten up in a diner in Park Slope, Brooklyn. Not treated as a bias crime.”
- October, 1990 - “Two gay men being beaten up in front of a lesbian bar last week (most recent). Another incident “involved men being attacked in front of the bar and the lack of police response.”
- 1990 - Man punched in stomach while walking dog, by his next door neighbor who was yelling queer, fag, etc...”
- January, 1990 - “Gay bashing at Purity Diner in March, 1990 and gay neighbors being pushed out of their home by threats.”
- October, 1990 - “A friend, a lesbian (age 19 on Fordham University’s Rose Hill campus had a group of men shouting ‘Death to Homosexuals’ below her window early in the morning.”
- May, 1989 - “Lesbian being kicked and beaten by security guards at Saint Vincent’s Hospital Emergency Room, because she was trying to stay with her lover who was being admitted.”
- 1979 - “My friend’s best friend he was beaten to death in the summer of 1979 on Staten Island on Todt Hill near an abandoned highway.
- 1987 - “Two gay men were attacked on a public bus in San Francisco.”
- 1986 - “During a peaceful march in the Village, a group of young men came out of a side street and struck a marcher in the back of the head while he wasn’t looking.”
- “When they fired my roommate, my boss Teddy said ‘that faggot shouldn’t be working here, and he hates gays and lesbians’.”
- August, 1990 - “Two friends of mine were jumped by a gang of Latino teenagers on 3rd street between Avenues B and C. They were badly beaten, one required stitches, the other had two black eyes. A month later, my boyfriend and a friend of his were attacked by a few guys on 9th Street and 1st Avenue last summer, but they fought them off.”

- September, 1985 - "A friend was kidnapped outside a gay bar. She was beaten and raped by her assailant who wanted "to fuck a dyke!"
- 1990 - "I've seen recurring sidewalk graffiti on 39th Street and 3rd Avenue - "Murder all Gay Men".
- November, 1989 - "A friend was coming out of work with another male friend and were hailing a cab when a car veered at them and one was hit while the other was screamed at from the guys in the car. He got two broken legs and ribs and a collapsed lung."
- January, 1991 - "I saw two men hit two gay men with bats in the West Village."
- February, 1991 - "Chris Hennelly of ACT UP was beaten and hospitalized."
- February, 1991 - "A recent one - friends walking home in the East Village were attacked. One person went to the hospital needed stitches in the face."
- Summer, 1989 - "Gay man held at knife point and threatened with physical harm if he refused to perform oral sex on his attacker."
- 1987 - "My friends were beaten very badly by a gang and actually the gang tried to kill one of them by running him over with a car."
- May, 1990 - "Queens-bound F train; 2 gay men sitting in the corner, 2 others walking through, put on gloves, harassed the men and became violent."
- 1988 - "A group of drunken college age men tried to force a car with a friend and 3 others off route 22. They were yelling "faggot", "dyke whores" and "fucking AIDS victim"."
- September, 1991 - "I saw a young man pick up an empty baby carriage he was pushing and lunge at a gay man with it for no reason, and then walk on."
- Fall, 1989 - "A friend was walking up 9th Avenue and 18th Street - the west side of the street when a group of very young men - and he thinks maybe even a young girl - came after him with baseball bats chased him for a block before he could get away."
- "Fort Tryon Park in Washington Heights. Gay male friend chased out of park by male teenagers who yelled "let's get him". They hit him, tore his clothes. He ran to a bar where he called the cops - patrons harassed and evicted him. Cops were unresponsive until he made repeated calls. It did go to trial and one kid got "record" but no other punishment."

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- “Friends are harassed constantly, beaten, threatened, etc. An ex-lover was committed to a mental institution by her parents simply because she is a lesbian.
 - May, 1986 - “A close friend lost left eye and had a pierced lung because of an attack.”
 - Summer, 1990 - “A friend of mine was grabbed by a gang in front of the Boy Bar on St. Mark’s Place. He was dragged into the street by someone shouting “faggot” and stabbed in the thigh with a knife.”
 - Spring, 1990 - “A friend was arguing with a man who was working for her and was heavily abused verbally, called “fucking bull dyke”, etc..”
 - February, 1988 - “My friend Ron was walking with his lover down a side street - they were holding hands and 4 guys attacked them. Neither were hospitalized, but both were bloody and bruised.”
 - February 22, 1991 - “A man was beaten by 5 or 6 youths on 9th Avenue around 20th street. The survivor did call the police at a restaurant at 23rd street.”
 - 1990 - “Group attack in park during gay event.”
 - December, 1990 - “An acquaintance who was shoved from behind and attacked at 7 p.m. in Sheridan Square. He fell, hitting his head into the curbstone. The injury required some 40 sutures to close.”
 - February, 1991 - “Severe beating by the police (of an unresisting demonstrator, requiring brain surgery.”
 - February 11, 1991 - “I witnessed Christopher Hennelly get beaten by police at midtown north. It was horrifying. I have also witnessed people attacked with anti-gay remarks on Long Island.”
 - December, 1990 - “A man was hit in the head with a crowbar.”
 - 1989 - “A friend getting the shit beat out of him for walking down the street.”
 - February, 1991 - “A friend was attacked and given a black eye on the street. There were no police around. Also a lesbian friend who is only about 5’3” was attacked by three men. She was pushed and sexually intimidated.”
 - 1987 - “Landlord and tenants controlled by landlord spray painting anti-gay epithets and

breaking into apartments of gay tenants with HIV disease.”

- 1989 - “Two males beat up on the way home from cabaret (88’s). Beaten and robbed, murdered on the piers.”
- June, 1990 - “A male friend of mine was punched in the face after leaving a gay club late at night. He was called faggot and suffered emotional trauma after the incident.”
- August, 1990 - “3 men attacked 2 friends, got them to the ground, kicked and beat them. One had to get stitches above his eye.”
- January, 1991 - “Murder of a gay man.”
- May, 1989 - “Fight/attack from car of a friend on Christopher Street in New York City.”
- 1988 - “A young man in his twenties was yelling anti-gay remarks while standing at the corner on Greenwich Avenue near a gay bar. He then punched a man in the face he perceived was gay and then ran away. This was about 6:00 p.m.”
- April, 1991 - “A friend coming out of a gay bar had rocks thrown at his head while being verbally abused.”
- September 10, 1990 - “One of my friends was held at gun-point and was told “I should kill you right now, you little faggot.”
- October, 1990 - “While walking in the Village area, two friends were jumped, raped by a N.J. gang in a car.”
- 1978 - “A gay male was raped and killed.”
- 1975 - “A gang of teens running after a young man. Teens had mop handles and were yelling faggot. They caught up to him and beat him on the head until he got away.”
- “The Anti-Violence march in the West Village last summer; I was there - the crowds were ugly.”
- Summer, 1990 - “One friend was beat up - another had a gun put to his head - later when the police arrived and my friend was holding a trash can up to protect himself, the cops went after him, probably because he is black.”
- 1990 - “A friend was being harassed by adolescent males on the subway, for wearing a pink sweater.”

- 1988 - "I witnessed a bashing and beating with fists and ash can covers."
- 1989 - "Friends were mugged outside of a bar. Friends were being pelted by rocks while on their way to a square dance."
- "A lesbian couple was shot at (one of them killed)."
- July, 1990 - "A gang of boys stopped a soccer practice in the west village and slapped around one of the women soccer players. We tried to protect her and eventually we all ran from the field."
- May, 1990 - "A 23 year old friend of mine (white male) while walking along E. 8th street (Manhattan) one evening (not late) was attacked by a "gang" of young whites "preppy" types (more than 4) who taunted him and then hit him on the forehead with a beer bottle. He sustained some stitches there."
- 1988 - "A very close friend was killed on a San Francisco street corner - the guy was saying "faggot"; 1990 - A friend was attacked by a gang in the Bronx near his home, during the day - with baseball bats. He's in traction at home. He was very seriously injured. He was not talking to them or anything; he was just perceived to be gay; 1989 - A lesbian friend of mine was followed and punched in the face by a young guy who said 'dyke'.
- 1989 - "My friend was walking with her lover on the upper east side. A man grabbed her from behind and punched her face. She required stitches. He had on 'brass knuckles' device."
- 1991 - "Many friends: 1 knifed in the face; 1 beaten and hospitalized; 1 beaten by police."
- August, 1990 - "At the dock at Cherry Grove on Fire Island, 3 young men approached by motor boat a verbally harassed people waiting on the dock for the ferry." August, 1989 - "An acquaintance was physically attacked by several youths in West Village."
- 1982 - "A friend and her lover were camp counselors. Discovered in bed together one morning, they were immediately deprived of their jobs, without recourse, and told to leave the same day."
- 1989 - "Two good friends of mine were held up at gun point and beaten. One of them had to be hospitalized. They were physically and verbally abused."

- Summer, 1990 - "A male (straight) youth threw a gay male off his bicycle and began beating him up because he 'cut him off' in the street. He called him faggot, pulled a knife... Police were not called for quite some time. Suspect ran from scene before police arrived, not reported as bias related."
- 1990 - "Walking in parade (gay) last year and people on the sidelines were abusive at times."
- 1955-1960 - "My brother and his friends used to harass males who were 'cruising' on a city street in the 1950s."
- "My lover told me she was brutally beaten by a man - he was trying to make her have sex with him."
- "A friend who lives in the West Village was beaten up for looking effeminate."
- 1980 - "Murder in Prospect Park cruising area."
- 1989 - "A friend, walking on Christopher Street (at Hudson) was knocked down. He was knocked unconscious, and was cut. There was blood all over his shirt."
- 1989 - "A man walking home from work late at night was beat up by a few young guys who thought he was gay; when the man went for help, nobody would help him."
- "I've seen people leering, snickering and hurling slurs at gays while in public."
- August, 1990 - "I witnessed my lover (and I) being verbally abused on a train; he was also assaulted, kicked, punched and threatened with being killed."
- "I have a friend who was beaten by a group of young men after he left a bar."
- "Two friends were attacked with a baseball bat."
- Summer, 1990 - "At a train station at Christopher Street, a man attacked another just because he didn't like him, because he looked gay. The police came and took them."
- 1990 - "I have heard about at least 3 murders occurring in cruising park (Bronx River Park north of the Botanical Garden) over the last 6 years."
- "Murders ongoing"
- 1975 - "A friend had his teeth knocked out by a fellow high school student with a base-

ball bat when he hold him he was gay.”

- 1990 - “The death of a friend because he’s gay.”
- Late 1990 - “Physical violence against a friend in Chelsea, walking home late at night from a gay club.”
- Summer, 1990 - “I watched a totally bloodied and beaten gay man being put in an ambulance. I saw police capture the perpetrators.”
- February, 1991 - “My best friend was bashed on the subway and was hospitalized. He required neurosurgery and reconstructive surgery. He has left New York.”
- 1989 - “Friends were beaten up in Greenwich Village.”
- Summer, 1990 - “People were beat up on the street by kids because they thought the 2 men were gay. They wound up in the hospital.”
- 1991 - “A friend who is a priest has been barred from serving in New York City because he has come out.”
- 1990 - “A gay man was beaten by some guys in front of a McDonalds restaurant in East Village.”
- December, 1990 - “My friends were waiting on a line to get into the Greenwich theater. Two gay men on the line were verbally attacked and then beaten up by two “straight” men.”
- August, 1987 - “Being cursed and beaten.”
- 1988 - “The murder of a gay man after bringing back a seemingly decent man home.”
- April, 1990 - “The mugging of an older, obviously gay man on the number 1 train between 42nd Street and 34th Street. Two men threatened him, called him faggot and robbed him. A third man held us other passengers at bay.”
- October, 1989 - “A friend was attacked - knocked unconscious with a brain contusion requiring hospitalization, drugs, and months of recovery that is on-going.”
- September, 1990 - “A group of 3 friends were punched and called faggots.”
- April, 1991 - “The one which I described above - he kept calling me faggot.”

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- 1989 - "My friend was beaten with a 2 by 4. He suffered a concussion and a broken jaw."
 - December, 1990 - "I heard about someone being stabbed."
 - Early 1991 - "A friend in Act Up told me about a protest in front of a police precinct in Manhattan where a friend of his was beaten and arrested."
 - 1991- "Unfortunately, there is an instructor at my college who makes horrendous remarks about gays and lesbians."
 - 1990 - "A gay guy was seriously beat up; a lesbian couple was threatened to be killed; my brother was called many names by women; two lesbian friends were raped."
 - November, 1990 - "A Black male was being tormented by a group of Italian white straight males in Bensonhurst (I was going to the doctor)."
 - "On the 6th Avenue area of the Village near 8th Street, I believe a young white male was taunting a transvestite, then called him over and squeezed his testicles hard, causing him to scream."
 - March, 1990 - "A friend's lover got off the PATH train in New Jersey and was walking home with an ACT UP t-shirt. He was surrounded by neighborhood teens and beaten needing long-term hospitalization and therapy as a result."
 - 1983 - "A girl I know who was in a home for emotionally disturbed youth told me that the doctors tried to tell her she was gay, but she wasn't (didn't think she was at the time). It upset her intensely, but they kept it up."
 - June 25, 1990 - "Two friends were bashed in their own apartment by a gang of 6-7 people who had chased them home, broke in. Both received concussions, broken arms and legs, and the apartment was trashed."
 - 1990 - "The most serious is when the heterosexuals at Woody's in the Village attacked the Queers at the Bar and the cops would not respond. I called Miriam Friedlander but so what."
 - 1986 - "I know a couple of guys that held a homosexual prisoner in his house for days."
 - Summer, 1990 - "A friend was assaulted and another was beaten, called anti-gay epithets."

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- 1984 - "A lesbian friend of mine was beaten"
 - June, 1990 - "Groups of men were throwing beer cans/bottles at crowds of gay men (from passing cars.)"
 - 1988 - "A friend was called 'faggot' and kicked to the ground, then thrown down the subway stairs."
 - December, 1990 - "A dear friend was subjected to harassment in the work place as well malicious gossip and innuendo that he had AIDS, even though this was not the case."
 - 1981 - "A house in the suburbs of Albany, N.Y. was set on fire. It was owned by a gay activist."
 - 1987 - "A young gay man was lured to the roof (20 floors up) and hung over the edge by his feet, then dropped 20 floors by the killers to his death."
 - October, 1989 - "Verbal and physical attack on two women walking arm-in-arm."
 - 1983 - "A friend that was almost killed by a bat wielding homophobe."
 - 1982 - "All of my friends, colleagues and clients (I am a psychotherapist) who have contracted AIDS for lack of appropriate governmental education and intervention and care. Also, a near murder, once again, I cannot decide which is more serious."
 - May, 1990 - Friend had physical violence to him on 46th and 9th Avenue, had to be put hospital for a week."
 - 1980 - "My friend was beaten in the subway and hospitalized with a broken jaw in Brooklyn Heights."
 - 1990 - "Muggings or threats of mugging and beatings coupled with verbal abuse and threats of violence."
 - August, 1990 - "A friend of mine was murdered"
 - 1990 - "The murder of James Zappalorti on Staten Island."
 - 1987 - "Two friends of mine in Philadelphia were beaten up in front of their house, requiring medical attention. They were beaten badly. They were an interracial, lesbian couple."

- 1990 - "A friend was beat up badly in the West Village."
- 1981 - "A close friend was attacked by a gang and hospitalized with injuries for 2 weeks."
- June, 1988 - "My friend was shot from a travelling vehicle while crossing West Street."
- January, 1991 - "A friend of mine was robbed and beaten in front of his house. This happened several times at the same location by the same person."
- 1989 - "A male friend of mine was thrown down a flight of stairs and beaten for almost an hour by several of his male relatives. They were attempting to 'beat the faggot' out of him."
- November, 1990 - "A close friend at night was chased into a Korean grocery by a group of 6 people with bats, etc... and then threatened to step outside, etc... I know of other people who have been beaten."
- 1990 - "Some teenagers beat a friend's head in with baseball bats after he left the Roxy. His eyes are permanently damaged."
- "I heard about a murder."
- 1988 - "I heard about a murder."
- October, 1989 - "A friend was attacked by a gang and beaten with a board at W. 13th Street between 8th Avenue and Hudson Street."
- 1979 - "John Henry Roy was a white American, an effeminate hairdresser, never sexually aggressive, yet stabbed to death 66 times."
- March 1, 1990 - "One of my friends had his jaw broken by a gang of teenagers after they taunted him."
- March, 1991 - "Two Asian lesbians were pushed down at a bar, epithets hurled. 3 African American lesbians were turned away rudely."
- July, 1985 - "A friend of mine was beaten in the Village with a pipe, resulting in hospitalization, broken bones, nose, etc..."
- 1986 - "I know of a person that was knifed several years ago by several youths. He was

physically and verbally abused.”

- 1991 - “Most of the incidents involve friends receiving verbal abuse while walking down the street - or feeling afraid while seeing others on the street, gangs, etc...”
- 1990 - “2 people were beaten up in the West Village.”
- 1990 - “I know of a murder upstate.”
- 1990 - “A friend of my sister was new to N.Y.C. and was beaten up for being gay - he is identifiably gay and was fairly brutally attacked.”
- 1988 - “Some people from my synagogue were mugged and beaten up in the West Village.”
- November, 1990 - “Innocent people were chased and struck by young men with baseball bats.”
- 1988 - “Abducted gay motorist at gun-point to his home, beaten and robbed.”
- 1990 - “Name-calling, epithets, with threats of violence, no weapons shown.”
- November, 1990 - “My friend was beaten up and robbed at Hudson Street and Charles by a group of teens who screamed anti-gay epithets while beating him. They stole his money.”
- January 16, 1982 - “My best friend and his boyfriend were murdered in his apartment on W. 10th Street, N.Y.C. During the crime, the perpetrators were saying ‘we’re going to kill all you faggots.’ This was witnessed by my best friend’s roommate who was hiding in the bedroom and escaped with his life.”
- Summer, 1989 - “A friend and his companion were brutally beaten by 4 young males. Both required hospitalization, one for a broken jaw and nose, the other for internal injuries. One had severe emotional problems afterwards.”
- 1989 - “A friend of mine was slashed with razors by a gang of tough guys in the Village. He had to have plastic surgery.”
- 1985 - “A gang of men were beating up and robbing a gay man on the street.”
- 1985 - “A gay man was murdered. I was the liaison between the Anti-Violence Project and the police.”

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- 1991 - "Physical bashing with guns, knives and bats."
 - November, 1990 - "I saw two guys beaten up."
 - February 1, 1991 - "Stabbing of a gay man."
 - 1989 - "Two acquaintances were murdered in their apartment, by 1 or 2 men they brought home for (possibly) sexual relationships."
 - May, 1990 - "Two of my friends were verbally harassed before they were attacked by the rest of a group that joined in after being summoned by the first two harassers. My friend's head was split above the eye requiring stitches, and his friend got bruised around the eye and bruised on the cheekbone."
 - "A knife was held to my friend's throat in the subway."
 - Summer, 1990 - "A friend of mine had a gun put to his head by a homophobe who threatened to kill him for being a 'faggot'."
 - Late 1980's - "A female was murdered while her female lover watched, out in the woods on their camping trip."
 - 1989 - "My cousin was robbed in the Village and then hit and kicked in the body, they kept calling him 'faggot'."
 - May, 1991 - "Threats of violence by passersby to pedestrians in the street."
 - 1975 - "I heard a woman tell of having her face slashed and her lover beaten up for being lesbians."
 - 1988 - "A woman with a huge scar on her face had been slashed in a parking lot of lesbian bar near Northampton, Mass. I met her on the street there and she told me this. Attackers were anti-lesbian white males."
 - February 3, 1991 - "A friend was arrested and he was badly beaten by police. Two women also were arrested, verbally abused on January 7th."
 - May, 1991 - "A group of 25 or more high school age students severely attacked a dancer on West 61st street. He is not even gay, but was perceived to be."
 - 1989 - "A friend's friend was killed in Staten Island, no... mutilated."

- 1989 - "Two friends have lost eyes - called 'faggots' - police would not allow either to be classified as bias."
- Summer, 1990 - "Gay man was singled out of a couple. He was just walking down the street, and punched in the face."
- 1990 - "I heard about a rape."
- 1988 - "Gay friend said 'a nice guy, picked me up - we went to a secluded place, started to do it - twisted genitals, called me "fag" - threatened to kill him."
- June, 1990 - "A friend was attacked by a group of six men on a Greenwich Village street. He was beaten with clubs, kicked and punched."
- December, 1990 - "Ex-lover of mine was slashed across the face with a box-cutter knife in the East Village."
- 1988 - "A friend of mine who was 'married' to another lesbian for 9 years was denied visiting rights to their child after they split up."
- September, 1990 - "A friend was assaulted in Williamsburg, Brooklyn. His face was cut and bruised."
- 1983 - "A white gay male friend, upon leaving a gay bar, (4th Street and 2nd Avenue) was harassed, beaten, then arrested by the police (9th precinct)."
- March, 1991 - "A friend was seriously beaten up on the street."
- October, 1990 - "2 men verbally abused, then beat up a man standing outside a movie theater who they considered gay. They bumped him, then accused him of running into them."
- 1990 - "A friend of a friend's left arm was slashed (male after being called a 'faggot' and followed by some guys."
- Spring, 1991 - "A close male friend was beaten 2 times, robbed 1 time, and chased. He was called a 'fag' during the attack."
- "I've only witnessed one beating by the police in the Village - years ago but have heard about many serious violent acts."

- 1985 - "A gay friend was kicked out of his home and told never to return unless he 'straightened out'."
- "A friend of a friend was gang-raped after leaving a gay bar by a group of men."
- 1989 - "A friend was attacked and beaten by three men for being gay."
- December, 1990 - "Personally, a PWA friend of mine was jumped coming out of a bar and severely beaten for no reason other than his location. He needed hospitalization."
- Fall, 1990 - "Friends were threatened with a gun in the Village."
- 1988 - "Two gay friends in college got rocks thrown at them by fraternity boys. Both were physically injured."
- August, 1990 - "Near the 19th Street project, a gang was wielding bats and throwing bottles and chasing people. They were preying on people emerging from the Roxy Club."
- 1990 - "4 friends of a distant relative drove down to the Village to 'rough up some fags'. They attacked the first two men they found with baseball bats. The case is in court now."
- October, 1989 - "I heard about a man's head being attacked with a tire iron near a west-side gay bar. He recovered."
- 1988 - "The door to a friend's apartment was badly damaged and almost kicked in by a group of men on a gay bashing rampage."
- April, 1990 - "A car window was smashed. It was parked outside a lesbian dance."
- Summer, 1990 - "A friend was beaten, along with her girlfriend, by a crowd of teenagers in the Village."
- 1990 - "Five young men surrounded one man with threats of violence."
- October, 1990 - "A group of teenage boys threw eggs at a friend of mine, then chased him, caught up to him and hit him with a broomstick while calling him 'faggot'."
- May, 1989 - "A physical attack against a friend by a gang."
- March, 1991 - "A friend was beaten to the point of brain damage by homophobic cops who said he was the scapegoat for the gay community."

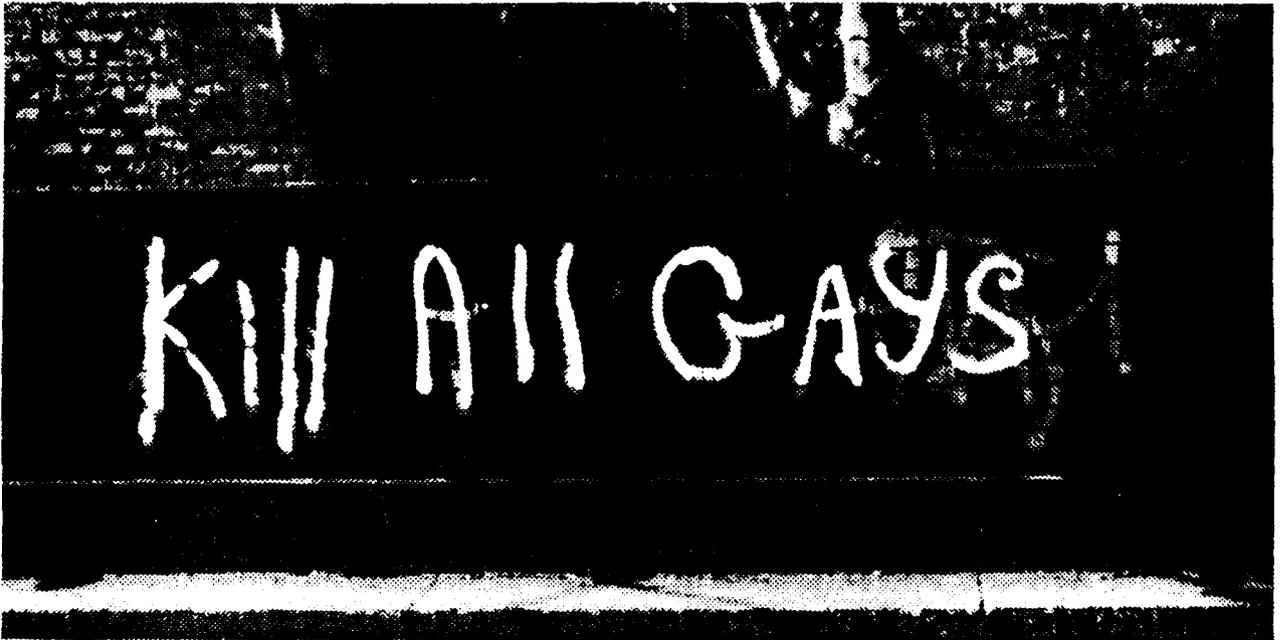
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- March 12, 1991 - "A gay male, in the World Trade Center, was beaten by 5 guys yelling 'burnt rear' and 'kill all lesbos and fags'."
 - March, 1991 - "I heard a gang of kids in my school speak about a gay guy that they were harassing and the way they treated his belongings."
 - 1987 - "There was the time when me and my boyfriend were denied hotel privileges because we wanted a room for ourselves. They assumed we were gay."
 - June, 1991 - "Various forms of mugging/hitting with verbal affronts of 'fag' and 'dyke'."
 - Summer, 1990 - "A group of thugs on the subway began teasing and then verbally abusing 2 women who had 'Gay and Proud' buttons on, but they were not even behaving as a couple."
 - 1980's - "A serious gay bashing of some acquaintances, some in-house robberies and beatings of friends, name calling from cars, etc..."
 - June, 1990 - "A fellow was stabbed to death on Christopher and West Street. It was only 9:00 p.m. Again no police in sight."
 - January, 1991 - "I know of a gay bashing in the West Village."
 - 1990 - "My friend came out of a nightclub and had someone hold a gun to his head, saying, 'I'm going to blow your brains out faggot'."
 - March 24, 1991 - "My friend Michael was walking down the street with his shoulder bag when a car containing a man called him 'faggot', grabbed his bag, and dragged him 15 feet. This was not a robbery! The man laughed and let go of the bag."
 - 1986 - "A hetero couple I know were assaulted on the street. (The group of boys thought she was a man.) She was knocked unconscious. He has now become a drug addict."
 - March, 1991 - "A group of Columbia Barnard students were verbally harassed and physically beaten just outside campus while security guards looked on and did nothing."
 - June, 1990 - "Two teenagers shouted 'repent' into gay bars on Christopher Street after last year's Gay Pride celebration. When told to beat it, they provoked a fight and knocked one gay man unconscious. The police came, but I don't know if they listed this as a bias crime."

- March, 1989 - "Two lesbian friends on the subway were approached by a 'gang' offering them 'what they needed' (straight sex) One was sexually assaulted as the other watched in fear."
- Summer, 1990 - "Threats on a gay woman's life (by a straight man) because she is gay."
- April, 1991 - "A man at the Limelight was assaulted for being gay. He had done nothing to provoke it."
- June, 1990 - "A friend was attacked by four men 2 blocks from his home. They tried to stab him with two knives and beat him up in the street. The streets were crowded with people who only laughed and watched."
- 1987 - "A male walking in the street spit in the face of a lesbian woman as she came out of a lesbian cafe."
- May, 1991 - "At a concert, a man angry at not being allowed in, yelled derogatory anti-gay names."
- "I heard about the killing of a Hispanic male on a school yard in Jackson Heights."
- 1990 - "A boyfriend was beaten up by three young men while exiting a bar."
- 1991 - "Friends being physically attacked by mobs of straights who yelled homophobic taunts at them."
- May 7, 1991 - "In a neighborhood bar, a man who 'appeared' to be gay was accosted verbally by several other patrons; they taunted him until he left."
- November, 1990 - "Three bashers beat up a single guy on West 14th Street."
- January, 1991 - "I was in the East Village. These 2 guys were holding hands and these kids threw bottles at them, and they got cut up badly. It was scary! They called them fucking 'fags'."
- 1986 - "I have seen two gay men punched in the face."
- December 22, 1990 - "Off duty police beat and pistol whipped 3 men, (allegedly, the policemen were drunk) in a fight over a cab. The people were getting so badly beaten that they will never recover. The police rarely, if ever, recognize (officially) the bias."
- February, 1991 - "A taxi picked up a man outside a gay bar, turned down a less traf-

ficked street, pulled the man out of the taxi and beat him.”

APPENDIX 4

List of Murders Described by Respondents



List of murders described by respondents

- 1990 - "The Zappalorti murder on Staten Island."
- 1981 - "Atlanta, Georgia: A gay male friend was murdered in his home. The murderer was never captured because his sister refused to allow investigation and publicity about his lifestyle."
- Summer, 1987 - "A friend of a friend was killed in San Francisco in a documented anti-gay hate crime."
- November, 1989 - "Death by gun shot. The victim was a very close friend."
- 1988 - "Gay man was run over by both post office truck and street sweeper. The first being deliberate, crushed skull, etc.."
- January 21, 1991 - "A friend's ex-lover left a gay bar in Cincinnati with a companion, was approached by a man who said "You faggots have no right to live", and shot him dead."
- August, 1990 - "I heard about the murder in East Elmhurst."
- 1990 - "The murder of gay males in Staten Island and Queens in the last 1 years."
- 1985 - "An acquaintance was murdered and mutilated in his home. His genitals were cut off and stuffed down his throat. This incident was nearly identical to one that occurred to a close friend many years before."
- The most serious incident I heard about was a murder about 12 years ago committed by a patron of a bar located on Roosevelt Avenue near Main Street in downtown Flushing. The victim was a gay man who propositioned the man. When the murdered understood what the gay man wanted, I guess he acted out his moral outrage. The case was distinctive in that the victim's body was later decapitated. The anti-gay dimension of the case was never recorded or explore by the police (109th precinct)."
- 1984 - "A friend was stabbed 30 times by a group of "fag bashers". He was left to die in a parking lot of a factory. He died in Georgia."
- 1990 - "The murder of a Staten Island man by 2 men because he was homosexual."
- 1989 - "A friend's lover was murdered in their apartment."

- I worked as a reporter for the gay press until 1989 (starting in 1984) so I've heard of many - including murders."
- 1988 - "A friend of mine who was murdered after bringing someone home."
- October, 1982 - "I worked at a bar called the RamRod. A retired transit policeman fired a semiautomatic rifle into the bar killing my co-worker Georg Wenz and injuring three others. He also wounded and permanently paralyzed another man on the street."
- 1988 - "A man was murdered on 15th Street and 8th Avenue."
- 1989 - "The murder of a friend with a pipe by teenagers in a group attack."
- 1987 - "11th street, 1st Avenue; youths with bats and combat boots, beat and kicked man to the ground, spray painted him and shot him dead."
- 1981 - "Murders of D. Craig Flint (1981), Vernon Kroening (1981), Jiog Wenz (1981), Richard Kallman (1981) and Steven Szladek (1981)."
- February, 1991 - "A friend of a friend of mine was shot and killed leaving a gay bar (not in New York State)."
- November, 1990 - "A police officer committed suicide because of the threats she received due to her sexual orientation."
- 1979 - "My friend's best friend was beaten to death in the summer of 1979 on Staten Island on Todt Hill near an abandoned highway."
- 1990 - "Gay man killed in Jackson Heights last year."
- "I've heard about murders on the piers."
- January, 1991 - "I heard about the murder of a gay man."
- 1978 - "A gay man was raped and killed."
- "A lesbian couple was shot at (one of them was killed)."
- "A very close friend was killed on a SF street corner - the guy was saying 'faggots' - 1988."
- 1980 - "Murder in Prospect Park- cruising area."

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- 1990 - "I have heard of at least 3 murders occurring in a cruising park (Bronx River Park north of Botanical Garden) over the last six years."
 - 1990 - "The death of a friend because he was gay."
 - 1988 - "Murder of gay man after bringing seemingly decent man home."
 - 1987 - "A young gay man was lured to a roof (20 floors up) and hung over the edge by his feet, then dropped by the killers to his death."
 - August, 1990 - "A friend of mine was murdered."
 - 1990 - "I've heard about the murder of James Zappalorti on Staten Island."
 - "I heard about a murder."
 - 1988 - "I'm familiar with a murder."
 - 1979 - "John Henry Roy was a white American, an effeminate hairdresser. He was never sexually aggressive, yet he was stabbed to death 66 times."
 - 1990 - "I heard about a murder upstate."
 - 1982 - "My best friend and his boyfriend were murdered in his apartment on W. 10th Street, NYC. During the crime, the perpetrators were saying 'we are going to kill all you faggots.' This was witnessed by my best friend's room mate who was hiding in the bedroom and escaped with his life."
 - 1985 - "A gay man was murdered. I was the liaison between the Anti-Violence Project and the Police."
 - 1989 - "Two acquaintances were murdered in their apartment by 1 or 2 men they brought home for (possibly) sexual relationships."
 - Late 80's - "Female murdered while her female lover watched in woods on their camping trip."
 - 1989 - "A friend's friend was killed in Staten Island - no... mutilated!"
 - 1990 - "A fellow was stabbed to death on Christopher and West Street. It was only 9 p.m. Again no police in sight."

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- “Killing of a Hispanic male on a school yard in Jackson Heights.”



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