

Hate Crime Beliefs Scale (HCBS) – Short Form

Instructions: Please rate the statements below using the following 5-point scale.

1	2	3	4	5
Strongly agree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly agree

- ___ 1. I believe hate crimes receive too much attention.
- ___ 2. Hate crime victims receive too much attention.
- ___ 3. Prosecutors spend too much time pursuing hate crimes.
- ___ 4. The media makes hate crimes into a bigger deal than they actually are.
- ___ 5. Hate crime law protection of Black people is unnecessary.
- ___ 6. Crimes against transgender people receive too much attention in the news.
- ___ 7. Charging someone with a separate hate crime charge is excessive prosecution.
- ___ 8. Having to report crimes against transgender people is unnecessary.
- ___ 9. Evidence of bias motivation in a crime should be an aggravating factor in sentencing.
- ___ 10. A hate crime offender should receive a lengthier prison sentence.
- ___ 11. Offenders who target Black people based on their race deserve a longer prison sentence.
- ___ 12. Hate crime perpetrators cause psychological trauma to their victims.
- ___ 13. Sexual orientation bias-motivated crimes are threatening to the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender community at large.
- ___ 14. Crimes against people that are physically impaired are threatening to the entire community of people with disabilities.
- ___ 15. Harsh punishments of hate crime offenders will decrease the likelihood of future hate crimes.
- ___ 16. Legislation including people with disabilities will discourage crimes against this group of people.
- ___ 17. Crimes against Black people are threatening to racial minorities at large.

Scoring:

Denial: Sum 1-8

Sentencing: Sum 9-11

Compassion: Sum 12-17