

Serious vilification and hate crimes

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My personal experience of vilification and hate crime

- I was at a concert, apologised for standing on a man's foot he leant forward in his seat and hit my butt three times.
- Out at the Grand, a man saw the tattoos on the back of my head, forced my head down and wouldn't let me up.
- Out at the clubs a man grabbed me across the stomach to get past.
- At the clubs a man rubbed me up and down my sides and pressed on my back then walked away.
- In a subway I looked over and saw a man videoing my feet with his phone.
- Had a man take a photo of me in public

My opinion on vilification and hate crime laws

I think they aren't strong enough, they aren't there to protect minorities, they don't even protect those with disabilities, who are rarely treated like people. However, I also believe education in schooling systems is incredibly important and it is vital it be implemented.

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If you have had a personal experience of hate crime or vilification, describe what happened to you here. Include when it happened, who did it, how it made you feel at the time, and how you felt afterwards. On a day celebrating pride, yr 12 2019, wear purple for LGBT+. Boys made a paper character with a ~~and~~ purple shirt and hung it up in a noose.

Did you report it? If you did, explain here who you reported it to (e.g. the police) and whether you were satisfied with the result. If you didn't report it, explain why not.

I told the teacher and we cut it down. I didn't find out if the boys got in trouble, they still came to school and probably didn't learn anything. Not satisfied.

My opinion on vilification and hate crime laws

Do you think there should be stronger criminal laws about vilification and hate crime? If so, what? Yes, stronger consequences and those enforcing the law should actually see marginalized experience as valid and have empathy.

How do you think laws should deal with online vilification and hate crimes?

I'm not sure. Make it also punishable by law, illegal.

What do you think would help combat vilification and hate crimes?

EDUCATION → Allow unfiltered non-white education and history into schools.

Do you think other people should be protected from vilification and hate crimes under the law? If so, on what grounds (e.g. because of disability, sex, age, etc)?

Yes, disability should absolutely be protected, and sex.