

TONY NOUN Conservative for State Representative

"Our Conservative Business Voice for the

Families of District 150"

Tony Noun, a family man and business owner, arrived to the United States of America with a vision to reach the road of success. He brought with him a message of hope and passion from his home country Lebanon, that would one day prove to be his foundation for the service of others. With much appreciation for what this country has provided him, and an understanding and belief in the principle of giving back to the community, Tony decided to run for a State House seat as a Republican in District 150. His focus is to be at the service of citizens of all nationalities and denominations, and he carries with him a promise that his doors would never close to anyone in the community. In a special and exclusive sitdown with Tony Noun from District 150 in Spring, Texas, we held this interview:

LTM: Who is Tony Noun? When did you come to the U.S.?

I am from the town of 'Hakel' in Jbeil District, the cradle of the alphabet in the world. I was born in Achrafieh.

I left Lebanon but Lebanon did not leave me. I carried my country in my heart and thoughts. Over 25 years ago at the age of nineteen, I arrived to the United States and came to Houston, where my sister already resided.

LTM: How did you begin your career?

I got married in Lebanon and two weeks later, my

wife and I went to Cyprus to obtain visas to the United States. When we arrived, I had very little...only my faith, my wife, a few hundred dollars, and a tenacious desire to work and contribute. I had an understanding that if you work hard, if you sacrifice, if you treat people right and conduct good business, you can achieve anything.

I was working night and day and rested only 4 hours every 24 hours. This struggle went on for five years until I purchased a retail center then followed that by opening an automobile repair shop.



I moved to Spring, Texas and began to buy commercial real estate, including buildings and apartments. I continued doing this until 2008 when U.S the economy was hit and badly shaken. Business banking essentially halted, and that cost me everything I owned, including a magazine, my automobile repair shop, cars, real estate, and 110 employees. I lost everything but I did not lose my dignity and my credibility. I came back with a fight and stood up to start all over again. From 2009 until 2013, I was able to regain some of the lost properties and businesses. God was always with me. Now my businesses are on solid footing, and my wife and I are blessed to have raised three wonderful children: Savannah (a business owner in the District), Natasha (who attends the University of Houston) and Tony Jr (a senior at Klein High School)

LTM: Why are you a candidate for District 150 and who are your supporters?

For some time now, business and community leaders in the area have encouraged me to seek public office. For too long, we've seen several of our businesses and sections of our community suffer here in Spring and Klein. While the rest of the State has enjoyed growth, development and success...parts of our own community have seen increased criminal activity, creeping prostitution, and unsightly building vacancies. The time for empty rhetoric has passed and we deserve real solutions.

LTM: What is the number of competing candidates in this race?

Two candidates in the Primary Election.

LTM: Who supports your campaign and what is your plan in the event of winning?

I am both thrilled and humbled by the support I have received so far, and I don't take lightly the faith so many are placing in me. As the campaign moves forward, our team will block-walk and knock on more doors than anyone in this race. We will call more homes and talk to more voters than anyone in this race. We will engage in a purposeful and strategic mail campaign in this race. We will out work the competition and I'll fight for this seat just like I plan to fight for the residents of District 150 if I'm blessed to get to Austin.





بيت العبادة البهائي في ويلميت -الينوي BAHAI TAMPLE WILMETTE ELLINOIS

يعتبر هذا البيت واحداً من بين سبع معابد بهائية فقط في العالم، والوحيد من نوعه في أميركا، ويقع على بعد 30 دقيقة من شيكاغو. ويبدو هذا البيت منحوتاً بشكل معقد، فهو معبد دائري في تسع جوانب فيه نافورة من الخارج، والمعبد يقدم خدمات لأبناء الطائفة التي تأسست في إيران.



UTTAH SALT LAKE TEMPLE

معبد سلت ليك يوتاه

لا يسمح بدخول هذا المعبد لغير أتباع طائفة المورمونية، ولكن هذا لا يمنع من التمتع بمنظره الخارجي، وتوجد شاشات خارجية لعرض ما بداخله ،المعبد بُني من الغرانيت وهو مكون من خمسة طوابق وستة أبراج.



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المملكة العربية السعودية نسبة إلى العائلة المالكة آل سعود.

الكويت تصغير كوت وهي قلعة محاطة بسور وخندق تصغيرها كويت.

البحرين نسبة إلى البحر المالح وعيون المياه العذبة التي تصب في البحر وكأن الملح والمياه العذبة يلتقيان في أن واحد.

قطر نسبة إلى قطر المطر مشهورة بأمطارها.

أبو ظبي موطن الظباء، وقالوا أن صياداً إصطاد ظبياً ولما أمسكه كان متعباً من العطش، فذهب يبحث عن البئر فلما وجده كان البئر قد جف، فمات الصياد والظبي قرب البئر فأطلقوا على البئر اسم أبو ظبي. دبي تصغير دبا وهو الجراد الذي لم ينبت له أجنحة. الشارقة لأنها تقع في أقصى الشرق.

رأس الخيمة نسبة إلى الخيمة التي كانت تنصبها ملكة الزباء.

فلسطين كلمة تعود لقوم إسمهم الفلسطر سكنوا أرض فلسطين منذ قديم الزمان.

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مصر أصل الكلمة مجر أو مشر والتي تعني المكنون أو المحصن.

أفغانستان كانت تدعى خراسان وهي كلمة فارسية وتعنى الأرض التي تشرق منها الشمس.

تركيا مشتقة من الترك و هو الشعب البدوي الذي عاش في القرن السادس ميلادي.

الصين اشتق اسمها من أول إمبراطور وهو تسين شي. أثينا اشتق اسمها من اله زيوس اله الحكمة والفنون والعلوم عند الإغريق.

بريطانيا أخذ اسمها من مقاطعة بريطانيا في شمال فرنسا على بحر المانش.

انكلترا وتعنى بلاد الملائكة.

المكسيك اشتق اسمها من الحضارات التي عاشت على أرضها وكانت تسمى مكسيكا.

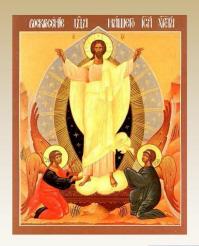
النمسا الأرض المشرقة لأنها كانت واقعة شرق مملكة شارلمان.

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عيد الأضحى تقبل الله منا ومنك

في منتصف شهر تشرين الأول يصادف عيد الأضحى لدى الطوائف الإسلامية والدرزية، أعاده الله على الجميع بالخير والصحة، فهو أحد العيدين عند المسلمين يصادف بعد إنتهاء وقفة يوم عرفة حيث يقف فيه الحجاج المسلمون لتأدية أهم مناسك الحج ،ويعتبر ذكرى لقصة إبراهيم عندما أراد التضحية بإبنه إسماعيل تلبية لأمر الله لذا يقوم العديد من المسلمين بالتقرب إلى الله في هذا اليوم بالتضحية بأحد الأغنام وتوزيع لحم الأضحية على الأقرباء والفقراء وأهل بيته ومن هنا جاء اسمه عيد الأضحى.

ولعيد الأضحى أسماء مختلفة منها يوم النحر في مصر، وفي المغرب العيد الكبير، وفي إيران عيد القربان ،وتتسم أيام العيد بالصلوات وذكر الله والفرح والعطاء والعطف على الفقراء، وتزيين المدن والقرى الإسلامية بثوب جديد.

أمّا العدد الضخم من التضحيات التي تذبح وتقدم أضحية فهي تيمناً بإبراهيم الذي أوشك أن يذبح إبنه إسماعيل تلبية لطلب الله والذي إفتدى إسماعيل بكبش ذبح لوجه الله كما إعتاد المسلمون تحية بعضهم البعض فور إنتهائهم من أداء صلاة العيد حيث يقوم كل مسلم بمصافحة الآخر قائلاً: تقبل الله منا ومنك وكل عام وأنتم بخير كما يقومون بزيارة أقاربهم وأصدقاءهم.

ومجلة ليبانون تايمز تتمنى للطائفة الإسلامية والدرزية الخير والبركة.



المسيح الأسود أو الموت

كان هناك عدواً يكره المطران ويتمنى له الموت، ويقال بأن العدو كان الشماس في الكنيسة ،وكان حسوداً غيوراً يتمنى للمطران الهلاك ،وكان المطران معتاداً على الصلاة أمام السيد المسيح المصلوب على خشبة داخل الكنيسة، وكان عند إنتهاء صلاته يقترب من الصليب ويقبل قدمي المصلوب، وكان الشماس يراقبه بإستمر إر لذا طرأت على رأسه فكرة خبيثة بل شيطانية بوضع سم على قدمي السيد المسيح المصلوب على الصليب داخل الكنيسة حيث يقتل هذا السم بمجرد لمسه فكيف إذا لمس شفتى المطران لحظة تقبيله لقدمي المصلوب وهكذا يموت المطران مسموماً خلال دقائق



وجود المطران. وفي اليوم التالي جاء

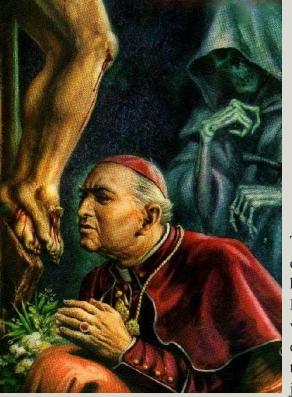
المطران ووقف أمام المصلوب للصلاة وبعد الإنتهاء إقترب من قدمى السيد المسيح ليقبلهما وفجأة تغير لون الصليب

وتغير لون المصلوب إلى اللون الأسود فقد شرب السم المصلوب وتقوست ساقى السيد المسيح مرتفعة كي ينجو المطران من الموت، أي أن المصلوب أبعد قدميه كي لا يستطيع المطران الوصول إليهما لتقبيلهما كي لا يهلك من السم .

وهكذا تغير لون الصليب والمصلوب إلى اللون الأسود وأصبح اسمه كريستو ديل فينينو أي المسيح السم أو كريستونيرو أي المسيح الأسود ، هذه الأعجوبة جرت في كنيسة بورتا تشيلي والتي تعني باللغة العربية باب السماء وتقع في وسط العاصمة المكسيكية مكسيكو، التي تبعد بضعة مئات من الأمتار من الكاتدرائية الأسقفية والقصر الرئاسي ، وأصبحت اليوم معروفة بأسم كنيسة المسيح الأسود أو مسيح السم وأصبحت أيضاً مزاراً شعبياً يقصده كل يوم آلاف المؤمنين ، هذه الأعجوبة الحقيقية جرت في القرن السابع عشر ولم يزل الصليب والمصلوب بأللون الأسود داخل الكنيسة وساقيه مقوستان على الصليب. والجدير بالذكر بأن الكنيسة المذكورة تأسست على يد

اللبنانيين عام 1952 على عهد سفير لبنان في المكسيك جوزف ابو خاطر وبإشراف الأب شامى ثم تسلمها الأب سليمان خوري عام 1965 وهي الآن بإشراف الارشمندريت غبريال غنوم ألمخلصى من طائفة الروم الملكيين الكاثوليك.





Black Christ or Death of The Bishop

There was a deacon who hated the Bishop and wished him death. His detestation and jealousy were a

passionate wish for the Bishop's destruction.

The Bishop was known for his prayer in front of Jesus Christ crucified on a wooden cross inside the church and at the end of his prayer he approached the cross and kissed the feet of the crucified, while the deacon constantly watched.

A malicious and satanic idea started to build in the deacon's mind. He sprayed the crucified feet with a kind of poison that will immediately kill once touched especially if the lips of the Bishop will come in contact. By doing so, the Bishop would instantly die and the deacon would have had his wish.

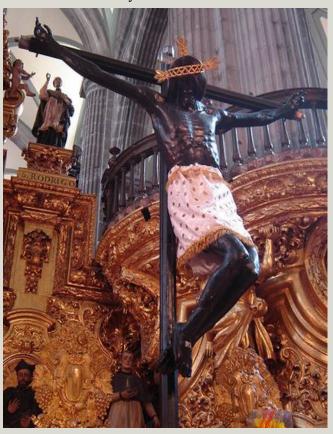
The next day the Bishop came and stood in front of the crucified for prayer. After completion, the Bishop approached Christ to kiss His feet when suddenly the color of the cross and the crucified turned to a black color as the cross and the crucified absorbed the poison and the legs of the crucified were arched upwards to prevent the Bishop touching the poison.

This phenomena was named Cristo Negro (Black Christ) and it happened in Iglesia de Porta-Coeli (Gate of Heaven) in Calle de Venustiano Carranza 107, Cuauhtémoc, 06060 Federal District, Mexico.

The church became a popular place of pilgrimage visited daily by thousands of the faithful. This real miracle took place in the seventeenth century and the black Christ with His feet arched and the black cross are still displayed inside the church until currently.

It is worth mentioning that the church was founded by Lebanese in 1952 during the time of Lebanon's Ambassador to Mexico Joseph Abu Khater and under the supervision of Father Shami.

Then Father Solomon Khoury took over in 1965 and is now under the supervision of Archimandrite Gabriel Gnome Olmakhlsa of the Melkite Catholic community.





Abdel A. Elkhadiri

President of the Arab American Cultural & Community Center (ACC) in Houston

Our motto is service and maintaining roots The Center is the home to reunite Arabs.

Abdel A. Elkhadiri, the President of the Arab American Cultural & Community Center in Houston, impresses you with his kindness, educational, and cultural knowledge. He is working with an eye on the Arab American Cultural & Community Center and the second eye focuses on the solidarity and the unity of the Arab community. His mission is community service and maintaining roots, traditions, heritage, and the Arabic language. Elkhadiri is proud of the Arab community away from politics and sectarianism. An interview was held with Mr. Elkhadiri at the Lebanon Times office.

LTM: Who is Abdel A. Elkhadiri? Which part of the Arab world are you from and when did you arrive to the United States?

First, let me extend my thanks and admiration to Lebanon Times Magazine which has made amazing achievements and has become a necessity for the Arab community during a short period of time. I wish the magazine lasting success. Going back to the question, I was born in Marrakech, Morocco. I arrived to the United States in 1995

to study at the University of Houston. I then moved to the University of Texas at Austin. I hold a Master's degree in Mathematics and Informatics. Before joining the Arab American Cultural & Community Center in Houston, I was active in social institutions in the service of the Arab communities. I contributed to the establishment of the Moroccan Association in Houston and a member of the Rotary Club. In 2005, I joined the ACC. I am currently working with Deutsche Bank in Houston.



the presidency?

The ACC started in the early nineties and the first meeting of the center was on September 23, 1993. On October 5th of this year, we will be celebrating twenty years of the Center's foundation. The land was bought in 1995 and the opening of the center was in 1997. The Center works to consolidate three things.

The Center stays away from politics and sectarianism. It is for all the people of the Arab world without borders as the Center includes all nationalities from all Arab nations. We all work as volunteers at no charge.

LTM: What were some achievements during your presidency of the Center?

The length of the Center president's term is one year which can be renewed. When I became president of the Center, I worked and cooperated with members and trustees to achieve my program which included 12 items. I was able to implement 9 items and 3 remain under construction. It was my first goal when I became president to stay away from politics so as not to affect the work of the Center. We are students of unity and solidarity because the Arab American in the U.S. is active in society and we are proud of the Arab American because he is in all fields, from medicine to engineering and law. We have a respected community which only lacks unity and the Center is the right place to reunite the Arab community in Houston. As I said earlier, I started my work at the Center relying on three things. The first thing is unity, then unity, and then unity. The second is transparency of the administrative and financial matters and to inform everyone about the Center and what it expenses from income to debt registered and declared through a monthly report and we also have a website. The third thing is openness to all Arab American associations in Houston as there are regular monthly meetings with them to coordinate and cooperate. There is also a plan to declare the Arab Cultural Week in April 2014.

LTM: Does the Center have a school to teach Arabic language?

The most important of the Center's offerings is teaching the Arabic language through the Center's school because the Arabic language is our mission as it is a key objective of the Center that the Arab American does not lose his or her identity. Our mission summarized in two words is serve and preserve.

LTM: What is your ambition?

My ambition is for the Center to transform to become the central Arab house for all Arabs and all who speak the Arabic language from West to the East and that there is no differentiation between the Atlas Mountains or the mountains of Lebanon and that there is no differentiation of Arab from the desert of Mauritania or the desert of Sudan or from the Nile or from Mesopotamia. We must maintain our Arab identity and our civilization and our culture and heritage. I wish that the Center plays an important role in the unity of the Arab community, especially since the Arab countries are going through difficult and fateful times. The last word:

Thank you for your efforts. The Center is your home and I wish for cooperation together to raise the name of the Arab community.





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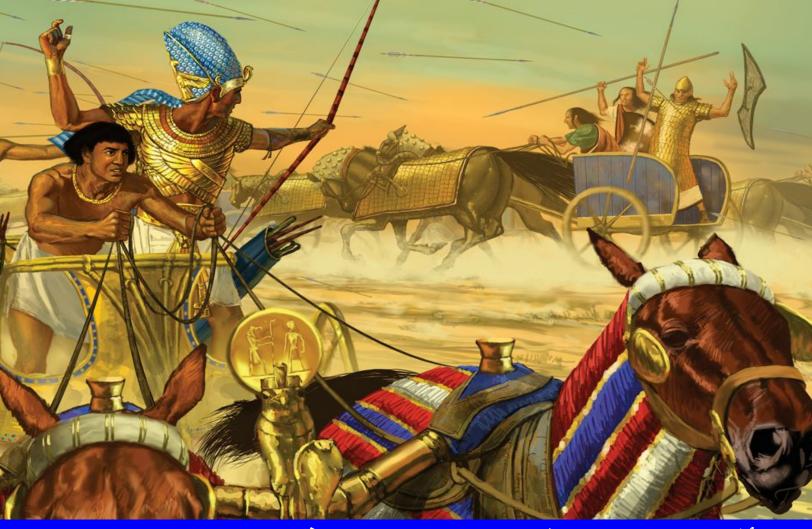
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أقدم الجيوش في تاريخ البشرية الجيش المصري

أقدم الجيوش النظامية في العالم والذي يعود تاريخه إلى سبعة آلاف سنة هو الجيش المصري في زمن الملك نارمر. وكان الجيش المصري أقوى جيش في العالم. وبفضله أنشأ المصريون أول إمبراطورية في العالم، وهي الإمبراطورية المصرية الممتدة من تركيا شمالاً إلى الصومال جنوبا، ومن العراق شرقاً إلى ليبيا غرباً. وقد كان ذلك هو العصر الذهبي للجيش المصري المؤلف من المشاة والعربات التي تجرها الخيول والرماحين والجنود وكان الجيش المصرى يتكون من الجيش البرى الحراب والفروع الأخرى، والأسطول الذي كان يحمي سواحل مصر البحرية كلها إضافة إلى نهر النيل. وما زالت بعض الخطط الحربية المصرية القديمة تدرس في أكاديميات العالم، وقد قدمت العسكرية المصرية القديمة العديد من القواد العظماء وكان أبرز العقول العسكرية هو الإمبراطور تحتمس الثالث ،وهو أول إمبراطور في التاريخ الذي أنشأ الإمبر اطورية المصرية وفي رصيده

العديد من المعارك والحروب أشهرها معركة مجدو التي ما زالت تدرس حتى اليوم. وإستمر وجود الجيش المصري حتى عهد دولة البطالمة، وكان أول تجنيد للرجال من شعب مصر في الجيش العربي الذي إشترك في تحرير مدينة القدس من أيادي الصليبيين في أهم المعارك التاريخية على مر العصور هو قائد المعركة البطل صلاح الدين الأيوبي، وكان الجزء الأكبر من جنوده من المصريين، بالإضافة إلى ذلك لعب الجيش المصري دوراً كبيراً في هزيمة المغول الذين دمروا الدولة الإسلامية العباسية بقيادة القائد قطر.

وفي عام 1820 تأسس الجيش المصري الحديث إبان حكم محمد علي باشا، وتم بناء أول مدرسة حربية تقوم بإعداد الجنود والضباط على الطراز الحديث.

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The Egyptian Army is the Oldest Army

The oldest standing army in the world dating back to seven thousand years is the Egyptian army at the time of King Narmer. The Egyptian army at that time was the most powerful army in the world.

Thanks to the Egyptian army the world's first empire was created. The Egyptian empire stretched from Turkey in the north to Somalia in the south as well as Iraq in the east and Libya in the west

This was the golden age of the Egyptian army which was composed of infantry, carts, horses, arrow shooters, and soldiers.

The Egyptian army consisted of a land branch and other branches and a fleet which protected the marine coast of Egypt in addition to the Nile River.

Some of the war plans of ancient Egyptians are still taught in military academies of the world. The Egyptian military has provided many old great leaders who were some of the best brains in military tactics such as Emperor Thutmose III, the first emperor in history that created the Egyptian empire. Thutmose III became a great Pharaoh in his own right and has been referred to as the Napoleon of ancient Egypt. Perhaps his reputation is due to the fact that his battles were re-

corded in great detail by the archivist, royal scribe, and army commander. In his tally, there were many battles and wars, most notably the Battle of Megiddo which is still taught until today.

The presence of the Egyptian army continued until the reign of the State of the Ptolemy, the first to recruit men from the people of Egypt to the Arab army which participated in the liberation of the city of Jerusalem from the rule of the Crusaders in the most important historical battles over the ages.

The hero commander of the battle was Saladin and the bulk of the army was Egyptian soldiers. In addition, the Egyptian army played a major role in the defeat of the Mongols who had destroyed the Abbasid Islamic State led by Commander Qatar .

In 1820, the modern Egyptian army was founded during the reign of Muhammad Ali Pasha (a civil or military authority in Turkey or Egypt). The first military school was built to prepare soldiers and officers in a modern style. So dear reader, take note that the first and oldest army in the history of mankind is the Egyptian Arab army.

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كشفت دراسة حديثة في جامعة بروكسل العالمية ،ونشر في صحيفة اليوم السابع المصرية ، عن رواتب وممتلكات ملوك ورؤساء العالم.

وأوضحت أن راتب ملك النرويج هو الأعلى في العالم حيث يتسلم مليونا و 200 ألف يورو .

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وكشفت الدراسة على أن الرؤساء أصحاب المرتبات الأقل يأتى على رأسهم الرئيس المصري.

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رئيس وزراء ألمانيا 277 ألف يورو سنويا.

رئيس وزراء فرنسا 273 ألف يورو سنويا.

وقال البروفسور هيرامان ماثيوجس أستاذ الإقتصاد في جامعة بروكسل وصاحب أول دراسة حول مرتبات ملوك ورؤساء العالم أن ملك السعودية صاحب أكبر ثروات العالم حيث لديه مخصصات ضخمة تصل إلى بليون

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في المقابل يتقاضى العاهل الإسباني خوان كارلوس 175 ألف يورو سنوياً وهو أقل راتب بين ملوك أوروبا.

أمّا الرئيس الروسي فإنه يتقاضى 115 ألف دولار في السنة أي 9583 دولاراً في الشهر.

وأضاف التقرير أن أعلى راتب رئيس في العالم هو لرئيس سنغافورة حيث يتقاضى راتباً أساسياً قدره 2.18 مليون دولار في العام.

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Kristin Rehler Civil Rights Supervisor & SA Al Tribble Special Agent

You have rights! Don't be afraid ...

People's perception of the FBI is that their main focus is security, but very few know that the role of the FBI is to also protect the civil rights of its citizens and non-citizens that reside on American soil.

What role does the FBI play when it comes to civil rights?

The FBI is the primary federal law enforcement agency responsible for investigating federal civil rights violations. The FBI's Civil Rights Program is comprised of four components: Hate Crimes, Human Trafficking, Color of Law (police misconduct) and FACE Act (Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances Act). It is a federal crime for anyone to willfully injure, intimidate, or interfere with those seeking to obtain or provide reproductive health care services. Hate Crimes are the

number 1 priority subprogram due to the impact these offenses have on individuals, the community and society as a whole.

A Hate Crime can be defined as a criminal offense that is committed against a person or property motivated in whole or in part by the offender's bias against race, color, religion, disability, ethnicity/national origin, gender, gender identity or sexual orientation.

Hate crimes can be categorized as Thrill Hate Crimes, Reactive Hate Crimes and Mission Hate Crimes. Thrill Hate Crimes are generally



committed by two or more individuals. The individuals who commit Thrill Hate Crimes are generally under the influence of alcohol or illegal narcotics. They target an individual due to their own biases and generally inflict serious injury. They sometimes commit these offenses to gain the favor of a peer group.

Reactive Hate Crimes are generally committed by individuals who are influenced by media stimuli, (news reports, proposed legislation). News reports of American soldiers dying in Iraq, and legislation regarding immigration reform have spiked incidents of bias motivated crime.

Mission Hate Crimes are rare and are generally committed by individuals who have a diminished mental capacity. These individuals target a person based upon a bias, kill them and commit suicide.

Victims of Hate Crimes generally do not know their attacker(s) and are more likely to suffer a violent attack more so than individuals who are targeted for a typical theft or burglary.

 What kind of involvement does the FBI partake when the civil rights of an illegal

immigrant are violated?

The same as if the individual was a citizen. The United States Constitution protects everyone, not just citizens. The FBI ensures the rights of all persons are not abridged.

 What does the civil rights encompass, color, religion race and country of origin?

The FBI can initiate a federal civil rights investigation based upon the use or threat of force due to bias against an individual's race, color, religion, disability, ethnicity/national origin, gender, gender identity or sexual orientation.

• Can an illegal immigrant file a complaint to the FBI if his civil rights are violated without being deported?

The FBI treats victims of civil rights violations as victims.

What advice would you give to LTM readers?

Remain vigilant. Your readers are the eyes and ears of the community. They can contact the FBI 24 hours a day, seven days a week at (713) 693-5000 or by email Houston. Texas@ic.FBI.gov





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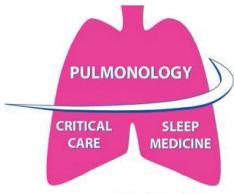
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