

Source: Reuters

Here at Not In Our Town, we can't stop talking about Trayvon Martin, the 17-year-old who was shot by a neighborhood watch volunteer in Sanford, FL. Bias-motivated violence makes those of us in the anti-hate movement feel like the fight is far from over.

We have been talking about details picked up in news articles: Why the neighborhood watchman carried a gun, Florida laws and law enforcement, and <u>Trayvon's fear</u>. The resonance of his death to <u>parents across the</u> country. The Million Hoodies March in Manhattan and a Change.org petition calling for the prosecution of the shooter, George Zimmerman, with 1.3 million signatures and counting.

So we turned the conversation over to our community. What bothers you the most about this tragedy? And what can we learn from it? Share your thoughts here.

From Paris to Pennsylvania: Communities Stand Up to Anti-Semitism

Bullying



THE MOVIE

The movie, Bully, hits theaters March 30. Find out more about this controversial and important film.

As part of the Public Insight Network, we have been researching a story about bullying -- share your perspective!

What's your experience with bullying? And what do you think we can do to address it?

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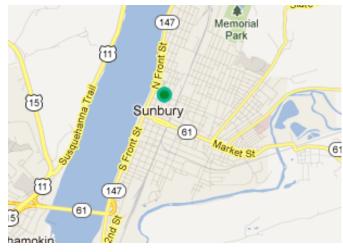


Watch video of silent march in Paris from The Telegraph

Several thousand people staged a silent march in Paris in memory of the victims of the Monday attack in Toulouse, where a gunman on a motorbike shot dead three children and a teacher at a Jewish school. People marched holding banners and waving flags. Some lit candles at the symbolic Bastille monument in Paris, according to the *Telegraph*.

Though the gunman was shot by police after a 32-hour siege, the incident caused an international stir. <u>French president Nicolas Sarkozy</u> <u>said</u> that France will make it a crime to consult websites that advocate terrorism or hate crimes.

In light of this tragedy, Not In Our Town also remembers the acts of anti-Semitism that escape widespread media attention, that make communities big and small feel targeted.



Earlier this month, a rabbi in Sunbury, PA placed a green dot on the <u>NIOT.org map</u>, symbolizing her anti-hate effort. Her synagogue, Congregation Beth-El, and a local college had recently been targeted with anti-Semitic vandalism.

Rabbi Nina Mandel organized a rally that brought 250 people together--among them judges,

city officials, and interfaith leaders--to stand together against hatred.

"This Sunday, I had to do something that no adult ever wants to do. I had to explain to a roomful of children why there are people in the world who do not like them, simply because of who they are," wrote <u>Mandel in this moving piece, "I Am a Jew."</u>

New Mexico State University hosts Not In Our Town forum

KRWG and New Mexico State University's Office of Student Diversity and Outreach host a two-day Not In Our Town forum on March 27-28.



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