



Who joins online hate groups? Recently, a [New York Times op-ed](#) explored this question, investigating a white supremacist website and the demographics of its members. At the end of the piece, the author reflected that, despite his research, he doesn't know why people join online hate groups, or what can be done about it.

Here at Not In Our Town, we believe there are things we can do to address intolerance. In response, we've written two op-eds with ideas for how each of us can stop hate, inspired by lessons from people like you.

Let's keep the conversation going about the positive things we can do to stand up against bigotry. Please take a moment to read the op-eds below, add your ideas in the comments, and share with your friends and family.

Heading Off the Storm of Hate, Together



Not In Our Town CEO/Executive Producer, Patrice O'Neill, and Not In Our School Director, Dr. Becki Cohn-Vargas, explore **how to combat hate with five key lessons to use in your own community.** The first step is simple: it starts with awareness.

[Click here for the five key lessons.](#)

Why Do People Hate? And Is There a Way to Counteract It?



Frank Joyce, Not In Our Town Board Chair, offers NIOT's films, National Leadership Gathering, and Gold Star Cities program as examples of what we can do to respond to intolerance and build safe, inclusive communities.

[Read the full article on Alternet here.](#)



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