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Mapping the scientific knowledge and approaches to defining and measuring hate crime, hate speech, and hate incidents

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This ongoing Campbell Collaboration systematic review is sponsored by Public Safety Canada for the Five Research and Development (5RD) Countering Violent Extremism (CVE) network. The review aims to map the definitions and measurement tools used to capture the whole spectrum of hate - motivated behaviors, including hate crime, hate speech and hate incidents. More specifically, this review will examine (1)how hate crimes, hate speech, and hate incidents are defined in the academic, legal, policy, and programming literature; (2) what concepts, parameters, and criteria qualify a behavior as being hate crime, hate incident or hate speech; (3) what the most common concepts, parameters, and criteria are across definitions; (4) what differences there are between definitions and the elements they contain; (5) how definitions are operationalised to measure hate crimes, hate speech, and hate incidents; and (6) how valid and reliable these measures are. Many scholars have discussed the problems associated with the lack of consistent definitions and measurements of hate crime, hate speech, and hate incidents both within federal countries like the United States and across different countries in North America and Europe. However, there is currently no study to date that has systematically mapped the field of hate studies. This review will provide a comprehensive mapping of the current portfolio of definitions and measurement tools available in North America, Europe, Australia, and New Zealand. This will support the critical appraisal of strengths and weaknesses of different country approaches, and the strategic planning and development of the next wave of research, policy, and legislative efforts and shape the next generation of anti-hate efforts globally. Findings will be available at the time of the symposium and their policy and research implications will be discussed.