OFFENDER MOTIVATIONS

Thrill Seeking

Driven by a desire to display dominance and experience a rush. May gain a sense of importance through their offending, and acceptance by peer group. More likely to be random attacks.



Intentional damage: A group of people mowing an offensive symbol into a field for the 'thrill of it'.

Defensive

Driven by what they perceive to be a threat from the victim to their 'turf', way of life, or resources such as housing and jobs. More likely to have carried out a series of hate incidents against the victim.



Offensive language: A person perceives their new neighbours who are members of the Pasifika community as 'threatening' their neighbourhood.

Retaliatory

Act in response to an event that has occurred or been rumoured to occur. These offenders can be described as 'wanting to get even'. May involve disruption caused by large groups.



Assault: The legalisation of same-sex marriage motivates a random attack on a member of the LGBTQIA+ community.

Mission

Offending is extreme and the primary focus of their life. May be associated with organised hate groups who share their perception of the victims as subhuman.



Assault: A white supremacist plots and carries out a terror attack against the muslim community.

Hate is Triggered

Instead of hate *motivating* a primary offence or incident, this offence or incident triggers hate. Once triggered, this is more likely to evolve into a secondary, hate-motivated offence.





Road rage: A driver is cut off and they start aggressively throwing racial slurs.



