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When specific threats are made, the courts have already determined that an act of harassment or intimidation is a crime. In the Virginia v. Black decision of 2003, the U.S. Supreme Court determined that a cross-burning in front of someone’s home constitutes an act of verbal violence because such an act was an attempt to communicate a threatening message or something that would incite an act of unlawful violence to a particular individual or group of individuals.

Based on that decision, to generally “kill all the Jews,” for example, is protected speech no matter how hateful it sounds, but to say “Kill all the Jews” who gave me an F” is considered a crime. Therefore, an intent to harm an individual, or group of individuals.

A University of Oklahoma student involved in the Ku Klux Klan was expelled from the institution for the university’s policy prohibiting membership in the Ku Klux Klan. The Tulsa Community College’s president said an unsanctioned student had been put on academic suspension while the college investigated his possible involvement in the racist messages.

Some words may not be considered to be hate speech if they are not used with the intent to intimidate or incite an act of unlawful violence. The state of New York, for example, considers hate crimes to be prosecuted under the Racial and Religious Hatred Act.

At the end of the day it is up to academic institutions to have clear and well-founded rules on what constitutes hate speech. Many states have strict laws preventing unncessary communication of threats. Threats to inflict physical injury may be prosecutable under other hate crimes statutes, such as 18 U.S.C. § 1031 or 18 U.S.C. § 249. Such threats may also be prosecutable under generally applicable federal laws preventing violent communication of threats. Some laws specifically address threats directed to some federal agencies.

However, the courts have ruled that comments specifically and immediately threatsthat were communicated to the police in the First Amendment, regardless of a person’s race or religion. There is also the case of face-to-face comments made to everybody else could hear. “So, when are you going to be deported?” This is an example of hate speech, not an example of a hate crime. The court decided it was an example of hate speech.

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