

When **Violent Far-Right Extremists** Come to Town

A Message From the Life After Hate Team

Keep In Mind

- **Any** publicity is **good** publicity for violent far-right extremists
- They **want** you to act on your anger
 - It gives them a sense of validation and bolsters their argument that **they** are the ones being persecuted
 - **They want to be hated & they want you to engage in violence**
 - "I never once ducked a bottle in a protest and thought, 'Woah, I better rethink my beliefs here.'" - **former** violent extremist and **Life After Hate** co-founder, *Frank Meeink (Founder of Harmony Through Hockey)*
- Believe it or not, most of them **did not** seek these groups because they hated people
 - In a number of cases, they are trying to fill a void(s) in their lives
 - For many, it is **themselves** that they hate
- The more attention they get, the **more emboldened** they will become
- Human beings fear what we do not know
 - Misinformation > Fear > Anger > Hate

What Can You Do?

- Do **not** argue the ideology head on, it is a waste of breath
 - Remember what it was like to be a rebellious adolescent? It is the same concept
- Do **not** ignore the violent far-right, but do not put yourself in danger
 - If you are protesting with signs, use simple messages
 - ***It isn't too late to leave a life of hate!***
 - ***There Is Life After Hate***
- Employ a fundraising campaign to **deter violent far-right extremists** from protesting in your town
 - Example: For every far-right extremist marching, individuals pledge x amount of dollars
 - **Donate:** To your favorite charity fighting hate!

