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- 1) A paper of approximately 15-20 pages in length. Please have topic approved before you begin. Make sure that the library research for your paper includes at least some of the readings required for the course--actually, the more the better. Illustrative topics: causes of the crime drop, the effect of pornography on sexual violence, the biology of murder, the effect of the death penalty on homicide rates, the role of frustration in the lives of those who massacre, group influences on homicide, female serial killers, the causes of race riots, murder committed by organized hate groups, development of suicide bombers, explanations of hate and prejudice, the role of the spectator in the acceptance of the Nazi Holocaust, the functions of stereotyping, personality factors in the maintenance of prejudice, justifications for hate crime legislation, economic factors in the genesis of discrimination, childhood variables associated with hatemongering, skinhead culture and the internet, and so on. and so on. As an alternative to a library paper, it is acceptable to conduct a small study and report your results in the form of a mini-journal article consisting of a brief review of literature, method, results, and discussion. I would be happy to provide guidance and direction.
- 2) A weekly one-page paper in which you begin to answer a question related to the assigned readings. Please make sure that your papers include at least some of the ideas presented in the articles you are asked to read. There will be some weeks when a paper is NOT due.
- 3) Required Readings. Photocopied materials, available from GnomonCopy, 325 Huntington (across from Krenzman quad), 617-536-4600.

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Goldberg, "Shame and Malevolence," Speaking with the Devil (New York: Viking, 1996).

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Derber, "The Good Man Fills His Own Stomach," The Wilding of America (New York: St. Martin's, 1995).

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Fox and Levin, "Multiple Homicide: Patterns of Serial and Mass Murder," Crime and Justice: A Review of Research (Chicago: University of Chicago, 1998).

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Egger, "Linkage Blindness," Serial Murder: An Elusive Phenomenon (New York: Praeger, 1990); Ch 8.

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Westermeyer, "Amok," in Friedmann and Faguet, Extraordinary Disorders of Human Behavior (New York: Plenum Press, 1982).

Fox and Levin, "Firing Back: The Growing Threat of Workplace Homicide," ANNALS, AAPSS, November, 1994.

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Livsey, "From Love to Violence," The Manson Women: A "Family" Portrait (New York: Marek, 1980); pp. 97-106.

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Overview:

Wachtel, Paul, "Crime and the Multiple Causes and Effects of Inequality," Race in the Mind of America (New York: Routledge, 1999); 193-217.

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Adorno, et.al. "The F Scale," *The Authoritarian Personality* (New York: Harper and Row, 1950).

Stone, et al., "The Status of Authoritarianism." In Stone et al., eds., *Strength and Weakness: The Authoritarian Personality Today* (New York: Springer-Verlag, 1993).

Culture:

Browning, "Ordinary Men or Ordinary Germans," Shandley, ed., *Unwilling Germans? The Goldhagen Debate* (Minneapolis: University of Minnesota, 1998).

Goldhagen, "The Failure of the Critics," Shandley, ed., *Unwilling Germans? The Goldhagen Debate* (Minneapolis: University of Minnesota, 1998).

Competition and Cooperation:

Sherif, "Experiments in Group Conflict," In Pettijohn, ed., *Sources: Notable Selections in Social Psychology* (Guilford: Dushkin, 1994).

Bar-Zohar, "Introduction" and "Epilogue," *Beyond Hitler's Grasp: The Heroic Rescue of Bulgaria's Jews* (Avon, MA: Adams Media, 1998).

PATTERNS AND TYPES OF HATE:

Levin, "A Typology of Hate," *The Violence of Hate* (Boston: Allyn and Bacon, 2002).

Franklin, "Antigay Behaviors Among Young Adults," *Journal of Interpersonal Violence* (April,

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Jacobs and Potter, "Social Construction of a Hate Crime Epidemic" and "Justification for Hate Crime Laws," *Hate Crimes: Criminal Law and Identity Politics* (New York: Oxford, 1998).

McDevitt, et al., "Consequences for Victims: A Comparison of Bias- and Non-Bias-Motivated Assaults," In Levin and Rabrenovic, eds., *American Behavioral Scientist* (December, 2001).

Lawrence, "Why Punish Hate?" *Punishing Hate: Bias Crimes Under American Law* (Cambridge: Harvard, 1999).

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Smith, "Extremists Right and Left," *Terrorism in America* (Albany: State University of New York, 1994); pp 31-52.

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