

## ASA Statement Condemning Online Harassment

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The American Sociological Association (ASA) expresses deep concern for and solidarity with our colleagues who are suffering vicious online harassment.

These attacks frequently target sociologists for their commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion. Members of the sociology community from historically marginalized populations, including people of color and members of the LGBTQ community, are frequently singled out for harassment.

These attacks fundamentally jeopardize the intellectual mission of sociology and the wellbeing of sociologists and our students. The American Sociological Association encourages our members to engage in public sociology and present their work and points of view on social media and in other public fora. The ASA condemns, in the strongest possible terms, efforts intended to threaten, harass, and silence sociologists and other scholars from speaking out against racism and other forms of social inequality. The ASA is committed to actively promoting and supporting diversity, equity, and inclusion among our faculty and student populations.