



## **NCME Statement on Hate in America**

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Especially in the early years of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, testing in the United States was connected with attempts to unfairly and inaccurately characterize the worth of members of particular demographic groups, and to deprive them of access to education, employment, and the right to vote, among other things. That dishonorable history makes it all the more important that the National Council on Measurement in Education make clear its condemnation of hate, discrimination, and bias in our country in whatever forms they may occur. As NCME members, we work hard to help create methods and tools that policy makers, educators, and the public can use to identify how successfully our schools function for all student groups, and to identify and eliminate bias and unfairness in tests and test use. As educators, we deplore statements that endorse or excuse bigotry and reaffirm our commitment to fairness, inclusion, and respect for all.

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