Interrogating the Place of Hate in the 2016 Presidential Campaign
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Following a campaign cycle marked by exclusionary rhetoric and dehumanizing politics, more than 1,000 incidents of hate have been reported in the U.S. since Election Day. The articulation of hate during the 2016 presidential campaign drew upon a long history of racism, sexism, and homophobia in American politics and became more intense as social media and the internet facilitated a culture of disparagement and demonization. Moreover, the language, politics, and ideologies of the recent campaign were deeply impacted by shifts emergent in the aftermath of 9/11, the Great Recession, and the election of President Obama, which fostered new forms of populism, nativism, and xenophobia, encouraging the crystallization of alt-right and nationalist movements.

This special issue of the Journal of Hate Studies interrogates the place of “hate” in the 2016 US Presidential campaign. It undertakes a comprehensive and comparative assessment, particularly attentive to past, present, and future dimensions of the politics of hate. It seeks contributions concerned with the use of race, class, gender, sexuality, religion, ability, and nationality to diminish, demonize, and dehumanize. It examines the historic connections, previous manifestations, and origins of the forms of hate deployed in the 2016 campaign, exploring the ways in which this election was new and the ways in which it built on historic hates. Moreover, it looks to the future, considering the implications of the election and the manner in which it will impact emerging expressions of hate. Topics for this Special Issue include those that consider strategies to fight hate during the 2016 campaign and in its aftermath. In this volume, The Journal of Hate Studies, focuses on manuscripts considering topics such as:

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