

Saying it worse.

Author: Bookmarks. A manual for combating hate speech online through human rights education.
Council of Europe.

1. Said in a private email to a friend - as a 'joke'.	2. Petition posted on a Facebook page with over 1,000 'friends'
We should just wipe out gypsies!	Ban gypsies from begging in our streets. Sign here to tell our politicians.
3. Comment on an anti-Roma website, voted up by 576 people	4. Refrain in an anti-Roma song. The online video has had 25,000 views.
Hitler was right to send gypsies to the gas chamber	Wipe out gypsies!
5. An online newspaper editorial	6. An interview with the Home Secretary talking about a proposal for new legislation
There can be little doubt that all gypsies are dirty and uneducated	We need to concentrate on changing Roma culture, not on tolerating it

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7. Comment at the bottom of an article about Roma people Gypsies are pests that need to be extinguished	8. Caption to an image of a Roma person begging on the street on a personal blog with few readers. Why can't this lazy bitch just get a job like other people?
9. Popular website inciting to violence against Roma people publishing photos of and name of the street where they are normally sitting. Help clean the city of these thieves and liars	10. Anti-Roma video suggesting Roma people are genetically programmed to steal It's scientifically proven that all gypsies are thieves
11. Tweet sent by a politician to 350,000 followers We should take the children from Roma people and force them to go to school	12. Cartoon showing a stereotypical Roma lady as a witch doing black magic Gypsies are possessed by demons

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Questions:

- Do you think statements like these should be allowed on the Internet? What are the arguments for and against?
- Do you think there should be different rules for «worse» expressions of hate? Should any be banned completely?
- If you think some should be banned, where would you draw the line?
- What other methods can you think of for addressing hate speech online?
- How would you react if you found these kinds of examples of hate speech online?

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