(Responding to) Hate Violence
The Impact of Hate

Module 12, Lesson 1
Defined by the United States Department of Justice: “At the federal level, a crime motivated by bias against a race, color, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, or disability.”
1. What are the similarities and differences between the two interviews?
2. How might you feel if you were, or if you are part of a community that has been repeatedly targeted?
3. What suggestions would you share for breaking cycles of hate?
Responding to Xenophobia

Module 12, Lesson 2
The first anti-Sikh race riots took place in Bellingham, Washington in 1907. Then, Americans referred to Sikhs as “Hindoos” and saw them as a threat to their job security. About a century later, many Americans read Sikhs as Muslim and see them as a threat to national security. Then, as now, Sikh Americans are being killed. And in both cases, white supremacy and xenophobia are the culprit. What is the greatest threat that Sikhs face in the US today? Perhaps it’s the coming together of American ignorance and American racism.

Simran Jeet Singh from Seeking Justice: Sikhism in America - LSE Blog
Key Terms

**Xenophobia:** Comes from the Ancient Greek words *xénos*, meaning "stranger" or "foreigner", and *phóbos*, meaning "fear". Put together, it means fear or hatred of that which is perceived to be foreign or strange. In contemporary times, it has come to mean fear, distrust, prejudice or hatred against people from other countries, or those “appearing to be foreign” due to race, clothing, religious identity, language, etc.

**Islamophobia:** A phobia or exaggerated bias, hatred, or fear of Islam as religion and those who practice Islam, Muslims. Islamophobia extends to other communities and individuals who are perceived to be Muslim as well. Also known as anti-Muslim racism.

**White Supremacy:** The belief that white people are a superior race to the exclusion of all other groups. This superiority leads to the belief that white people should have power over others. White supremacy is also considered a system, rooted in history, of oppression by whites over non-white communities.
The Daily Show

Questions to consider as you watch the clip:

1. What do you notice about the ways in which Sikhs respond to issues of conflated identity with Muslims?
2. List examples of solidarity and social justice that are evident in the clip.
3. Explain why you think solidarity amongst different groups is important.
Mind Mapping:

Think of the types of incidents can occur in everyday scenarios that are rooted in xenophobia, white supremacy, and Islamophobia.
Sample Solidarity Instagram Post

i was gonna post something that would tell you the difference between Hindus and Sikhs and Muslims but i realized that you don't need to know anything about somebody's religion to know that you shouldn't shoot them. -Eric Parsons