

# Cornell University Student Assembly

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## S.A. Resolution #8

### Condemning Hate Crimes and Hate Speech, and Supporting Students

ABSTRACT: This resolution affirms the Student Assembly's solidarity with the Cornell community and requests the appropriate considerations and additions to the Campus Code of Conduct through the University Assembly Codes and Judicial Committee.

**Sponsored by: Tristan Magloire '20, Mayra Valadez '18, Alec Martinez '18, and Matthew Indimine '18**

**Whereas**, over the past year there has been an increase in hate-based incidents on college campuses across the country;

**Whereas**, on September 6, 2017 one or more Zeta Psi member(s) shouted "build a wall around the LLC" at the Latino Living Center;

**Whereas**, on September 15, 2017 multiple alleged Psi Upsilon members, a fraternity no longer affiliated with Cornell University, used racial slurs against a Black Cornell student and violently assaulted him and other members of his fraternity on their own property;

**Whereas**, later the same day on September 15, 2017, two or more Cornell students were captured on video using racial slurs against another student;

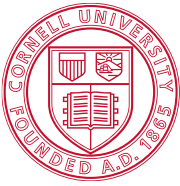
**Whereas**, all of these incidents appear to be clear violations of the Campus Code of Conduct, should the allegations prove true, as it is a violation of the Campus Code of Conduct to:

- "harass another person...by acting toward that person in a manner that is by objective measure threatening, abusive, or severely annoying and that is beyond the scope of free speech,"
- or
- "assault or cause any physical injury to another person on the basis of disability, ethnicity, gender, national origin, race, religion, or sexual orientation or affectional preference;"

**Whereas**, the Ithaca Police have arrested one student allegedly involved on September 15 and charged said student with one count of assault in the third degree; and later the

**Whereas**, the Ithaca police are investigating the events of September 15 as a possible hate crime;

**Whereas**, pursuant to New York State Penal Law Article 485, hate crimes "do more than threaten the safety and welfare of all citizens" because they "inflict on victims incalculable physical and emotional damage and tear at the very fabric of free society," "send a powerful message of intolerance and discrimination" and "disrupt entire communities and vitiate the civility that is essential to healthy democratic processes;"



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**Whereas**, bias, discrimination, and hate crimes, by their nature, affect the fabric of the Cornell community, prevent the fulfillment of and are deeply antithetical to Cornell's motto "I would found an institution where any person can find instruction in any study;"

**Whereas**, these recent events place the onus on Cornell University to establish and justify its members' trust in our community;

**Whereas**, we, the Student Assembly, acknowledge that violence is not merely interpersonal, but also institutional and historic;

**Be it therefore resolved**, that the Student Assembly unequivocally condemns all forms of the kyriarchy which these racist actions are a manifestation of;

**Be it further resolved**, that the Student Assembly calls on all members of the Cornell community to join us in this condemnation;

**Be it further resolved**, that the Student Assembly charges all members of the Cornell community to consider how best to heal these harms, and how best to accord all members of our community the equal dignity and respect due to them as our peers;

**Be it further resolved**, that the Student Assembly calls on the University Assembly Codes and Judicial Committee to expedite consideration of Campus Code of Conduct changes requested by Black Students United;

**Be it finally resolved**, that the Student Assembly calls on the University Assembly Codes and Judicial Committee to add "documentation status" to the Code of Conduct Title III, Article II, Section A.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

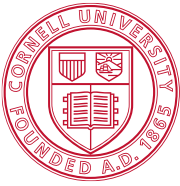
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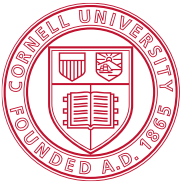
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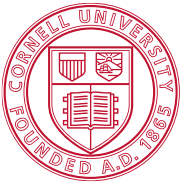
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139	Omar Din '19
140	<i>College of Human Ecology Representative, Student Assembly</i>
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146	Hadiyah Chowdhury '18
147	<i>President, Islamic Alliance for Justice</i>
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150	<i>President, Cornell Hotel Society</i>
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154	Kyonne Rowe '18
155	<i>Member, The Black &amp; Latino Men's Alliance</i>
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161	<i>President Emeritus, Cornell Glee Club</i>
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163	Clara Eizayaga '18
164	<i>President, Cornell Mortar Board</i>
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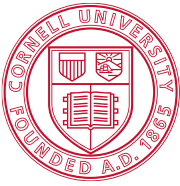
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185	<i>Treasurer, Arab Student Association</i>
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188	<i>President, Class of 2018 Council</i>
189	<i>President, Cornell University Class Councils</i>
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191	Noah Chovanec '18
192	<i>Executive Vice President, Class of 2018 Council</i>
193	<i>Former School of Industrial and Labor Relations Representative, Student Assembly</i>
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232	Pegah Moradi '19
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239	Jazmin Aguilar-Romero '18
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241	<i>Conference Chair, Society for the Advancement of Chicanos/Hispanics and Native Americans in the Sciences</i>
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244	Leighton Cook '18
245	<i>Chair, Movimiento Estudiantil Chicanx de Aztlán (MEChA) de Cornell</i>
246	<i>VP of Community Relations, La Asociación Latina</i>
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248	Brandon Cohen '18
249	<i>President, Cornell Hillel</i>
250	<i>Co-President Interfaith Council</i>
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252	Ana Bordallo '18
253	<i>Co-Chair, Native American Students at Cornell (NASAC)</i>
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