



ERADICATESM HATE

GLOBAL SUMMIT

2024 Media Backgrounder

When: Monday, October 21 - Wednesday, October 23, 2024

Where: The David L. Lawrence Convention Center
1000 Fort Duquesne Blvd.
Pittsburgh, PA 15222

Overview:

International experts will convene in Pittsburgh for the fourth *Eradicate Hate Global Summit*, October 21-23, 2024.

The [*Eradicate Hate Global Summit*](#) is the most comprehensive conference in the world aimed at reducing hate-fueled violence and promoting safer, more inclusive communities. It breaks down silos and unites global experts and leaders from multiple sectors and professions, who are dedicated to eradicating all forms of hate-fueled violence, with survivors, victims' families, faith leaders, and other community leaders.

The Summit is distinctive because of its multidisciplinary approach focused on driving global action. Multi-disciplinary working groups of experts meet year-round to develop practical real-world solutions that any community can adapt and adopt.

The bottom line is that the Summit's multidisciplinary approach drives innovative solutions, not just dialogue.

[**The 2024 Summit**](#) focuses on the continued development and distribution of effective solutions to help prevent hate-fueled, violent acts. Those solutions include professional toolkits, resource directories, and public campaigns, developed by the working groups.

The keynote speakers at the 2024 Summit include:

- **Major Elliot Garrett**, Chief Washington Correspondent, CBS News
 - You can view a previous video interview with Major Garrett [HERE](#)
- **Gabby Giffords**: A former U.S. Congresswoman from Arizona. In 2011, she was shot in the head by a gunman who killed six people and injured 12 others. She is now a leading national voice for gun control.
- **Tara Levine**: The president of the [Foundation to Combat Antisemitism](#). She is responsible for leading and scaling her organization's efforts to stand up to Jewish hate and all hate. Levine has worked in the nonprofit space in several leadership roles, having served as the founding Director of Research and Advisory Services at Catalyst, a think tank advancing women in business.
- **Elizabeth Sherwood-Randall**: The White House Homeland Security Adviser. She has served in leadership roles in both the Obama and Clinton administrations. Throughout her career, Sherwood-Randall has engaged in some of the toughest global challenges, including reducing nuclear dangers, preventing the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, preventing domestic terrorism, and countering climate change.

The [agenda for the 2024 Summit](#) addresses critical issues that concern everyone, such as reducing political violence and defusing violent protests on college campuses. The conference will benefit everyone, not just the experts.

The Summit programs:

The Eradicate Hate Global Summit now has several federally funded programs, which include:

- **Prevention Practitioners Network (PPN)**. A national network of over 1,500 interdisciplinary professionals dedicated to using public health approaches to prevent hate-fueled violence. Through this program, the EHGS team conducts capacity-building workshops, shares the latest research, publishes practice guides, and facilitates case consultations to support a wide range of prevention professionals. PPN also maintains a National Directory, which includes over 75 clinicians and provides access to 220 resources aimed at building safer communities by preventing hate-based violence.
- **Invent2Prevent (I2P)**: An innovative, experiential learning program that challenges high school and college students to design, implement, and measure the success of a unique initiative, product, or tool that addresses acts of targeted violence, hate crimes, or terrorism in their specific communities. More than 1,200 students in 40 states and the District of Columbia have participated in I2P since Spring 2021. The Department of Homeland Security's Center for Prevention Programs and Partnerships (CP3) provides full program funding to Eradicate Hate, EdVenture Partners, Media Fusion, and DCG Communications to guide, coach, and support teams throughout the program period.

- **[UP End Hate](#)**: Building upon the success of the SCREEN Hate campaign, this initiative is the nation's first comprehensive upstander initiative designed to equip young people, ages 12-22, with the skills and resources to prevent hate-based violence in their communities.

Leadership:

The leadership of the *Eradicate Hate Global Summit* is made up of its Board of Directors, which includes these individuals:

- **[Laura Ellsworth](#)**, Co-Chair, *Eradicate Hate Global Summit*; Partner-in-Charge of Global Community Service Initiatives, Jones Day law firm
- **[Mark Nordenberg](#)**, Co-Chair, *Eradicate Hate Global Summit*; Chancellor Emeritus and Chair of the Institute of Politics, University of Pittsburgh
- **[Brette Steele](#)**, President, *Eradicate Hate Global Summit*; Chair, Prevention Practitioners Network
- **[Chuck Moellenberg](#)**, Chief Administrative Officer, *Eradicate Hate Global Summit*; Retired Partner – Jones Day law firm.

Background:

The *Eradicate Hate Global Summit* grew out of the deadliest antisemitic attack in U.S. history. On October 27, 2018, a heavily armed gunman massacred worshippers from three different congregations at the Tree of Life Synagogue shattering the calm of an otherwise peaceful Saturday morning in the Squirrel Hill neighborhood of Pittsburgh. Other worshippers were wounded, as well as law enforcement officers who had raced to the scene. The carnage was so severe that even experienced first responders were brought to tears. The assailant had earlier posted online anti-semitic and anti-refugee messages. After the attack, the entire Pittsburgh community came together, regardless of religion, race, or ethnicity, demonstrating its joint resolve and resilience.

The Eradicate Hate organizers are committed to honoring the memory of the victims and survivors of the tragedy at the Tree of Life Synagogue through concrete, evidence-based action to reduce identity-based violence.

The Summit is structured as a U.S. non-profit corporation [501(c)3]. Its work is shaped and driven by its President and [Board of Directors](#). Several local and national foundations and organizations have generously supported the Summit. It also receives grants from the U.S. Departments of Justice and Homeland Security.

Purpose of the Eradicate Hate Global Summit:

The Global Summit provides a unique, multidisciplinary, multinational forum to share ideas and build working relationships to drive the development and deployment of effective strategies to reduce hate-fueled violence.

The *Eradicate Hate Global Summit* is the product of a determined commitment to quenching the fire of hate-fueled violence. Although born of an attack on Jewish worshippers, the

Summit's mission is to reduce all forms of hate-based, violent extremism. The disturbing global escalation of hate-fueled attacks makes its mission more important than ever.

Recurrence:

Each *Eradicate Hate Global Summit* builds on the work of preceding Summits. The [Eradicate Hate Working Groups](#) develop and deploy innovative ideas aired at the Summit, turning ideas into programs that are reported at the next Summit and that are likely to have real-world impact. As speakers have said, the Summit has become a "must attend" event around which they plan their calendars.

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