

**Question for written answer E-001115/2021
to the Commission**
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Subject: The rise of leftist hate crimes in the context of the Victims' Rights Directive and the EU strategy on victims' rights (2020-2024)

This question is posed in the wake of several antifascist attacks on political candidates in Germany¹ and the statements of the Interior Ministry of Baden-Württemberg about the rise of leftist extremist violence.

The new strategy on victim's rights (2020-2024) only seems to focus on racist and xenophobic hate crime, which implies that other forms of hate crime, such as those with leftist political motivations, are not included within its scope. In addition, the Victims' Rights Directive does not exactly specify what a hate crime entails.

1. Why does the Commission only focus on racist and xenophobic hate crime, and not on leftist hate crimes, such as the attacks on AfD candidates in Germany?
2. How can it ensure that the victim of the Antifa attack in Schorndorf and future victims of antifascist violence are protected by the strategy and the directive?
3. How does it intend to tackle the problem of leftist hate crime?

¹ <https://www.welt.de/politik/deutschland/plus226960055/Politische-Gewalt-Hinter-dem-Antifa-Angriff-auf-die-AfD-steckt-eine-neue-Kampagne.html>