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Election Aftermath: Protests Against the Result

Protests against the election of President-elect Trump have occurred in cities and on college campuses across the country each day since the election. In New Jersey, based on a review of news media reporting, there were protests by 50 to 100 students each at Princeton, Rutgers, and St. Peter's Universities. No violence or arrests were reported at these protests.

Nationwide, most of the protests have been relatively peaceful, although violence has broken out at some. In the immediate region around New Jersey, large protests in New York City and Philadelphia have been mainly peaceful, although there have been some arrests, mainly for disorderly conduct.

The worst violence has been in Portland, Oregon, where police used tear gas in response to burning objects being thrown at them. One person was shot after a confrontation between protesters and a motorist. Protesters damaged vehicles at a car dealership and smashed windows at businesses. According to an organizer, the event in Portland began as a peaceful Black Lives Matter protest, but it was joined by other demonstrators not affiliated with the group. According to a Portland police spokesman, anarchists "aligned with Black Block groups" infiltrated the peaceful demonstration, "covered head to toe and carrying weapons" (see photo). He said peaceful protesters tried to stop the violent individuals but were unsuccessful.

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Election Aftermath: Racist Activities That Appear to be Related to the Election

Numerous racist incidents have been reported around the country in the wake of President-elect Trump's election. For example, threatening e-mail messages with references to lynching have been sent to black students at the University of Pennsylvania. The messages, sent via a racist account called Group Me, have been linked to a University of Oklahoma student, who has been temporarily suspended, and two other Oklahoma residents. The FBI is assisting in the investigation. A sample of other incidents nationwide includes a Muslim student at the University of New Mexico who reported that a man wearing a Trump shirt attempted to pull a scarf off her head while she was studying; numerous instances of racist graffiti, some with references to the election, being spray-painted (see photo); chants of "White Power" by two students carrying a Trump sign in a hallway at York County (Pennsylvania) School of Technology; and a father in Indiana reporting that his two Hispanic sons were taunted at school by chants of "Build that wall."



One-Year Anniversary of the Paris Attacks

For the occasion of the one-year anniversary of the Paris attacks on November 13, the *New York Times* published a feature article, based on interviews with 27 people who experienced the attacks first-hand. In addition to providing moving human-interest descriptions of what it was like to go through the attacks, it also includes some items of operational interest. For example, at the soccer stadium, a decision was made not to evacuate the stadium and to let the game go on. Officials credit that decision with avoiding a massacre at the stadium, because the third suicide bomber wandered around for a half-hour before blowing himself up at a McDonald's fast-food restaurant. Some investigators believe that he was waiting to blow himself up as the crowd was being evacuated, which never happened.

The interviews also noted that on the morning of the attacks, the fire department in Paris had conducted a drill for a terrorist attack involving the use of assault weapons at 13 locations, indicating the importance of timely training.

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