Cyber Racism in Argentina: The Globalisation of Hate Via the Internet

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Abstract:

According to Jordan Kessler of the Anti-Defamation League: ‘There is an electronic community of hate being created out there day by day’. This international community of racial hate groups is spreading via the perfect propaganda tool, the World Wide Web. As a powerful technological tool, the Internet provides instantaneous communication world wide to promote racial intolerance. With recent laws to unplug hate sites from North American and European servers, these Race Supremacist and Hate.com sites are being set up in Argentina because the country’s racial intolerance and discrimination laws do not include the Internet. The paper examines: the spread of race hate sites to Argentina; what types of Hate groups are being established; and what is their message and purpose.

The highest profile site in Argentina is City of Freedom of Opinion, run by the neo-Nazi New Triumph Party (PNT). Its leader, Alejandro Biondini wears SS-style uniforms and gives the Nazi salute at public meetings. His site connects more than 300 extreme right-wing groups in Europe and North America. The PNT offers hosting facilities to race hate groups whose websites are prohibited elsewhere. The website allowed the planning of a major neo-Nazi congress in Chile in April 2000, the anniversary of Adolf Hitler’s birthday. Rallies by anti-racism groups stopped the congress.