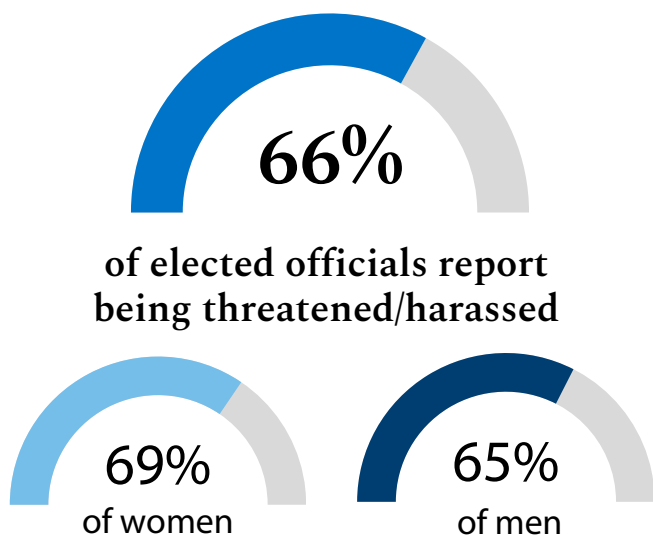


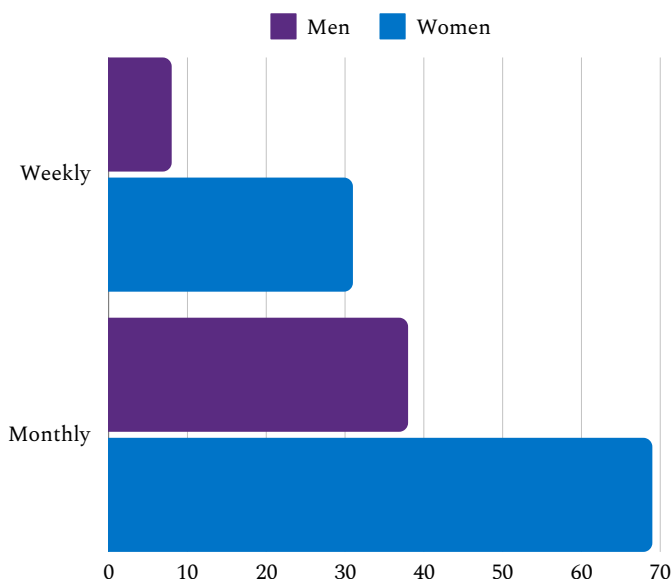
California Threats and Harassment Initiative (CATHI)

The presence and growth of threats and harassment impairs community cohesion, further undermining the ability to address our collective challenges. The University of San Diego is investigating the scale and scope of these issues and their impact on elected officials as well as on local democratic institutions. This data is from a 2023 survey of elected officials in Imperial, Riverside, and San Diego Counties about their experiences with threats and harassment.

Prevalence & Frequency of Threats and Harassment

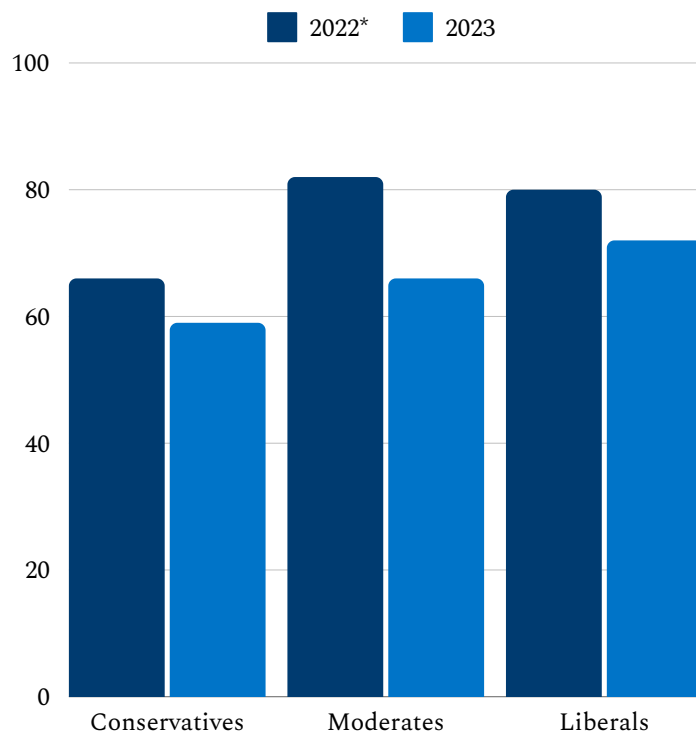


Men and women are equally likely to report that they have been threatened or harassed...



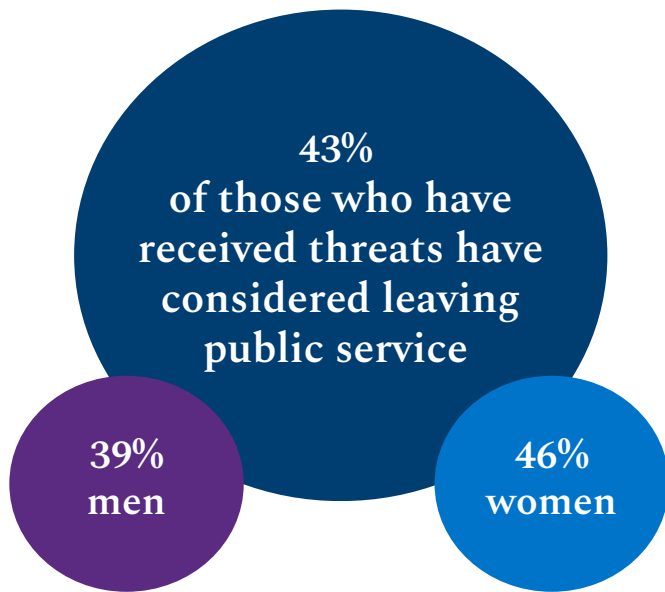
...but three times as many women report receiving threats and harassment at least weekly.

A Bipartisan Issue



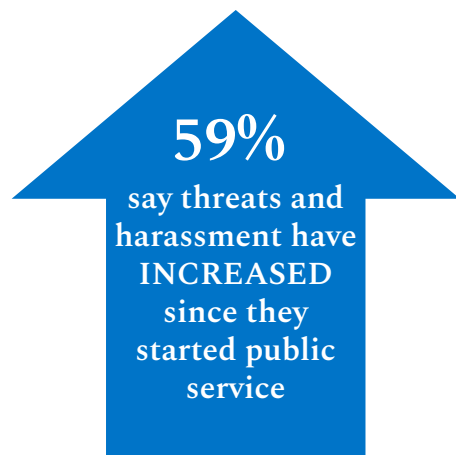
67%
of all respondents believe that threats or harassment are a routine part of public service

**This data is taken from our 2022 survey data on San Diego county elected officials.*



Why Are Demographic Differences Important?

Demographic analysis reveals how different groups experience vulnerability. For example, 47% of nonwhites and 36% of whites have considered leaving public service as a result of threats and harassment, with implications for diverse and inclusive political representation.

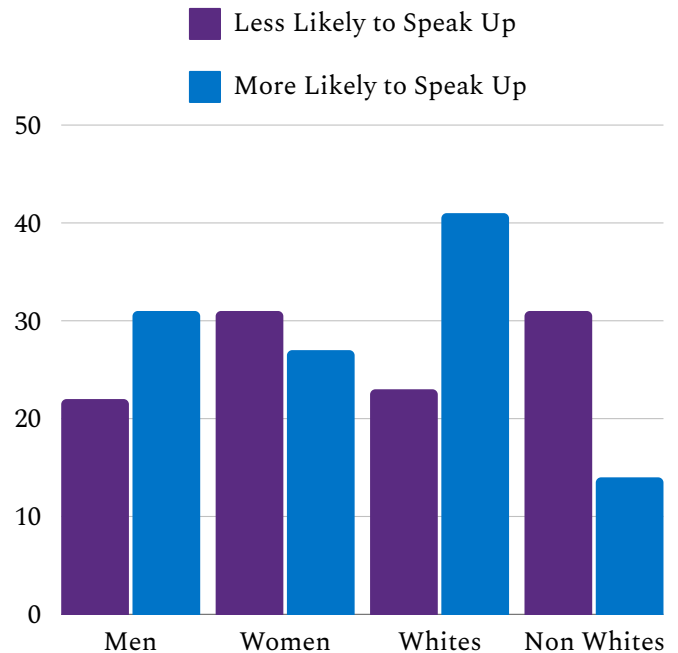


Learn More

The 2023 study was led by the University of San Diego's Violence, Inequality, and Power Lab (VIP Lab) to create a comprehensive understanding of the threat environment of locally elected officials in Imperial, Riverside, and San Diego Counties. If you're interested in learning more, please contact Rachel Locke at the VIP Lab: rlocke@sandiego.edu or use the QR code below to read additional information on our website.



Impact on Expression



We asked respondents how threats affected their service. Some said it made them less likely to speak their minds while others said it made them more vocal. This chart compares the percentages by demographics.

What's Next?

83% of respondents said that threats and harassment are a major issue that require a public response. We will be hosting community conversations in May-June 2024 in Riverside and San Diego to share findings and engage community members in finding solutions.