



Disabled People Against Cuts

Media reporting on Disability and Disability Hate Crime

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Summary

This report is intended to serve as a reference collection of media reports on the subject of government and media reporting of disability and disability hate crime for inclusion in other research reports.

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Disabled People Against Cuts:

DPAC is a grass roots campaign body. It was formed by a group of disabled people after the first mass protest against the austerity cuts and their impact on disabled people held on the 3rd October in Birmingham 2010, England. It was led by disabled people under the name of The Disabled Peoples' Protest. DPAC has over 20,000 members & supporters and an outreach of over 45,000 disabled people. DPAC works with many anti-cuts groups, Universities, Disabled Peoples' Organizations, and Unions

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Abbreviations Used

ESA – Employment and Support Allowance – UK Government Sickness Benefit

BMA – British Medical Association

DWP – Department for Work and Pensions - UK Government Department

GP – General Practitioner (Medical Doctor)

HMCTS – Her Majestys Courts and Tribuneral Service

JSA – Job Seekers Allowance

MP – Member of Parliament

WCA – Work Capability Assessment – test for claimants right to claim the ESA Benefit

WRAG – Work Related Activity Group

1 Papers on Disability Stereotyping

- [Leeds University Disability Studies Paper on Stereotypes of Disability](#)
- [Smashing stereotypes of disabled people](#)
- [Top 10 UK Disability Stereotypes](#)
- [Are the Paralympics Helping to Reshape Disability Stereotypes?](#)

2 Media reporting on Disability

- [Bad News for Disabled People: How the newspapers are reporting disability](#)
- [Many Britons feel uncomfortable around disabled people](#)
- [Wikipedia entry on Disability in the Media](#)
- [Media Representation of Disabled People](#)
- [Leeds University Disability Studies Paper - Discrimination: Disabled People and the Media](#)

3 Media articles about negative rhetoric on disability and welfare by the UK Government

- [Lies, damned lies and Iain Duncan Smith](#)
- [Full Fact asks watchdog to intervene over inaccurate incapacity benefit reporting](#)
- [After Shapps' bad data, the DWP is back in the spotlight](#)
- [IDS accepts need to tone down benefit fraud rhetoric](#)

- [David Cameron accused of "scaremongering" over health tourism](#)
- [Disabled challenge minister over job support boast](#)
- [MPs set to quiz minister over 'misleading' benefit stats](#)
- [DWP lies to cover its tracks on mobility cuts](#)
- [Skivers v strivers: the argument that pollutes people's minds](#)
- [Mythbuster: Tall tales about welfare reform](#)
- [Facts and fiction on welfare](#)
- [Scrounger stigma puts poor people off applying for essential benefits](#)
- [The welfare scrounger is exposed as myth by new report](#)
- [Is £600m really being paid in disability living allowance to people who don't qualify?](#)
- [Exposed: the myth of a 'culture of worklessness'](#)
- [The coalition's statistics: Stats, spats and spads](#)
- [Government's Crimestoppers campaign 'could fuel disability hate crime'](#)
- [DPAC Report into Government abuse of statistics](#)
- [Disabled People Are Being Victimised, Vilified And Pushed Out Of Society](#)
- [UK Statistics Authority Correspondance - Statistics on Disability Living Allowance](#)

4 Websites, Articles and Papers on Disability Hate Crime

- [Disability Hate Crime Website](#)
- [Disability Hate Crime Facts and Figures](#)
- <http://www.channel4.com/news/disability-hate-crime-five-years-on-from-fiona-pilkington>
- [Disability Wales Website - Disability Hate Crime](#)
- [Tackling Disability Hate Crime](#)
- [Disability Hate Crime: When Is Enough Going To Be Enough?](#)
- [Crown Prosecution Service information on Disability Hate Crime](#)
- [Disability hate crime: is 'benefit scrounger' abuse to blame?](#)
- ['Disability hate crimes' rise by a quarter in a year](#)

4.1 Disability News Services Articles on Hate Crime

Note: these articles are presented in reverse chronological order from the present down to the first appearance of this subject on DNS in 2009

- [Hate crime reporting gap persists, but watchdog welcomes progress](#)
- [Disability hate crime 'slipping down agenda'](#)
- [Concern as CPS and courts fail yet again on disability hate crime](#)
- [Law Commission proposes stronger hate crime laws](#)
- [Disability hate crime has been 'left behind' by the criminal justice system](#)
- [National newspapers 'add fuel to the hate crime fire'](#)
- [Government refuses to research hate crime impact of special schools](#)
- [Government's Crimestoppers campaign 'could fuel disability hate crime'](#)
- [Hate crime linked to newspaper stories of fraud and 'scroungers'](#)
- [Government omits hate crime murder measures from sentencing bill](#)
- [Society is 'in denial' about extent of hate crime](#)
- [Court cases expose hate crime problems in justice system](#)
- [Hate crime website should help close reporting gap](#)

- [Recorded hate crime nearly doubles in one year](#)
- [DPOs 'need resources' to tackle hate crime](#)
- [Police force blasted for 'astonishing' hate crime failings](#)
- [UKDPC uncovers widespread reports of hate crime deaths](#)
- [Government's benefits bashing 'could lead to hate crime'](#)
- [Union activists call for public inquiry into disability hate crime](#)
- [New centres lead to sharp rise in hate crime reports](#)
- [Disabled protesters march on Ofcom over offensive 'hate' language](#)
- [Hate crime prosecutions more than double in one year](#)
- [Still no justice on disability hate crime, say professionals](#)
- [Sharp rise in calls to disability hate helpline](#)
- [Hate crime failure by police was 'institutional disablism'](#)
- [Police watchdog will investigate whether force failed on hate crime](#)
- ['Funding and detail missing' from hate crime action plan](#)
- [London's Mayor 'failing legal duties on disability hate crime'](#)
- [Peers say government must do more on disability hate crime](#)