Fact Sheet

Members of this group are a minority. They make up 1 to 3 percent of Americans—about 3 million people. Members of this group come from many walks of life.

Members of this minority group have been targets of discrimination. Here are some examples:

- An 11-year-old member of this group was attacked in the hallways and bathrooms at school, and stalked by another student with a knife.¹
- College students who are members of this group find that flyers they posted on campus announcing meetings are torn down.²
- Members of this group who serve in the U.S. military have been threatened with disciplinary action and were denied promotions.³
- A member of this group found that some of her coworkers asked not to work near her. When she complained of harassment, she was fired.⁴
- A college professor who was a member of this group received threatening phone calls, and found his car vandalized⁵.

Because of situations like those listed above, some people in this group are afraid to reveal that they are members.

¹ www.secularhumanism.org/library/fi/downey_24_4.htm
² www.secularstudents.org/node/3040
³ www.secular.org/issues/chaplains
⁴ www.secularhumanism.org/library/fi/downey_24_4.htm
⁵ www.secularhumanism.org/library/fi/downey_24_4.htm