

## 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.<sup>1</sup>
- $\bullet$  College students who are members of this group find that flyers they posted on campus announcing meetings are torn down.  $^{\rm 2}$
- $\bullet$  Members of this group who serve in the U.S. military have been threatened with disciplinary action and were denied promotions.  $^3$
- $\bullet A$  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 vandalized<sup>5</sup>.

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

<sup>1</sup> www.secularhumanism.org/library/fi/downey\_24\_4.htm

<sup>2</sup> www.secularstudents.org/node/3040

<sup>3</sup> www.secular.org/issues/chaplains

<sup>4</sup> www.secularhumanism.org/library/fi/downey\_24\_4.htm

<sup>5</sup> www.secularhumanism.org/library/fi/downey\_24\_4.htm