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GALLOWAY TOWNSHIP — As details of fresh terrorist attacks at Zaventem airport in Belgium bring the sobering realities of a post-9/11 world to the forefront, criminologist attorney Brian Levin explained how hatred and radicalism manifest.

Levin, director of the Center for the Study of Hate & Extremism at California State University in San Bernardino, Calif., revealed statistics and examples of hate crimes and terrorism in a March 21 presentation at Stockton University.


government has decreased from 77 percent in 1964 to 19 percent in 2016.

He said political leaders are promoting division using factually incorrect data and encouraging violence.

“When we have leaders that give the imprimatur that violence is acceptable or label certain groups of people as being dangerous out of anecdotal examples, that creates a mix that galvanizes an

Chechen brothers killed three and injured over 260 others in the 2013 Boston Marathon bombing.

“We are going to be hit again. We don’t need a climate that takes the very moderates that we so desperately need in the fight against extremism and marginalizing, degrading and insulting them,” Levin said. “It’s not only immoral, it’s incredibly bad national security public policy.”

He said the United States, England, the Pope and the Vatican are prime terrorist targets. According to Levin, ISIS has \$1 billion in resources, a large .

Levin called for more diversity of viewpoints on college campuses.

“One of the things I think is incumbent that we open up the universities more to conservative people of good will even when we disagree with them,” Levin said. “The notion we have on many college campuses who have served admirably in government or business or academia and to censor their presence is a woefully egregious idea.”