

Gabe-Bashing Incidence Report, 2025

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Executive Summary

This report presents findings from the Commission's fifth annual Gabe-Bashing Incidence Survey. 1,247 self-identified Gabes (and 89 people named "Gabriel" who were contacted by mistake) were polled on their experiences with mockery, nickname assignment, and unsolicited commentary on their personal appearance. The results are alarming, though we acknowledge the methodology could be described as "enthusiastic."

Key Findings

METRIC	2024	2025	TREND
Nickname Assignment Rate	73%	85%	↑ Worsening
"Do you play the trumpet?" inquiries	61%	64%	↑ Worsening
Unsolicited beard commentary	68%	72%	↑ Worsening
Birthday work violations	28%	31%	↑ Worsening
Eyewear scrutiny incidents	55%	58%	↑ Marginal
Hairline observations (new metric)	—	43%	NEW

Methodology

Survey distributed via email, text message, and one printed copy left on a coffee shop bulletin board in Amherstburg. Responses were collected between January and December 2025. Margin of error: ± the Gabe's feelings. 14 respondents were excluded for answering "Gabe who?" — these individuals have been flagged for further investigation.

Conclusion

Gabe Bashing is not declining. It is, if anything, diversifying. The Commission recommends immediate enrolment in the Certified Friend of Gabe program for all survey respondents who answered "Yes, I have made fun of a Gabe" (94% of non-Gabe respondents).

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