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Table 1.1. A typology of attacks on history

Attacks on historians	Attacks on historical work
<i>Attacks on historians as individuals</i>	<i>Attacks on historical information</i>
Political killings	Abusive archival legislation
Public attacks by political leaders	Obstruction of archival access
Arbitrary arrest and detention	Archival cleansing
Restrictions of movement	
Unfair dismissal	<i>Attacks on historical opinions</i>
Malicious prosecution and abusive litigation	Abusive defamation laws
Online harassment	Abusive blasphemy laws
	Abusive memory laws
<i>Attacks on historians as a community</i>	Mnemonic constitutionalism
Obstruction of meetings and conferences	Censorship of historical works
Obstruction of journals	
Obstruction of online platforms	<i>Attacks on historical truth</i>
Obstruction of departments	Historical disinformation
Surveillance of groups of historians	Historical denialism
Obstruction of associations	Historical hate speech
	<i>Attacks on expressions of memory</i>
	Intentional destruction of cultural heritage
	Bans of alternative traditions
	Obstruction of public commemorations