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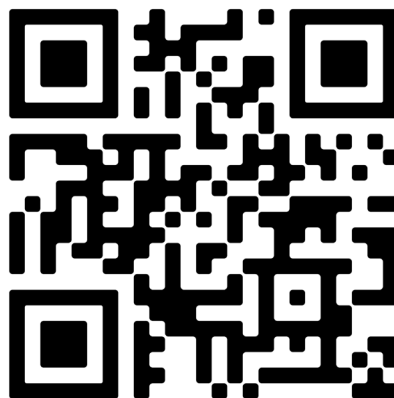


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# Foreword

by Marc Greendorfer

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Antisemitic incidents, including those involving violence, are rising in the US and throughout the world. While antisemitism is oftentimes considered the oldest hatred in our civilization, a toxic mutation of this ancient evil in the form of anti-Israelism or anti-Zionism is spreading. Making matters worse, hate groups on the Left and Right are joining forces, with the backing of designated foreign terror organizations, to inject this movement of intolerance and delegitimization into social justice campaigns, schools, government and society as a whole.

We have prepared the report that follows, “The New Antisemites”, to document how this contemporary hate, as disseminated by the so-called “Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions” (BDS) Movement, is negatively influencing large segments of the United States’ population and creating a dangerous environment that normalizes vilification of Jews, something that history has shown to have deadly consequences. The objective of this report is to expose the BDS faux “civil rights” movement for what it is – a delegitimization campaign with genocidal aims, rather than the human rights movement that it purports to be.

Our report contextualizes the delegitimization campaign and its contribution to the rise in global antisemitism and radicalization of public discourse in Western society, and the United States in particular. Our research shows that the core of BDS activism is discrimination as well as delegitimization of Israel and the entire Jewish people. Centuries-old canards are being resurrected by BDS activists, alleging that Jews kill children, drink their blood, poison communities, have dual loyalties, are modern-day Nazis and maintain the Apartheid state of Israel, exacerbated in the 21st century by the viral effects of online propagation. This alarming campaign infects schools, universities, local and national politics, corporate activity and public policy, creating a culture where antisemitism is mainstream and putting Jews and other supporters of Israel at risk of extreme harassment as well as physical harm. Recent news reports show that BDS activists have even been successful in injecting their incendiary campaigns into elementary and high school curriculums, raising the specter of an entire new generation being indoctrinated to exhibit the type of hate that many of us thought could never again be repeated.

The antisemitic orientation of BDS is no surprise when one examines the members of the group that created and manages BDS, the BDS National Committee (BNC). As described in a recent report, Terrorists in Suits, a research project of the Israeli government on the origins and structure of BDS, the BNC consists of five organizations designated by the US as foreign terrorist organizations<sup>1</sup>. These groups, along with the Palestine Liberation Organization, which has been shown to provide funding and organizational management to BDS, have added social activism to its terror arsenal against Israel and Jews. As we advised the US Department of Justice in 2018 when we asked the government to investigate whether BDS provides material support to terrorism, and as our federal court amicus briefs and published scholarship detail, BDS is not only a continuation of the decades-old Arab League boycott of Israel, it was explicitly organized to be a less overtly violent “civil rights” campaign to disenfranchise Jews from their right to self-determination in their historic homeland of Israel. While militarized

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<sup>1</sup> The Palestinian BDS National Committee (BNC) is the coordinating body for the BDS Movement worldwide. The first and primary member of the BNC is the Council of National and Islamic Forces in Palestine, known outside of the Palestinian territories as the “Palestinian National and Islamic Forces” (PNIF). PNIF was founded by Yasser Arafat and is comprised of five US-designated terrorist organizations including: Hamas, The Popular Front For The Liberation of Palestine (PFLP), The Popular Front – General Command (PFLP-GC), the Palestine Liberation Front (PLF), and Palestinian Islamic Jihad (PIJ). In addition, members of PNIF include Khalid al-Batsh, senior member of the PIJ and Jamil Mezher, a member of the political bureau of the PFLP. Ghassan Zeidan, now deceased, was a Central Committee member of the PLF and a member of PNIF, as was Iz Al-Din Kasab, a Hamas representative. Further, Haidar Eid, a BNC representative, made it clear that Hamas and other Islamic movements were represented on the BNC.



terror operatives continue to shed Jewish blood in Israel and beyond, BDS activists act to obscure the public's understanding of Israel's self-defense actions and build political bad will against Jews and the Jewish state. The research in this report indicates that these methods yield results that are not contained to political hostility alone, but also encourage and even contribute directly to outright violence. The breeding of a politically hostile climate, the normalization of hate speech and encouragement of violence is a corrosive phenomenon that is not contained to Jewish life in Western democracies—it is the radicalization of the entirety of Western democracies, including our own.

The BDS strategy has paid significant dividends to those who seek to harm and disenfranchise Jews. As the following report documents, an unlikely marriage of convenience between BDS groups and neo-Nazi supporters on the Right and academics on the Left is burgeoning, albeit informally.

What is critically needed is greater recognition of the problematic trend of growing antisemitism, an agreed upon definition of what antisemitism is, and the legislative means to penalize those engaged in this practice. While progress is slow in these areas, it is becoming more visible.

A number of significant events have occurred recently that draw attention to rising antisemitism, in addition to the publication of this report itself. A United Nations report *Combatting Antisemitism to Eliminate Discrimination and Intolerance Based on Religion or Belief*, released in September 2019, "notes claims that the objectives, activities and effects of the BDS movement are fundamentally antisemitic." In addition, in May 2019 German lawmakers in the Bundestag voted in favor of a motion to recognize the international BDS movement as an entity that uses antisemitic tactics to fulfill its political goals.

The International Holocaust Remembrance Association (IHRA) is playing a significant role in garnering consensus of a definition for antisemitism. Under the IHRA definition of antisemitism, anti-Zionism is effectively identified as a form of race and national-origin discrimination, alongside classic antisemitism. The United States government, as well as approximately 40 countries in Europe, South America and Australia, have accepted the IHRA's definition of antisemitism. There has been some action by US government agencies to codify the IHRA's definition of antisemitism into law and regulations, including the Department of Education's efforts to include anti-Zionism as a form of discrimination under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act, but much more needs to be done to have a tangible effect on the damaging impact of BDS.

We are heartened to see the beginning of government efforts to prevent the spread of antisemitism. What is missing are specific and clear laws that incorporate the IHRA antisemitism definition and enforcement of those laws. In the United States, once there are laws at the federal or state level explicitly defining and proscribing antisemitism, we will have the tools to provide justice for the victims and send a clear message to hate groups that they can't commit antisemitic acts without consequence. So far, Florida and South Carolina have adopted laws that define antisemitism, and we advocate for additional states to follow suit.

The words and deeds of BDS movement supporters must not be ignored, especially by those of us who are living reminders of the near-extirmination of the Jewish people. This pattern of demonization, delegitimization and, ultimately, elimination is one that has repeated itself over the millennia. Those who think that what happened in World War II Europe could never happen today in the United States must be educated how to prevent the history of antisemitism from being a prelude to the future.



Marc Greendorfer

# Executive Summary

This open-source online research provides evidence that the delegitimization campaign against Israel is partly responsible for the present rise in antisemitism. This report uses the widely-adopted IHRA working definition of antisemitism in order to measure this phenomenon. Under the guise of legitimate concern for Palestinian human rights, leaders of the delegitimization campaign have found fertile ground on social media, college campuses, among social justice groups and in the most influential international bodies to promote their anti-Israel agenda. There is currently a subtle but important gap in the scope of anti-discrimination laws in the United States. While there are federal and state laws prohibiting discrimination on the basis of, among other things, race, gender, nationality and religion, almost all of these laws fail to explicitly define antisemitism to include anti-Zionism. As a result, BDS proponents exploit this legal loophole to allege that their campaign is not antisemitic while they proudly declare that the campaign seeks to eliminate Zionism (and, by extension, Jewish self-determination). Thus, the same humanitarian pretense affords the campaigns leaders and prominent organizations the ability to express their antisemitic beliefs freely and perpetuate the radicalization of the discourse on Israel. As a result, individuals, although sometimes unknowingly, are being used as pawns to promote hate and lend legitimacy to what is in fact a radical antisemitic movement.

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The study of the connection between anti-Israel sentiment and antisemitism has already evolved into a vast collection of academic literature and research. Antisemitism is not a new phenomenon. In fact, it has been labeled as, “history’s oldest hatred.”<sup>2</sup> But today’s antisemitism has a fresh, albeit equally repellent, face. The portrayal of Jews as Satan, greedy bankers and ritual murderers in the Middle Ages, as a cancer and plague-infested on society just before and during the Third Reich and a conniving world dominating cult-force in Soviet Russia, has since been adopted and adapted by Israel’s enemies to describe Zionism, Israel and their supporters.

The evidence compiled in this report strongly attests to the accuracy of the assertion that online antisemitism is one of the most acute forms of antisemitism today. Additionally, the evidence presented further documents that the most popular platform for expressing antisemitism also breeds a particular type of antisemitism—new antisemitism, which, based on historical development, can only be expressed in post-modern imagery and messaging. Furthermore, the evidence presented in this report reveals that the most common forms of new antisemitism perpetuated by the delegitimization campaign are:

- comparing Israel to the Nazi regime
- using the symbols and images associated with classic antisemitism to characterize Israel or Israelis
- denying Jews their right to self-determination, also known as anti-Zionism. This report highlights approximately 100 individual instances of antisemitism within the wider delegitimization campaign against Israel including 30 organizations, in addition to leaders and activists. All of the incidents set out in this report constitute antisemitism under the working definition of the IHRA. Moreover, the report reveals the process utilized by the delegitimization campaign to radicalize the discourse surrounding Israel from legitimate criticism, into delegitimization and finally blatant antisemitism.

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<sup>2</sup> John Mann, *Anti-Semitism, Oldest Hatred: Essays, Speeches and Other Writings* (London: Bloomsbury Continuum); History.com, [Anti-Semitism](#), last updated 05/05/19, accessed 05/19; Wall Street Journal, [The Oldest Hatred](#), published 10/28/18, accessed 05/09; Hillel C. Neuer, Executive Director of UN Watch, cited in [Academic Study Press](#), *Hating the Jews*, accessed 05/19

The 2016 adoption of the IHRA's working definition of antisemitism marked an important development among world leadership, which acknowledged that in order to counter the radical effects of antisemitism on society, such as mass atrocities like the Holocaust, antisemitism must be recognized in all its forms, both historical and modern. The definition of antisemitism must be accurate and relevant if it is to be identified and deterred effectively. The images and references of the new antisemitism have adjusted for modern realities, while its nature maintains the same dangerous potential of being equally as corrosive and deadly as classic antisemitism. Specifically, these present-day manifestations of antisemitism, include the delegitimization of Israel's right to exist as the Jewish homeland or, as it is more popularly labeled today, anti-Zionism.

The delegitimization campaign, primarily via the BDS movement, is actively working against the adoption of a comprehensive definition of antisemitism to pave the way for its campaign of social radicalization and the perpetuation of new as well as classic antisemitism. The evidence collected in this report shows that while targeting, rejecting and encouraging others to scorn the very notion of the Jewish state, the delegitimization campaign and its leaders resort to using antisemitic tropes, libels and imagery, while actively broadcasting antisemitism to hundreds of thousands of their immediate followers and poisoning the dialogue surrounding the state of Israel with antisemitism. In the digital age, the antisemitism expressed and promoted by the delegitimization campaign is as much, if not a more potent mechanism of disseminating hate, unrest and even violence. In fact, we are currently experiencing a record level of antisemitism when compared to recent decades. This upswing is not confined to popular prejudices and beliefs; rather, it is also expressed in record numbers of violent incidents against Jews, their property, their institutions and their places of worship. More alarming still, is the emerging unchecked alliance between the delegitimization campaign, entrenched in the progressive left, and the neo-fascist right, which this report also examines.

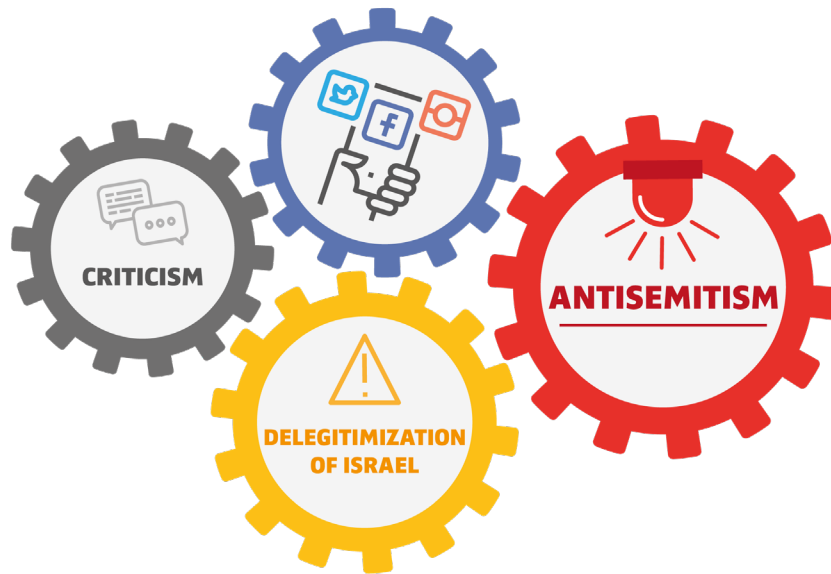
These findings suggest that the widespread adoption of the working definition of antisemitism is but a first step in a long journey to effectively check the resurgence of antisemitism. The examples contained in this report are but a sample of the type of antisemitism being promoted by the delegitimization campaign against Israel. There are countless additional examples of the normalization of antisemitism throughout all levels of this campaign, from the leaders of prominent groups within the delegitimization network to the local activists of this movement. Instead of allowing Jewish communities of the world to yet again become the canary in the coal mine singing to deaf ears, the delegitimization campaign against Israel must be held accountable for perpetuating the present rise in antisemitism in order to effectively address this radicalizing and destabilizing phenomenon from further eroding Western and democratic values. The prevalence of antisemitism in images, rhetoric and ideas is too pervasive to be considered coincidental and the audience is too wide to be ignored.

This first step of adopting the working definition of antisemitism, must be reinforced with additional effective laws and policies, and the consistent enforcement of these laws and policies, in order to ensure the limitation of this destructive phenomenon. These reinforcing strategies and solutions include: officially codifying and lending legal weight to the working definition of antisemitism in a capacity that fosters meaningful implementation and social education; updating the existing legislation and passing additional laws aimed at social media service providers to feature the IHRA working definition of antisemitism and requiring social media sites to clamp down on all forms of antisemitism stipulated in the working definition; and utilizing updated educational curricula about antisemitism featuring the IHRA's working definition in order to provide students with a full instructive picture about antisemitism in all of its forms, expressions and dangerous consequences, including in its most updated manifestations today.

# Major Takeaways

The online open source research and evidence provided in this report yield the following major conclusions, which are relevant now more than ever considering the sharp rise in antisemitism across the world.

1. The delegitimization campaign against Israel and its social-action vehicle known as the **BDS Movement radicalize legitimate criticism of Israel**, turning it into delegitimization and ultimately to antisemitism.
2. The delegitimization campaign and the BDS movement participate in and perpetuate open antisemitism because their raison d'être, **anti-Zionism** (i.e., dismantling the modern democratic state that is the Jewish homeland), is antisemitic at its core, both according to the IHRA's working definition of antisemitism and as a matter of fact.
3. The legal loophole of anti-Zionism not being explicitly defined as a form of antisemitism must be closed by incorporating the IHRA's working definition into all federal and state antidiscrimination laws.



4. One of the most powerful testimonies to the fact that delegitimization campaign is partially responsible for fueling the spike in antisemitism today is the increasingly public intellectual and philosophical alliance between **the largely progressive BDS movement and the neo-fascist and white supremacist network** internationally.
5. The messaging, imagery and propaganda spread by the delegitimization campaign is in turn borrowed and promoted by radical right wing and neo-Nazi forums, leaders and extremists contributing to the radicalization of democratic societies under the guise of a human rights campaign and presents a threat to a greater erosion of Western values in open democratic societies.

# New Antisemitism

## Introduction

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Before unpacking the philosophical and intellectual Jew-hatred perpetuated by the delegitimization campaign against Israel and its effects on western society, the following visual examples of antisemitic canards, libels and themes span from Medieval times to present-day and are being repackaged for use by the delegitimization campaign today.

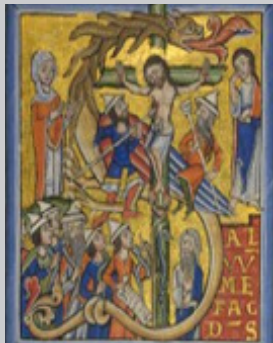
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3 John Mann, *Anti-Semitism, Oldest Hatred: Essays, Speeches and Other Writings* (London: Bloomsbury Continuum); History.com, [Anti-Semitism](#), last updated 05/05/19, accessed 05/19; Wall Street Journal, [The Oldest Hatred](#), published 10/28/18, accessed 05/09; Hillel C. Neuer, Executive Director of UN Watch, cited in [Academic Study Press](#), *Hating the Jews*, accessed 05/19

4 Phyllis Chesler, *The New Anti-Semitism* (San Francisco: Jossey-Bass, 2003)

5 Walter Laqueur, *Changing Face of Anti-Semitism* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2006)

Jewish deicide is a belief held by some that blames the Jewish people for the death of Jesus. Based on this belief, the early church father, Chrysostom, claimed that Jews were the enemy of God and connected the Jews with Satan. This theology gave way to the circulation of the Christ-killers myth, the portrayal of Jews as the devil, and demonizing tropes that insinuated Jews are the source of all evil.



Peter Lombard, *Commentary on the Psalms*, 1166 CE



Der Stürmer, "Jüdischer Racheschrei", 1939



Al Hayat Al Jadida, Courtesy of Palestinian Media Watch, 2000

In the Middle Ages the Christ-killers myth developed into the accusation that then-contemporary Jews reenacted the crucifixion by killing Christian children on Easter/Passover for religious purposes. These ritual murder allegations, referred to as blood libels, often came alongside the accusation that Jews poisoned wells. This claim was particularly popular during the Black Plague when Jews were accused of intentionally spreading the disease through the water supply.



Simon of Trent blood libel; Illustration in Hartmann Schedel's *Weltchronik*, 1493



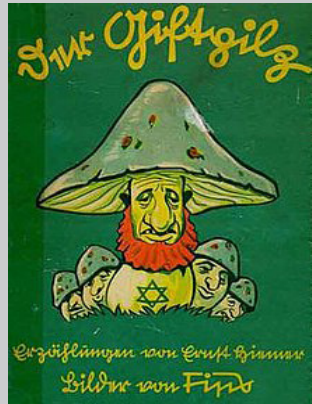
Der Stürmer, "Ritualmord", 1937



Al-Raya (Qatar), Courtesy of Palestinian Media Watch, 2009



Woodcarving,  
"Jews Poison the wells",  
19th century



Ernst Hiemer, "Der Giftpilz", 1938

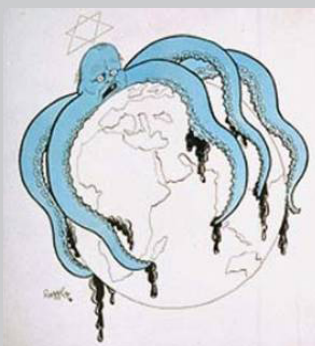


Krokodil, "The Doctors' Plot", 1953



Al-Hayat Al-Jadida, 2018

The accusation of a Jewish conspiracy to control the world began with a fabricated document, The Protocols of the Elders of Zion, which purported to describe a secret Jewish plan for global domination. Invented in Czarist Russia in 1903, the allegation had far-reaching consequences that included one of the bloodiest pogroms in Russian history, the Kishinev pogrom. This antisemitic canard is usually, though not exclusively, depicted with Jews as an octopus or vermin.



Der Stürmer, 1938



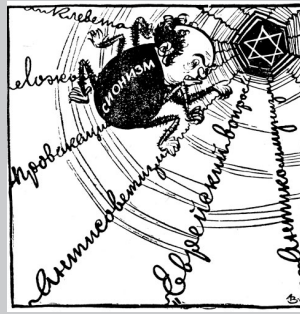
Krokodil, 1972



Al-Raya, 2017



Der Stürmer, "Die Ripperjuden",  
1930



Sovjetskaia Moldavia, "A Zionist  
Cobweb Spider", 1971



Emad Hajjaj, "The frequent  
intrusions of Jewish extremists into  
the Holy city of Jerusalem", 2013

During the Israeli War of Independence in 1948, Arab nations acted as Soviet Union proxies against the United States. After their onslaught and subsequent defeat, the Soviet Union designed a propaganda campaign against US-backed Israel rooted in the antisemitic myths in the Protocols of the Elders of Zion and created the perverted comparison of the Jewish state to that of Nazi Germany.



Vecherniaia Moskva,  
"Idols and their Fans",  
1970



PFLP, "Zionism and Nazism:  
Two Sides of the Same Coin",  
1980

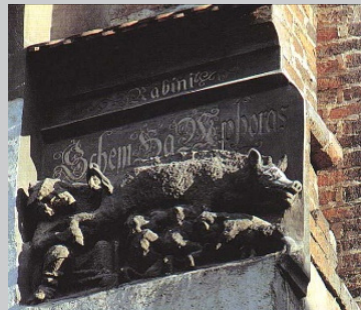


Carlos Latuff,  
2009

Another antisemitic trope used throughout the ages is the depiction of Jews as pigs. The image of Jews as a pig (an animal sometimes regarded as the devil), is a meant to denigrate Jews and Judaism.



Woodcut, "Die Judensau",  
15th century



Sandstone relief Stadtkirche  
Wittenberg, "Judensau", ca. 1440



Al-Watan, "Moving the American  
Embassy to Jerusalem", 2018



# The Working Definition of Antisemitism

International institutions, sovereign countries and their leaders share the discernment that the touchstones of Jew-hatred shift and update to include modern depictions and messages which keep antisemitism alive. **The International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (“IHRA”)** was established in 1998 at the behest of former Swedish Prime Minister Goran Persson to promote Holocaust education and research and to counter the growing phenomenon of Holocaust denial and antisemitism. Since its foundation, the IHRA has grown into a 33-strong member-state organization.<sup>6</sup> The IHRA is committed to upholding the eight points commemorating the Holocaust stipulated in the 2000 Stockholm Declaration.<sup>7</sup> The working definition of antisemitism was born out of an EU report compiled in 2002–2003 entitled Manifestations of antisemitism, which was published in May 2004.<sup>8</sup> As stated in the report’s foreword, it was written to raise awareness of the development of antisemitism in Europe. Among other things, the Manifestations of antisemitism report explored the question of whether anti-Israel or anti-Zionist attitudes constitute antisemitism.<sup>9</sup> While simultaneously acknowledging that the often blurred lines between the issue demanded a standard EU, “adequate definition of this phenomenon” that would serve as a yardstick for this purpose in European countries.<sup>10</sup> The anti-Israel/anti-Zionist and antisemitism overlap was described in the report as a “crucial question.”<sup>11</sup>

**The Manifestations of Antisemitism report explored the question of whether anti-Israel or anti-Zionist attitudes constitute antisemitism**

The report culminated in the publication the following year on January 28, 2005 of a “non-binding” working draft of the definition which was eventually adopted in full on May 26, 2016 by a plenary meeting of the, then, 31 member-countries in the IHRA. On June 1, 2017, the EU followed suite and adopted the full definition.<sup>12</sup> Its resolution called, “on the Member States and the Union institutions and agencies to adopt and apply the working definition.”<sup>13</sup> In June 2010, the US State Department published a condensed version of the IHRA definition.<sup>14</sup> Being a member state of the IHRA, the US later adopted the full working definition at the Bucharest Plenary on May 26, 2016.<sup>15</sup> The updated statement on the State Department website affirmed, “This definition is consistent with and builds upon the information contained in the 2010 State Department definition,” and further stated that the US, “encourage[s] other governments and international organizations to use it as well.”<sup>16</sup>

6 The Holocaust and United Nations Outreach Programme, [Task Force for International Cooperation on Holocaust Education, Remembrance and Research Becomes the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance](#), accessed 05/19; The Australian Jewish News, Australia becomes 33rd member of IHRA, published 06/05/19, accessed 07/19

7 IHRA, [Stockholm Declaration](#), accessed 05/19

8 [Manifestations of Anti-Semitism in the EU 2002 – 2003](#), published 05/04, accessed 05/19

9 Ibid., p. 13–14

10 Ibid., p. 25

11 Ibid., p.13

12 European Commission Combatting Anti-Semitism, [Definition of anti-Semitism](#), accessed 05/19

13 Ibid., For full text of resolution, [see here](#)

14 US Department of State, [Defining Anti-Semitism](#) (archived content), published 06/08/10, accessed 05/19

15 US Department of State, [Defining anti-Semitism](#), accessed 05/19

16 Ibid.

Between 2016 to 2019, in addition to the **33-member states** of the IHRA, several other countries independently adopted the working definition of Antisemitism. These countries included<sup>17</sup>:



**Adoption of the Working Definition of Anti-Semitism**  
Worldwide, 2016-2019



Czech Republic	January 2016
United Kingdom	December 2016
Israel	January 2017
Austria	April 2017
Scotland	April 2017
Romania	May 2017
Germany	September 2017
Bulgaria	October 2017
Lithuania	January 2018
Republic of Macedonia	March 2018
the Netherlands	November 2018
Slovakia	November 2018
Belgium	December 2018
Republic of Moldova	January 2019
Hungary	February 2019
France	February 2019
Canada	June 2019
Greece	November 2019

17 IHRA, [Working Definitions and Charters: Policy Guidance from IHRA Experts](#), accessed 05/19; Bulgaria later became a member of the IHRA and subsequently adopted the definition, Embassy of Bulgaria, [Bulgarian Government Adopted "IHRA Working Definition of Antisemitism" and appointed National Coordinator on combatting antisemitism](#), accessed 05/19; UK Government, [Government leads the way in tackling Antisemitism](#), published 12/12/16, accessed 09/19; World Jewish Congress, [Macedonia adopts International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance's Working Definition of Antisemitism](#), published 03/16/18, accessed 05/19; Jerusalem Post, [Moldova Praised for Adopting Antisemitism Definition](#), published 01/23/19, accessed 05/19; Scotland Government, [SG Use of IHRA Definition of Antisemitism: FOI Release](#), published 06/27/18, accessed 05/19; The Canadian Jewish News, [Canadian Government Adopts IHRA Definition of Antisemitism](#), published 06/25/2019, accessed 07/19; Israeli Ministry of Strategic Affairs, [Behind the Mask: The Antisemitic Nature of BDS Exposed](#), published 09/19, accessed 09/19; The Times of Israel, [Greece to officially adopt broad definition of Antisemitism](#), published 11/10/19, accessed 11/19

## The Working Definition of Antisemitism

“In the spirit of the Stockholm Declaration that states: ‘With humanity still scarred by ...antisemitism and xenophobia the international community shares a solemn responsibility to fight those evils’ the committee on Antisemitism and Holocaust Denial called the IHRA Plenary in Budapest 2015 to adopt the following working definition of antisemitism.

On 26 May 2016, the Plenary in Bucharest decided to:

Adopt the following non-legally binding working definition of antisemitism:

“Antisemitism is a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred toward Jews. Rhetorical and physical manifestations of antisemitism are directed toward Jewish or non-Jewish individuals and/or their property, toward Jewish community institutions and religious facilities.”

**To guide IHRA in its work, the following examples may serve as illustrations:**

Manifestations might include the targeting of the state of Israel, conceived as a Jewish collectivity. However, criticism of Israel similar to that leveled against any other country cannot be regarded as antisemitic. Antisemitism frequently charges Jews with conspiring to harm humanity, and it is often used to blame Jews for “why things go wrong.” It is expressed in speech, writing, visual forms and action, and employs sinister stereotypes and negative character traits.

Contemporary examples of antisemitism in public life, the media, schools, the workplace, and in the religious sphere could, taking into account the overall context, include, but are not limited to:

1. Calling for, aiding, or justifying the killing or harming of Jews in the name of a radical ideology or an extremist view of religion.
2. Making mendacious, dehumanizing, demonizing, or stereotypical allegations about Jews as such or the power of Jews as collective — such as, especially but not exclusively, the myth about a world Jewish conspiracy or of Jews controlling the media, economy, government or other societal institutions.
3. Accusing Jews as a people of being responsible for real or imagined wrongdoing committed by a single Jewish person or group, or even for acts committed by non-Jews.
4. Denying the fact, scope, mechanisms (e.g. gas chambers) or intentionality of the genocide of the Jewish people at the hands of National Socialist Germany and its supporters and accomplices during World War II (the Holocaust).
5. Accusing the Jews as a people, or Israel as a state, of inventing or exaggerating the Holocaust.
6. Accusing Jewish citizens of being more loyal to Israel, or to the alleged priorities of Jews worldwide, than to the interests of their own nations.
7. Denying the Jewish people their right to self-determination, e.g., by claiming that the existence of a State of Israel is a racist endeavor.
8. Applying double standards by requiring of it a behavior not expected or demanded of any other democratic nation.
9. Using the symbols and images associated with classic antisemitism (e.g., claims of Jews killing Jesus or blood libel) to characterize Israel or Israelis.
10. Drawing comparisons of contemporary Israeli policy to that of the Nazis.
11. Holding Jews collectively responsible for actions of the state of Israel.

Antisemitic acts are criminal when they are so defined by law (for example, denial of the Holocaust or distribution of antisemitic materials in some countries).

Criminal acts are antisemitic when the targets of attacks, whether they are people or property — such as buildings, schools, places of worship and cemeteries — are selected because they are, or are perceived to be, Jewish or linked to Jews.

Antisemitic discrimination is the denial to Jews of opportunities or services available to others and is illegal in many countries.”

The adoption of IHRA's working definition on antisemitism marked an important development among world leadership, recognizing that in order to prevent the radical effects of antisemitism on society, such as mass atrocities like the Holocaust, a spade must be called a spade. The description of antisemitism must be accurate and account for its modern-day manifestations if it is to be identified and deterred effectively. This recognition is primarily anchored in several of the clauses of the working definition which address various degrees of anti-Israel sentiment such as, but not limited to, denying the Jewish right to self-determination by claiming that Israel should not exist or by drawing comparisons between Nazi and contemporary Israeli policies. These points are an important acknowledgement of the way in which new antisemitism expresses itself in post-modern imagery and messaging. The images and references of the new antisemitism have adjusted for modern realities, while its nature maintains the same dangerous potential of being equally as corrosive and deadly as classic antisemitism. Specifically, these present-day manifestations of antisemitism include the delegitimization of Israel's right to exist as the Jewish homeland, or as it is more popularly labeled today, anti-Zionism.

In this context, leaders of the same countries who have adopted the IHRA working definition of antisemitism, through IHRA membership and independently, increasingly rebuke the perpetuation of antisemitism under the ideological alias of anti-Zionism. For example, in September 2018 then UK Prime Minister Theresa May acknowledged that rabid anti-Israel positions and delegitimization often translate into hatred toward Jews. "If we are to stand up for the values that we share – then one of the things we need to do is give young Jewish people the confidence to be proud of their identity – as British, Jewish and Zionist too," she stated. May continued, "Criticizing the government of Israel is never – and can never be – an excuse for hatred against the Jewish people."<sup>18</sup> Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau clarified his stance against the BDS movement, explaining, "antisemitism has manifested itself not just as targeting of individuals but, it is also targeting a new condemnation or antisemitism against the very state of Israel."<sup>19</sup> Similarly, French President Emmanuel Macron stated unequivocally that, "anti-Zionism is one of the modern forms of antisemitism. Behind the negation of Israel's existence, what is hiding is the hatred of Jews," following the adoption of the working definition of antisemitism by France in February of 2019.<sup>20</sup> US President Donald Trump's Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Antisemitism, Elan Carr, echoed that any movement designed to deny Israel's legitimacy is antisemitic, adding that, "hatred of the Jewish state is hatred of the Jewish people."<sup>21</sup> "Let me go on record: anti-Zionism is antisemitism," Carr said when inaugurated into his new position in April 2019.<sup>22</sup> These statements, along with the widespread adoption of the IHRA's working definition of antisemitism and the introduction of resolutions condemning the BDS movement for discriminatorily targeting the state of Israel, and Jews by extension, indicate a growing consensus that delegitimization and vehemently anti-Israel rhetoric has become a fig leaf to cloak antisemitism.

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18 BBC News, [Theresa May vows to root out anti-Semitism 'Scourge'](#), published 12/17/18, accessed 06/19

19 Times of Israel, [Trudeau blasts BDS movement as anti-Semitic](#), published 01/17/19, accessed 08/19

20 The Telegraph, [Anti-Zionism is anti-Semitism, warns Emmanuel Macron](#), published 02/21/19, accessed 04/19

21 The Washington Post, [Trump Administration's New anti-Semitism envoy say BDS movement is anti-Semitic](#), published 04/11/19, accessed 04/19

22 Mondoweiss, [Trump's anti-Semitism envoy's main target is 'ancient scourge of anti-Zionism' aimed at 'strangling Jewish state'](#), published 04/13/19, accessed 4/19

# The Rise of Antisemitism

Unfortunately, in parallel to the validation of the working definition of antisemitism and increasing recognition by world leaders of the overlap between anti-Zionism and antisemitism, documented attitudes of populations towards Jews, reported experiences and feelings of local Jewish communities and statistics marking a peak in antisemitic violence and hate crimes, all indicate a current wave of antisemitism. For example, a poll carried out by the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) in 2015, revealed that antisemitic attitudes rose in several countries across Europe. According to the poll, Romania, Italy and the Netherlands witnessed an increase in antisemitic attitudes of 12%, 9% and 6%, respectively. While other countries such as Poland, Russia and Ukraine saw notable drops, the figures illustrating antisemitic attitudes remained at an alarming 37%, 23% and 32%, respectively.<sup>23</sup> That same year marked decreases in antisemitic attitudes in France and Germany (notably, in the wake of a terror attack targeting Jews and journalists). However, the positive trends in Germany and France in 2015 turned out to be short-lived aberrations when in 2018 both countries reported a significant uptick in the number of antisemitic attacks. The figures released by the German government showed a 10% increase, with 1,646 crimes linked to hatred of Jews being reported.<sup>24</sup> In France, statistics revealed a surge of 74% in the number of antisemitic attacks in the country, catapulting from 311 in 2017 to 541 in 2018.<sup>25</sup> Additionally, a 2014 poll found that antisemitic attitudes permeated 75% of the Muslim population living throughout the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) and 64% of Christians living in the same region.<sup>26</sup>

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**A poll carried out by the ADL revealed that antisemitic attitudes rose in several countries across Europe**

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23 ADL, [New ADL Poll Finds Dramatic Decline in Anti-Semitic Attitudes in France; Significant Drops in Germany and Belgium](#), published 06/30/15, accessed 05/19

24 BBC News, [Anti-Semitism: Germany sees '10% jump in offences in 2018](#), published 02/12/19, accessed 05/19

25 BBC News, [France anti-Semitism: Jewish graves desecrated near Strasbourg](#), published 02/19/19, accessed 05/19

26 ADL, [ADL Poll of Over 100 Countries Finds More Than One-Quarter of Those Surveyed Infected with Anti-Semitic Attitudes](#), published 05/13/14, accessed 05/19




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Statistics based on following sources:

- ▶ 2015 ADL Poll, published 06/30/15, accessed 05/19
- ▶ BBC News, [Antisemitism: Germany sees '10% jump in offences in 2018](#), published 02/12/19, accessed 05/19
- ▶ BBC News, [France Antisemitism: Jewish graves desecrated near Strasbourg](#), published 02/19/19, accessed 05/19)

Across the globe, these attitudes are affecting affiliated and non-affiliated Jews' sense of security. One study carried out by Tel Aviv University's Kantor Center for the Study of Contemporary European Jewry (Kantor Center) reports that since 2016, Jews in certain countries have felt that they are facing a "state of emergency" and are compelled to question the viability of a safe future in countries they were born and raised in.<sup>27</sup> Other statistical data surrounding antisemitism in EU member states presents a bleak reality for the Jews who call Europe their home. A 2018 survey carried out by the European Agency for Fundamental Rights surveyed Jewish communities across 12 EU member states on their feelings about antisemitism, 39% of respondents said that they had experienced some form of antisemitic harassment in the five years prior to the survey's publication. Moreover, 28% said that they had experienced such harassment in the 12 months prior to the survey.<sup>28</sup> It is important to note that, "survey respondents identify antisemitic content on the internet as the most acute form of antisemitism."<sup>29</sup>

27 Moshe Kantor Database for the Study of Contemporary Antisemitism and Racism, [Anti-Semitism Worldwide 2018](#), 2018, p. 6

28 European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights, [Experiences and perceptions of antisemitism Second survey on discrimination and hate crime against Jews in the EU](#), published 2018, accessed 05/19, p. 9

29 Ibid.

# Online Antisemitism Contagion

The instinctual identification by Jewish communities that online antisemitism is one of the most acute forms of antisemitism is corroborated by recent outside research. For instance, a 2019 study found, through a comprehensive review of Google search data, that queries for the Rothchild banking family has increased by 29% over the past three years in the United Kingdom.<sup>30</sup> The same study also found that when the rate of searches for the Rothschild banking family go up, so do other antisemitic searches on Google.<sup>31</sup> Additionally, a recent study published by the ADL reported 4.2 million antisemitic tweets from 3 million unique handles on Twitter in 2017 alone.<sup>32</sup> This means that over the course of the study, throughout 2017, an average of 81,400 antisemitic tweets were generated per week<sup>33</sup>. An earlier report from the same organization suggests that a significant amount of tweets, such as the reported 4.2 million tweets in 2017, have a potential reach of approximately 20 billion impressions or more.<sup>34</sup> This influence estimation is further supported by research which shows that hate speech has a much higher spreading velocity online as compared to innocuous speech. Hate speech spreads further and more quickly online due to the fact that users promoting hate are generally more proactive generators of content, more likely to use social media in a coordinated fashion with other like-minded users and are more likely to be followed by users who do not generate hate content.<sup>35</sup> Finally, on fringe social media groups like Gab and the 4chan's Politically Incorrect board (/pol/), both linked to notorious real-life mass violence, "Jew" was one of the terms used and abused the most, when compared to other racial slurs.<sup>36</sup> Therefore, by sheer volume and influence the online presence of antisemitism would be more acutely felt by Jews worldwide than offline antisemitism or antisemitic violence in public worldwide.

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**Throughout the year of 2017, an average of 81,400 antisemitic tweets were generated per week**

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Perhaps more significant still, is the close link between classic online antisemitism and Israel-based online antisemitism. The aforementioned ADL report published in 2016 indicated that the use of the term "Israel" in the antisemitic content collected, when reviewing antisemitic tweets aimed at journalists, was second only to the word "Jew".<sup>37</sup> The same study reported that "Zionist" was also a leading term in the antisemitic posts which targeted Jewish journalists. The 2019 UK-based Google data study (mentioned above) showed that while the top negative stereotypes searched for in relation to Jews in the United Kingdom are "evil" and "racist", the UK also ranks third in the world for searches

30 Community Security Trust, [What Google Searches tell us about Anti-Semitism Today](#), published 01/19, accessed 09/19

31 Ibid.

32 ADL, [Quantifying Hate: A Year of Anti-Semitism on Twitter](#), published 05/18

33 Ibid.

34 ADL, [ADL Report: Control-Alt-Delete](#), published 11/17/16, accessed 09/19; based on the statistic that in the relevant report a total of 2.6 million Tweets containing anti-Semitic language were posted on Twitter between August 2015 and July 2016 with an estimated potential reach of 10 billion impressions

35 Network Contagion Research Institute, [A Quantitative Approach to Understanding Online Antisemitism](#), published 09/05/18, accessed 05/19

36 Network Contagion Research Institute, [A Quantitative Approach to Understanding Online Anti-Semitism](#), published 09/05/18, accessed 09/05/18; when compared to the terms: "kike," "white," "black," and "nigger"

37 ADL, [ADL Report: Control-Alt-Delete](#), published 11/17/16, accessed 09/19

about Zionism, behind Israel and Lebanon.<sup>38</sup> These findings dovetail with the evidence presented in this report, with much of the delegitimizing criticism of Israel, resulting in the ensuing modern-day antisemitism online.

The increasing presence of online antisemitism should raise concern because online antisemitism can encourage hateful action and escalate into violence against Jews in the real world. Increasing evidence suggests that there is a direct correlation between online hate speech and hate crimes committed offline.<sup>39</sup> As of today, one study has even broken down this connection to show a correlation between hate speech rates over Twitter and hate crimes committed per US city.<sup>40</sup> Although experts agree that more research needs to be done on the topic in order to ascertain the nuances of this link,<sup>41</sup> preliminary research shows that unchecked online hate speech presents a serious threat of manifested violent action. The connection between online hate speech and hate crimes committed offline may be further supported in light of the increased rates of online antisemitism, on the one hand, and rising statistics of violent antisemitic crime, on the other.

According to one study carried out by the Kantor Center, the number of violent antisemitic attacks around the world rose by 13% between 2017 and 2018.<sup>42</sup> This increase in antisemitic attacks does not include the estimated 75 – 80% of, “antisemitic manifestations” and incidents that go unreported worldwide. In the US, a recent survey published by the ADL in 2019 documents antisemitic attacks between 2009 and 2018. The study concludes that 2018 marked the second highest number of antisemitic incidents recorded in the last decade, with 1,879 recorded incidents—only 13% of which were committed by white supremacists.<sup>43</sup> This survey corresponds directly with the findings of the Federal Bureau of Investigations’ 2017 Hate Crimes Statistics report, which recorded that Jews made up over half of the victims targeted by anti-religious hate crimes that year. It is worth highlighting that 453 of the culprits were unknown to the authorities, suggesting a new crop of antisemitic offenders.<sup>44</sup> This is particularly striking considering that, according to the latest estimates, Jews account for a mere 2.1 – 2.3 percent of the total US population.<sup>45</sup> This shows that statistically, Jews are, proportionately to their small population, the most targeted group for hate crimes in the US. Furthermore, the largest number of recent violent episodes have occurred in countries that contain the highest concentration of Jews, including the US, the UK, France, Germany, Canada, Belgium, the Netherlands and Argentina.<sup>46</sup>

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38 Ibid.

39 Karsten Muller and Carlo Schwartz, [Fanning the Flames of Hate: Social Media and Hate Crimes](#), published 11/30/18, accessed 09/19

40 Kunal Relia, Zhengyi Li, Stephanie H. Cook, Rumi Chunara, [Race, Ethnicity and National Origin-based Discrimination in Social Media and Hate Crimes Across 100 US Cities](#), published 01/31/19, accessed 09/19

41 Ibid., Karsten Muller and Carlo Schwartz, [Fanning the Flames of Hate: Social Media and Hate Crimes](#), published 11/30/18, accessed 09/19

42 Moshe Kantor Database for the Study of Contemporary [Antisemitism and Racism, Anti-Semitism Worldwide 2018](#), 2018, p. 5

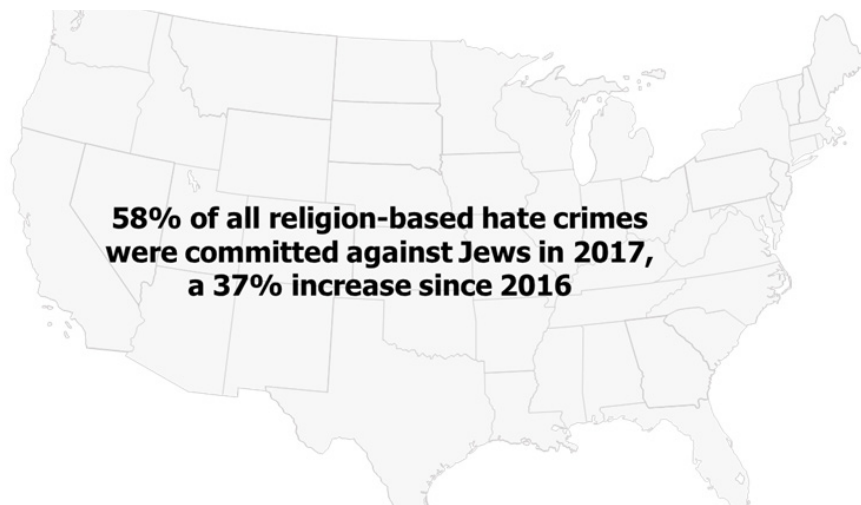
43 ADL, [Anti-Semitic Incidents Remained at Near-Historic Levels in 2018; Assaults Against Jews More Than Doubled](#), published 04/30/19, accessed 05/19; Bari Wiess, *How to Fight Anti-Semitism*, Kindle Edition, published 09/10/19, accessed 09/19

44 FBI, [2017 Hate Crime Statistics- Incidents, Offenses, Victims and Known Offenders](#), accessed 05/19

45 World Population Review, [United States Population 2019](#), accessed 05/19; Pew Research Center, [How Many Jews are there in the United States](#), published 10/03/13, accessed 05/19; Jewish Virtual Library, [Jewish Population in the United States by State \(1899 – present\)](#), accessed 05/19

46 [Anti-Semitism Worldwide 2018](#), p. 5; Regional breakdown of ADL poll results






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Source for information pictured above:

- ▶ US Department of Justice—Federal Bureau of Investigations, [Hate Crime Statistics, 2017](#), Released Fall 2018, accessed 05/19
- ▶ Jewish Telegraphic Agency, [Hate crimes against Jews rise by 37%, FBI Reports](#), published 13/11/18, accessed 05/19

This report, based on online open source material and research, provides evidence that the delegitimization campaign against Israel is partly responsible for the present rise in antisemitism, as defined by the widely-adopted IHRA working definition of antisemitism. All of this information is publicly available. Among other sources, this report is also based on the recently released Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief's preliminary report on antisemitism, Bari Wiess's *How to Fight Antisemitism*, and the Israeli Ministry of Strategic Affairs' *Behind The Mask: The Antisemitic Nature of BDS Exposed*.<sup>47</sup> Under the guise of legitimate concern for Palestinian human rights, leaders of the delegitimization campaign have found fertile ground on social media, college campuses, among social justice groups and in the most influential international bodies to promote their anti-Israel agenda. This humanitarian pretense affords the campaign's leaders and prominent organizations the ability to express their antisemitic beliefs freely and perpetuate the radicalization of the discourse on Israel. As a result, individuals, albeit sometimes unknowingly, are used as pawns to promote hate and to lend legitimacy to what is, in fact, a radical antisemitic movement.

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<sup>47</sup> Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees Special Rapporteur, [Advanced Unedited Version: Elimination of all forms of religious intolerance](#), published 09/23/19, accessed 09/19; Bari Wiess, [How to Fight Anti-Semitism](#) (Kindle version), published 09/10/19, accessed 09/19; Israeli Ministry of Strategic Affairs, [Behind the Mask: The Anti-Semitic Nature of BDS Exposed](#), published 09/19, accessed 09/19

# A Dangerous Process: How the Delegitimization Campaign Disseminates and Propagates Antisemitism

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## → The Delegitimization Campaign and the BDS Movement

Today, the chief distributors of that new antisemitism are the leaders and activists of the delegitimization campaign. The delegitimization campaign against Israel can arguably be traced back to the re-establishment of the Jewish state, when the leaders of the Arab world rejected the November 1947 UN General Assembly Resolution 181 that called for the partition of Palestine into two separate states – one for the Jews and one for the Arabs. With the subsequent failed attempt by allied Arab armies to eradicate the fledgling Jewish state by military force in 1948 and the repeated attempts thereafter, Israel's detractors have since presided over a delegitimization campaign in various ways designed to besmirch the country's reputation, propagate an ahistorical narrative of a country born in sin, and cast a perpetual shadow over every facet of its very existence, from politics and culture to economic and technological strides.

In recent years, the delegitimization campaign has gained significant momentum, as Israel's opponents have expanded their network of partners and increasingly organized and unified their efforts. Building on the example of the 1975 UN Resolution 3379 which declared that, "Zionism is a form of racism and racial discrimination," (despite its revocation in 1991) and drawing inspiration from boycott tactics employed by the anti-apartheid movement in South Africa, anti-Israel NGOs formed the BNC to coordinate and facilitate what is known as the BDS movement. Today, the 28-member coalition, including at least five US and EU designated terror organizations,<sup>48</sup> supports and strengthens the global delegitimization campaign by setting the effort's agenda at its biennial conference in Ramallah,

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48 *The Palestinian BDS National Committee (BNC) was created in 2008 and is the coordinating body for the BDS Movement worldwide. The first and primary member of the BNC is the Council of National and Islamic Forces in Palestine, known outside of the Palestinian territories as the "Palestinian National and Islamic Forces" (PNIF). PNIF was founded by Yasser Arafat and is comprised of five US-designated terrorist organizations, including: Hamas, the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP), The Popular Front—General Command (PFPL-GC), the Palestinian Liberation Front (PLF) and Palestinian Islamic Jihad (PIJ). In addition, members of PNIF include Khalid al-Batsh, senior member of the PIJ, and Jamil Mezher, a member of the political bureau of the PFLP. Ghassan Zeidan, now deceased, was a Central Committee member of the PLF and a member of PNIF, as was Iz-Al-Din Kasab, a Hamas representative. Further, Haidar Eid, a BNC representative, made it clear that Hamas and other Islamic movements were represented on the BNC. For more information: The Ministry of Strategic Affairs, [Terrorist in Suits](#) (page 14), published 02/19, accessed 09/19*

the seat of the Palestinian Authority and home of a number of designated terror organizations. It also strengthens the campaign by coalescing a loose-knit group of organizations into an active, international bloc against Israel.<sup>49</sup>

The espousal and perpetuation of antisemitism by the highest echelons of the delegitimization campaign occur through a process of radicalizing seemingly legitimate criticism of Israel, to philosophical, social and political delegitimization of the state of Israel, to outright antisemitism. The organizations and activists utilize the virtuous higher callings including human rights, social justice and education in order to shield these antisemitic statements from reproach by claiming they are within the realm of legitimate criticism of Israeli policies. As Dr. Einat Wilf recently explained during an Intelligence Squared debate about antisemitism and anti-Zionism, “The antisemitism we all acknowledge [today], when it started, looked nothing like where it led. In fact, when you compared the beginnings of antisemitism with anti-Zionism the similarities are striking... The designation [of the group] is then described as having essential, immutable, loathsome qualities. In Christian Europe we were Christ killers, to the Nazis we were an impure race, to the Soviets we were capitalists and imperialists, and today the State of Israel is the ultimate violator of human rights, it is described as “born in sin” and is guilty by its very nature... The designation of the group and ascribing of essential evil qualities is always given the aura of rationality and respectability by relying on the greatest source of authority of a given era...human rights in our own era.”<sup>50</sup> The shifting of ideas, messaging and agenda-setting from criticism, to delegitimization, and finally, to antisemitism is often subtle and may be difficult to detect due to the rhetorical entrenchment in humanitarian causes. However, the eventual result of this insidious discrimination and hatred towards the Jewish homeland and Jews is effective and dangerous.

The first-ever official Special Commissioner on Jewish Life and Combatting Antisemitism of Germany, Dr. Felix Klein, stated, “The BDS movement is antisemitic in its actions and goals. The activists are trying to isolate Israel and to defame it as an alleged apartheid state. The Jewish state is thereby to be delegitimized step by step. BDS also takes Israeli citizens hostage and blames them for the actions of the Israeli government.”<sup>51</sup> This analysis was recently reaffirmed by the highest German authority, the Bundestag, which passed a landmark multi-partisan resolution, rooted in the IHRA working definition, that not only condemns the BDS campaign as antisemitic, but also calls for an end of government funding to any BDS-associated organizations and the movement itself.<sup>52</sup> This landmark resolution is corroborated by similar resolutions passed by the Canadian parliament<sup>53</sup> and, most recently, the US Congress, which reject the BDS movement and efforts to support it due to the fact that they delegitimize and demonize Israel. Specifically, House Resolution 246 recognized the global BDS movement as a one-sided movement which seeks to exclude Israel, often facilitates the targeting of Jewish American citizens or Israeli individuals, prevents peace and is overall not representative of American foreign policy interests in terms of the promotion of a lasting democratic peace between

49 Jerusalem Center for Public Affairs, [The 1975 “Zionism Is Racism” Resolution: The Rise, Fall, and Resurgence of a Libel](#), published 05/10, accessed 05/19

50 YouTube, [Dr. Einat Wilf: Anti-Zionism is Anti-Semitism](#), published 07/26/19, accessed 08/19

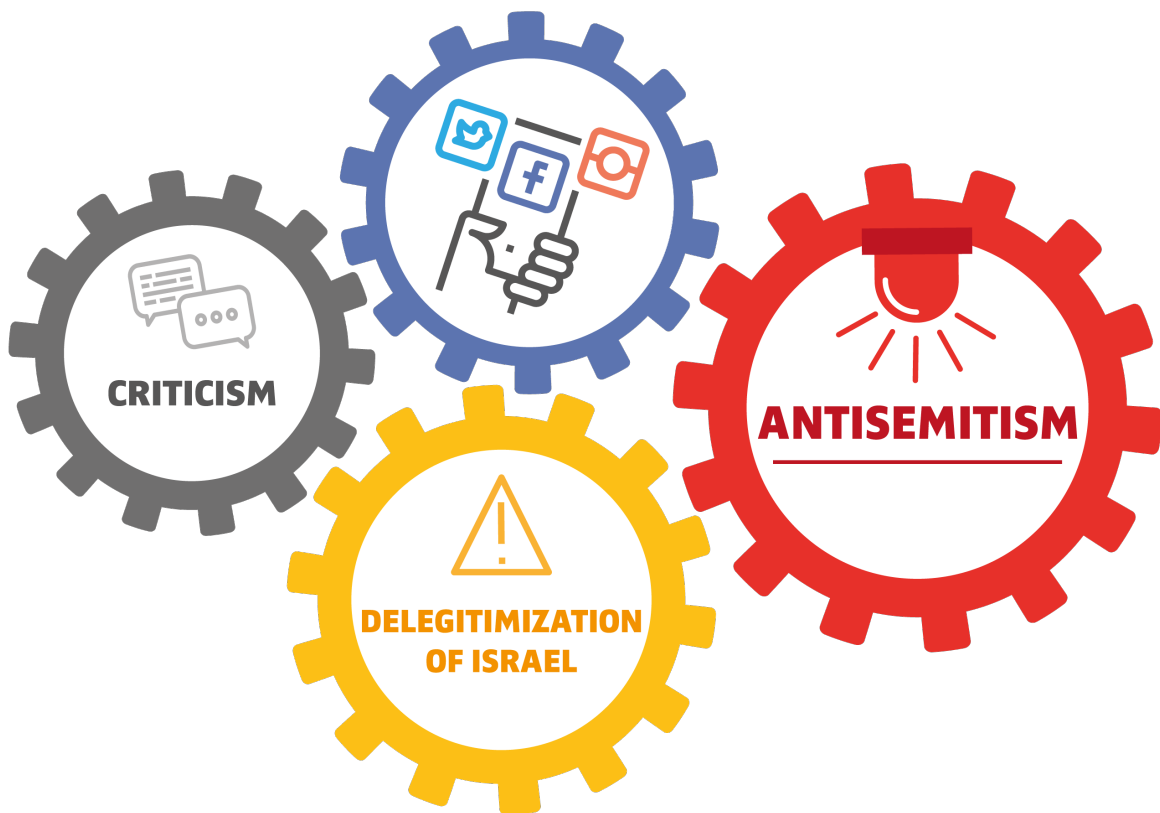
51 Juedische Allgemeine, [BDS ist im Kern antisemitisch](#), published 03/15/19, accessed 05/19

52 Deutscher Bundestag, [Der BDS-Bewegung entschlossen entgegenzutreten – Antisemitismus bekämpfen](#), ratified 17/05/19, accessed 05/19; Deutscher Bundestag, [Bundestag verurteilt Boykottaufrufe gegen Israel](#), published 17/05/19, accessed 05/19

53 Parliament of Canada, [Vote No. 14: Opposition Motion \(Israel\)](#), published 02/22/16, accessed 09/19

the Palestinians and Israelis.<sup>54</sup> These legislative efforts, despite criticism and concern from the far Left about potential limitations on free speech, have been further vindicated and supported by the most recent account by the Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief to the UNHCR about the rise in antisemitism worldwide, which noted the mounting criticism that the goal of the BDS movement are antisemitic at their core and that the movement often espouses and promotes blatant antisemitism.<sup>55</sup> Furthermore, the work of the UN Special Rapporteur stressed in clear terms, “the expression which draws upon antisemitic tropes or stereotypes, rejects the right of Israel to exist, or advocates discrimination against Jewish individuals because of their religion should be condemned.”

This report will prove that the international analysis of the BDS movement is not only accurate, but applicable to the greater orchestration of the delegitimization campaign against Israel. Indeed, the proofs brought forth in this report are not limited to official organizations or leaders of the BDS movement but emanate from a wider anti-Israel network. The following examples will show that when the delegitimization campaign and its leaders resort to using antisemitic tropes, libels and imagery while targeting, rejecting and encouraging others to scorn the very notion of the Jewish state, they actively broadcast this antisemitism to hundreds of thousands of their immediate followers and cause the discourse surrounding the state of Israel to be riddled with antisemitism.



54 US Congress, [H. Res. 246 – Opposing efforts to delgitimize the State of Israel and the Global Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions Movement targeting Israel](#), published 07/23/19, accessed 09/19

55 Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights Special Rapporteur, [Advanced Unedited Version: Elimination of all forms of religious intolerance](#), published 09/23/19, accessed 09/19

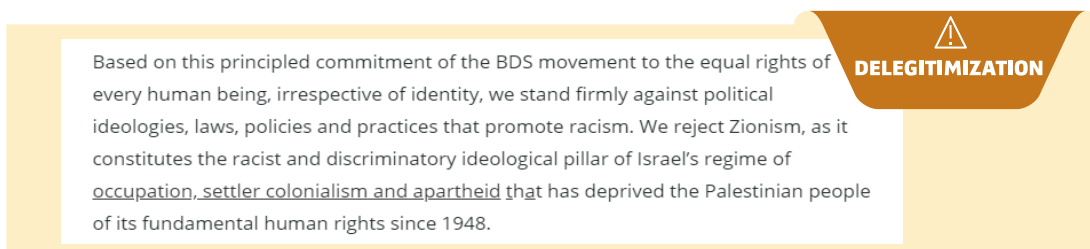
## → The BDS National Committee

As mentioned earlier, the BNC, the architect of the BDS movement, is a 28-member coalition, including at least five US and EU designated terror organizations, that supports and strengthens the delegitimization campaign worldwide.<sup>56</sup> It sets the campaign's strategy and focus at its biennial conference in Ramallah and uses its social media presence and representatives across the globe to carry out its agenda and secure unified messaging of the movement. According to the BDS movement's founder, Omar Barghouti, "BDS is a non-violent human rights movement that seeks freedom, justice and equality for the Palestinian people, based on international law and universal principles of human rights. As such, BDS has consistently and categorically rejected all forms of discrimination and racism, including antisemitism."<sup>57</sup>



► BDS Movement Logo

However, the lead body in the delegitimization campaign against Israel has not only officially rejected Zionism and falsely accused the ideology of supporting an apartheid regime, but its leaders have also engaged in overt antisemitism.



► BNC, [BDS Movement's Position against All Forms of Racism and Racial Discrimination](#), 03/07/17

<sup>56</sup> The Palestinian BDS National Committee (BNC) was created in 2008 and is the coordinating body for the BDS Movement worldwide. **The first and primary member of the BNC is the Council of National and Islamic Forces in Palestine, known outside of the Palestinian territories as the "Palestinian National and Islamic Forces" (PNIF).** PNIF was founded by Yasser Arafat and is **comprised of five US-designated terrorist organizations, including: Hamas, the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP), The Popular Front—General Command (PFPL-GC), the Palestinian Liberation Front (PLF) and Palestinian Islamic Jihad (PIJ).** In addition, members of PNIF include Khalid al-Batsh, senior member of the PIJ, and Jamil Mezher, a member of the political bureau of the PFLP. Ghassan Zeidan, now deceased, was a Central Committee member of the PLF and a member of PNIF, as was Iz-Al-Din Kasab, a Hamas representative. Further, Haidar Eid, a BNC representative, made it clear that Hamas and other Islamic movements were represented on the BNC. For more information: The Ministry of Strategic Affairs, [Terrorist in Suits](#) (page 14), published 02/19, accessed 09/19

<sup>57</sup> +972 Magazine, Interview: The Man Behind the BDS Movement, published 06/14/15, accessed 05/19

Omar Barghouti has stated unequivocally that the BDS movement is opposed to the existence of a Jewish state. At a lecture in the Dag Hammarskjold Foundation in 2013, Barghouti stated, “A Jewish state in Palestine in any shape or form...[will] perpetuate a system of racial discrimination that ought to be opposed categorically...most definitely we oppose a Jewish state in any part of Palestine. No Palestinian, no rational Palestinian, not a sell out Palestinian, would ever accept a Jewish state in Palestine.”<sup>58</sup> The leader of the BDS movement has since repeated this idea through various mediums and forums,<sup>59</sup> including via various BDS organizations. The categorical opposition to the existence of the Jewish homeland, the denial of Jewish self-determination or peoplehood, is consistent with the seventh example of the working definition of antisemitism. It is this idea which acts as the gateway for the delegitimization campaign to invoke, espouse and promote antisemitism on a global scale.



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▶ Vimeo, [Omar Barghouti – Strategies for Change](#), published 09/23/12, accessed 09/19

As an example of a recent campaign that was rooted in an antisemitic premise, since May 2019 and as recently as September 2019, the BNC has branded the Gaza strip as a ‘ghetto’ where Palestinians are ‘trapped’ as part of an effort to generate pressure on HSBC Bank and AXA Insurance to divest from Elbit Systems, an Israeli company.<sup>60</sup> By using this term the BNC promotes the comparison of Israeli policy to that of the Nazis, in violation of the tenth criterion of the working definition of antisemitism. This analogy is meant to not only demonize Israel, but cruelly engages in victim blaming, equivalent—for illustration purposes—to labeling rape survivors as “rapists,” in order to negate the value of the Jewish historical narrative by depicting the Jewish state as morally repugnant. After repeatedly promoting this message on its official Twitter account, additional BDS organizations published this antisemitic content including BDS San Francisco Bay Area, BDS Berlin, BDS Germany, BDS Zurich and BDS France, to name a few.<sup>61</sup>

58 Vimeo, [Omar Barghouti – Strategies for Change](#), published 09/23/12, accessed 09/19

59 YouTube, [The Many Lies of Omar Barghouti](#), published 06/18, accessed 06/19; The Ministry of Strategic Affairs, [Terrorist in Suits](#) (page 17), published 02/19, accessed 09/19

60 Twitter, [BDS Movement](#), published 05/08/19, accessed 09/19; Twitter, [BDS Movement](#), published 06/14/19, accessed 09/19; Twitter, [BDS Movement](#), published 07/22/19, accessed 09/19; Twitter, [BDS Movement](#), published 08/18/19, accessed 09/19; Twitter, [BDS Movement](#), published 09/04/19, accessed 09/19

61 Twitter, [BDS Movement](#), published 06/14/19, accessed 09/19; Facebook, [BDS San Francisco Bay Area](#), published 08/09/19, accessed 09/19; Twitter, [BDS Movement](#), published 08/18/19, accessed 09/19



**BDS movement** @BDSmovement

Elbit Systems' drones are crucial to Israel's on-going attacks on and surveillance of Palestinians trapped in the Gaza ghetto.

BDS campaigns pressured @HSBC to fully divest and @AXA in France to partially divest from Elbit.

AXA must fully divest! [bit.ly/2LtScri](http://bit.ly/2LtScri)



12:00 AM - 14 Jun 2019

**Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions - BDS San Francisco Bay Area**

August 9 at 10:12 AM

Elbit Systems' drones are crucial to Israel's on-going attacks on and surveillance of Palestinians trapped in the Gaza ghetto.

BDS campaigns pressured @HSBC to divest & @AXA to partially divest from Elbit.

TAKE ACTION: Tell AXA's CEOs to fully divest! [bit.ly/2L9uiXA](http://bit.ly/2L9uiXA)



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**BDS movement on Twitter**

"Elbit Systems' drones are crucial to Israel's on-going attacks on and..."

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In case there was any doubt that Gaza is indeed being directly compared to the ghettos which the Jews were forced into before and during the Third Reich in Nazi Germany, the leaders of the BNC have clarified the original intent of the post. Haider Eid, a BNC secretariat member and the founder of the Palestinian Campaign for the Academic and Cultural Boycott of Israel,<sup>62</sup> also likened Israeli policy to that of the Nazis multiple times. Eid specifically compares “the Jewish ghettos of antisemitic Europe” to Gaza. Additionally, Mr. Eid has made statements holding Jews collectively responsible for actions of the state of Israel, another sentiment which meets the criteria of antisemitism according to the eleventh example in the IHRA’s working definition of antisemitism. Treating Jews around the world as proxies of the government of Israel was specifically censured in the recent Special Rapporteur’s report to the UNHCR on the rise of antisemitism.<sup>63</sup>



**Haidar Eid** @haidareid

Like the Jewish ghettos of anti-Semitic Europe, Gaza has become a spatial expression of Zionist hatred of Native Palestinians

9:03 PM · Aug 16, 2017 · Facebook

2 Retweets

Comment Retweet Like Share

▶ Haidar Eid, [Twitter](#), 08/16/17

**Haidar Eid** @haidareid

Now every single Jew has the burden of coming out to make it absolutely clear that they r opposed to the new racist law approved by the Israeli Knesset since it claims to be defending their "right" to the "land of Israel!"

12:51 PM · Jul 21, 2018 · Twitter for Android

3 Retweets 4 Likes

Comment Retweet Like Share

▶ Haidar Eid, [Twitter](#), 07/21/18

62 BDS Uruguay, [Facebook](#), published 08/30/18, accessed 05/19; BDS Movement, [Report on: The Fourth National BDS Conference, 8 June 2013, Ramallah](#), accessed 05/19; PACBI, [Who Are We](#), accessed 05/19

63 Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights Special Rapporteur, [Advanced Unedited Version: Elimination of all forms of religious intolerance](#), published 09/23/19, accessed 09/19

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**Haidar Eid**  
@haidareid

From the eastern fence of the Gaza concentration camp  
#IsraeliApartheidWeek  
#MilitaryEmbargo  
#StopArmingIsrael  
#أسبوع\_مقاومة\_الاستعمار\_والأبارتهيد  
facebook.com/haidar.eid.3/p ...

11:13 AM - 17 Mar 2019

▶ Haidar Eid, [Twitter](#), 08/16/17

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Join the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) movement

▶ YouTube, [Join the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions \(BDS\) movement](#), published 03/05/15

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**PACBI**  
@PACBI

Tourists are further shunning #Eurovision in apartheid Tel Aviv, revolted at Israel's murder of Palestinian civilians in Gaza ghetto. All participants should withdraw from the contest.

#BoycottEurovision2019 #GazaUnderAttack  
#DareToDream #Eurovision2019 #MadonnaDontGo  
#ESC2019

▶ PACBI, [Twitter](#), 05/05/19

It is therefore unsurprising, that the same talking point of comparing of Israel to the Nazi regime is consistently perpetuated by other organizations in the delegitimization network. For example, since as early as 2016 and as recently as June 2019, Jewish Voice for Peace (JVP) has regularly promoted<sup>64</sup> a short explanatory video produced by the BNC<sup>65</sup> which claims that Israel, “has expelled Palestinians and cornered others into ghettos surrounded by walls, military watchtowers and check points.” The latest JVP post of this video was subsequently shared by Manchester Palestine Action.<sup>66</sup>

Additionally, Palestinian Campaign for the Academic and Cultural Boycott of Israel (PACBI), the cultural and academic division of the BNC, also compares Israeli policy to that of the Nazis. PACBI is responsible for many of the major boycott campaigns against artists, professors, and athletes as well as the campaigns against cultural and sporting events. These include, for example, the campaign to boycott Puma and the campaign urging Lana Del Rey to drop out of an Israeli music festival.

64 Jewish Voice for Peace, [Facebook: Short video for those unfamiliar with the BDS movement](#), published 10/05/16, accessed 09/19; Jewish Voice for Peace, [Facebook: Short video for those unfamiliar with the BDS movement](#), published 11/25/16, accessed 09/19; Jewish Voice for Peace, [Facebook: Short video for those unfamiliar with the BDS movement](#), published 10/10/17, accessed 09/19; Jewish Voice for Peace, [Facebook: Short video for those unfamiliar with the BDS movement](#), published 12/28/17, accessed 09/19; Jewish Voice for Peace, [Facebook: Short video for those unfamiliar with the BDS movement](#), published 08/07/18, accessed 09/19; Jewish Voice for Peace, [Facebook: Short video for those unfamiliar with the BDS movement](#), published 06/24/19, accessed 09/19;

65 YouTube, [Join the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions \(BDS\) movement](#), published 03/05/15, accessed 09/19

66 Manchester Palestine Action, [Facebook: Short video for those unfamiliar with the BDS movement](#), published 06/24/19, accessed 09/19



Aside from the fact that this sort of comparison is antisemitic according to the tenth criterion of the IHRA's working definition of antisemitism, its historic roots come from the darkest conspiracy theories of Jew-hatred. Russian history expert Izabella Tabarovsky<sup>67</sup> has highlighted the fact that this sinister comparison of Israel to the Nazi regime is rooted in Soviet antisemitism, which drew inspiration from the infamous Protocols of the Elders of Zion when designing a propaganda campaign against Israel, following the defeat of Israel's neighboring Arab nations, who acted as Soviet proxies during the Israeli War of Independence in 1948.<sup>68</sup> The comparison of Israel to Nazi Germany as a cornerstone belief of the delegitimization campaigns' "anti-Zionism" is not only a recycled form of modern Jew-hatred. As Melanie Phillips recently stated, "Anti-Zionism thus writes the Jews uniquely out of their own history. It is anti-Jewish calumny."<sup>69</sup>

Salah Khawaja, another BNC secretariat member,<sup>70</sup> has also likened, "Zionist (Jews)" to Nazi Germany and used classic antisemitic imagery of the Jewish blood libel to characterize Israelis, Zionists and Orthodox Jews, the latter of which fits the criteria of the working definition of antisemitism in the ninth example thereunder.



67 Wilson Center, [Izabella Tabarovsky](#), accessed 09/19

68 Wilson Cetner, [The Soviet Union and the Six-Day War: Revelations from the Polish Archives](#), published 07/11/11, accessed 12/19; Bari Wiess, [How to Fight Anti-Semitism \(Kindle version\)](#), published 09/10/19, accessed 09/19; Fathom Journal, [Soviet Anti-Zionism and Contemporary Left Antisemitism](#), published 05/19, accessed 09/19

69 YouTube, [Debate: Anti-Zionism is Anti-Semitism](#), published 07/26/19, accessed 09/19

70 Stop the Wall, [Stop the Wall Member Salah Kawaja Arrested](#), published 10/26/16, accessed 05/19; BDS Movement, [Palestinian civil society congratulates new foreign minister of Brazil and demands suspension of Brazil-Israel funding project](#), published 09/03/13, accessed 05/19

On May 22, 2019, following the Bundestag’s approval of a bill recognizing the BDS campaign as antisemitic, the BNC led a protest in Ramallah outside the German consulate. Khawaja attended the protest, along with other prominent Palestinian BDS leaders such as Omar Barghouti.<sup>71</sup> At the demonstration Khawaja was captured in a photo with Khalid Mansour, a prominent BDS activist in the West Bank.<sup>72</sup> The photo features Khawaja holding a picture of US President Trump portrayed as Hitler. Next to Khawaja, Mansour displays a cartoon of what is depicted as a Jewish dog, symbolized by a collar bearing a Star of David, with fangs dripping with blood. The tail of the Jewish dog is colored with colors of the German flag and is complete with the slogan, “Shame on the face of Germany”.<sup>73</sup> This cartoon is consistent with the second example of the working definition of antisemitism, “making mendacious, dehumanizing, demonizing or stereotypical allegations of Jews as such.” Alternatively, if the Jewish blood-thirsty dog is intended to represent Israel, the depiction is consistent with the ninth example of the working definition of antisemitism, “using the symbols and images associated with classic antisemitism to characterize Israel or Israelis.”



▶ Al-Hadath, [Protestors in front of the German consulate: Why do you criminalize the BDS?](#), published 05/22/19, accessed 06/19



▶ Khalid Mansour, [Facebook](#), published 05/22/19

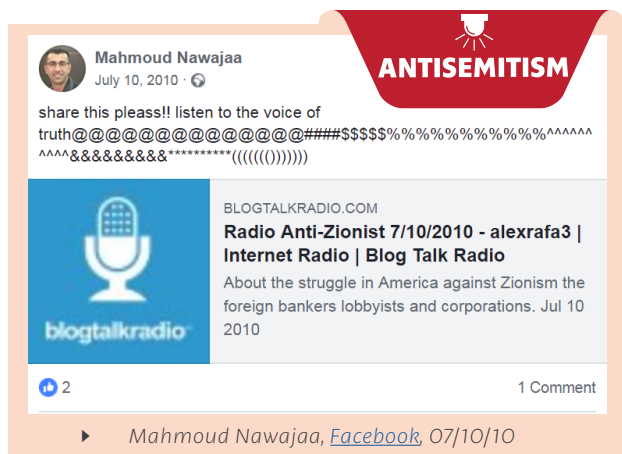
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71 Al-Hadath, [Protestors in front of the German consulate: Why do you criminalize the BDS?](#), published 05/22/19, accessed 06/19; Eljewahir, [What company fled Israel because of the boycott?](#), published 11/12/16, accessed 09/19; Khalid Mansour, [Facebook](#), published 07/20/19, accessed 09/19

72 BDS Movement, [Israel is Spending Millions of Dollars in Fighting BDS](#), published 01/18, accessed 06/19

73 Facebook, [Khalid Mansour](#), published 05/28/19, accessed 06/19

An additional BNC key figure, the General Coordinator of the BNC, Mahmoud Nawajaa,<sup>74</sup> also promotes antisemitic defamations. For example, he shared an antisemitic podcast called Radio Anti-Zionist on his Facebook and implored people to, “share please!! [sic] Listen to the voice of truth.”



The podcast episode, titled About the struggle in America against Zionism, the foreign bankers, lobbyists and corporations<sup>75</sup> includes multiple instances of blatant antisemitism, chief among them, expressions which meet the second and tenth criteria of the IHRA’s working definition. The second criterion of the working definition delineates that, “making mendacious, dehumanizing, demonizing or stereotypical allegations about Jews as such or the power of Jews as a collective—such as, especially but not exclusively, the myth about a world

Jewish conspiracy or of Jews controlling the media, government or other societal institutions” is antisemitic. The blogger compares Israeli policies in Gaza to that of the “Final Solution” in Nazi Germany, accuses Zionists of, “brainwashing” and controlling US policy, claims that the US supports Israel because of the, “vast complexities of the influence of the financial district,” and accuses Israel of using “genocidal tactics.”

Further, Ana Sanchez, the BNC International Campaigns Officer based in Spain, tweeted, “From the Nazi Holocaust to the Zionist” and included an article that expands on this antisemitic comparison. As the BNC leaders disseminate antisemitism, as demonstrated above, they influence a broad international audience. Representatives, whether they are activists, organizations or local chapters, begin to mimic, espouse and provide a platform for the same views. Eventually, the antisemitic rhetoric and depictions appear on official BDS organizations’ events and on their social media accounts around the world. For example, just 10 days after Ana Sanchez’s aforementioned tweet, the leading BDS body in Spain, Red Solidaria Contra la Ocupación de Palestina (RESCOP), a coalition comprised of more than 40 organizations and groups in solidarity with Palestine,<sup>76</sup> tweeted a picture of the Israeli flag with a swastika and stated: “In Madrid thousands of people denounce genocide in Gaza and request suspension of arms trade with Israel.”



74 BDS Movement, [Palestinian BDS National Committee \(BNC\) Responds to New Israeli Database Targeting Israeli Citizens Who Support BDS](#), published 03/21/17, accessed 05/19

75 Blog Talk Radio, [Radio Anti-Zionist](#), accessed 05/19

76 BDS Website, [Member organizations](#), accessed 06/19

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**RESCOP - BDS**  
@RESCO1

En #MADRID miles de personas denuncian genocidio en Gaza y piden suspensión de comercio de armas con Israel




12:22 PM - 31 Jul 2014

8 Retweets 6 Likes

▶ RESCOP-BDS, [Twitter](#), 07/31/14

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▶ BDS FRANCE 34, [Montpellier Demonstration](#), 07/23/14

This staggering antisemitic imagery generates influence that reaches beyond international borders. The same month after the above image was shared by RESCOP, BDS France 34 held a rally in Montpellier during which a participant held a sign that read, “Ghetto Gaza=Ghetto Warsaw” again equating Israeli policy with that of the Nazis.

One month later, in August 2014, two BDS France activists posted an image on Facebook comparing the Israeli army to Nazi Germany along with captions that read, “The Nazis and Zionists are two sides of the same coin” and, “What Hitler did to the Jews was done so that the world will sympathize with them and give them all the rights,” respectively. The latter statement also meets the second criterion of the working definition of Antisemitism, by suggesting that the Jews purposefully conspired to facilitate the Holocaust in order to garner sympathy after the genocide of their people, which would create the basis of consensus for recognizing the state of Israel.

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Saadia Falastinya a partagé la photo de Farah AZ.  
3 août

Les Nazis et les sionistes sont deux revers de la même médaille... ce que fait le sionisme l'a déjà fait le nazisme au millimètre près ; c'est la même école.  
La photo de droite est celle de la propagande Nazi... celle de gauche est celle des... Afficher la suite.



▶ Post deleted

RESCOP continued to purport the vilification of drawing a parallel between the Nazi regime and modern-day Israel that same year and multiple times thereafter, in violation of the tenth example of the working definition of antisemitism.


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**RESCOP - BDS**  
@RESCOP1 Follow

"la solución final en Palestina", un nuevo holocausto, artículo de escritora Pilar Aberdi [pilaralberdi.blogspot.com.es/2014/08/la-sol...](http://pilaralberdi.blogspot.com.es/2014/08/la-sol...) #YoNOComproApartheid

1:18 AM - 3 Aug 2014

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**12** Retweets **4** Likes

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  4

*Translation: The final solution in Palestine? A new Holocaust, writer Pilar Aberdi's article #Idontbuyapartheid.*

▶ RESCOP, [Twitter](#), 08/03/14

Taking its cue, BDS Madrid, a member of the RESCOP coalition, also compares the modern Israeli state to that of the German Nazi regime.


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**BDS Madrid**  
@BDSMadrid Follow

"El sionismo negando la Nakba es el equivalente moral a la negación del Holocausto" Jews for Palestinian Right of Return [j.mp/TlyvZu](http://j.mp/TlyvZu)

5:33 AM - 8 Jan 2013

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**6** Retweets **1** Like

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*Translation: Zionism denying the Nakba is the moral equivalent to denial of the Holocaust.*

▶ BDS Madrid, [Twitter](#), 01/08/13



► BDS Madrid, [Facebook](#), 12/06/18

On a separate BDS Madrid post, one commenter wrote, “Fucking Jews need to stop with all the Hitler and Auschwitz,” while another wrote “Jews” alongside a picture of a pig. To this comment BDS Madrid replied, “Better to say Zionists hehehehe.”

The aforementioned examples clearly indicate a process wherein leaders of the delegitimization campaigns articulate or countenance blatant antisemitism and their followers, including satellite chapters of the movement or activists, emulate their rallying cries and slogans. This process ultimately leads to the normalization of antisemitism online and in public spaces. The latest research on contagion and hate crimes indicates that increased amounts of hate speech and hateful imagery can be linked to violence in real life.


Haidar Eid’s friend and BDS activist in Gaza,<sup>77</sup> Adel Mahmoud, spreads the historic blood libel, accusing Israel of drinking Palestinian children’s blood. He tweeted, “Drink the blood of our dead children, bottled in bottles of Israeli juice #BDS #Boycott Resistance.”




► Adel Mahmoud, [Twitter](#), 04/01/19

77 Khalil Abu Yahia, Facebook, published 04/30/17, accessed 09/19; Adel Mahmood, [Facebook](#), published 08/18/15, accessed 09/19; Gaza Blues: Tyrants’ Fear of Songs, [Facebook](#), accessed 11/2019

This use of the classic antisemitic blood libel, which for centuries depicted Jews as predators of children, targeting them in order to drink their blood for Jewish religious rituals, was also manipulated for the purpose of vilifying Israel during a Twitter campaign orchestrated by the International Solidarity Movement (ISM) in July 2019 in order to “address the fifth anniversary of the 2014 Israeli aggression against Gaza” with the hashtags #Gaza5YearsOn and #ChildrenSlayers. Thus, ISM used the symbols and images associated with classic antisemitism (e.g. blood libel) to characterize Israel or Israelis, meeting the ninth criterion of the working definition of antisemitism and perpetuating age-old Jew hatred.


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**International Solidarity Movement**  
July 10, 2019 · 🌐

📢 TWITTER STORM CAMPAIGN TONIGHT AT 7PM📢 (Jerusalem time) using Hashtags #ChildrenSlayers #Gaza5YearsOn


It's been five years since Israel unleashed its brutal attack on Gaza, killing 2,251 Palestinians including 647 children. Although these figures can never express the level of human suffering caused during the 2014 Gaza massacre, it shows without a shadow of a doubt that the Israeli government has no regard for Palestinian lives. These harrowing words from an ISM'er, who was in Gaza in 2014, lays bare the horror behind these numbers - <http://go2j.mp/2X7f6k3> (contains graphic content). Five years on, we ask you to remind the world of Israel's crimes against humanity and share these stories behind the death toll.

**Twitter Campaign**


**Addressing the fifth anniversary of 2014 Israeli aggression against Gaza THAT LEFT 2,251 CITIZENS KILLED AND MORE THAN 11,000 WOUNDED and reminding the world of Israel's war crimes against humanity**


**You are invited to participate in the Twitter Campaign**

📅 on Wednesday, 10th July  
🕒 at 7:00 PM Jerusalem time



Raise your voice to support humanity and freedom





**Campaign Hashtags**

**#Gaza5YearsOn #ChildrenSlayers**

👍 111
💬 3 Comments · 🔄 Share

▶ International Solidarity Movement, [Facebook](#), published 07/10/19

While ISM claims to be a ‘non-violent’ movement Palestinian-led movement based in the Palestinian territories,<sup>78</sup> over the years it has been linked to terror groups, on account of volunteers meeting with representatives of Islamic Jihad and financing Hamas terror attacks.<sup>79</sup> On the west coast of the US, Paul Larudee<sup>80</sup> co-founded the northern California chapter of the ISM, which supports, disseminates information and recruits volunteers for ISM. In addition to his leadership position with ISM and other anti-Israel organizations,<sup>81</sup> Larudee promotes antisemitism on his personal social media account. For example, Larudee posted on Twitter, “Why Israel has no right to exist and why it is not antisemitic to say so.” In doing so, Larudee was perpetuating the seventh example of the working definition of antisemitism, denying the Jewish people their right to self-determination.



► Paul Larudee, [Twitter](#), published 09/27/17, accessed 07/19

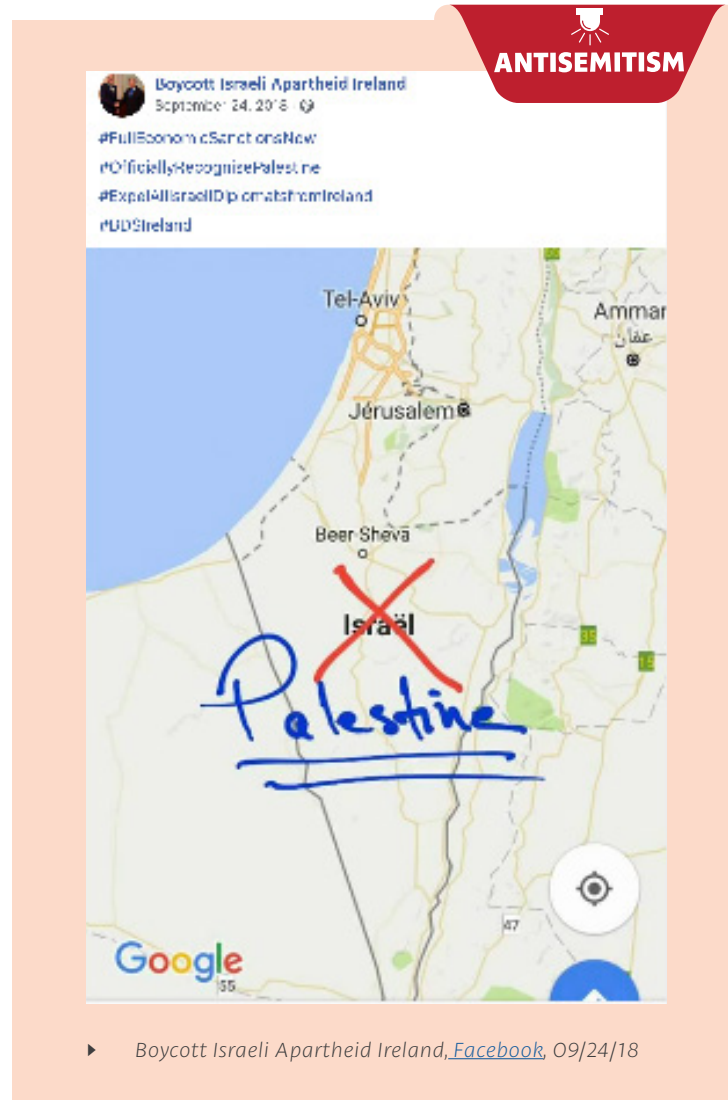
78 International Solidarity Movement, [Who We Are](#), accessed 07/19

79 Seattle PI, [Activist's death focuses spotlight on Mideast struggles](#), published 03/19/03, accessed 07/19; The Evening Sun, [York County native gets 3 ½ years for helping Hamas](#), published 08/23/08, accessed 07/19; Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs, [Details of April 30, 2003 Tel Aviv suicide bombing 3 Jun, 2003](#), published 06/03/03, accessed 06/19

80 Mondoweiss, [All posts by Paul Larudee](#), accessed 07/19

81 Larudee is active in the following delegitimization organizations: Jewish Voices for Peace, see – The American Muslim, [Showing of “Rachel” in San Francisco](#), published 08/01/2009, accessed 07/19; Free Gaza and Free Palestine, see – HuffPost, [Contributor: Paul Larudee](#), accessed 07/19; Meir Amit Intelligence and Terrorism Information Center, [International Solidarity Movement Report](#), published 12/07/20, accessed 07/19; The Free Gaza Movement, [Separation Notice](#), published 05/22/09, accessed 07/19; Freedom Flotilla, participant, see – HuffPost, [Contributor: Paul Larudee](#), accessed 07/19; HuffPost, [The Price of Defying Israel](#), published 06/10/19, accessed 07/19; Hurriya, [Account of my Capture and Imprisonment as part of the Freedom Flotilla](#), published 06/19/19, accessed 07/19; Palestine Children's Welfare Fund, see – Palestine Children's Welfare Fund, [Message to Tanya Kazak, Bank of the West, Feb. 23, 2015](#), published 02/24/14, accessed 07/19; Electronic Intifada, see – Electronic Intifada, [Paul Larudee](#), accessed 07/19; Mondoweiss, [All posts by Paul Larudee](#), accessed 07/19; Al-Awda, [Ninth Annual International Al-Awda Convention](#), accessed 07/19; International Executive Committee of the Global March to Jerusalem, see – Official Global March to Jerusalem, [ICC Members](#), accessed 07/19





In early 2019, Congresswoman Rashida Tlaib, who openly supports the BDS movement, came under fire when a reporter tweeted a similar image from Tlaib's congressional office.<sup>82</sup> The photo was of the map hanging in Tlaib's congressional office featuring a post-it note which read "Palestine" and pointed to Israel's geographic location.<sup>83</sup> Some sources noted that this label may have not been put up by Tlaib herself, but rather by the BDS activist, adjunct law professor and comedian Amer Zahr, who is a close friend and supporter of Tlaib and was there as part of her celebratory entourage at her congressional swearing-in ceremony.<sup>84</sup> Zahr took credit for the note on his Twitter account explaining in a tweet and accompanying video, "In Rashida Tlaib's office today, we realized that there was something wrong with the map. So, I fixed it."<sup>85</sup> Tlaib showed her support by liking the tweet and video.<sup>86</sup>

82 Jewish News Syndicate, [New Congresswoman Tlaib displays map with Israel replaced by Palestine](#), published 01/03/19, accessed 05/19; Jewish Journal

83 The Times of Israel, [Rashida Tlaib sworn in on Jefferson's Quran as 1st Palestinian woman in Congress](#), published 01/04/19, accessed 05/19; [Jewish Journal, Rep. Tlaib's D.C. Office Map has 'Palestine' Sticky Note Over Israel](#), published 01/03/19, accessed 05/19

84 Forward, [Israel Relabeled As 'Palestine' on Map in Rashida Tlaib's Office](#), published 01/04/19, accessed 05/19; BuzzFeed News, [Rashida Tlaib And Ilhan Omar Joining Congress is a Celebration for Muslim Women](#), published 01/03/19, accessed 05/19

85 Amer Zahr, [Twitter](#), published 01/03/19, accessed 05/19

86 Rashida Tlaib, [Twitter](#), published 01/03/19, accessed 05/19



Hannah Allam  
@HannahAllam

Follow

Someone has already made a slight alteration to the map that hangs in Rashida Tlaib's new congressional office.



7:00 AM - 3 Jan 2019

918 Retweets 2,479 Likes

▶ Hannah Allam, [Twitter](#), 01/03/19

Amer Zahr  
@AmerZahr

In Rashida Tlaib's office today, we realized that there was something wrong with the map. So, I fixed it.  
[@rashidatlaib](#) [#Palestine](#) [#FreePalestine](#)  
[#WeAreOnTheMap](#) [#Congress](#) [#Rashida](#) [#RashidaTlaib](#)



12:32 AM · Jan 4, 2019 · [Twitter for iPhone](#)

159 Retweets 529 Likes

▶ Amer Zahr, [Twitter](#), 01/03/19

In a final example, in March 2019, Dudu Masango-Mahlangu, a BDS South Africa board member, wrote an article in the Mail & Guardian in which she compared Israelis to Nazis, and demonized Israeli soldiers by portraying them as calculated mass murderers and child killers.



### Devastated by Israeli attacks on Gaza, but not deterred


Dudu Masango Mahlangu 5 Mar 2019



*Palestinians are refusing to submit on their knees and are insisting on fighting on their feet just as people did in Nazi Germany. (Ibraheem Abu Mustafa/Reuters)*

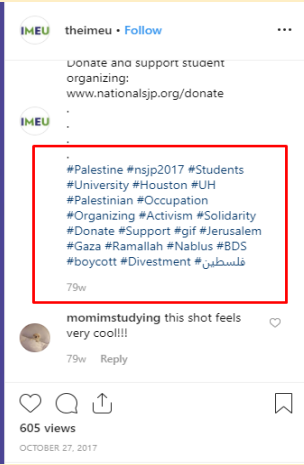
▶ Dudu Masango-Mahlangu, [Mail & Guardian](#), 06/03/2019

# → National Students for Justice in Palestine (NSJP) and Palestinian Youth Movement (PYM)




▶ NSJP Conference 2017, [Instagram](#) post calling for boycott and divestment, 10/27/17

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▶ NSJP 2016 Conference, Deleted

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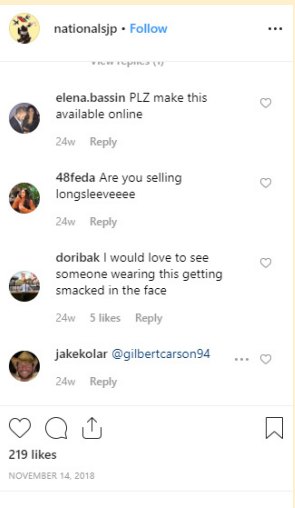
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NSJP was founded to lead and coordinate anti-Israel efforts on American college campuses. On their website, NSJP claims to be an organization that promotes freedom, justice and equality for the Palestinian people and that stands against homophobia, misogyny, racism, antisemitism, Islamophobia, classism, colonialism, ableism, and bigotry and other forms of discrimination. Curiously, though, NSJP frequently uses the term "Palestinian Jews" in order to differentiate between Jews living in Israel for generations prior to the establishment of the state and those who immigrated there as part of the Zionist movement, effectively denying the recognition of the right of Jews as a people to self-determination. Every year, NSJP hosts a national conference where student organizers from campuses across the US come together to learn about the Palestinian cause and gain effective activism tools. However, these conferences are often an incubator for the same delegitimization-to-antisemitism cycle.



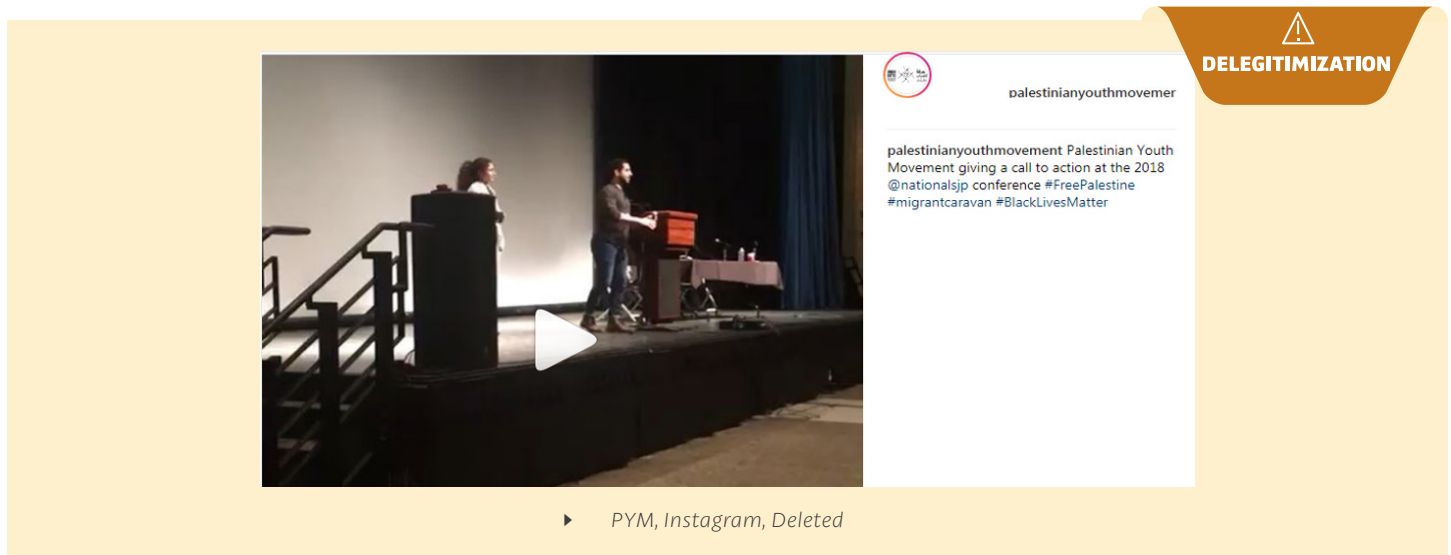
▶ NSJP 2018, [Official post on Instagram](#), 11/14/18tagram, 10/28/18ling for boycott and divestment, 10/27/17

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▶ NSJP 2018 Organizer, [Raphael Eissa on Instagram](#), 10/28/18ling for boycott and divestment, 10/27/17

At the 2018 NSJP Conference, PYM leader, Mohammad Nabulsi, led all of the hundreds of student attendees in a chant that began with, “free, free, free Palestine” and quickly devolved into calls for violence, featuring the chant “Intifada, Intifada, long live the Intifada.” Although intifada literally means “tremor” or “shivering”, it is often used in Arabic as a reference to “rebellion” or “resistance.” In the Palestinian context specifically, the Intifada (with a capital “I”) is a violent uprising against the Israeli presence, whether it is civilian, military or government presence, in what Palestinians claim is their historic homeland, pre-1948, from the river to the sea—Gaza, the West Bank and the State of Israel. This violence, against both Israeli citizens and multi-national tourists, of Jewish, Christian and Muslim faith, and Israeli security forces, has taken the form of suicide bombings, shootings, stabbings, and vehicular attacks. As of today, there have been three Intifadas (1987-1993, 2000-2005 and 2015-2016), all of which were violent and deadly. When Palestinian activists shout, “Intifada, Intifada, Long live the Intifada!” they are in effect calling for violence and war. This slogan is not simply about protesting what they see as the Israeli occupation. It is an expression of hate and a call for death to Israelis. After strong backlash, the post on Instagram was deleted.



▶ PYM, Instagram, Deleted

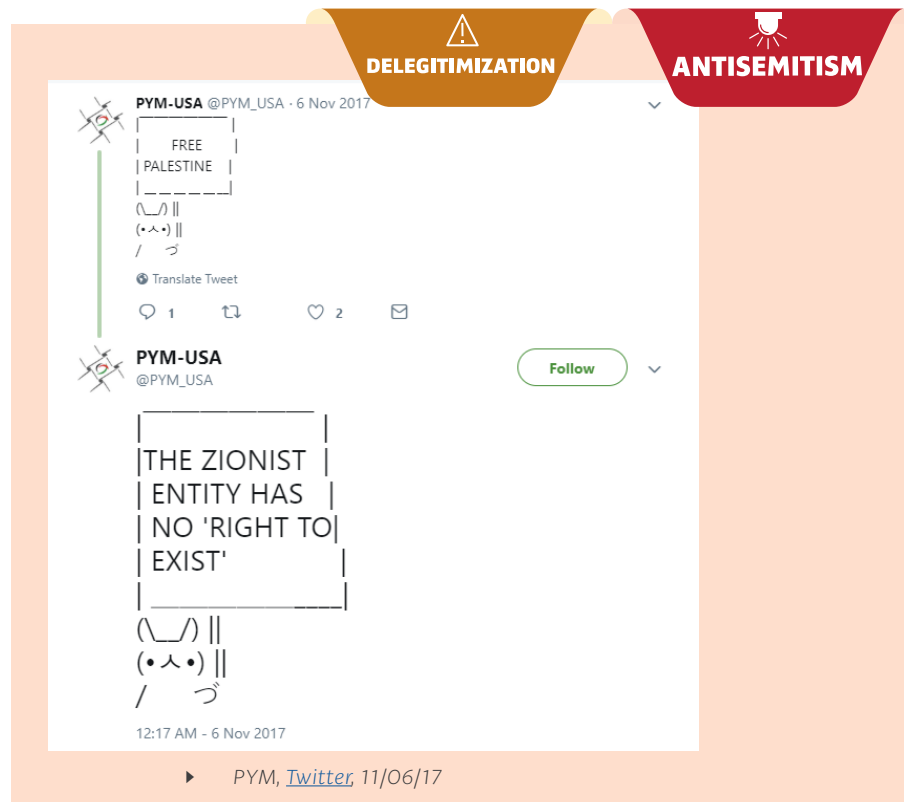
**Who We Are**

The Palestinian Youth Movement (“PYM”) is a transnational, independent, grassroots movement of young Palestinians in Palestine and in exile worldwide as a result of the ongoing Zionist colonization and occupation of our homeland. Our belonging to Palestine and our aspirations for justice and liberation motivate us to assume an active role as a young generation in our national struggle for the liberation of our homeland and people. Irrespective of our different political, cultural and social backgrounds, we strive to revive a tradition of pluralistic commitment toward our cause to ensure a better future, characterized by freedom and justice on a social and political level, for ourselves and subsequent generations.

▶ PYM, [About](#)

PYM, whose key representative led the group chant, and which later posted this video to their official Instagram account, is an international movement that reportedly seeks to create a framework that enables young Palestinians to engage, mobilize, and launch initiatives relevant to the future of the Palestinian people, both on the international and national scale. The group states that it strives for a better future, “characterized by freedom and justice on a social and political level.”

However, PYM lapses into the same dangerous cycle, devolving from delegitimization of Israel into espousing antisemitism. PYM's, "free Palestine" often escalates into the antisemitic statement earmarked in the IHRA's working definition, "the Zionist entity has no right to exist."



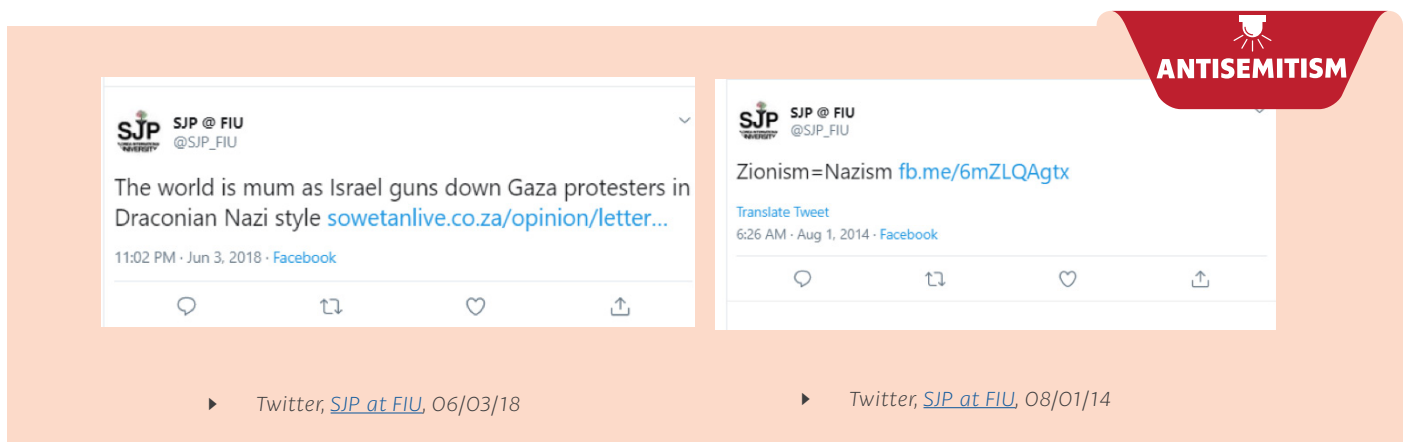
Similarly, many SJP student members and even official chapters openly espouse virulent antisemitic beliefs or condone violent antisemitism, a radical shift from strong criticism of Israel or delegitimization of the Jewish state, which SJP claims to promote. The following series features some of the most egregious examples of antisemitism promoted by official SJP chapters and SJP student members from campuses across the US, as recently documented in the report *National Students for Justice in Palestine and the Promotion of Hate and Antisemitism on the University Campus* by the Institute for the Study of Global Antisemitism and Policy (ISGAP).<sup>87</sup>

87 ISGAP, NSJP: [Antisemitism, Violent Extremism and the Threat to North American Universities](#), published 10/29/19, accessed 11/19

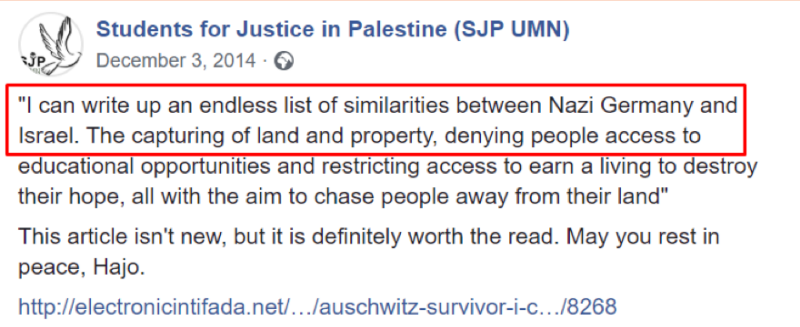
## A. University of South Florida SJP



## B. Florida International University SJP



## C. University of Minnesota SJP




Students for Justice in Palestine (SJP UMN)  
December 3, 2014 · 🌐

"I can write up an endless list of similarities between Nazi Germany and Israel. The capturing of land and property, denying people access to educational opportunities and restricting access to earn a living to destroy their hope, all with the aim to chase people away from their land"

This article isn't new, but it is definitely worth the read. May you rest in peace, Hajjo.

<http://electronicintifada.net/.../auschwitz-survivor-i-c.../8268>

▶ Facebook, [Students for Justice in Palestine \(SJP UMN\), 12/03/12\(SJP UMN\), 12/03/12](#)



## D. Portland State University (SUPER PSU) – Student: Hanna Eid<sup>88</sup>



فلسطين  
@JoHnnY\_Boiiiiiii

I don't give a flying fuck if it makes you uncomfortable, what those hook nosed israeli fucks are doing is wrong and is a holocaust.

2:34 AM · Jul 27, 2014 · Twitter for iPhone

▶ Twitter, [Hanna Eid](#), 07/27/14



## E. Marquette University SJP – Ahmad Ewis



Ahmad Ewis  
@AhMaDeWIS

"I would have killed all the jews in the world, But I kept some to show the world why I killed them" -Hitler- #PrayForGaza #PrayForPalestina

4:04 AM · 9 Jul 2014


▶ Ahmad Ewis, [Deleted Twitter Post](#), 07/09/14







## H. Coloradans for Justice in Palestine – Moe Zeitawi



▶ [Twitter, Moe Zeitawi, 10/23/12](#)




▶ [Twitter, Moe Zeitawi, 06/24/13](#)

## I. University of California San Diego – Moe Jubran

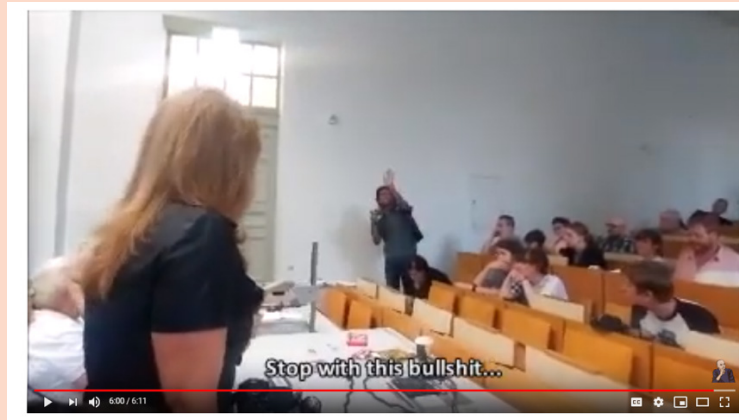


▶ [Twitter, Moe Jubran, 01/03/15](#)



*"Yin3an il yahood" Translation: "May Allah curse the Jews"*

Overseas, Majed Abusalama, who currently resides in Berlin and is a former leader in SJP via the University of Tromsø, Norway,<sup>89</sup> disrupted an event in 2017 at Humboldt University of Berlin, featuring Israeli Knesset Member and head of the Israeli mission to the European Council, Aliza Lavie.<sup>90</sup> During the disruption, Abusalama accosted Lavie and the event's panel by saying, "I am sorry for each and every one of you, especially you—you know why? Because you are part of a Holocaust family...You are not allowed to do in Gaza and Palestine what was done to you here [in Germany]!" (Timestamp 1:00) Followed by, "Gaza is a ghetto." (Timestamp 2:52). These statements are consistent with the tenth example of the working definition of antisemitism, drawing comparisons of contemporary Israeli policy with that of the Nazis. Today, Abusalama continues his boycott activities against Israel as a freelance journalist and Director of Beats for Gaza,<sup>91</sup> which recently co-hosted a protest in Berlin against the Bundestag's anti-BDS resolution which identified the movement as antisemitic.<sup>92</sup>



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- ▶ YouTube, [Majed Abusalma of the #Humboldt3 was taken to court for this...](#) 03/15/19

89 Majed Abusalama, [Facebook](#), accessed 06/19; Students for Justice in Palestine—Tromsø, [Facebook](#), published 02/18/15, accessed 07/19; Students for Justice in Palestine—Tromsø, [Facebook](#), published 11/12/14, accessed 07/19; Students for Justice in Palestine—Tromsø, [Facebook](#), published 11/12/14, accessed 07/19

90 Samidoun, "[Humboldt 3](#)" [head to court, challenging Israeli apartheid while confronting silencing attempts](#), published 03/03/19, accessed 07/19

91 Majed Abusalama, [LinkedIn](#), accessed 06/19; Middle East Eye, [I am trial in Germany for peacefully protesting Israeli apartheid](#), published 04/18/19, accessed 07/19

92 Facebook, [Berlin protests against the Bundestag's Anti-BDS Resolution](#), accessed 07/19

In yet another example, at the 2018 NSJP national conference, keynote speaker Hatem Abudayyeh stated, “Israel, just like white supremacists here [in the US] has been further emboldened by Trump and that pig son in law of his,” in reference to Jared Kushner. Abudayyeh was invoking the classic antisemitic canard of comparing Jews to swine. His antisemitic comment was met with applause from the student audience and his entire speech was viewed 1,700 times on Facebook.


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**US Palestinian Community Network** @uspcn · 17 Nov 2018  
 LIVE: #NSJP2018 keynote speech by @USPCN leader Hatem Abudayyeh  
[facebook.com/USPCN/videos/3...](https://facebook.com/USPCN/videos/3...)



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▶ USPCN, [Facebook](#), 11/18/18

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WATCH: @US Palestinian Community Network National coordinating committee member Hatem Abudayyeh giving the keynote talk at the #NSJP2018 conference!

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▶ NSJP hosts Hatem Abudayyeh, [Facebook](#), published 11/17/18, accessed 05/19

The ripple effects of unconcealed antisemitic concepts, language and portrayals should be taken very seriously. Students on campuses across the US who attend these conferences, as well as those students who access these events online through social media, are directly encouraged to adopt these ideas and expressions which they are exposed to. The viral rate at which these hateful messages spread, coupled with the increased immunity from being socially and institutionally reprimanded on account of a claim that these expressions are part of a greater human rights movement, ultimately normalizes antisemitism in the public sphere and has real violent impact. A 2015 report by the Amcha Initiative, which analyzed antisemitic activity on over 100 US college campuses with the highest Jewish populations, found that the presence of anti-Zionist student groups is a strong predictor for overall antisemitic activity on college campus.<sup>93</sup> Antisemitic activity collected in that study included various forms of targeting of Jewish students, among others, physical assault, discrimination, destroying Jewish property and genocidal expression. In the same study, 99% of schools with one or more active anti-Zionist group, like SJP or PYM, had one or more incidents of antisemitism, compared to the 16% of college campuses with reported antisemitic activity but no presence of anti-Zionist groups.<sup>94</sup> Furthermore, the report also found that there is a, “strong correlation between the presence and number of faculty who publicly endorsed an academic boycott of Israel and the occurrence of overall antisemitic activity.”<sup>95</sup> These findings further bolster the recent studies showing a strong corroboration between the use of hate speech online in social media and hate crimes committed in real life detailed earlier in this report.<sup>96</sup>

93 Amcha Initiative, "[Report on Antisemitic Activity in 2015 at US Colleges and Universities With the Largest Jewish Undergraduate Populations](#)", published 2015, accessed 08/19

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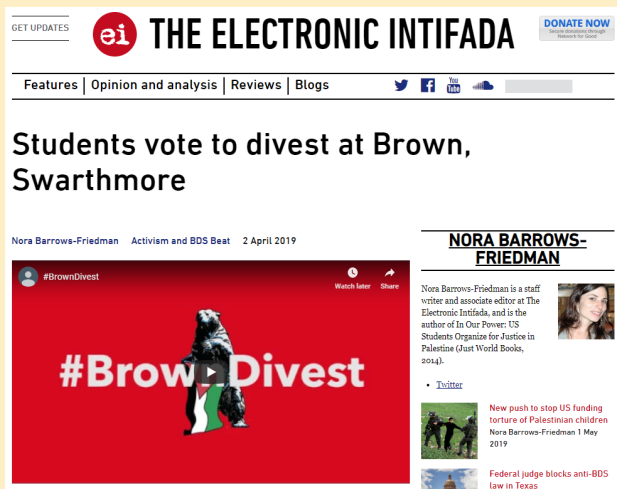
95 Ibid.

96 Karsten Muller and Carlo Schwartz, [Fanning the Flames of Hate: Social Media and Hate Crimes](#), published 11/30/18, accessed 09/19; Kunal Relia, Zhengyi Li, Stephanie H. Cook, Rumi Chunara, [Race, Ethnicity and National Origin-based Discrimination in Social Media and Hate Crimes Across 100 US Cities](#), published 01/31/19, accessed 09/19

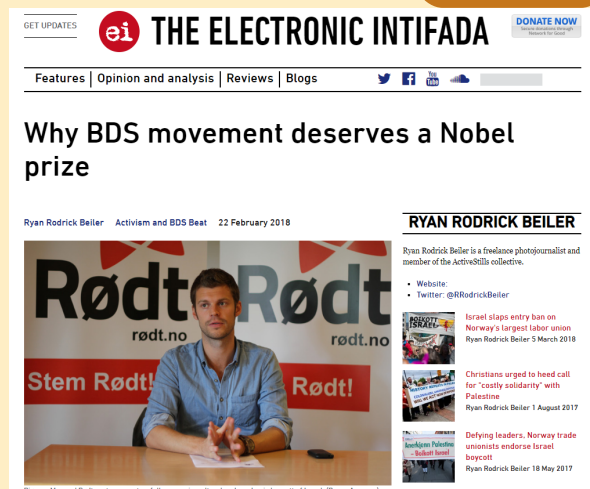
# → Electronic Intifada (EI)

Electronic Intifada, founded in 2001 by Ali Abunimah, who still serves as the website's editor,<sup>97</sup> is an alternative news website that claims to be an educational resource that focuses on "Palestine, its people, politics, culture and place in the world."<sup>98</sup> However, EI serves as a platform for some of the foremost figures in the delegitimization movement to publicize their anti-Israel and BDS rhetoric.<sup>99</sup> For example, the BNC's Haidar Eid, has been a frequent contributor to EI since at least 2011,<sup>100</sup> and the BNC itself publishes articles on EI.<sup>101</sup> Other examples of articles encouraging boycott and the delegitimization of Israel include:

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▶ EI, [Students vote to divest at Brown, Swarthmore](#), 04/02/19



▶ EI, [Why BDS Movement deserves a Nobel prize](#), 02/22/18



▶ EI, [Critical thinking on cultural boycott](#), 12/11/17

97 Electronic Intifada, [About the Electronic Intifada](#), accessed 05/19; Electronic Intifada, [The Electronic Intifada Team](#), accessed 05/19

98 Ibid.

99 Among others, Palestine Monitor, [ANC and Scottish Green Party endorse BDS calls for 'international wave of action](#), published 10/15, accessed 05/19; The Guardian, [BDS: how a controversial non-violent movement has transformed the Israeli-Palestinian debate](#), published 08/18, accessed 05/19; Electronic Intifada, [The Electronic Intifada Team](#), accessed 05/19

100 Electronic Intifada, [Haidar Eid](#), accessed 05/19

101 Electronic Intifada, [BNC](#), accessed 05/19

As has been demonstrated, delegitimization of the state of Israel often becomes antisemitism and in EI's case, the process is no different. Articles on the site often compare Zionists and Nazis,<sup>102</sup> reject Israel's right to exist,<sup>103</sup> frequently label Israel a racist state<sup>104</sup> and even use classic antisemitism to characterize the Jewish state.<sup>105</sup>

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## UN lets Israel's child killers off the hook again

Ali Abunimah   Rights and Accountability   30 July 2019



ALI ABUNIMAH

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Also wrote *One Country: A Bold Proposal to End the Israeli-Palestinian Impasse*. Opinions are mine alone.

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▶ [The Electronic Intifada, UN lets Israel's child killers off the hook again, 07/30/19](#)

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While the brazenness of this alliance may be shocking, it dates back to the early years of both the [Zionist and Nazi movements](#). As Columbia University professor Joseph Massad [has pointed out](#), [Zionists and European anti-Semites historically shared the same analysis: that Jews were alien to Europe and had to be moved elsewhere](#).

▶ [EI, Germany's new Nazis see Israel as role model, 09/25/17](#)


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This trip was no mere tourist holiday but instead a mission, led by the Tuchlers, for enabling von Mildenstein to write convincing articles for *Der Angriff* in support of Jewish emigration to Palestine. Although never specified or discussed in *The Flat*, the Nazi government had in fact been [approached about this matter by the Zionist Federation of Germany, of which Kurt Tuchler was an active member, and which argued — in eerie similarity to Nazi racialist views — that Jews, understood as a people separate and apart, were unsuited to reside anywhere but in a country of their own](#) (Lenni Brenner, *Zionism in the Age of the Dictators*, 1983, chapter 5).

This discovery leads Goldfinger on a search for information that might help explain the relationship described in the articles. Interviewing family members as well as various and sundry Israeli researchers, he confirms the articles' veracity and learns of the friendship's post-war continuation.

Yet this attempt at explanation is so heavily enmeshed in the personal-familial, and so wholly divorced from the historical context, that it ends up ignoring the fact that von Mildenstein's diplomatic relationship with Tuchler, and the sympathies he shared with fellow Nazis for the Zionist cause, have in fact been well-documented in several credible books. One would think research-obsessed Goldfinger, who painstakingly ascertains the murder of his maternal great-grandmother in Theresienstadt, should at least have been aware of this historical research.

Likewise unmentioned are the numerous extant, not unrelated analyses of sordid connections known to have existed between the Zionist effort, the post-[Holocaust](#) State of Israel and Germany before and after the Second World War.



Nazi propagandist Leopold von Mildenstein in Palestine in 1933. (Goldfinger/Tuchler Family Archive/A Sundance Selects release)

▶ [EI, New film on Nazi links to Zionism sidesteps the toughest questions, 11/07/12](#)

102 The Electronic Intifada, [Germany's new Nazis see Israel as role model](#), published 09/25/17, accessed 05/19

103 The Electronic Intifada, [The trap of recognizing Israel](#), published 12/14/06, accessed 05/19

104 The Electronic Intifada, [Israel's right to be racist](#), published 03/15/07, accessed 05/19

105 The Electronic Intifada, [UN lets Israel's child killers off the hook again](#), published 07/30/19, accessed 09/19

The articles are often republished on a variety of platforms including the BDSmovement.net website that serves as the primary resource center and organizing platform for the BDS Movement worldwide.<sup>106</sup> EI is estimated to reach approximately 10,000 people daily.<sup>107</sup>

EI's founder and current editor, Ali Abunimah, has also made antisemitic statements on social media. Abunimah's tweets are particularly alarming because he has over 90,000 Twitter followers. Abunimah has promoted the denial of the Jewish right to self-determination by claiming that Zionism is racism and the existence of the State of Israel is a racist endeavor, which is consistent with the seventh example of the working definition of antisemitism.

Furthermore, Abunimah regularly perpetuates the same comparison of Israeli policy to that of the Nazis. Recently on his personal Twitter account, in response to an article published by Al-Hayat al-Jadida in March of 2019, calling US Middle East peace envoy Jason Greenblatt a mongoloid and claiming that he has Down Syndrome and is retarded, Abunimah said, "I agree it's repulsive but if only you had an ounce of that outrage for the numerous disabled Palestinians murdered by Israeli snipers with your full support and blessing in the Gaza ghetto." This response is consistent with the tenth example of the working definition of antisemitism.



▶ Ali Abunimah, [Twitter](#), 02/18/29



▶ Ali Abunimah, [Twitter](#), 03/04/19

106 BDSmovement.net, [Tags – Electronic Intifada](#), accessed 05/19

107 American Friends Service Committee, [Ali Abunimah](#), published 03/10, accessed 05/19; Electronic Intifada, [On its second anniversary, the Electronic Intifada looks ahead](#), published 02/03, accessed 05/19

In one recent tweet, Abunimah accused Israel of poisoning the Palestinians' water, an accusation that dates back to the antisemitic vilification popularized in the Middle Ages. This type of unverified slander is consistent with the ninth example of the working definition of antisemitism, using the symbol and images associated with classic antisemitism to characterize Israel or Israelis.

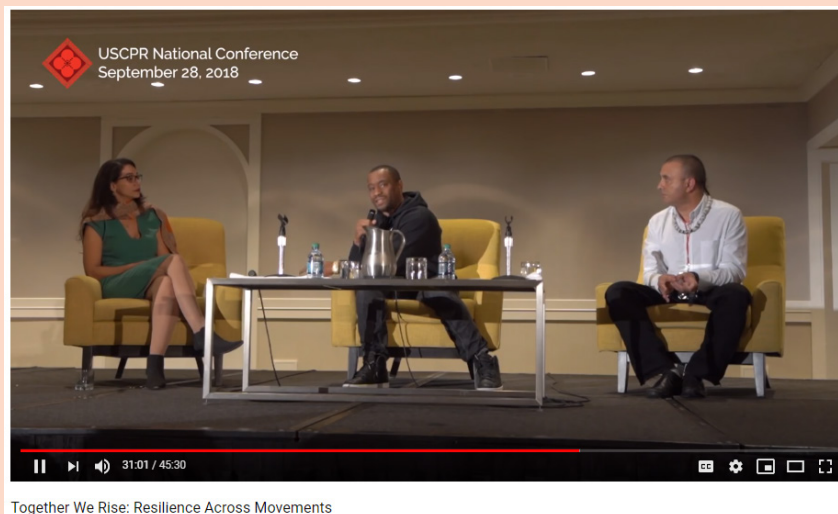


▶ Ali Abunimah, [Twitter](#), 02/13/19

  
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## → US Campaign for Palestinian Rights (USCPR)

Marc Lamont Hill, a professor at Temple University<sup>108</sup> and a TV news personality, using the same classical antisemitic canard, accused Israel of poisoning the Palestinians water. He used the trope during a speech he gave at a USCPR National Conference in 2018. USCPR is a US registered 501(c)(3)<sup>109</sup> that serves as the umbrella organization of BDS in North America.<sup>110</sup> Until at least June 29th, 2018, USCPR served as the fiscal sponsor of the terror-affiliated BNC,<sup>111</sup> and helped the BNC hire its North America representative.<sup>112</sup> Recently, a lawsuit was filed against USCPR for sponsoring terrorism and over \$35 million worth of damage to land in Israel by incendiary kites and balloons during the Hamas-led Great Return March via the charitable donations they collected on behalf of the BNC, in violation of the US Anti-Terrorism Act.<sup>113</sup> Invoking this historic vilification, Lamont Hill also accused Israel of poisoning the Palestinians by saying, “How can you romanticize non-violence when you have a state that is at all moments waging war against you, against your bodies, poisoning your water, limiting your access to water, locking up your children, killing you, we can’t romanticize resistance...we’ve allowed this non-violent thing to become so normative that we are undermining our own ability to resist in real robust ways.” In almost a model case of how engaging with classic antisemitism intellectually can lead to justifying or even calling for violence, Lamont Hill continued, explaining that non-violence cannot be fetishized, rather, “If I am going to do this [resist], I am going in Laila Khaled style.”



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▶ USCPR National Conference 2018, [YouTube](#), 09/28/18

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108 Temple University, [Marc Lamont Hill](#), accessed 05/19

109 GuideStar, [Education for a Just Peace in the Middle East](#), accessed 02/18

110 US Campaign for Palestinian Rights, [About Us](#), accessed 10/18

111 Armin Rosen and Liel Leibovitz, [BDS Umbrella Group Linked to Palestinian Terrorist Organizations](#), Tablet Magazine, published 06/01/18, accessed 07/18

112 USCPR, [US Campaign Annual Report 2016](#), accessed 11/18

113 JNS, [KKL-JNF, terror victims file lawsuit against US charity allegedly funneling donations to Palestinian terror groups](#), published 11/15/19, accessed 11/19



In his statement, Lamont Hill was glorifying the ‘resistance’ of Leila Khaled, a member of the PFLP political bureau who helped plan and execute two plane hijackings taking dozens of hostages in the process when she was acting as a terror operative for the PFLP.<sup>114</sup> In the video of the panel in which Lamont Hill praised Khaled and encouraged similar violent resistance, the host, Noura Erakat, can be seen trying to qualify or suggest that Lamont Hill clarify his statements. He responded, “I am probably going to get fired right now. Fuck it. Might as well get it done.”



▶ [Leila Khaled](#) after the 1969 hijacking of TWA Flight from Rome to Tel Aviv

Later in 2018, in a speech he delivered to the UN, Lamont Hill stated, “We have an opportunity to not just offer solidarity in words but to commit to political action, grass-roots action, local action and international action that will give us what justice requires and that is a free Palestine from the river to the sea.” This statement was a call to the dismantle Israel as a state and engaged in the denial of the Jewish right to self-determination.<sup>115</sup> He was subsequently fired by CNN for this statement.<sup>116</sup> Following the backlash for his statement at the UN, Lamont Hill retorted through his Twitter account, “I do not support antisemitism, killing Jewish people, or any of the other things attributed to my speech. I have spent my life fighting these things.”<sup>117</sup> However, it seems that Lamont Hill defended his record operating under the assumption that no one had noticed his statement emulating Leila Khaled for her ‘resistance’ through acts of terror. Lamont Hill’s calls to emulate Khaled are consistent with the first criterion of the working definition of antisemitism, calling for, aiding or justifying the killing or harming of Jews in the name of a radical ideology or an extremist view of religion. Today, Marc Lamont Hill still teaches at Temple University. One of the courses Lamont Hill teaches is “Education for Liberation Here and Abroad.”<sup>118</sup>

114 CSN News, [Half a century ago Leila Khaled Hijacked Two Aircraft in Europe; This Week she was a Guest at the European Parliament](#), published 09/27/19, accessed 07/19

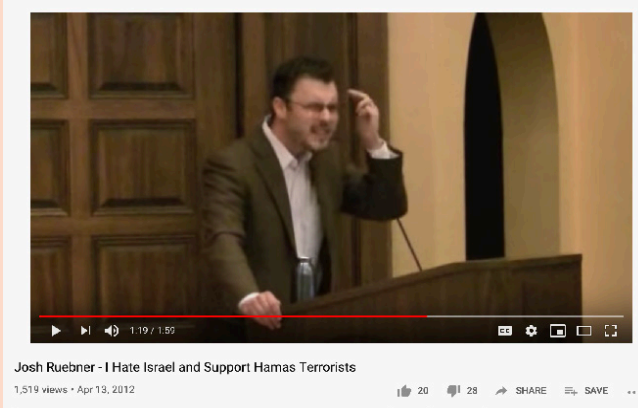
115 The Hill, [CNN cuts ties with Marc Lamont Hill after Israel comments](#), published 11/29/18, accessed 05/19

116 Ibid.

117 Ibid.

118 Temple University – College of Education, [Marc Lamont Hill](#), accessed 09/19

Lamont Hill is not the only person associated with USCPR responsible for promoting and defending antisemitic views. Josh Ruebner, previous National Advocacy Director for USCPR,<sup>119</sup> compared Israeli policy to that of the Nazis. He stated, “if Jews learned anything from the Holocaust, it should be that, that kind of treatment meted out to the Jewish people should never be tolerated anywhere under any circumstances and for Israel to study what the Nazis did in Warsaw Ghetto in its plans to attack and kill Palestinians in the Gaza Strip...To learn from the Nazis is disgusting. It cannot be condoned...Israel, military leaders, looked at Nazi plans for the Warsaw Ghetto to learn how to prosecute their war and occupation in the Gaza Strip...Israel is studying the plans of the Nazis to formulate their plans.”



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▶ Josh Ruebner, [Youtube](#), 04/12

In addition, Youssef Munayyer, the Executive Director of USCPR,<sup>120</sup> wrote an article titled, 'Does Israel Have A Right To Exist' Is A Trick Question.<sup>121</sup>



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▶ Youssef Munayyer, [The Forward](#), 01/22/19

119 USCPR, New Site Details Budgetary Trade-Offs of Military Aid to Israel, published 02/09/10, accessed 05/19; USCPR, [Our Staff \(archived\)](#), accessed 05/19

120 USCPR, [Our Staff](#), accessed 05/19


121 Forward, [Does Israel Have a Right to Exist' is a Trick Question](#), published 01/22/19, accessed 05/19

The article was shared internationally by numerous individuals and organizations in the delegitimization movement including for example, Adalah NY, Ireland Palestinian Solidarity Campaign (IPSC) and the Free Gaza Movement.

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Denying Israel's right to exist and the Jewish people the right to self-determination is a common Antisemitic concept promoted within the delegitimization network. For example, Jeremy Hammond wrote an entire article in the journal Foreign Policy on why Israel has no right to exist and called Israel a "fundamentally racist regime." His article was shared on Facebook alone almost 2,000 times.

### Why Israel Has No 'Right to Exist'

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▶ Jeremy R. Hammond, [Foreign Policy Journal](#), 03/15/19



Abbas Hamideh was one of the many individuals involved in the delegitimization campaign that shared this article.

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Apologists for Israel's crimes against the Palestinians claim the state has a "right to exist" in an effort to legitimize the ethnic cleansing of Palestine.  
[foreignpolicyjournal.com](http://foreignpolicyjournal.com)

▶ Abbas Hamideh, [Twitter](#), 03/22/19



→ Al-Awda

## The Palestine Right to Return Coalition

Abbas Hamideh is a lead figure<sup>122</sup> in the Al-Awda: The Palestine Right to Return Coalition, a US registered 501(c)3 tax-exempt non-profit<sup>123</sup> with over 14 branches in the US. In addition to Al-Awda US, there are also Al-Awda branches in Europe<sup>124</sup> and Canada.<sup>125</sup> Founded in 2000,<sup>126</sup> Al-Awda (Arabic for “the return”) promotes its points of unity, which include an “end to US political, military and economic aid to Israel,” a comprehensive boycott against Israel, the “right to return for all Palestinian refugees,” i.e. the eradication of Israel, through literature, public demonstrations and conventions. Hamideh not only shared this Jeremy Hammond’s article claiming that Israel has no right to exist, but has stated this claim and that Zionism is a racist endeavor himself many times on social. His tweets have been liked and retweeted by hundreds of people, including Al-Awda’s official twitter.



▶ Abbas Hamideh, [Twitter](#), 05/13/16

  
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122 Al-Awda, [990-2013](#), accessed 02/19; Al-Awda, [Incorporation Documents–Ohio](#), accessed 02/19

123 Discover the Networks, [Al-Awda \(aka Palestine Right to Return Coalition\)](#), accessed 02/19

124 Al-Awda Syllogo Athens, [Facebook](#), accessed 01/19

125 Al-Awda, [Al-Awda Email Lists](#), accessed 01/19

126 ROR coalition, [Overview of the members of the Right of Return Coalition](#), accessed 02/19

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**Abbas Hamideh** @Resistance48

israel doesn't have a right to exist. Is that an anti Semitic statement? Deal with it!

1:15 PM - 11 Dec 2012

▶ [Abbas Hamideh, Twitter, 12/11/12](#)

**Abbas Hamideh** @Resistance48 Follow

Terror does not have a right to exist! End israel now! #PalhungerIntifada

11:31 AM - 24 Feb 2013

▶ [Abbas Hamideh, Twitter, 02/24/13](#)

**Abbas Hamideh** @Resistance48 · 12 Mar 2013

Zionism is a racist and terrorist disease! #NoJusticeWithZionism

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▶ [Abbas Hamideh, Twitter, 03/12/13](#)

**Abbas Hamideh** @Resistance48 Follow

And for the record "israel" doesn't have a right to exist period! #NaqabVictory

11:22 AM - 12 Dec 2013

▶ [Abbas Hamideh, Twitter, 12/12/13](#)

**Abbas Hamideh** @Resistance48 Follow

I repeat "ISRAEL" HAS NO RIGHT TO EXIST.

1:34 PM - 27 Apr 2014

26 Retweets 14 Likes

▶ [Abbas Hamideh, Twitter, 04/27/14](#)

**Abbas Hamideh** @Resistance48 Follow

israel does not have a right to exist. The terrorist entity is illegal and has no basis to exist other than a delusional ISIS like ideology.

6:31 AM - 19 Nov 2016

21 Retweets 14 Likes

▶ [Abbas Hamideh, Twitter, 11/19/16](#)

**Abbas Hamideh** @Resistance48 Follow

israel is a Nazi style entity.

**Sarah Wilkinson** @swilkinsonbc  
Israel is not a democracy; it's an apartheid & an ethnic cleanser whose founding ideology, Zionism, is racism — anti-zionism is a common duty [mondoweiss.net/2019/02/judaiz...](http://mondoweiss.net/2019/02/judaiz...)

7:16 PM - 3 Feb 2019

▶ [Abbas Hamideh, Twitter, 02/03/19](#)

**Abbas Hamideh** @Resistance48 · Mar 28

Nazism is a racist White Supremacist ideology that believes White People are the master race globally.

Zionism is a racist religious supremacist ideology that believes Jews are God's chosen people & have a divine right to inherit Palestine & Levant territory via theft & murder.

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▶ [Abbas Hamideh, Twitter, 03/28/19](#)

Hamideh's antisemitic remarks are not limited to his denial of Israel's or the Jewish people's right to self-determination. He has compared Israelis and Zionists to Nazis countless times and has employed classic antisemitic slurs to describe Israel, such as calling Zionism a disease.

**Abbas Hamideh** @Resistance48 Follow

#Palestine and #Auschwitz look eerily similar.



▶ [Abbas Hamideh, Twitter, 04/18/19](#)

In March 2019, Hamideh led a protest which started at the White House and finished outside the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) policy conference. Speaking on the megaphone in front of the crowd, Hamideh proclaimed, "We are not here to be lovey-dovey with the progressive Zionists, because a progressive Zionist is like a progressive Nazi! There's no difference between a progressive Zionist and a progressive Nazi member!"<sup>127</sup> The video was viewed 23,000 times.

**Abbas Hamideh** was live. about 2 months ago

Al-Awda National Rally to Support Palestine and Protest AIPAC! #SupportPalestineInDC2019

590 1,154 Shares 23K Views

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**Alma Lucas** · 31:36 One democratic state where they all live together in peace  
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**BDS Dimitri Shreckengost** · 52:39 Be on the side of humanity and equality, not of apartheid Israel.

▶ [Abbas Hamideh, Facebook, 03/25/19](#)

Lastly, Mazen Al Najjar, a south Florida based Palestinian activist associated with Al-Awda,<sup>128</sup> also used the antisemitic canard that the Jews control the world through their money, he simply applied it to Israel. He posted a cartoon depicting a hand with a Jewish star putting money into the back of a “piggy bank” US congressman, who promptly says, “I vote for Israel.” In 2001, Mazen was arrested and deported from the US for violating his visa and for his ties to Hamas and the Palestinian Islamic Jihad (PIJ), both US-designated terror organizations.<sup>129</sup>



► Mazen Al Najjar, [Facebook](#), 03/06/2019

128 Al-Awda, [No Return = No Peace March and Rally – April 7 – New York \(archived\)](#), accessed 05/19; [Media Coverage of the Rally: Part III – More Examples of Coverage \(archived\)](#), accessed 05/19

129 Department of Justice, [Department of Justice Statement Regarding the Arrest of Mazen Al Najjar](#), published 11/24/01, accessed 05/19

## → EAPPI, JVP, Samidoun, BADIL Resource Center and IfNotNow

The comparison between Zionists and Nazis continues to be a cornerstone of the beliefs promoted by the delegitimization network, including by individuals such as Terry Crawford-Browne, a member of the Palestine Solidarity Campaign, in Cape Town, South Africa. Crawford-Browne, a “peace monitor” for the World Council of Churches’ Ecumenical Accompaniment Programme in Palestine and Israel (EAPPI),<sup>130</sup> stated, “the time has come to say that the victim of those massive abuses known as the Holocaust, the victims have now become the perpetrators.”<sup>131</sup>

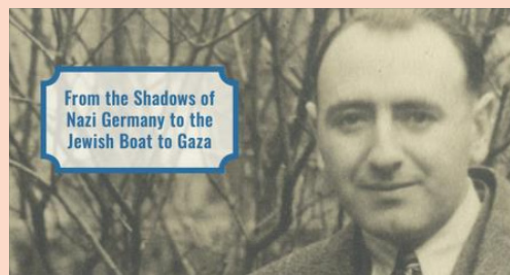


Terry Crawford Browne on SWIFT sanctions against Israel  
229 views

▶ Terry Crawford Brown, [YouTube](#), 07/14

  
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Jewish Voice for Peace in Washington, D.C. also endorsed this antisemitic analogy when they hosted an event on February 28, 2016 called: “A Refugee from Nazi Germany Speaks – Palestinians are the Last Victims of the Holocaust.” The event on Facebook included a quote that read, “from the shadows of Nazi Germany to the Jewish boat to Gaza.”



**FEB 28** A Refugee from Nazi Germany Speaks -  
Palestinians are the Last Victims of the  
Holocaust

Public · Hosted by Jewish Voice for Peace - DC Metro

★ Interested ✓ Going

▶ JVP DC Metro, [Facebook Event](#), 02/28/16

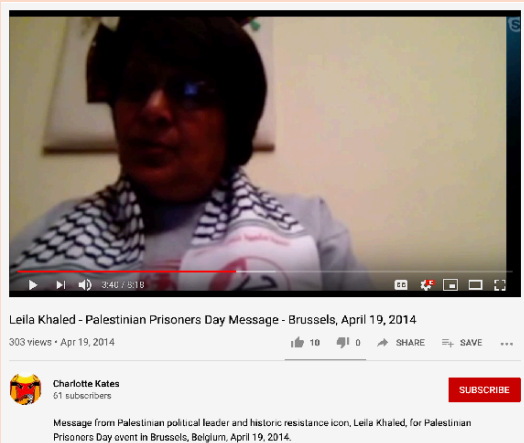
  
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130 Just World Education, [International Sanctions Against Israeli Banks](#), published 08/04/17, accessed 05/19  
131 Terry Crawford Brown, [YouTube](#), 07/14



Another organization which perpetuates the antisemitic comparison between contemporary Israel and the Nazi regime is Samidoun: Palestinian Prisoner Solidarity Network, “an international network of organizers and activists building solidarity with Palestinian prisoners in their struggle for freedom.”<sup>132</sup> Samidoun is a proxy of the US-designated terror organization, PFLP.<sup>133</sup> Samidoun’s coordinator,<sup>134</sup> Khaled Barakat, is a senior PFLP member<sup>135</sup> and the head of PFLP’s Foreign Operations Department.<sup>136</sup> He and his wife Charlotte Kates, Samidoun’s International coordinator<sup>137</sup> and PFLP member,<sup>138</sup> utilize Samidoun as a platform to promote PFLP’s agenda, ideas and content abroad. In 2015, Leila Khaled, a member of the PFLP political bureau and terror operative who helped plan and execute two plane hijackings,<sup>139</sup> recorded a message of support for Palestinian Prisoners Day in Brussels, Belgium, organized by Samidoun.<sup>140</sup> In her message, Khaled states:

“Israeli torture is the new version of the Nazi torture... I call upon you to escalate campaigns in your country, in Brussels and through all means of social media, to expose the apartheid state of Israel and its policy towards our heroes in chains. Allow me to send with you warm greeting to all prisoners in Israeli jails, who present the solid and Arabic people who give us lessons in bravery and strong will to liberate our homeland, Palestine, from the vicious and new Nazis who are occupying Palestine.”



▶ Samidoun, [Brussels conference calls for freedom for Palestinian political prisoners](#), 04/20/14, timestamp 03:38 and 7:00

132 Samidoun, [About Samidoun](#), accessed 08/19

133 US State Department, [Foreign Terrorist Organizations](#), accessed 10/18

134 Samidoun, [Khaled Barakat: Palestinian and Arab struggles in the face of Canada's 'War on Terror'](#), published 11/12/12, accessed 05/18; Samidoun, [Samidoun meets with South African embassy on Palestinian political prisoners, G4S boycott](#), published 05/27/16, accessed 05/18

135 Sawa, [South African Embassy Received PFLP Delegation](#), published 05/26/16, accessed 11/19; PFLP official website, [Interview with Comrade Khaled Barakat, Commander at PFLP and Coordinator of the Campaign to Free Comrade and a Commander, Ahmad Saadat](#), published 08/02/15, accessed 12/17

136 Pelest News, [Khaled Barakat to Pelest: Palestinian people have been struggling for decades against Zionist imperialist terror](#), published 12/16/15, accessed 12/17

137 Samidoun, [Palestinian prisoners: A battleground for international solidarity by Charlotte Kates](#), published 11/03/18, accessed 11/18; Revolutionary Communist Group, [Interview with Khaled Barakat and Charlotte Kates](#), published 05/18/18, accessed 05/18; Samidoun, [Samidoun meets with South African embassy on Palestinian political prisoners, G4S boycott](#), published 05/27/16, accessed 05/18

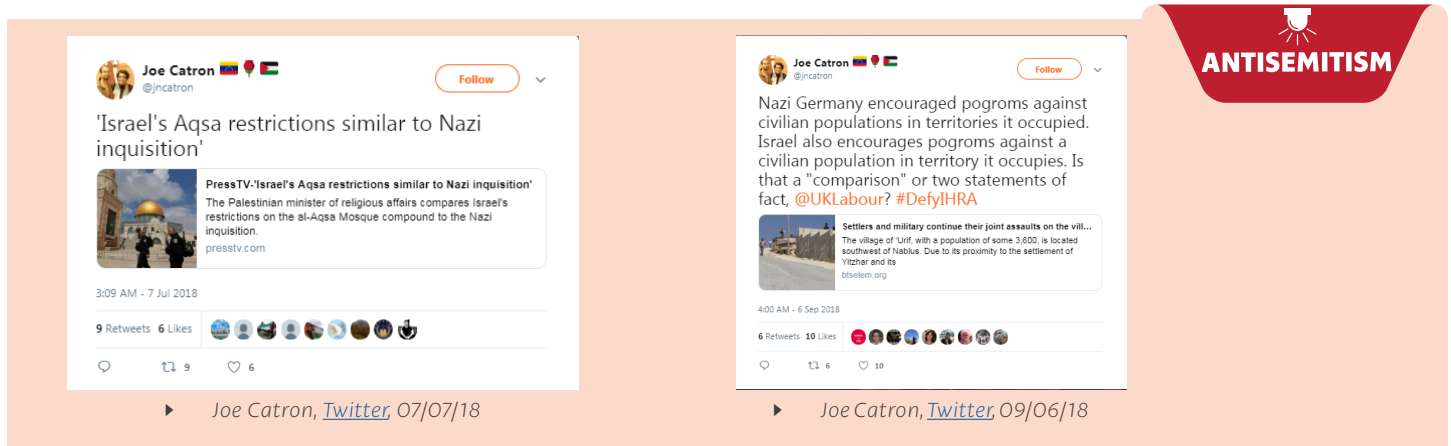
138 Sawa, [South African Embassy Received PFLP Delegation](#), published 05/26/16, accessed 11/19

139 CSN News, [Half a century ago Leila Khaled Hijacked Two Aircraft in Europe; This Week she was a Guest at the European Parliament](#), published 09/27/19, accessed 07/19

140 Samidoun, [Brussels conference calls for freedom for Palestinian political prisoners](#), published 04/20/14, accessed 05/19

Khaled's message, as promoted by Samidoun, is a clear violation of the tenth criterion of the IHRA working definition of antisemitism.

Similarly, Joe Catron, the US Coordinator for Samidoun,<sup>141</sup> also drew the antisemitic parallel between Israel and Nazi Germany.



Catron also made use of the classic antisemitic insult of calling Jews pigs in his description of Zionists.



141 Samidoun, [Samidoun US coordinator on speaking tour with ISM activists from Palestine: Bring them to your town](#), published 02/25/18, accessed 05/19

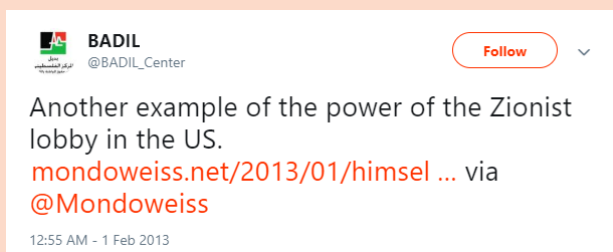
Ken O’Keefe, an Irish–American Palestinian activist, sitting on panel in the UK also compared Israel to Nazis and held the Jews collectively responsible for the actions of Israel, both of which meet different criteria and comprise antisemitism according to the IHRA. He asked, “What are the Jewish people doing right now? Are you doing enough to stop your racist apartheid genocidal state?”<sup>142</sup> O’Keefe also articulated numerous classical antisemitic tropes in a video on YouTube in which he explained the geopolitical influence of the, “Jewish Supremacist Talmudic Satanic Pedo Bankser Cult” (all of these graphics allude to classic antisemitism).



▶ Ken O’Keefe, [YouTube](#), 06/28/17

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BADIL Resource Center for Palestinian Residency and Refugee Rights, an NGO that claims to be committed to protecting and promoting, “the rights of Palestinian refugees and internally displaced persons,”<sup>143</sup> also evoked the classic antisemitic canard that Jewish power and money controls the media and world governments when referring to Zionists. The Twitter post read, “Another example of the power of the Zionist lobby in the US” and included an article that stated, “Zionism has so influenced the American political culture, via political money and thinktanks and columnists and editors, that it has folded Israel’s war against Hezbollah, Hamas, the Palestinians and Iran into our outlook on the Middle East.”<sup>144</sup>



▶ BADIL, [Twitter](#), 02/01/13

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142 Richard Millett Files, [recording](#), accessed 05/19

143 BADIL, [About BADIL](#), accessed 05/19

144 Mondoweiss, [Hagel offers himself as secretary of Israel's defense](#), published 01/31/13, accessed 05/19

The antisemitic notion of the conspiring, omnipresent Jew who has spread his influence throughout the world has historically been portrayed with an octopus whose tentacles are wrapped around the globe (see introduction on the classic imagery of antisemitism). This classical motif was applied to Israel by an IfNotNow (INN) activist, Becca Kahn Bloch, and posted on the INN website. INN, an anti-occupation organization in the US, is a key member of the delegitimization network. In the article posted on the INN website, Bloch wrote about how the “Occupation” is an octopus and how its, “tentacles reach into every corner of Palestinian life.”

The screenshot shows a webpage with a red header on the right containing a white icon of a person with a sunburst and the word "ANTISEMITISM" in white. Below this is a black navigation bar with the "IFNOTNOW" logo (a flame) on the left and the text "STATEMENTS | MOVEMENT STORIES | IFNOTNOW HOMEPAGE" on the right. The main content area has a white background with a large black title: "#AntiOccupationDelegation Day 3: The Beating Heart of the Occupation". Below the title is a circular profile picture of Becca Kahn Bloch, her name "Becca Kahn Bloch", a "Follow" button, and the text "Mar 25, 2018 · 4 min read". The article text begins with: "The octopus is one of the smartest animals in the sea. Highly intelligent, it has the cognitive ability to solve problems and navigate complex mazes. It can alter its shape, fitting its body into even the narrowest spaces, and can use camouflage to blend into its surroundings. It moves quickly and with great force—a master at defending itself. Multi-pronged, highly intelligent, and able to hide in plain sight, the Occupation is an octopus. Its tentacles reach into every corner of Palestinian life: checkpoints, demolitions, permit systems, military violence, settlements, the separation barrier... It is simultaneously fully integrated into and completely separated from Israeli life, making it both invisible and inevitable. It is camouflaged, but able to insert itself into every crack and crevice. The Occupation is highly complex and deeply intelligent."

▶ Becca Khan Bloch, [#AntiOccupationDelegation Day 3: The Beating Heart of the Occupation](#), 03/25/18

## → Reviving the Christ-Killers Blood Libel

One of the latest talking points that is currently being piloted by the delegitimization campaign revives the ancient accusation that the Jews killed Jesus Christ. The accusation of Jewish deicide, i.e. the claim that Jews killed Jesus and therefore were a cursed people, hated by God himself,<sup>145</sup> aims to demonize Jews and is one of the oldest blood libels in classic antisemitism.<sup>146</sup> This antisemitic canard was rejected officially by the Vatican in 1965,<sup>147</sup> however, is being repackaged and re-purposed by the delegitimization campaign in order to paint Israel as the murder and crucifier of Christ, the Palestinian, under the ahistorical slogan, “Jesus was a Palestinian”. This messaging is consistent with two types of antisemitism as defined by the IHRA. First, it is consistent with the ninth example of IHRA’s working definition of antisemitism, “using the symbol and images associated with classic antisemitism (i.e. claims of Jews killing Jesus) to characterize Israel or Israelis.” Secondly, it also promotes the seventh type of antisemitism delineated in the working definition, denying the Jewish people their right to self-determination. By claiming that Jesus was Palestinian,<sup>148</sup> as opposed to the fact that Jesus was a Jew, the delegitimization campaign is further discounting the Jewish people’s historical connection to the land of Israel.<sup>149</sup>

For example, Rev. Dr. Naim Ateek, member of the board of leadership of Kairos Palestine<sup>150</sup> and the founder and director of Sabeel Jerusalem,<sup>151</sup> wrote an Easter holiday message accusing Israelis of carrying out a “crucifixion system.”<sup>152</sup> Kairos is a Christian Palestinian movement, born out of the Kairos Document, which advocates for ending the “Israeli occupation” and which supports boycotts, divestment and sanctions against Israel.<sup>153</sup> Ateek stated:

*“The suffering of Jesus Christ at the hands of evil political and religious powers two thousand years ago is lived out again in Palestine...Here in Palestine Jesus is again walking the via dolorosa. Jesus is the powerless Palestinian humiliated at a checkpoint, the woman trying to get through to the hospital for treatment, the young man whose dignity is trampled, the young student who cannot get to the university to study, the unemployed father who needs to find bread to feed his family; the list is tragically getting longer, and Jesus is there in their midst suffering with them...It only takes people of insight to see the hundreds of thousands of crosses throughout the land, Palestinian men, women, and children being crucified. Palestine has become one huge Golgotha. The Israeli government crucifixion system is operating daily...”<sup>154</sup>*

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145 The Louis D. Brandeis Center, [Fact Sheet on the Elements of Anti-Semitic Discourse](#), accessed 07/19

146 Yad Vashem, [Antisemitism](#), accessed 07/19; JSTOR, [Anti-Semitism, Christianity, and the Catholic Church: Origins, Consequences, and Responses](#), published 2007, accessed 07/19

147 Vatican, [DECLARATION ON THE RELATION OF THE CHURCH TO NON-CHRISTIAN RELIGIONS](#), published 10/28/65, accessed 07/16

148 Défense des Droits Imprescriptibles ET Inaliénables du Peuple Palestinien, [Facebook](#), published 12/23/17, accessed 07/19

149 IHRA, [Working Definition of Antisemitism](#), published 05/26/16, accessed 07/19

150 Kairos Palestine, [About US](#), accessed 05/19 (page removed)


151 FOSNA, [God is Love. Not Empire](#), published 07/27/11, accessed 05/19

152 The Holy Land Christian Ecumenical Foundation, [Jerusalem Easter Message](#), published 04/10/01, accessed 05/19

153 Kairos Palestine, [We are a Christian Palestinian movement](#), accessed 05/19

154 The Holy Land Christian Ecumenical Foundation, [Jerusalem Easter Message](#), published 04/10/01, accessed 05/19

This message has also been promoted by figures in the anti-Israel network like Omar Suleiman, who has spoken at two AMP national conferences.<sup>155</sup> Suleiman's specific tweet promoting this message was retweeted by Congresswoman Ilhan Omar.<sup>156</sup>




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Ilhan Omar Retweeted

Omar Suleiman @omarsuleiman504 · Apr 20

I was once asked by a relative who is a Palestinian Christian why the Christian right in America largely supports their oppression.

"Don't they know we're Christian too? Do they even consider us human? Don't they know **Jesus was a Palestinian?**"



**Israel bars hundreds of Palestinian Christians from traveling on East...**  
In an unprecedented decision, the army has decided to deny hundreds of Palestinian Christians the right to travel to Jerusalem on Easter, while barr...

972mag.com

1.4K 2.7K 7.5K

▶ Ilhan Omar, [Twitter](#), 04/20/19

In a final example, BDS France – Saint-Etienne branch shared this photo of Jesus, wearing a Keffiyeh, titled "Jesus, is Palestinian! As a reminder..." on its Facebook page.<sup>157</sup>



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Défense des Droits Imprescriptibles ET Inaliénables du Peuple Palestinien

Like This Page · December 23, 2017

Jésus, Issa \* est Palestinien !  
Pour rappel...  
Jesus, Issa \* is Palestinian!  
As a reminder...

11 75 Shares

Like Comment Share

Write a comment...

▶ *Défense des Droits Imprescriptibles ET Inaliénables du Peuple Palestinien*, [Facebook](#), 12/23/17

155 The Palestinian Journalist, [Twitter](#), published 11/28/14, accessed 05/19; American Muslims for Palestine, [Imam Omar Suleiman: Not only is this ridiculous, it's illegal](#), published 12/22/18, accessed 05/19; Omar Suleiman, [Twitter](#), published 04/20/19, accessed 05/19

156 Ilhan Omar, [Twitter](#), published 04/20/19, accessed 05/19

157 Défense des Droits Imprescriptibles ET Inaliénables du Peuple Palestinien, [Facebook](#), published 12/23/17, accessed 07/19

## → Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR)

The CAIR is a large and prominent advocacy organization for Muslims in the United States. CAIR claims that its mission is to promote “justice and mutual understanding.”

### Vision And Mission

CAIR's vision is to be a leading advocate for justice and mutual understanding.

CAIR's mission is to enhance understanding of Islam, protect civil rights, promote justice, and empower American Muslims.

▶ [CAIR, About Us](#)

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CAIR is also a leading voice in the boycott campaign against Israel in the US. It was listed as a co-conspirator in a prosecution of American organizations that were providing support to the designated terror organization Hamas.

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CAIR National  
@CAIRNational

**#BDS: It is not discriminatory to hold any nation-state accountable for its human rights abuses and for violations of international law. There is nothing anti-Semitic about that in any...**



Florida legislators: Criticizing Israel is not anti-Semitic

A new proposal in the Florida House is designed to shield Israel from being held accountable for human-rights violations, the authors say.

[orlandosentinel.com](#)

9:02 PM · Mar 9, 2019 · Facebook

32 Retweets 60 Likes

▶ [CAIR, Twitter](#), 03/09/19

While CAIR claims that its boycott efforts are not antisemitic, many of CAIR's leaders have made blatantly antisemitic comments.

For example, Hassan Shibly, the CEO of CAIR Florida,<sup>158</sup> used the classic antisemitic trope that portrayed Jews as Satan and the enemies of God when describing Israel.



Another CAIR executive, Zahra Billoo, the Executive Director of the CAIR San Francisco Bay Area office,<sup>159</sup> has also promoted her antisemitic views, namely comparing Israeli policy to that of the Nazis.



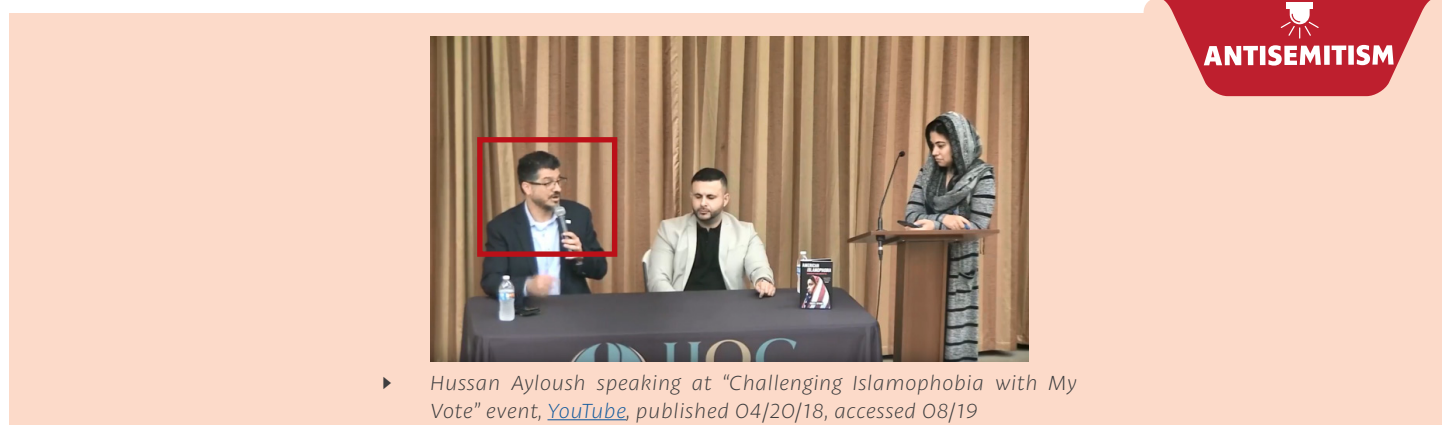
158 CAIR Florida, [About Us](#), accessed 05/19; CAIR Florida, [About US, Hassan Shibly](#), accessed 05/19

159 CAIR California, [Zahra Billoo](#), accessed 05/19



Recently, Billoo's unabashed antisemitism led to her being removed from the board of The Women's March organization.<sup>160</sup> Billoo doubled-down on her statements as a "proud anti-Zionist" who, "wrote passionately [and] may have phrased some of [her] content differently today."<sup>161</sup> She ultimately stood by her words, refusing to apologize or retract her statements and went on to claim that she was a victim of an "Islamophobic" smear campaign.<sup>162</sup> US Rep. Rashida Tlaib (D-MI) was quick to tweet her support for her "sis," claiming that the issue at hand was silencing someone who was standing up for "human rights" and the "truth," while further belittling and denying the charge that Billoo was espousing antisemitism by saying, "they will lie, smear our names and call us anti this and anti that."<sup>163</sup>

Additionally, in 2018, Hussam Ayloush, Executive Director of CAIR-Greater Los Angeles,<sup>164</sup> compared American Jews that serve in the IDF to ISIS recruits from overseas.<sup>165</sup> Ayloush's distorted accusation is consistent with sixth example of the working definition of antisemitism, accusing Jewish citizens of being more loyal to Israel than to the interests of their own nation.



In March of 2019, newly elected Congresswoman Ilhan Omar spoke at CAIR's Fourth Annual Valley Banquet.<sup>166</sup> Omar, who previously served as an Advisory Board Member for CAIR's Minnesota chapter, has received over \$5,000 in federal campaign donations, and an outpouring of public support from CAIR.<sup>167</sup> Omar also openly supports the BDS movement.<sup>168</sup> Omar has visibly expressed multiple sentiments which qualify as antisemitic according to IHRA's working definition, both before and after her election to federal public office.

160 The Times of Israel, [Women's March board member critical of Israel, FBI is removed after 2 days](#), published 09/20/19, accessed 10/19

161 Ibid.

162 The Algemeiner, [Rashida Tlaib Endorses Prominent Antisemite—and No One Cares](#), published 09/23/19, accessed 10/19

163 Rashida Tlaib, [Twitter](#), published 09/20/19, accessed 10/19

164 CAIR California, [Hussam Ayloush](#), accessed 08/19

165 Islamic Institute of Orange County, [YouTube](#), "Challenging Islamophobia with My Vote," published 04/20/18, accessed 08/19

166 CAIR California, [4th Annual Valley Banquet](#), accessed 05/19

167 Open Secrets, [Council on American-Islamic Relations/CA: Contributions to Federal Candidates](#), 2018 cycle, accessed 05/19; Federal Election Commission, [Receipts](#), accessed 05/19; Ilhan Omar, About Ilhan Omar; CAIR National, [Facebook](#), published 11/06/18, accessed 05/19; CAIR, [CAIR to Host Community Congressional Reception with Reps. Rashida Tlaib, Ilhan Omar and Andre Carson](#), published 01/04/19, accessed 05/19

168 Ha'aretz, [Muslim Trailblazer Ilhan Omar Admits She Backs BDS—Now That Election is Over](#), published 11/14/18, accessed 05/19

In November 2012 Omar tweeted, “Israel has hypnotized the world, may Allah awaken the people and help them see the evil doings of Israel.” The specific depiction of Jews or Jewish institutions using the power of hypnosis or dark and mystical powers to control the world is rooted in an old antisemitic trope<sup>169</sup> and is consistent with the ninth criterion of the IHRA working definition, using the symbols and images associated with classic antisemitism to characterize Israel or Israelis. At the time, when challenged about the nature and intention of this sentiment as one which targeted Jews as a group, Omar defended herself on Twitter responding, “Drawing attention to the apartheid Israeli regime is far from hating the Jews.”<sup>170</sup> Later, during an interview with CNN’s Christiane Amanpour, Omar conceded that, “Those unfortunate words were the only words I could think about expressing at that moment.”<sup>171</sup>

Regrettably, this delayed conciliation did not prevent Omar from continuing to express sentiments consistent with IHRA’s working definition of antisemitism. Less than one month after the interview with Amanpour, Omar tweeted expressions that met the second criteria of the IHRA’s working definition, “making mendacious, dehumanizing or stereotypical allegations of the Jews as such or the power of the Jews as a collective.”

The next day Omar issued an apology over Twitter, which also decidedly reiterated that her words were meant to express a general critique of the problematic power wielded by lobbies in American politics, as opposed to alluding to a conspiracy of Jewish money controlling government policies or setting a double standard compared to other lobbies and singling out the Israel–US relations for criticism.<sup>172</sup> Yet again, when clarifying her expressions for an additional time, Omar espoused IHRA’s sixth example of antisemitism, accusing Jewish citizens of being more loyal to Israel, or to the alleged priorities of Jews worldwide, than to the interest of their own nations, by stating at a town hall event in Washington D.C., “I want to talk about political influence in this country that says its ok for people to push for allegiance to a foreign country.” Omar finally defended the antisemitic claim of dual loyalty in the tweet featured below.

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**Ilhan Omar** @IlhanMN  
 Israel has hypnotized the world, may Allah awaken the people and help them see the evil doings of Israel.  
 #Gaza #Palestine #Israel  
 12:15 PM · 11/16/12 · Twitter for iPhone

**Ilhan Omar** @IlhanMN  
 It's all about the Benjamins baby 🎵  
 Glenn Greenwald @ggreenwald  
 GOP Leader Kevin McCarthy threatens punishment for @IlhanMN and @RashidaTlaib over their criticisms of Israel. It's stunning how much time US political leaders spend defending a foreign nation even if it means a...  
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 2,284 Retweets 11.7K Likes

**Ilhan Omar** @IlhanMN  
 AIPAC!  
 Batya Ungar-Sargon @bungarsargon  
 Would love to know who @IlhanMN thinks is paying American politicians to be pro-Israel, though I think I can guess. Bad form, Congresswoman. That's the second anti-Semitic trope you've tweeted. twitter.com/IlhanMN/status...  
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► Tweet deleted from Ilhan Omar's Twitter account

**Ilhan Omar** @IlhanMN  
 Our democracy is built on debate, Congresswoman! I should not be expected to have allegiance/pledge support to a foreign country in order to serve my country in Congress or serve on committee. The people of the 5th elected me to serve their interest. I am sure we agree on that!  
 Nita Lowey @NitaLowey  
 Lawmakers must be able to debate w/o prejudice or bigotry. I am saddened that Rep. Omar continues to mischaracterize support for Israel. I urge her to retract this statement and engage in further dialogue with the Jewish community on why these comments are so hurtful.  
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► Ilhan Omar, [Twitter](#), published 03/03/19

169 Tablet, [United States: Voter Education](#), published 11/02/18, accessed 05/19

170 Ibid.

171 Times of Israel, [Rep. Ilhan Omar defends 2012 tweet accusing Israel of 'hypnotizing the world'](#), published 01/17/19, accessed 05/19; Washington Free Beacon – YouTube Account, [Ilhan Omar Defends Her Comment Accusing Israel of 'Evil Doings'](#), published 01/16/19, accessed 05/19

172 CNN, [Omar: 'I unequivocally apologize' after backlash over new Israel tweets](#), published 02/12/19, accessed 05/19

# → Palestine Solidarity Campaign (PSC)

The PSC is a UK based organization that purports to work for “peace, equality and justice” and “securing Palestinian human rights.”

## CRITICISM

**Palestine Solidarity Campaign (PSC) is a community of people working together for peace, equality, and justice and against racism, occupation, and colonisation.**

**Together we are the biggest organisation in the UK dedicated to securing Palestinian human rights.**

PSC brings people from all walks of life together to campaign for Palestinian rights and freedom.

► *Palestine Solidarity Campaign, [About](#)*

However, boasting over 60 local branches,<sup>173</sup> numerous boycott campaigns<sup>174</sup>, and weekly events,<sup>175</sup> PSC is arguably the largest and most prominent organization in the delegitimization network in the UK.<sup>176</sup>

## DELEGITIMIZATION



► *Palestine Solidarity Campaign UK, [Facebook](#), 05/11/19*

173 Palestine Solidarity Campaign, [PSC Branches](#), accessed 05/19

174 Palestine Solidarity Campaign, [Our Campaigns](#), accessed 05/19

175 Palestine Solidarity Campaign, [Events](#), accessed 05/19

176 Palestine Solidarity Campaign, [About](#), accessed 05/19

PSC’s delegitimization ultimately crosses the line into antisemitism, as well. For example, Baroness Jenny Tonge, former patron of PSC,<sup>177</sup> presents herself as a strong critic of Israeli policy.<sup>178</sup> She is also a staunch supporter of BDS and has called Israel an apartheid state.<sup>179</sup>

Tonge’s own personal delegitimization messaging has followed suite and entered the realm of antisemitism many times. For example, she shared an article on Facebook that claimed Israel injured a baby and wrote, “All to celebrate the Passover?” clearly invoking the classic antisemitic ritual murder accusation. Using classical canards such as the blood libel in describing Israel is antisemitic according to IHRA’s working definition under criterion nine.



177 PSC, [Our Patrons](#), accessed 05/19  
 178 Ibid.  
 179 Jenny Tongue, [Facebook](#), published 01/26/19, accessed 05/19

Tonge shared another post in April that called for Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and other members of his government to be “subjected to a Nuremberg Trial,” drawing a clear comparison between Netanyahu, the Israeli government and the Nazis.

In addition, in 2006, Tonge was condemned for suggesting that the pro-Israel lobby controls the West with its money, using the classical antisemitic motif of Jews’ money and world control. She said, “The pro-Israeli lobby has got its grips on the western world, its financial grips. I think they've probably got a grip on our party.”<sup>180</sup> Further articulating conspiracy theories rooted in Israel-anchored antisemitism, following the Pittsburgh shooting in 2018 that left 11 Jews dead, Tonge stepped down from her post as patron of PSC after she suggested, “Israel’s policies and its treatment of the Palestinians could be contributing to a rise in antisemitism generally.”<sup>181</sup>

**Jenny Tonge**  
April 24 at 10:34 AM · 🌐

All to celebrate the Passover?

IMEC.ORG  
» **Army Injures 27 Palestinians, Including A New Born Baby, In Nablus– IMEMC News**  
Israeli soldiers invaded, on Wednesday at dawn, the eastern area of Nablus city, after...

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▶ Jenny Tonge, [Facebook](#), 04/24/19

**Jenny Tonge**  
April 12 · 🌐

The problem with the Israeli project as described by teacher and academic Cliff Jones

**Cliff Jones**  
April 12

Some years ago an Israeli journalist, writing in Ha'aretz, which in Israel is regarded as a left wing newspaper, wrote that Israel is like an organ transplant. The problem being that when you introduce an alien organ into a host body much medication is required for it to be accepted. Israel does not think like that. What might be the result of not bothering with any medication? The destruction of both the organ and the host.

Netanyahu, like so many members of his party and government, ought to be subjected to a Nuremberg Trial. I do not say that lightly. We are talking about institutionalised inhumanity. Yes, we can frame arguments around apartheid and transgressions of a multitude of international laws and conventions but we can sum up all this as an attack upon humanity.

▶ Jenny Tonge, [Facebook](#), 04/12/19


180 BBC News, [Tonge condemned for Israel remark](#), last updated 09/21/06, accessed 05/09

181 PSC, [Statement on Baroness Tonge and antisemitism](#), published 10/30/18, accessed 05/19

Although Tonge has vacated her post with PSC, her antisemitic beliefs and convictions still influence the PSC's agenda today. Further, MP Jeremy Corbyn, who himself has made numerous antisemitic statements,<sup>182</sup> is a patron of PSC.<sup>183</sup>


Below are a few examples of various PSC branches perpetuating antisemitism, particularly comparing Israelis to Nazis.

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**Jenny Tonge**  
55 mins · 🌐

Absolutely appalling and a criminal act, but does it ever occur to Bibi and the present Israeli government that it's actions against Palestinians may be re-igniting anti Semitism?  
I suppose someone will say that it is anti Semitic to say so?




🌐 HAARETZ.COM · 5-MIN READ

**Eight killed in Pittsburgh synagogue shooting; gunman yelled 'All Jews must die'**


▶ David Collier, [Twitter](#), 10/27/18

ANTISEMITISM




**Luton Palestine Solidarity Campaign**  
17. September 2015 · 🌐

**ISRAELI LOGIC**



A Jewish woman sits on a park bench marked 'Only for Jews' in Nazi Germany.




An 'Arabs Only' street in West Bank, Occupied Palestine.

# IS THIS NOT APARTHEID?


▶ Luton PSC, [Facebook](#), 09/17/15

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**Luton Palestine Solidarity Campaign**  
January 11, 2015 · 🌐

#FreePalestine #Peace4Palestine #EndTheOccupation



When the Jews dug tunnels to smuggle food and weapons into the Warsaw Ghetto, it was an act of justified resistance. When the Palestinians dig tunnels to smuggle food and weapons into the Gaza Ghetto, it is terrorism.

▶ Luton PSC, [Facebook](#), 01/11/15

182 Brookings Institution, [Anti-Semitism, British politics, and the indecency of Jeremy Corbyn](#), published 03/07/19, accessed 03/07

183 Palestine Solidarity Campaign, [Our Patrons](#), accessed 05/19

**ANTISEMITISM**



▶ Luton PSC, [Facebook](#), 11/15/14



▶ Luton PSC, [Facebook](#), 11/10/14

Additionally, PSC Manchester hosted a public meeting with Mazin Qumsiyeh,<sup>184</sup> the founder and director of the Palestine Museum of Natural History<sup>185</sup> and prominent BDS activist who helped co-found Al-Awda (The Palestinian Right of Return Coalition)<sup>186</sup> and the US Palestine Community Network (USPCN).<sup>187</sup> He was also a steering committee member between 2005–2007 of the US Campaign to End the Occupation (known today as USCPR).<sup>188</sup> Qumsiyeh is responsible for promoting antisemitism on multiple occasions.

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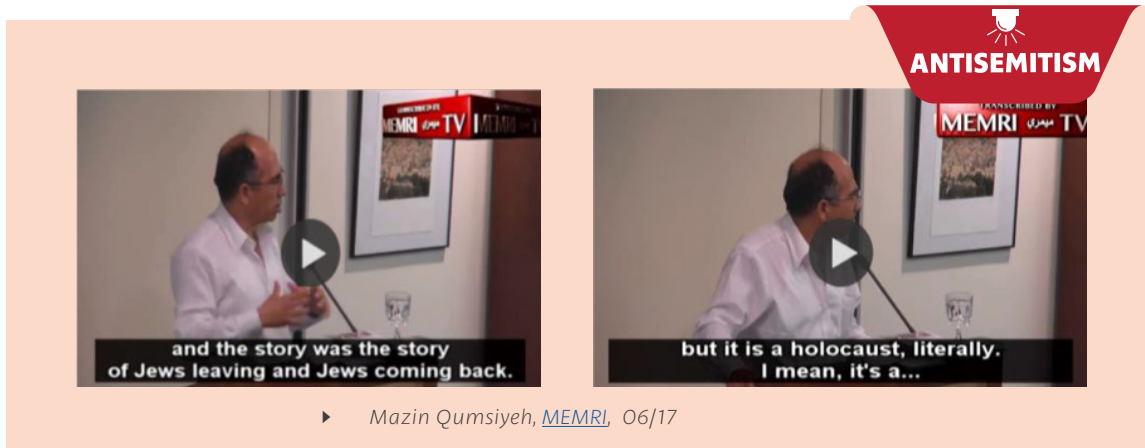
▶ Waltham Forest PSC, [Facebook](#), 12/19/18



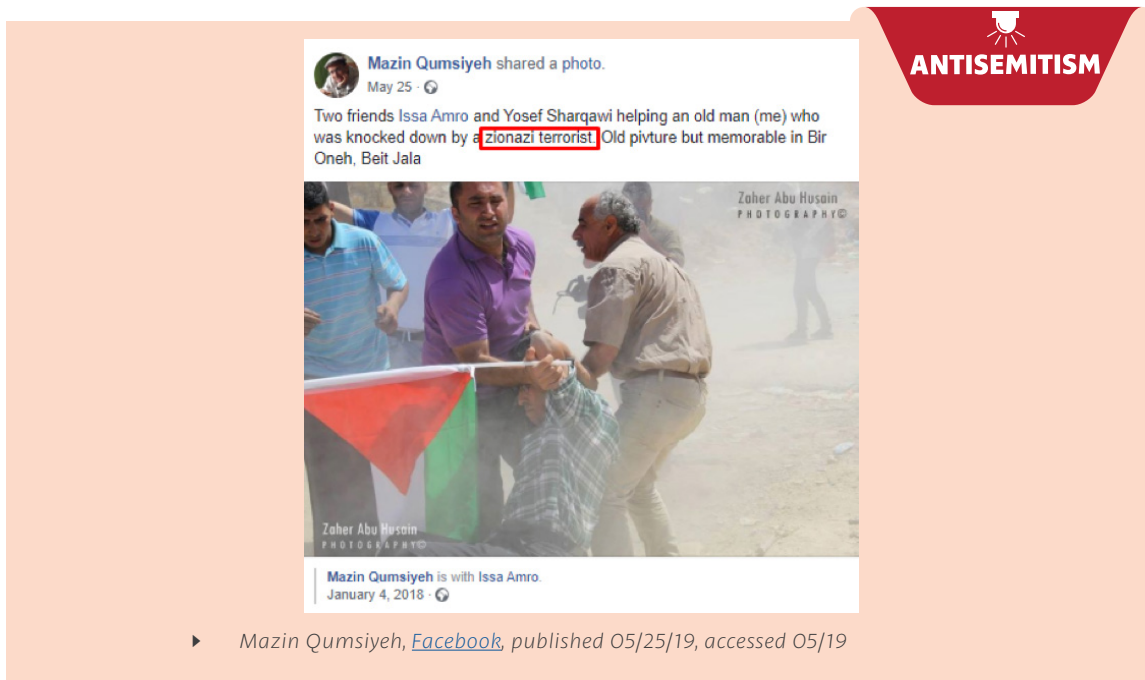
▶ Leeds PSC, [Facebook](#), 08/18/17

184 Facebook, [Public Meeting with Mazin Qumsiyeh](#), accessed 08/19  
 185 National Geographic, [Mazin B. Qumsiyeh](#), accessed 06/19  
 186 Qumsiyeh, [About Qumsiyeh](#), accessed 06/19  
 187 US Palestine Community Network, [Action Alert: Call Now to Free Dr. Mazin Qumsiyeh \(Archived\)](#), published 05/16/11, accessed 06/19  
 188 *Ibid.*

In a 2017 speech, Qumsiyeh claimed that Zionism is a system that is predicated on ethnic cleansing and racism and furthermore, that the story of Jews leaving and returning to the land of Israel is fabricated in order to justify their connection to the land of Israel. Furthermore, Qumsiyeh cites the Khazar conspiracy theory—that the Jews of today are not actually Jewish, but rather descendants of the Khazar empire who converted during the Middle Ages.<sup>189</sup> Statements in this speech are consistent with the seventh example of the working definition of antisemitism, the denial of the right of Jews to self-determination.



Qumsiyeh also draws comparisons between Israeli policy with that of the Nazis, which constitutes antisemitism according to the tenth criterion of the working definition. For example, he recently posted a picture to his Facebook account with a caption that read, “Two friends Issa Amro and Yosef Sharqawi helping an old man (me) who was knocked down by a zionazi terrorist. Old picture but memorable in Bir Oneh, Beit Jala.”



189 MEMRI TV, [Palestinian Biologist Prof. Mazin Qumsiyeh: Gaza is a Holocaust, Jews do not biologically belong in Palestine](#), published 06/30/17, accessed 08/19; Haaretz, [Jews are not Descended from Khazars, Hebrew University Historian Says](#), published 06/26/14, accessed 08/19; The Forward, [Ashkenazi Jews are not Khazars. Here's the proof.](#), published 09/25/17, accessed 08/19

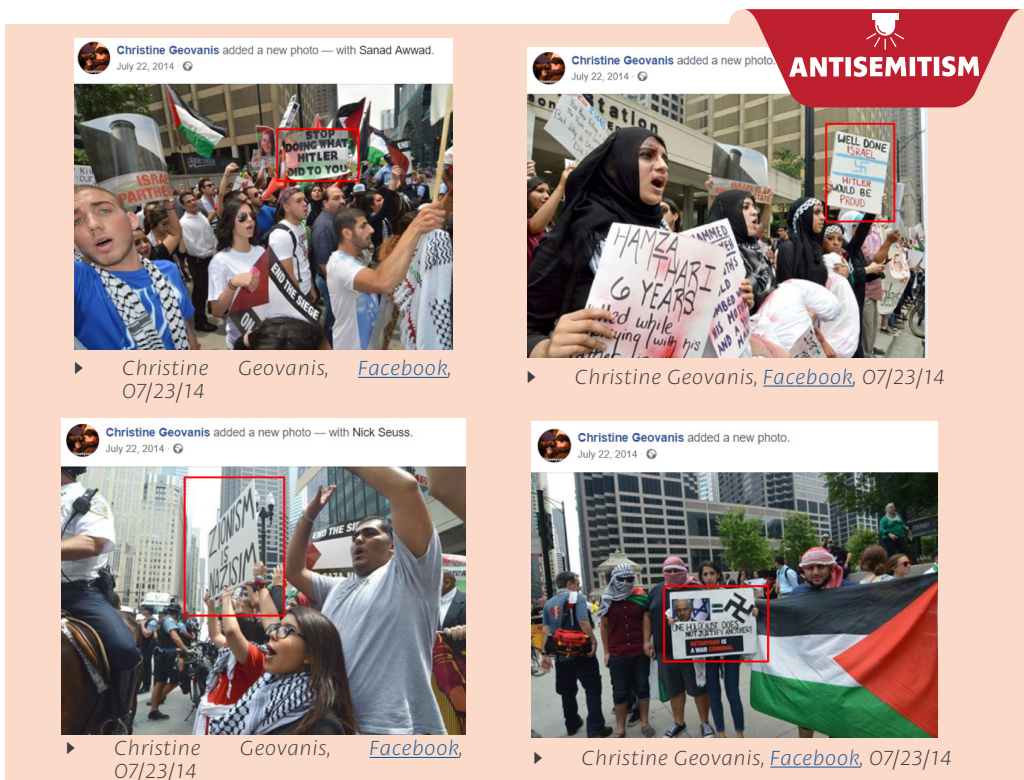


# → US Palestine Community Network (USPCN)

In the US, the same brand of Jew-hatred espoused by Qumsiyeh is encouraged by the organization that he co-founded, the USPCN.<sup>190</sup>



In addition to serving as a platform for promoting the aforementioned antisemitism within the NSJP network, during a rally organized and hosted by USPCN against Israel's operation Protective Edge in July of 2014 titled "Stand with Gaza: Protest Zionism in Chicago!",<sup>191</sup> protesters carried multiple signs comparing the State of Israel to the Nazi regime in WWII Germany. The following photos contain images and messages consistent with the tenth example of the working definition of antisemitism.




190 US Palestine Community Network, [Action Alert: Call Now to Free Dr. Mazin Qumsiyeh \(Archived\)](#), published 05/16/11, accessed 06/19

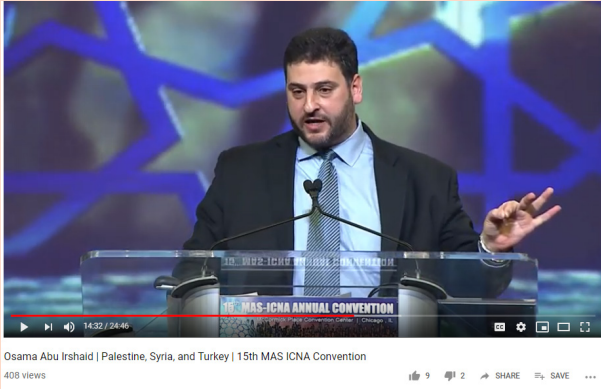
191 USPCN, ["Stand with Gaza: Protest Zionism in Chicago!"](#), accessed 06/19

## → American Muslims for Palestine (AMP)

American Muslims for Palestine was established in 2005 by former members of the Islamic Association of Palestine (IAP), a now-defunct US-based Hamas propaganda organization that was listed as an unindicted co-conspirator<sup>192</sup> in the trial that found the Holy Land Foundation guilty for siphoning over \$12 million to Hamas.<sup>193</sup> Today, through lobbying efforts, rallies, annual conferences and education initiatives, which include founding and supporting National Students for Justice in Palestine, AMP has become one of the leading BDS organizations in the US. It currently has chapters in eight states across America.

AMP's most prominent leaders have promoted antisemitism. For example, Osama Abuirshaid, AMP's National Policy Director and an AMP board member,<sup>194</sup> gave a speech at the 15th annual Muslim American Society (MAS) – Islamic Circle of North America (ICNA) Convention in which he accused American Zionists of dual loyalty, an accusation considered plain antisemitism under the sixth example of the IHRA's working definition. Abuirshaid stated, "Zionist figures who hold an American passport and American citizenship but who suffer from a syndrome called double loyalty where they put the Israeli agenda, the Israeli interest ahead of the American agenda."<sup>195</sup>





▶ [Osama Abuirshaid, YouTube, 01/09/17](#)

192 The Investigative Project, HLF Case, [Memorandum Opinion Order](#), published 01/09, accessed 10/18; The Investigative Project, HLF Case, [Unindicted Coconspirators](#), accessed 10/18

193 US Department of Justice, Office of Public Affairs, [Federal Judge Hands Downs Sentences in Holy Land Foundation Case](#), published 05/27/09, accessed 07/18

194 AMP, [Staff and National Board](#), accessed 05/19

195 YouTube, [Osama Abu Irshaid, Palestine, Syria and Turkey, 15th MAS ICNA Convention](#), published 01/09/17, accessed 05/19

Recently, Abuirshaid continued to perpetuate Antisemitic canards, this time, those consistent with the second example of the working definition of Antisemitism, which addresses tropes and conspiracy theories about Jewish power compromising the integrity of the government, economy or other social institutions.

Dr. Hatem Bazian, the founder and current Chairman of AMP,<sup>196</sup> promotes various forms of antisemitism personally and professionally, ranging from Israel-based antisemitism to overt Jew-hatred. In a tweet, Bazian claimed that the Jewish nation is a myth which needs to be dismantled, effectively advocating for the denial of Jewish self-determination, the seventh example of antisemitism in the working definition.

In a video published by the Lamppost Initiative,<sup>197</sup> hosted out of Zaytuna College,<sup>198</sup> which Bazian co-founded and where he is a regular lecturer,<sup>199</sup> Bazian said that AIPAC had a “stranglehold” on American policy, not only in the Middle East but also in general, as well, “because there is a convergence of interests among certain elite groupings that want to maintain the world in the way it is.”<sup>200</sup> These allegations allude to a Jewish conspiracy to control not only the US government and policy but also the entire world, consistent therefore with second example of the working definition of antisemitism.

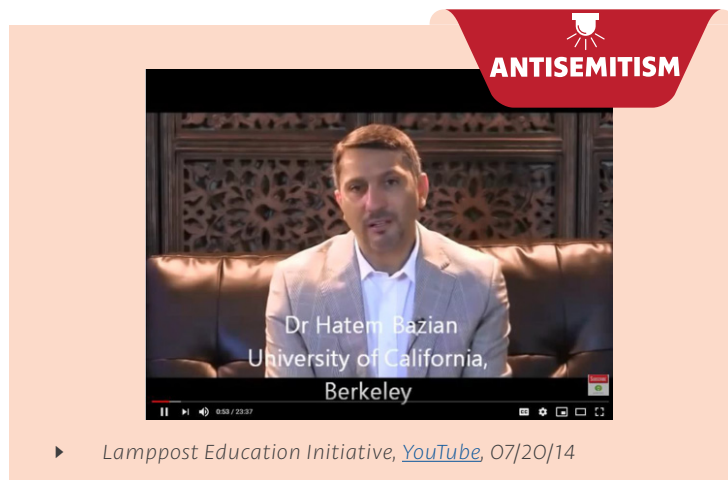
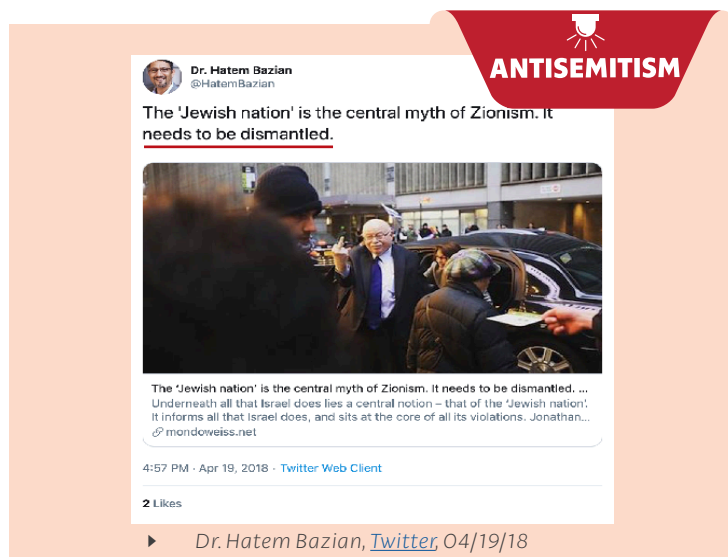
196 AMP, [Dr. Hatem Bazian, Chairman](#), accessed 05/19

197 Lamppost Education Initiative, [YouTube](#), published 07/20/14, accessed 06/19

198 Lamppost Education Initiative, [YouTube](#), published 05/26/17, accessed 06/19, timestamp (00:27)

199 Zaytuna College Blog, [Dr. Hatem Bazian](#), published 08/11/16, accessed 06/19

200 Lamppost Education Initiative, [YouTube](#), published 07/20/14, accessed 06/19, timestamp (00:18:03)



Additionally, Bazian retweeted an antisemitic post by a user connected to the Indonesian group “We are 4 Palestine”.<sup>201</sup> The Tweet read, “12 April 2018 an unarmed Palestinian was shot down by a Zionist sniper for raising Palestinian flag over fence of Gaza concentration camp during Return March. Israel fears this flag, since it is a reminder of Palestinians existence #1YearOfGreatReturnMarch pic.twitter.com/WyambJN1g6

Similarly, Bazian promoted classic Jew hatred by retweeting images and messages that accused Zionists and Jews of stealing “Palestinian land+resources+body-organs.”<sup>202</sup>

The accusation of organ theft is a modern portrayal of a classic antisemitic blood libel. While the text of the Tweet referred to Zionists, one picture accused Jews of rape and smuggling organs. That same picture also referred to Jews as Nazis.

Recently, in response to the Bundestag’s official recognition of the BDS movement as antisemitic in nature, AMP board member, Shakeel Syed, shared an antisemitic tweet which accused Israel of being a, “current Nazi-like” country.



▶ Thia Bfagih, [Twitter](#), 03/30/19



▶ Ron Hughes, [Twitter](#), 07/31/17



▶ Shakeel Syed, [Twitter](#), 05/18/19

201 Thia Bfagih, [Twitter](#), accessed 05/19; Sobat Palestina Indonesia, [Hello world! We are 4 Palestine](#), published 04/11/17, accessed 07/19

202 Ron Hughes, [Twitter](#), published 07/21/17, accessed 05/19

Given the antisemitic rhetoric of Abuirshaid, Bazian and other AMP leaders, it is no surprise that AMP's followers and members espouse antisemitism in kind. For example, at a rally in 2014 convened by AMP, along with other anti-Israel organizations, purportedly in support of the Palestinian people, a protester held a makeshift Israeli flag with a Swastika.



► Gaza Rally and March on Chicago Israel Consulate, [YouTube](#), 07/20/14

  
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The above depictions are but a few examples of the type of antisemitism being promoted by the delegitimization campaign against Israel today. There are countless additional examples of antisemitic expressions on all levels of this campaign, from the leaders of prominent groups within the delegitimization network to the local activists of this movement and even, as demonstrated, elected public officials. BDS activists vary in their own background, education and influence in their own personal and professional realm. The prevalence of the antisemitism in images, rhetoric and ideas is too pervasive and too consistent to be considered coincidental. More importantly, the audience is too vast to be ignored. These key figures and organizations have hundreds of thousands of followers on social media and speak directly to hundreds of attendees at official conferences.

## → Greater Impact of the Process: Deterioration of Public Discourse

The process of perpetuating antisemitism masked as legitimate criticism of Israel influences not only the followers and sympathizers of the delegitimization campaign, but the overall discourse surrounding Israel and the local Jewish population as well. By flooding social media and public spaces with antisemitic language, imagery and tropes, antisemitism becomes the norm. The normalization of antisemitism happens in tandem to not only an increase in violence in the society, but also to the overall radicalization of public discourse. After being inundated with subliminal antisemitic messaging, even the most respected gatekeepers of public discourse find themselves unknowingly accepting and even lending a voice to anti-Jewish bigotry. The definition of spaces of public discourse, for the purposes of this report, include any mainstream public platform from major media outlets to public hearings or discussions among elected officials. The deterioration of the public discourse can be defined as the inadequate reaction to antisemitism when introduced to the public space and subsequent repeat instances of antisemitism due to reoccurring inadequate reactions. The reason the deterioration of public discourse in this way is so alarming is because it is indicative of a much greater problem: a society in decline.

The media and press are perhaps the most susceptible target that participate in this process of deteriorating public discourse because: Israel is a relevant topic to cover in Middle East and World news cycle; and most professional media outlets seek to report on perspectives from across the spectrum, including anti-Israel voices, which might very well be involved in the delegitimization campaign. For instance, The New York Times recently published an antisemitic cartoon of US President Donald Trump donning a kippa and being led by a dog with the head of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.<sup>203</sup>

This image drew upon the antisemitic trope that Jewish power controls the government, and even the world. In an apology issued by the editor published after the fact, the editorial board of the Times cited the danger of not only antisemitism, but “the numbness of its creep.”<sup>204</sup> This depiction illustrates the delegitimization campaign’s instrumentalization of antisemitism overall effect, the numbing of the moderate majority to antisemitism.



203 New York Times, [Times Disciplines Editor and Cancels Cartoon Contract Over Anti-Semitic Drawing](#), published 05/01/19, accessed 05/19

204 New York Times, [A Rising Tide of Anti-Semitism](#), published 04/30/19, accessed 05/19

An example of a public body which has taken cues from delegitimization actors and radicalized in this manner is the Labour Party in the UK. Labour leadership, with the purported goal of seeking peace and equal rights for Palestinians, has turned their party into a platform for antisemitism on an institutional level. Despite the formal adoption of the working definition of antisemitism by the UK in addition to their membership in the IHRA,<sup>205</sup> it took the Labour Party nearly two years to formally adopt the working definition of antisemitism.<sup>206</sup> While the party originally rejected the working definition citing the four of the 11 antisemitism criteria that described Israel-based antisemitism, eventually the party adopted the definition under the condition that it would not inhibit freedom of speech criticizing Israel or compromise Palestinian rights in September 2018.<sup>207</sup> Sadly, it seems the incorporation of the working definition of antisemitism into the Labour Party's code of conduct was not enough to address the climate of antisemitism which was already being institutionalized among the party and its leadership.

As a matter of record, the Labour Party has not been perceived as widely antisemitic or accused as such until the ascension of Jeremy Corbyn to the party's premier leadership position in 2015.<sup>208</sup> Corbyn himself had a longstanding record of being vocally critical of Israel and even endorsing antisemitic voices, both living and dead, before assuming his post at the head of the Labour Party. For example, in 2011 Corbyn authored the foreword to Hobson's *Imperialism: A Study* (originally published 1902) which stated that European finance was driven by, "men of a singular and peculiar race who have behind them many centuries of financial experience."<sup>209</sup> Participating in a delegation to commemorate the lives lost in a 1985 Israeli air-strike on the Palestinian Liberation Organization (PLO) headquarters in Tunisia, Corbyn also lay a wreath to pay respects and also shared a stage with Maher al-Taher, the exiled leader of the PFLP, a terrorist organization responsible for the murder of a British Rabbi in a Jerusalem center one month after the ceremony.<sup>210</sup> Critics further pointed out that the second memorial site visited by the delegation paid tribute to members of the terror cell, Black September, who killed 11 Israeli athletes during the 1972 Munich Olympic massacre.<sup>211</sup> Pictures from the same event indicate that Corbyn stood opposite the graves of two PLO members also linked to the Munich Olympic massacre.<sup>212</sup> In 2013, at a speech given at the Islamic extremist Palestinian Return Center (PRC), Corbyn said that British Zionists had, "no sense of English irony" despite having lived in the UK all of their lives and that they ought to be taught a lesson.<sup>213</sup> Corbyn's disdain perpetuated the trope that the local Jewish population is in fact a cabal of foreign agents that don't belong in the very least and was threatening towards local Jews at the very worst. At another PRC conference in the same year, Corbyn compared the "Israeli occupation" of the West Bank to the Nazi occupation of

205 UK Government, [Government leads the way in tackling anti-Semitism](#), published 12/12/16, accessed 09/19

206 BBC News, [Labour adopts full anti-Semitism definition](#), published 09/04/18, accessed 04/19

207 Ibid., The Jewish Chronicle, [Labour farce as it attaches 'free speech' clause to the IHRA antisemitism definition](#), published 09/04/18, accessed 09/19

208 BBC, [A guide to Labour Party anti-Semitism claims](#), published 07/16/19, accessed 08/19; YouTube, [Is Labour Anti-Semitic? – BBC Panorama](#), published 07/11/19, accessed 09/19

209 Financial Times, [Jeremy Corbyn under fire over foreword in anti-Semitic book](#), published 05/01/19, accessed 08/19

210 The Times, [Jeremy Corbyn pictured with Terror chief at Tunisia wreath ceremony](#), published 08/15/18, accessed 08/19

211 BBC, [Jeremy Corbyn wreath row explained](#), published 08/15/19, accessed 09/2019

212 Ibid.

213 Mail Online, [EXCLUSIVE: Jeremy Corbyn said British 'Zionists' have 'no sense of English irony despite having lived here all their lives' and 'need a lesson', while giving speech alongside Islamic extremists at a conference publicised by Hamas' military wing](#), published 08/24/18, accessed 08/19

Europe, in violation of the tenth criterion of the working definition of antisemitism.<sup>214</sup> Although this record was often defended as part of Corbyn's anti-racist and fierce human rights convictions,<sup>215</sup> once appointed head of the Labour party,<sup>216</sup> Corbyn's leadership ushered in a slew of new anti-Israel voices in the party, while Corbyn himself continued to engage in public instances of endorsing or harboring antisemitism.<sup>217</sup>

As of March of 2019 over 850 complaints of instances of antisemitism among Labour Party parliament members, party members and local representatives have been made.<sup>218</sup> Complaints range from being harassed by antisemitic slurs, calls of "Heli Hitler" or conspiracy theories about Jews being discussed or projected at party members openly at party forums.<sup>219</sup> Over half of the complaints have remained unresolved and nearly one third remain completely uninvestigated.<sup>220</sup> Moreover, while the complaints were made to the Labour Disputes Team, which is supposed to be independent of the Labour Party Leader's Office purview,<sup>221</sup> reports indicate that the Leader's Office has interfered in over 100 complaints.<sup>222</sup> In 2019 the Equality and Human Rights Commission launched their own investigation to determine whether the party has completely succumbed to institutional antisemitism<sup>223</sup>. Despite repeated pledges that Corbyn's office takes fighting antisemitism seriously and refutations of the existence of institutional antisemitism or a cover-up of any kind, as recently as September 2019 antisemitic material was distributed at the Labour Party's official conference in Brighton.<sup>224</sup> Jewish party members reported feeling, "sick and unwelcome" by the cartoon which hung for public viewing at the conference and depicted the IHRA as an operation by the Israel lobby to silence Corbyn.

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214 Mail Online, [Corbyn in fresh anti-Semitism storm as 2013 video emerges of him comparing the Israeli occupation of the West Bank to the Nazi takeover of Europe](#), published 08/10/18, accessed

215 BBC, [A guide to Labour Party anti-Semitism claims](#), published 07/16/19, accessed 08/19

216 BBC, [A guide to Labour Party anti-Semitism claims](#), published 07/16/19, accessed 08/19; BBC Panorama, [Is Labour Anti-Semitic?](#), published 07/10/19, accessed 09/19

217 The Telegraph, [Labour MPs brand Jeremy Corbyn's response to antisemitic mural 'wholly inadequate'](#), published 03/23/18, accessed 08/19

218 The Sunday Times, [Labour's hate files expose Jeremy Corbyn's anti-semite army](#), published 04/07/19, accessed 08/19; The Times of Israel, [Expose shows UK Labour has failed to punish members for vile anti-Semitic taunts](#), published 04/07/19, accessed 08/19

219 Ibid.

220 Ibid.

221 YouTube, [Is Labour Anti-Semitic? – BBC Panorama](#), published 07/11/19, accessed 09/19; The Sunday Times, [Labour's hate files expose Jeremy Corbyn's antisemite army](#), published 04/07/19, accessed 08/19

222 The Times of Israel, [Expose shows UK Labour has failed to punish members for vile anti-Semitic taunts](#), published 04/07/19, accessed 08/19

223 Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights Special Rapporteur, [Advanced Unedited Version: Elimination of all forms of religious intolerance](#), published 09/23/19, accessed 09/19

224 The Jewish Chronicle, ['Antisemitic' material at Labour conference makes Jews feel 'sick and unwelcome'](#), published 09/22/19, accessed 09/19





▶ *The Jewish Chronicle, 'Antisemitic' material at Labour conference makes Jews feel 'sick and unwelcome', 09/22/19*

Some have expressed concern that the Democratic party in the US is undergoing a similar process known as Corbynization.<sup>225</sup> While this term may name Corbyn specifically, it is an attempt to characterize a phenomenon that is happening in most democracies and liberal institutions: far-Left exceptionalism surrounding the discourse on Israel which leads to the radicalization of the narrative surrounding Jews and Israel to the point of blatant antisemitism. This report detailed above several examples of freshmen Democratic

representatives who have publicly expressed, defended and condoned the use of antisemitism, namely Congresswomen Ilhan Omar and Rashida Tlaib. Their antisemitic comments and posts on social media have ranged from promoting the accusation that American Jews are more loyal to Israel than they are to the US, the denial of the Jewish right to self-determination, promoting the false conspiracy that Jews control the world, to Holocaust denial vis-à-vis promotion of ahistorical narrative.<sup>226</sup> As with the progression of the Corbyn leadership in the Labour Party, this unprecedented display of public statements of antisemitism by elected Democrat representatives is occurring following explicit statements and acts of support for the BDS movement and the leaders of the delegitimization campaign against Israel by the same congresswomen, including CAIR, Al-Awda: The Palestine Right of Return Movement, Palestinian Youth Movement, Samidoun and American Muslims for Palestine.<sup>227</sup> Recently, during a speech made by Congresswoman Tlaib on the House floor in opposition to House Resolution 246, which detailed the reasons the US government rejected the BDS movement, she suggested that the BDS movement should be protected just as the right to free speech was protected and enabled Americans to boycott the German Nazi regime in WWII—effectively comparing the Israeli government to the Nazi regime.<sup>228</sup> And just like the radicalization process in the Labour Party, these comments have been met with Israel-based exceptionalism by the progressive left in celebration of bolstering the Palestinian rights and narratives, or fighting bias against Muslims, at the expense of the safety of Jewish citizens. These similarities are not coincidental—the deterioration of public discourse is heavily influenced by the delegitimization campaign's strategic use of human rights as a rallying call.

225 YouTube, [Bari Weiss: How to Fight Anti-Semitism – Real Time with Bill Maher \(HBO\)](#), published 09/14/19, accessed 09/19; The Algemeiner, [Ilhan Omar and the Corbynization of the Democratic Party](#), published 03/08/19, accessed 09/19; Washington Examiner, [British Invasion](#), published 03/15/19, accessed 09/19

226 See pages 34, 68–74 and 104 of this report

227 The Jerusalem Post, [Heavy Protests Against Ilhan Omar Speech at Los Angeles](#), published 03/24/19, accessed 09/19; YouTube, [Rashida Tlaib Speech – 22nd Annual Banquet 2018: CAIR-LA](#), published 12/26/18, accessed 09/19; The Washington Free Beacon, [Tlaib Meets with Members of Terrorism-Supporting, Anti-Israel Organization](#), published 09/06/19, accessed 09/19; The Daily Wire, [Democrat Rashida Tlaib Meets With Terrorist Supporter, Extreme Anti-Israel Activists, Report Says](#), published 04/17/19, accessed 09/19; The Algemeiner, [Rashida Tlaib Met With Another Terror Supporter](#), published 04/16/19, accessed 09/19

228 C-SPAN, [Morning Hour: July 23, 2019](#), published 07/23/19, accessed 09/19

The Democratic party is certainly not alone in serving as a petri-dish for the deterioration of public discourse. For example, some Republican Congressmen have come under fire for naming and accusing Jews, such as Tom Steyer and Mayor Michael Bloomberg, for buying US elections.<sup>229</sup> Recently, surrounding the impeachment of President Trump by the House of Representatives, certain Republican Senators and conservative commentators were accused of popularizing the antisemitic conspiracy theory that the impeachment was in fact a concerted effort by Jews to overthrow the duly elected commander in chief, branded as the “Jew coup”.<sup>230</sup> Senator Marsha Blackburn (R-TN) tweeted, “A 3-year coordinated effort has been underway to remove President Donald Trump from office. Jesus warned us—watch out for the lawyers.”<sup>231</sup> Although, it is worth noting that unlike the antisemitic statements made by representatives of the Democratic party, the statements made by the Republican representatives tend to focus on targeting particular individuals that are clear political opponents on the left-end of the spectrum, as opposed to the larger opaque groups of ‘Zionists’ ‘Israel’ or the ‘Israel-lobby’ that they paint with broad, inaccurate strokes.

The deterioration of public discourse and normalized use of antisemitism in Congress has a trickle-down effect that has now begun to radicalize local politics as well. Recently, the Rockland County Republican Party (of NY) was slammed after producing and posting a campaign video targeting ultra-Orthodox Jewish residents, including Hasidic enclaves and specifically, Hasidic legislator, Aron Wieder on their Facebook page.<sup>232</sup> The video features imagery of an incoming storm and rolling thunder warning that, “a storm is brewing” and characterizing the existence of the ultra-Orthodox communities as an attack on the local way of life, a hostile takeover, invoking the age-old Jew-hating trope suggesting that ultimate aim of the Jewish communities and their legislatures are to control access to water (even though the town in question is in-land and landlocked) and ultimately invoking fear, “if they win, we lose.” Additionally, within weeks of each other, there were two incidents of local council representatives in different cities of New Jersey openly using the expression, “Jew us down” at public city council meetings.<sup>233</sup> This antisemitic expression is rooted in the stereotypical hateful belief that all the Jews care about is money and that they are manipulative in order to gain as much money as possible, a violation of the second criterion of the working definition of antisemitism.

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229 Politico, [McCarthy rebuffs accusations anti-Semitism in deleted tweet about Soros, Steyer and Bloomberg](#), published 02/13/19, accessed 09/19

230 Times of Israel, [‘Jew coup’: The anti-Semitic conspiracy theories surrounding Trumps impeachment](#), published 12/23/19, accessed 12/19

231 Ibid., Marsha Blackburn, [Twitter](#), published 11/10/19, accessed 12/19

232 The New York Times, [Uproar Over Anti-Semitic Video Produced by Republicans in N.Y. County](#), published 08/29/19, accessed 09/19

233 Paterson Times, Paterson councilman Michael Jackson rebuked for ‘Jew us down’ remark, published 09/11/19, accessed 09/19; NorthJersey.com, [Paterson councilman condemned for ‘Jew us down’ comment at public meeting](#), published 09/11/19, accessed 09/19; Courier Post, [Vorhees layer Stuar Platt resigns Trenton post to protest anti-Semitism](#), published 09/21/19, accessed 09/19; NJ.com, [Trenton council member issues apology for defending anti-Semitic remarks](#), published 09/18/19, accessed 09/19



## Increasing Power To Takeover Rockland

▶ YouTube, [Antisemitic Rockland County GOP Video](#), 08/29/19



▶ YouTube, [Manu Pineda apoya en Bruselas al escritor y activista palestino Khaled Barakat vetado en Alemania](#), 07/12/19

From right to left: Manuel Pineda, Khaled Barakat and Charlotte Kates

Public European institutions and spaces are becoming hosts to this mechanism of decay and normalization of antisemitism as well. Manuel (Manu) Pineda, founder and president of the delegitimization organization Unadikum,<sup>234</sup> started his term as a member of the European Parliament in July of 2019.<sup>235</sup> As part of his mandate, Pineda serves as a member on the Foreign Affairs Committee and as a substitute member on the Human Rights Committee and Security Defense Committee.<sup>236</sup>

Pineda was quick to invite the rhetoric of the delegitimization campaign into the European parliament. On July 10, 2019 Pineda invited the leadership of the Samidoun: Palestinian Prisoner Solidarity Network to speak about Palestinian human rights and the struggle of the organization's leadership to be heard at the European Parliament in Brussels.<sup>237</sup> As previously mentioned, Samidoun is a proxy of the US-designated terror organization, PFLP.<sup>238</sup> Pineda invited Samidoun's coordinator,<sup>239</sup> Khaled Barakat, who is also a senior PFLP member<sup>240</sup> and the head of PFLP's Foreign Operations Department<sup>241</sup> and

234 Unadikum, [Twitter](#), published 10/28/15, accessed 07/19

235 Vote Watch Europe, [Manu PINEDA MARIN](#), accessed 07/19; European Parliament, [MEP – Manu Pineda Marin](#), accessed 07/2019

236 Ibid.

237 Samidoun, [Khaled Barakat and Samidoun go to the European Parliament to defend Palestinian rights](#), published 07/13/19, accessed 07/2019

238 US State Department, [Foreign Terrorist Organizations](#), accessed 10/18

239 Samidoun, [Khaled Barakat: Palestinian and Arab struggles in the face of Canada's 'War on Terror'](#), published 11/12/12, accessed 05/18; Samidoun, [Samidoun meets with South African embassy on Palestinian political prisoners, G4S boycott](#), published 05/27/16, accessed 05/18

240 Media Office of the Popular Front: Martyr Mansour Thabet, [Facebook](#), published 05/27/16, accessed 05/18; PFLP official website, [Interview with Comrade Khaled Barakat, Commander at PFLP and Coordinator of the Campaign to Free Comrade and a Commander, Ahmad Saadat](#), published 08/02/15, accessed 12/17

241 Pelest News, [Khaled Barakat to Pelest: Palestinian people have been struggling for decades against Zionist imperialist terror](#), published 12/16/15, accessed 12/17

his wife Charlotte Kates, Samidoun's International Coordinator<sup>242</sup> and PFLP member,<sup>243</sup> to speak at the European Parliament. During the panel Kates claimed that the Israeli government was on a smear-campaign to label Palestinian activists and liberals as terrorists, responding directly to the publication of the report *Terrorists in Suits* by the Ministry of Strategic Affairs in February 2019.<sup>244</sup> However Mrs. Kates' criticism quickly digressed into demonization of Jews when she clarified to the European parliament, "We know that the real terrorists in suits are in the White House and are making decisions for war in Tel Aviv, and frankly, here in Europe as well."<sup>245</sup> Seemingly, the only logical conclusion that can be drawn from Mrs. Kate's words in this context is that she is referring to a Jewish terrorist world conspiracy at the highest echelons of government, in gross violation of the second criterion of the working definition of antisemitisms.

Two days later Der Spiegel, a leading publication in Germany, published an investigative report which detailed that the Bundestag's decision to reject the BDS and recognize it as antisemitic (in May, 2019) was due to a close-knit effort of the Jews of Germany and an Israeli lobby which used "questionable methods." The article alluded to use of bribery by the Jewish groups and suggested the groups worked in concert with the Ministry of Strategic Affairs, which the article characterized as a front for the Mossad.<sup>246</sup> The article was received with much criticism for being riddled with antisemitic tropes and clichés that were poorly substantiated with sources, if at all.<sup>247</sup> The Der Spiegel article goes very much against the overwhelming multi-partisan support with which the anti-BDS resolution was passed.

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242 Samidoun, [Palestinian prisoners: A battleground for international solidarity by Charlotte Kates](#), published 11/03/18, accessed 11/18; Revolutionary Communist Group, [Interview with Khaled Barakat and Charlotte Kates](#), published 05/18/18, accessed 05/18; Samidoun, [Samidoun meets with South African embassy on Palestinian political prisoners, G4S boycott](#), published 05/27/16, accessed 05/18

243 Media Office of the Popular Front: Martyr Mansor Thabet, [Facebook](#), published 05/27/16, accessed 05/18

244 Israeli Ministry of Strategic Affairs, *Terrorists in Suits*, published 02/19, accessed 09/19

245 YouTube, [Manu Pineda apoya en Bruselas al escritor y activista palestino Khaled Barakat vetado en Alemania](#), published 07/12/19, accessed 09/19

246 Der Spiegel, [How two clubs want to influence German Middle East policy](#), published 07/12/19, accessed 09/19

247 The Times of Israel, [German Jewish group slams Spiegel article on pro-Israel lobby as anti-Semitic](#), published 07/18/19, accessed 09/19

The evidence in the previous chapter demonstrated how antisemitism is being used by the delegitimization campaign against Israel, via the BDS movement, to radicalize the discourse on Israel. The instances in this chapter demonstrate how this process has a far-reaching ability to normalize antisemitism at every level of public institutions and public spaces. This normalization is daunting because it is indicative of a larger problem beyond the issues of Israel and the status of Jews, wherever they live. Historically, Jew-hatred is one of the first red-flags to attest to an overall deterioration of societal public discourse, and potentially to the present decay of fundamental social values. As Bari Weiss explained in an interview promoting her new book, *How to Fight Antisemitism*, "Societies where antisemitism thrives are societies that are dead or dying...because when antisemitism thrives it's a sign that that society has replaced truth with lies."<sup>248</sup> There may be no better affirmation that the delegitimization campaign is facilitating a radicalization of Western democratic societies, than the developing philosophical and intellectual alliance between the BDS movement and the neo-Nazi and white supremacist movements in Europe and the United States.

# The Unholy Alliance Between the Delegitimization Campaign and Neo-Fascists: Antisemitism

In a philosophical twist, by radicalizing criticism of Israel into the realm of modern-day antisemitism, the perpetrators of the delegitimization campaign, including the self-styled, staunch, activists and defenders of human rights, find themselves sharing a common goal with white supremacists, fascists and the remnants of the neo-Nazi movement in Europe: the hatred and demonization of Jews. As author, broadcaster and journalist Melanie Phillips recently noted during the Intelligence Squared debate on whether anti-Zionism is antisemitism, “The Palestine solidarity campaign is riddled with antisemitic comments...Today, a German neo-Nazi group has linked to the BDS movement noting its approval to isolate the Zionist aggressor state in defense of the rights of Palestinian people. The language of BDS and the far right is interchangeable.”<sup>249</sup>

It seems reasonable to assume that this common ground between the progressive Left, to which the BDS movement has laid claims to as its political home, and the radical Right would come as a shock. It seems even more plausible to predict that, at the least, the leaders, if not the activists themselves, defending the moral compass of these ‘ethical’ movements would immediately eschew an alliance with such a diametrically opposed group of extremists upon discovery of its formation. In reality, there is increasing evidence that the leaders and activists of the BDS movement are aware of the foremost neo-Nazi and white fascist forums and the leaders of these far-Right networks promoting their campaign material against Israel and openly voicing more support for the boycott movement against Israel.

This report acknowledges the existing ideological and historical differences between the white supremacist movements in the United States and the remains of the neo-Nazi movement in Europe. However, these nuanced and multi-faceted networks share the beginning of an increasing alliance with the delegitimization campaign against Israel in rhetoric, imagery, messaging and agenda as a form of further spouting Jew-hatred. Moreover, research indicates that the cooperation between the American white supremacist network and the European neo-Nazi<sup>250</sup> movement is increasing. The adoption of the delegitimization campaign’s antisemitic propaganda on the part of white supremacists around the world appears to be part of that cooperation.

The following are some examples demonstrating the promotion, support and celebration of the activities and messages of the delegitimization campaign by the radical Right and neo-Nazi network.

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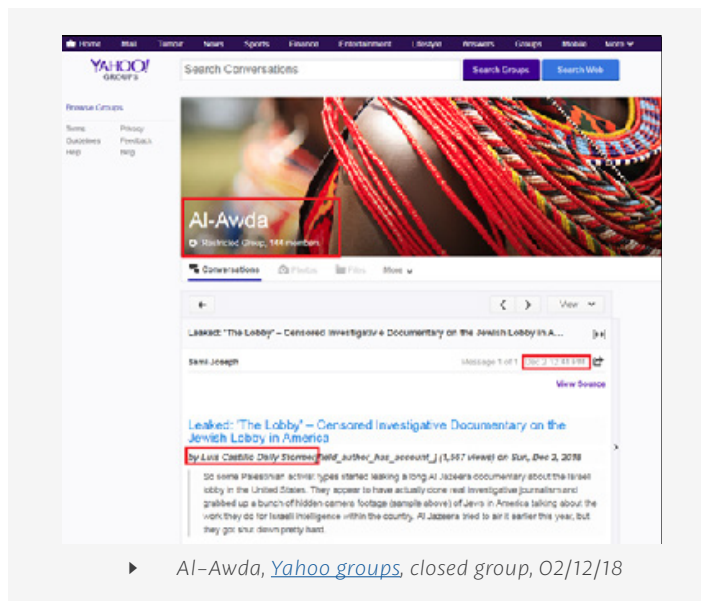
249 YouTube, [Debate: Anti-Zionism is Anti-Semitism](#), published 07/26/19, accessed 09/19

250 Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights Special Rapporteur, [Advanced Unedited Version: Elimination of all forms of religious intolerance](#), published 09/23/19, accessed 09/19

# A. Al-Awda, Electronic Intifada, the Daily Stormer and Russian Insider

On December 2, 2018, the private Yahoo! Group of Al-Awda indicated that the organization was aware of the fact that delegitimization content which they themselves endorse is being republished by the most popular American white nationalist outlet, Daily Stormer and Russian white nationalist outlet, Russia Insider.<sup>251</sup> In order to fully grasp the gravity of this fact, a brief explanation of these publications' background is necessary.

The Daily Stormer is an American neo-Nazi website that derives its name from the 1930's German Nazi propaganda paper, *Der Stürmer*.<sup>252</sup> *The Daily Stormer* publishes antisemitic and racist content under categories such as the 'Jewish Problem' and 'Race War'.<sup>253</sup> The website vehemently denies the Holocaust, belittling it as the "Holohoax",<sup>254</sup> peddles antisemitic conspiracy theories of Jews dominating global institutions,<sup>255</sup> refers to blacks, Jews and other ethnic minorities as 'sub-human',<sup>256</sup> and often empathizes with mass murderers, such as the San Diego synagogue shooter.<sup>257</sup>



*The Daily Stormer* propagates the fears of "white genocide" —the bogus belief that the white race is facing extinction through mass immigration and race-mixing in their various so-called "homelands"— and promotes the establishment of a white ethnostate to ensure white survival.<sup>258</sup> After the 'Unite the Right' rally in Charlottesville, Virginia, *the Daily Stormer's* internet traffic spiked to 750,000 unique new views per month.<sup>259</sup>

251 Facebook, [Al-Awda NY: The Palestine Right to Return Coalition](#), posted 09/18, accessed 05/19; Twitter, [Al-Awda NY](#), posted 09/18, accessed 05/19; Twitter, [Abbas Hamideh](#), posted 02/19, accessed 05/19

252 The Atlantic, [The Making of an American Nazi](#), published 12/17, accessed 05/19

253 Daily Stormer, [Section – Jewish Problem](#), accessed 05/19; Daily Stormer, [Section – Race War](#), accessed 05/19

254 Daily Stormer, [Tag Archives – Holohoax](#), accessed 05/19

255 Daily Stormer, [The Difference Between a Mosque Shooting and a Synagogue Shooting](#), published 05/04/19, accessed 05/19

256 Daily Stormer, [Full Open Letter From Passover Synagogue Shooter John Earnest](#), published 04/28/19, accessed 05/19; Daily Stormer, [Sex-Crazed Monkeyman Arrested After Molesting, Spitting on White Female Passenger During Plane Flight](#), published 05/03/19, accessed 05/19

257 Daily Stormer, [Full Open Letter From Passover Synagogue Shooter John Earnest](#), published 04/28/19, accessed 05/19

258 Daily Stormer, [Amerikaner Free State](#), published 11/23/16, accessed 05/19; Daily Stormer, [This is Why We Say "White Genocide"](#), published 04/04/16, accessed 05/19; Daily Stormer, [The Video Game Guide to Ethnic Cleansing](#), published 12/11/16, accessed 05/19

259 Southern Poverty Law Center, [2017: The Year in Hate and Extremism](#), published 02/11/18, accessed 05/19

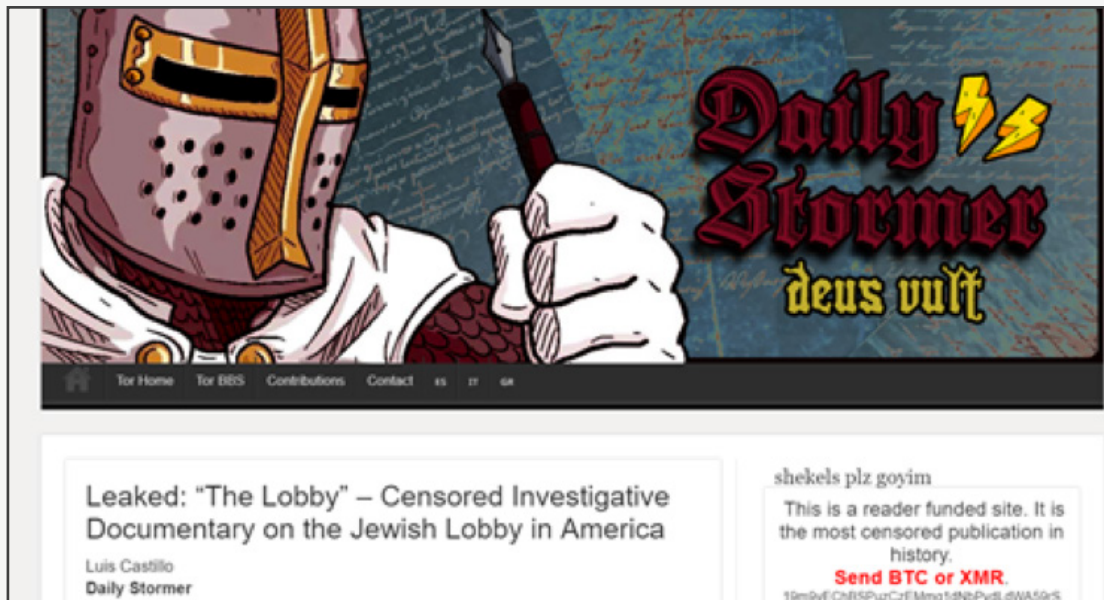
Russia Insider was founded by Charles Bausman in 2014, an American ex-patriot who has been living in Moscow for approximately 30 years.<sup>260</sup> With the slogan, “fake news fighters,” Russia Insider has appointed itself as an alternative to mainstream media fighting inaccurate, western reporting about Russia with citizen journalism.<sup>261</sup> However, the website has been criticized as a, “Russian, pro-Kremlin propaganda site.” This outlet recently published an article titled *It’s Time to Drop the Jew Taboo* written by the Bausman himself, who believes Jews are fostering the anti-Russian sentiment in the United States.<sup>262</sup> Additionally, Russia Insider has created the tag ‘the Jewish Question’ on its site, with over 40 articles pertaining to the Jewish Question currently available.<sup>263</sup> A similar tag, the ‘Christian Zionist Menace’ has five articles currently available slandering Christian Zionism in the United States.<sup>264</sup>

*The Daily Stormer* published articles promoting EI’s leak of the defunct Al-Jazeera documentary “The Lobby” on two occasions, first in August and then in December of 2018.<sup>265</sup> As mentioned earlier, Electronic Intifada is an alternative media outlet focusing on the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict from a Palestinian perspective and serves as a platform for some of the foremost figures in the anti-Israel campaign to delegitimize Israel and promote the BDS movement against Israel.<sup>266</sup> In 2010 it was reported that Electronic Intifada reached approximately 10,000 readers daily.<sup>267</sup> It is worth noting that on both occasions, *The Daily Stormer’s* posts in fact shared articles published by other radical Right outlets, first by Diversity Macht Frie and later by Russian Insider.<sup>268</sup> Diversity Macht Frei is the name of two blogs run by a blogger whose online identity is “Cheradenine Zakalwe” or “Czagal” who also publishes his content on Daily Stormer.<sup>269</sup> Diversity Macht Frei is an antisemitic, Islamophobic set of blogs with the so-called mission of, “chronicling the Genocide of the European peoples,” which the writer blames on Muslim integration into Europe. This migration, he believes, is aided and abetted by Jewish proponents of immigration, diversity, and multiculturalism.<sup>270</sup>

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- 260 Greenwich Time, [Greenwich native launches alternative news site Russia-Insider.com](#), published 03/29/15, accessed 05/19
- 261 Russia Insider, [Home](#), accessed 05/19; The Interpreter, [Is Russia Insider Sponsored by a Russian Oligarch With Ties to the European far Right?](#) published 11/23/15, accessed 05/19; BuzzFeed, [Expats Launch New Site to Defend Russia](#), published 09/30/14, accessed 05/19
- 262 Russia Insider, [It’s Time to Drop the Jew Taboo](#), published 01/15/18, accessed 05/19
- 263 Russia Insider, [The Jewish Question](#), accessed 05/19
- 264 Russia Insider, [Christian Zionist Menace](#), accessed 05/19
- 265 Daily Stormer, [‘If You’re Racist, the World Should Know’: Jews Behind “Canary Mission” Professional Doxing Operation](#), published 08/31/18, accessed 05/19; Daily Stormer, [Leaked: “The Lobby” – Censored Investigative Documentary on the Jewish Lobby in America](#), published 11/08/18, accessed 05/19
- 266 Electronic Intifada, [About the Electronic Intifada](#), accessed 05/19; Electronic Intifada, [The Electronic Intifada Team](#), accessed 05/19; BDSmovement.net, [Tags – Electronic Intifada](#), accessed 05/19; American Friends Service Committee, [Ali Abunimah](#), published 03/30/10, accessed 05/19; Among others, Haidar Eid, a co-founder and spokesman for the BDS National Committee (the organizing body for the BDS Movement) is a regular contributor to the Electronic Intifada. Palestine Monitor, [ANC and Scottish Green Party endorse BDS calls for ‘international wave of action](#), published 10/17/15, accessed 05/19; The Guardian, [BDS: how a controversial non-violent movement has transformed the Israeli-Palestinian debate](#), published 08/14/18, accessed 05/19; Electronic Intifada, [The Electronic Intifada Team](#), accessed 05/19
- 267 American Friends Service Committee, [Ali Abunimah](#), published 03/30/10, accessed 05/19; Electronic Intifada, [On its second anniversary, the Electronic Intifada looks ahead](#), published 02/27/03, accessed 05/19
- 268 Daily Stormer, [‘If You’re Racist, the World Should Know’: Jews Behind “Canary Mission” Professional Doxing Operation](#), published 08/31/18, accessed 05/19; Daily Stormer, [Leaked: “The Lobby” – Censored Investigative Documentary on the Jewish Lobby in America](#), published 11/08/18, accessed 05/19
- 269 Blogger, [Diversity Macht Frei \(Archived\)](#), accessed 05/19; Wordpress, [Diversity Macht Frei \(Archived\)](#), accessed 05/19; Blogger, [Cheradenine Zakalwe \(Archived\)](#), accessed 05/19; Twitter, [Diversity Macht Frei](#), accessed 05/19; Daily Stormer, [Author – Diversity Macht Frei](#), accessed 05/19
- 270 Diversity Macht Frei, [The Jew as Ally of the Muslim \(Archived\)](#), published 07/24/14, accessed 05/19



This small case-study demonstrates not only a new trend of the neo-fascist racist right-wing network borrowing the delegitimization campaign's material for the shared goal of exposing, "good research on Jews,"<sup>271</sup> but knowledge on the part of a leading organization in the delegitimization campaign of this unlikely support of their common goal to dismantle Israel.



- ▶ Daily Stormer, [Leaked: "The Lobby" – Censored investigative Documentary on the Jewish Lobby in America](#), published 11/08/18, accessed 05/19

271 Daily Stormer, 'If You're Racist, the World Should Know'; Jews Behind "Canary Mission" Professional Doxing Operation, published 08/31/18, accessed 05/19

## B. Stormfront and Electronic Intifada

Similar to the delegitimization network, material and messages make waves and are shared across the white supremacist network as well. In addition to the aforementioned case study, Stormfront also shared Electronic Intifada's leak of the canned documentary "The Lobby" in December of 2018.<sup>272</sup> Stormfront describes itself as "a community of racial realists and idealists."<sup>273</sup> Stormfront has the notorious distinction of being the oldest and largest white nationalist forum on the internet, created in 1995 by Don Black, a lifelong racist and white supremacist who served as a member of both the Ku Klux Klan and the American Nazi Party during the 1970's.<sup>274</sup> Stormfront promotes racism, antisemitism, anti-government conspiracy theories, Holocaust denial, and promotes an ideology that it considers best for the white race. Despite attracting less than 1,800 registered users, half of which are located outside of the US, Stormfront users have been disproportionately responsible for the most lethal hate crimes and mass killings since 1995.<sup>275</sup> Sharing Electronic Intifada's material sparked the following comments by Stormfront members on the forum, among other antisemitic slurs and conspiracy theories:

*"It's just too much sometimes. You can see it and know it but we are caught in a Jewish spider web."  
"Can you imagine a world without Jews? All the wars, the politics and murder, the crime, the porn, the prostitution, the sex slave industry, the snuff movies the child abduction and paedophilia [sic], the drugs racket the insurgents and revolutionaries...As Ahmendinejad [sic] said: 'Imagine a world without Zionism.' If he had said 'Nazism' the Jews would have cheered them...before they killed him."<sup>276</sup>*

The forum's discussion included an additional reposting of material from Electronic Intifada, specifically, an interview of the co-founder, Ali Abunimah, by Al-Shabaka—The Palestinian Policy Network. Al-Shabaka is an NGO which promotes the Palestinian narrative of, "the right of return," the "Nakba," the BDS movement, and regularly features writers who accuse Israel of "apartheid" and "ethnic cleansing."<sup>277</sup> It is worth noting that in the eyes of the same Stormfront user, who shared this information, "Abunimah alludes to 'white nationalism' and 'white supremacy' from his perspective in promoting Palestinian nationhood," during the interview.<sup>278</sup>

Whether this interpretation of the interview is accurate or not, Stormfront serves as an example of yet another white supremacist forum inspired to reinforce antisemitic beliefs using material endorsed by the delegitimization network. Furthermore, the reactions by frequent users of these white supremacist forums suggest that the more they are exposed to the delegitimization campaign's material besmirching Israel, the more likely they are to empathize with and subscribe to this campaign itself, as they identify the true target of the campaign as the Jewish people.

272 Stormfront, [Jewish journalist goes undercover, exposes the Zionist lobby of hate, control & deceit- worldwide Israeli lobby](#), published 12/18, accessed 05/19

273 Stormfront.org, [Home](#), accessed 05/19

274 Antidefamation League, [Stormfront](#), accessed 04/19; Southern Poverty Law Center, [Stormfront](#), accessed 04/19; Southern Poverty Law Center, [Don Black](#), accessed 04/19; The Washington Times, [Stormfront, internet's longest-running white supremacist site, goes offline](#), published 08/26/17, accessed 05/19

275 Southern Poverty Law Center, [White Homicide Worldwide](#), published 04/01/14, accessed 05/19

276 Stormfront, [Jewish journalist goes undercover, exposes the Zionist lobby of hate](#), published 12/19, accessed 05/19

277 Al-Shabaka, [About Us](#), accessed 05/19; Al-Shabaka, [Whose "Ethnic Cleansing?": Israel's Appropriation of the Palestinian Narrative](#), published 03/26/17, accessed 05/19; Al-Shabaka, [Israel continues ethnic cleansing in East Jerusalem](#), published 09/27/15, accessed 05/19; Al-Shabaka, [Rethinking Our Definition of Apartheid: Not Just a Political Regime](#), published 08/27/17, accessed 05/19; Al-Shabaka, [Understanding Israeli Apartheid](#), published 08/14/14, accessed 05/19

278 Stormfront, [Jewish journalist goes undercover, exposes the Zionist lobby of hate](#), published 12/19, accessed 05/19

# C. The Daily Stormer Celebrates Suspended Medical Professional Lara Kollab

Lara Kollab, a graduate of the Touro College of Osteopathic Medicine in New York, was fired from her first-year residency in September 2018 at the Cleveland Clinic after a series of her past antisemitic tweets resurfaced. Most notably, one tweet from 2012, during her time as a medical student, read, “hahaha ewww.. ill purposely give all the yahood [Jews] the wrong meds...”<sup>279</sup> This direct violation of the Hippocratic Oath coupled with public outrage eventually led the Cleveland Clinic to excuse Kollab from her position and conduct an internal review to ensure that no patients with whom she came into contact were harmed during her employment there. After Kollab was asked to leave the Cleveland Clinic, the Daily Stormer posted an article covering the story and hailing her as a hero.<sup>280</sup>



► Daily Stormer, [Heroic Sultry Ohio Doctor-Thot Fired for Planning to Poison Jews](#), published 1/2/19, accessed 05/19

Following this, Dr. Kollab was accepted as a Post-Graduate-Year 1 resident in the Internal Medicine Residency Program at Kern Medical.<sup>281</sup> Upon being made aware of her declared antisemitic sentiments and threats, Kern Medical promptly withdrew her acceptance to the program in March of 2019.<sup>282</sup>

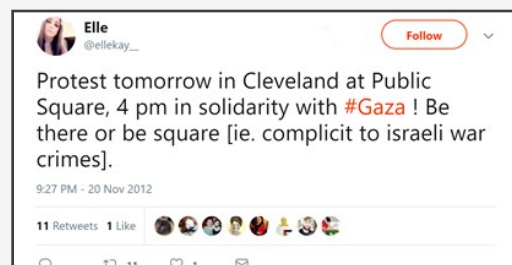
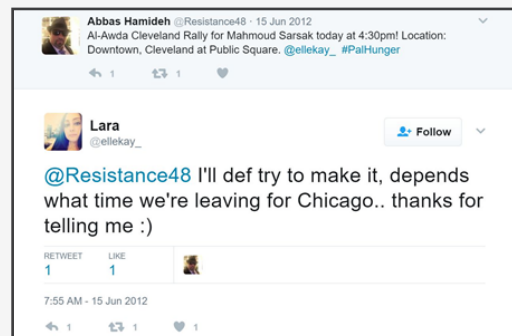
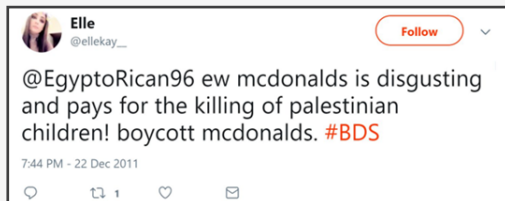
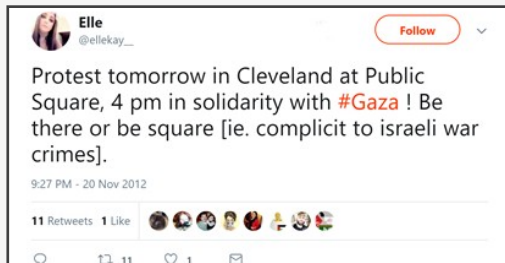
279 Times of Israel, [Dismissed Ohio medical resident sorry for vowing to give 'wrong meds to Jews'](#), published 06/19, accessed 05/19

280 Daily Stormer, [Heroic Sultry Ohio Doctor-Thot Fired for Planning to Poison Jews](#), published 1/19, accessed 05/19

281 The Lakewood Scoop, [Ohio's Jew-hating Doctor Fired for Threats Finds Residency in California](#), published

282 Ibid.

Despite deleting all of her social media accounts following her removal from these medical residencies, Lara Kollab's past social media activity indicates that she was an outspoken supporter of the BDS Movement, including the campaign at the University of Riverside California in 2013–2014, discouraging use of Coca-Cola and McDonald's products due to their commercial presence in Israel, and an activist in the Al-Awda Cleveland chapter.



► Lara Kollab–Past BDS Social Media Activity

# D. The Daily Stormer Supports Rashida Tlaib Revising Holocaust History

The Daily Stormer published an op-ed piece in support of Rashida Tlaib's remarks about the Holocaust during her controversial interview on the podcast, Skullduggery, on May 11, 2019.<sup>283</sup> Tlaib is the second member of US Congress who openly supports the BDS movement.<sup>284</sup> Congresswoman Tlaib opposed the Combatting BDS Act and other legislation which sanctions entities that publicly participate in boycotting Israel.<sup>285</sup> While being interviewed, Tlaib went on a lengthy monologue concerning Israel, the Holocaust, and a one-state solution for the Palestinian-Israeli conflict.<sup>286</sup>

*“There's, you know, there's a kind of a calming feeling, I always tell folks, when I think of the Holocaust and the tragedy of the Holocaust, and the fact that it was my ancestors—Palestinians—who lost their land and some lost their lives, their livelihood, their human dignity, their existence, in many ways, had been wiped out... I mean, just all of it was in the name of trying to create a safe haven for Jews, post-the Holocaust, post-the tragedy and the horrific persecution of Jews across the world at that time. I love the fact that it was my ancestors that provided that [safe haven], in many ways. But they did it in a way that took their human dignity away, right? And it was forced on them. And so, when I think about one-state, I think about the fact that, why couldn't we do it in a better way? – and I don't want people to do it in the name of Judaism, just like I don't want people to use Islam in that way, it has to be done in a way of values around equality and around the fact that you shouldn't oppress others, so that you can feel free and safe. Why can't we all be free and safe together?”<sup>287</sup>*

These remarks generated significant criticism from historians, the local Jewish community, Israeli officials and US lawmakers, namely for the revisionist nature of these remarks regarding the history of the Holocaust.<sup>288</sup> The fourth criterion of the working definition of antisemitism includes, “denying the fact, scope, mechanisms (e.g. gas chambers) or intentionality of the genocide of the Jewish people at the hands of National Socialist Germany and its supporters and accomplices during World War II (the Holocaust).” The Congresswoman's account of Israel's creation meets the fourth criteria of the working definition of antisemitism, as it ignores the historical alliance between the Nazi government and local Arab leadership within the British Mandate

283 Southern Poverty Law Center, [2017: The Year in Hate and Extremism](#), published 02/18, accessed 05/19; The Daily Stormer, [Rashida Tlaib Angers Jews and Israel First Republicans with Holocaust Comments](#), published 05/15/19, accessed 05/19

284 Middle East Eye, [Rashida Tlaib endorses BDS movement](#), published 12/03/18, accessed 05/19

285 Democracy Now, [Rashida Tlaib: The Senate's Anti-BDS Bill Is an Unconstitutional Attack on Free Speech](#), published 01/08/19, accessed 05/19; Haaretz, [Rashida Tlaib Responds to anti-Semitism Accusations](#), published 01/09/19, accessed 05/19

286 Acast, [Skullduggery – From Rashida with Love](#), published 05/11/19, accessed 05/19; time stamp 00:28:15

287 Acast, [Skullduggery – From Rashida with Love](#), published 05/11/19, accessed 05/19

288 Haaretz, 'Safe Haven'? What Israeli, Palestinian Scholars Think About Rashida Tlaib's Holocaust Comments, published 05/15/19, accessed 05/19; Jonathan Greenblatt, Twitter, published 05/13/19, accessed 05/19; Forward, Tlaib, Under Fire for Holocaust Remarks, Hits Back at 'Vile Attacks', published 05/13/19, accessed 05/19

of Palestine,<sup>289</sup> whitewashes the state of Jewish–Arab relations during the British Mandate, and omits Palestinian massacres and atrocities against Jews before Israel's War of Independence in 1948. However, there is no better indicator as to the antisemitic nature of Tlaib's statement than the article published by the Daily Stormer in praise of Tlaib, which claimed that the backlash against Tlaib is evidence that Jews control the media and political system in the United States.<sup>290</sup>

The article further adds, “the Holocaust fairy-tale is also a big part of what is used to continue justifying the existence of this evil Zionist terror state,”<sup>291</sup> exemplifying how quickly Tlaib's revision of post-WWII and Holocaust history in the name of, “sharing the human impact of what it means to be Palestinian in the occupied territories,”<sup>292</sup> as she explained, can deteriorate into full-blown Holocaust denial and antisemitism.

Finally, it is worth noting that the same article also featured one of the most widely used images by the delegitimization campaign against Israel of an evolving map of Israel from 1947–2010, highlighting the historical loss of native Palestinian land (which fails to also account for: 1. the native Jewish population living during the British mandate of Palestine or before that or 2. the increase in Israeli Arab population or increase in GDP for both Israeli Arabs and Palestinians since the establishment of the state of Israel).<sup>293</sup>

The screenshot shows a web browser displaying an article on the Daily Stormer website. The article title is "Rashida Tlaib Angers Jews and Israel First Republicans with Holocaust Comments" by Lee Rogers. The article includes a cartoon illustration of a knight in armor writing with a quill, and a map titled "PALESTINIAN LOSS OF LAND 1946-2010" which shows the progressive loss of Palestinian land over time. A red box highlights a quote from the article: "The Holocaust fairy tale is also a big part of what is used to continue justifying the existence of this evil Zionist terror state. Never mind the fact that it is literally comprised of land that was stolen from the Palestinians by Jews." Below the map, there is a paragraph stating that Tlaib issued a statement attempting to clarify her comments after many Jews and Republicans accused her of being an anti-Semite and a supporter of the Holocaust.

289 Haaretz, [‘Safe Haven’? What Israeli, Palestinian Scholars Think About Rashida Tlaib’s Holocaust Comments](#), published 05/15/19, accessed 05/19; Haaretz, [Never-Before-Seen Photos of Palestinian Mufti with Hitler Ties Visiting Nazi Germany](#), published 06/15/17, accessed 05/19; [The Algemeiner, The Palestinian Connection to the Nazis](#), published 05/14/17, accessed 05/19; YNet News, [Nazis ‘shipped arms to Palestinians’](#), published 05/07/06, accessed 05/19

290 Ibid.

291 Ibid.

292 YouTube, [Late Night with Seth Meyers](#), published 05/14/19, accessed 05/19

293 Google Image Search, [Results](#), accessed 05/15

# E. Traditionalist Worker Party Support the Delegitimization Campaign

The Traditionalist Worker Party (also known as, “Trad Workers” or “TWP”), which grew out of the Traditionalist Youth Network, was a neo-Nazi group established in 2013 by Matthew Heimbach. Trad Workers advocated for racial purity (specifically for white separatism and anti-miscegenation), anti-government conspiracies and maintained that the US government had been infiltrated by Jewish-Zionists more loyal to Israel than the United States.<sup>294</sup> Trad Workers had a strong foothold within the ‘Alt Right’ movement and considered itself an identitarian organization.<sup>295</sup> In 2017, Heimbach was able to secure alliances with several racist skinhead groups, such as the Keystone State Skinheads and American chapters of Blood & Honour.<sup>296</sup> Notably, Traditionalist Worker Party was one of the many far-right groups to demonstrate at Charlottesville, Virginia in 2017.<sup>297</sup> The Traditionalist Worker Party became defunct in 2018 when founder Matthew Heimbach had a violent ‘falling out’ with TWP’s web master, Matthew Parrot.<sup>298</sup> After the Trad Workers ceased to exist, Matthew Heimbach took a position in the National Socialist Movement as the Director of Community Outreach.<sup>299</sup> However, in December of 2017, just before the organization disbanded, Heimbach published an article which eloquently delineated the recent recognition on the part of the white supremacist network of the Palestinian cause as the ultimate consciousness-battlefield to awaken the world to the global Jewish conspiracy.

294 Southern Poverty Law Center, [Traditionalist Workers Party](#), accessed 05/19; Antidefamation League, [Traditionalist Worker Party \(TWP\)](#), accessed 05/19

295 Southern Poverty Law Center, [Traditionalist Workers Party](#), accessed 05/19

296 Ibid.

297 The Daily Beast, [Neo-Nazi Group Implodes Over Love Triangle Turned Trailer Brawl](#), published 03/14/18, accessed 05/19

298 Ibid.

299 VK.com, [NSM Press Release – Matt Heimbach](#), published 09/18, accessed 05/19



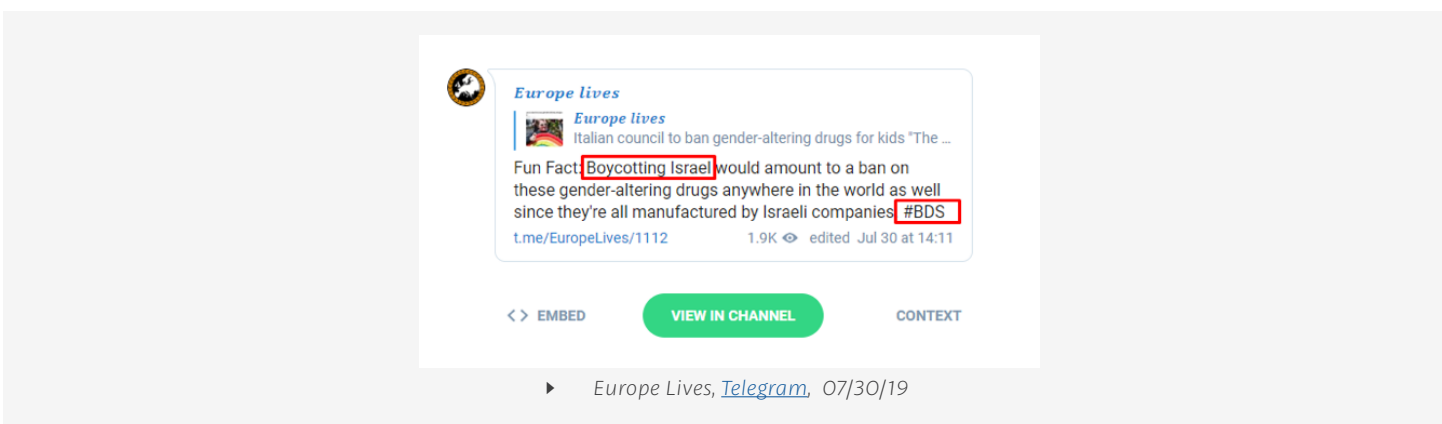
*"The battle for a free world is not over until every nation is free from Jewish occupation. As the world has found out, over one hundred times now, it is not enough to merely drive the Jews beyond your borders and then take a sigh of relief. Like an 80's horror movie villain, the Jews will always return after they take refuge in another land and rebuild their strength. All people must be free or—eventually—none of us will be.*

*There is a debate within White Nationalism today over the issue of Palestine and the future of the Palestinian people. While no one is on the side of the Zionist occupation, at least not anyone arguing in good faith, there is a belief among some that the freedom and sovereignty of Palestinians is not an issue that White Nationalists should care about...Any movement that promotes globalism or suckles at the teat of Zion must be considered our enemy... American/Israeli relations is a slave/master relationship, and if we are to ever truly defeat the Jews, we must defeat their base of operations in Washington DC and Tel Aviv. The creation of a sovereign and independent Palestine would mean the beginning of the end of Zionist control and subversion in the Middle East... Palestine is perhaps the clearest example in modern times to be able to showcase to the world and our own people the brutality of the Jews, their hatred of anyone who isn't Jewish, and their plans to not only create Greater Israel but to control the entire globe. Through exposing the evil actions of the Jews in Israel, and the global Jewish support for the Zionist occupation, we can further awaken the world population to the Jewish threat."<sup>300</sup>*

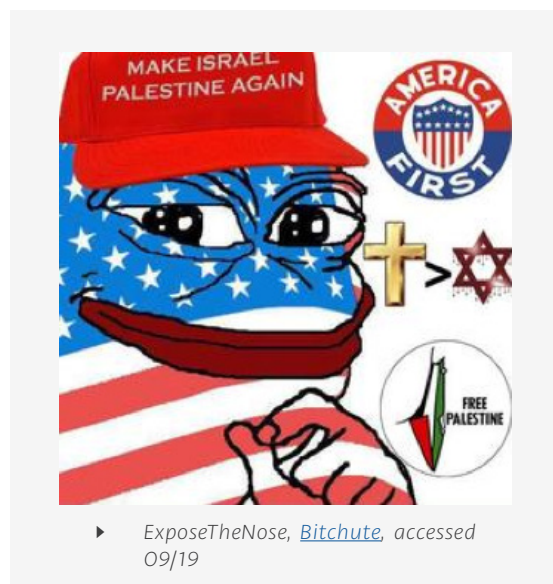


# F. BDS Promoted on Neo-Nazi Channels

In July of 2019, the BDS Movement was promoted on an encrypted neo-Nazi Telegram Channel, “Europe Lives.” The post called members of the channel to support the BDS movement because doing so would effectively lead to the boycott of all Israeli-developed “gender-altering drugs,” which, in reality, are drugs that stave off the progression of puberty for transgender pre-teens undergoing gender reassignment treatment. Most of the discussions on the Europe Lives channel surround the alleged worldwide conspiracy of Jews to harm white people, among other things, through vying for unrestricted immigration to Europe. As of September 2019 this post was viewed 1,900 times by the channel’s members, many of whom are connected to other violent neo-Nazi and antisemitic channels.



Similarly, in August of 2019, a neo-Nazi channel on the video-sharing website BitChute featured a communication supporting the destruction of Israel and declaring “Free Palestine” and “Make Israel Palestine Again.” The same image from that communication, below, was adopted as the channel’s official logo.<sup>301</sup> The channel, called “ExposeTheNose,” an antisemitic reference to Jews, contains numerous videos detailing various conspiracy theories about Jewish world domination and speeches by prominent dead and living antisemites, such as Louis Farrakhan. While the “ExposeTheNose” BitChute channel was only created in December 2018 and has since developed a subscriber membership of only 430 subscribers, the channel claims over 20,000K views of their 56 videos. Furthermore, the same channel maintains their own encrypted Telegram channel which has close to 1,646 members as of September 2019—almost double the number of members listed in August of 2019.



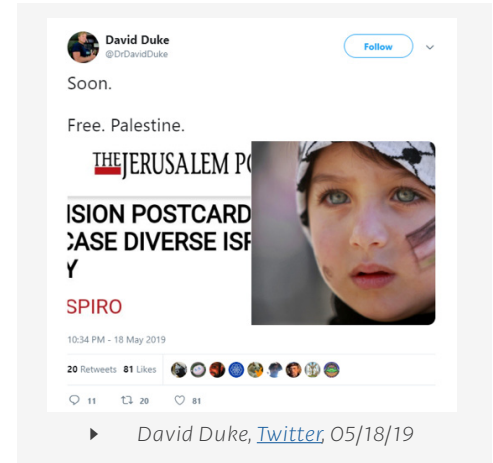
301 ExposeTheNose, [BitChute](#), accessed 09/19

# G. David Duke's New-Found Support for the BDS Movement

The BDS movement and its agenda against Israel is also being promoted by the more mainstream and center-stage white supremacists in the US. For example, David Duke is considered one of the most influential voices in the North American white supremacist movement. Aside from being elected to public office in the Louisiana House of Representatives, serving from 1989–1992,<sup>302</sup> Duke is also the founder of the following white supremacist groups in the United States: Knights of Ku Klux Klan (1974),<sup>303</sup> where he held the position of Grand Wizard,<sup>304</sup> National association for the Advancement of White People (1980)<sup>305</sup> and European–American Unity and Rights Organization (2002).<sup>306</sup>

Duke claims to, “have ardently defended the Palestinian people and... exposed powerful and corrupt Zionist influence in and media and international finance in the United States and elsewhere,” on his official website<sup>307</sup> and has been expressing support for the Palestinian cause on social media, typically making use of the slogan or hashtag “Free Palestine,” as early as 2014.<sup>308</sup>

This post was preceded by a post on the same day evidently criticizing the Bundestag's decision to move forward with the legislation recognizing the BDS movement as antisemitic. The tweet is captioned, “It's a trick, we always use it,” implying that the legislation was a result of a ‘trick’ being played on non-Jews by the Jews. Duke has expressed support for the BDS movement explicitly only since 2018.



302 Louisiana House of Representatives, [Membership in the Louisiana House of Representatives 1812–2012](#), accessed 09/19; Our-Campaigns.com, [LA State House 081 – Special Election Primary](#), accessed 09/19

303 Louisiana Secretary of State, [Knights of the Ku Klux Klan](#), accessed 09/19; OpenCorporates, [Knights of the Ku Klux Klan](#), accessed 09/19; The Telegraph, [David Duke: Nick Griffin was 'lynched' on Question Time](#), published 10/23/09, accessed 09/19

304 The Times, [Former KKK wizard David Duke praised Jeremy Corbyn victory](#), published 08/03/18, accessed 09/19

305 Post-Gazette.com, [National: David Duke reverts to unabashed racism in Congress run](#), published 05/99, accessed 09/19

306 Louisiana Secretary of State, [European–American Unity and Rights Organization \(EURO\)](#), accessed 09/19

307 DavidDuke.com, [Dr. David Duke: Who I am and What I Really Believe](#), published 11/15, accessed 09/19

308 David Duke, [Twitter](#), published 08/01/14, accessed 09/19



▶ David Duke, [Twitter](#), 12/5/19



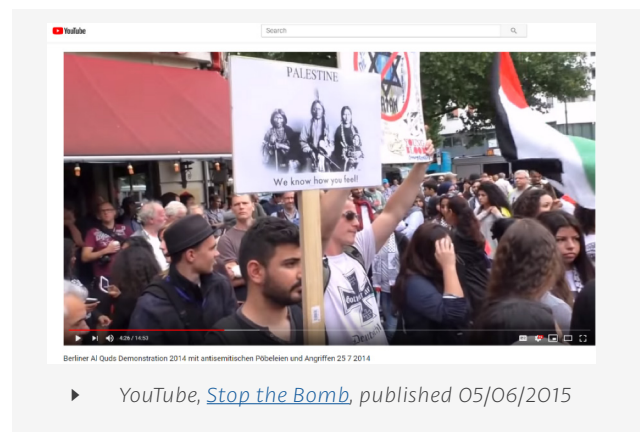
▶ David Duke, [Twitter](#), 12/2/18

# H. Neo-Nazi Support for the BDS Movement in Germany

The following cases are just a few examples of an increasing phenomenon of the support by remnants of the German neo-Nazi for the BDS movement. This support is expressed by their presence at anti-Israel events and demonstrations in Europe, as well as online forums. In addition to exemplifying the philosophical union between the delegitimization campaign and the neo-Nazi movement in Europe, this public physical presence by radical right-wing activists at the Al-Quds Day marches and BDS demonstrations also shows that this cooperation is often displayed in public. These instances discredit, therefore, any claim that knowledge of this apparent cooperation is limited to the higher echelons of the delegitimization campaign; rather, it is witnessed and perceived on the ground by the anti-Israel activists.

## i. Neo-Nazis at Al-Quds Day March in Berlin

Al-Quds Day was popularized by Ayatollah Khomeini, the founder of the Islamic Republic of Iran, as an international day that was first introduced in 1979 for Muslims to demonstrate against Israel's existence.<sup>309</sup> Al-Quds Day demonstrations have been hosted in Berlin since 1996,<sup>310</sup> with reports of over 1,000 demonstrators annually since 2014, at least.<sup>311</sup> Among demonstration participants are also the remnants of the neo-Nazi movement in Germany. Below is a screen shot of one such neo-Nazi demonstrator at the Al-Quds demonstration in Berlin during 2014.<sup>312</sup>



The demonstrator, who is identifiable by an iron cross which became a symbol for the radical Right movement as Nazi paraphernalia which has been banned from public display in Germany,<sup>313</sup> claims in a short interview at the anti-Israel demonstration that antisemitism was invented by Jews to justify their wrongdoings.<sup>314</sup> The poster which the demonstrator holds at the Al-Quds event is riddled with antisemitic messages including, "Synagogue of Evil," "Satan" juxtaposed next to the Star of David and a Lego figure (symbolizing a Jew) labeled, "The Beast" and featuring American dollar signs.

309 The Jerusalem Post, [Heavy Turnout At Al-Quds Rally in Berlin Calls For Israel's Destruction](#), published 06/09/18, accessed 05/19; DW, [Quds Day protests against Israel begin in Berlin](#), published 07/25/14, accessed 11/19

310 Tablet Magazine, [Talking With Neo-Nazis And Pro-Israel Germans](#), published 08/22/12, accessed 05/19; Tablet Magazine, [Quds Day in Berlin](#), published 08/20/12, accessed 05/19

311 The Jerusalem Post, [Heavy Turnout At Al-Quds Rally in Berlin Calls For Israel's Destruction](#), published 06/09/18, accessed 05/19; Times of Israel, [In Berlin, Al Quds Day marchers steer clear of anti-Semitism](#), published 07/26/14, accessed 05/19

312 YouTube, [Berliner Al Quds Demonstration 2014 mit antisemitischen Pöbeleien und Angriffen 25 7 2014](#), published 07/05/15, accessed 05/19

313 Gesetze, [Bundesministerium der Justiz und für Verbraucherschutz](#), accessed 05/19

314 YouTube, [Berliner Al Quds Demonstration 2014 mit antisemitischen Pöbeleien und Angriffen 25 7 2014](#)



▶ Dee Ex, [Facebook](#), published 08/18/2012



▶ Dee Ex, [Facebook](#), published 10/23/2012

Among the participants of the Al-Quds Day demonstration in 2012, was radical Right-wing German rapper, Dee Ex, real name Mia Herm, who has close to 10,000 followers on Facebook.<sup>315</sup> In 2015, Dee Ex created a music video which featured her and another Nazi rapper, Villain051, dancing on the Holocaust memorial in Berlin.<sup>316</sup> She explained the chosen location was a demonstration, “against the EU-Zionists we rally for war.” Villain051 added, “People unite until Zion falls.”

## ii. Neo-Nazi Presence at BDS Protest Against SodaStream in Berlin

Prominent neo-Nazi and former candidate of the extreme-right National Democratic Party (NPD),<sup>317</sup> Marc Kluge joined a protest organized by BDS Berlin against SodaStream in a central shopping area in Berlin (Alexanderplatz) in August of 2016 while holding a banner that read, “I boycott Israel, not the Jews! Racism kills! Made in Israel.” In this case, it is worth noting, after significant criticism, the BDS Berlin chapter released an official statement distancing themselves from Kluge and neo-Nazis.<sup>318</sup>

### BDS campaign is also attractive to neo-Nazis

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▶ Peace Demo Watch, [BDS Campaign is also attractive to neo-Nazis](#), 09/02/16

315 Dee Ex, [Facebook](#), accessed 05/19; Dee Ex, [Facebook](#), published 18/08/2012; Dee Ex, [Facebook](#), published 23/10/2012

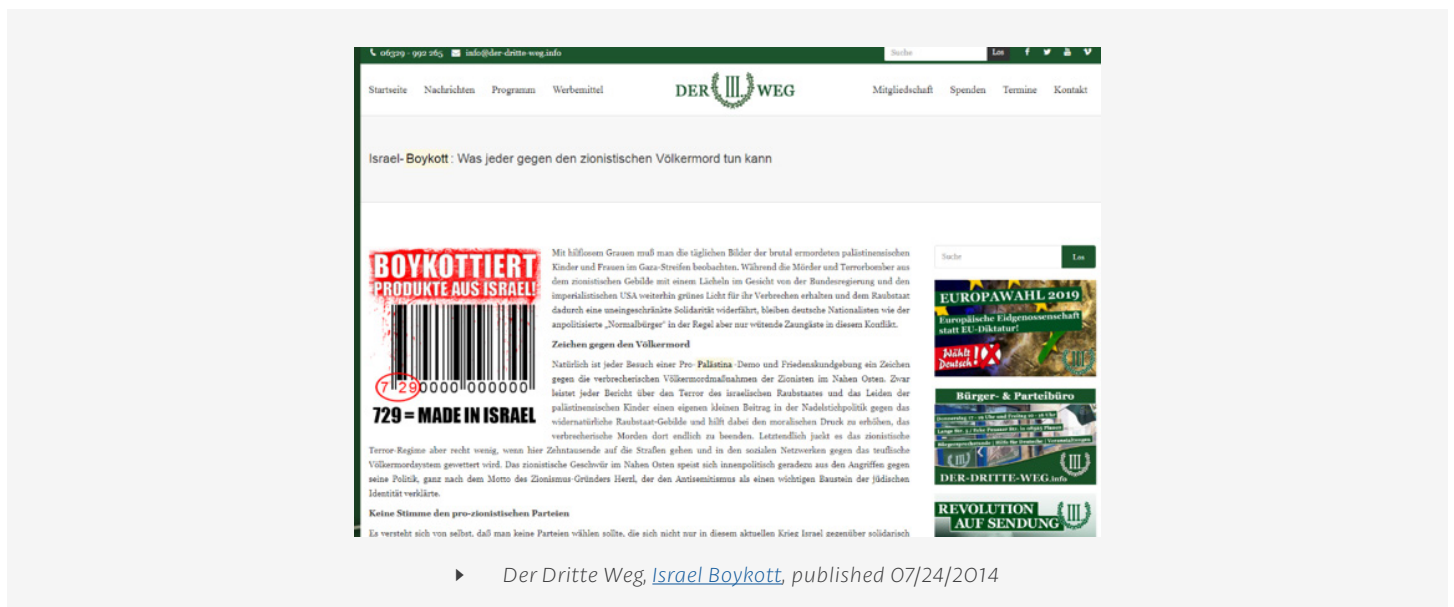
316 Berliner Kurier, [Hass-Rap auf den Stelen für die ermordeten Juden Nazi-Band schandet Holocaust-Mahnmal](#), accessed 05/19

317 Jewish Telegraph Agency, [Prominent neo-Nazi from Berlin attends BDS protest](#), published 09/09/16, accessed 09/19; IndyMedia, The Nazi scene in Saxon Anhalt, published 01/07/2010, accessed 09/19; More about the NPD: Deutsche Well, Extreme-right NPD electoral ad dropped from German TV-report, published 04/27/19, accessed 09/19

318 BDS Kampagne, [BDS is an anti-colonial, anti-racist movement](#), published 09/20/16, accessed 09/19

# iii. Germany's The Third Way Encourages Party Supporters to Boycott Israel

The German neo-Nazi party, "Der Dritte Weg" (literal translation: The Third Way) is another example of a Right-wing extremist group which explicitly sympathizes with and supports the BDS Movement. The group, whose stated goal is the resurrection of a national-socialist Germany, published an article on its website titled, "What every person can do against the Zionist genocide." In this article, the group provides a guide on how to boycott Israeli products, including a graphic that instructs members how to identify Israeli-based products and companies by their bar codes.<sup>319</sup>

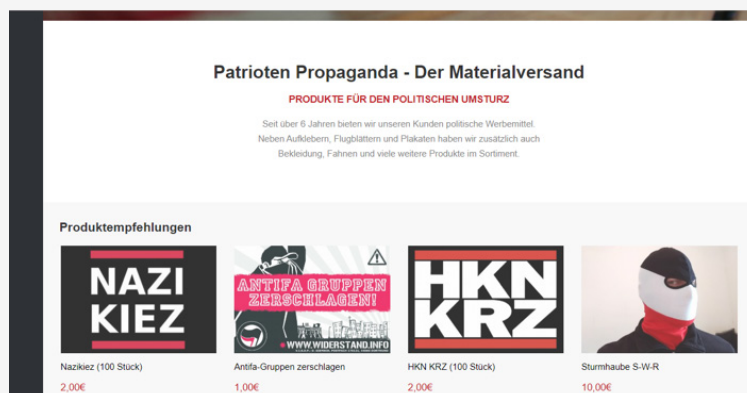


► Der Dritte Weg, [Israel Boycott](#), published 07/24/2014

319 Federal Office for the Protection of the Constitution, [Der Dritte Weg](#), accessed 09/19; The Jerusalem Post, [Paypal Closes Nazi Party Account Linked To Hezbollah, Assad, BDS](#), published 07/01/2019

## iv. Nazi German Propaganda Site Sell “Free Palestine” Stickers

Aside from selling radical right-wing, anti-immigration, anti-LGBTQIA and pro-Nazi stickers, T-shirts, protest gear, posters, pamphlets and offering printing services for original propaganda material, the German website Patrioten-Propoganda.net or Patriot Propaganda, also offers stickers for sale featuring a quote by Yassir Arafat, “The fight continues until all of Palestine is freed,” and the description, “Freedom for Palestine. Show your solidarity with the struggle for liberation of the Palestinian people and spread the word about the situation in the Middle East.”



► Patriot Propaganda, [Landing Page](#), accessed 09/19



*Translation of sticker: “The fight continues until all of Palestine is freed.” –Yassir Arafat*

*Translation of sticker description: Freedom for Palestine. Show your solidarity with the struggle for liberation of the Palestinian people and spread the word about the situation in the Middle East.*

► Patriot Propaganda, [The Fight Continues](#), accessed 09/19

These numerous examples are demonstrative of the philosophical overlap and slowly emerging alliance between the perpetrators of the delegitimization campaign against Israel and the neo-Nazi and white supremacist networks. There is little evidence that participating organizations and activists of the BDS movement are sufficiently concerned, let alone alarmed, by this unholy alliance to pause for reflection as to why their ideas, slogans, imagery and material are being promoted and supported by neo-fascists and self-proclaimed race realists. Furthermore, public presence of neo-Nazis and fascists at anti-Israel demonstrations suggests that regular demonstrators, activists or supporters are exposed to this reality as well. Therefore, they cannot fault the leaders and organizers of these events for not alerting them to these strange, if not frightening, bedfellows, since they are witness to the increasing far-right presence at public events. Rather, these same activists choose to ignore the reality of the common ground they share with radical Right-wing fascists and neo-racists: the hatred of the modern Jewish homeland, Israel and by extension, the hatred of the Jew. Simply put, the delegitimization campaign entrenched the goal of eradicating support of the state of Israel as the Jewish homeland in the progressive agenda and this goal is supported by the radical Right because this mission is fundamentally antisemitic at its core.



# Conclusion

Since the adoption of the working definition of antisemitism by the IHRA in 2016 there has been a growing recognition and consensus by world leadership regarding the inherent connection between anti-Zionism and antisemitism. This overlap was analyzed and explained at length in academia long before this recognition was documented through any political or social declaration. As displayed graphically and plainly throughout this report with the support of numerous examples from within the delegitimization campaign, new antisemitism is rooted in the same baseless hate, paranoia and xenophobia that targeted the Jews throughout history and radicalized societies to extend resentment and viciousness to other minorities and weaker groups of society with time. As Haim Herzog eloquently explained on November 10, 1975 during the UN's General Assembly discussion on UN Resolution 3379, one of the most momentous expressions of new antisemitism on the international legal stage:

“Over the centuries it has fallen to the lot of my people (the Jewish people) to be the testing agent of human decency, the touchstone of civilization, the crucible in which enduring human values are to be tested. A nation's level of humanity could invariably be judged by its behavior towards its Jewish population. It always began with the Jews, but never ended with them.”

This sober understanding has only been reaffirmed by the most recent research from the United Nations which warned clearly that antisemitism poses a threat, “to the human rights of not just Jewish individual, but to societies in which this insidious hatred is unaddressed ... antisemitism is not a problem for the Jewish community alone... where there is antisemitism there is likely to be other discriminatory ideologies and forms of bias.”<sup>320</sup>

Today's new antisemitism, like classic antisemitism, has been catalyzing prejudices to develop into hostility and even record incidents of violence, causing some Jews to report experiencing, “a state of emergency.”<sup>321</sup> The anti-Israel network, in a calculated effort, is perpetuating this phenomenon by radicalizing legitimate criticism of Israel into delegitimization and ultimately into antisemitism. The first target of this process is the Jewish and democratic State of Israel, but the greater danger is the dismantling of western values in democratic societies. Perhaps the most conspicuous red flag of this danger is an additional trend described in this report, the growing alliance between the delegitimization campaign and the white supremacist network. Therefore, the declarative milestone of formalizing the IHRA working definition on antisemitism must be but a first step in an imperative journey to thoroughly check antisemitism as it rears its head again, this time exponentially bolstered by the power of the internet and social media.

Instead of allowing the local Jewish communities of the world to yet again become the canary in the coalmine which sings to deaf ears, the first step to effectively address antisemitism today is to hold the delegitimization campaign against Israel accountable for perpetuating the present rise in antisemitism. The shrill shield of virtuous higher callings under grandiose titles such as human rights, education and social justice of the delegitimization campaign must not rebuff international, national and local leadership from decrying and condemning the antisemitism that the anti-Israel network supports. Moreover, the radical shift in discourse surrounding Israel must be corrected lest this discourse deteriorate further into antisemitism and potentially, mass levels of violence.

320 Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights Special Rapporteur, [Advanced Unedited Version: Elimination of all forms of religious intolerance](#), published 09/23/19, accessed 09/19

321 Moshe Kantor Database for the Study of Contemporary Antisemitism and Racism, [Anti-Semitism Worldwide 2018](#), 2018, p. 6

# Recommendations, Solutions and Strategies

Considering the aforementioned conclusions, it is recommended that various strategic measures be adopted to help significantly reduce the presence of antisemitism, at least in the public sphere. While legislators will have to balance free speech principles with the desire to prevent antisemitic discrimination, such balances have been successfully implemented to confront other types of discrimination, including recent efforts to protect the LGBTQIA community and can serve as precedent for laws prohibiting antisemitic discrimination.

## A. Enshrining IHRA Working Definition of Antisemitism Into Law

The World Jewish Congress has been one of the few long-standing advocates of such an approach. “Adopt; encode; and enforce. Only then, can antisemitism be confronted appropriately and comprehensively.”<sup>322</sup> Currently, the IHRA working definition of antisemitism remains a legally non-binding document. Thus, violations of its clauses do not carry any tangible ramifications. Moreover, groups promoting antisemitism engage in a game of words, claiming that since there is no US law that incorporates the principles of the IHRA definition, their campaign to deny Jews the inherent right to self-determination in their historic homeland is not discrimination under law. Consequently, the working definition currently fails to serve as an effective deterrent against individuals or organizations who espouse and promote sentiments considered to be antisemitic by governmental standards in publicly funded institutions and spaces. A future adoption of the IHRA working definition within a legal framework could be a crucial mechanism likely to encourage individuals and groups, outside of publicly funded institutions, to reevaluate the merits of disseminating antisemitic materials.

For example, the working definition should be adopted at all public institutions that have anti-racist and anti-discrimination codes of conducts on the books—municipalities and state funded offices, courts, federal departments of government, public hospitals, public colleges, police force and military.

As is clear from the evidence consolidated in this report, failure to officially codify the definition into law in any capacity precludes the possibility of meaningful implementation and social education, enabling the largest platforms that facilitate antisemitic expressions to continue to operate without any legal and very little social accountability. Legal authority can provide the necessary mechanism to effectively combat anti-Zionist forms of antisemitism, i.e. new antisemitism, which has permeated the world today.

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322 World Jewish Congress, Antisemitism, accessed 06/19

## B. Legislation to Ensure Social Media and Tech Companies Remove Antisemitic Content

Social media platforms, giants and smaller alternative hubs alike, have been identified as fertile grounds on which antisemitism festers and can even develop into promotion of violent action, both in this report and by existing anti-hate research efforts.<sup>323</sup> The vast expanse of the social media grid in a world where content is instantly published and shared with numerous accounts makes the task of monitoring and expunging antisemitism extremely challenging. The lack of social, political and legal recognition of the most updated modern forms of antisemitism, Israel-rooted antisemitism, as delineated in the working definition of the IHRA, makes this challenge even more difficult. According to a 2017 German Federal Ministry of the Interior report, anyone seeking information about the Israel–Palestinian conflict online encounters “propaganda mills” that label Israel as a terror state, an apartheid regime or a state whose citizens are child killers. In addition, the report notes that, “This often combines with Holocaust-related or secondary antisemitism and a reversal of the perpetrator–victim role.”<sup>324</sup>

While it would be unrealistic to expect the federal government to police the entire internet, even with the help of the best intelligence and law enforcement resources, the jury is still out as to what limitations and requirements the government will extend to social media platforms—the new public square of our time. The spectrum of issues that the government has considered requiring more cooperation and legal must-haves from social media platforms and online data giants alike include topics such as antitrust, privacy, human trafficking and child pornography. However, given the new research highlighting the correlation of hate speech and hate crime, the government should consider adding community standards to their scopes of influence with the aims of protecting citizens from incitement to violence and hate crimes. To be sure, some social media sites already cooperate with authorities to remove hate speech. The European Commission states that, “Major IT-companies (Twitter, YouTube, Facebook and Microsoft) have agreed to review illegal hate speech flagged to them within 24 hours and remove it where necessary.”<sup>325</sup> Such cooperation to remove hate speech from social media platforms in the United States is far less apparent. Yet, in the year 2016, 68% of all antisemitic discourse online came from the United States.<sup>326</sup> More must be done on this front. For example, updating the existing legislation and passing additional laws aimed at social media service providers to feature the IHRA working definition of antisemitism as part of their community standards or user end agreements and requiring social media sites to clamp down on all forms of antisemitism stipulated in the working definition would prove a useful mechanism to mitigate the troubling statistic

323 Finkelstein, Zannettou, Bradlyn and Blackburn, [A Quantitative Approach to Understanding Online Antisemitism](#), published 09/11/18, accessed 05/19; Anti-Defamation League, [When Twitter Bas Extremists, GAB Put Out the Welcome Mat](#), published 03/11/19, accessed 05/19; Anti-Defamation League, [Groundbreaking ADL Analysis Estimates 4.2 Million Anti-Semitic Tweets in One-Year Period](#), published 05/07/18, accessed 05/19; CBS Philly, [Facebook Purges Several High-Profile, 'Dangerous' People for Spreading White Nationalism, Anti-Semitism on Platform](#), published 05/03/19, accessed 05/19; BuzzFeed News, [France Has Recruited Facebook to Help Solve Its Anti-Semitism Problem](#), published 03/11/19, accessed 05/19

324 German Federal Ministry of the Interior, [Antisemitismus in Deutschland – aktuelle Entwicklugen](#), published 2017, accessed 05/19, p. 285

325 European Commission, [Commission presents its response to Antisemitism and a survey showing Antisemitism is on the rise in the EU](#), released 10/10/18, accessed 05/19

326 Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights Special Rapporteur, [Advanced Unedited Version: Elimination of all forms of religious intolerance](#), published 09/23/19, accessed 09/19

that 89% of Jews perceive online antisemitism, including antisemitism in social media, as the most problematic and threatening medium of antisemitism of the current era.<sup>327</sup> Such legislation should also apply to other online platforms such as financial service providers and internet site hosts of social media platforms.

## C. Incorporating the IHRA Working Definition Into Educational Curricula

The IHRA working definition should serve as the foundational pillar on which to build an updated curriculum that prepares students to recognize both classic and modern forms of antisemitism. The working definition should serve as the basis not only for public school education, but should be introduced as the measuring stick for the Department of Higher Education to approve Holocaust studies, Jewish history and relevant disciplines of study which touch on racism, intolerance and discrimination (i.e. education, sociology and anthropology). Moreover, Jewish History Week should be introduced as an observed educational week throughout public schools in order to provide an all-encompassing education of tolerance and appreciation for Jewish citizens. Until such changes are introduced, antisemitism will by and large remain an archaic concept of a bygone era that is to be remembered and not repeated, rather than recognized as a living phenomenon that is to be anticipated and extinguished.

College students and professionals, Jewish and non-Jewish alike, are currently being exposed to a wave of vehemently anti-Zionist activity. While many people can recognize the more blatant forms of Jew-hatred, most are ill-equipped to detect the Israel-related antisemitism, largely due to unfamiliarity with the phenomenon. While various measures have been adopted, on US university campuses, for example, the efforts reflect a reactive, rather than proactive, approach. Countless studies have suggested that education on the subject of antisemitism, particularly in the cosmopolitanism of the western world,<sup>328</sup> is at the heart of a solution. However, despite these recommendations, there does not seem to be any firm educational mechanism in place focusing on a core curriculum of teaching about the history and nature of antisemitism, how to identify it or how to correct it, in Europe or the US. In Europe, the issue seems to stem from a lack of recognition of the IHRA's working definition as a tool for shaping the education around antisemitism, and not a lack recognition of the importance of education as a means to combat antisemitism per se. While in the United States, education as a method of combatting antisemitism is only in the beginning stages of its development.

One report on German antisemitism written by the German Federal Ministry of the Interior states that, "developing continuing education and training programs...is of great importance for the success of antisemitism prevention work."<sup>329</sup> It also encourages the raising of awareness, "among educators and influential individuals about various facets of antisemitism (especially Israel-related)."<sup>330</sup>

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327 World Jewish Congress, [Antisemitism](#), accessed 05/19

328 See, for example, Israel Journal of Foreign Affairs, [Combating Antisemitism in Europe](#), published 2014, accessed 05/19

329 German Federal Ministry of the Interior, [Antisemitismus in Deutschland – aktuelle Entwicklungen](#), published 2017, accessed 05/19, p. 280

330 Ibid.

However, it is significant to point out that no mention is made of incorporating the IHRA working definition of antisemitism as a framework into educational curricula as a measure to counterbalance Israel-related antisemitism in this particular report.

Others European countries have been more reticent on the Israel aspect. In February 2019, the European Commission laid out some basic features of and solutions to antisemitism on its website. In a section entitled, “Education is key to prevent antisemitism” reference is made to the teaching of the Holocaust as, “an important instrument in the prevention of antisemitism.”<sup>331</sup> Yet despite alluding to the IHRA working definition, its focus in the educational realm is strictly limited to the historical concept of antisemitism and does not touch on delegitimization of Israel or Israel-based antisemitism in any aspect. Similarly, in 2018 the European Commission published a press release in response to a 2018 survey showing rising tides of antisemitism in Europe. In a section entitled, “Commission’s response to antisemitism,” the IHRA’s working definition is once again cited and is described as the basis of the Commission’s work. Pledging efforts to combat Holocaust denial, “and preventing racism, xenophobia and antisemitism,” the forms of antisemitism as manifested against the Israeli state are, once again, notably absent.<sup>332</sup> This is demonstrative of a systematic failure to internalize and face a key, modern component of antisemitism which the EU itself has recognized.

In the United Kingdom, education surrounding antisemitism has focused primarily on historical and classic antisemitism but neglected to introduce educational material that addresses modern forms of antisemitism. In January of 2015, the UK Secretary of State, Lord Eric Pickles pledged to tackle antisemitism through education, proudly listing the initiatives taken in primary and secondary schools, such as school trips to Auschwitz and the Holocaust being on the national curriculum. But, no mention of the Israel-related antisemitism was made as a cornerstone of these education initiatives.<sup>333</sup> Fast-forward to 2019, (post Britain’s adoption of the IHRA’s working definition), and little has changed, with recommendations for fighting antisemitism still bereft of addressing Israel-based antisemitism and the delegitimization campaign’s central role in the matter. Cambridge historian and broadcaster, Simon Schama, recently lamented that school pupils are not taught about antisemitism. Notably, all of his recommendations involved more in-depth analysis of historic antisemitism. The IHRA working definition as a basis was not even mentioned.<sup>334</sup> Recently, Policy Director David Rich, of UK-based Community Security Trust, recently added that, “we need to make sure Holocaust education doesn’t just teach about the Holocaust itself, and World War II, but about the roots of European antisemitism.”<sup>335</sup> These examples display a total focus on historic antisemitism in the field of education in the UK and failure to address and incorporate modern manifestations of antisemitism.

Finally, recently US lawmakers appear to be making efforts to close the gap created between America and Europe on the issue of Holocaust education and antisemitism. Currently, only eight states in the US have laws requiring Holocaust education, while other states recommend the inclusion

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331 European Commission, [Combating Antisemitism](#), published 02/05/19, accessed 05/19

332 European Commission, [Commission presents its response to Antisemitism and a survey showing Antisemitism is on the rise in the EU](#), released 10/10/18, accessed 05/19

333 [We shall tackle anti-Semitism](#), published 01/21/15, accessed 05/19

334 The Telegraph, [‘Holocaust Fatigue’ a risk at British schools because pupils are not taught anything else about anti-Semitism](#), says Sir Simon Schama, published 03/31/19, accessed 05/19

335 The Jewish Chronicle, [Is Holocaust education failing if antisemitism is on the rise](#), published 04/01/19, accessed 05/19

of Holocaust education themes in the curriculum.<sup>336</sup> The “Never Again Education Act,” originally introduced in April 2018<sup>337</sup> and now reintroduced in both chambers of congress as of January 2019,<sup>338</sup> would establish a separate federal education fund to provide teachers with grants to educate students about the Holocaust and its history.<sup>339</sup> While the passing of this bill would be an important first step to introducing Holocaust and antisemitism education to the US public school system on a broader basis, the bill itself fails to use the working definition of antisemitism in its full form or ensure that the working definition is used as the core guiding definition for relevant Holocaust curricula. Instead, the law cites the general definition without the crucial examples of antisemitism as adopted by the United States as a member state of IHRA and officially by the US State Department.<sup>340</sup> It is imperative that the Never Again Education Act be passed with the full form of the IHRA working definition and further that grants be subject to relevant educational applicants proving that the full working definition serves as the core definition for the relevant Holocaust curricula. Moreover, as the Never Again Education Act is a capped federal education fund which applicants can apply to voluntarily, more efforts to require Holocaust and antisemitism education as part of public school curricula at a state level need to be made, while ensuring the IHRA definition serves as the guiding core definition for any curricula on those matters.

Given the rich history of Jewish American life and the multiple advances in arts, sciences, politics, business and military service that Jewish Americans have contributed, the education effort should not stop at the catastrophe that is the Holocaust. Rather, the Never Again Education Act or a separate bill can be passed with the additional creation of a Jewish History Week. Similar to the African-American Month observed in the United States public school system during the month of February, and also observed by Canada and multiple European countries, the Jewish History Week can be observed during the week of the international Holocaust Remembrance Day. Throughout Jewish History week students will learn about the unique contributions and history of the Jewish citizens of the relevant country or state, the Holocaust and antisemitism in its historic and modern-day forms. By introducing an all-encompassing curriculum which recognizes the uniqueness of the history and contributions of Jewish citizens, not only in the darkest hour of peril of world Jewry, tolerance, respect and appreciation of Jews as patriots and participating citizens will be taught alongside the unmatched lessons of history etched into human memory by the Holocaust and the crucial need to be able to recognize antisemitism and call it out in all of its relevant forms will be met.

The failure to recognize and utilize education to its fullest potential as one of the ways to effectively address antisemitism in all of its forms seems to cross international borders. Yet it is abundantly clear from the evidence presented in this report that classic antisemitism and new antisemitism go hand in hand. In Europe, while the required curricula about the Holocaust and antisemitism seems to

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336 ADL, [Why We Need Legislation to Ensure the Holocaust is Taught in Schools](#), published 02/21/19, accessed 05/19; US Congress, [H.R. 943- Never Again Education Act](#), published 01/31/19, accessed 10/19

337 US Congress, [H.R. 5460 – Never Again Education Act](#), published 04/10/18, accessed 10/19

338 Jewish News Syndicate, [‘Never Again Education Act’ to be introduced in US Senate](#), published 07/10/19, accessed 10/19

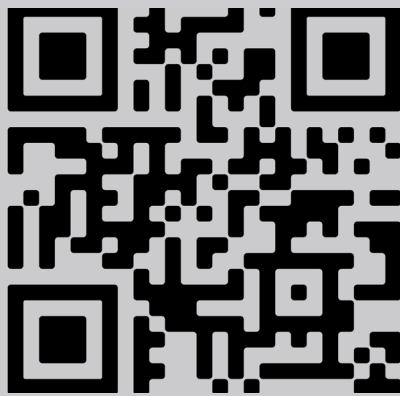
339 Govtrack, [Never Again Education Act](#), accessed 05/19; Carolyn B. Maloney website, [Rep. Maloney Announces Historic Bipartisan Legislation on Holocaust Education](#), published 04/02/19, accessed 05/19; Ynetnews, [New bill to ensure Holocaust education in US school announced](#), published 02/05/19, accessed 05/19

340 [H.R. 943- Never Again Education Act](#), published 01/31/19, accessed 10/19

have more of a precedent, focusing education on antisemitism to its historical context fails to adapt to the modern challenges of antisemitism. It creates the false impression that antisemitism is either a thing of the past or confined to a minority of extremist groups from only one end of the political spectrum—neither is the case. Students are not receiving a clear and comprehensive education about what antisemitism means in its historic and current forms. The United States can and should improve on the European model of Holocaust and antisemitism education by ensuring the IHRA definition in its full form guides the approved curricula on the topics and by further rolling out Jewish History Week as an observed week of education in public schools. Without taking actions to make the full IHRA definition of antisemitism an integral part of educational curricula, the forms of antisemitism outlined in this report will steadily continue at best, and rapidly increase at worst.

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*"Anyone who does not recognize the Jewish people and the State of Israel — and their right to exist — is guilty of antisemitism."*

**Pope Francis**

Head of The Catholic Church

May 16, 2015 | Times of Israel



*"The arguments and methods of the BDS Movement are antisemitic."*

**The German Parliament Resolution**

May 17, 2019



*"We must name the evil: Antisemitism is hiding behind the mask of anti-Zionism."*

**Emmanuel Macron**

President of the French Republic

February 20, 2019 | Telegraph



*"Criticizing the government of Israel is never - and can never be - an excuse for hatred against the Jewish people."*

**Theresa May**

Former Prime Minister of the United Kingdom

September 17, 2018 | BBC



*"Antisemitism has manifested itself not just as in targeting of individuals but in also targeting the very State of Israel."*

**Justin Trudeau**

Prime Minister of Canada

September 17, 2018 | BBC