

# ANTISEMITISM

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Hitler, 1933–45



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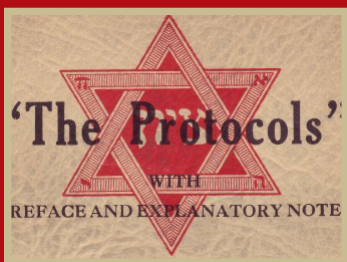
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Nazi Germany, 1933–45



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Widespread Antisemitic Literature



David Duke | Louis Farrakhan

# We Have Reached A Critical Moment

Antisemitism, which was forced into the fringes after the Holocaust, is surging back into the mainstream. Its sources are not only neo-Nazis or the KKK. Now it is heard in the halls of Congress, from leaders of the Women’s March, and through a global campaign of hate called Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) that seeks to destroy Israel, the world’s only Jewish state.

The massacre at the Tree of Life synagogue in Pittsburgh stunned the world and raised awareness that antisemitism is a clear and present danger. **Though Jews make up just two percent of all Americans, the FBI reported that in 2017 they were subjected to 58% of all religiously motivated hate crimes.**

The situation in Europe is even more dire. Antisemitic incidents in the UK are at a record high for the third year in a row, and Jeremy Corbyn, leader of the Labour Party, has shared platforms with an assortment of antisemites while declaring solidarity with genocidal terrorist groups like Hamas and Hezbollah. **In France and Germany there has been a surge in antisemitic incidents; 74% in the former, 60% in the latter.** A majority of European Jews believe that antisemitic hate speech and harassment is the new normal, to the point where many of them fear being identified as Jewish.

**Twenty-first-century antisemitism comes from three main sources: the far right, the far left, and radical Islamist groups.** It meshes

traditional antisemitic slurs with “anti-Zionist” discourse around the Arab–Israeli conflict.



Combating this resurgent antisemitism in all its forms will take courage, tenacity, and resources. It also requires all of us to understand modern antisemitic slurs so we may identify them and teach our friends, family, and colleagues — Jewish and non-Jewish — about what renowned historian Robert S. Wistrich called “the longest hatred.”

***In October 2018, on the Jewish Sabbath, a white supremacist burst into Pittsburgh’s Tree of Life synagogue yelling, “All Jews must die!” He murdered 11 worshippers and wounded four police officers in the deadliest attack against Jews in American history.***

## Defining Antisemitism/Jew-Hatred

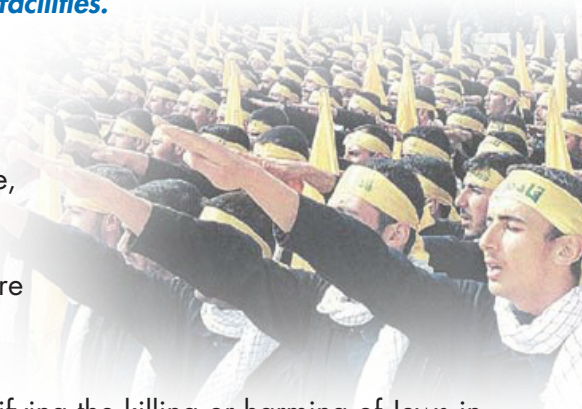
The **International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA)** is an inter-governmental alliance of 31 member countries committed to combating antisemitism and preserving Holocaust memory. In 2016 the IHRA issued a working definition of antisemitism. To date, this definition or a very similar variation has been endorsed by the EU, the UK, the U.S.A., Canada, and numerous other democracies. In February 2019 the president of France announced that his government would adopt it as well.

The IHRA's general definition of antisemitism is:

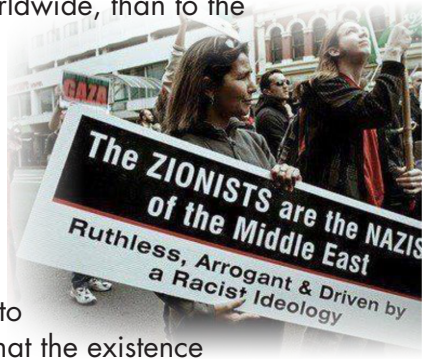
***A “certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred toward Jews. Rhetorical and physical manifestations of antisemitism are directed toward Jewish or non-Jewish individuals and/or their property, toward Jewish community institutions and religious facilities.”***

The IHRA definition continues: “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” the following:

- 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 the State of Israel is a racist endeavor).
- 8 Applying double standards by requiring of it [Israel] 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.

The IHRA definition also states that "criticism of Israel similar to that leveled against any other country cannot be regarded as antisemitic."



## Is Anti-Zionism The Same As Antisemitism?

Zionism is the movement supporting the right of the Jewish people to self-determination in their ancestral homeland—Israel. Simply put, Zionism demands equality for Jews as a nation.

Criticizing Israeli government policies is not necessarily anti-Zionist or antisemitic.

However:

Refusing to treat Jews as political equals.

*That is antisemitism.*

Seeking to strip away Jewish rights to self-determination and end Israel's existence.

*That is antisemitism.*

Portraying the Jewish state as a symbol of the greatest evils in the world.

*That is antisemitism.*

Demanding that Israeli Jews become a stateless people once again, despite the catastrophic results of living in those conditions for over 1,900 years.

*That is antisemitism.*

Only targeting the Jewish state through human rights and other campaigns.

*That is anti-Semitism.*



“Anti-Zionists who insist on comparing Zionism and the Jews with Hitler and the Third Reich appear unmistakably to be de facto antisemites, even if they vehemently deny the fact! This is largely because they knowingly exploit the reality that Nazism in the postwar world has become the defining metaphor of absolute evil. For if Zionists are ‘Nazis’... then it becomes a moral obligation to wage war against Israel. That is the bottom line of much contemporary anti-Zionism. In practice, this has become the most potent form of contemporary antisemitism.”

—Robert S. Wistrich, *Anti-Semitism: The Longest Hatred*

# Antisemitism Today

The “usual characters,” such as white supremacist David Duke and Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan, continue to spread classic antisemitic slurs. But now we are seeing antisemitism expressed even in the halls of Congress and by leaders of social justice movements, such as the Women’s March.

For instance, can you tell the difference between the ideas of the Institute for Historical Review, a far-right organization (left column), and *Dissident Voice*, a far-left activist newsletter (right column)?

<b>Institute for Historical Review (Neo-Nazi Holocaust Deniers)</b>	<b><i>Dissident Voice</i> (Far Left)</b>
<p>Conference Title <b>“Jewish-Zionist Power: Awareness and Challenge”</b></p> <p>“Whoever wins this year’s presidential election, one thing is certain: Jewish power will remain as potent and as influential as ever. Both Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump loudly proclaim their emphatic support for the Jewish state and pander to the Zionist lobby.”</p>	<p>Essay Title <b>“The State and Local Bases of Zionist Power in America”</b></p> <p>“Any serious effort to understand the extraordinary influence of the Zionist power configuration over US foreign policy must examine the presence of key operatives in strategic positions in the government and the activities of local Zionist organizations affiliated with mainstream Jewish organizations and religious orders.”</p>
<p><b>The language is virtually identical. Both play on the antisemitic slur of “Jewish power.”</b></p>	

<sup>1</sup> [ihr.org/news/oct2016meeting.html](http://ihr.org/news/oct2016meeting.html) <sup>2</sup> Petras, James, “The State and Local Bases of Zionist Power in America,” *Dissident Voice*, September 1, 2010, [dissidentvoice.org/2010/09/21433](http://dissidentvoice.org/2010/09/21433)

**“Jew-hatred is usually justified by appeals to a culture’s highest authority. During the Middle Ages, that was religion — so the Jews were charged with killing Jesus. During the Enlightenment it was science, so Jews were deemed an inferior race. Today’s highest source of authority is human rights — so Israel is portrayed as the worst violator.”**

—Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks, *An international religious leader, philosopher, award-winning author and respected moral voice*

# Mainstreaming Of Antisemitism

## Heard In The Halls Of Congress

- **Congresswoman Ilhan Omar** insinuated that American politicians support Israel because of Jewish money, tweeting, “It’s all about the Benjamins baby.” When asked what she meant, Omar responded, “AIPAC!” This followed another controversy over her 2012 tweet, saying, “Israel has hypnotized the world, may Allah awaken the people and help them see the evil doings of Israel.” As *New York Times* editor Bret Stephens wrote, “The conspiracy theory of the Jew as the hypnotic conspirator, the duplicitous manipulator, the sinister puppeteer is one with ancient roots and a bloody history.” Though Omar apologized, her sincerity was questioned after she insinuated that Jews who advocate for Israel’s well-being have “dual loyalty,” echoing a classic antisemitic slur. In the wake of mounting criticism, Omar acknowledged that Israel is the ancestral home of the Jewish people, was created after centuries of oppression against Jews, and has the right to exist alongside a Palestinian state. However, she has not apologized for her “dual loyalty” rhetoric or matched her criticism of Israel with any effort to hold Hamas and the Palestinian Authority accountable for terrorism, incitement to violence, oppression of Palestinians, and rejection of numerous peace offers.



- **Congressman Steven King** lost his House committee seat for saying, “White nationalist, white supremacist, Western civilization—how did that language become offensive?” White supremacy and white nationalism are deeply antisemitic ideologies. Last year he met with the Austrian far-right Freedom Party, founded by a former Nazi SS officer. In an interview with a website associated with the Freedom Party, King said, “Great replacement, yes. These people walking into Europe by ethnic migration, 80% are young men. They are somebody else’s babies.” The “Great Replacement” is a belief held by white nationalists that a Jewish cabal is plotting to replace white Europeans with people of color. That is the source of the “Jews will not replace us!” chant by torch-bearing neo-Nazis in Charlottesville in August 2017.



- **Congresswoman**

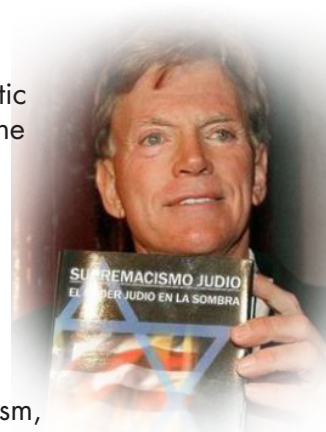
**Rashida Tlaib** brandished an antisemitic slur about dual loyalty just days after taking office. Responding to a Senate debate over an anti-BDS bill, she wrote that the bill's supporters "forgot what country they represent." Ironically, Tlaib was filmed at her victory party dancing while draped in a Palestinian flag. During the 2018 campaign, Tlaib came out against the two-state solution and Israel's existence, saying, "It has to be one state." She also said, "I support the right of return absolutely." Yet according to many, including former President Barack Obama, the right of return would "extinguish Israel as a Jewish state." Tlaib also supports the anti-Israel boycott movement. Lastly, during her swearing-in reception and other events, she posed for photos with Abbas Hamideh, who glorified child murderer Samir Kuntar as a "legendary Hezbollah martyr."



## From The Far Right: White Supremacy

**David Duke is a white nationalist**, antisemitic conspiracy theorist, and former grand wizard of the Ku Klux Klan. He has a history of making racist, homophobic, and antisemitic statements, such as:

- "Jews are filled with more hatred and rage for our race, for our heritage, for our blood than perhaps you can imagine."
- "The people who are pushing Jewish supremacism, Zionism—they are absolute evil, and they are crazy. All they know is more power, and so there is a real danger."





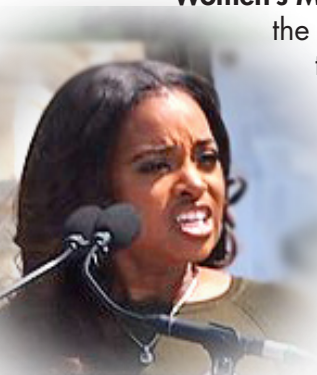
## In Social Justice Movements



**Louis Farrakhan, leader of the Nation of Islam,** who is openly antisemitic and homophobic, has said:

- "Satanic Jews have infected the whole world with poison and deceit."
- "So when they talk about Farrakhan, call me a hater, you do what they do, call me an antisemite. Stop it, I'm anti-Termite."
- "The Jews have control over those agencies of government. When you want something in this world, the Jew holds the door."
- "It is now becoming apparent that there were many Israelis and Zionist Jews in key roles in the 9/11 attacks. Israelis had foreknowledge of the attacks. ... We know that many Jews received a text message not to come to work on September 11."
- "The false Jew will lead you to filth and indecency. That's who runs show business. That's who runs the record industry. That's who runs television."

**Women's March leader Tamika Mallory** has called Farrakhan the "G.O.A.T" (Greatest of All Time) and refuses to condemn him for his antisemitism. In a tweet responding to criticism of her, she sounded another antisemitic slur, likening Farrakhan to Jesus, both of whom shared a common enemy, the Jews: "If your leader does not have the same enemies as Jesus, they may not be THE leader! Study the Bible and u will find the similarities."



**Linda Sarsour, a Women's March leader,**

also refuses to condemn Louis Farrakhan, leader of the Nation of Islam. Speaking to the Islamic Society of North America (ISNA) convention, she urged American Muslims not to “humanize” Israelis. She compared Zionists to neo-Nazis when she declared, “We will not be silenced by Blue Lives Matter, by white supremacists, by neo-Nazis, or right-wing Zionists.” In 2012 she tweeted, “Nothing is creepier than Zionism.” In 2017 Sarsour shared a stage with Rasmia Odeh, a terrorist who murdered two Israeli Jewish college students in 1969, saying she was “honored and privileged to be here in this space, and honored to be on this stage with Rasmia.”



These far left activists are hijacking the struggle for women's rights and other social justice issues to promote an antisemitic agenda.

**From The Far Left: Anti-Zionism**



**Roger Waters, the co-founder of the rock group Pink Floyd,** is a leading supporter of the antisemitic BDS movement. Many of his statements cross over from criticism of Israel to antisemitism. He accuses Jews of abusing their power: “The Jewish lobby is extraordinarily powerful here and particularly in the industry that I work in.” He has featured an inflatable pig at some of his concerts, emblazoned with a Jewish star.

## A Red Line That Must Not Be Crossed

Antisemitism is a dangerous ideology. It may initially focus on the Jews but its impact never ends with the Jews. The last time it was fully unleashed, it brought about the industrialized genocide of six million Jews, including one-and-a-half million Jewish children. **The Holocaust started with hateful words and lies, not gas chambers. World War II and the Holocaust ended with the deaths of approximately 60 million people.**

Yet, antisemitism is becoming mainstream once more. **This is a red line that must not be crossed.** The hateful propaganda that brought about the Holocaust must inform our sensitivities and actions today. In our cherished democracy, even hate speech is protected by the First Amendment. But so is speech that opposes hate. That is our opportunity. We must fight bad speech with good speech.

To ensure that the promise of NEVER AGAIN will not be broken, we must stand up and speak out!



This illustration was posted on a social media site by a college professor, is an example of antisemitic conspiracy theories that run rampant among the far left and the far right.

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