

Have you seen antisemitism on your campus?

If so, **WE WANT TO HEAR ABOUT IT!** You have a right to an education that encourages open, honest and civilized debate -- not biased and hate-filled extremism.

Report any instances of antisemitism -- new or old -- to your local university officials, and contact us immediately at **SIMON WIESENTHAL CENTER CAMPUS OUTREACH**. Together, we can help ensure a safe, peaceful environment for all students.

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The New Antisemitism: How Does Your Campus Stack Up?

Zionism - Racism

Death to the Jews

Too bad Hitler didn't finish the job

Boycott Israel

No War for Israel

Israel is a criminal, apartheid regime

You may have noticed a marked rise in anti-Jewish and anti-Israel rhetoric on college and university campuses in the last few years. You're not alone. The problem has grown so severe that the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights was moved to release a report on campus antisemitism last year. So, how does **YOUR** campus stack up?

What is antisemitism?

Simply put, antisemitism is any hatred directed at Jews just because they're Jewish. It can take a number of forms, from Holocaust Denial, to casual repetition of one of the "Big Lies," such as accusing Jews of controlling the media. But hate, like any virus, mutates, and there's a new, insidious form of antisemitism that involves vicious, ugly and unfair criticism of the State of Israel and its people.

The U.S. State Department makes a clear distinction between **"legitimate criticism of policies and practices of the State of Israel, and commentary that assumes an antisemitic character."** So, it's OK to question the way Israel conducts its policies. But when you hear a critic compare Israeli leaders, soldiers or citizens to Nazis, that person, club or organization has clearly crossed the line into antisemitism.

The bottom line is this: certain prevalent forms of demonizing and vilifying Israel are antisemitic by nature.

Where's the new antisemitism coming from?

As tensions in the Middle East have increased, so, too has antisemitism in general and anti-Zionism in particular. Extremist Muslim Imams around the world -- angry at the situation in Israel and the Palestinian territories -- have invoked some of the most vile antisemitic imagery to argue for the annihilation of the Jewish State.

In a prime example of the new antisemitism, a journalist in the United Kingdom, as justification

for her support of a proposed boycott of the Jewish State, recently called Israel, **"a wonderful, Nazi-like killing machine backed by the world's richest Jews."**

Some of these hate-filled arguments and accusations have made their way to college and university campuses here in North America. **"Apartheid Wall"** displays...movements to boycott Israel (while ignoring severe human rights violations in other parts of the world)...rallies at which chants of **"Death to Israel"** can be heard...all of these and more have become prevalent on campuses. Antisemitic bigotry is no less morally deplorable when camouflaged as anti-Israelism or anti-Zionism.

Did you know...

The U.S. Commission on Civil Rights Findings and Recommendations Regarding Campus Antisemitism declares that **"when severe, persistent or persuasive, antisemitic behavior may constitute a hostile environment for students in violation of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964."**

Want more thoughts on the new antisemitism?

New York Times columnist Thomas Friedman: **"Criticizing Israel is not antisemitic, and saying so is vile. But singling out Israel for opprobrium and international sanction -- out of all proportion to any other party in the Middle East -- is antisemitic, and not saying so is dishonest."**

The Report of the All-Party Parliamentary Inquiry into Antisemitism: **"Criticism of Zionism is not in itself antisemitic. However...an antisemitic discourse has developed that is in effect antisemitic because it views Zionism itself as a global force of unlimited power and malevolence throughout history. This definition of Zionism bears no relation to the understanding that most Jews have of the concept... Having redefined Zionism in this way, traditional antisemitic notions of Jewish conspiratorial power, manipulation and subversion are then transferred from Jews onto Zionism. This is the core of the 'New Antisemitism'..."**

Still not sure?

Professor Irwin Cotler, former Canadian Justice Minister, lists these concrete examples of antisemitism:

- The covenants of terrorist groups like Hamas that commit themselves to the destruction of Israel and the Jewish people.
- Fatwas/Religious Legal Rulings that call for the destruction of Israel and the Jewish people.
- State-incited calls for genocide (e.g./the Iranian threat to wipe Israel off of the map).
- The denial of the Jewish people's right to self-determination (e.g./claiming that the existence of a State of Israel is a racist endeavor).
- The delegitimization of Israel as a state.
- Holocaust Denial.
- The singling out of Israel for differential and discriminatory treatment in the international arena.