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The Committee met, pursuant to notice, at 3 p.m., in Room 2141, Rayburn House Office Building, the Hon. Jefferson Van Drew [Chair of the Subcommittee] presiding.

Members present: Representatives Van Drew, Jordan, Moore, Onder, Schmidt, Gill, Crockett, Raskin, Moskowitz, and Johnson.

Also present: Representative Goldman.

Mr. VAN DREW. The Subcommittee will come to order. Without objection, the Chair is authorized to declare a recess at any time. We welcome everyone to today’s hearing on stopping antisemitic attacks.

I am going to now recognize the gentleman from Alabama to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance, and then I am going to ask that everybody stay standing for a moment of silence.

ALL. I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

Mr. VAN DREW. Remain standing. I will now recognize myself for an opening statement.

Welcome again, everyone, to today’s Committee hearing. I want to thank our witnesses. I want to thank you for being here—time is precious—and welcome our fellow Americans who are joining us this afternoon.

Today, we convene to confront a crisis that threatens the very fabric of the United States of America, an alarming and a dangerous escalation in violent antisemitic incidents occurring across our United States of America. In 2023, there were over 9,300 documented antisemitic incidents in the United States—2023, the most ever recorded in our history.

While the Jewish Americans represent just 2.4 percent of the population, they are nearly the target of just about 70 percent of all religious hate crimes, according to the FBI. That is based on 2023 statistics as well. It is not speculation. It is data. It is real, and it is getting worse.

We have seen it in Boulder, Colorado, where a peaceful gathering to raise awareness about hostages held by Hamas was attacked with firebombs. We have seen it here in Washington, DC, where two beautiful Israeli Embassy employees were murdered. They were shot and they were killed. We have seen it in Pennsylvania, where an arsonist targeted the home of a sitting Governor, Governor Shapiro, during a Passover celebration and intended to kill him.

We have seen it on our college campuses, where Jewish students report harassment, exclusion, fear of their personal safety, and are even afraid—and this bothered me so much—to wear anything that indicates they are Jewish. I will never forget we had testimony from somebody that was sitting where you all are sitting, a beautiful young lady, articulate and smart. She was a college student from a big university. She said it was a sad day when her mother came to her and said I think you should probably take off your Jewish star.

She didn't. She was brave. The fact that we even have to think that way—according to the Anti-Defamation League, more than 500 protests sympathetic to Hamas has occurred on U.S. campuses after October 7th. At many of these events, chants calling for “intifada” and “from the river to the sea” were not some fringe comments; they were a message to their fellow Jewish humans.

Antisemitism at its core is incompatible with American values. It is un-American. When expressions cross the line into threats, intimidation, or glorification of violence, that is not protest. That is not the American tradition. It is something far more dangerous.

We have seen this from foreign nationals abusing our visa system to enter this country when engaging in and promoting hateful extremist activity. We have seen universities refuse to take firm action when antisemitic behavior occurs at their campuses. We have seen public institutions respond with statements that fall too short of the clarity that this moment, this inflection point in our history, demands.

Let me be clear. Let me be crystal clear. Antisemitism is not just a threat to one group. It is a warning sign. It is a warning sign of a greater societal breakdown. The persecution of the Jewish people is not a new phenomenon. It is one of the oldest forms of hate known to civilization. It began over 3,000 years ago when the Israelites were enslaved in Egypt, their identity suppressed, and their freedom denied. That is when Moses led them to liberation.

We saw it again during the siege of Jerusalem when Roman legions destroyed the Second Temple and violently uprooted Jewish life in its holiest city. We saw it in Spain during the Inquisition in 1492, when Jews were forced to convert, flee, or face execution for practicing their faith. We saw it in the pogroms in Eastern Europe, particularly between the 1880s and the 1920s, where Jewish communities were massacred, homes burned, and families driven into exile by State-tolerated mobs, to the atrocities of the Holocaust where six million—six million—Jews were murdered by the Nazi regime.

We have some professors and some universities that deny that any of this or that all of it ever existed. History has taught us time and again that when antisemitism festers, violence is not far be-

hind. The United States was founded—we are a different country. We were founded in a different way, in large part as a refuge from that kind of religious persecution. Our founding fathers enshrined freedom as a core—as part of our religion, as a core tenant of the American experiment.

This is everything that America doesn't stand for. At that time, it was unique yet deliberate to move to do so. America stands apart from so many other Nations because it is committed from the beginning to the idea that people of all faiths should be able to live without fear or coercion or violence. We have a responsibility, not just as elected officials, but as Americans, to address this with the seriousness that it deserves, with the same vigor we use to protect our other rights and freedoms, like free speech.

This Committee should speak out with one unified voice. That type of hatred has no place in our communities—and that Jewish Americans, like all Americans, have the right to live, learn, worship, and participate fully in society without fear because hatred rarely stops with its first target. When we stay silent while others are attacked, the hate doesn't disappear. It grows. It festers. It becomes bolder. Eventually, it will turn to each and every one of us. If we wait until it is our turn to care, it will already be too late.

The American experiment is unique. It is why I truly believe that we are a different God and that with all our fault as a country, we are still the best Nation on the face of the earth. A part of that American experiment makes this so unacceptable. This is something we thought happens in other countries; it happens in Europe; and it happens in Asia. America is different. We are founded in a different way. We are better than that. I don't mean that we are superior to anybody, but I mean that in our ideology as a Nation, we are better than that. We don't expect that here, and we shouldn't expect it here, and we shouldn't tolerate it here.

It is time to move on, and I thank you again all for being here. I see that—you are not going next. I am sorry. OK. We—yes. I never know how you all are—including my side, by the way. That is a bipartisan thing. I never know how everybody is going to go.

I am going to recognize the Ranking Member of the entire Committee, Mr. Raskin from Maryland.

Mr. RASKIN. Well, thank you, Chair Van Drew, for your leadership.

Thanks to all the witnesses for joining us today.

Antisemitism is the world's oldest hatred, a form of racism that has mutated in evermore dangerous ways over the centuries, from religious persecution based on allegations of deicide to medieval blood libels, to Russian pogroms, to Nazi eugenics, and the Holocaust to contemporary anti-Zionist antisemitism, holding all Jews everywhere accountable for the actions and policies of the Israeli Government and imputing monolithic ethnic thinking, collective guilt, and guilt by association.

Antisemitism is a perennial threat, not only to millions of Jews all over the world but to reason, tolerance, and prospects for human progress. Antisemitism is a dark career in America. We have seen plenty of outbreaks of antisemitic violence and hatred: The framing and lynching of Leo Frank in 1913, which some antisemites are defending to this very day; the official refusal to ac-

cept ships filled with Jewish refugees fleeing Nazi persecution; neo-Nazis at the Unite the Right rally in Charlottesville in 2017 chanting, “Jews will not replace us”; the mass murder of 11 Jews worshipping at the Tree of Life synagogue in Pittsburgh by extremist Robert Bowers, who promoted the Great Replacement theory; the antisemitic arson attempt against Pennsylvania Governor Josh Shapiro and his family on the first night of Passover; the murder of two Israeli Embassy staffers outside of the Capital Jewish Museum here in Washington; and a fire-bombing attack in Boulder at a gathering calling for the return of Hamas-held Israeli hostages.

Since Hamas’ vicious terror attack on Israel on October 7, 2023, which killed more than 1,200 people, and the subsequent bloody war in Gaza in which more than 57,000 Palestinians and Israelis have been killed, the number of antisemitic incidents around the world has exploded. This resurgence in antisemitism has drawn bipartisan condemnation in Congress, such as in Mr. Van Drew’s resolution we were all proud to support.

Now is the time to act against antisemitism, not just denounce it. I confess little faith in this administration’s willingness to actually do that, and I am not alone. Nearly two-thirds of all Jewish voters disapprove of the job Donald Trump is doing to fight antisemitism. It is not surprising for several reasons, the first being that Trump has populated his administration with antisemites and fans of neo-Nazis. He has nominated people like Ed Martin and Paul Ingrassia to top-level positions despite their documented support for and close relationships with neo-Nazis and antisemites.

Ed Martin, Trump’s once nominee for the U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia, has enthusiastically embraced Timothy Hale-Cusanelli, a neo-Nazi who paints a Hitler mustache on himself and tells coworkers that Hitler should have finished the job. Martin, who is Trump’s acting U.S. Attorney, called Hale-Cusanelli an amazing guy and a great friend. Though Martin tried to cover up and minimize their friendship, Trump was eventually forced to withdraw the nomination and named Martin, instead, the U.S. Pardon Attorney, which does not require U.S. Senate confirmation.

Others in his administration have shared antisemitic posts on social media. Antisemitism Task Force head Leo Terrell shared a post by prominent neo-Nazi Patrick Casey saying that Trump, quote, “can revoke someone’s Jew card.” Who can forget Elon Musk’s shocking fascist salutes? Pentagon Press Secretary Kingsley Wilson posted on X that the Great Replacement isn’t a Right-wing conspiracy theory; it is reality.

Trump himself has a disturbing history of antisemitic actions. He invited over to his house for dinner at Mar-a-Lago Nick Fuentes, a vicious neo-Nazi and Holocaust denier, and self-proclaimed Hitler lover Ye. He saw very fine people on both sides of the antisemitic riot in Charlottesville. He has claimed that prominent Jews in our government were bad Jews, calling Senator Schumer not Jewish anymore, and repeatedly referred to him as a Palestinian, including just this morning, and said that any Jewish person who doesn’t vote for Trump should have their heads examined.

When Trump claims he is actively combating antisemitism, we know there is a lot more to the picture than meets the eye. He has thoroughly destroyed the infrastructure within our government to

detect, prevent, and prosecute domestic extremism, hate crimes, and antisemitic attacks. In just a few months, the Department of Justice, the FBI, and the Department of Homeland Security have fired experienced domestic terrorism experts and deleted key offices which monitor and act to prevent terrorist attacks and racial hate crimes.

On the day after Trump took office, the DOJ demoted senior career attorneys in the National Security Division and Criminal Division, reassigning them to the new Sanctuary Cities Task Force. Nearly all left the Department of Justice instead, draining the government of decades of counterterrorism experience.

The DOJ slashed its Civil Rights Division that is charged with prosecuting hate crimes. It has illegally gutted the Community Relations Service, which has been a crucial tool for countering hate crimes by working directly with communities across the country. The FBI has cut staffing in its Domestic Terrorism Unit and has stopped using a nationwide database to track domestic terror and hate crimes. The Department of Education cut in half the Office for Civil Rights, the agency tasked with addressing discrimination and hostile learning environments, including antisemitic events on campus.

The Trump Administration froze or canceled community safety, violence intervention, and terror prevention programs across America. It is ending a terrorism prevention program focused on lone wolf attacks, attacks like the ones we just saw in Boulder and outside of the Capital Jewish Museum here in D.C., because the programs, quote, “do not align with the administration’s priorities.”

The DHS has also cut grants to programs supported by the Center for Prevention, Programs, and Partnerships, or CP3. Since 2020, CP3 has helped prevent more than 1,000 violent plots in what national security experts have called pioneering work with an enormous public policy payoff. Ignoring this track record, the Trump Administration gutted CP3, fired 75 percent of its staff, and froze tens of millions of dollars for violence prevention. He even appointed a 22-year-old with no national security experience to run what is left of CP3. It is shocking that a guy who graduated from college last year would be tasked with leading the fight against extremist political violence in America, although in fairness, he did do Model United Nations in the fall semester of his senior year.

Other DHS-supported programs, including the not-for-profit Security Grant Program, which helps Jewish institutions install security cameras, train staff, and add protective barriers, has also been left without adequate funding.

The decimation of counterterrorism and hate crime capabilities is reckless in today’s heightened-threat landscape. Even as the DHS demands over half a billion dollars more for immigration enforcement and border security, it is neglecting its basic responsibilities to monitor and prevent hate crimes and domestic terrorism. This negligence has been accompanied by a spike in shocking antisemitic attacks across America.

Beyond countenancing antisemitism in its own ranks and dismantling the infrastructure that opposes it, the administration has also repeatedly invoked fighting antisemitism as a vague and arbitrary, all-purpose excuse for eroding constitutional rights and im-

posing authoritarian control. Seizing control of college student admissions, faculty hiring, and curricular content at colleges and universities has nothing to do with protecting Jewish students. Conducting ideological purges in the name of the Jewish community just exposes Jews to recrimination and revenge.

When the government uses fighting antisemitism as the pretext for snatching graduate students off the streets and jailing them for exercise of their free speech rights, this ploy practically invites people to blame Jews for the erosion of civic freedom and constitutional liberty in America. When government deploys antisemitism as the rationale for canceling hundreds of millions of dollars of Federal research grants for treating cancer, curing cystic fibrosis, and conquering other diseases, that does not make Jews safer from antisemitism. Rather, it makes Jews the scapegoat again, the reason why the public is losing progress in science and medical care.

If the administration truly wants to fight antisemitism, it should begin by firing the antisemites it has hired. It can then restore and rebuild the antiterror and antihate crime infrastructure that it has demolished. Then, it can call off the sinister effort to dress authoritarianism in the language of opposing antisemitism.

The late Jewish leader Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks said,

Antisemitism is about the inability of a group to make space for difference. And because we are all different, the hate that begins with Jews never ends with Jews. Antisemitism is the world's most reliable early warning sign of a major threat to all freedom, humanity, and the dignity of difference. It matters to all of us, which is why we must fight it together.

I hope we can do that. Thank you, Mr. Chair. I yield back.

Mr. VAN DREW. Thank you. I now recognize the Chair of the Full Committee, Congressman Jordan.

Chair JORDAN. Thank you, Mr. Chair. I really appreciate the long history that you laid about this disgusting behavior and—as well as the Ranking Member.

We need to look no further than the past three months. On April 13th, Governor Shapiro's home was arsoned—fire at his home. On May 21st, Israeli Embassy workers were killed right here in D.C. On June 1st, out in Boulder, Colorado, a terrorist attack on Jewish individuals. Of course, just last week, one of our colleagues, Max Miller, faced it himself.

This is as real and present as it gets. I appreciate the Chair and our witnesses for being here to talk about how we—to do everything—talking about it and doing everything we can. There are resolutions I think we should pass on the floor—anything and everything we can do to stop this disgusting—excuse me, wrong behavior.

So, again, thank you, Mr. Chair, for doing this. Thank you to our witnesses for being here. I yield back.

Mr. VAN DREW. Thank you. Without objection, all other opening statements will be included in the record. Oh, I am sorry. I now recognize the Ranking Member of the Oversight Subcommittee, Jasmine Crockett. I apologize.

Ms. CROCKETT. No worries. I will absolutely give you some of your time back so that we can move on to these amazing witnesses.

I want to thank each and every one of the Members that have opened and given a recitation of the hate that is taking place.

I want to go a little bit further, though, since I can skip over some of my remarks about Nick Fuentes and about Elon and others. I want to be clear that one of the things that is so hurtful to me that we have consistently discussed as I've been out on the road is the fact that there is a consistent rise in hate in general in this country. If we continue to allow people to divide us, then our country will continue to fall down this terrible rabbit hole that we have fallen down.

The reality is that united we stand and divided we fall. What we have got going on now is that people are saying if you like this type of person, then you have got to hate this kind of person, and that kind of stuff. Frankly, I think that we need to have more hearings on hate overall. We need to address racial hate, homophobic hate, and yes, even political hate. Unfortunately, we are seeing a rise in all of it.

This hate is being directed at our neighbors, our community, and even Members of Congress. The violence and death threats that people are experiencing, including some of my colleagues here today, because of their faith or their presumed faith or simply because of their political affiliation, is unconscionable and needs to stop.

You are not allowed to be different—or you are allowed to be different. You are allowed to have your own faith. You are allowed to disagree. What we won't allow is using these differences to justify threats and violence against people different than you.

Everyone, including Congress and the President, needs to do all that we can to reject hate and violence in all forms. To do that, my colleagues need to be honest about what has allowed this behavior to flourish. That means confronting the fact that Donald Trump has played a significant role in emboldening this behavior by repeatedly legitimizing extremists who have continued to spread and promote antisemitism and religious hate.

Growing up, we were told we need to lead by example; lead others in a way that you see the world or how you think it should be. For me, I lead by example by acknowledging what is right and what is wrong, by standing up for marginalized communities, by calling out and combating hate, and finding the humanity in everyone and everything. How does the man currently occupying the Oval Office choose to lead by example within the context of antisemitism?

It is Trump who, again, invited Nick Fuentes, is holding a press conference to say that there, quote, “were some very fine people on both sides,” after Charlottesville, and we know that the reason we have to talk about Charlottesville is because there were White supremacists who flocked to that city and held torches and Nazi flags, chanting, “You will not replace us.”

It is Trump refusing to condemn the January 6th insurrectionists who carried Nazi flags into these very halls of Congress, and then, after all of that, deciding to pardon them. It is Trump who recruited Elon Musk, and we know that he not only did the Nazi salute on the inaugural stage, but he also told Germany two days before Holocaust Remembrance Day that, quote, “There is too much focus on past guilt.”

It is allowing Musk and others to continue to enable religious hate groups to post hate and threats online. It is redirecting attorneys at the Department of Justice's Office of Civil Rights, the primary office for enforcing discrimination laws, including religious discrimination, away from their work and placing them to work on immigration cases.

It is Trump redirecting attorneys on the Department of Justice's Office of Civil Rights who are supposed to work on things such as religious hate. It is Trump having his Department of State ban the term racially or ethnically motivated violent extremism from classification and the Style Guide at the State Department.

That is how Trump is supposedly leading by example here and now. You would think that an administration wanting to take this seriously would place highly qualified individuals in agency roles tasked with combating religious terrorist hate, threats, and violence. Yet, Trump hasn't even cleared that low hurdle because we know that we ended up with Thomas.

The guy that Trump currently has in charge of Department of Homeland Security's Center for Prevention Programs and Partnerships, the division tasked with working with State and local governments and other stakeholders to prevent terrorism, including religious terrorism, is just 23 years old with no experience in government, antiterrorism, or really anything else.

The person who Thomas took over for had over two decades of national security experience. Now, under Trump, we have an immature, incompetent, infantile person who has barely even lived for two decades, in charge of this important work. It is ridiculous, it is shameful, and it is dangerous.

Allowing religious hate to thrive in one corner allows it to spread everywhere across all corners, all denominations, and all faiths. As the Members of Congress, we cannot allow another synagogue or, for that matter, another church, mosque, or home risk being attacked or shot up by Nazis or extremists simply because elected officials don't have the courage and leadership to condemn them before they act.

Trump's disgusting refusal to cut ties from Nazi supporters and sympathizers have given violent extremists both a figurative and literal get-out-of-jail-free card. It is signaling that these hateful beliefs and actions will be tolerated, so long as they pledge their loyalty to Trump.

We owe it to every American to condemn this behavior and fight back by confronting this intolerance with courage and leading from our hearts.

I yield back.

Mr. VAN DREW. OK. Without objection, Mr. Goldman will be permitted to participate in today's hearing for the purpose of questioning witnesses if a Member yields him time for that purpose.

Without objection, all other opening statements will be included in the record.

We will now introduce today's witnesses.

Ms. Debra Cooper—Ms. Cooper is the Chief of Digital Activism at the End Jew Hatred, a grassroots organization that focuses on combating discrimination and oppression targeting Jews. She is also Director of Strategy of the Jewish Advocacy Research and

Writer group. Her work focuses on the development and the implementation of advocacy efforts to protect the right of Jews and Israelis in the United States and abroad.

Welcome. Good to see you again.

Mr. Kenneth L. Marcus—Mr. Marcus is the Founder, Chair, and CEO of the Louis D. Brandeis Center for Human Rights Under Law, a nonprofit organization that works to advance the civil and human rights of Jewish people. He also serves as a lecturer at the George Washington University Law School and previously served as the Assistant Secretary of Education for Civil Rights.

Mr. Dan Schneider—Mr. Schneider is the Vice President for Free Speech at the Media Research Center, a media watchdog organization. He previously served in the White House, Department of Labor, Department of Health and Human Services, and as a House and Senate staffer.

I want to pronounce your name right. Mr. Matt Nosanchuk—got it. Good. Mr. Nosanchuk is the former Deputy Assistant Secretary for Operations and Outreach in the Office of Civil Rights at the Department of Education. He previously co-founded and led the New York Jewish Agenda, a nonprofit organization focused on education and advocacy for the Jewish community in New York.

We are going to begin by swearing you all in. Would you all please rise? Raise your right hand. Do you swear or affirm under penalty of perjury that the testimony you are about to give is true and correct to the best of your knowledge, information, and belief, so help you God?

Thank you. Be seated.

Let the record reflect that the witnesses have answered in the affirmative.

Please know that your written testimony will be entered into the record in its entirety. Accordingly, we ask that you summarize your testimony in five minutes.

Ms. Cooper, you may begin.

STATEMENT OF DEBRA COOPER

Ms. COOPER. Good afternoon. My primary focus on strategy, research, and writing is really on education as it relates to groups with links to terrorism. I also work directly with students, teachers, and other victims of antisemitism, as well as with affected community members.

America is in crisis, experiencing levels of Jew hatred not seen since the Holocaust, as well as other religious hate and extreme anti-America, anti-Israel, and generally hate of the West. This has morphed into what has become normalized, dangerous, open support, praise for violence and terrorism, and the outright rejection of our laws, tolerance, decency, and democratic values.

October 7th offered plausible deniability for the explosion of open Jew hatred in America. It has been brewing for decades but now has escalated to a dangerous, unprecedented level due to the prior administration's failure to take meaningful action, despite the clear threats and signs of imminent escalation and danger.

Hamas offshoots CAIR, AMP, PYM, and NSJP, that is the Council for American-Islamic Relations, American Muslims for Palestine, Palestinian Youth Movement, and the National Students for

Justice in Palestine, and other dangerous groups have been allowed to operate freely in our country with demonstrations spearheaded by them promoting hatred, terrorism, violence, and death to Jews in America without any consequences.

CAIR has been infiltrating our educational institutions for at least 20 years, poisoning the minds of our young people, our most vulnerable population, with false narratives demonizing Jews, Israelis, and the State of Israel, narratives no honest educator actually believes.

Insidious Jew-hating teachers, professors, and educational unions have taken over our schools, silencing Jewish voices through intimidation, harassment, and covert means and manipulation. Without challenge or investigation by our government, our educational institutions allowed antisemitism in violation of Title VI to flourish under the pretext of academic freedom.

The university administrators used the guise of intellectual inquiry and the balancing of interests to allow Jew hatred to pose as legitimate academic discourse. The laws and policies were only an abstract thought.

Our government, those ultimately responsible for the safety and security of our Nation, including protecting our civil rights, did absolutely nothing in response to these school administrators' repeated failures to enforce the laws and school policies, even as events escalated.

We have created a culture of Jew hatred, the normalization of Jew baiting, the constant, hateful rhetoric directed at the Jewish people, where they become demonized and dehumanized. This is precisely what the Nazis did during the Holocaust to foster a climate of indifference against the Jews that permitted the murder of six million Jews.

Now, unsurprisingly, 20 months later and probably even longer, emboldened by inaction and a lack of meaningful consequences, America and Americans of all backgrounds are being terrorized by our young people, who reject and hate everything we value in America.

What has become clear from these demonstrations is that pro-Palestinian advocacy uses code words such as anti-Israel, workers' rights, freedom of expression, and anti-America rhetoric, all of which are nothing more than a pretext for Jew hatred and the destruction of Western civilization.

What has also become clear is that the Free Palestine movement is not a grassroots or spontaneous or even spontaneous movement, or even a response to the Hamas-Israel war. Instead, the movement is well-organized, complete with toolkits and professional signage, statements and press releases, even identical encampment tents, clearly with outside funding.

The prior administration allowed brazen, dangerous hatred to flourish in the country unabated. Each failure at every level, our young people were emboldened to escalate further. Now we are seeing the dangerous real-time consequences, both in our colleges and on our streets.

The recent Los Angeles protests, the murders of a young couple outside the Jewish museum in Washington, DC, and the Denver,

Colorado, attack with a makeshift Molotov cocktail, which set several Americans on fire, are just the start of this escalating trend.

We are now, for the first time, seeing progress. We ask you to use your authority to identify and investigate these individuals and organizations who are clearly working together to conspire to deprive Jewish Americans of their civil rights and to destroy America and Western civilization.

Thank you.

[The prepared statement of Ms. Cooper follows:]

Written Testimony of Debra Cooper – June 24, 2025 Hearing of the Subcommittee of the Committee of the Judiciary on the Rising Threat: America’s Battle Against Antisemitic Terror

I am the head of digital strategy and a lead researcher and writer at two grassroots organizations that advocate for Jewish and Israeli civil rights through targeted letter-writing campaigns. My primary focus is on education, as it relates to groups with links to terrorism. I also work directly with students, teachers, and other victims of antisemitism, as well as with affected community members.

America is in crisis - experiencing levels of Jew hatred not seen since the Holocaust, as well as other religious hate and extreme anti-America, anti-Israel, and generally, hate of the West. This has morphed into what has become normalized dangerous open support and praise for violence and terrorism and the outright rejection of our laws, tolerance, decency and democratic values.

October 7 offered plausible deniability for the explosion of open Jew hatred in America. It has been brewing for decades but has now escalated to a dangerous unprecedented level due to the prior administration’s failure to take meaningful action - despite the clear threats and signs of imminent escalation and danger.

Hamas offshoots CAIR, AMP, PYM and NSJP and other dangerous groups have been allowed to operate freely in our country with demonstrations spearheaded by these groups promoting hatred, terrorism, violence, and death to Jews and America - without any consequences.

CAIR has been infiltrating our educational institutions for at least 20 years, poisoning the minds of our young people, our most vulnerable population - with false narratives demonizing Jews, Israelis and the State of Israel – narratives no honest educator actually believes.

Insidious Jew hating teachers, professors and educational unions have taken over our schools, silencing Jewish voices through intimidation, harassment, and covert means and manipulation.

Without challenge or investigation by our government, our educational institutions allowed antisemitism in violation of Title VI to flourish under the pretext of academic freedom. University administrators used the guise of intellectual inquiry and the balancing of interests, to allow Jew hatred to pose as legitimate academic discourse.

The law and policies were only an abstract thought.

And our government, those ultimately responsible for the safety and security of our nation including protecting our civil rights, did absolutely nothing in response to school administrators’ repeated failures to enforce the law and school policies, even as events escalated.

Absolutely no accountability.

We have created a culture of Jew hatred, the normalization of Jew-baiting, the constant hateful rhetoric directed at the Jewish people where they become demonized and dehumanized. This is precisely what the Nazis did during the Holocaust, to foster a climate of indifference against the Jews that permitted the murder of 6 million Jews.

And now, unsurprisingly, 20 months later and probably for even longer, emboldened by inaction and a lack of meaningful consequences, America and Americans of all backgrounds are being terrorized by our young people - who reject and hate everything we value in America.

What has become clear from these demonstrations is that "pro-Palestinian" advocacy uses code words such as "anti-Israel" "workers' rights" "freedom of expression" and "anti-America" rhetoric - which are all a pretext for Jew hatred and the destruction of Western civilization.

What has also become clear is that the "Free Palestine" movement is not a grassroots or spontaneous movement or even in response to the Hamas-Israel war. Instead, their movement is well-organized, complete with toolkits, and professional signage, statements and press releases, even encampment tents - and with clear outside funding.

The prior administration allowed brazen dangerous hatred to flourish in our country – unabated. And each failure, at every level, our young people were emboldened to escalate further.

And now we are now seeing the dangerous real time consequences, both in our colleges and on our streets.

The recent Los Angeles protests and the murders of a young couple outside the Jewish Museum in Washington DC and the Denver Colorado attack with a makeshift Molotov cocktail which set several Americans on fire are just the start of this escalating trend.

I'm optimistic that meaningful consequences and change are now starting to happen.

**6/24/25 Hearing of Subcommittee of the Committee of the Judiciary on the Rising Threat: America's
Battle Against Antisemitic Terror**

Failure to Take Meaningful Action Has Led to Terror in America

The unprecedented surge in targeted attacks on Jews, the destruction of government property, the vandalism of Jewish-owned businesses, and protests marked with death threats, the glorification of terror, calls for violence and the rejection of Western values and the rule of law, reflect an alarming and escalating threat to the core values and founding principles of America. Since Hamas's October 7 massacre, the line between protected expression and outright lawlessness has dangerously shifted - and unless drastic action is taken now, the consequences could be catastrophic.

For two decades, antisemitism has been systematically and quietly embedded into all aspects of American society, from education to government to societal institutions. This represents an ongoing, deliberate and coordinated effort, for years, to target Jews — not simply Zionists, pro-Israel voices, or IDF personnel — but individuals singled out solely for being Jewish. These are not isolated incidents.

- In New York City, a Jewish teacher was forced to lock herself in a classroom after being physically targeted by *students* for supporting Israel.
- In Washington, D.C., a young couple was murdered outside the Jewish Museum, in the name of "Free Palestine" — targeted solely because the shooter believed they were Jewish.
- In Colorado, demonstrators peacefully rallying in support of the release of hostages being held by Hamas, were attacked with a makeshift Molotov cocktail, setting several people on fire. The attacker vowed to kill "Zionists" and shouted, "Free Palestine."
- Jewish college students were forced to barricade themselves in the library while pro-"Palestinian" protesters pounded on the doors and shouted threats.
- Outside the White House, pro-"Palestinian" demonstrators waved terror flags, called for an uprising and vandalized government property.
- In Ohio, a Jewish Congressman and his family were deliberately run off the road as the offender, holding a "Palestinian" flag, threatened him, shouting "You're a dirty Jew" and "I'm going to cut your throat and your daughter's."

These are just a few examples of the broader unrelenting and escalating campaign of terror — not only against Jews but all Americans. Both the rhetoric and conduct have intensified and evolved into what we now witness: domestic terrorism, the glorification of terrorism, violence, threats, and unchecked rage— and effectively legalized civil rights violations all of which threaten both our national security and democratic principles.

Key Issue Highlights

Educational Infiltration and Indoctrination: A methodically organized and covert effort to undermine our government and spread antisemitism has been steadily infiltrating American institutions for over 20 years. The most significant infiltration has taken root in our education system. In K-12, generations of young people - our most impressionable and vulnerable population - have been shaped by radical ideologies, which have been embedded into classroom curricula, extracurricular programs, and school clubs.

This same ideology is reinforced and normalized on college campuses, where openly antisemitic and anti-American faculty voices often dominate, while conservative, pro-Israel, and/or pro-American perspectives are effectively excluded. In the absence of ideological diversity or dissent, radical ideas are unchallenged and unchecked, face no accountability, and become the accepted norm. Faculty unions, academic departments, and DEI initiatives further entrench this imbalance, ensuring students are not exposed to a broad range of perspectives, but to a one-sided form of indoctrination.

What is being taught is not a nuanced view of complex issues, but a one-sided narrative that rewrites history and distorts facts to further their discriminatory agenda.

Their strategy, in part, relies on a two-fold false narrative ("False Narrative"). The first promotes false claims of genocide, occupation, settler-colonization, and apartheid by Israel, erasing Jewish and Israeli identity, and their history, including Jewish indigeneity in the Levant of over 3,000 years. Their goal, which mirrors Hamas's goal, is to destroy the Jewish people and the State of Israel. The second narrative frames America and Israel both as "oppressors," in an effort to sow division and unrest, destabilize society and ultimately to destroy Western civilization.

The foundation of education is the open and full exchange of ideas based on the premise that students, over time, will develop the ability to distinguish truth from falsehood and reach their own informed conclusions. While educators are free to share their perspectives, they also have a legal and moral responsibility — under the law and school policies — to encourage balanced discussions, promote critical thinking, and create an environment where students feel safe developing their own viewpoints.

However, most students do not possess the skills to recognize when an educator is presenting false, incomplete or ideological information.

The False Narrative does not seek to enrich understanding through diverse perspectives but seeks to indoctrinate students. This is not education or truth. This is ideological manipulation.

Currently, the indoctrinated graduates of the last 20 years are now teaching this generation's young people, shaping policy, serving in government and other positions of influence.

Infiltration: Hamas linked and/or offshoots, American Muslims for Palestine (AMP) and the Council on American Islamic Relations (CAIR), and allied others, spearhead this infiltration using the guise of educating

Americans within our schools/universities, communities, and governmental institutions about the Muslim religion, civil rights, discrimination, and free speech. Once accepted and involved in the community, they use their platforms to indoctrinate and further their agenda.

Sanctioning of Dangerous Groups/Individuals: Dangerous and antisemitic organizations such as National Students for Justice in Palestine (NSJP), including its university SJP chapters, CAIR, Palestinian Youth Movement (PYM), The People's Forum, AMP, Within Our Lifetime (WOL), Democratic Socialists of America (DSA), Faculty for Justice in Palestine (FJP) chapters, Jewish Voice for Peace (JVP), and even educational unions such as the American Association of University Professors (AAUP) continue to operate freely.

Low-profile and/or covert groups including the US Campaign for Palestinian Rights (USCPR), US Palestine Community Network (USPCN), National Lawyers Guild, and many university student government organizations continue to work behind the scenes quietly supporting the higher profile groups.

Additionally, pro-"Palestinian" speakers such as Mohammed El Kurd (apparently in the U.S. on a Visa) and U.N. Special Rapporteur, Francesca Albanese have also been given extensive platforms throughout the U.S. to promote the False Narrative.

The Pretext and Normalization of Antisemitism: The prior administration enabled the use of "coded" language such as "anti-Israel," "anti-America," "anti-genocide," "pro-ceasefire" and other social justice terms - to serve as a pretext for antisemitism. The pro-"Palestinian" movement, now aligned with far left radical causes and groups, has been deliberately rebranded as a symbol of global justice. In doing so, it has marginalized and erased Jewish voices, history and identity.

By failing to confront rising antisemitism with meaningful action, the government effectively created a culture of legalized antisemitism where it is not only tolerated but sanctioned. This has not only normalized Jew hatred, but emboldened it.

Normalization of Terror, Threats, Violence and Incitement of Unlawful Activity: Vitriolic and violent protests were allowed to proceed unchecked with lead demonstrators often reading from prepared scripts – seemingly written by outside professionals seemingly inspired by Hamas's charter, promoting hate and hostility, and inciting violence, threats and the murder of Americans and Jews - and open support for and the glorification of terrorism.

Normalization of Terrorism Imagery, Symbols and Signage: The prior administration created an atmosphere of fear and intimidation by permitting the normalization of extremist and terrorist imagery targeting Jews and Israelis. At public demonstrations, individuals were allowed to present themselves as members of militant or terrorist organizations, concealing their faces or heads entirely with a mask or keffiyeh, the modern day swastika and a symbol of hate. They made "demands" like terrorists, referred to each other as "comrades," a militant term, and wore the headbands of Hamas and Hezbollah, U.S. designated terrorist organizations.

The flags of Hamas, Hezbollah and the Houthis were routinely waved as was the use of inverted “red triangle,” the symbol used by Hamas, in videos circulating on the internet, to “mark” or designate a target for execution or to glorify and celebrate the murder of an IDF soldier in the Hamas-Israel war.

These demonstrations appeared professionally orchestrated with uniform signage and methodologies — and with outside financial support.

Social Media: Over the past 20 months, social media activity from these groups, as well as amorphous groups and individuals such as “Unity of Fields” and “Zei Squirrel” have escalated well beyond the bounds of protected speech. Social media posts now openly incite violence, threats, and the murder/death of Jews, Zionists, and Americans, and actively promote an uprising against and the destruction of, the U.S. government.

Content by these high profile groups and individuals is often “reposted” by followers and lone wolves, highlighting their influence and the expanding reach of this messaging.

Social media is often the primary news source for young people.

Mainstream Media: Mainstream media outlets have been allowed to promote antisemitism and incite violence with their false reporting, which demonizes and delegitimizes Jews, Israelis and Israel, falsely accusing them of crimes they do not commit. These reports are often not based upon verified facts or credible sources and go far beyond bias or editorial spin. These stories are more than simply “fake news.” They fuel antisemitism, placing a target on Jews and Israelis, and contribute to the normalization of Jew-baiting and the current escalation of violence.

I. Highlights of Incidents Lacking Meaningful Action

The following are highlights of key incidents in which the government and/or educational administrators failed to take appropriate and meaningful action in response to serious and brazen antisemitic incidents. They failed to apply and/or enforce the law and/or policies and otherwise failed to protect the Jewish and Israeli community from egregious civil rights violations despite their legal and moral obligations to do so.

1. **Failure of Government:** Local prosecutors have consistently failed to take meaningful action to apply and/or enforce the law. Few people, if ever, have been arrested in comparison to the number and/or magnitude of the offense. And in the few cases where individuals were arrested, the charges were ultimately dropped.
 - a. **NYC Subway (6/2024):** Prosecutors declined to prosecute hate crime charges after several individuals—including a member of WOL, entered a crowded New York City subway car terrorising Jewish and Israeli passengers. After entering, the pro-Palestinians threatened passengers, shouting “raise your hand if you’re a Zionist.” Ultimately, only one person faced charges with the most serious offense, “disorderly conduct” later dismissed in exchange for just four hours of community service and participation in an anti-bias education course.
 - b. **Washington DC (11/2023):** Over 10,000 pro-“Palestinian” protesters vandalized the White House fence and defaced government statues in Lafayette Square with red paint and graffiti and vandalized local businesses.
 - c. **San Francisco, CA (10/2023):** At a pro-“Palestinian” protest demanding a “ceasefire”, a Federal courthouse was defaced and vandalized with spray painted slogans that read “Free Palestine” and “Israel ain’t real.”
 - d. **Columbia University/NYC (11/2024):** Prosecutors dropped charges against most (possibly all) of the students arrested for their involvement in the antisemitic pro-“Palestinian” protest during which students took over Hamilton Hall. Protestors barricaded entrances and exits blocking egress with metal barricades and other objects. An oversized banner was hung on the outside of the building which read “Intifada” which is the call for an uprising and violence against Jews. They caused extensive property damage and held several employees against their will. The protestors repeatedly chanted antisemitic slurs including “say it loud, say it clear, we want Zionists out of here,” and “from the river to the sea, Palestine will be free.”
2. **Other Incidents**
 - a. **Columbia University:** Four masked students dressed like terrorists, who were not students in and/or otherwise invited to attend a class, forcibly entered a lecture on Israeli history with most, if not all

Jewish and/or Israeli students and an Israeli professor, and took over the classroom which included a "mock" lecture. Despite efforts to remove the students and even an invitation to join the class discussion, the demonstrators refused and proceeded to terrorize the students.

The group blocked the doorway, and proceeded with a "mock" lecture about supposed genocide by Israel. The mock professor stated "that's right, we're giving you an inside scoop of Columbia University's normalization of genocide." She then proceeded to denigrate, demonize and delegitimize Jews, Israelis and Israel with the typical False Narrative. Her statements included Israel is "wip[ing] entire bloodlines from ... Gaza," the IDF is "murdering refugees to try on their underwear, steal their possessions," and "thousands and thousands of Palestinians" are denied "a proper burial because Israel takes their bodies"

One student terrorist proudly recorded the incident as if it was some photo op to celebrate.

Two terrorist students distributed flyers with death threats and calls for violence and terrorism against Jews and Israelis. One flyer had the picture of a large military boot commonly known as a "Nazi Stomper" which was crushing the Jewish people, as represented in the Star of David. The pictured boot is a clear replica of a drawing by Willard Combes, a political cartoonist, in which he portrayed the Nazi regime (the boot) and their goal of crushing or exterminating their enemy, all "Jews."

Another flyer depicted a masked figure burning an Israeli flag with the words "Burn Zionism to the ground." In another flyer, four terrorists were holding military assault rifles with one rifle aimed at the "enemy." The written message, both in English and Arabic, stated "the enemy will not see tomorrow." A death threat. The first letter "o" in the word "tomorrow" was replaced with an inverted red triangle. Another clear death threat. (See discussion above on inverted red triangle).

This incident was part of a larger collaboration with other groups who perpetuated other antisemitic incidents at Columbia and throughout the country that day. The incident was organized in collaboration with NSJP, cuapartheiddivest and columbia.jvp and allied others who planned a national "ALL OUT TUESDAY" and a "student intifada."

Columbia "strongly condemn[ed]" the "disruption" (A four sentence paragraph of a 2 paragraph statement included the word "disruption" five times) and generally condemned discrimination, but failed to condemn or pursue this incident as a civil rights violation under Title VI either pursuant to university policies or applicable law.

To date, only 2 of the 4 students were expelled and one student STILL has NOT BEEN IDENTIFIED. How is that even possible? The entire incident should have been referred to the government for investigation as a hate crime.

- b. **Educational Curriculum Providers:** Numerous antisemitic organizations including teachingwhilemuslim and Educators for Palestine, who provide antisemitic supposed educational curricula to K-12 schools throughout the U.S., continue to operate freely despite being exposed and reported to the government.
- c. **Encampments:** Dozens of encampments promoting Jew hatred were allowed to remain in place for extended periods - days and even weeks, despite the clear violations of university policies and Title VI. Many of these encampments featured uniformly designed tents and signage and were operated using the same organized methodologies, clearly indicating the involvement of outside resources. Antisemitic professors not only supported the encampments, but actively participated in them.
- d. **Encampment Settlement Agreements:** At several encampments, student protesters were able to extract “concessions” from college administrators in exchange for ending the encampment, terms which exceeded their initial demands, which was primarily to pursue the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) movement. The BDS movement’s goal is to isolate, demonize and economically cripple the state of Israel through economic boycotts, ultimately dismantling the only Jewish state.

They leveraged the encampments to negotiate far more. Settlement agreements included amnesty for students and faculty involved in pro-“Palestinian” protests – and not necessarily limited to the encampment protest, and in some cases, agreements to hire professors or provide free tuition/attendance for students from Gaza.

- e. **BDS Campaigns:** Since October 7, undergraduate and graduate students, professors and educational unions have aggressively pushed for BDS. Even after BDS resolutions were passed or after the university publicly refused to divest following a vote, new student and/or professor groups repeatedly initiated similar campaigns. These efforts continued despite the groups knowing that such a resolution, even if passed, would have no binding effect on university governing boards. These boards are legally obligated to uphold their fiduciary duties and will not support investment decisions that violate those responsibilities—particularly in light of the extensive state and federal laws prohibiting BDS for its antisemitic discrimination.

These BDS campaigns continue to persist on U.S. campuses and at various levels of government.

- f. **Antisemitic Educators Continue to Indoctrinate**

Professors: Some of the country’s most controversial professors continue to teach despite their extensive antisemitic rhetoric. This includes Columbia University’s Joseph Massad who described Hamas’s massacre as “awesome” and “astounding,” Cornell University’s Russell Rickford, who returned to teaching after a “voluntary” leave following his characterization of Hamas’s attack as

“exhilarating” and Rutgers professor Noura Erakat was recently promoted despite her support for terrorists, rhetoric perpetuating the False Narrative and her participation in a panel discussion with a senior Hamas official.

Faculty for Justice in Palestine: Over 130 chapters of FJP are allowed to continue to operate on college campuses.

Antisemitic University Departments: University departments such as Rutgers’ CSRR and NYU law school’s justsecurity continue to operate freely.

- g. **Evolution of New Pro-“Palestinian” Groups:** No action has been taken to address the emergence of new antisemitic pro-“Palestinian” groups whenever pre-existing groups have been exposed or disciplined. For example, after Rutgers SJP was suspended, NJSJP was established to support and organize for all SJPs located across New Jersey.
- h. **Francis Lewis High School, Queens NY:** Jewish teachers continue to be represented by a union representative who remains in her position despite the public exposure of the union representative’s antisemitic rhetoric shortly following 10/7/2023.
- i. **Pajara CA Jewish Community Targeted by Town Council.** At a recent recorded town council meeting, town council members freely and openly berated Jewish community members who came to object to antisemitic portions of a new proposed curriculum.

One council member stated “I don’t see you at protests when people are being taken away right now,” . . . “I don’t see you advocating to bring back Abrego Garcia or Mahmoud Khalil. I don’t see you guys doing that. You only show up to meetings when it’s beneficial for you, so you can tell brown people who they are.”

Another member, accused the Jewish community of leveraging their wealth stating: “I’ve been a little bit taken aback,” . . . “by the lack of acknowledgement of the economic power historically held by the Jewish community.”

- j. **People’s Conference:** The government allowed The 2024 People’s Conference for Palestine, organized by The People’s Forum, PYM, and NSJP, and attended by over 3,000 pro-“Palestinian” youth, to proceed. The conference promoted extreme pro-terror, anti-Israel and antisemitic rhetoric and incited alarming unlawful conduct.

At the conference, organizer Mohammed Nabulsi drew applause when he praised “eternal glory to our martyrs” and called for the “liberation of every inch of Palestine, from the Jordan River to the Mediterranean Sea.” Taher Herzallah, AMP Associate Director repeated the theme of martyrdom, stating: “[t]he Palestinian diaspora in North America has committed its martyrs for this cause.” He

continued: "I caution you of the days to come... The liberation struggle requires sacrifice PFLP. And I know everyone here is prepared to make that sacrifice."

(Video excerpt: <https://www.youtube.com/live/10bit2G31ck?t=3920s>)

A terrorist from the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP), a U.S. designated terrorist organization, appeared virtually from the West Bank, declaring: "There is no longer a place for the two-state solution for any Palestinian. The only solution is one democratic Palestinian state on all Palestinian land, which will end the Zionist project in Palestine."

Several rooms at the convention center were named after so-called "martyrs." Representative Rashida Tlaib attended, delivering her speech in the room named after PFLP terrorist Walid Daqqa.

II. Hidden Antisemitism - Exploitation and Weaponization

The following examples highlight the tactics and tools of ideological warfare employed by pro-“Palestinian” advocates to advance and weaponize antisemitism. By exploiting social justice frameworks (e.g. ethnic studies, ceasefire resolutions) and other pretexts, they bypass and/or circumvent procedures, legal requirements and institutional policies. While the bias may not be immediately obvious, closer scrutiny reveals a consistent and deliberate pattern of antisemitism underlying these incidents.

1. **Massachusetts Teachers Union:** Shortly after October 7, the MTA passed a resolution calling for a ceasefire in the Hamas-Israel war, which was publicly presented as representing the collective position of its 117,000+ members. However, the resolution was adopted through a questionable process, presumably to circumvent the MTA’s bylaws. In reality, the resolution was passed by just over 30 members – approximately .02% of the total membership.

The resolution was then used to pressure the National Education Association (NEA) union with 3 million members to urge our government to stop military support for Israel. The “voting” mechanism is a common tool of warfare.

2. **NYDOE Links to Antisemitic Toolkit.** Several months ago, it was revealed that a link to an antisemitic “Stop Gaza Genocide Action Toolkit” was embedded in a New York City Department of Education (NYDOE) April 2025 newsletter, linked to “scripts to contact representatives.” Further investigation uncovered that this was not an isolated incident; the link had been included repeatedly in publications for nearly 1 1/2 years. Additionally, the same link was found on NYDOE’s website in connection with a link to Holocaust materials.

To date, no public statement has been issued regarding the investigation into this deeply antisemitic content, including how it originated, who was responsible and what efforts are being taken to address the issue.

3. **Columbia University Law Review Article:** A group of editors at the CLR secretly edited and posted a blatantly antisemitic article to the CLR website - bypassing the standard peer review process required for scholarly publication.

The article’s purpose is to spread hatred and lies about the Jewish people and the State of Israel by cloaking the discredited False Narrative in the language of legal scholarship. Though presented as legitimate academic work from one of the world’s most prestigious Ivy League institutions, the article is filled with factual and legal distortions of history and facts designed to demonize and delegitimize Jews/Israel and foment hate against them.

Although the article was not published as part of the CLR official law review, its presence on the CLR website, alongside properly peer reviewed articles and as such, is the equivalent of publishing the article under the auspices of CLR. In allowing it to remain, CLR/Columbia legitimize the False Narrative through legal and factual distortions and misrepresentations.

Unless it is removed, the article will inevitably be cited in future legal decisions and academic works as if it represents a credible legal analysis.

The article is nothing more than a pretext to promote antisemitism under the guise of academic discourse.

4. **Targeted Discriminatory Email Campaign to Educators.** A coordinated campaign has emerged in which anonymous email accounts are used to send messages to educational union members, promoting pro-“Palestinian” advocacy while simultaneously demonizing Jews, Israelis, and Israel. Despite multiple complaints submitted to various school districts, there has been no investigation or response to address the unauthorized antisemitic communications.
5. **Antisemitic Jewish/Holocaust Studies Department Heads:** Antisemitic department chairs such as Raz Segal, Stockton University Director of Holocaust and Genocide Studies, continue to be employed at our universities. Segal and other Jewish identifying department heads use their “Jewish identity” to shield or legitimize antisemitic rhetoric and activism.

Unfortunately, Segal is an antisemitic Jew (he identifies as a Jew, often referred to as “asajew”) and a self-appointed genocide expert, who peddles Hamas’s False Narratives. In a recent Time article, Segal accused the Committee on Education & the Workforce of weaponizing antisemitism by falsely targeting Sahar Aziz and her CSRR department with accusations of antisemitism - despite the ongoing government investigation into the CSRR’s ties to terrorism and antisemitism. Segal also accused Representative Elise Stefanik of “white supremacist” views.

As documented and verified by evidence, Israel is not committing genocide. No member of an institute of higher education could doubt this evidence. Yet, Segal is permitted to spew outright lies intended to foment hate against Jews and Israel in violation of Title VI and civil rights law.

These “asajew” professors are not representatives of the Jewish community — they are its most harmful distorters. They present themselves as moral authorities while actively undermining Jewish history, safety, and peoplehood. Their role is especially insidious because their identity is used as a shield against criticism — as if being ‘a Jew’ gives them a license to promote the very hate we are fighting.

This is curriculum embedded antisemitism - disguised as academic discourse.

6. **Wikipedia Editor Conspiracy.** It was recently uncovered that at least 40 Wikipedia editors were engaged in a covert, coordinated effort to systematically manipulate content across the platform in order to delegitimize Jews, Israelis, and the State of Israel. Their strategy involved evading Wikipedia’s guidelines to subtly shift balanced narratives into a distorted/false pro-Hamas narrative—amplifying criticism of Israel while downplaying or omitting issues of antisemitism, “Palestinian” terrorism, and/or violence. As a result, to date, 14 editors have been banned from

editing articles related to Jewish topics, organizations, the Hamas-Israel war, and broader Middle East issues.

Wikipedia is widely used by students, especially K-12 students, as an initial or primary reference source for research. Wikipedia had approximately 130 billion views in 2024.

7. **NJ IHRA Legislation:** CAIR, AMP and JVP organized a campaign for the past year to squash all efforts to pass IHRA legislation in NJ. Hearings were cancelled twice for security reasons and at the hearing last week, the vote was abruptly cancelled.
8. **Jewish Community Members Targeted.** Another typical tactic or tool of warfare used by pro-“Palestinian” advocates is to target and attack Jewish community members and silence them for speaking out about antisemitism, including organized campaigns on social media, false accusations, legal intimidation with threats and actual lawsuits, as well as false reports of bias to institutions.
 - a. **Educators Targeted.** A college professor was recently targeted after raising concerns about the removal of an October 7 exhibit on campus. In response, she became the subject of an organized online smear campaign, falsely accusing her of Islamophobia. The campaign involved coordinated social media attacks and the submission of baseless complaints to university administrators. Although the professor is now represented by legal counsel, the university disciplined her based on these unfounded allegations.
 - b. **Community Members Targeted.** In another troubling incident, parents in a school district raised concerns about a teacher who had posted antisemitic rhetoric on social media. In response, several pro-“Palestinian” organizations mobilized a campaign aimed at intimidating and silencing some of the families who had come forward. The teacher’s attorney sent a threatening letter to several parents, which stated in part:

"We have compiled and continue to compile evidence that you and others are involved in a campaign to harm [the teacher]'s employment because she shares facts and views opposing the genocidal Zionist ethnostate occupying Palestine and parts of Syria and Lebanon. You support this ethnostate and its depravity, including the ongoing genocide it is committing against the indigenous people of Palestine—and while you have the right to harbor such wicked views, if you undertake conduct..."

The letter concluded with the phrase, “be guided accordingly.” The teacher in question remains in the classroom.

III. Other Recent Escalations

1. **Immigration Protests in LA:** Protests against ICE and our government are being organized by the major pro-“Palestinian” groups that have been leading the violent and vitriolic antisemitic and anti-American demonstrations for the past 21 months. These pro-“Palestinian” groups partner with far left radical groups encouraging civil disobedience, violence, unrest and hate of America, Jews and Western civilization.
 - **WOL, June 8, 2025 X Post, Nardeen Kiswani** posted “Don’t just praise the scenes from LA – bring the fight to NY.”
 - **NSJP June 21, 2025 Instagram Post:** “The Alternative to leaving vertically is leaving horizontally” along with an image implying the U.S. will be forced out, wiped off the map - or otherwise destroyed. The post further stated “The empire will reap what it sows.”
 - **NSJP June 10, 2025 Instagram Post:** “Death to occupation - From the West Bank to LA.” The post continued:
 “As the state mobilizes the National Guard and Marines to reinforce ICE, the modern gestapo, in the face of community resistance, we call on the Student Movement for Palestinian liberation to join in defense of our undocumented, migrant, and otherwise targeted community members, not just in Los Angeles but all across the country. ICE and all militarized structures of colonial domination, from the U.S. to Palestine, must be dismantled. To those who dare to resist in the streets: your fight is our fight, your enemy is our enemy. Until our collective liberation from Zionism, fascism, white supremacy, and imperialism.”

2. **Iran Protests:** The same pro-“Palestinian” groups are also organizing against our government and Israel in response to their involvement in the ongoing conflict with Iran. These groups condemn U.S. and Israeli military strikes against Iranian military and nuclear installations, denounce U.S. support for Israel, and express solidarity with the Iranian regime, a terrorist regime.
 - **PYM June 17, 2025 Instagram Post:** PYM posted “No War on Iran” and organized an emergency rally for June 18, 2025 in Bryant Park, NYC and on June 22, 2025. In another post, PYM accused President Trump of being a war criminal.
 - **NSJP June 22, 2025 Instagram Post:** NSJP posted “The Empire Will Fall From Gaza to Tehran” The post continued:
 “The United States has officially sent unprovoked strikes on three locations in Iran, continuing its forever war on the people of the Middle East, from Palestine, to Syria, to Lebanon, to Libya, to Iraq, to Yemen, to Iran. From direct interference to disastrous sanctions and outright war crimes, the U.S. has stopped at nothing in its attempt to eradicate resistance to its attempts at imperial expansion in the region. The colonizers’ playbook never changes, the language only slightly shifts, and we must learn to recognize the manufacturing of consent for imperialist war when we see it. Just as we have mobilized for Gaza for the past two years, we as students must now

mobilize to force an end to the U.S. and Zionist entity's war of aggression on Iran. From Gaza to Tehran, the empire will be forced to retreat."

- **Another NSJP post stated:** "'The unprovoked attacks the US and the Zionist enemy have launched against Iran provide only 1 thing: Imperialism in the region will not stop at suffocating Palestine. From Iraq to Lebanon, Libya, Yemen Syria and now Iran, **the empire demands constant expansion and destabilization.**" (emphasis added)

3. **May Day (5/1/2025):** NSJP, CAIR, and DSA organized a national day of protest for "workers rights." They organized with American workers and educational unions. The day included over 1,000 organized protests throughout the country.

The NEA teacher's union created a "May Day Toolkit" encouraging illegal strikes and civil disobedience.

4. **Day of Action (4/17/2025):** AAUP, NYU FSJP, United Faculty of Florida and JVP organized a national day of action with over 200 programs at 137 universities, many of which promoted pro-"Palestinian" advocacy and antisemitism. The stated goal was to "[renew] the vision of higher education as an autonomous public good and university workers as its most important resource."

Mr. VAN DREW. Thank you, Ms. Cooper. Mr. Marcus, you may begin.

STATEMENT OF KENNETH L. MARCUS

Mr. MARCUS. Chair Van Drew, Ranking Member Crockett, and the distinguished Members of this Committee, my name is Kenneth L. Marcus. I am Chair and CEO of the Louis D. Brandeis Center for Human Rights Under Law.

Thank you for this invitation, and more than that, thank you for the strong words of the Chair, the Ranking Members, and the Members of this Committee condemning antisemitism. As Americans, it is good to hear unity, it is good to hear that the voices against antisemitism and hate are strong.

We as Americans are reeling. We are reeling from a drumbeat of lethal antisemitism, violence that has surged from campus encampments into the streets, fueled by the extremist rhetoric and fostered by institutional complacency. The same confrontation between terror and democracy that has sparked war between Israel and Iran now plays out in the United States, where anti-Israel activists have called for the eradication of Western civilization.

Since October 7, 2023, much violence has focused on Jewish targets, but we know, as Members have emphasized already today, that what begins with the Jews does not end with the Jews. We see that what developed on our campuses does not remain on our campuses. This lethal unrest is a threat to all Americans, and it must be stopped.

The roots of this crisis are both global and domestic. Israel's recent war with both Iran and also ongoing with Hamas have emboldened anti-Jewish sentiment worldwide. At home, that sentiment has taken on a violent and organized character.

What we are witnessing on American campuses is not a collection of spontaneous protests, but part of a broader, well-resourced campaign coordinated by student activists, external organizations, and aligned faculty networks.

As described in a Brandeis Center complaint, the violent takeover of Hamilton Hall at Columbia University, for example, was premeditated and planned in concert with outside pro-Hamas groups, which held strategy meetings just hours before the takeover attended by over 100 individuals and featuring breakout sessions on resistance.

Similarly, at UCLA, one encampment organized by Students for Justice in Palestine created a de facto exclusion zone where Jewish students were physically prevented from entering parts of campus. Participants used coordinated messaging, occupation tactics, and physical intimidation to advance a hostile agenda.

Last year, then-Director of National Intelligence Avril Haines confirmed that Iranian Government actors have sought to opportunistically take advantage of ongoing protests regarding the war in Gaza, noting that individuals tied to Iran have posed as activists online, encouraged demonstrations, and even provided financial support to protests.

The members that were originally created to combat discrimination, like diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives, have in some cases been coopted to excuse or normalize antisemitism.

It is not just that antisemitism or Jewish identity are excluded from DEI initiatives, but rather that some of this programming reduces everyone to either oppressor or oppressed, sometimes castigating Jews, as if Jews were White supremacists, with Jews being told to own our privilege, including Jews who might be descendants of Holocaust survivors. This can lead to age-old stereotypes of Jewish power and privilege.

Let me be clear: Nothing in my testimony is intended to restrict exercise of free speech criticizing any government, including Israel's, as protected under the First Amendment. The harmful and often violent ideology plaguing our universities is no longer confined to the campus. We are seeing it in K-12 classrooms, health-care facilities, workplaces, unions, other taxpayer-funded programs.

In education, both K-12 schools and universities have become breeding grounds for anti-Israel and antisemitic indoctrination. Under the banner of decolonization or liberated ethnic studies, some curricula portray Jews as colonial oppressors, erasing indigenous connection to the land of Israel, and reframing Jewish identity as inherently oppressive.

For example, in Santa Ana, California, the Brandeis Center filed suit after the school district approved ethnic studies curricula that erased Jewish identity, promoted antisemitic narratives, and excluded Jewish voices from the curriculum process. Steering committee members openly referred to the sole Jewish participant as a colonized Jewish mind and discussed scheduling meetings on Jewish holidays to reduce Jewish participation.

In healthcare, antisemitism is increasingly surfacing under the guise of decolonizing therapy and similar movements. Under decolonizing therapy, this approach to mental health casts Zionism as a mental illness and frames Jewish identity as a symptom of colonial privilege, marginalizing Jewish patients and professionals alike.

In one case, a Jewish patient was denied a prenatal appointment after the provider described Israel as a colonial oppressor. Another patient reported that her therapist equated Jewish identity with White supremacy.

In view of all of this, I am grateful both for the whole-of-government approach of the Trump Administration and the whole-of-the-Congress approach of this Congress and urge both additional legislation, both to implement the Trump Executive Order on combating antisemitism and also additional measures to ensure continued strong enforcement by the Executive Branch.

I thank you.

[The prepared statement of Mr. Marcus follows:]

TESTIMONY OF HON. KENNETH L. MARCUS

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"CONFRONTING THE RISE OF DOMESTIC ANTISEMITIC VIOLENCE: PROTECTING

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BEFORE THE UNITED STATES HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

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CHAIRMAN JORDAN, RANKING MEMBER RASKIN, AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE:

I am honored to appear before you today at this hearing on “Confronting the Rise of Domestic Antisemitic Violence: Protecting Jewish Americans from Anti-Zionist Extremism.” My name is Kenneth L. Marcus. I am the Chairman and CEO of the Louis D. Brandeis Center for Human Rights Under Law, which I founded to advance the civil and human rights of the Jewish people and promote justice for all. Through both education and litigation, the Brandeis Center partners with Jewish students, employees, and everyday Americans across the country to combat anti-Semitism and protect their civil rights under federal law. Additionally, I am a former Assistant U.S. Secretary of Education for Civil Rights, Staff Director of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, and General Deputy Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development for Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity.

I. The Rise of Anti-Semitic Violence in the United States

In recent weeks, America has reeled from a drumbeat of lethal anti-Semitic violence that has surged from campus encampments into the streets, fueled by the same extremist rhetoric and fostered by institutional complacency. The same confrontation between terror and democracy that has sparked war between Israel and Iran now also plays out in the United States, where anti-Israel activists have called for the eradication of Western civilization.¹ Since October 7, 2023, much violence has focused on Jewish targets, but we know that what begins with the Jews does

¹ Ray Lewis, “Columbia University’s Anti-Israel Group Seeking ‘Total Eradication of Western Civilization,’” *New York Post*, August 17, 2024, updated August 17, 2024, 9:02 a.m., <https://nypost.com/2024/08/17/us-news/columbia-universitys-anti-israel-group-seeking-total-eradication-of-western-civilization/>.

not end with the Jews, and we see that what developed on our campuses does not remain on our campuses. This lethal unrest is a threat to all Americans and must be stopped.

In 2025, Jewish Americans are under attack in our schools, places of work, health care settings, and on the streets of our major cities. In April, Pennsylvania Governor Josh Shapiro's residence was set ablaze on the first night of Passover, targeted for being both Jewish and a vocal supporter of Israel.² Here in D.C., two Israeli Embassy staffers were brutally gunned down outside the Capital Jewish Museum by a man shouting, "Free Palestine."³ Earlier this month in Boulder, Colorado, peaceful pro-Israel demonstrators (including an 88-year-old Holocaust survivor) were attacked with Molotov cocktails and a makeshift flamethrower by a man who had spent a year planning an attack on Zionists.⁴ This violence is not occurring in a vacuum. It is the product of a dangerous convergence of anti-Zionist extremism, support for designated foreign terrorist groups such as Hamas, and institutional complacency across key sectors of American life. According to the Anti-Defamation League, there were a record-breaking 9,354 anti-Semitic assaults, harassment incidents, and acts of vandalism in 2024, nearly a 900% surge compared to a decade ago.^{5,6}

² Colby Itkowitz, "Josh Shapiro Details Passover Arson Attack, Condemns Political Violence," *Washington Post*, June 15, 2025, <https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2025/06/15/shapiro-passover-arson-attack/>.

³ Nidhi Prakash, "Shooting in D.C. Jewish Museum Kills Two Israeli Embassy Staffers," *NBC News*, May 22, 2025, <https://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/shooting-dc-jewish-museum-rcna208427>.

⁴ Emily Shapiro and Luke Barr, "Holocaust Survivor Among Boulder Attack Victims: 'She's Victimized Again,'" *ABC7*, June 2, 2025, <https://www.abc7.com/post/holocaust-survivor-among-boulder-attack-victims/16632609/>.

⁵ Anti-Defamation League, *Audit of Antisemitic Incidents 2024*, April 22, 2025, <https://www.adl.org/resources/report/audit-antisemitic-incidents-2024>.

⁶ Meanwhile, FBI data shows anti-Jewish hate crimes jumped by nearly 63% in 2023, reaching the highest level in almost thirty years, accounting for 68% of all religion-based hate crimes. Anti-Defamation League, "New FBI Data Reflects Record-High Number of Anti-Jewish Hate Crimes," *ADL*, press release, May 9, 2025, <https://www.adl.org/resources/press-release/new-fbi-data-reflects-record-high-number-anti-jewish-hate-crimes>.

The roots of this crisis are both global and domestic. Israel's ongoing war with Hamas - and now also with Iran - have emboldened anti-Jewish sentiment worldwide. At home, that sentiment has taken on a violent and organized character. On college campuses in particular, anti-Israel rhetoric has escalated into overt acts of aggression and intimidation. The occupation of Hamilton Hall at Columbia University, for example, was not a spontaneous protest - it was a premeditated and highly organized action, orchestrated by outside agitators and student groups with known ties to terrorist-affiliated organizations. The Brandeis Center recently filed a federal complaint, highlighting that participants established barricades, deployed coordinated communication systems, and distributed materials glorifying violent resistance, all while intentionally creating an environment hostile and dangerous to Jewish students and staff.⁷

One significant and often overlooked driver of this radicalization is foreign influence. For years, hostile regimes, including Qatar and China, have funneled billions of dollars into American schools, often in the darkness, and frequently used to promote anti-Israel narratives and to marginalize or vilify Jews. According to the U.S. Department of Education, over \$14 billion in foreign funds flowed to U.S. universities between 2014 and 2024, much of it undisclosed.⁸ Qatar alone has provided billions to elite institutions which host speakers who glorify terrorism or promote anti-Semitic narratives.⁹ In K-12 classrooms, a 2025 ISGAP

⁷ The Louis D. Brandeis Center for Human Rights Under Law, *Complaint*, filed April 25, 2025, U.S. District Court, Central District of California, <https://brandeiscenter.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/2025-04-25-ECF-No-1-Complaint.pdf>.

⁸ U.S. Department of Education, *Section 117 Foreign Gift Reporting Data* (2024), <https://studentaid.gov/data-center/school/foreign-gifts>.

⁹ Theodore Schwarz and Ari Cicurel, "Explosion in Foreign Funding for American Universities," *Foreign Policy*, March 28, 2024, <https://www.thefp.com/p/explosion-in-foreign-funding-for-american-universities>; Institute for the Study of Global Antisemitism and Policy, "Cornell's Ten-Billion-Dollar Deal: The Political and Educational Implications of Qatar's Monopoly," March 2024, https://isgap.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/Cornell_Ten_Billion_Dollar.pdf; Institute for the Study of Global Antisemitism and Policy, "Follow the Money: The Hidden Flow of Foreign Funds into American Campuses," 2024, <https://isgap.org/follow-the-money/>.

investigation revealed that Qatar-funded materials, used in thousands of schools, erase Jewish indigeneity and frame Israel's existence as colonial oppression.¹⁰ This foreign influence is not just ideological – it's strategic, and it's capturing the minds of the next generation.

What we are witnessing on American campuses is not a collection of spontaneous protests. They are part of a broader, well-resourced campaign coordinated by student activists, external organizations, and aligned faculty networks. As described in our Brandeis Center complaint filed on behalf of Columbia Facilities workers, the violent takeover of Hamilton Hall was premeditated and planned in concert with outside pro-Hamas groups like The People's Forum, Inc. (TPF), which held a strategy meeting just hours before the takeover, attended by over 100 individuals and featuring breakout sessions on "resistance."¹¹ TPF had already played a central role in staging campus walkouts, coordinating media messaging, and amplifying the encampment through social media instructions on how to support it with food, supplies, and legal defense funds. The complaint names professional agitators and affiliated groups such as Within Our Lifetime, WESPAC, and Columbia Students for Justice in Palestine as participants in a broader conspiracy to escalate anti-Israel and anti-Semitic action under the guise of student activism. Similarly, at UCLA, one encampment organized in part by Students for Justice in Palestine created a de facto exclusion zone, where Jewish students were physically prevented from entering parts of campus.¹² Participants used coordinated messaging, occupation tactics,

¹⁰ Institute for the Study of Global Antisemitism and Policy, "New ISGAP Report Exposes Anti-Israel Bias Fueled by Secretive Qatari Influence in U.S. K-12 Classrooms," March 13, 2025, <https://isgap.org/post/2025/03/new-isgap-report-exposes-anti-israel-bias-fueled-by-secretive-qatari-influence-in-u-s-k-12-classrooms/>

¹¹ *The Louis D. Brandeis Center for Human Rights Under Law et al. v. U.S. Department of Education et al.*, No. 1:25-cv-03474 (S.D.N.Y. Apr. 25, 2025), PDF file at Brandeis Center, "Complaint," April 25, 2025, <https://brandeiscenter.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/2025-04-25-ECF-No-1-Complaint.pdf>.

¹² The Louis D. Brandeis Center for Human Rights Under Law, "Columbia University Janitors, UCLA Jewish Community Members Sue Organizations Behind Encampments," press release, <https://brandeiscenter.com/columbia-university-janitors-ucla-jewish-community-members-sue-orgs-behind-encampments/>.

and physical intimidation to advance a hostile agenda. These incidents reflect a national trend toward planned and deliberate anti-Semitic agitation.

Mounting evidence suggests that foreign governments are actively seeking to amplify this unrest, including through covert funding and embedded operatives. Intelligence and congressional investigations are underway.¹³ Last year, former Director of National Intelligence Avril Haines confirmed that “Iranian government actors have sought to opportunistically take advantage of ongoing protests regarding the war in Gaza,” noting that individuals tied to Iran have posed as activists online, encouraged demonstrations, and even provided financial support to protesters.¹⁴ She warned that “Americans who are being targeted by this Iranian campaign may not be aware that they are interacting with or receiving support from a foreign government.” What we are facing is not merely a breakdown of campus governance. It is a transnational campaign to destabilize life in the United States and erode the civil rights.

Mechanisms that were originally created to combat discrimination like Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) initiatives have in many cases been co-opted to excuse or normalize anti-Semitism. At major universities and corporations, DEI programming frequently omits Jews from discussions of marginalized groups, erases anti-Semitism from training modules, and even frames Jewish identity as an expression of privilege or complicity in oppression.¹⁵ This

¹³ Algemeiner Staff, “U.S. Congress Launches Investigation into Outside Funding of Anti-Israel Campus Demonstrations,” *Algemeiner*, May 15, 2024, <https://www.algemeiner.com/2024/05/15/us-congress-launches-investigation-outside-funding-anti-israel-campus-demonstrations/>; JINSA Staff, “Iran Finances U.S. Campus Protests, Top Intel Official Reveals,” *Jewish Institute for National Security of America*, October 2023, <https://jinsa.org/iran-finances-u-s-campus-protests-top-intel-official/>.

¹⁴ Alexa Schwerha, “Iranian Government Funding Anti-Israel Protests, US Says: Top Intelligence Official,” *Campus Reform*, May 2, 2024, <https://www.campusreform.org/article/iranian-government-funding-anti-israel-protests-us-says-top-intelligence-official-/25859>.

¹⁵ Ben Cohen, “Jewish Legal Group Urges Trump to Investigate DEI Programs in K–12 Schools for Promoting Antisemitism,” *New York Post*, January 2025, <https://brandeiscenter.com/jewish-legal-group-urges-trump-to-investigate-dei-programs-in-k-12-schools-for-promoting-antisemitism-new-york-post/>.

framework often collapses into centuries-old stereotypes of Jewish power, conspiracy, and control, recasting Jews as oppressors or even white supremacists. In systems that rigidly divide people into categories of oppressor and oppressed, Jews are routinely mischaracterized based on anti-Semitic tropes. As a result, Jewish individuals are not only left out of civil rights protections; Jews are excluded and harassed by the very structures designed to ensure inclusion.

Let me be clear: nothing in this testimony is intended to restrict legitimate free speech. Criticism of any government, including Israel's, is protected under the First Amendment. But speech that crosses the line into targeted harassment, incitement to violence, or material support for terrorism is not protected, and it must be treated as a civil rights or law enforcement matter.

The harmful and often violent ideology plaguing universities is no longer confined to the campus - it has seeped into K-12 classrooms, healthcare facilities, workplaces, unions, and even taxpayer-funded programs. To understand the scale and urgency of this crisis, we must examine how anti-Zionist anti-Semitism is metastasizing across critical sectors of American society, often under the radar of traditional civil rights enforcement mechanisms.

In education, both K-12 schools and universities have become breeding grounds for anti-Israel and anti-Semitic indoctrination. Under the banner of "decolonization" or "liberated ethnic studies," curricula increasingly portray Jews as colonial oppressors, erasing their indigenous connection to the Land of Israel and reframing Jewish identity as inherently oppressive. This false narrative does more than distort history, it actively legitimizes violence and social exclusion against Jewish students. On college campuses, anti-Zionist ideology is often embedded within official programming, residence life training, and even faculty instruction. In K-12 settings, students report being penalized for expressing pro-Israel viewpoints or facing harassment without meaningful intervention. For example, in Santa Ana, California, the Brandeis Center

filed suit after the school district approved ethnic studies curricula that erased Jewish identity, promoted anti-Semitic narratives, and excluded Jewish voices from the curriculum process. Steering committee members openly stated that “Jews are not oppressed,” referred to the sole Jewish participant as a “colonized Jewish mind” and a “f---ing baby,” and discussed scheduling meetings on Jewish holidays to reduce Jewish participation.¹⁶ In Berkeley, the Brandeis Center filed a federal complaint documenting pervasive anti-Semitic harassment across multiple schools. Jewish students were subjected to slurs like ‘kill the Jews,’ asked what their Holocaust tattoo numbers were, and had classroom posters targeting them (such as “Stop Bombing Babies”) displayed directly outside their doors. Many students reported hiding their Jewish identity out of fear. These are not isolated incidents. they reflect a systemic failure by school districts to protect Jewish students from escalating anti-Zionist hostility and harassment.¹⁷

In healthcare, anti-Semitism is increasingly surfacing under the guise of “social justice” or “decolonial” frameworks, most notably in so-called *Decolonizing Therapy*, a pseudo-scientific approach that redefines mental health through a politicized, anti-Zionist lens. This model routinely casts Zionism as pathology and frames Jewish identity as a symptom of colonial privilege, marginalizing Jewish patients and professionals alike.¹⁸ A recent letter to Congress from the Jewish Federations highlighted multiple alarming examples.¹⁹ In one case, a Jewish

¹⁶ The Louis D. Brandeis Center for Human Rights Under Law, *Petition for Administrative Review and Enforcement Action*, filed November 2023, <https://brandeiscenter.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/final-petition-as-filed-1.pdf>; The Louis D. Brandeis Center for Human Rights Under Law, “Santa Ana Unified School District Agrees to Overhaul Curriculum Process Following Settlement,” press release, February 20, 2025, <https://brandeiscenter.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/SAUSD-Press-Release-2.20.25.pdf>.

¹⁷ The Louis D. Brandeis Center for Human Rights Under Law, “Legal Claims Against Berkeley Unified School District,” press release, <https://brandeiscenter.com/legal-claims-against-berkeley-unified-school-district/>.

¹⁸ Adam Decker, “Introducing Decolonisation Therapy: The Pseudoscience That Seeks to Erase Your Zionism,” *The Jewish Chronicle*, April 4, 2025, <https://www.thejc.com/opinion/introducing-decolonisation-therapy-the-pseudoscience-that-seeks-to-erase-your-zionism-kk5xhh2a>.

¹⁹ Jewish Federations of North America, “Jewish Federations Urge Congress to Investigate Healthcare Antisemitism,” press release, <https://www.jewishfederations.org/fedworld/jewish-federations-urge-congress-to-investigate-healthcare-antisemitism>.

patient was denied a prenatal appointment after the provider described Israel as a “colonial oppressor.” Another patient reported that her therapist equated Jewish identity with “white supremacy.” A public health clinic in one county was found promoting Gaza-focused political messaging, compromising the expectation of neutral, unbiased care. These incidents reflect a troubling trend in which political ideology is allowed to override professional ethics and civil rights protections.

In the workplace, major employers have failed to protect Jewish employees from harassment, exclusion, and retaliation tied to anti-Zionist hostility. Last month, the Brandeis Center sent a letter to Microsoft, detailing how the company supports nine identity-based Employee Resource Groups (ERGs) but has refused to approve a Jewish ERG.²⁰ As a result, Jewish employees are denied access to mentorship, networking, leadership development, and internal advocacy opportunities available to other groups. Anti-Semitic comments, including calls to eradicate Israel, have circulated widely on internal messaging platforms, especially during the Israel-Gaza conflict. Meanwhile, the company has failed to recognize Jewish Heritage Month or to avoid scheduling major events on Jewish holidays. This pattern of institutional exclusion fosters a hostile work environment and may violate Title VII of the Civil Rights Act. The EEOC and Department of Justice must act to ensure that employers are held accountable wherever anti-Zionist ideology gives rise to workplace discrimination against Jews.

In labor unions, anti-Israel activism has increasingly targeted Jewish members under the guise of political solidarity. Recently, the Brandeis Center filed complaints with the National

²⁰ The Louis D. Brandeis Center for Human Rights Under Law, “Legal Claims Against Microsoft,” press release, May 14, 2025, <https://brandeiscenter.com/legal-claims-against-microsoft/>; JNS Staff (via *New York Post*), “Jewish Group Urges Trump to Investigate DEI Programs for Promoting Antisemitism,” *New York Post*, April 30, 2025, <https://nypost.com/2025/04/30/us-news/jewish-group-urges-trump-to-investigate-dei-programs-for-promoting-antisemitism/>.

Labor Relations Board and the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission on behalf of Jewish employees at the New York Legal Assistance Group (NYLAG).²¹ Their union, the Association of Legal Aid Attorneys–UAW Local 2325, allegedly failed to protect Jewish members from a hostile work environment. According to the complaints, union leaders resisted NYLAG’s efforts to maintain a neutral workplace and allowed inflammatory materials, such as posters reading “Resisting colonialism is not terrorism” and “Long live the resistance”, to remain in employee spaces. Jewish staff reported feeling isolated and excluded. Rather than addressing the concerns of its Jewish members, the union filed an unfair labor practice charge against NYLAG for limiting political expression, despite growing safety concerns. This conduct reflects a union prioritizing ideological activism over its duty to fairly represent all members. It also raises serious concerns under federal labor and anti-discrimination law. The National Labor Relations Board and the Department of Labor must act to ensure that no worker is coerced into ideological conformity or denied representation based on religion or political identity.

In publicly funded programming, including arts grants, educational initiatives, and cultural institutions, taxpayer dollars have been used (whether knowingly or not) to advance anti-Israel propaganda and anti-Semitic messaging. From museum exhibits to community lectures and academic conferences, government-backed content has, in some cases, elevated speakers who praise terrorism or spread conspiracy theories about Jewish power. Federal funding must never be a vehicle for hate. Agencies must implement rigorous civil rights compliance mechanisms to ensure that all grantees uphold basic constitutional and statutory standards, including protections for Jewish Americans.

²¹ The Louis D. Brandeis Center for Human Rights Under Law, “NLRA & EEOC Filing on Behalf of Jewish NYLAG Staffers,” press release, <https://brandeiscenter.com/nylag-filing-press-release/>.

II. Federal Responses to Rising Anti-Semitism

Given the extraordinary and unprecedented nature of the current crisis in violent anti-Semitism, we have called for an unprecedented and extraordinary response. I want to acknowledge the important efforts already undertaken by the Trump Administration and this Congress to confront the alarming rise in anti-Semitism. Under this administration, the federal government has reasserted leadership through a forceful, whole-of-government approach - mobilizing multiple agencies to respond decisively to anti-Jewish discrimination.²² Following President Trump's Executive Order on Additional Measures to Combat Anti-Semitism, the Department of Justice formed a multi-agency Task Force to Combat Anti-Semitism.²³ The DOJ Task Force has launched investigations into anti-Semitic harassment on numerous college campuses and canceled federal grants and contracts.²⁴ The DOJ has also pursued hate crimes cases with urgency, including filing federal charges against the alleged perpetrator of the terror attack in Boulder.²⁵ The Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights has proactively opened Title VI investigations into anti-Semitism at both universities and K-12 schools — including in cases filed by the Brandeis Center against Yale, UMass-Amherst, Scripps College, American University, and Cal Poly Humboldt, and Fulton County.²⁶ Additionally, the General

²² *Executive Order 14188: Additional Measures to Combat Anti-Semitism*, January 29, 2025, The White House, <https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2025/01/additional-measures-to-combat-anti-semitism/>.

²³ U.S. Department of Justice, "Justice Department Announces Formation of Task Force to Combat Anti-Semitism," press release, February 3, 2025, <https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/justice-department-announces-formation-task-force-combat-anti-semitism>.

²⁴ U.S. Department of Justice, "Federal Task Force to Combat Antisemitism Announces Visits to 10 College Campuses That Experienced Harassment," press release, April 14, 2025, <https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/federal-task-force-combat-antisemitism-announces-visits-10-college-campuses-experienced>.

²⁵ U.S. Department of Justice, "Justice Department Files Federal Charges Against Alleged Perpetrator of Anti-Semitic Terror," press release, May 8, 2025, <https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/justice-department-files-federal-charges-against-alleged-perpetrator-anti-semitic-terror>.

²⁶ The Louis D. Brandeis Center for Human Rights Under Law, "U.S. Department of Education Opens Investigations into Anti-Semitism Complaints," press release, <https://brandeiscenter.com/u-s-department-of-education-opens-investigations-into-anti-semitism-complaints/>.

Services Administration has taken unprecedented steps to review federal funding of universities, including grants and contracts across the federal government.²⁷ Immigration law has been aggressively enforced to prevent anti-Semitic violence by visitors to the United States. These actions reflect a coordinated federal response that prioritizes Jewish civil rights not just as a legal obligation, but as a national imperative.

I also commend this Congress for holding rigorous oversight hearings, holding university presidents' feet to the fire, and allowing victims of anti-Semitism to testify. I urge this committee to advance the Antisemitism Awareness Act of 2025 and thank this committee for passing the DETERRENT Act earlier this year. Legislation aimed at protecting Jewish Americans from harassment, discrimination, and ideological coercion is not only timely - it is essential. Together, these efforts signal a growing recognition that anti-Semitism, especially in its anti-Zionist forms, requires sustained, cross-agency enforcement and strategic leadership at the highest levels of government.

III. The Congressional Role in Addressing this Rise in Anti-Semitic Hate

To meet the scale of the challenge, a Whole-of-Congress approach has been necessary and appropriate, and we have seen its initial successes under Speaker Johnson's Whole-of-the-House strategy. Congressional oversight, including by this committee, has provided crucial transparency and facilitated stronger enforcement. Support for public safety has been crucial.

²⁷ U.S. General Services Administration, "HHS, ED, and GSA Announce Additional Measures to End Anti-Semitic Harassment on College Campuses," press release, March 3, 2025, <https://www.gsa.gov/about-us/newsroom/news-releases/hhs-ed-and-gsa-announce-additional-measures-to-end-antisemitic-harassment-on-college-campuses-03032025>.

Numerous bills have been drafted containing important proposals that would address various facets of the current crisis.

The most important has been to codify the standards for defining and containing anti-Semitism contained within President Trump's Executive Order on Combating Anti-Semitism, particularly in the Antisemitism Awareness Act of 2025. This legislation is essential to ensuring clarity and consistency, and moral courage in how our government responds to anti-Semitic conduct, particularly on college campuses and in K–12 settings.

Congress should consider additional measures to address this crisis. Congress should, for example, require that courts and agencies consider whether an institution has stated its compliance with applicable federal laws and executive orders, including especially President Trump's Executive Order 13899 (on combatting anti-Semitism) when determining whether their responses to anti-Semitism constitute "deliberate indifference" to discrimination and harassment under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act.

Congress, the President, or the Secretary of Health and Human Services should defund *Decolonizing Therapy* a discriminatory framework that politicizes and undermines health care. This ideology, which labels Zionism as a form of oppression, equates Jewish identity with white supremacy, and encourages providers to pressure Jewish patients to disavow their Jewish history and heritage, has no place in publicly funded medical or mental health settings. These practices are legally and ethically indefensible.

Numerous other proposals have been made, many of them good. These include, for example, creating a government-wide coordinator for anti-Semitism enforcement; strengthening Section 117 of the Higher Education Act and expand and better enforce disclosure rules on

foreign contributions, even criminalizing noncompliance with federal requirements for disclosure of foreign funding; tightening student-visa rules for students who endorse, espouse, or otherwise support terrorism; requiring tax-exempt corporations to disclose foreign donations; and withholding government contracts with institutions that boycott, divest from, or sanction Israel.

IV. Final Thoughts

In sum, anti-Zionist anti-Semitism has emerged as a coordinated, transnational threat that endangers Jewish Americans across numerous sectors of society. It is fueled by foreign adversaries, enabled by institutional failure, and cloaked in the language of activism and equity. This ideology is not merely discriminatory; it is increasingly violent, with the potential to kill more Jews on U.S. soil. The federal government must respond with clarity, consistency, and determination to ensure that civil rights protections extend fully to Jewish Americans and that existing laws are properly enforced. I urge this Committee to continue exercising strong oversight, advancing critical legislation, and making clear that anti-Semitism in any form, and from any source, has no place in the United States.

Mr. VAN DREW. Thank you, Mr. Marcus. Mr. Schneider, you may begin.

STATEMENT OF DAN SCHNEIDER

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Thank you. Ranking Member Crockett.

Sadly, this hearing is very timely. We all know the data; we have stories before us. The question is why. Why is there this massive spike in antisemitism?

It is not because of a handful of neo-Nazis in their mothers' basements. We have always had people who hate, who hold hate in their hearts and in their minds. Sadly, we always will. What is the difference and why this spike?

I believe it is because there are a handful or a few of these massive, mega corporations that now create, curate, and distribute information to an unprecedented degree. These corporations are intent on amplifying narratives that harm Jews. Let me be very clear, just as the Chair and the Ranking Member have been very clear. When Jews are attacked, our entire society is hurt.

What are these organizations? Well, they are politicized legacy media outlets, starting with the *Associated Press*. It is agenda-driven publishers, especially Wikipedia. It is Big Tech platforms, including search engines like Google and AI systems. I will point out in particular Microsoft's Copilot.

First, let me address legacy media and the *AP*. When *AP* and its Stylebook create double standards and use those standards to target Jews and to target Israel, it creates license for others not only within its own, on its own payroll, but for other media outlets to attack Jews either through attacking Israel and condemning Jews broadly because of attacks against Israel, or when they fail to identify the reason that there are attacks on American Jews.

Covering stories that ignore why somebody was harmed, why there were massive mobs of people going after Jews after a soccer game. Why a terrorist with a homemade flamethrower was going after protesters in Boulder. When the media fails to cover these stories, it gives license for more people and for hate to grow.

Let me turn to the *Associated Press* in particular. It has a long history. The Nazis allowed the *AP* to stay in its country in the 1930s because the *AP* was willing to comply with the Nazi rules, firing all the Jews on staff and only publishing stories and images that the Nazis approved.

The *AP* Stylebook has very poor definitions of genocide, of antisemitism, and of the Holocaust itself. That is why when there are stories written by the *AP* and by other media outlets it glosses over the harm that is really being caused.

It gives license for people to throw around the term genocide in inappropriate ways that smear both Jews in America and the Israeli Government when the Israeli Government is simply trying to defend itself against terrorism.

Let me point out other media outlets and what they have done. A *Washington Post* journalist recently posted that it is a beautiful thing, 600 Israeli dead. An *NPR* journalist called Jewish people pigs and pointed—and posted, “Let it be a curse upon the Jews and their supporters.”

The *PBS*'s Jeffrey Brown called American Jewish students the face of oppression. A *CBS* journalist asked the question, "Are the Jews human?" *CNN*'s Jessica Dean said that "the Boulder terrorist attack was not necessarily a terrorist attack." I am not sure what she thought it would have been.

For those who are really concerned about genocide and try to flippantly throw that term to blame Israel for defending itself, why are they not asking about what happened in Rwanda? Why are they not asking about what is going on in the Congo? Why are they not asking about what is happening to the Uyghurs in China, where true genocide is taking place?

I also want to turn to Wikipedia. Wikipedia has a long history now. Sadly, it was founded as an online encyclopedia to democratize information. It has instead been hijacked by radicals to promote a radical agenda.

Wikipedia has treated Jews, Judaism, and Israel in abominable ways. It also has a series of blacklists to prevent media outlets on the Right and including pro-Israel and pre-Jewish outlets on the Left. If one wonders what it takes for the ADL and other Left-wing organizations to be banned by Wikipedia, here is the answer: Be Jewish.

Mr. Chair, I have additional information in my written testimony, but I am happy to answer questions.

[The prepared statement of Mr. Schneider follows:]

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Corporatized Antisemitism
(How the Amplifiers of Jew Hatred are Harming America)

Thank you Chairman Van Drew, Ranking Member Crockett and Members of the Committee,

Acts of antisemitism are on the rise, not only in America but across the globe. This hearing is well timed, and necessary, to investigate and uncover the reasons behind this ugly phenomenon.

It is important to keep two things in mind during this hearing. First, like the original blood libel of medieval Europe where Jews were blamed for others' misfortune, antisemitic lies result in real harm. Turning one's hate into action, it turns out, is not that difficult.

Secondly, the people and institutions behind antisemitism usually have a broader goal that reaches well beyond harming Jews. It is part of a larger effort to destabilize Western civilization and undermine political systems built on the ideas of individual liberty and national sovereignty.

Turning society against one of its own ends up harming the initial target while also corrupting the entire body. We must all work together to prevent that from happening to our country.

Since the October 7th atrocities, however, when Iranian-backed members of Hamas stormed into Israel to murder, maim and torture civilians, America has witnessed a massive spike in antisemitism. A clear manifestation of this has been on college campuses where the ignorant and ill-informed have exposed the grotesque ideology that fuels their cause: Jew hatred.

As someone who advocates for free speech rights for all Americans, I want to stress that expressions of ignorance and vile beliefs, while disgusting, are nevertheless protected by the First Amendment. We must, however, distinguish between speech rights versus criminal conduct. The first must be protected; the latter must be stopped.

While we can all point to certain anti-Semites in our country who have a right to speak their filth, it is important to keep in mind that they are not the core problem. In all places and in all times, there have been individuals who hold hate in their hearts and in their minds. Their views only become a serious problem when they take hold in society.

Of course, we know of many universities and governmental bodies that are promoting antisemitism today, including my own alma mater. They are responsible for much of the rise of antisemitism in America today. But I am here to alert you to another set of problematic

institutions, the corporations that are acting as amplifiers of antisemitism. It is through the use of their massive corporate power and their reach into the homes and lives of billions of people that the small-minded are gaining traction.

These malevolent corporate actors can be divided into four distinct and interconnected categories. They are:

1. Politicized legacy media outlets, starting with the Associated Press
2. Agenda-driven publishers, with Wikipedia deserving special attention
3. Big Tech platforms, including search engines like Google, and
4. AI systems, especially Microsoft's Copilot

Companies in each of these categories have amplified and proliferated antisemitism, both before and after the horrific October 7th attack on Israel. Their catastrophically effective methods of reporting and disseminating content have sought to frame the complicated conflict in the Middle East to an oversimplified battle of Israel as the oppressor versus the Palestinian people as the oppressed. It is a narrative created to compel empathy from the American public, but one rooted in antisemitic beliefs.

The binary framing is intended to legitimize attacks by Hamas, a recognized terrorist organization, and twist their genocidal pursuit into one that can be declared righteous by those who hate Jews and oppose the central tenants of Western civilization.

This reductive framing has not only benefited Hamas but, over for decades, has also been weaponized by evil individuals to justify attacks on Jews in America. The threat is not theoretical. Before October 7, 2023, the tragic attack on the Pittsburgh Tree of Life synagogue in 2018 claimed the lives of eleven Jews attending religious services. The assailant told officers his motive, claiming that Jews "were committing genocide to his people," a phrase which we continue to see in the mainstream media and parroted across public discourse.

A month ago, a young couple was murdered after attending a Jewish event in D.C., where the shooter chanted "Free Palestine" after the killings. Less than two weeks later, a group of peaceful demonstrators in Boulder, CO advocating for the release of the hostages held by Hamas in Gaza were attacked with Molotov Cocktails by a deranged Egyptian national, shouting slogans such as "Free Palestine" and "End Zionists." These were not Israeli politicians or military members— they were American Jews, worshiping, organizing, and advocating for peace. They had no control over events in the Middle East, yet they were targeted as proxies for a state thousands of miles away.

When the media create a double standard for Israel, or irresponsibly normalize distorted, dehumanizing narratives, all Americans suffer, but Jews pay the price. The consequences are not abstract. They are deadly.

The FBI reported that antisemitic incidents accounted for 68% of religion-based hate crimes in 2023, a 63% increase over the previous year. And since then, the US has seen a 200% increase in antisemitic incidents, the highest ever recorded in our country.

A significant reason for this sharp increase is attributable to some of the biggest distributors of news and information. They include certain legacy media outlets, Wikipedia, many Big Tech platforms and AI systems. They have corporatized antisemitism by amplifying the worst narratives, silencing the truth and ignoring the horrific.

1. The Legacy Media

This unholy alliance begins with those who are said to write the first draft of history, the media. For many legacy media outlets, the problem manifests not in overt bigotry, but in framing—what is emphasized, what is minimized, and what is simply ignored.

For example, news coverage of Israel frequently strips context from Israeli actions while providing extensive justification for the actions of its enemies. Reports often fail to name terrorism when it targets Jews. When Israelis are murdered, the victims are sometimes described as casualties of "clashes" or "conflict," rather than as civilians targeted for who they are. Meanwhile, acts of Palestinian suffering—real or claimed—are reported with emotion and immediacy, often without noting the role of Hamas and other terrorist groups in orchestrating that suffering through the use of human shields and embedded military operations in civilian zones.

The Associated Press

I begin with one of the most influential forces shaping journalistic standards in the United States and globally: the Associated Press and its Stylebook. With its power and influence in journalism, the AP has chosen to use its clout to target Jews and the Jewish state.

The AP Stylebook is not merely a guide to grammar and punctuation. It is, in effect, a manual for how language is used to frame reality. Its definitions influence how journalists write headlines, describe events, and characterize people and institutions. When the AP Stylebook fails to define "antisemitism" or "Holocaust" clearly and rigorously—or when it offers vague or selectively narrow definitions of concepts like "genocide"—it provides tacit permission for biased narratives to flourish under the guise of objective reporting.

In practice, the Stylebook has been politicized in numerous ways to achieve a blatantly anti-Jewish narrative.

Antisemitism: A Reluctant and Loosely Defined Entry

For example, despite the globally documented rise in antisemitic incidents, the AP Stylebook has rejected the robust and unambiguous definition of antisemitism that most follow. Even

though the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) definition of antisemitism has been embraced by our own government, by dozens of other countries and numerous institutions around the world, the AP continues to shun it. Instead, its treatment of the term "antisemitism" is minimal, imprecise, and lacking in historical context or operational clarity.

This omission is not accidental—it is purposeful. By avoiding defining the term in any meaningful way, the AP implicitly allows its reporters, and thousands of others who follow the Stylebook, to ignore the ugly reality before them or to use the term for their own ends. Reporters are given license to label a Holocaust-denial rally merely as people exercising free speech rights, or to characterize anti-Israel incitement or attacks on Jewish students as "political speech" or "criticism of American policy." This ambiguity leaves ample room for personal or ideological bias to seep into supposedly neutral reporting.

The AP's Sordid History

The AP's history of siding with the worst authoritarians and ugliest regimes against the Jewish people support the proposition that its failure to properly define terms is well thought out and intentional.

For example, the AP was the only major Western news outlet allowed to remain in Nazi Germany, at least until the US entered the war. Other outlets were kicked out, like the Guardian, Wide World Photos and Le Figaro, because they would not compromise their journalistic integrity. The AP, however, agreed to work with the Nazi's, including compliance with the Ministry of Propaganda to publish only Nazi-approved images. In addition, the AP agreed to retain only Nazi-approved staff and collaborators. Of course, the Nazi's required the AP to employ only "racially pure" staff. No Jews or anyone married to a Jew was allowed to remain. Again, the AP complied.

Its treacherous behavior and biased reporting has continued into the present, including its relationship with Hamas itself.

It has been widely reported that the AP shared office space with this modern fascistic terror organization, specifically with its military intelligence unit responsible for electronic warfare against Israel's Iron Dome system. An AP writer who later resigned in protest, Matti Friedman, has confirmed that Hamas's presence in the building was known to the media outlet.

Of course, the Hamas attacks against Israel on October 7th shocked the conscience of everyone who is not deeply antisemitic. But it apparently did not shock the AP's conscience since it published photos taken by its own photojournalists, Hassan Eslaiah and Yousef Masoud, who were embedded with the terrorists on that day. These photographers were not just observers; they celebrated the attacks online, and in some cases, were documented participating in Hamas propaganda events.

The AP nevertheless maintained its relationship with Eslaiah until photos of him hugging Hamas leader Yahya Sinwar surfaced on the internet.

These facts help explain why the AP's coverage of Jews and of Israel is so warped. As its former reporter, Matti Friedman, later explained:

"In my time in the press corps I saw, from the inside, how Israel's flaws were dissected and magnified, while the flaws of its enemies were purposely erased... I saw how a fictional image of Israel and of its enemies was manufactured, polished, and propagated to devastating effect."

Genocide: A Definition Diluted by Political Convenience

Of course, the term "antisemitism" is not the only one the AP twists for its own agenda. How the AP Stylebook defines the term "genocide" is even more troubling. Rather than anchor the term in legal definitions established by international law—such as the 1948 UN Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide—the AP favors a looser, more malleable usage.

It claims to encourage its reporters to use the word carefully, but without providing rigorous criteria. This elasticity has resulted in the media casually applying "genocide" to smear Israel's legal, self-defense actions, while often avoiding the term entirely when reporting on crimes against Jews—whether during the Holocaust, pogroms, or acts of mass murder by terrorist organizations.

This inconsistent application fosters a media environment in which Israel is uniquely vilified and held to standards no other nation faces. It also provides cover for antisemitic rhetoric by blurring the line between legitimate criticism and the demonization of the Jewish state and people.

Holocaust Minimization and Genocide Erasure

The AP's editorial treatment of the Holocaust is indicative of its pattern of euphemizing the most horrific aspects of Jewish history. It defines the Holocaust simply as the "mass murder" of "European Jews." This phrase, stripped of both scale and ideology, effectively equates the genocide of six million Jews with any incident involving the killing of three or more people — the U.S. Department of Justice's own threshold for the term "mass murder."

Like the AP's refusal to define the term "genocide" in its Stylebook, the effective omission is not one of space, but of editorial intent. By refusing to define the terms with the same clarity it applies to other events in human history, the AP softens the ethnic-cleansing aims of Nazi Germany and lays the groundwork for ignoring or minimizing similar crimes against Jews in contemporary coverage.

Sanitizing Terror: The Case of Hamas and Hezbollah

Nowhere is this distortion more dangerous than in the AP's language surrounding terrorism. According to its Stylebook, the word "terrorism" has become too "politicized" to use and should be avoided altogether. Instead, the guide suggests describing specific events — bombings,

shootings, kidnappings — without identifying the ideology or actors behind them. In practice, however, this editorial posture is not applied consistently.

For example, Hamas and Hezbollah — both officially designated as terrorist organizations by the United States, the European Union, and other countries — are never labeled as such by the AP. The Stylebook suggests that journalists may use “fighters,” “attackers,” or “combatants,” but may not use “Hamas resistance,” “Hamas soldiers,” or “Hezbollah resistance” — *except in direct quotations*. Yet, only a line later, the AP encourages referring to Israeli forces as “soldiers.” This discrepancy not only sanitizes violent extremism but also suggests that the Israeli side is the aggressor.

In the AP’s 2024 Topical Guide on the Israel-Hamas war, Hamas is consistently referred to as “militants,” even in the context of the October 7th, 2023 massacre in which over 1,200 Israelis were brutally murdered and hundreds taken hostage. The Guide repeats Hamas-run Gaza Health Ministry death tolls without qualification, while simultaneously failing to provide context or questioning the credibility of the source — a combatant operated by a terrorist group.

Double Standards in Reporting

Moreover, the headlines across AP’s platforms demonstrate yet another deeply embedded editorial bias, consistent with the kind of blood libel that has reliably and predictably resulted in antisemitic attacks on Jews. Consider the following headlines:

- ‘Shocking and Horrifying’: Israel destroys AP office in Gaza
- Israeli strike on a school in Gaza kills at least 27 people, Palestinian health officials say
- More than 55,000 Palestinians have been killed in the Israel-Hamas war, Gaza health officials say

Now consider reality. In the first story, Israel struck a military site, targeting Hamas’s military intelligence unit. Just like how Hamas illegally places its weapons and military personnel in schools and hospitals, it also placed this military unit in a building that the AP knowingly shared with the terrorist organization. The AP missed the real story, its decision to share space with an active military unit of Hamas.

The other headlines reflect an even worse abuse of journalistic ethics because they repeat and spread propaganda from entities known to use the media to disseminate untruthful content as part of a military strategy. The so-called “health officials” referenced in the stories are part of the Hamas government, the same government that uses schools and hospitals as human shields, in violation of international law. Likewise, Hamas’s propagandized numbers have been shown, time and again, to be highly inaccurate and unreliable. But instead of publishing well-sourced stories based on corroborated facts, the AP happily parrots Hamas talking points.

These headlines contrast dramatically relative to AP stories where Jews are the victims:

- Israel, Hezbollah fire exchange kills 3 militants and injures 11 in Israel-controlled Golan Heights

- Arson attack probe at Pennsylvania governor's mansion looking into suspect's hatred of Josh Shapiro
- Apparent Gaza activists hurl paint at homes of Brooklyn Museum leaders, including Jewish director
- Suspect posed as a gardener in Boulder attack and planned to kill all in a group he called 'Zionists'

In the first headline, the reader would never know that the story is actually about Hezbollah using missiles to hit children playing soccer on a well-marked playground.

In the latter cases — where Jews are victims of antisemitic threats or violence — the AP avoids naming antisemitism altogether. If the AP defined the term clearly in its Stylebook, perhaps its reporters would recognize it as it unfolds. Instead, attacks on Jews are described with opaque euphemisms, while actions by Jews or by the State of Israel are rendered in blunt, accusatory language.

Institutional Tolerance for Antisemitism Among Other Outlets

While the Associated Press plays a foundational role in shaping the language of the global media, its distortions are echoed and amplified by other legacy news organizations. Just some of the examples include *The Washington Post*, *National Public Radio (NPR)*, Reuters, The New York Times, and CNN. These are but a few of the culprits, but each has adopted editorial policies and tolerated personnel choices that reflect a dangerous, consistent bias against Jews and the State of Israel.

The *Washington Post* has become an outlet where deeply partisan, anti-Israel, and even pro-terrorist views are not only tolerated but given space to shape mainstream narratives. Just last week, its reporter, Evan Hill, posted real-time geolocation data of the site of an IRGC missile strike — helping terrorist actors to better aim their weapons for improved accuracy. Hill posted the coordinates on his Twitter account, which clearly identifies him as a *Washington Post* employee.

Even more egregious is the *Post's* continued employment of Heba Farouk Mahfouza, a journalist in its Cairo bureau tasked with covering the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Mahfouza has a documented history of publicly supporting violent resistance against Israel. Prior to joining the *Washington Post* in 2016, she posted on social media:

- "If my anti-Zionist views hurt your Zio-Nazi feelings, FUCK OFF & SHUT THE FUCK UP!"
- "Always and forever with the resistance as long as it is against the Zionist entity."
- "And with Hamas and Hezbollah if their weapons are against Israel and not against Arabs like them."
- "'Never again,' said the Zionist settler who is killing Palestinians now in a genocide."

These posts express solidarity with terror groups that openly seek Israel's annihilation. Yet Mahfouza has been assigned to cover Israel and Hamas for one of America's most widely read newspapers. Her role is not neutral — it is propaganda dressed as journalism.

It is unimaginable that a journalist expressing support for ISIS or Al Qaeda would be allowed to report on Middle Eastern affairs for a major American outlet. Yet when the targets are Jews and the enemy is Israel, such sympathies are brushed aside.

Reuters has exhibited similar recklessness rooted in anti-Israel sentiments. In one story about a Jewish politician in Canada, the outlet conflated 75 years of history into one inaccurate statement: "The modern state of Israel was created in 1948 from land that was previously part of Palestine, triggering decades of conflict in the Middle East including the current war that has been raging since October."

Both Reuters and the New York Times also downplayed the murder attempts against Israeli fans attending a soccer match in Amsterdam. Anti-Semitic thugs literally attempted to hunt down as many Jews after the match concluded. Israel called in a rescue mission to save its citizens from the butchery, but Reuters and the Times reported the attempted massacre merely as clashes between soccer fans.

These same two outlets, along with the AP and CNN, employed photojournalists who joined the Hamas terror attack on Oct. 7th. Neither has apologized for its complicity. Indeed, the Times has re-hired a videographer, who has posted praise for Adolph Hitler, to cover the Israel-Hamas war.

CNN also has numerous antisemitic problems it should be accountable for. As documented by HonestReporting, a media watchdog group that tracks antisemitism in the media, one of CNN's journalists called Israel a "Zionist entity" online, while also screeching: "Your precious 'Israel' ... was injecting women of Ethiopian origin with the long-acting contraceptive." The CNN producer, Mohammed Abdelbary, also wrote an article claiming that Israel was engaged in war crimes in Gaza connected to pregnant Palestinian women.

HonestReporting has also reported that another CNN journalist, Richard Harlow, has posted a classic blood libel on social media, that Israel is harvesting the organs of Palestinians and murdering babies.

National Public Radio, funded in large part by American taxpayers, is another outlet where linguistic manipulation and selective framing have become normalized in coverage of Israel and violence against Jews in America.

Following the bombing of a children's playground in Israel, NPR's broadcast and online headline read:

"A rocket attack in the Israeli-occupied Golan Heights killed 12 children on a soccer field yesterday. Israel blames the Lebanese militant group Hezbollah, which denies responsibility for the attack."

There is no moral clarity in this reporting. The use of the term "Israeli-occupied" injects a political judgment into a violent act against children. The phrasing implies that Israeli civilians — including children — are illegitimate in their presence and therefore, implicitly, legitimate targets. Hezbollah "denying responsibility" is printed without context or skepticism, while Israel's account is framed as mere accusation.

This pattern of false equivalency — or worse, moral inversion — is frequent at NPR. Terrorist attacks become "clashes." Kidnappings and stabbings become "violence in the region." Israeli military actions are described as "strikes," while Palestinian rocket attacks are often "responses." The repeated omission of the word "terrorism," combined with politicized geographic references and the avoidance of assigning responsibility to groups like Hamas or Hezbollah, paints a picture of a conflict without aggressors — unless the aggressor is Israel.

2. Wikipedia

Unique among online media outlets, Wikipedia was founded as an online encyclopedia, but one that aggregates the content of others. Because of its noble beginnings, it is often misperceived today as a neutral publisher of information. In reality, it is a significant vector for antisemitic tropes and anti-Israel bias.

Despite its public-facing image, the reality is that its content is disproportionately shaped by editors who persistently and effectively push antisemitic content. But Wikipedia's editors are not its first line of anti-Jewish warriors. Its antisemitism is built into its very structure.

Wikipedia's Blacklists

My colleagues and I at the Media Research Center have previously shown how Wikipedia has systematically blacklisted pro-Israel and right-leaning media outlets while greenlighting the outlets with proven Jewish animosity. Because Wikipedia requires citations to any content offered to the site, its control over the sources permitted to be cited determines the narrative.

Wikipedia leaves no doubt what it wants readers to believe. The objective data tells the story: 84% of left-leaning outlets have Wikipedia's stamp of approval, including every outlet I've already cautioned you about. Meanwhile, neither right-leaning outlets nor Jewish-information organizations are allowed to be cited, with hardly any exceptions.

Wikipedia literally has blacklists to blackball these outlets so that their content cannot be included on its pages about antisemitism or matters relating to Israel or to Jews.

Imagine a Congressional committee conducting a hearing where Members from one side of the aisle are completely banished, and are then not even allowed to enter any opposing material into the record. That is how Wikipedia operates.

Wikipedia's cutting room floor includes influential sources and outlets such as The Daily Wire, Breitbart, Newsmax, One America News, The Daily Caller, and even the Media Research

Center. And while the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) has become overtly political and strayed into various social issues, its work on antisemitism should not be blacklisted by Wikipedia.

But it is.

Meanwhile, left-leaning publications such as Al Jazeera English, Jacobin, Mother Jones, Pro-Publica, NPR, The Atlantic, and The Guardian are deemed "reliable," despite their documented history of inaccurate reporting and anti-Israel bias.

This imbalanced treatment is intentional and tactical. It is a deliberate effort that results in the amplification of antisemitic content online. Several investigations have revealed troubling evidence of organized networks of editors inside Wikipedia working to manipulate articles related to Israel, Zionism, and the Jewish people, pushing a one-sided, politicized narrative. But, I want to highlight the ADL's work for one reason.

If one wonders what it takes for a leftwing organization to be blackballed by Wikipedia, this is it: *be Jewish*.

The Wikipedia Editors

The ADL released a major report earlier this year detailing that over 30 Wikipedia editors had conspired over years to inject "antisemitic narratives, anti-Israel bias, and misleading information" into numerous articles related to Israel and Judaism. The report highlights how these editors removed references to antisemitism, reframed terrorist actions by Hamas as resistance, downplayed violence, and even sought to intimidate others into changing content. The great bulk of these editors, however, were not reprimanded or relieved of their responsibilities. Apparently, crime does pay, at least at Wikipedia.

Very possibly in retaliation for the ADL's numerous investigations, Wikipedia launched a coordinated campaign against it, resulting in its removal as a "reliable source" for Wikipedia articles touching on Israel and antisemitism. Some editors justified this by pointing to the ADL's use of the IHRA definition of antisemitism — the most widely used and accepted definition of antisemitism on the planet — suggesting that the organization is too biased to be cited.

The Wikimedia Foundation, the parent organization of Wikipedia, declined to intervene despite the fact that the debate clearly reflected a troubling double standard: while the ADL was excluded, outlets like Al Jazeera English were not treated as similarly problematic and continue to appear as an unqualified source in articles like "[Israeli–Palestinian conflict](#)."

Meanwhile, Israeli and Jewish organizations routinely face extra scrutiny for alleged bias. This discrepancy underscores how Wikipedia's so-called "neutrality" is often contingent on the ideological leanings of its most active editors.

The issue is even more pronounced in Arabic-language versions of Wikipedia, where editorial oversight is locally controlled and content is often left to activists with a specific agenda. Investigations have uncovered articles that glorify Hamas and terrorist actors as “resistance,” erase Jewish historical connections to Jerusalem and the region, and misrepresent basic historical facts. For instance, the Arabic Wikipedia article on “Jerusalem” is heavily sanitized of Jewish history and presents Palestinian claims as default fact.

Wikipedia as Advocate

As one example of troubling editorial choices, Wikipedia's article on “[Zionism](#)” describes it as “an ethnocultural nationalist movement ... to establish and maintain a national home for the Jewish people through the colonization of Palestine....” It also asserts that early Zionists “wanted to create a Jewish state in Palestine with as much land, as many Jews, and as few Palestinian Arabs as possible.”

This language reflects a specific and contested political framing rather than a neutral, historical explanation.

Such examples illustrate that Wikipedia is not simply a passive participant in public discourse but an active weapon for shaping and sometimes distorting perceptions of Jewish history and the Israeli–Palestinian conflict. Its editorial structure — allowing determined actors to control the content and marginalize mainstream Jewish and Israeli sources — enables coordinated campaigns to promote anti-Israel narratives and to cast Jewish historical connections as debatable or politicized. Without serious scrutiny and reform, Wikipedia will continue to be a primary source of normalized antisemitism and misinformation.

But Wikipedia doesn't just mislead individuals; it distorts public discourse on a global scale. That reach cannot be overstated. Wikipedia's pages routinely top search engine results and serve as a primary source of “background” for journalists, educators, students, and policymakers. Misinformation embedded in its articles does not stay confined to Wikipedia; it migrates into curricula, media reports, and public policy conversations worldwide. In turn, that leads to attacks against Jews in America and other acts of antisemitism.

3. Big Tech Platforms

Big Tech platforms are acutely aware of the role Wikipedia and legacy media outlets play in amplifying antisemitic voices and ideas, but instead of minimizing the reach of these anti-Semites, the platforms often boost them.

As previously explained, the real problem does not lie with individual users who hold antisemitic beliefs. The problem rests squarely on the shoulders of the giant corporations that actively amplify and promote antisemitic tropes, silence reasonable voices, and ignore important stories in favor of false narratives.

Google Leads the Way

As the largest of the search engines, by far, Alphabet's Google has proven to be the worst contributor to the amplification of corporatized antisemitism. And it does so in multiple ways.

It has not always been the case, but in recent years Google has elevated Wikipedia to the top search result for almost all queries by its users, including questions about Jews, Israel, antisemitism and other questions relating to Judaism. The sins of Wikipedia are not merely repeated by Google, they are amplified exponentially by the search giant.

Wikipedia's antisemitic content is algorithmically prioritized by Google to share with its users and presented as truth. Of course, Wikipedia's content is already curated to include the worst antisemitic media narratives and to screen out explanations that are contrary to its agenda.

Another way Google contributes to Wikipedia is through direct financial support. It has donated millions of dollars to Wikipedia and its parent organization, Wikimedia Foundation. In response to the support, Wikipedia posted online, "Google and Wikimedia each play a unique role in an internet that works for and reflects the diversity of its users. We look forward to continuing our work with Google in close collaboration with our communities around the world." This confederation may be good for Google and Wikipedia, but has proven terrible for Jews.

As noted by the Acting U.S. Attorney for D.C., Wikipedia serves as a "platform... to disseminate propaganda and manipulate historical and biographical content" in ways that "affect U.S. national security." Together, Google and Wikipedia skew public discourse, academic standards, media narratives, and democratic policy-making on a global scale.

But Google does not stop there. My colleagues and I have conducted dozens of studies and investigations into Google. The media outlets with the worst records of antisemitism are the ones most likely to be produced at the top of search results. Conversely, the outlets that tend to be most sympathetic to Jews, opposed to antisemitism, and supportive of Israel's right to exist appear far down in search results.

MRC studies on similar issues have shown that users often have to go to the 7th, 10th or even 14th page of search results before finding the first right-of-center media outlet in response to a query. Independent research also shows that rarely does a user look beyond the 7th search result on the first page, let alone any result on the second page. As for the 7th page of search results, they might as well not even exist. But that is the whole goal of the worst anti-Semites: making Jews disappear.

Google's leadership leaves little doubt about its views toward Jews. In the immediate aftermath of the Oct. 7th terrorist attacks against Israel, most Big Tech CEO's quickly issued statements condemning the atrocities committed by Hamas. Google's Sundar Pichai, however, took three full days to issue a meaningless statement to his employees. In it, he acknowledged that "Google has 2 offices and over 2,000 employees in Israel." He continued, "Our immediate focus

since Saturday has been on employee safety." He never once mentioned Hamas, its atrocities, Jew hatred or evil.

While Google and its employees have donated millions of dollars to anti-Jewish causes, one employee deserves special recognition for his antisemitic screed. Kamau Bobb, when he served as Google's Global Lead for Diversity Strategy and Research, posted, "Jews have an insatiable appetite for war." He also discussed Israel's "insatiable appetite for vengeful violence" and an "insensitivity" to the suffering of others. Bobb maintained his position at Google for years, only being reassigned to another Google division *after* the public became aware of his online comments. He was not terminated; he was promoted.

YouTube is Also a Problem

Google's sister organization, YouTube, has only added to the list of antisemitic grievances. As researched and reported by my colleagues at NewsBusters, MRC's online publication covering legacy media bias, YouTube suppressed a video from Sen. Ted Cruz's podcast with Ben Ferguson. In it, the two shared an MRC video that exposed ABC, CBS and NBC for using fake footage created by a Hamas actor named Saleh Aljafarawi.

Of course, it was embarrassing for these media outlets to be exposed for pushing a Hamas narrative without conducting any due diligence (Aljafarawi has over 3.6 million users on Instagram and is a well-known crisis actor based out of Gaza), but the bigger problem is that of YouTube trying to keep the false story alive by silencing the truth.

Big Tech's Algorithms and Their Right to Discriminate

As previously explained, the AP has not provided a real definition of the term "genocide," giving license and leeway for others to gratuitously cast aspersions on Jews. Big Tech appears to have programmed their algorithms to take advantage of the "shouting principle." It appears that the algorithms boost posts relating to "genocide" and Israel, amplifying stories that accuse the Jewish state of atrocities.

The reverse is not true. Posts about actual genocide in the Sudan, the Congo, Myanmar and China are not boosted. In fact, they might actually be suppressed. Jews and the Jewish state are, yet again, singled out for heightened scrutiny.

Big Tech platforms have not only amplified antisemitic narratives, they have engaged in anti-Semitic conduct. They actually assert they can do so with impunity. And shockingly, they actually argue that they have a constitutional right to discriminate against Jews and other people based on their religious views.

Two cases last year make the point. In the NetChoice cases that went before the US Supreme Court, the attorneys for Big Tech's trade association specifically argued that their clients have a

constitutional right to discriminate against anyone, for almost any reason, including on the basis of race, religion and sex.

This is what Big Tech, including the rideshare platforms, collectively argued in the NetChoice cases. Lyft, Waymo, TravelTech and others are members of NetChoice, Big Tech's trade association that brought the suit on behalf of the platforms.

During oral argument, Justice Alito asked NetChoice's attorney whether rideshare platforms had a constitutional right to discriminate on the basis of ethnicity. There have been a myriad of well-documented examples of Lyft and Uber drivers kicking out Jewish passengers -- an unsurprising development seeing as Uber's own spokesperson engaged in bigoted, X-rated burlesque performances mockingly reciting sacred Hebrew texts.

NetChoice's attorney, in both written and oral argument, insisted that anti-discrimination laws could never be applied to rideshare platforms. Through NetChoice, Big Tech has made clear: they believe they have a *constitutional* right to discriminate against anyone (e.g., Jewish people, black people, Sikhs, etc.), even if their discrimination flagrantly violates state and federal civil rights laws.

4. AI Systems

Finally, AI represents the latest and potentially most far-reaching threat when it comes to the normalization of antisemitism. These systems—deployed in classrooms, workplaces, search engines, and content creation tools—are supercharging antisemitism and mainlining it straight into the veins of Americans.

AI is not neutral. Like all technologies, AI reflects the values, biases, and blind spots of those who create and train it. And what it is trained on.

MRC will soon publish a study showing how the Biden administration funded efforts to improperly distort AI programs to silence conservatives, resulting in harm to Jews. Before describing that study, I want to first share the research we conducted immediately after the Oct 7th attacks against Israel.

Google Can't Find Jerusalem

In a report my colleagues and I conducted, we tested Google's AI system, then known as Bard. It quickly named the capitals of all four countries that border Israel, as well as all the other countries on the planet. But when asked about the capital of Israel, Bard explained that it was merely "a large language model" and "not capable of answering the question."

Similarly, Bard easily identified and described the Black Lives Matter movement, the Irish Republican Army, and the Treaty of Westphalia. But it was not able to define "Hamas" or

determine whether it was a terrorist organization. Again, Bard responded that it was not capable of providing those answers.

More recently we again ran this test across six AI systems: Meta AI, Google's Gemini, Microsoft's Copilot, DeepSeek, OpenAI's ChatGPT, and X's Grok. All of the chatbots, except Grok, dodged or provided qualified language. Meta AI, Gemini and Copilot used hedging language, emphasizing that foreign entities dispute Israel's designation of Jerusalem as its capital, as if such a declaration depends on external approval.

Meanwhile, ChatGPT and DeepSeek, the controversial chatbot tied to communist China, offered a more straightforward answer but still qualified their responses with references to the Israel-Palestine conflict.

Only Grok, the AI chatbot owned by tech mogul Elon Musk, unequivocally identified Jerusalem as Israel's capital.

But Copilot Is Now the Worst

Our most recent research shows that Microsoft's Copilot is now the biggest offender when it comes to antisemitism in AI.

For our most recent study, we conducted two different tests to analyze the AI systems. For the first test, we found speeches by well recognized political figures — on the left and on the right — and asked AI to make improvements to them. For the second test, we offered original opinion pieces of our own on the same subject and asked AI to make improvements to them, too.

As an example of the first test, we asked AI to make improvements to Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's September 2024 speech to the United Nations. We also asked AI to make improvements to speeches made on the exact same topic at the same venue by other heads of state, including the Turkish, Iranian, and Palestinian presidents.

All the AI systems provided the requested help, except for Microsoft Copilot which refused to provide assistance in connection with Netanyahu's speech, simply responding, "I can't." Copilot, however, promptly provided helpful edits to the speeches by the other world leaders.

In the second test in which we asked AI systems to make improvements to our own draft opinion pieces, Copilot also stood apart from the other systems and consistently expressed a clear bias against Jews, Israel and other sensitive issues. For example, we asked Copilot to rewrite and improve the following introductory paragraph about the Columbia University Butler Library demonstration.

The latest "demonstration" at Columbia University — an unruly and violent takeover of Butler Library right before final exams — is one in a string of disruptive campus protests that will ultimately yield exactly nothing. One day after the 10/7 savage rampage on sleeping Israeli families, pro-Hamas rallies began to explode across the United States. Participants continue to

shriek about injustices to Palestinians with simplistic chants about annihilating Israel while hiding their identities and seeking immunity for their uncivilized behavior. 18 months into this show, and one president later, they have faced arrest, suspension, expulsion and deportation, while their disgraced universities have fired presidents, increased security, and lost billions in federal grants. And the Palestinians? They have never been further from having a state of their own.

Copilot refused. Rather than clean up the language to make a complex paragraph easier to comprehend, Copilot simply responded:

"Copilot is unable to generate safe, high-quality content for this selection. You might have better luck by selecting different text."

We then submitted each sentence individually to test whether Copilot would rewrite individual sentences, but it again refused.

We then asked ChatGPT to rewrite the paragraph. Not only did ChatGPT rewrite the paragraph to improve clarity and structure, it maintained the same tone.

The latest spectacle at Columbia University—a chaotic and violent takeover of Butler Library just before final exams—is merely the latest in a long series of disruptive campus protests that have achieved nothing of substance. Just one day after the October 7 massacre of sleeping Israeli families, pro-Hamas rallies erupted across the U.S., filled with angry chants calling for Israel's destruction. Protesters conceal their identities and demand protection for behavior that is anything but civil. Eighteen months in, and one university president later, they've racked up arrests, suspensions, expulsions, and even deportations. Meanwhile, universities have suffered reputational collapse, security crises, leadership purges, and billions in lost federal funding. And the Palestinians? They are now further from statehood than ever before.

ChatGPT then asked if it should tailor it for a specific outlet, adjust the tone or add references. We asked it to tailor it for the New York Times. It then returned three sanitized paragraphs, replacing words like "chaotic and violent takeover" with "seizure." It also added a completely new and pedantic section:

The problem is not international sympathy or rhetorical support. It's the gap between symbolic gestures and the requirements of actual sovereignty. Chants and encampments do not create states. Functioning governance, willingness to coexist, and a rejection of terror do. Until that distinction is acknowledged—not only in the region, but by the students and institutions claiming to speak on its behalf—this conflict will remain as entrenched as ever.

Given that this was modeled on language for the New York Times, we wondered if Copilot would finally be able to work with it. We copied it into the same word document with the original paragraph that it initially refused to rewrite. We were instantly given three versions from which to

choose. Some of the changes included changing “seizure” to “occupation” or “incident.” Copilot also tried to improve the New York Times’ last paragraph:

The issue does not lie in a lack of international sympathy or rhetorical support. The gap exists between symbolic actions and the prerequisites for actual sovereignty. Slogans and encampments do not establish states. Rather, effective governance, a willingness to coexist, and a rejection of terrorism are necessary. Until this distinction is recognized—not only in the region but also by the students and institutions claiming to advocate on its behalf—the conflict will likely remain as entrenched as ever.

The ADL Agrees About the Threat of AI

In a 2024 report, the ADL found similar results, documenting widespread antisemitic and anti-Israel bias across leading AI models, including those developed by OpenAI, Meta, Anthropic, and Google. The study found that when prompted with questions about Jews, Israel, or Zionism, these models frequently returned biased, misleading, or inflammatory responses. Some models refused to categorize Hamas as a terrorist group. Others downplayed the October 7th atrocities or framed them in language that suggested moral justification. In some cases, the models gave credence to conspiracy theories, portraying Zionism as inherently oppressive or Israel as a colonial regime—without acknowledging the existence of terrorism, antisemitism, or the historical context of Jewish self-determination.

These are not outlier errors. Our reports show that bias in AI is systemic, stemming from the data these systems are trained on—data that often reflects the same tropes, distortions, and one-sided narratives that already dominate parts of the internet. The problem is compounded when human moderators and developers fail to recognize antisemitism in its contemporary forms, especially when it is veiled as anti-Zionist activism. The result is a new kind of information gatekeeper—one that recycles old hatred under a new guise of machine neutrality.

The Biden Administration Funded It

MRC has uncovered the contracts and internal documents showing that some embedding of antisemitism is not accidental or a mere failure to recognize it. The Biden administration awarded a contract through Sandia Laboratories — the US military’s think tank — to the University of Texas, specifically to program AI to silence right-leaning media outlets, the great bulk of which promote a more accurate explanation of the history of Israel and matters relating to Jews. This taxpayer-funded censorship campaign is intended instead to amplify the same media outlets that I have cautioned you about today for their antisemitic agendas.

In internal communications we uncovered through various open-records requests, we found disturbing comments by some of the project leaders. One, in fact, expressed a desire to try to embed “BDS” principles within AI algorithms.

It appears that corporatizing antisemitism is now in overdrive.

5. What Can Be Done

Most major AI companies have entered into contracts, mostly with the most problematic media outlets I have alerted you to. Congress should subpoena the contracts and determine whether they violate the law.

Exclusivity contracts are designed to harm competitors and are violative of the Sherman Antitrust Act. We have reason to believe that some or all of these contracts between AI companies and certain media outlets run afoul of this law.

At the executive branch level, I applaud President Trump for two executive orders issued shortly after taking office, one that orders his administration to terminate all domestic censorship programs and another that rescinded Biden's AI order.

We at the Media Research Center documented 57 Biden-area censorship initiatives across 93 federal agencies. The Biden censorship agenda was unprecedented in its vastness and in its scope. We are aware that the current administration is working to reverse these initiatives, but there is much work ahead to complete this task.

The Department of Energy must quickly investigate the status of its contracts between the Sandia Laboratories and the University of Texas AI. Similarly, the National Science Foundation's foray into AI should be investigated to determine if it, too, was funded AI developers to discriminate against Americans.

Finally, Wikimedia is a 501(C)(3) not-for-profit. Trump's IRS should investigate it and end its tax-free status if it does not immediately come into compliance with the law. Every federal agency should also terminate all contracts and grants they have been awarded to Wikipedia. American taxpayers should never be forced to turn over their hard-earned income to politicized organizations.

6. Special Thanks

I want to thank some of the organizations and people whose work and assistance are invaluable in the fight against corporatized antisemitism. Professor Thane Rosenbaum is a true leader in this field. His recent book, [Beyond Proportionality](#), is a must read for anyone who sees antisemitism as a scourge to Western democracies.

CAMERA and HonestReporting are both strong media watchdog groups dedicated to educating the public about the antisemitism that lurks in the shadows of so many legacy outlets.

Lawrence Peck and Ido Aharoni give their time and energy freely. They are always ready to lend a hand.

The MRC team focusing on Big Tech censorship and abuse is strong and indispensable. Michael Morris, Gabriela Pariseau, Luis Cornelio, Tom Ohlohan, Catherine Salgado, Heather Hunter, Jerris Jackson, and Danny Plitt deserve great credit for their tireless work. I want to express additional gratitude to Adira Fogelman, Holland Johnson, Jonah Messinger, and Alexia Mentzer whose help on this has been indispensable.

I also appreciate the advice and counsel from Dan Cohen and Yvette Pomerantz. They keep me on my toes.

Finally, without my wife, Denise Cohen, none of this would be possible. She is a true patriot for freedom and for our country. Baruch HaShem.

Mr. VAN DREW. Thank you for your statement, and that opportunity will definitely come to you. Mr. Nosanchuk, you may begin.

STATEMENT OF MATHEW S. NOSANCHUK

Mr. NOSANCHUK. Thank you. Good afternoon, my name is Matt Nosanchuk. I am a former Senior Government Official and Jewish community nonprofit leader. Galvanizing action and developing policy to counter antisemitism has been the central focus of my work.

I want to thank you, Chair Van Drew, Ranking Member Crockett, and Ranking Member for the Full Committee Raskin, for inviting me to testify before the Committee today.

Last month, I attended the opening of a new exhibit at the Capital Jewish Museum, where six days later Yaron Lischinsky and Sarah Milgram were fatally gunned down in an act of coldblooded antisemitic violence. Because the museum is just blocks away from my home, I heard the sirens.

The proximity made one thing devastatingly clear: The victim could have been me. That is how hate violence works. It makes every member of the targeted group feel afraid and vulnerable.

Add to this horror the arson at the Pennsylvania Governor's residence and the firebombing of a demonstration in Boulder. By every measure, antisemitism is still increasing and getting more brazen and violent. According to FBI statistics, antisemitic hate crimes more than doubled between 2021–2023.

Jews are targeted at a rate of 291 per one million people, a much higher rate per capita than any other group. The latest shootings confirm that antisemitism is dangerous no matter where it is tolerated and fueled. From the Right it is well-established that the increase in domestic terror results principally from the actions of White supremacists.

In addition, we see normalization of conspiracy theories and the appointment of antisemites into positions of political power. From the Left, criticism of Israel's policies has at times crossed into antisemitic rhetoric and violence, as we saw in recent months.

Also, when Jews are asked to renounce or check their relationship with Israel at the door to participate in coalitions, civil society is not just failing Jewish community members, they are falling short of progressive ideals of pluralism and respect for difference.

I described in my written statement my role in OCR at the Department of Education supporting the unprecedented number of antisemitism investigations after October 7th. However, by the time a government investigation is warranted, we have missed opportunities for earlier intervention.

America is failing Jews when antisemitic hate is normalized in the public square and tolerated or endorsed by the most prominent national officials. When Nazi symbols and ideas are publicly invoked. When Holocaust education and remembrance are eliminated in our Federal agencies.

When leaders invoke countering antisemitism to demonize other ethnic groups and use Jewish vulnerability to trample on the freedoms and due process rights of any group. When we allow charges of antisemitism to be used as a political wedge issue to sow divisions between Jews and other communities. When we fail to recognize that rising antisemitism is part of a broader rise in hate that

can only be eradicated if we find common cause with other communities.

My message is this: Leaders who respond to rising antisemitism by imposing draconian policies that trample on due process of others, advance anti-immigrant policies, and strip billions in funding from universities do not make Jews any safer.

They undermine democratic institutions and norms under which Jews and other groups have thrived, and they actually make antisemitism worse by justifying these measures in the name of combating antisemitism, putting Jews in the position of being scapegoated.

By contrast, I commend Chair Van Drew and his co-sponsors for passing House Resolution 481, which focused on condemning violent antisemitism, not scoring partisan political points.

We will succeed only if we recognize that antisemitism is antisemitism wherever it originates on the ideological spectrum, and focus not on fearmongering, but on effective strategies that bring communities together to fight it.

First, government leaders need to speak out and condemn antisemitism from wherever it emanates. Second, continue implementation of the national strategy to counter antisemitism.

For example, restore critical funding for hate crime prevention grants that were terminated and funding for the Justice Department's community relations service. Fully fund OCR and restore the expertise that has been lost through the mass layoffs and closure of regional offices.

Expand Holocaust education and antisemitism awareness programs. Work with social media companies to address antisemitic conspiracy theories and incitement.

Antisemitism is a clear and present danger to Jews and to America's values, but we must fight it in a way that strengthens rather than weakens the democratic institutions that have been the foundation of Jewish safety and belonging in America.

Thank you for your attention to this critical issue. I look forward to your questions.

[The prepared statement of Mr. Nosanchuk follows:]

Written Testimony of Mathew S. Nosanchuk**“Rising Threat: America's Battle Against Antisemitic Terror”
Subcommittee on Oversight
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Good afternoon. My name is Matt Nosanchuk. I want to thank you, Chairman Van Drew and Ranking Member Crockett for inviting me to testify before the Committee today.

Last month, I attended the opening of a new exhibit at the Capital Jewish Museum in Washington, D.C. Just six days later—Yaron Lischinsky and Sarah Lynn Milgrim—who were attending an event there hosted by the American Jewish Committee, were fatally gunned down in an act of cold-blooded antisemitic violence. Because the museum is only a few blocks from my home, I heard the sirens as first responders sped to the museum. The proximity of this tragedy in both space and time made one thing devastatingly clear: the victim could have been me. That's how hate violence works, it makes every member of the targeted group feel afraid and vulnerable.

This attack—along with the arson at Pennsylvania Governor Josh Shapiro's mansion and the firebombing of a demonstration in Boulder, Colorado supporting the release of the October 7 hostages still held by Hamas, reflects an alarming escalation of both the nature and magnitude of antisemitic violence in America. According to FBI statistics, antisemitic hate crimes more than doubled between 2021 and 2023. [Jews are targeted by hate crimes at a rate of 291 per 1 million people](#)—a dramatically higher rate per capita than any other group.¹

My Commitment To Combating Antisemitism

My remarks and recommendations today draw on my experience as both a policy professional in government and as a leader, consultant, and practitioner in the Jewish community—working with leaders and communities to understand and develop responses to antisemitism. Galvanizing action and developing policy to counter antisemitism has been a central focus of my work. I previously served in the Obama White House as liaison to the American Jewish community and as a Director on the National Security Council, in the Justice Department's Civil Rights Division as Senior Counselor to the Assistant Attorney General, and as the founding executive director of a new organization, the New York Jewish Agenda, and on the Nexus Task Force.

¹ The Editorial Board, “Antisemitism is an Urgent Problem,” *N.Y. Times*, June 14, 2025, available at <https://www.nytimes.com/2025/06/14/opinion/antisemitism-jewish-hate.html>.

Most recently, as the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Strategic Operations and Outreach in the Office for Civil Rights at the Department of Education during the Biden administration, I helped mount an unprecedented effort to aggressively investigate and respond to the rise in antisemitic incidents on campuses and in K-12 schools after October 7. Under the leadership of Assistant Secretary Catherine Lhamon, OCR opened and resolved more antisemitism cases for investigation than in any prior administration, specifically securing resolution agreements from more than five times as many schools and school districts than OCR secured during the first Trump administration.²

Threats to Jewish Safety

However, we must recognize that by the time an incident is so severe that a civil rights investigation or criminal prosecution is warranted, our society has failed those who were harmed and missed the opportunity for many earlier possible interventions.

Investigating and punishing the murder of Sarah and Yaron is critical, but it ultimately will keep many more Jews safe if we invest in education and prevention and interrupt bigotry before it escalates.

When the American people see antisemitic hate normalized in the public square, tolerated and even endorsed by the most prominent national officials, America is failing Jews;

When Nazi symbols and ideas are publicly evoked, America is failing Jews;

When Holocaust education and remembrance are eliminated in our federal agencies, America is failing Jews;

When leaders seek to counter antisemitism by demonizing other ethnic groups, fanning fears, and using Jewish vulnerability to trample on the freedoms and due process rights of any group, America is failing Jews;

When we allow charges of antisemitism to be used as a political wedge issue to sow divisions between Jews and other communities, America is failing Jews; and

² The unprecedented enforcement activities of the Office for Civil Rights in antisemitism and other Title VI shared ancestry investigations are described in Office for Civil Rights, Highlights of Activities, Office for Civil Rights 2021-2025, Jan. 2025, available at <https://www.ed.gov/media/document/protecting-civil-rights-109409.pdf>.

When we fail to recognize that rising antisemitism is part of a broader rise in hate in our nation, and eradicating hate is not the responsibility of one community alone, but requires a united effort, we have failed to make Jews and all of our communities safer.

My message is straightforward: Leaders who insist on responding to rising antisemitism by imposing draconian policies that trample on due process of others to advance anti-immigrant policies, strip billions in funding from universities, or otherwise erode democratic norms, are not making Jews any safer. They are undermining the democratic institutions and norms under which Jews and other groups have thrived. They are also making antisemitism worse by justifying these measures in the name of combating antisemitism, putting Jews in the position of being blamed or scapegoated.

We will succeed only if we recognize that antisemitism is antisemitism wherever it originates on the ideological spectrum and to focus, not on fear mongering, but on real strategies that bring communities together to fight it.

In that regard, I commend Chairman Van Drew and his co-sponsors for passing House Resolution 481, which recognizes that “acts of antisemitism—whether expressed through threats, vandalism, or violence—are fundamentally incompatible with the values of the United States and must be condemned unequivocally.” This keeps the focus where it belongs—on violent antisemitism itself, not partisan politics.

The Escalating Crisis

The escalation of antisemitic violence and rhetoric in America has been stark and made an increasing number of American Jews feel unsafe.

- In 2014, a neo-Nazi killed three people at Jewish facilities in Overland Park, Kansas.
- In 2017, white nationalists marched in Charlottesville chanting "Jews will not replace us." President Trump's response, claiming there were "very fine people on both sides," contributed to the normalization of extremist rhetoric in mainstream discourse.
- This normalization had deadly consequences. In 2018, eleven people were murdered at the Tree of Life synagogue in Pittsburgh—the deadliest antisemitic attack in American history. The shooter was motivated by the "great replacement" conspiracy theory gaining traction in far-right circles.
- During the COVID-19 pandemic, conspiracy theories blamed Jews for the pandemic, resulting in physical attacks on visibly Orthodox Jews. Synagogues were defaced with swastikas.
- In 2022, four worshippers were taken hostage at a Texas synagogue by an extremist demanding the release of an al-Qaeda operative.

- These antisemitic incidents are part of a larger rise in hate crimes. The FBI's Hate Crimes Statistics Act Report for 2023 revealed a record high 11,862 hate incidents overall and 2,699 reported incidents based on religion. More than half of these (1,832) were driven by anti-Jewish bias.³

To meet this escalating threat, in the spring of 2023, the Biden administration announced the first-ever [National Strategy to Counter Antisemitism](#),⁴ containing over 100 specific actions organized around four pillars: increasing awareness of antisemitism, improving safety for Jewish communities, reversing the normalization of antisemitism, and building cross-community solidarity. This whole-of-government approach was developed through extensive consultations with a broad range of stakeholders in the American Jewish community. Its release was applauded by Members of Congress and by Jewish organizations across the political spectrum.

Since the Hamas attack of October 7, 2023 and the resulting Gaza War, we have witnessed an increased number of antisemitic incidents and escalating severity in the incidents that have occurred. Perpetrators of these acts have explicitly connected their violence to the Gaza conflict, targeting American Jews based on the view that they are somehow responsible for the actions of Israel's government.

Antisemitism Across the Political Spectrum

Today, antisemitism has spread at both ends of the political spectrum. It is well established that the increase in domestic terror attacks results principally from the actions of white supremacist and anti-government extremists.⁵ Also on the right, we see normalization of conspiracy theories and the ascension of antisemites into positions of political power. We've seen avowed antisemites be invited to Mar a Lago;⁶ the appointment of someone with documented support of antisemites to head the Office of Special Counsel;⁷ the naming of a Pentagon press secretary who shared Neo-Nazi,

³ U.S. Department of Justice, "FBI Releases 2023 Hate Crimes Statistics," *available at* <https://www.justice.gov/hatecrimes/hate-crime-statistics>. This likely undercounts the actual number given that 60 cities with populations over more than 100,000 reported zero hate crimes to the FBI in 2023.

⁴ National Strategy to Counter Antisemitism, May 2023, *available at* <https://bidenwhitehouse.archives.gov/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/U.S.-National-Strategy-to-Counter-Antisemitism.pdf>.

⁵ "The Rising Threat of Domestic Terrorism," *U.S. Senate Committee on Homeland Security & Government Affairs (Majority Staff Report)*, *available at* https://www.hsgac.senate.gov/wp-content/uploads/imo/media/doc/221116_ExecutiveSummary_HSGACMajorityReport_DomesticTerrorism&SocialMedia.pdf

⁶ Maggie Haberman and Alan Feuer, "Trump's Latest Dinner Guest: Nick Fuentes, White Supremacist," *N.Y. Times*, Nov. 25, 2022, *available at* <https://www.nytimes.com/2022/11/25/us/politics/trump-nick-fuentes-dinner.html>.

⁷ Tom Dreisbach, "Trump nominates official with ties to antisemitic extremists to lead ethics agency, *NPR*, *available at* <https://www.npr.org/2025/05/30/nx-s1-5417902/trump-ingrassia-antisemitism-ethics>.

antisemitic conspiracy theories on social media;⁸ and the pardoning of January 6 perpetrators, including one who was wearing a "Camp Auschwitz" sweatshirt.⁹

On the left, criticism of Israeli policies has at times crossed into antisemitic rhetoric and violence, as we saw in the horrific incidents that prompted this hearing. I want to make clear that when Jews are targeted at events that purport to be about solidarity with Palestinians, when Jews are asked to renounce or to check their relationship with Israel at the door in order to participate in coalitions, civil society is not just failing Jewish community members, they are falling short of progressive ideals of pluralism and respect for difference.

Effective Responses Versus Misuse of Antisemitism

During my time at the Department of Education, we worked closely with our administration colleagues to implement the National Strategy and fulfilled OCR's congressionally mandated responsibility to enforce civil rights laws in the nation's schools and other institutions that receive funding from the U.S. Department of Education.

We took unprecedented action to address this crisis. We made complaint filing easier, issued multiple guidance documents to help schools responsible for protecting their Jewish students to understand how the law applied to the types of incidents occurring on college campuses, regularly briefed Jewish community organizations and Congress on our efforts, and, as noted above, resolved more complaints than any previous administration. We did this work despite repeated requests for increased funding going unfulfilled by Congress.

Another of today's witnesses Kenneth Marcus, who headed the Office for Civil Rights during the first Trump administration, discussed with the [Chronicle of Higher Education](#) OCR's commitment during the Biden administration to holding schools accountable for antisemitism:

Marcus said current OCR leadership is treating discrimination complaints from Jewish students as an urgent and important issue, and he applauded that aggressive posture by the federal government.

⁸ Andrew Bernard, "Pentagon promotes press sec who parrots 'neo-Nazi playbook,' AJC tells JNS," JNS, available at

<https://www.ins.org/pentagon-promotes-press-sec-who-parrots-neo-nazi-playbook-ajc-tells-jns/>.

⁹ Jacob Jaffa, "White supremacist and members of neo-fascist group among 'January 6 patriots' pardoned by Trump," *The Jewish Chronicle*, Jan. 21, 2025, available at <https://www.thejc.com/news/usa/trump-pardons-far-right-proud-boys-antisemitism-january-6-s0smrpji>.

"It is clear that they are sending a message to universities that they need to take antisemitism allegations very, very seriously," Marcus said.¹⁰

However, instead of building on this enforcement record and the National Strategy's recommendations, we are seeing a troubling pattern of what [a group of Jewish Senators](#) called "using what is a real crisis as a pretext to attack people and institutions who do not agree with you."¹¹

The current administration has launched frontal attacks on higher education and democratic institutions that have been central to Jewish American identity and success. In the name of combating antisemitism, the administration seeks to withhold billions from universities and deport students for constitutionally protected speech and without regard for their due process rights.

Claiming that combating antisemitism justifies these attacks on democratic norms and due process undermines genuine, needed efforts to combat antisemitism. When the administration claims to fight antisemitism while simultaneously gutting \$30 million in hate crime prevention grants and decimating the budget and staff of the Office for Civil Rights at the Department of Education, it reveals that a desire to score political points takes precedence over Jewish safety.

A [broad coalition of mainstream Jewish organizations](#) recently rejected "the false choice between confronting antisemitism and upholding democracy."¹² As they noted, "Our safety as Jews has always been tied to the rule of law, to the safety of others, to the strength of civil society, and to the protection of rights and liberties for all."¹³

The Path Forward

The effect on Jewish communities cannot be overstated. Synagogues require armed guards. Jewish schools conduct active shooter drills. Parents debate whether to send

¹⁰ Michael Vasequez, "Why Colleges Need to Look Out for 'Hostile Environments,'" *Chronicle of Higher Education*, Aug. 16, 2024, available at <https://www.chronicle.com/article/why-colleges-need-to-look-out-for-hostile-environments>.

¹¹ See Senate Democrats Press Release, "With American Education Institutions Under Attack, Schumer, Blumenthal, Schatz, Rosen, And Schiff Demand President Trump Finally End Weaponization Of Antisemitism And Protect Students On Campuses Across The Country," available at <https://www.democrats.senate.gov/newsroom/press-releases/with-american-education-institutions-under-attack-schumer-blumenthal-schatz-rosen-and-schiff-demand-president-trump-finally-end-weaponization-of-antisemitism-and-protect-students-on-campus-across-the-country>.

¹² "Broad Coalition of Mainstream Jewish Organizations Release Statement Rejecting False Choice Between Jewish Safety and Democracy," April 15, 2025, available at <https://jewishpublicaffairs.org/press-release/jewishcommunalstatement/>.

¹³ *Id.*

children to Jewish summer camps. Many Jews hide visible signs of their identity in public.

This is about whether Jewish Americans can feel secure in a country that has provided unparalleled religious freedom and opportunity among nations in the diaspora.

Using antisemitism to drive an antidemocratic agenda diverts attention from measures that can effectively combat antisemitic terror:

1. **Government leaders need to speak out.** Call out and condemn antisemitism from wherever it emanates on the political spectrum.
2. **Continue Implementation of the National Strategy:** Build on its bipartisan framework rather than abandoning proven approaches.
3. **Restore Critical Funding:** Immediately reinstate the \$30 million in hate crime prevention grants that were terminated and the \$40 million to fund the Justice Department's Community Relations Service, which plays a crucial role in communities resolving hate-based conflict.
4. **Strengthen Civil Rights Enforcement:** Restore full funding to the Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights and restore the expertise that has been lost through the mass layoffs and the closure of regional offices, drastically reduced funding, and the absence of essential ongoing monitoring of many existing antisemitism resolutions.
5. **Enhanced Federal Coordination:** Strengthen information sharing between agencies, law enforcement, and Jewish security organizations.
6. **Bipartisan Condemnation:** Maintain the approach of House Resolution 481. Antisemitism must never become a partisan issue.
7. **Education and Awareness:** Expand Holocaust education and antisemitism awareness programs.
8. **Platform Accountability:** Work with social media companies to address antisemitic conspiracy theories and incitement.

Conclusion

The recent violence represents a clear and present danger to Jewish Americans and our national values. We cannot allow antisemitism to become normalized.

The choice is clear: combat antisemitism through bipartisan action that strengthens our democratic institutions, or watch as the issue is used to undermine the foundations that have made America a beacon of hope for Jews and all persecuted peoples.

As [60 civil rights organizations](#) recently affirmed in a joint statement, we must ensure "that these events—and the legitimate fear in the Jewish community—are not exploited

to justify inhumane policies or to target those who peacefully exercise their First Amendment rights.”¹⁴

We need to prevent the scourge of antisemitism, but we must do so in a way that strengthens rather than weakens the democratic institutions that have been the foundation of Jewish safety and prosperity in America.

Thank you for your attention to this critical issue. I look forward to your questions.

¹⁴ Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights, “Civil Rights Coalition Joint Statement on Antisemitic Hate Crimes,” June 5, 2025, *available at* <https://jewishpublicaffairs.org/press-release/civil-rights-coalition-joint-statement-on-antisemitic-hate-crimes/>.

Mr. VAN DREW. Thank you, Mr. Nosanchuk.

We will now proceed under the five-minute rule with the questions you were eagerly anticipating. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from the great State of Alabama.

Mr. MOORE. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

President Trump established a dedicated antisemitism task force within the Department of Justice and reinforced the Federal Bureau of Investigation's resources and directives to proactively identify, investigate, and neutralize threats against Jewish communities nationwide.

Additionally, the Department of Education Office for Civil Rights is investigating colleges and universities that allow antisemitism to occur on campuses without serious consequences. The President has restricted foreign student visas for Harvard University.

Mr. Marcus, what other actions has President Trump taken so far in this second term that have helped?

Mr. MARCUS. Thank you, Congressman Moore. We have never seen such active, energetic, aggressive enforcement of laws against antisemitism as we have seen from this administration. In addition to the task force efforts that you have seen, I would say first, the Justice Department has engaged in a very serious way, which we haven't seen in the prior administration.

We have seen proactive investigations from OCR rather than waiting for complaints to come through the door. We have seen significant outreach now. We got that from the prior administration also, but we have seen significant outreach. We have seen a much more muscular approach using the whole-of-government, including agencies like GSA that had previously not been engaged whatsoever.

The novel, forceful approaches to deal with the extraordinary crisis that we are now seeing.

Mr. MOORE. Ms. Cooper, how does an open border make America more susceptible to attacks from antisemitic proterror groups? Turn your mic on please, ma'am.

Ms. COOPER. Part of the problem is that we had an open border. We had probably 20 million or more come into our country. We don't know if they are terrorists, we don't know who they are.

We don't know if they are bringing drugs. They don't know if they are trafficking children or women. An open border is probably in large part why we are here today.

Mr. MOORE. You think maybe a lot of the protesters may have come across an open border at some point in the past.

Ms. COOPER. I think so. I would have to say there is probably a good number of people who are here. There is also the problem actually started many years ago. The Jew hatred movement is not just something that has happened since October 7th.

It has been formulated, it has been created in our schools, in politics, and in our social society. It has been a plan, and I think October 7th was really just like the impetus that let the Jew hatred and the hatred of America explode. I don't think it is necessarily related to the influx of immigrants, although I am sure it is feeding into it for the purposes of the illegal activities.

This problem is much, much deeper than just some protests on campus. I am not minimizing anything. I am not minimizing what

happened in D.C., or in Colorado. The problem is much deeper, and it is a little bit like under the surface.

Mr. MOORE. This weekend I was at an event, and it was a group of ladies that leads America. There was a young girl, she was 13 years old, and she called me off to the side.

I could just tell in the education system that she thought the people in Gaza were the good people. I really had to walk her through that process. Having been to the Gaza Strip and been in those tunnels, when you see somebody that will spend a lifetime drilling in limestone rock six inches at a time to kill their neighbors, there is a great bit of hatred there.

I was trying to walk her, but all of a sudden I realized the education system in America is failing American students, certainly in these narratives that they get off the media.

Another question, Ms. Cooper, what are the digital warnings signs? If any were visible from some of the recent attacks, or do you all see those visible warning signs?

Ms. COOPER. Sure.

Mr. MOORE. Is it on social media where these 13-year-olds are going in and seeing that stuff, is that what is going on? Or how—when you see a digital warning sign, what does that look like?

Ms. COOPER. OK, so I want to just address the first question that you said.

Mr. MOORE. Sure.

Ms. COOPER. The 13-year-old isn't necessarily getting the information from social media. Our teachers in K through—not just universities. There is a really deep problem with K–12.

Even starting out in kindergarten, you are getting that false, essentially it is the Hamas narratives that the Jews, Israelis, Israel, basically we commit these crimes or that they portray a false narrative in which Jews, Israelis, the State of Israel are demonized, delegitimized. They are accused of crimes they do not commit.

This has been taught and is being taught right now in our schools. It is not even just limited to the classroom, it is extracurricular activities, it is the unions, both at the K–12 level and at the college level, are insidiously antisemitic. I can go into detail about that, but—

Mr. MOORE. Thank you, Ms. Cooper, please don't, I am out of time.

Ms. COOPER. Yes, yes.

Mr. MOORE. With that, Mr. Chair, I will yield back. Thank you, though.

Ms. COOPER. Thank you.

Mr. VAN DREW. Thank the gentleman. I now recognize the gentleman from the great State of Georgia.

Mr. JOHNSON. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

Ladies and gentlemen, make no mistake about it, hate is on the rise in the United States of America. For the past recent years the Jewish community, the Jewish people have been at the bull's eye of hate.

I want to make a statement today. I stand on the side of my Jewish brothers and sisters against hate and antisemitism.

The Trump Administration and MAGA Republicans have a lot of empty talk about fighting antisemitism. The talk a big game while

they strip funding from the agencies that fight domestic terrorism, pause vital security grants to synagogues and religious schools, and fill Trump's Administration with Right-wing extremists who cozy up to Nazi sympathizers.

The Trump Administration and MAGA Republicans use these empty words because their focus on antisemitism is not actually about the safety of Jews. Instead, they are cynically weaponizing antisemitism to justify anti-immigrant and anti-First Amendment actions that make Jews less safe.

Trump and MAGA Republicans' silencing of free speech and turn toward nativism is bad for Jews just as they are bad for all minority groups who depend on America's robust democracy for safety.

Now, I yield the balance of my time to my friend, Representative Goldman.

Mr. GOLDMAN. I thank the gentleman from Georgia. It is a very important point that the gentleman raises.

Because, as a number of my colleagues on the Democratic side have raised today, the antisemitism that seems to be given permission from this Administration through its hiring of avowed antisemites, and through its defunding of a number of programs that would fight antisemitism, stands in stark contrast to a lot of the rhetoric that we hear.

Now, I am going to do as Mr. Nosanchuk suggested, which is, I will call out antisemitism wherever it exists. It certainly exists on the right.

Mr. Schneider, you are right, that has been there for a long time. We have seen it in circles, Unite the Right, and other neo-Nazi extremist groups.

There is no question that we are seeing a significant rise on the extreme left. I am a Democratic elected official who condemns extremism and antisemitism wherever it is on the extreme Right and the extreme Left, including phrases such as "Globalize the Intifada" or "from the river to the sea," or all sorts of other slogans that are well understood to be antisemitic by Jews.

As a Jew, I can tell you I am sick and tired of being told by others what is antisemitic and what is not. We all need to take a bipartisan view of this, a nonpartisan view of this, if we are going to tackle this problem.

I say that to my Democratic colleagues, and I say it to my Republican colleagues. The reason why you hear frustration on the Democratic side of the aisle here, is because we hear so much lip service from our Republican colleagues about antisemitism, about how terrible the protests are, the rallies, and what is going on in universities. I agree.

Then on the other hand, we see nonprofit security grants funded at \$305 million, which is the same as Fiscal Year 2023, before October 7th, that protects Jewish synagogues.

We are seeing a rise in violent hate crimes now, where Jewish institutions need much more protection. We are not getting it.

We see antisemitism being used as a pretext to go after immigration policy or to go after universities. That has nothing to do with antisemitism.

I concur with Mr. Nosanchuk, and I have said this to the Chair himself, I was very pleased that he introduced a very straightforward resolution condemning antisemitism.

Unfortunately, on that same day, there was another resolution that tried to use antisemitism as a pretext with the Boulder, Colorado, shooting related to some immigration policy.

I look forward, I hope, to having a little bit more time to ask some questions. I really want to take this opportunity to urge all my colleagues, and all these witnesses here, to stop playing the blame game.

Let's focus on antisemitism. Let's put the funding where it needs to be so that we can actually attack the issue. I thank the Chair. I yield back.

Mr. VAN DREW. The gentleman yields back to the gentleman from Georgia. The gentleman from Georgia yields back.

I will now recognize the gentleman from Missouri.

Mr. ONDER. Thank you, Mr. Chair. Thanks to all the witnesses for being here today.

We are holding this hearing today in light of the recent antisemitic violence, including the arson at the home of Pennsylvania Governor Josh Shapiro, the brutal murder of Israeli embassy employees, and of course, the barbaric Boulder, Colorado, terrorist attack that injured 15 people, and even the road rage incident affecting one of our own Members.

Mr. Schneider, has the media accurately reported on the motives of the suspects in these recent attacks?

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Congressman, thank you for the question. One broadly speaking, what the media does is fail to report stories more often than not. When they do report stories, they fail to report the facts.

Mr. ONDER. Or, they report stories that, at their narrative.

Mr. SCHNEIDER. They ignore so many stories and then focus on the things that they want to focus on, oftentimes for a political agenda.

Then, for example, as I previously indicated, when the terrorist in Boulder with a flamethrower attacked Jews who were simply asking for Hamas to return the hostages, so many media outlets failed to indicate this was a terrorist act. They didn't want—

Mr. ONDER. Peaceful protestors, elderly protestors.

Mr. SCHNEIDER. That is right, sir. We see time and again our public broadcasters, *NPR* and *PBS*, time and time again, they will run stories oftentimes with antisemitic tropes over and over.

Ignoring root causes of the war. Ignoring root causes of antisemitism, instead of going after the other side, those responsible for these sorts of attacks.

Mr. ONDER. Yes. If I recall that the media outlets initially downplayed the ideological motives of the attacker in Boulder, Colorado. Am I wrong there?

Mr. SCHNEIDER. This is a consistent pattern with so many in legacy media.

Mr. ONDER. Are there any particular regions or cities where, we know campuses, college campuses, but where antisemitic violence has surged more than others?

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Congressman, I am not aware that there is any particular—

Mr. ONDER. Pretty much everywhere.

Mr. SCHNEIDER. The cities are is worse than others. What we do see, if you look at a map like a heat blister map, you will see that these antisemitic protests or antisemitic empowered protests are all over.

You will see media outlets, large, small, public, private, all employing the same sorts of devices. That is why I really do focus on the *Associated Press* and the *Stylebook* that sets the definition and the tone for so many of these things.

Mr. ONDER. We see that in so many areas.

Mr. SCHNEIDER. That is right.

Mr. ONDER. Gender affirming care, give me a break.

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Right.

Mr. ONDER. It is in the *AP Stylebook*. No, thank you. Ms. Cooper, what do you identify as the key failures of the Biden Administration, regarding the vetting and border enforcement that allowed Mohamed Sabry Soliman to execute a yearlong plot that ultimately culminated in the firebombing in the pro-Israel rally?

Ms. COOPER. I just want to expand on one comment about the—

Mr. ONDER. Please do.

Ms. COOPER. The exacerbation of antisemitism. I don't, it is, I have seen, I know I read recently some report that says that the universities that have chapters of the Faculty for Justice in Palestine, have a far higher incident rate of antisemitism than universities that do not.

Faculty for Justice, the FJP, basically started the month after October 7th. They are essentially the teachers that are involved in the encampments, the protests, they work with the students.

Mr. ONDER. So, yes, I hadn't heard. I heard of Students for Justice in Palestine. The Faculty for Justice in Palestine started shortly after October 7th?

Ms. COOPER. Yes. Correct.

Mr. ONDER. OK.

Ms. COOPER. The National Students for Justice in Palestine, they have various chapters on the campuses that we always read about, which are the SJP, Students for Justice in Palestine.

Mr. ONDER. Right.

Ms. COOPER. The FJP was started to support the Students for Justice in Palestine.

Mr. ONDER. You mentioned the issue of unions in our educational institutions playing a role in the rise of antisemitism. I am assuming, I always like to name names, in K-12 schools, are we are talking about American Federation of Teachers and NEA?

Ms. COOPER. Yes. Then, you are talking about the AAUP on college campuses, yes.

Mr. ONDER. How about the unions? We don't necessarily always consider as being teachers' unions, SEIU and AFSCME?

Ms. COOPER. I am not sure about them. The major unions I know, for example, the NEA, which is like one of the largest unions, they were involved in some recent National Day of Protest. They created the toolkit for it.

Mr. ONDER. Right.

Ms. COOPER. It was for in the name of Palestine, or the Free Palestine movement.

Mr. ONDER. What does a union have to do with that?

Ms. COOPER. Right.

Mr. ONDER. Thank you. I yield back.

Mr. VAN DREW. Thank you, Dr. Onder. I do recognize the gentleman from Florida.

Mr. MOSKOWITZ. Thank you, Mr. Chair. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

I have all sorts of notes on this. I am living it every day now. Every day. To be Jewish in this country now, is an out of body experience on what is going on.

My grandmother escaped the Holocaust. She was part of the Kindertransport out of Germany. Her parents were killed in Auschwitz.

She lost all sorts of other family in Poland. This is not comparable to that. The very beginnings of that are very comparable. Right?

Because you have got to dehumanize them first. Right? You have got to make them others. You have got to make them feel like they don't belong. Right?

You have got to make them feel, you have got to make other people feel. You have got to build coalitions. You have got to build a consensus that the Jews don't belong.

I want to be clear, this theory out there that, oh, you can be anti-Zionist, or you can be anti-Israel and not be antisemitic, I would say that theoretically you could. That is not what is happening. It is not what is happening.

You can absolutely criticize the government. Great, wonderful. We do it here. That is not what is happening.

It wasn't what was happening on university campuses. I went to Columbia, as did Mr. Goldman, during Passover to be with those students. That was not what was happening when they were holding up signs saying go back to Poland. It had nothing to do with Netanyahu.

People were silent. The Jewish families across the country knew the stuff that was going on across college campuses. OK, if that happened with any other minority group, it wouldn't have gotten past lunchtime on the first day.

I have police outside my house 24 hours a day. You think that is because of Netanyahu? Right, my kids have death threats against them.

I had an assassination attempt by a resident. A guy that was picked up, going to go to jail for a decade, right. Had an antisemitic manifesto. My name was the target, was Googling where my wife worked, was Googling wind resistance and distance, had a scope, had a vest, had hundreds of rounds of ammunition, and had a sniper.

I know what is going on in this country. I would tell you there is one thing that is uniting the Left and the Right, and that is Jews.

This is not just a problem on the Left. Go look at what is going on with social media on the woke Right. It isn't just some Nazis in a basement anymore. OK?

Marjorie Taylor Greene is holding up the Antisemitism Awareness Act, because she wants to be able to say that Jews killed Jesus. This is a problem in both of our houses.

Pretending it is not, is one of the reasons why we are not cleaning it up. Because we are just saying, oh, you over there or you over there.

This is not going well for Jews right now. It isn't getting better by the way. We have not yet peaked where this is going to go.

Yes, we can talk about the legacy media all day long, Mr. Schneider. That is not where we are losing the youth of this country.

We are losing them on TikTok, which is owned by a foreign country that the President now has extended beyond what the law has allowed. I don't want TikTok to go away, but I want it to get out of the hands of the Chinese. OK?

They are doing the Nazi playbook. They are dividing us. They are fomenting. They don't need to do it with B2 bombers. That is not what the Chinese plan is.

The Chinese plan is to get us to fighting among ourselves. The Chinese plan is to get us angry and divisive. The Chinese plan is to start with the easiest target possible, and that is us.

Until we stop doing this who did what to who stuff, OK? We are not going to solve this. Jews are losing their usual allies. Those allies that we have had for decades and decades and decades. Groups that Jews have stood up for, we are losing them by the moment, especially among young people.

I am called a foreign asset, right? That I am a foreign lobbyist. I mean, it is just endless. Go look, any post I put up, the hatred and the vitriol that is going on.

I appreciate this hearing, Mr. Chair, but this hearing ain't going to fix shit. OK?

This is a virus that is spreading. Until we are serious about stopping what is going on online and the brainwashing of our kids, this is going to get worse, and more people are going to die in this country, and it is going to be us.

I yield back.

Mr. VAN DREW. The gentleman yields back.

Mr. JOHNSON. If the gentleman would yield for just a quick second.

Mr. MOSKOWITZ. If the Chair would allow me just an extra 15 seconds, Mr. Chair?

Mr. VAN DREW. We will record everything or maybe there will be a chance further on down the road. In all fairness, if I give it to you, then I have to give it to all the Members—

Mr. MOSKOWITZ. I understand. I won't say that was antisemitic.

Mr. VAN DREW. We will be here all—it is not. I think you know—

Mr. MOSKOWITZ. A little humor doesn't hurt. A little humor doesn't hurt.

Mr. VAN DREW. We don't agree. He is a funny guy. I tell him that all the time.

Mr. MOSKOWITZ. A little humor doesn't hurt.

Mr. VAN DREW. He has a great sense of humor in all times and you know that I agree with some of what you said.

I am going to yield some time to myself. Then, Mr. Schmidt, actually you will come in the next round. I want to address some of those things.

I have really attempted to do this hearing in as nonpartisan a way as I possibly can. I would agree with Mr. Moskowitz that there is some fault on the Right.

There is no question. We have some extreme Right wing, and I am conservative. I am a very conservative person. There is no room for this on any side.

Some of the examples that are given of how this Administration is antisemitic, or done the wrong thing by Jews in general, I don't buy that. I really don't.

Let me be clear, some of the government-funded agencies were promoting antisemitic anti-equality, I don't use equity, I use equality, proposals.

Let me be clear, many universities, Ms. Cooper, you and I have spoken about it. My university, I graduated undergraduate, I went to dental school after, but undergraduate, I am just pouring out my heart here, I don't have this all written down.

I went to Rutgers University. I am proud of Rutgers. It is a good school. It is a good public school. Some of the things that are said and are going on, some of the professors that are tenured, you have got to be kidding me.

I would say the same thing to my friends on the Left, on the Democrat side, whatever you want to say, don't tell me that you don't see that, because if you don't, then your eyes are closed.

We have a real problem. You want to talk about a real problem? We have got a real problem in our universities. We have got a real problem in our colleges. We have got a real problem with what we are teaching young kids.

There is a desire to change the fabric and structure of the United States of America. This is one of the number of ways they want to go about it.

Our healthcare system, I think it was Mr. Marcus, I am not sure if Mr. Schneider mentioned, even our healthcare system doesn't really exhibit equality and has gone after Jews.

Some of the DEI policies weren't DEI policies for everyone. I don't even like the policies to begin with. Equality for everyone? Absolutely. Opportunity for everyone.

Some of them were inherently anti-Jewish. Corporation policies, they were actually promoting were anti-Jew, anti-Jewish, and antisemitic. Let's tell the truth. It is telling the truth time.

Media policies I notice this all the time.

I am sorry. I am not trying to be partisan, damn it. I just saw it.

I see the coverage of things. I see it when I am at a meeting, and I understand you should cover both. You should cover the Right. You should cover the Left.

The Universities should cover everything. Allowing hate and venom and a call to violence, some of these young people are influenced by that. The most ironic part of it all, is in these universities and colleges, the very people who are doing the anti-Jewish propaganda would never be anti-U.S. Government.

Recommending, again, it is their right to speak out. To do in a way that encourages violence and pain and hurt, is wrong.

My God, if they were in any of these countries that they are promoting, some of these countries' women can't drive. Some of these countries' women can't show their face. Some of these countries if you are gay, you will be killed.

Let's tell the damn truth, since Mr. Moskowitz wants to tell the truth. I know he does, and I respect him. Let's tell the truth on this.

Mr. MOSKOWITZ. Would the gentleman yield for a minute?

Mr. VAN DREW. In a second. Let's be also clear, we are trying to, and I get you don't like President Trump. I get it. I do. You don't. It is OK. There are differences on the Right and Left, conservative, liberal, Democrat, and Republican.

The statistics that we are using, because it takes a number of years to actually develop them, are not from when he was even in the Presidency. They are from when Joe Biden was the President of the United States.

I am not going to lay that on Joe Biden's feet either. The point is to push that all on President Trump is inherently unfair. So, let's stop it.

I know Mr. Moskowitz, you say that this isn't enough, but damn it, we had to start somewhere. I wish I had more time, because I can't overuse my time either.

Ms. Cooper, I am going to ask you questions really quickly. I just want a yes or no. Are universities that tolerate harassment of Jewish students violating their obligations under Title VI? Yes or no?

Ms. COOPER. Yes.

Mr. VAN DREW. Has the threat environment on campus escalated tremendously, including Rutgers, and I hope somebody from Rutgers, including the new president is watching, since October 7, 2023? Yes or no?

Ms. COOPER. Yes.

Mr. VAN DREW. Has the Trump Administration strengthened enforcement of Title VI through investigations, et cetera? Yes or no?

Ms. COOPER. Yes.

Mr. VAN DREW. Should colleges that allow open support for terrorist groups like Hamas on their campuses be subject to loss of Federal funding? Yes or no?

Ms. COOPER. Yes. More.

Mr. VAN DREW. The consequences of university administrators when they treat chants like, "from the river to the sea," as protected speech instead of addressing them as threats, is that right? Yes or no?

Ms. COOPER. It is not right.

Mr. VAN DREW. It is not right. Should student groups that glorify terrorist organizations, face disciplinary questions and consequences? Yes or no?

Ms. COOPER. Yes. More.

Mr. VAN DREW. Do you believe that some of the current Federal civil rights enforcement tools are too slow or too weak for modern campus antisemitism?

Ms. COOPER. Very weak, yes.

Mr. VAN DREW. OK. Thank you. I yield my time back. Next, we ask the Ranking Member from the great State of Texas, as she always likes to point out, right?

Ms. CROCKETT. Yes. Thank you so much, Mr. Chair. As I was listening to Mr. Moskowitz, it reminded me of the reason that I started off the remarks the way that I did when I talked about being united.

He mentioned the alliances. As a civil rights attorney, you can't come up in the civil rights world and not be told about the alliance that existed, the alliance that has been oftentimes referred to as the Grand Alliance between Black and Jewish Americans.

There is an article that has some really great information in it. What I want to get to is this one part, because I do want to yield more time to my colleagues. It says,

The end we seek is a society at peace with itself, a society that can live with its conscience, and that will be a day not of the White man, not of the Black man, that will be the day of man as man.

This was in reference, this was a quote from Martin Luther King, because Martin Luther King marched with so many amazing Jewish leaders. They came together for the purpose of moving forward in this country.

It was a great Texan that signed the Voting Rights Act of 1965 into law just a few months after Dr. King was quoted as saying this.

The reason that I bring this up, is because when we start to talk about policy, I do want to be clear that this administration has been very clear that it is anti-DEI.

While they have defined things such as DEI, or diversity, equity and inclusion to be basically Black, if you just Google, it will tell you that it refers to the presence of differences among people encompassing various characteristics like age, race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, religion, and more.

The reality is that there was a time in which our leaders understood that marching together for civil rights would somehow lead to the liberty and the freedom of all. That is really where I want us to get, instead of saying that it is OK to love and support one group and hate another.

We need to come together and stand against hate as a whole. I will yield to Mr. Moskowitz.

Mr. MOSKOWITZ. Thank you, Ranking Member. Just 30 seconds. Mr. Chair, I know what is going on in the universities. I promise, I have been there, right?

I know the foreign money that has come into these universities. I know programs that are being taught there. No one is denying that this is the deal. It is by design. It is to go after the youth, right?

It is targeted. OK? Maybe the Left is a couple of years ahead of you. I want you to understand this is not a partisan problem.

What you saw, OK, in this strike in Iran, if you look at social media, I want you to understand that there are a lot of people on the woke Right that it turned out they hated Jews more than they liked the President. They picked a side. That is how much they hated Jews.

It is people, yes, there is all sorts of bots on Twitter. It is people with millions of followers, and they are brainwashing. Now, it is happening on both sides. OK?

You know what is happening? It is coming like this. It starts over here, and then it goes, and then it goes, and then you have consensus. That is where we are headed.

I am not debating with you that you are not correct. I want you to open your mind to understanding that this is a problem everywhere now.

I will yield back.

Ms. CROCKETT. I will yield to Mr. Goldman.

Mr. GOLDMAN. Thank you to the Ranking Member. I will pick up on where Mr. Moskowitz.

Mr. Chair, as you may know, I am the Co-Chair of the Bipartisan Antisemitism Task Force. I will make a deal with you, I will call out all the antisemitism that I see on the extreme Left, if you lead by example and call out all the antisemitism you see on the extreme Right.

Because the more that we go back and forth and accuse the other of being worse, and try to prop up, oh, what this Administration has done on Title VI, or on DOJ, or whatever the litany of questions that you asked Ms. Cooper, the less we are able to tackle the problem.

The reality is that unfortunately, this administration has decided to move its enforcement of Title VI from the Department of Education in OCR, which Mr. Marcus led in the first Trump Administration, and Mr. Nosanchuk was a Deputy in the last administration, and now it is to DOJ.

Now, you can make an argument, as Ms. Cooper will likely make, that this is a stronger cudgel against antisemitism. That may be the case, but it moves a lot slower.

I would urge us to talk about how we can tackle this problem, because it is got to be through both. We need a robust Office of Civil Rights that can move quickly to investigate antisemitism on campus and remedy the problem before we get to litigation, which takes a very, very long time.

What I hope we can do, is recognize that to address the issue on the substance, we have to take the politics out of it. Because yes, you may have Harvard, Columbia, or Penn, and that may get a lot of attention, and it may seem like you are really cracking down on antisemitism.

Mr. Nosanchuk can correct me, there were almost 200 complaints of antisemitism that were filed to the Office of Civil Rights during the last administration. At one point there was an average of 51 investigations per employee, at the Office of Civil Rights. Nobody can do 51 investigations.

Let's get to the bottom of the substance here, rather than try to put one party ahead of the next. I say this as somebody who, like Mr. Moskowitz, is eager and open to calling out the antisemitism that occurs on the extreme Left on campuses.

I will continue to do that. I will be a leader in calling out my own party. We need people on both sides to be calling out antisemitism on both sides in order for us to address this.

I thank you for the extra time and I yield back.

Mr. VAN DREW. Thank you. Rest assured, when I see antisemitism, I am willing to work hand in hand with folks on both sides of the aisle.

Today's attempt, the resolution that I did on the floor, today's attempt as well, there is no doubt that there is fault that can be found on both sides. There is fault on both sides.

I don't want it to be that just everything Trump is bad. Everything Trump is wrong. This all came because of Trump. This came from a variety of things happening at once. It is a very challenging time in America for people of Jewish descent. It just is. It is a serious thing. This is no joke.

I will agree with you that this is no joke. It should be beyond partisanship. We never seem to succeed in Congress to be beyond partisanship. Maybe this can be an example of where we will. I am absolutely willing to give it a shot.

With that, I want to yield to Mr. Schmidt for five minutes.

Mr. SCHMIDT. Thank you, Mr. Chair. I want to thank our witnesses and thank my colleagues for what I think has been a genuine exchange of points of view today.

I have heard a passion on this Committee today that I have not always heard as I have served in the last five months. I am actually grateful for that.

I will tell you, Mr. Chair, as I have heard the most recent discussion here, a particular individual came to mind. This is an issue that is connected to my State.

There was a fellow who was from North Carolina a number of years ago. He had moved to Southern Missouri. He had been in years past, been a member of the White Patriot Party.

He then became a Member of the Democratic Party. He then became a Member of the Republican Party. He then re-registered as an independent.

On the eve of Passover in 2014, he drove from Southern Missouri across the State line into Kansas, went to the Jewish Community Center in Overland Park, Kansas with the intent of killing Jewish people, and shot and killed three people who were present. Frazier Glenn Cross or Glenn Miller, he went by both. He ultimately died in prison in the State of Kansas.

I realized that is not precisely on point. I would use that case to underscore this exchange that I have just heard among my colleagues of goodwill that there is nothing partisan about this on either side of the ledger.

We also just had a very recent case that touched our State of Kansas. Sarah Milgram, who was one of the two young people who were murdered here on the streets of Washington just last month, was a young Kansan.

She was raised in the greater Kansas City area. Was an alumna of my alma mater at the University of Kansas. We have all been touched in our own ways and certainly these are fresh wounds for us in the great State of Kansas.

I'd like to explore an idea with any of our witnesses, but I am going to start with Mr. Schneider. As we have heard the discussion today, the prepared testimony, the back and forth, the questioning, it does seem to me that there is an awful lot of general agreement that we have for Mr. Schneider's testimony.

We have out there both in some of the legacy media, but also, he mentioned Wikipedia and some of the online sources. We have

folks whipping things up either with a specific intent to cause ill action or otherwise.

It becomes difficult when we start talking about what government can do in response, what type of State action may be permissible to respond to even the most atrocious and heinous discussion, whether it is online or otherwise.

I guess I would just ask Mr. Schneider, you have obviously given this area a great deal of thought. Are there things in our current sort of architecture of the First Amendment, either as the courts have interpreted it, or as we have advocated it, that we ought to be focused on, concerned about boundaries, is the architecture suitable for us to do some things in this space?

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Congressman, that is an excellent question. It actually gets to what Congresswoman Crockett was getting to as well.

NetChoice before the U.S. Supreme Court last year, arguing on behalf of these big tech platforms, literally argued essentially a resurrection of an even worse version of the *Plessy v. Ferguson* standard of separate but equal.

These big tech platforms literally are arguing that they have a First Amendment right to discriminate against anybody for any reason. That they have a right to discriminate against somebody if they are Black, if they are Jewish, or for political speech.

This is a dire threat that these platforms think that they are above the law. That they can discriminate for any reason whatsoever. They are.

We are seeing Jews getting kicked out of Uber cabs, and Uber and Lyft, these rideshare companies are in fact, Big Tech platforms. We are seeing people of faith whose accounts are being shut down in the name of Big Tech claiming that they have got the right to discriminate based on faith.

This is one place where Congress can explore, investigate, and push back on Big Tech. These are common carriers. They should not be allowed to discriminate. The State of Texas is doing good work here. Others are too.

Maybe you and Congresswoman Crockett could work together to address this real problem.

Mr. SCHMIDT. I appreciate it, Mr. Schneider.

Ms. Cooper, in the time we have left, you talked a bit about the threats. Can you tell us what type of online threats we are most commonly seeing against the Jewish community?

I asked the question against the backdrop of, in terms of the judicial interpretation of the First Amendment, the speech clause, we have generally seen true threats and incitement as probably the most applicable exceptions, too. What are we seeing and how do they fit?

Ms. COOPER. Every time, aside from like planned events, incidents, et cetera, whenever something big happens, like for example, what is happening right now with Iran.

I can give you a few examples. You see the groups, the most virulent, rabid, antisemitic groups, who are posting things that incite violence, murder, more.

Right now, in the last few days after, initially just a few days ago with Iran, the Palestinian Youth Movement, you need to investigate them. They are a scary group.

They posted, under the guise of immigration also, they wrote, they posted, “we will win.” These are just little snippets that I took.

Then, National NJP posted, “Death to Occupation.” They also posted in a separate post, “the empire will fall from Gaza to Theran.”

Then, they wrote, “The unprovoked attacks by the U.S. and the Zionist army have launched against Iran provide one thing, imperialism in the region will not stop, it is suffocating Palestine.”

Mr. VAN DREW. The gentlelady’s time has expired. Sorry. I recognize the gentleman, the Ranking Member from Maryland, Mr. Raskin.

Mr. RASKIN. Thank you, Mr. Chair. I want to thank my colleague, Mr. Schmidt for his very thoughtful comments.

I have noted that we have been here for a few hours. The three Majority witnesses have not uttered a single word against antisemitic violence and rhetoric on the Right.

My colleague Dan Goldman said repeatedly, he, like all other Democrats, denounce antisemitism on the extreme Left, on the extreme Right. Somehow there is this troubling silence which emerges when it comes to that.

I want to try to get to the bottom of it. I would go—

Mr. VAN DREW. Would the gentleman yield for five seconds?

Mr. RASKIN. Sure.

Mr. VAN DREW. Thank you. I have clearly stated that when there is this kind of behavior on the Right, I am opposed. I have called it out in the past.

Mr. RASKIN. I heard that, and I thank you very much. I was referring to the witnesses and not to you.

Mr. VAN DREW. OK.

Mr. RASKIN. I am very pleased with everything I have heard from the dais today. I am trying to figure out what is going on.

Part of me thinks maybe this is just a partisan problem. That they think that it somehow breaks from Republican ranks if they acknowledge Right-wing antisemitism in America or anywhere else on the world.

What if Joe Biden had invited a neo-Nazi Holocaust revisionist to come have dinner with him and Kanye West? Then, didn’t apologize, say he would never do it again, but that is just accepted as a norm.

What if Joe Biden had found very fine people on both sides of an antisemitic riot call that began with a march in front of a synagogue, 15 minutes from where my sister lives in Charlottesville, with people chanting, Jews will not replace us, Jews will not replace us? Heather Heyer was killed and all we hear from Donald Trump is, “there are very fine people on both sides.”

The worst antisemitic mass shooting in American history in Pittsburgh at the Tree of Life Synagogue, done by apparently a lone ranger neo-Nazi. We get dismissive language, like from Mr. Schneider, saying well, “we really shouldn’t be worried about a couple of neo-Nazis living in the basement.”

I mean, my constituents are afraid to go to synagogue because of neo-Nazis living in the basement, not because of the American Federation of Teachers, not because of the AAUP, not because of the *Associated Press*.

Somehow the people who have great antisemitism detectors in major media institutions can't see what it means to have neo-Nazis at large in America, threatening people's lives. People are afraid. It is costing Jewish institutions a lot of money to try to protect themselves against this.

Mr. Nosanchuk, you were working with President Biden and the White House. I remember clearly the U.S. National Strategy to Counter Antisemitism, actual real steps to move forward.

We couldn't get, forgive me, Mr. Chair, it sounds like a partisan point, I am not trying to make it a partisan point, we couldn't get bipartisan cooperation undoing all these things. I wonder if you would say a word about what is in there?

More importantly, why is it that some people just want to see antisemitism on one side? Whether it is the extreme Right or the extreme Left.

I would go beyond that, because there is antisemitism in the center, in the government. I don't know exactly what Elon Musk is, but that guy used a fascist salute.

When people protested about it, he sent out a text making fun of the whole thing. Some people, he is using Nazi war criminals to make a joke. Some people will Goebbels down anything. Stop Goring your enemies. His pronouns would have been he, Himler. Bet you did Nazi that coming. OK?

So, it is a big joke for Elon Musk. How come we can't get across the board denunciation of that? Why must it be a partisan football?

If you would take a few seconds on that, Mr. Nosanchuk?

Mr. NOSANCHUK. Sure. Thank you, Ranking Member Raskin. First, on the National Strategy, what I would like to say, and I brought it with me as well, because I had an opportunity to both have input into it before it was released in 2023 when I was outside of government, and then, when I was inside of government following September 2023, I was very much involved in implementing it.

It contains more than 100 recommendations for a whole of government approach to addressing the problem of antisemitism. Every agency in the Federal Government that had any stake in addressing the problem, from the Department of Agriculture to the Department of Education, the Department of Defense, and the Department of State, all looked at what they could do to effectively address the problem of that.

Mr. RASKIN. To move forward. Let me intervene here, just to ask you, why is it that groups that are at least nominally organized around antisemitism, will not call out antisemitism in the government, like with Ed Martin, who embraces a neo-Nazi who wears a Hitler mustache?

He defends him. Why can we not get the groups who are nominally organized around this to say anything about it?

Mr. NOSANCHUK. Right. As somebody who was a nonprofit leader in the Jewish community, I was very insistent on calling out antisemitism on the Right, or on the Left, wherever it—

Mr. RASKIN. In the center or in the government.

Mr. NOSANCHUK. In the center for that matter as well. I also said that most of the domestic terror is originating from the anti-semitism on the Right. That is a fact.

When I was in New York, we had instances where there were bomb threats that were foiled, that were White supremacists who were coming into Manhattan to try to blow up a synagogue.

It is critical to be even-handed, as Mr. Goldman said, and as others have said, about calling this out wherever it arises.

Mr. RASKIN. All right. I thank you. I yield back to you, Mr. Chair.

Mr. VAN DREW. Thank you. I recognize the gentleman from the great State of Texas, Mr. Gill.

Mr. GILL. Thank you, Mr. Chair. Thanks for holding this hearing. I agree, wherever antisemitism is found, we should denounce it vehemently.

This is a huge issue that has come up, particularly in the past few years. Antisemitism is rooted not just in an ancient bigotry against the Jewish people, but oftentimes in a movement that seeks to fundamentally unwind civilization, particularly Western civilization.

Of course, our Western civilization that we enjoy, is rooted in Judeo-Christian values, the very cultural foundations that we as conservatives seek to conserve.

Unfortunately, we find too often that there are organizations, particularly and oftentimes on the Left, that are vehemently anti-semitic.

We have seen for years the BDS Movement grow in the United States, a movement that refers to Israel as an apartheid State, refers to their supposed genocide and calls them a settler colonialist State. Refers to them as supremacists.

We have seen the rise in the Students for Justice in Palestine Movement, a movement linked to Hamas that openly, across college campuses after October 7th, praised Hamas and defended them. Making college campuses oftentimes completely inhospitable for Jewish students. Shut them down oftentimes.

Then, we have Code Pink. We saw some of their Members in this room earlier today, a group that is connected to the CCP, that is ostensibly antiwar.

Yet, right after October 7th, the day after October 7th, put out a statement not condemning the genocide of Jews, but supporting the Palestinian movement saying,

Resistance is a human right. The human reaction to being oppressed is to resist. And Palestinians deserve that right just as much as everyone else on the planet.

They went on to say,

Palestinians are confronting the world with their truth, and it is one that should be supported and respected.

That was the day after October 7th.

Then, we have Members of Congress comparing Jews to termites, saying that "Israel has hypnotized the world and calling it evil." Then, of course, shouting the slogan, "from the river to the sea."

There is a leading mayoral candidate in New York right now, right now, who refuses to condemn the phrase “Globalize the intifada.” That is sickening that this is in our political system.

I again, want to thank you, Mr. Chair, for holding this hearing. Mr. Nosanchuk, thank you for being here and for the work against antisemitism that you do. Do you believe that the slogan, “from the river to the sea,” is antisemitic?

Mr. NOSANCHUK. Terms have different meanings to different people. It is clear that some language has now fueled violent attacks on Jews. Those terms must be understood through that lens.

Mr. GILL. Well, do you believe that that phrase is antisemitic, though? I agree we should disagree with the substance of it.

Mr. NOSANCHUK. It depends on the way in which the terms are used. Many Jews hear that as antisemitic. In that vein, they should, people who say it need to understand that this is how it is experienced.

In assessing from a civil rights perspective whether there has been antisemitism, we look to bias motivation. Certainly, language like that can be probative of antisemitic bias.

Mr. GILL. It seems to me a phrase that excludes the existence of the Jewish State would be pretty clearly antisemitic.

Do you believe that the phrase “Globalize the Intifada,” is antisemitic?

Mr. NOSANCHUK. When I hear the phrase “Globalize the Intifada” today, in light of the shooting that occurred at the Capitol Jewish Museum, in light of what happened at Boulder, in light of what happened at Governor Shapiro’s house, there is no question that I experience that as being incredibly problematic.

Mr. GILL. Problematic, yes, I agree. Do you believe that it is antisemitic? Are you willing to condemn that phrase?

Mr. NOSANCHUK. I condemn the use of that phrase, yes.

Mr. GILL. That is great. Thank you. Thank you guys for being here. Thanks, Mr. Chair.

Mr. VAN DREW. The gentleman yields back. I want to thank you all for being here. Time is precious and I appreciate you sharing your time. That concludes today’s hearing. We thank our witnesses again for being here.

Without objection, all Members will have five legislative days to submit additional written questions for the witnesses or additional materials for the record.

Without objection, this hearing is adjourned.

[Whereupon, at 4:44 p.m., the Subcommittee was adjourned.]

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