

THE INTERNATIONAL HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE ALLIANCE
WORKING DEFINITION OF ANTISEMITISM

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

COUNTRIES

Albania
Argentina
Australia
Austria
Bahrain
Belgium
Bosnia & Herzegovina
Bulgaria
Canada
Colombia
Croatia
Cyprus
Czech Republic
Estonia
France
Germany
Greece
Guatemala
Hungary
Israel
Italy
Kosovo
Lithuania
Luxembourg
Moldova
Morocco
The Netherlands
North Macedonia
Philippines
Poland
Romania
Serbia
Slovakia
Slovenia
South Korea
Spain
Sweden
Switzerland
United Kingdom
United States
Uruguay

**GOVERNMENT
ENTITIES, CIVIC
ORGANIZATIONS AND
MAJOR INSTITUTIONS**

United States Federal
Government
Department of Education
Department of State
Senate Bipartisan Task Force
for Combating Anti-Semitism
United States Commission on
Civil Rights

US States
State of Alabama
State of Alaska
State of Arizona
State of Connecticut
State of Florida
State of Idaho
State of Iowa
State of Kansas
State of Kentucky
State of Louisiana
State of Maine
State of Massachusetts
State of Montana
State of Nebraska
State of Nevada
State of New Hampshire
State of New Mexico
State of New York
State of Ohio
State of Oklahoma
State of Rhode Island
State of South Carolina
State of South Dakota
State of Tennessee
State of Texas
State of Utah
State of Vermont
State of Virginia
State of West Virginia
State of Wyoming

LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

California
Beverly Hills
Los Angeles
Manhattan Beach
West Hollywood

Connecticut
South Windsor
Wethersfeld
Mansfield
Farmington

Florida
Bal Harbour
Palm Beach Gardens
Broward County
Juno Beach
Coral Gables
Golden Beach
City of Miami
Doral
Bay Harbor Islands
Miami Beach
North Miami
Miami-Dade County
North Bay Village
Hialeah Gardens
Sunny Isles Beach
Jupiter Inlet Colony
North Palm Beach
Palm Beach County
Key Biscayne
North Palm Beach
West Palm Beach
Pinecrest
Surfside

Illinois
Village of Forest Park
Village of Lincolnwood
Champaign
Rockford

Massachusetts
Peabody
Sharon

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New Jersey

Borough of Woodcliff Lakes
Clinton
Westfield
Scotch Plains
Fanwood
Middletown
Flemington Borough
Highland Park
Mansfield

New York

Glen Cove
North Hempstead
Oyster Bay
Village of Great Neck
New Castle
Nassau County
Suffolk County
Huntington
Southampton
Ulster County
Yorktown

Other local governments

Gary, Indiana
Wichita, Kansas
County of St. Louis, Missouri
El Paso, Texas
County of Arlington, Virginia
City of Bellevue, Washington
Washington, DC

INTERNATIONAL

Canada

Province of Alberta
Province of Ontario
Aurora (Ontario)
Barrie (Ontario)
Brampton (Ontario)
British Columbia
Cote St. Luc (Quebec)
Orillia (Ontario)
Vaughan (Ontario)
Westmount (Quebec)
York Region (Ontario)
Halton Police Board
(Ontario)
Red Lakes Police Board
(Ontario)
Vancouver

Germany

Bavaria
Berlin
Munich Municipality
Borussia Dortmund (BVB),
football team
Daimler AG
Deutsche Bahn
Deutsche Bank
FC Bayern Munich, football
team
German Rectors' Conference
(HRK)
Tennis Borussia Berlin,
football team
Volkswagen

United Kingdom

London Assembly &
Mayor's Office
Scottish Government
Welsh Government
Welsh Police
UK Office for Students
Church of England
Church of Scotland
Church of Wales
Liberal Democrats

The English Football League
(EFL)
The Football Association
(FA)
The Premier League (and 19
of 20 teams)

Vienna, Austria
Paris, France
Aberdeen, Scotland
Madrid, Spain

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**UNIVERSITIES &
ACADEMIC
INSTITUTIONS**

United States

Arizona State University
Brooklyn College (NY)
California Polytechnic State University
California State University, Northridge
Capital University (OH)
City College of New York
Chapman University (CA)
Duke University
East Carolina University
Florida Atlantic University
Florida State University
Foothill College
Indiana University
Kent State University (OH)
Kennesaw State University (GA)
Northeastern University (MA)
Pace University (NY)
Pennsylvania State University
Rutgers University (NJ)
San Diego State University (CA)
Santa Monica College (CA)
Stanford University (CA)
St. Lawrence University (NY)
Syracuse University
Texas A and M University
University of California, Los Angeles

University of California, Santa Barbara
University of California, San Diego
University of Colorado
University of Georgia
University of Iowa
University of Minnesota
University of Notre Dame
University of Pittsburgh
University of Texas - Austin
University of Texas - San Antonio
University of Wisconsin, Madison
Wake Forest University (NC)
CANDLES Holocaust Museum and Education Center
Center for Jewish Engagement and Learning, Indianapolis
Duke University
Florida State University
Georgia Institute of Technology
Hasten Hebrew Academy of Indianapolis
Indiana University
Long Beach City College
New York University
San Diego State University
Stanford University
Texas A&M University
Western Washington University
University of Pittsburgh
Nevada Board of Regents

Albania

Albania Academy of Sciences

Argentina

La Universidad Nacional de Rosario
University of Buenos Aires
Universidad Nacional del Litoral

Bulgaria

National Sports Academy Vasi Levski
Plovdiv University - Paisii Hilendarski
Sofia University St. Kliment
The Southwest University
University of Library Science and Information Technology

Canada

Ryerson University
University of Manitoba

United Kingdom

UK Office for Students
Many more not listed here

Germany

German Rectors' Conference (HRK, the association of German universities)

Australia

Auckland University
National Union of Students
Australia