



**NONE SHALL
BE AFRAID**
FIGHTING ANTI-SEMITISM

Anti-Semitism On Campus

Background:

Anti-Semitism in the form of anti-Israel groups on college campuses has become increasingly more prevalent over the last few years. Too many groups engage in radical behaviors that leave Jewish students feeling attacked and unsafe.

These radical actions take different forms, but they most often include boycotts of Israeli academics or educational institutions or pro-Israel groups on campus, heckling pro-Israel speakers, removing or damaging Israeli flags from displays, referring to Israel as a settler-colonial state and, in extreme cases, attempting to get pro-Israel students banned from joining student organizations or access to campus services.

Groups:

A network of pro-Palestinian student organizations called the Students for Justice in Palestine (SJP) is one of the most prevalent on college campuses. This organization's mission calls for, "ending Israel's occupation and colonization of all Arab lands and dismantling the Wall." The wording of its mission statement contains anti-Semitic language referring to Israel as an occupier and colonizer, and this agenda is pushed throughout all of the local campus organizations. These groups frequently publish anti-Israel propaganda and ally with Jewish student anti-Israel organizations in an attempt to mask their anti-Semitism.

These groups and their actions have emerged from the radical Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) campaigns against Israel. The BDS movement encouraged the implementation of an annual Israeli Apartheid Week, creating conferences or lecture series featuring anti-Israel/pro-BDS speakers, and the boycotting or disrupting of pro-Israel speakers and events. These actions do nothing but further the divide between the pro-Israel and pro-Palestinian movements and undermine the legitimacy of Israel as a nation.

When Anti-Israel Rhetoric Becomes Anti-Semitic:

Political discourse on Israeli government policies is not inherently anti-Semitic, but when the rhetoric demonizes Zionism, it becomes anti-Semitic. Members of SJP and other radical anti-Israel student groups promote anti-Semitic canards, such as comparing Israel to apartheid-era South Africa and Israelis to Nazis. Many American Jews feel strong ties to Israel and Zionism and claims by these radical groups that all Zionists are racists or White supremacists explicitly demonizes those who identify as such. Anti-Israel rhetoric can also become anti-Semitic when pro-Israel students are specifically targeted or prohibited from participating in parts of campus life.



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