

Resolution JYA23-C2: Contemporary Antisemitism

The global Jewish youth, represented at the Jewish Youth Assembly,

Fully aware that antisemitism is an ever-evolving prejudice and hatred,

Deeply conscious of the historic and contemporary connection between “right-wing” antisemitism and “left-wing” antisemitism, and the perpetration by antisemitism of modern political affiliations and the political spectrum which is one of the reasons why both extremist left-wing and extremist right-wing political parties spread antisemitism,

Noting the historical trend of increases in worldwide antisemitic activity when there is tension in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, the Israeli-Arab conflict, and Israeli internal affairs, such as during a time of tension between Hamas and Israel, between 7 May and 14 May of 2021, when 17,000 “Hitler was right” posts have been made on Twitter,ⁱ

Recognizing that one third of Jewish college undergraduate students reporting they have been verbally harassed for being Jewish,ⁱⁱ

Noting a worrying lack of Holocaust education and knowledge in people under 40 and further considering the rise in Holocaust denial and distortion given a platform by social media,

1. **Fully supports** the formal adoption and implementation of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance’s definition and examples of antisemitism, and supports the holistic view of global antisemitism that it gives,
2. **Recognizes** that subconscious antisemitic bias means that even well-intentioned allies can easily be manipulated into believing antisemitic disinformation,
3. **Strongly condemns** the hate against Jewish students and Jewish organizations on college campuses. Moreover, this committee recognizes the double standard on many college campuses against Israeli students that blames them for their nationality rather than seeing them as a person with individual political and social views,

4. **Urges** colleges and universities to pass the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance Definition of antisemitism, and to take concrete actions to combat antisemitism on campus,
5. **Calls on** social media companies such as Tiktok, Twitter, Meta, and Tumblr to regulate antisemitic and hateful content. In addition, this committee recognizes the ways that antisemites have utilized social media algorithms to propagate and normalize realms of hostile ideologies,
6. **Encourages** Jewish institutions and public school systems globally to teach children and teens internet safety and media literacy. This committee additionally encourages efforts made by these institutions to educate about how to recognize dog whistles and hateful content online,
7. **Considers** antisemitism with a holistic view and strongly condemns efforts to avoid taking responsibility for one's own antisemitism by only criticizing certain forms of antisemitism enacted by their political or social opponents,
8. **Supports** the World Jewish Congress in tracking and condemning antisemitic organizations and their members,
9. **Stands with** different marginalized communities and encourages communication and allyship globally.

ⁱ Antisemitism on Twitter: Reactions to Middle East Conflict, Anti-Defamation League, May 14, 2021, <http://bit.ly/3mJBlyw>

ⁱⁱ The ADL-Hillel Campus Antisemitism Survey: 2021, October 20, 2021, <http://bit.ly/3JupwKW>