



Resolution adopting the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance definition of antisemitism

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After a fruitful exchange with the WUJS - World Union of Jewish Students and the EUJS - European Union of Jewish Students in the occasion of the International Holocaust Memorial Day, the Global Student Forum adopts the IHRA definition of antisemitism with all of the related examples, consisting in the following text:

“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.¹

The Global Student Forum therefore declares its full rejection of any discrimination, segregation or ethnic cleansing that is based on the defense of ethnic or religious purity. GSF commits itself to look for a deep understanding and contrast of all populist and xenophobic ideologies and narratives that lead to individual and collective actions and public policies violating human rights, fundamental liberties and the peaceful coexistence with other countries and populations.

As already stated in the [Statement for the Holocaust Memorial Day](#)², GSF renews the commitment of cooperating with Jewish student associations, movements and civil society organisations with the goal of eradicating the spread of fascist, nazi or xenophobic ideas and narratives in our learning environments and societies.

The Steering Committee of the Global Student Forum

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<https://www.holocaustremembrance.com/resources/working-definitions-charters/working-definition-antisemitism>

²<https://www.obessu.org/resources/documents/other/statement-for-the-international-holocaust-remembrance-day-global-student-forum/>