The "Rising Antisemitism Crisis" Hoax

The narrative of Jews as uniquely persecuted is crafted by Zionist groups to inflate antisemitism statistics and conflate criticism of Israel with bigotry to shield the settler-colonial project.

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Another core tenet of Zionism and Jewish exceptionalism alongside Holocaust exceptionalism is the propagation of the notion that Jews are not only the most historically persecuted people, but also the primary victims of contemporary prejudice and hardship. The aim of this framing is to reinforce the idea that Israel is the only true safe haven for Jews, and therefore must be preserved and supported. This narrative, which presents antisemitism as uniquely enduring and ever-escalating, is widely propagated by Western media and, at times, echoed by well-meaning anti-Zionists. Many uncritically accept the claim that Jews today are an oppressed group and that antisemitism is on the rise, yet there is little concrete evidence to substantiate this.

The Israel lobby and “incident” trackers

Prominent media and institutional voices often cite explicitly pro-Zionist sources without critical examination. Organizations such as the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) and American Jewish Committee (AJC) in the U.S., the Campaign Against Antisemitism (CAA) and Board of Deputies of British Jews in the UK, and the World Jewish Congress (WJC) and European Jewish Congress (EJC) in Europe are advocacy groups that use the pretext of combating antisemitism to advance Zionist agendas. These groups frequently commission surveys and reports claiming a global “rise in antisemitism.”




ADL CEO Johnathan Greenblatt with Israeli President Isaac Herzog and Israel's Minister of Defense Israel Katz

The most notorious of these groups is the ADL, an anti-communist organization that supported apartheid in South Africa and opposes intermarriage between Jews and non-Jews, yet masquerades as a "civil rights advocacy group." The organization recently made the bombastic claim that 46% of adults worldwide, roughly *2.2 billion people*, hold significant antisemitic beliefs, more than double their survey from a decade ago, and maintains an "Incident Tracker" logging alleged antisemitic events.

Closer inspection reveals that many reported "incidents" are just criticism of Israel rather than hostility toward Jews. Their incident tracker logs protests, social media posts, and academic debates about Israel as "antisemitic incidents." The ADL's recent reports, for instance, included over 3,000 incidents since October 7, with roughly two-thirds linked to rallies or statements opposing Israel's actions in Gaza. Analyses from Jewish Currents and Mondoweiss have noted that the ADL's methodology has expanded to include virtually any criticism of Israel as antisemitic. Demonstrations organized by groups like Students for Justice in Palestine are often counted as antisemitic. The main point of such manipulative tactics is to artificially inflate the perception of a global crisis.

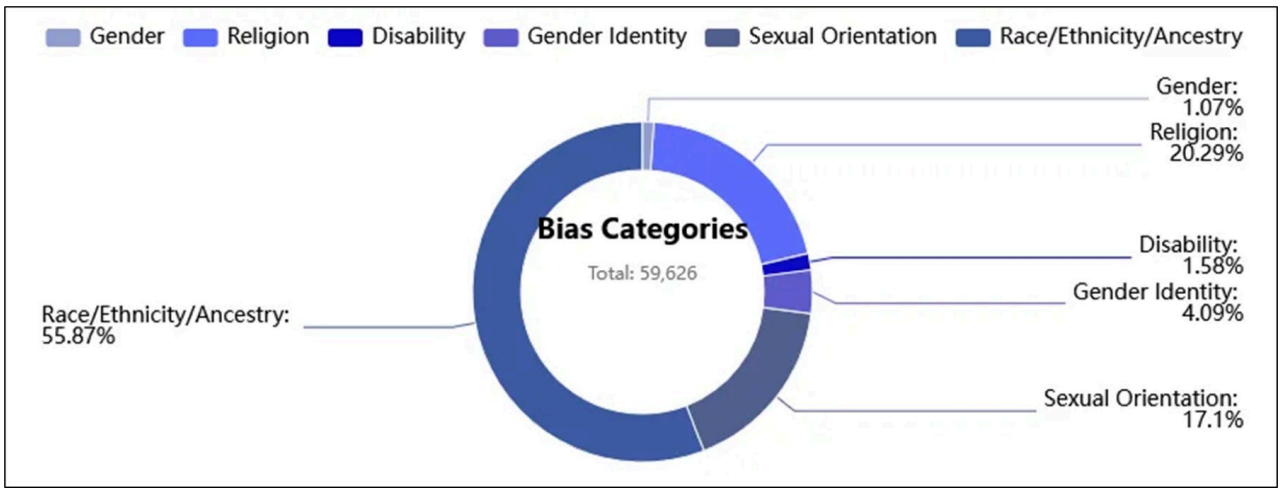
By framing political criticism as antisemitism, pro-Israel organizations amplify fear, portray Jews as perpetually endangered, and justify political and financial support for Israel. The so-called "rise in antisemitism" is less a reflection of actual societal hatred and more a product of a campaign designed to conflate anti-Zionism with anti-Jewish prejudice in the face of a reality where more people are being exposed to Israel's crimes and true nature.

Analyzing the FBI hate crime statistics

Some people rightfully call out these sources for being biased and agenda-driven, and instead point to FBI statistics that show Jewish people over-represented in religion-based hate crimes as evidence of widespread antisemitism and systemic oppression. But a few key things need to

be clarified as this is not a strong argument for antisemitism supposedly being a rampant, pressing issue as it may seem.

First, religion-based hate crimes make up only about 20% of total reported hate crimes between 2020 and 2025. Race / ethnicity-based hate crimes make up over 55% of the total.



FBI hate crime reported by bias categories (August 2020 to July 2025)

Second, this is just 'reported' hate crimes. Studies have shown that trust of the police differs significantly among different groups of people, with white people being far more likely than Black or Hispanic people to initiate contact with the police. Within the US, a staggering 92% of Jews identify as white; with a significant portion of the remainder still identifying as white and another race. Other religious minority groups largely belong to non-White demographics, hence they're less likely to approach the police than White people.

Most Jewish Americans identify as White, non-Hispanic

% of U.S. Jews who identify as ...

	NET Jewish	Jews by religion	Jews of no religion
	%	%	%
NET Non-Hispanic	**96**	**95**	**98**
White	92	92	90
Black	1	1	2
Asian	<1	1	<1
American Indian	<1	<1	0
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	<1	0	<1
Other (single race)	<1	<1	1
White and Black	1	1	<1
White and Asian	1	<1	4
White and American Indian	<1	<1	0
White and Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	<1	0	<1
White and other single race	<1	<1	1
NET Hispanic	**4**	**5**	**2**
Hispanic and White	2	2	2
Hispanic and other/multiple races	2	2	<1
	100	**100**	**100**

Note: Figures may not add to 100% or to subtotals indicated due to rounding. Percentages recalculated to exclude nonresponse.
"Hispanic and other/multiple races" includes those who identify as Hispanic and do not identify with any other race.
Source: Survey conducted Nov. 19, 2019-June 3, 2020, among U.S. adults.
"Jewish Americans in 2020"

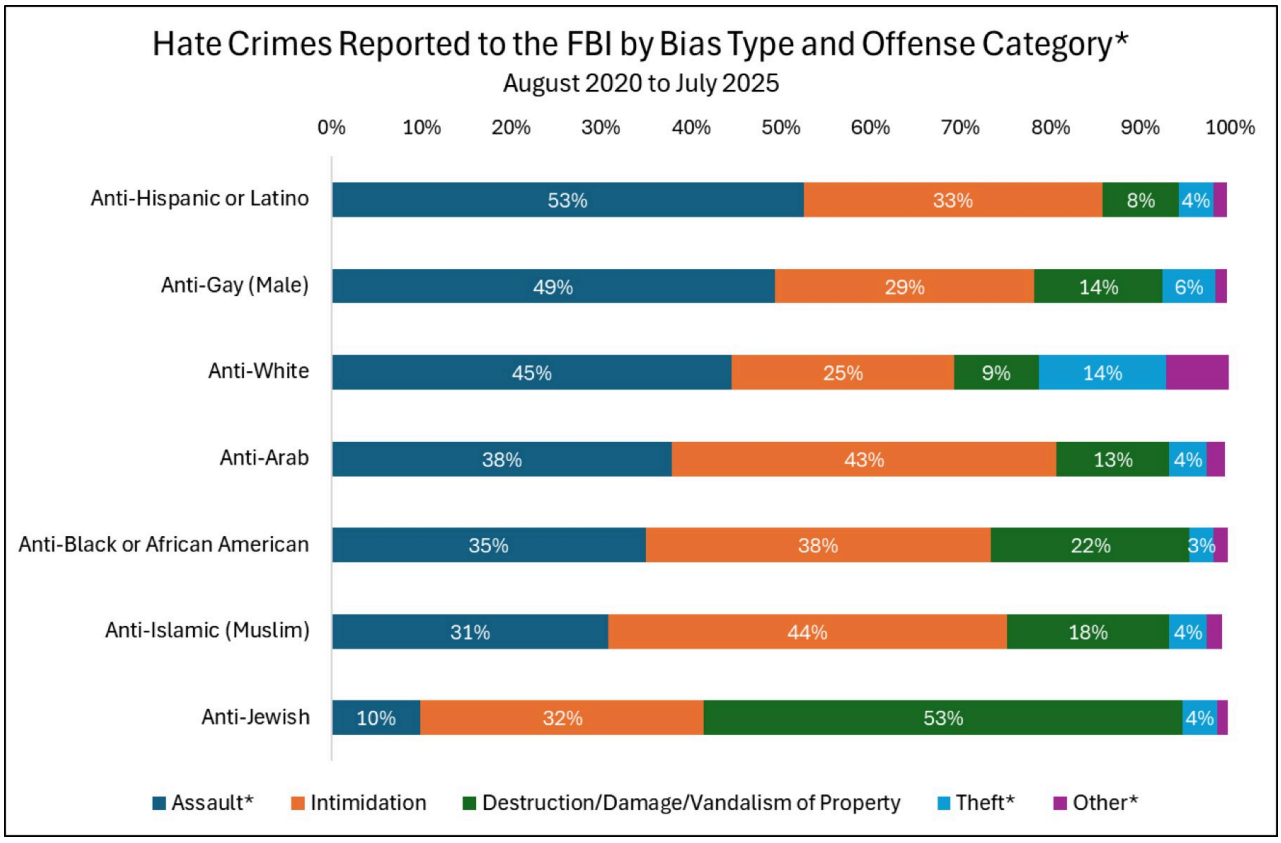
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Most Jewish Americans identify as White, non-Hispanic (Pew Research Center, 2020)

It should be noted that for Anti-Hispanic / Latino, Black, Gay and Arab hate crimes, assaults* make up between 53% and 35% of total reported crimes by type, compared to only 10% for the reported Anti-Jewish hate crime incidents, with the vast majority being *Destruction / Damage / Vandalism of Property* and *Intimidation*. In a document from November 2024, the explicitly Zionist WJC stated that *"While not explicitly adopting the IHRA definition, the FBI classifies antisemitism under the broader category of bias-motivated hate crimes, aligning with the principles of the IHRA definition."*

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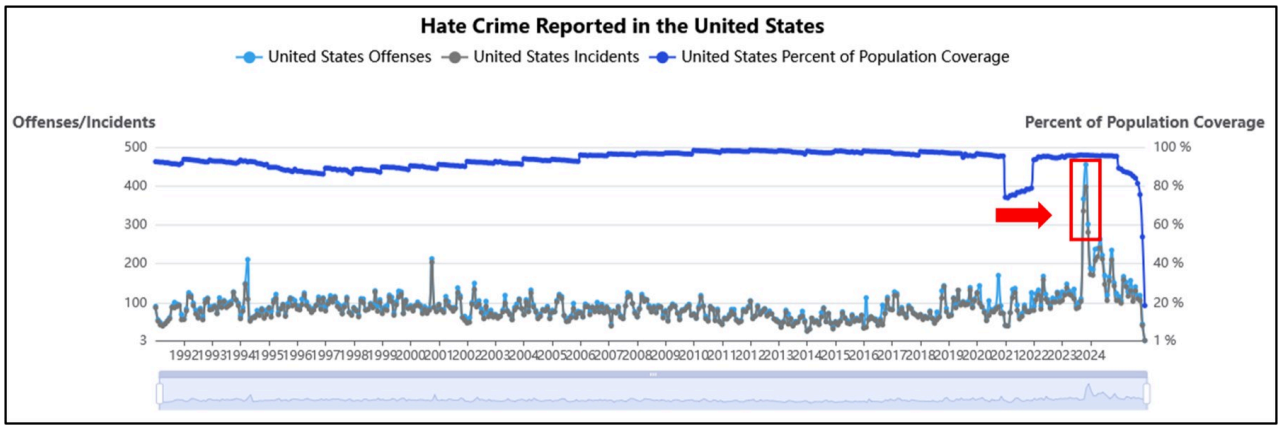
*NOTE: *Offense Categories* were created by merging 70+ *Offense Types* into 5 major categories, for example '*Assault*' includes Simple Assault, Aggravated Assault, Rape, Manslaughter, etc.; '*Theft*' includes Robbery, Larceny, Motor Vehicle Theft, etc. All other *Offense Types* that didn't fit into the four others is lumped into '*Other*'.

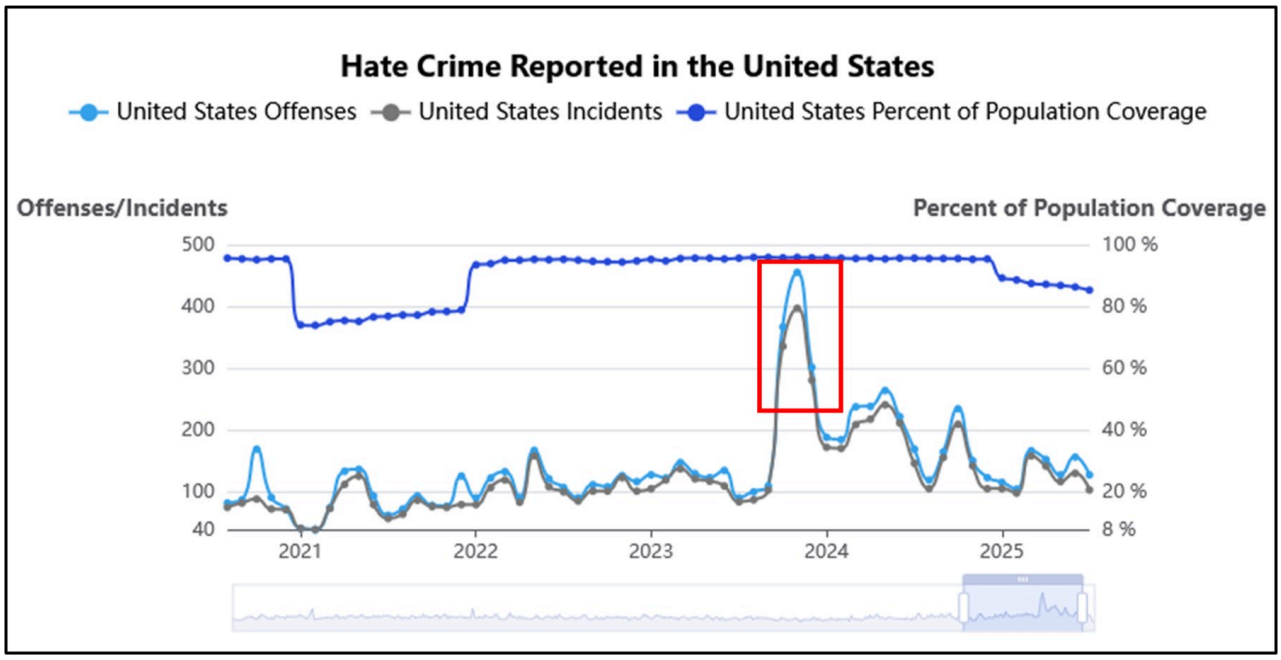


Graph created from FBI hate crime reported by bias and offense types (August 2020 to July 2025)

It should also be noted that this same FBI data also shows that there are more cases of Anti-White hate crime reported than Anti-Hispanic / Latino hate crime within the same period, which further proves that this data is heavily skewed and that white people are more comfortable engaging with law enforcement.

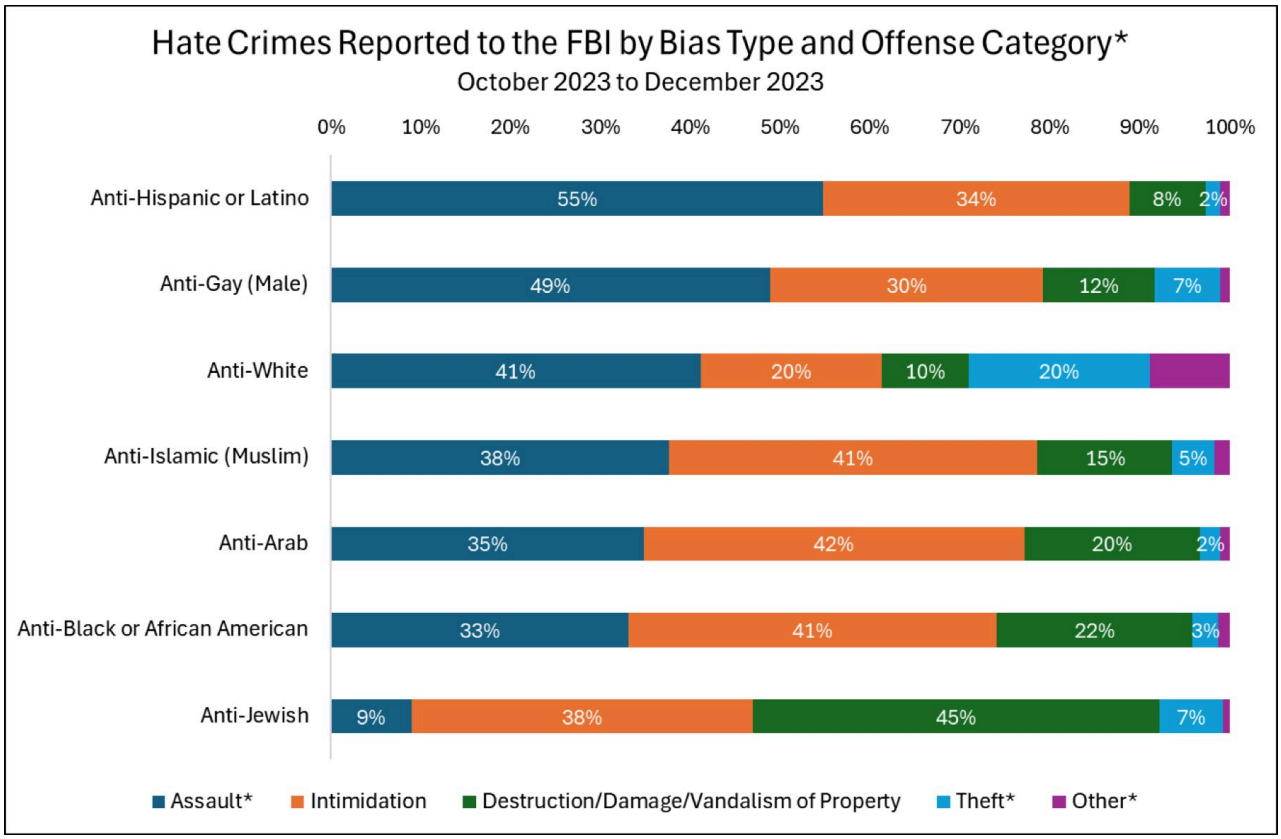
When isolating the data to just “Anti-Jewish” hate crimes reported to the FBI, there’s a very obvious spike right after October 2023, with the months of October to December 2023 being particularly high. In fact, it is the period with the highest reports of Anti-Jewish hate crimes in the entire online FBI database available from January 1991. This is also reflected in the overall reporting of religion-based hate crimes being particularly high at 35% with the Anti-Jewish hate crime reports contributing the most with the total reported hate crimes during this period being 27% Anti-Jewish, higher than even the Anti-Black or African American reported hate crimes at 21%.





Anti-Jewish hate crimes reported to the FBI (August 2020 to July 2025)

However, even within this period of the highest number of Anti-Jewish hate crimes reported since 1991, assaults once again make up less than 10% of the total with *Destruction / Damage / Vandalism of Property* and *Intimidation* still being the vast majority of reported incidents.



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In 2024, a special joint committee was established in Israel to "commemorate the lives of non-Israeli Diaspora Jews who were killed in antisemitic attacks." Based on figures from the Jewish Agency and the World Zionist Organization, only 155 non-Israeli Jews have been murdered abroad between 1958 and 2024, an average of less than 3 per year. For comparison, Open Doors, a Christian organization that publishes research on the persecution faced by Christians worldwide, reported that between 4,700 and 5,620 Christians were killed for faith-related reasons each year between 2021 and 2024, with an average of around 5,320 per year. Per capita, that equates to about one in every 430,000 Christian vs one in every 3.6 million non-Israeli Jew.

Fringe rhetoric vs top-down policies

Another phenomenon that is often pointed to as a sign of rising danger for Jews, and why antisemitism is treated as uniquely important, is the supposed increase in far-right rhetoric and politics becoming public, including among mainstream politicians in the West. But the reality is that this fascist revival directs its actual structural power elsewhere. In the United States, top-down rhetoric from political leaders and right-wing media targets immigrants, especially those from Latin America, and Muslims, often framing them as cultural threats or security risks. These narratives translate directly into policy: immigration enforcement that

tears families apart, mass deportations, detention centers, and the 2017 "Muslim Ban" barring entry from several Muslim-majority countries. Training for the New York Police Department categorized the Keffiyah and watermelon as "antisemitic symbols."

In Europe, mainstream far-right parties focus relentlessly on Muslims and non-white immigrants from Africa and the Middle East, portraying them as incompatible with "national identity." That rhetoric is matched with policy: immigration caps, violent border push-backs, and asylum deterrence schemes; bans on the hijab in French schools; Switzerland's prohibition on minarets; and other "secularism" or "integration" laws that specifically restrict Muslim religious expression. Roma communities, too, face systemic police harassment, forced evictions, and discriminatory residency rules across multiple European countries.

Zionist anti-Palestinian groups including Canary Mission and the proudly Islamophobic Betar USA, a group considered too extreme even by the Zionist ADL, have direct ties to the U.S. government and Trump administration officials. Betar USA's spokesperson Daniel Levy and organization leader Ross Glick have submitted "thousands of names" of students and faculty involved in pro-Palestinian activism to high-ranking officials, including Secretary of State Marco Rubio, White House homeland security adviser Stephen Miller, and Attorney General Pam Bondi. Furthermore, Glick detailed meeting with lawmakers on Capitol Hill, including Democratic Senator John Fetterman and aides to Republican Senators Ted Cruz and James Lankford, to discuss the group's deportation efforts. Glick stated he discussed a specific target (activist Mahmoud Khalil) with Senator Cruz in Washington D.C. just days before Khalil was arrested.

This relationship is further corroborated by internal government documents unsealed in federal court. The Department of Homeland Security's specialized "tiger team," tasked with identifying foreign students for deportation, actively reviewed lists of names compiled by both Betar USA and the Canary Mission. Court testimonies confirmed that these lists informed the government's review of over 5,000 students. Canary Mission openly celebrated the arrest of Mahmoud Khalil, stating it was "delighted that our exposure of his hatred has led to such deserved consequences." The Trump administration's executive branch and allies in the legislative branch have actively integrated their doxxing operations and deportation lists into official policy, directly translating their extremist rhetoric into top-down state action.

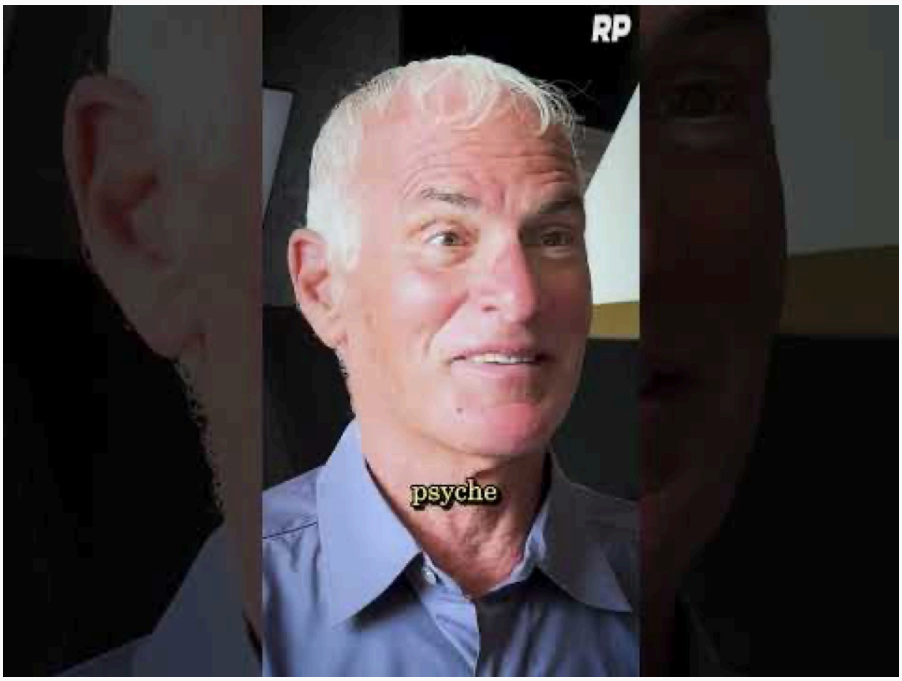


Betar US leader Ross Glick with U.S. Senators Ted Cruz (R) and John Fetterman (D)

Jews, by contrast, are primarily targeted by racist individuals and small extremist groups on the far-right fringes, actors who operate largely outside of formal politics and hold little to no systemic power. While antisemitic rhetoric can and does surface in speeches or coded references to “globalists,” this remains qualitatively different from the institutional, top-down marginalization inflicted on Muslims, immigrants, and other minorities. Random social media influencers do not have the same structural reach as a government writing discrimination into law. For Jews, far-right hostility is mainly a matter of words; for others, it is a matter of law.

Jews do not suffer from police brutality, housing discrimination (redlining), employment bias, underfunded public services, wage gaps, mass incarceration, an unjust legal system, etc. As Norman Finkelstein recently put it:

YOUTUBE VIDEO



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> *"First of all, there was an era in which one calculated antisemitism not by a person's thoughts, because you can't control a person's thoughts. [...] When you talked about antisemitism, it meant: Does it affect your job opportunities? Does it affect your access to certain institutions of higher education? Does it affect where you're going to live? Does it affect negatively your interactions with the law? That's what antisemitism meant. They were quantifiable, palpable, lucid expressions of this phobia—whatever you want to call antisemitism.*
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> *By that reckoning, can you name me a place in the United States where a Jew would have trouble purchasing a home or renting an apartment? [...] Can you name me one university, one college in the whole United States where a Jew would have trouble getting in because he or she was Jewish? [...] Could you name me one profession? Does the medical profession discriminate against Jews? Does the legal profession? I mean, that was once a problem. That's why Jewish law firms were created because they couldn't get into the white-shoe WASP law firms. Does that exist anymore?*
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> *So, this is just completely and totally ridiculous to talk about antisemitism in the United States. On the contrary, being Jewish gets you into professions. It's an asset in our society. In publishing, being Jewish makes a big difference. You know what they used to call the New York Review of Books? They called it the New York Review of Each Other's Books, and they were all Jewish."*

> — Norman Finkelstein, *Is There Rampant Anti-Semitism in the United States?* (2025)

Modern antisemitism primarily exists as rhetorical criticism and occasional violent attacks like synagogue shootings. These incidents, while tragic, do not equate to systemic oppression. True antisemitism is a minor issue compared to the structural racism faced by Black people, Indigenous peoples, immigrants, Muslims, Palestinians, and other racial minorities and colonized peoples worldwide.

Ironically, the only place where some Jews might experience systemic hardship is within Israel itself, where Middle Eastern / North African Jews (Mizrahi) and particularly Ethiopian Jews (Beta Israel) face discrimination from European Jews (Ashkenazi) and the government. However, this is not antisemitism, it's standard European-inspired racial hierarchy that is prevalent all over the world, particularly the West.

Of course, it should go without saying that Palestinians, or "Israeli Arabs" as they're officially called, are at the absolute bottom rung of this totem pole below everyone else. Israel is still a Jewish supremacist project run by Jews for Jews at the expense of non-Jews. There is a racial hierarchy from Ashkenazi to Sephardic to Mizrahi to African, but all of these groups are still superior to non-Jews in the eyes of the Israeli government and society. They all enjoy rights over Palestinians. Israel is white supremacist, but it's first and foremost Jewish supremacist. Israeli propagandists, particularly the more "liberal" leaning ones who are trying to reach a Western audience, love jumping at the opportunity to show off how multicultural their army is; that Ethiopian Jews get the chance to commit genocide against Palestinians along with their Ashkenazi counterparts.

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