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Above: image on Gab, posted by Ryan Fletcher @Racial Ryan · 12 June 2018.

"The Jew" portrayed as the instigator and promoter of "social degeneracy", anti-racism, etc

Front Cover: image on Gab, posted by **Snow Flake @SATeamSnow** · 5 June 2018.

Jews portrayed as rats ("Jude" is German for "Jew")

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Both reports cover the period from 1 October 2017 to 30 September 2018.

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"The Holocaust did not begin in the gas chambers - it began with words."

Professor Irwin Cotler, former Canadian Minister of Justice

1. INTRODUCTION

ECAJ

The Executive Council of Australian Jewry is the elected national representative organisation of the Australian Jewish Community. It is the peak body which sits at the apex, directly or through its constituent and affiliate organisations, of some 200 Jewish community organisations across Australia.

Antisemitism Reports

Each year, since 1990, the Executive Council of Australian Jewry (ECAJ), the elected representative national body of the Australian Jewish community, publishes the Report on Antisemitism in Australia. Each report covers a twelve month period from 1 October to 30 September. The author of the annual ECAJ antisemitism reports, 2013-2018, is Julie Nathan.

The ECAJ records antisemitism in two broad categories: incidents and discourse. In general, incidents are what 'is done to' Jews, while discourse is what 'is said about' Jews. Nevertheless, it is recognised that the latter has a considerable influence on the former

Current situation for Jews in Australia - Security

The Jewish community is the only community within Australia whose places worship, schools, communal of organisations and community centres need, for security reasons, to operate under the protection of high fences, armed guards, metal detectors, CCTV cameras and the like. The necessity is recognised by Australia's law enforcement agencies and arises from the entrenched and protean nature of antisemitism in western and Muslim culture, resulting in a high incidence of physical attacks against Jews and Jewish communal buildings over the last three decades, and continuing threats.

Working Definition of Antisemitism

The most widely accepted definition of antisemitism is the 'Working Definition of Antisemitism' adopted by the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) on 26 May 2016.

The IHRA is an intergovernmental body with 31 member countries, 2 liaison countries (including Australia), 9 observer countries, and 7 Permanent International Partners. The IHRA 'Working Definition of Antisemitism' was endorsed and adopted by the European Parliament on 1 June 2017.

It has been used by the ECAJ for the purposes of this Report.

The IHRA Working Definition of Antisemitism is as follows:

WORKING DEFINITION OF ANTISEMITISM

Working definition: "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."

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.

Source: IHRA at

https://www.holocaustremembrance.co m/sites/default/files/press_release_docu ment_antisemitism.pdf

Executive Summary

The 12 month period ending 30 September 2018 saw a 59% increase over the previous year in total antisemitic incidents in Australia involving threats or acts of violence.

The Executive Council of Australian Jewry, State and ACT Jewish community roof bodies, and other Jewish community groups logged a total of 366 antisemitic incidents during the period, including physical assaults, abuse and harassment, vandalism, graffiti, hate and threats communicated directly by email, letters, telephone calls, posters, stickers and leaflets. This compares to a total of 230 such incidents logged by the same sources over the preceding 12 month period, an overall increase of 136 incidents.

In the latest 12 month period, there were 156 attacks (assault, abuse, vandalism, and graffiti), accounting for 43% of the total number of incidents. There were 210 threats (email, letters, telephone, leaflets, posters and stickers), accounting for 57% of the total number of incidents. There is also much anecdotal evidence of incidents which go unreported.

Overall, between 2017 and 2018 the number of 'attacks' increased slightly (from 145 to 156), while the number of 'threats' increased by 147% (from 85 to 210). There was a marked increase in antisemitic abuse, vandalism, and threats via email, telephone, posters and stickers; a decrease in graffiti and threats by postal mail; while the number of physical assaults remained the same.

Jews continue to be verbally abused and harassed around synagogues on a regular basis, especially over the Jewish Sabbath of Friday evening and Saturday, and on Jewish festivals. These are periods when many Jews are congregating at, and walking to or from, synagogue. For antisemites,

synagogues and the Sabbath are the easiest and most convenient places and times for them drive around in their vehicles on the lookout for Jews to target for abuse, harassment and intimidation.

There has been a noticeable emboldening of the far right in Australia, as has been occurring in much of the Western world. Many far right individuals in Australia who were formerly active against Islam and Muslims during 2015-2017 have now switched their focus away from Muslims and towards Jews. They have adopted the conspiracy theory that "the Jews" are plotting and orchestrating the genocide of the European races, which they refer to as "White Genocide", through "importation" of non-Europeans, especially Africans, Arabs and Asians, into Europe, North America and Australasia, in order to destroy European culture and to subjugate and decimate those of European ethnicity. These political activists have not just embraced antisemitism but many have also adopted Nazism and a veneration for Hitler.

One group, Antipodean Resistance, which has an overtly neo-Nazi ideology, was responsible for 133 (36%) of the year's total of 366 incidents, mostly consisting of placing posters, stickers, graffiti and murals, and one incident of vandalism, in public places. The total number of incidents attributable to Antipodean Resistance rose from 50 in the previous year, a rise of 166%. It thus accounted for 83 of the additional 136 incidents compared to the previous year. However, the activities of Antipodean Resistance do not account for significant increase in recorded incidents of verbal abuse/harassment and vandalism.

The continued proliferation, from October 2016, through to October 2018, of Antipodean Resistance posters calling to "Legalise the execution of Jews", posters warning of "Jewish Poison", posters blaming Jews for non-white immigration,

posters of the *Ungeziefer* ('Vermin') image used by the Nazis to portray Jews, and many forms of stickers, has created a situation where a tiny and peripheral group of maladjusted youths has had a disproportionate impact. Antisemitic posters and stickers have often been put up at universities, high schools, and areas where many Jews live.

There was a concerted effort by more than a dozen members of the far right Lads Society in NSW to infiltrate a mainstream parliamentary party, the National Party. The aim was to manoeuver and manipulate the National's policies in line with the extreme racist right, beginning with immigration, by promoting an end to Australia's non-racially discriminatory policy and a return to the racially-based White Australia policy. The Lads Society is connected closely to Antipodean Resistance, sharing many members and a worldview.

Many of the principal themes contemporary expressions of antisemitism, especially online, involve a fertilisation of concepts between the political Left and Right. For example, leftwing rhetoric exaggerating the power of a so-called "Jewish lobby" has helped to revive and stoke far-Right myths about a world Jewish conspiracy or of Jews controlling the media, economy, government or other societal institutions. Conversely, symbols and images associated with classic antisemitism, which attribute negative qualities such as cruelty and blood-lust to Jews as a group, have frequently been deployed by left-wing and and individuals Islamist groups characterise Israel or Israelis, or Jews outside Israel who simply support Israel's right to exist.

Online there has been a surge in calls for the killing of Jews, for the extermination of Jews world-wide, and of images of Jews being killed – through stabbing, shooting

and hanging. Most of this incitement occurs on Gab, a Twitter-like platform, which is a haven for extremists and racists. Many racists moved over to Gab when Twitter closed their accounts in December 2017. In October 2018, Gab suspended its whole platform, but only for a week, after the murder of 11 Jews in a synagogue in Pittsburgh, USA, by a man who had incited against Jews on Gab, and who subscribed to and promoted the "White Genocide" myth. However, other more popular social media platforms also continue to host pages where Jews are denigrated and demonised and incite against Jews.

Within the mainstream of Australian society there are elements that either express or downplay antisemitism. Within the media, the ABC continues to stand out from other media outlets, as it permits antisemitic comments to remain online and unmoderated; and permits those who make antisemitic comments on Facebook to continue to comment without facing bans. The people who were making antisemitic comments several years ago are still freely commenting on the ABC, using the same names. It is this toleration for antisemitism, and in fact an enabling of antisemitism, that threatens not only Jewish Australians but the whole of society, as it warps societal bounds of decency.

Holocaust minimisation continues mainly in the form of false comparisons between Nazi Germany and Australian government policy. This is often done in order to sensationalise political issues at home, but it is at the expense of the memory of the suffering and deaths of millions of people of all nationalities and ethnicities under Nazi control and grossly underplays the horrors perpetrated by Nazi Germany.

The sale of Nazi memorabilia, although not illegal, continues in auctions and online. One egregious item was the production and sale of replica labels and canisters of Zyklon B, the blue crystal that turned into a

gas upon exposure to the air. It was used in the gas chambers in Nazi death camps as one of the principal means by which the Nazi genocide against the Jewish people was carried out.

Within religious communities, notably Christian and Muslim, there has continued to be those individuals and groups who have over the years consistently either expressed antisemitic sentiment or have tolerated it on their social media pages. Some, like the Islamist group, Hizb ut-Tahrir, openly expresses hatred for Jews. Inter-faith dialogue remains an important means to promote mutual understanding and beneficial relationships.

The anti-Israel movement, although with much less wind in its sails nowadays, continues to attract rabid antisemites, especially online. Often these people are not only tolerated but are embraced. Conspiracy theories about Jews abound as do calls for the destruction of Israel. It appears that many are more concerned with hating Israel as a Jewish state than with supporting Palestinian Arabs.

In summary, although Australia remains a stable, vibrant and tolerant democracy, where Jews face no official discrimination, and are free to observe their faith and traditions, antisemitism persists. There are segments of Australian society which are not only hostile towards Jews, but actively and publicly express that hatred with words and threatened or actual violent acts. As a result, and by necessity, physical security remains a prime concern for the Jewish community.

As the political far right increasingly becomes emboldened and more active, and as far right groups publicly denigrate, demonise and incite violence against Jews, it is incumbent upon political and other leaders to demonstrate that antisemitism, and all forms of racism, is not acceptable in Australia, and to ensure that policies, laws

and other measures are adopted and implemented in order to effectively counter antisemitism.

Some antisemitic images posted online:



Facebook · <u>Clive Palmer</u> · <u>May 9</u> · 2018. Posted by · <u>Marc Stone</u>



Gab · <u>Ryan Fletcher @RyanFletcher1589</u> 24 July 2018



Gab · <u>Snow Flake @SATeamSnow</u> 18 May 2018



Gab · Snow Flake reposted · 3 May 2018

2. INCIDENTS OF ANTISEMITISM

Antisemitic incidents are manifested through many different kinds of acts. As in the ECAJ's previous annual Antisemitism Reports, incidents have been categorized as set out in Table 1 below. Incidents are divided into eight categories.

Four categories relate to physical attacks against persons or property, and four categories relate to threats of physical harm to persons or property.

There were 366 antisemitic incidents logged during the twelve month period, from 1 October 2017 to 30 September 2018, by the ECAJ, State and ACT Jewish community roof bodies, volunteer Community Security Groups (CSGs) and other groups.

In the previous 12 month period, ending 30 September 2017, these same bodies logged 230 incidents. There was thus an overall increase of 136 incidents, a **59% increase** in the total number of antisemitic incidents over the previous year.

From 2017 to 2018, there were increases in harassment, vandalism, threats by email, telephone and posters/stickers; and a decrease in graffiti and postal mail; and the number of assaults remained the same.

There were 156 attacks, and 204 threats, higher numbers than were recorded in 2014, the year of the last major war in Gaza, when there was a significant spike in the total number of incidents. The rise in recorded incidents of verbal abuse, harassment and vandalism is especially concerning.

One group, Antipodean Resistance, was responsible for 133 (36%) of the year's total of 366 incidents, mostly consisting of placing posters, stickers, graffiti and murals in public places. It thus accounted for 83 of

the additional 136 incidents compared to the previous year. However, Antipodean Resistance was also responsible for one more serious incident involving vandalism. The total number of incidents attributable to Antipodean Resistance rose from 50 in the previous year, a rise of 166%. However, the activities of Antipodean Resistance do *not* account for the significant increase in recorded incidents of verbal abuse, harassment and vandalism.

Collection of Data:

Data collected is restricted exclusively to incidents which were reported to, and authenticated and logged by, any one or more of the following:

- Jewish community roof bodies in each State;
- their respective Community Security Groups (if any);
- the ECAJ itself.

Criteria for inclusion:

Incidents are included as antisemitic attacks or threats using the definition of racist violence and the categories developed by the 1991 national inquiry into racially motivated violence conducted by the then Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission (HREOC).

Under-Reporting:

It is known anecdotally that many incidents of antisemitism in Australia occur but are not formally reported either to appropriate Jewish authorities or to the police. Thus, the statistics in this Report represent only a proportion of incidents actually occurring in Australia.

Trends:

As has been the pattern in previous years, intimidation and harassment of Jews occurs regularly around synagogues on the Jewish Sabbath on Friday evenings and on Saturday mornings when Jews are walking to and from synagogue, and attending religious services.

<u>Table 1: Antisemitic Incidents Tally</u> Comparative 2013-2018, and % change from 2017 to 2018

| | Incident | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | % |
|---------|---------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|--------|
| | Type | | | | | | | change |
| Attacks | physical assault | 5 | 15 | 8 | 12 | 3 | 3 | 0 |
| | abuse, harassment | 115 | 75 | 119 | 84 | 76 | 88 | + 16 |
| | vandalism | 6 | 10 | 7 | 22 | 11 | 19 | + 73 |
| | graffiti | 29 | 43 | 21 | 31 | 55 | 46 | - 16 |
| Threats | email/online | 39 | 109 | 10 | 30 | 11 | 51 | + 364 |
| | postal mail | 18 | 12 | 12 | 2 | 5 | 1 | - 80 |
| | telephone | 11 | 39 | 11 | 17 | 10 | 21 | + 110 |
| | posters, stickers, etc | 8 | 9 | 2 | 12 | 59 | 137 | + 132 |
| TOTAL | | 231 | 312 | 190 | 210 | 230 | 366 | + 59 |

<u>Table 2: Antisemitic Incidents Tally</u> - state by state: 1 Oct. 2017-30 Sep. 2018

| Incident | ACT | Tas. | Qld | SA | WA | NSW | Vic | Tally |
|---|-----|------|-----|----|----|-----|-----|-------|
| physical assault | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| abuse, harassment | 1 | - | - | - | 5 | 59 | 23 | 88 |
| vandalism | 4 | - | 1 | - | - | 12 | 2 | 19 |
| graffiti | - | - | 1 | 1 | - | 27 | 17 | 46 |
| email/online threat | - | - | 4 | - | - | 34 | 13 | 51 |
| postal mail threat | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 1 |
| telephone, text, fax threat | 7 | - | - | - | - | 4 | 10 | 21 |
| leaflets, posters, stickers, other threat | 1 | 4 | 43 | 21 | 2 | 29 | 37 | 137 |
| TOTAL | 13 | 4 | 49 | 22 | 7 | 166 | 105 | 366 |

Chart 1: Antisemitic Incidents 2018 – by category

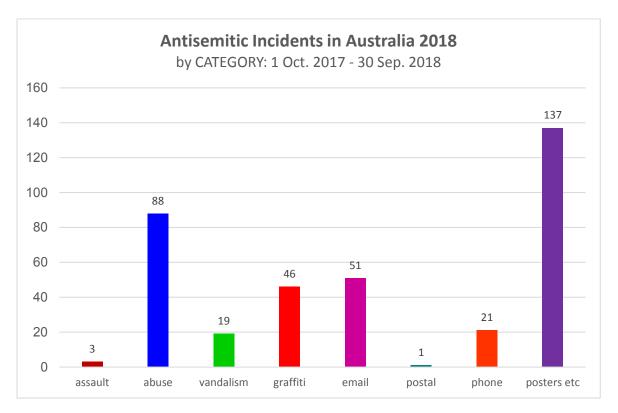
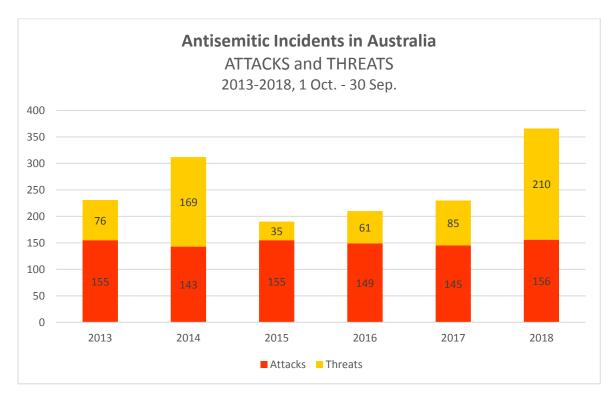


Chart 2: Antisemitic Incidents 2013-2018 – comparing years by attacks and threats



Attacks = physical assault, abuse/harassment, property damage/vandalism, graffiti Threats = email, postal mail, telephone, leaflets/posters.

Antisemitic Incidents: a selection of examples

The following are some of the antisemitic incidents during the period in review.

- A man on a top floor apartment next door to a synagogue spat on a Jewish woman and her child from his balcony, as they were walking to synagogue, in Sydney (11 Oct. 2017).
- A Jewish man was called a "Fucking Jew" and "You Jew cunt". When he attempted to photograph the man's vehicle, the man attempted to grab the phone and physically pushed him, in a carpark in a Jewish area in Melbourne (29 Nov. 2017).
- Eggs were thrown at Jewish congregants in the street in an area where many Jews live in Melbourne (Fri. 21 Sep. 2018).
- The occupants of a passing vehicle shouted "Heil Hitler" at Jews outside a synagogue in Sydney (Sat. 14 Oct. 2017).
- A driver of a vehicle began shouting antisemitic abuse including "Death to the Jews!" and "Heil Hitler!" near a Jewish school in Perth (18 Oct. 2017).
- A Jewish couple and their children were walking in a park, when several people in a vehicle yelled out "Fucking Jews" and "Hitler should've finished you off", in Sydney (21 Oct. 2017).
- The occupant of a passing vehicle directed a gun gesture towards Jews outside a synagogue in Sydney (Sat. 25 Nov. 2017).
- The driver of a passing vehicle repeatedly shouted "Allahu Akbar" towards Jews at a Jewish school in Sydney (6 March 2018).



Graffiti, Bundaberg, 4 June 2018



Graffiti, Melbourne, 25 Dec. 2017



Graffiti, Melbourne, 16 April 2018



Graffiti, Melbourne, 1 Feb. 2018

- Verbal abuse of "You fucking Jewish cunts" screamed at a group of religious Jews who were walking along the street, in Melbourne (14 Sep. 2018).
- Rock thrown through a window, smashing it, at a synagogue in Canberra (28 Oct. 2017).
- Four rocks were thrown into a Jewish school, resulting in some damage, Melbourne (22 Feb. 2018).
- Eggs were thrown at the front door of a synagogue in Canberra (22 May 2018).
- A swastika and the numbers "1488" were carved into a tree in the National Park on a walking track, in north Sydney (17 June 2018).
- Graffiti of "Turnbull Goldmans Jewboy in Oz 1st in oven" at Martin Place train station, Sydney (18 Jan. 2018).
- Graffiti with "1488", "Gas the Jews" and swastikas, at University of Sydney (17 April 2018).
- Graffiti of "Jews Drink Goyim Blood",
 "Gas The Kikes Race War Now",
 RAHOWA" ['Racial Holy War'],
 "Jews Can Eat Shit", in north Sydney
 (Sep. 2018).
- Email by Bob McDonald to a Jewish community media outlet in Sydney: "Fucking parasite supremacist jew cunts, the scum of the earth. For world Peace Destroy Israel the baby killing nation of parasites. Hitler was a Great guy he was right about the subhuman lying jew pigs. Fuck You asshole" (1 Nov. 2017).
- Email "Never read such a bunch of lies from filthy untermensch in all my life. The holocaust was a fucking lie. You kike lovers should be ashamed." (1 Feb. 2018).



Graffiti, Sydney, Sep. 2018



Graffiti, Sydney, Sep. 2018



Graffiti, 'Gas The Kikes Race War Now', Sydney, Sep. 2018

- Threat to kill a Jew via a Facebook comment by Hamza Khan: "We will find you and we will kill you, goodbye for your time anytime" (16 Dec. 2017).
- Threat to kill a Jew via a Facebook comment by John Dillinger: "You're a dead man walking next time your walking in sydney. Your gona need a bullet proof vest" (16 Dec. 2017).
- Phone call message to a Jewish organisation (ECAJ) in Sydney from a male who said: "Shove you, you lowest, you're a Jew. Nothin' lower. All killed, a few were left to be shown what scum of the earth you are. You fucking Jew, G-d, worse than the fucking Arab G-d" (26 April 2018).
- Large white sheet with the words "Only the Illuminati, Jewish media, sell-out government, and homosexuals want gay marriage!! "WAKE" "UP" SHEEPLE!! Research the New World Order sheeple. Baaaaahahaha" hung over a bridge crossing a motorway south of Brisbane (2 Oct. 2017).
- Poster with text of "Lets put an end to hate. Stop the supremacy. Join Austranati!" by David Hilton's 'Australian Traditional Nationalist' (Austranati) in Brisbane (5 Nov. 2017).
- Placard at anti-Israel protest in Sydney characterising Jews as pigs and monkeys (17 Dec. 2017).
- Sticker of "BBC" but with the 'C' replaced by a Star of David, on a City of Sydney pillar, outside the Sydney Town Hall, Sydney (12 June 2018).

In addition, there were 125 incidents by Antipodean Resistance (AR) of banners, posters and stickers, during the 12 month period in review. See section 6 Antisemitic Organisations for AR posters.



Antipodean Resistance graffiti "Ha Ha Happy Holocaust" NSW, 29 Jan. 2018



Antipodean Resistance banner Melbourne, 10 Jan. 2018 onwards



Graffiti, Ballarat, 10 Nov. 2017



Vandalism, Sydney, 6 Jan. 2018

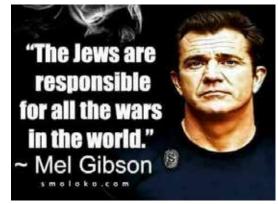
3. MAINSTREAM MEDIA

The mainstream media, print and online, visual and audio, can be influential in transforming or reinforcing people's beliefs about a range of issues. In addition, the internet iterations of mainstream media publishers make possible an enormous volume of public commentary on media articles.

The expression of antisemitic hatreds in the mainstream media or in other public contexts, if not publicly contradicted and condemned by political and community leaders, has the effect of lending legitimacy and acceptability to such hatreds. This can lead to an emboldening of those who are hostile to Jews to go further in acting against Jews, and thus creates an atmosphere fostering intolerance, bigotry, fear and violence. Examples of comments posted on the *ABC* and *SBS* Facebook pages during the year include:

- Khurram Hayyat Hashmi Once again Jew's will be vanish from earth completely..
- Zouheir Haoui They wonder why they got killed, because they are criminals and a threat to society. Hellfire is waiting for them at the time of their death, a really painful death in hell. We have 100% evidence that God is going to torture them for their injustice, cruelty and racism towards humanity.
- Mukarram Ali Khan I love hitler for this.
- Shadá Irby Holohoax Staged agenda
- Fouzie J Kodsi 6 million lies
- Evan Lane happy holohoax day

- <u>w</u> time to tender for more efficient shower system, uh, shoah?
- Anthony Williams The HolocaustTM was a hoax.
- <u>Miguel Sanchez</u> muh 6 gorillion
- Raahil George Satan's spawn
- Billy Fangs liars, thieves & murderers will always find good & true humans taking a stand against them....& the synagogue of satan is the pinnacle of evil in this world
- <u>Joel Smith</u> There's always someone that missed out on herding people into gas chambers and has to live with the disappointment
- <u>paul Parker</u> Israel is a pariah state which needs to be wiped out !!!!!!



On <u>7 News Sydney</u> January 14 2018 posted by <u>Khadijah Wallace</u>



On <u>7 News Sydney</u> · <u>January 14</u> · 2018 posted by · <u>Jamal El Hassan</u>

4. MAINSTREAM POLITICS

In general, this covers individuals and parties holding seats in any parliament in Australia, regardless of political leanings or size. This section covers acts and discourse by representatives of political parties. It in no way suggests that those parties or politicians are antisemitic, rather it shows that antisemites seek to have politicians and parties hear their racist views. Antisemitic comments appear on the social media pages of political parties and of politicians as they are open to the public to comment on.

Senator Fraser Anning

The following are some comments on Senator Anning's Facebook page:

- Joanna Monash Why do the j-oos control our foreign and immigration policies Anning? Why do their monopoly over the media and banking/money creation.... control the western world.... let alone Australia?
- Vince Ree Common goals: Subservience to Jewish global totalitarianism. Yeah, nah.
- Vince Ree To the Jews, non Jews are literally cattle,. What kind of similarity is that?

"Fighting anti-Semitism is a responsibility for the society at large and must not be left to the Jewish community.

Anti-Semitism needs to be fought on all levels and by all possible actors."

Katharina von Schnurbein, EU Coordinator on Combating Antisemitism (10 February 2016)

Tamara Smith MP

Tamara Smith, NSW state Greens MP, posted a pair of images on her Facebook page, see image below.

Smith's post minimised the Holocaust by implying that people being locked up in America today are in a comparable situation to Jews who had been deported to Nazi concentration camps in order to facilitate their murder, in a program of Nazi genocide. The people depicted in the second image were assumed by Ms Smith (incorrectly) to have been incarcerated for illegally entering the USA, and to be waiting to be deported back to their home country. In fact, the children in the second photo had not been incarcerated, but were waiting to be fed at an Islamic soup kitchen in Hebron in August 2010.

Tamara Smith, MP · June 23 · 2018



In response to outrage over the post, Tamara Smith toured the Sydney Jewish Museum, at the invitation of Vic Alhadeff, CEO NSW Jewish Board of Deputies. Ms Smith said that the tour reminded her of the "unspeakable horror of the Holocaust that still reverberates for the Jewish people today. I want to thank Vic for being so incredibly generous and open-hearted".

5. MAINSTREAM SOCIETY

Some examples of antisemitism within mainstream society follow.

'Burn the Jews' - AFL Football Tippers The ESPN AFL Footy Tipping competition had a "Tipper", noted on 11 July 2018, with the name "Burnthejews".

'NO JEWS' - vehicle plate

An approved application for a personalised vehicle registration plate of 'NO JEWS' was posted on Instagram, on 28 August 2018.

Teespring

Teespring is a US based company selling customised t-shirts. In 2018, they had their own Australian line named 'Proud Boys Australia' selling t-shirts, hoodie, coffee mug, bag, and stickers with the antisemitic caricature "The Happy Merchant".

University – Dress-up: Nazi soldier and Jewish prisoners

Students at Charles Sturt University in Wagga, NSW, during a celebration at a local hotel on 14 June 2018 dressed up in offensive dress-ups – one set of students wearing Ku Klux Klan robes, with one student in blackface, and the other set of students in Nazi concentration camp uniforms with Star of David cloth badge and another student dressed as a Nazi.

Zyklon B Canisters

Melbourne Arms & Militaria Fair had replica canisters and labels of Zyklon B (the crystal used by the Nazis to gas Jews and others) canisters for sale, in April 2018.



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6. ANTISEMITIC ORGANISATIONS

There are many types of groups and organisations operating within Australia which openly espouse and promote an antisemitic ideology, often within the rubric of white supremacism. Many of them are small outfits, with maybe just a website or a Facebook page, run by a handful of people, or one or two individuals, while others have a larger membership. However, their influence or following can be out of all proportion to their meagre numbers of members.

These organisations and groupings are primarily focused on articulating and promoting societal fears, hatreds and resentments, the targets of which vary according to social conditions but have typically included groups seen as 'the other', such as immigrants, Asians, Indigenous Australians, Muslims, Africans and, the perennial 'other', Jews.

Some groups subscribe to conspiracy theories about a monolithic Jewish people together to who conspire exercise inordinate power over the world's governments, banks and media. The level and type of activities engaged in by these hate groups varies, as does their public profile. Some 'stick to themselves' as a support group of like-minded people, while others have stood candidates in elections for government.

The far-Right in Australia comprises many varied groups. Often these groups split and form new groups with other like-minded individuals. This has been a recurring theme within the far Right. Several years ago, some in the far-Right publicly took on a predominantly anti-Islam stance, and were politically active against Muslims. Nonetheless, they usually maintained an anti-Jewish ideology and agenda, often also with anti-non-white, anti-immigration and

anti-multicultural beliefs. It was not uncommon for them to "blame the Jews" for "Muslim immigration". More recently, many of these formerly anti-Islam activists have re-oriented to become openly antisemitic and pro-Nazi.

Two groups of particular interest and concern are Antipodean Resistance and the Lads Society.

Antipodean Resistance

Antipodean Resistance (AR) was formed in October 2016 in Melbourne. It comprises a small number of active members, mostly in their teens or twenties. However, the small numbers mask their intense and concerted activities.

Antipodean Resistance ideology is neo-Nazi, white supremacist, antisemitic, antigay, and against 'non-white' immigration. The group expresses veneration for Adolf Hitler and espouses National Socialism (Nazism) as an ideology. Antipodean Resistance has gained publicity and notoriety through its campaign of plastering posters and stickers in targeted public spaces, such as universities, organisations' offices, and neighbourhoods with large numbers of Jewish residents.



Antipodean Resistance website

Antipodean Resistance promotes violence, and calls for the death of all Jews and glorifies the Nazi genocide of Jews.

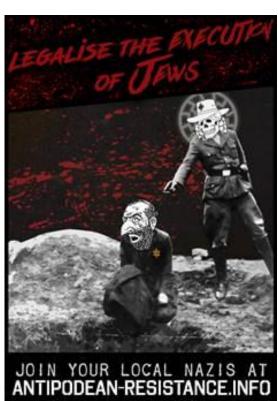
Antipodean Resistance has targeted Jewish facilities such as synagogues, Jewish schools, and suburbs and streets where Jews live, with posters and stickers. Antipodean Resistance has named five prominent Australian Jews on its website, using them to demonise all Jews.



Antipodean Resistance poster: 'Stop the Hordes' from 3 December 2016 onwards



Antipodean Resistance poster: 'Reject Jewish Poison' from 13 February 2017 onwards



Antipodean Resistance poster: 'Legalise the execution of Jews' from 20 April 2017 onwards



Antipodean Resistance poster: 'Crush the Vermin' ie 'the Jew' from 5 July 2017 onwards

Lads Society

The Lads (sic) Society is linked to both the far right United Patriots Front (UPF) and to the neo-Nazi Antipodean Resistance (AR). The Lads Society ideology is antisemitic, white supremacist, and pro-Nazi. One of the founders of the Lads Society is former UPF leader Blair Cottrell.

In many ways, the Lads Society is simply a front organisation for Antipodean Resistance, acting as a conduit to funnel members to AR. However, its public output is carefully orchestrated in order to promote a less repellent image than UPF and AR.

The Lads Society is ostensibly a men-only social club. It began in Melbourne on 10 September 2017, and a club was established in Sydney in April 2018. The premises of the 'clubhouse' in Melbourne were leased by far right activist and ex-UPF member Thomas Sewell. There are plans for 'clubhouses' in Brisbane and Perth.

In 2018, members of the Lads Society infiltrated the Young Nationals in NSW as part of a plan to to take over and subvert established centre-Right parties and move their policy positions to the far right. This was under the direction of Clifford Jennings, a neo-Nazi from the far right group The Dingoes and the New Guard Facebook group, who joined the Nationals in December 2017.

Other infiltrators included Thomas Brasher (aka Thomas Hopper), Oscar Tuckfield, and Nicholas Walker. They were supported by Stuart Churchill, Justin Beulah, and Lisa Sandford. In April/May 2018, several Young Nationals' executive members became suspicious of what appeared to be branch stacking. The infiltration was publicly exposed by ABC journalist Alex Mann and the White Rose Society (WRS) in October 2018. As a result, the Nationals have suspended the memberships of those involved, pending further investigation.

Blair Cottrell

Blair Cottrell is the former leader of the United Patriots Front, a predominantly anti-Islam group. Cottrell is a white supremacist and an antisemite, and has previously stated on Facebook that "Jews are the parasites" (12-7-2014); "They [Jews] will give off the impression that they are hard done by, complain and create imaginary adversity for themselves in order to pass new legislations [sic], which make it illegal to speak out against or question Jews. [...] It all contributes to their ambition of international dominion over non-Jews."(1-5-2013); that "There should be a picture of this man [Adolf Hitler] in every classroom and every school, and his book [Mein *Kampf*| should be issued to every student annually." (10-5-2013). In 2017, Cottrell was convicted of inciting contempt toward Muslims after staging a mock beheading in Bendigo in 2015, but is appealing the conviction.

In a Facebook message in February 2016 on the future direction of the UPF, Neil Erikson advised: "My personal opinion is stick to the Muslim shit and Cultural Marxism for max support do Jews later you don't need to show your full hand."

Cottrell responded: "Yeah good advice and that's my current attitude as well. It will take years to prepare people for the jewish problem. If any of us came out with it now we would be slaughtered by public opinion."

Shermon Burgess

Shermon Burgess has been prominent in several far Right groups, including anti-Islam groups, such as 'Reclaim Australia' (RA). In May 2015, Burgess formed and led an offshoot of RA, the 'United Patriots Front'. Since then, Burgess has moved politically from being anti-Islam to adopting Nazi-style antisemitism, and came out in early-mid 2017 as an outright antisemite and neo-Nazi.

7. ANTISEMITISM ONLINE

Since the advent of the internet, avowedly antisemitic organisations and individuals have been able to express and propagate their views on websites, Facebook pages, Instagram, video channels, Twitter, Gab and even via online mainstream media sites.

The internet provides a relatively cheap and easy means of communication, giving anyone with a computer a potentially global reach. Items posted on the internet, whether on websites, videos, or social media are often accessible not just in the local area or country, but throughout the world.

The internet enables racism and vilification to be easily and widely propagated, often with few restraints, and often anonymously. Internet publishers generally operate with far less stringent editorial guidelines and standards than those which constrain publishers in the print and electronic media. A very small selection of examples follows.

- Brian Warner Go put your heads in the oven you filthy kikes!
- <u>David Lane</u> Turnbull is a jew. Adolf didnt finish the job
- <u>Kenny Dobson VII</u> Oy vey a jew caught lying, what else is new?
- Willem O'Brien Oy vey how dare the goyim try to save their nation! Think of the jyuuuz
- Matthew Shrubsole Guess we know who is pulling the strings in the Australian government then. Banks and jews like clouds and rain.
- <u>Kvetch 1788</u> Now that you're here, do you have a moment to discuss a (final) solution to the Jewish question?



Gab · <u>Snow Flake @SATeamSnow</u> · 7 days 4 June 2018



Gab · <u>Snow Flake @SATeamSnow</u> · <u>15 hours</u> 6 June 2018



Gab · <u>Kvetch 1788 @kvetch1788</u> 3 days ago · 17 Aug. 2018

- <u>Bacob Berman</u> Up the chimney Jew boys.
- <u>Tobias Cook</u> Oyyyy veyyy. Muh 6 gazillion! This is fabricated
- <u>Todd Hopper</u> Six gorzillion blades of grass were exterminated
- <u>Joey Abbude</u> Spew hitler didn't finish what he started
- Zidi Jutt Worst creation on the planet Jewish dogs
- <u>baeumler</u> The Holocaust. Six Million Lies
- baeumler There are no Good Jews.
- <u>Trè Bloodstone</u> And yet these (((carcinogens))) magically morph into white blood cells when transported to another body, called Israel
- <u>matthew thomas</u> Somebody ran out of gas in 44/5. Pity
- Ryback Smith Hey bro.....nothings more evil than Jews.
- <u>Chris Roubis</u> CONFIRMED... Jewish Messiah is Satan.
- <u>Christopher Shortis</u> 6 grillion
- <u>David Hilton</u> The cabal plan on creating a world government in Jerusalem after they cull the goyim with World War III.
- Bernie Sanders = White Racist Hitler did nothing wrong, the Holocaust didn't happen but it should have.
- Ryan Fletcher · #Jews are worse than cancer, ebola and the bubonic plague mixed together!

- Ryan Fletcher Oven dodging #kikes get out of /our/ countries you blood sucking pieces of shit!
- Ryan Fletcher May every #kike die an agonising death!
- <u>Shermon Burgess</u> The solution to the World's downfall is simple, keep Jews out of Banking/ Media/ Education. Then watch the wealth of a nation thrive.
- <u>Shermon Burgess</u> The Zionist jews are the greatest enemy Of mankind.
- Snow Flake Jews did 911



Gab · Snow Flake @SATeamSnow · a month · 31 May 2018



Gab · <u>Ryan Fletcher @Racial Ryan</u> · <u>a day</u> · 18 April 2018

8. FEATURE: Advocating the Murder and Genocide of Jews

Over the period in review, there was a proliferation of posters in public places and comments posted online which advocated the murder of Jews and the genocide of the Jewish people – genocidal ideation.

This is the most egregious form of antisemitic propaganda, and is often accompanied by denigrating, demonising, and dehumanising depictions of Jews, and also by outlandish conspiracy theories about Jews. The antisemite's purpose is to concoct a pretext, however false and bizarre, for the murder and genocide of Jews.

Following are a few examples of those who advocated the murder and genocide of Australian Jews by other Australians during the period in review. There are many others who have posted similar messages who appear to be Australian, although this cannot be verified.

Antipodean Resistance

Antipodean Resistance calls for the death of all Jews and glorifies the Nazi genocide of Jews, as evidenced in some of the posters above and the image below.



Ryan Fletcher

Ryan Fletcher lives in Victoria and is a former Senate candidate for the HEMP party in 2013. Since then, Fletcher openly espouses and promotes anti-Jewish views and neo-Nazi type anti-Jewish conspiracy theories. Some of his posts on Gab follow. NB: 'Kike' is a derogatory term for 'Jew'.

- KILL ALL KIKES!!!!!!!!!!!!!
- Dissolve kikes alive in hydrochloric acid!
- I want kikes drowned in Zyklon B.
- Killing #Kikes is Kool!
- If you don't support <u>#gassing</u> the <u>#kikes</u> you're apart of the problem...
- #White #Revolution is the ONLY #solution! #GTKRWN #Jews #Shoah
- The <u>#purging</u> of EVERY single rat faced <u>#Kike</u> on the planet and beyond is the MOST <u>#virtuous</u> action that can be taken at this point!
- Normalise <u>#Kike</u> killing sentiment, in the same way <u>#Cannabis</u> use is tolerated now! FUCK EVERY RAT-FACED KIKE FUCK!
- The only good #kike is a dead kike! #GTKRWN #FuckZOG #NukeIsrael
- Accept nothing less, than the eradication of the #Jew.
 #Shoah the #SheenyCurse!
 Kill the #Kike! #GTKRWN

The following six images were posted by Ryan Fletcher on his Gab account. Each image shows and glorifies the killing of Jews, either by hanging, shooting and knifing. All the images were posted in 2018. These images are also posted online by many other people.



Ryan Fletcher · 5 days · 1 Feb. 2018



Ryan Fletcher · 3 days · 1 June 2018



Ryan Fletcher · a month ago · 12 June 2018



Ryan Fletcher · 6 hours · 26 Feb. 2018 · and · 13 days ago · 10 July 2018



Ryan Fletcher · 8 hours · 7 June 2018

Helter-Skelter – Or Why it's Okay to Kill a Jew



Ryan Fletcher · a day ago · 24 July 2018

9. CHRISTIAN

In general, mainstream Christians in Australia have not published overt and vile antisemitic expressions of the kind that have been expressed by some Christian clerical figures in Europe and the Americas. There were no known incidents of overt antisemitic rhetoric or activity from within mainstream Christian communities in Australia during the period in review.

However, the following items provide a snapshot of rhetoric or incidents emanating from or elicited by mainstream Christian clerical figures which meet the criteria of antisemitism in the IHRA Working Definition.

Bishop George Browning:"Accusations of Anti-Semitism"

In this article "Accusations of Anti-Semitism" (2 December 2017) George Browning defends his previous statements about "Jewish money" and "Jewish power" (see ECAJ Report on Antisemitism 2017).

- "The 'Lobby', call it the Jewish Lobby, the Zionist Lobby, the Israeli Lobby, it does not matter very much, has enormous influence on Australian media and Australian politics. It is very difficult to have published a story which reflects the facts on the ground in the occupied territories without, as John Lyons points out, the source of that story being made to pay a very high price."
- "Why does the 'Lobby' have so much influence in Australian domestic affairs? I have put that question to a number of politicians. I have suggested it relates to financial donations, but this is denied. Financial donations are usually the reason why inexplicable attention is given to a particular cause. What other reason could there

be? Clearly the reason cannot be support for a just cause."

The quotes immediately above should be read in the context of the following example from the IHRA Working Definition of Antisemitism:

"Making mendacious, dehumanizing, demonizing, or stereotypical allegations about Jews as such or the power of Jews as collective...especially but not exclusively, the myth about...Jews controlling the media, economy, government or other societal institutions."

Father Dave Smith:

Although Rev. Smith's own statements are not antisemitic, several of his online posts on Facebook have attracted overtly antisemitic posted comments from others, which in some cases have not been deleted or responded to. Some examples follow.

- Mariam Sle Har Cant wait for the day they get a taste of their own and hopefully be wiped out once and for all
- <u>Sandra Zalghout</u> They should wipe Israel off the map
- Ray Johnson The sooner Israel is wiped out the sooner there will be peace
- <u>Jackline Chahine</u> I don't believe the holocaust even happened.
- Amer Ayn-Ghazal The Zionists are the Nazis. Without those Europeans we would not know what "Nazi" means.
- <u>Julie N Gus Amari</u> Trump can't upset his son in law the Jew
- Ray Johnson no rockets zero victims look it up your just another brainwashed child killing supporter of today's equivalent of the Nazis
- <u>John Dickson</u> Jewish Nazis

10. MUSLIM

The Muslim communities within Australia are religiously, ethnically, and politically diverse. There are many excellent and successful interfaith programs and forms of dialogue between Muslims and Jews which seek to break down barriers and create better mutual understanding.

However, there are individuals and groups who identify as Muslims and who in the name of Islam express and promote anti-Jewish views, either from a religious or political perspective, or a confused amalgam of both. Some examples follow.

Al Quds - Melbourne:

'Al Quds - Melbourne' is a Shiite Muslim group, opposed to the existence of the State of Israel, and organises anti-Israel events, notably the annual Al-Quds Day protest in Melbourne. Its Facebook page contains material that meets the criteria of antisemitism in the IHRA Working Definition. Some examples follow.

- We should not underestimate the Jews (Bani Israel), because Allah repeatedly warns us, they are aware of all information and the things that will should come to pass.
- 'Bani Israel' to be the Only living tribe (people), who are cursed and are enemies of Allah.
- Bani Israel are fighting Allah relentlessly
- They bring tyrants like Qarun, Nimrud, Firaun etc.
- They have been fighting and killing Prophets, riwayat states they have killed 70 Prophets in one day

Australasian Muslim Times:

As a rule, the *Australasian Muslim Times* (AMUST) does not publish or encourage antisemitic content. However, some articles contain antisemitic content, including three articles in 2018. An example follows.

"Australia cedes its foreign policy in support of a rogue state"

This article by Dr Daud Batchelor (28 May 2018) uses the image of an Australian flag with the stars of the Southern Cross and of Federation replaced with the Jewish Stars of David. Batchelor accuses a prominent Australian Jew and Jewish organisations of having undue influence and control over Australian government policies.



Hizb ut-Tahrir:

Hizb ut-Tahrir is an organisation which campaigns for the establishment of a caliphate (Islamic government) in Australia and throughout the world. Some examples follow.

- Jewish settlers [...] performing their 'Talmudic rituals'
- the Jewish crimes by the occupation of Palestine and Al-Quds (Jerusalem)
- the dirty work of the Jews.
- the illegitimate and criminal Jewish entity.
- Jews will be fought and Muslims will have the upper hand inshaAllah

11. ANTISEMITISM in the ANTI-ISRAEL MOVEMENT

All governments are legitimately the subject of criticism for their policies and actions, including the governments of Israel as much as those of Australia or any other country. However, some criticism of Israel crosses the line from political criticism into antisemitic hate speech. Often this is through demonisation, delegitimisation, and double standards used against Israel.

Other discourse, which is dressed up as ordinary political criticism, is framed within older anti-Jewish motifs, especially the Blood Libel, deicide claims, and conspiracy theories of Jews supposedly controlling or aiming to control the media, economy, government or other societal institutions.

Facebook comments and images on pages of anti-Israel groups and activists include the following:

- Susan Wahhab The Israelis bought western politicians thru Jewish lobby groups.
- <u>Leith Aitchison</u> Australia is in the Zionists pockets. Puppets
- Arzu Minu get rid of Evil Zionist in government of Australia... Australians should wake up to these Evil zionist creatures...
- <u>Joe Sour</u> Evil Zionist Scum are anti humanity. The world must reject them all.
- <u>Roberto D'Medici</u> The only thing the Jews learned from the Nazis was how to be like them.



<u>Robert Martin</u> . <u>April 8</u> · 2018 posted by Andrew Rutherford



<u>Robert Martin</u> · <u>September 3</u> · 2018 posted by · <u>Theforceof Userone</u>



Students for Palestine (Australia) · posted by <u>Jake Sorlie</u> · <u>January 1</u> · 2018

- Ann Carvell Maybe Hitler got it right about the Jews!
- Ann Carvell What utter BASTARDS these Jews are
- Roberto D'Medici Exterminate!
- Emrah Babali If anyone would like to understand their mentality more deeply a must read is THE PROTOCOLS OF THE LEARNED ELDERS OF ZION
- <u>Trevor Wall</u> Zionist Control every western world government
- <u>John Nugent</u> trump is a lapdog of the jews.
- Elisa Auad Camaggi Sionistas
- <u>Dave Binotto</u> Nazionists.
- <u>Jamal Mohamed Ali</u> Vile Ashkenazi piece of shit...their day will come
- <u>Nikita Verginadis</u> Him, like many other Zio maggots, are an absolute disgrace...
- Nikita Verginadis Just because, that's his these Zio parasites operate...
- Gail Gray the jewish controlled media
- Zeus Zah No worst, vindictive, manipulative, calculated, immoral and evil people on the planet than Zionists.
- <u>Bate Meucica</u> He knew, the end is near for Zionist Jews Parasites.
- <u>Bate Meucica</u> After world war 2 the Zionist parasite controlled most western countries.
- <u>Lawrie Fegan</u> Zionist controlled media



Friends of Palestine WA. May 18 · 2018 posted by · <u>Khadijah Wallace</u> [Note: 'Arbeit Macht Frei']



Robert Martin · August 23 · 2018 posted by · Colman Irish [Note: all 'owners' are Jews]

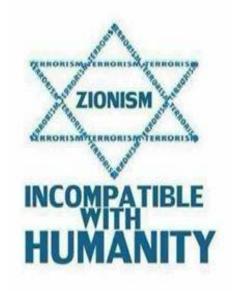


<u>Robert Martin</u> · <u>May 15</u> · 2018. posted by Charlene Weatherley

- Ahmad Hamdan Cancer of the earth at it again.
- Russell El Blanquito Hergesheimer
 Zionist trash. Will be a great day when these vermin are wiped from the face of the map.
- Mohammed Shakil Satans chosen. Hitler would be proud of them
- <u>Sufheia Akram</u> Zionists devils walking the earth
- <u>Susan M Ruthroff</u> They call themselves jews. not humans.
- Mohammed Shakil They killed there own messiah what chance does anyone else have
- <u>John Drier</u> We must protest outside every sinagogue!!!
- <u>Handayani Eprot</u> Ziorats askenazy kahazarian bastords....
- <u>Fatima El Marini</u> The cancer of this world. The belongers o the hell
- Nadia Bouhssine Bomb the jewish pigs and there zionist families
- <u>Nadia Darwish Sammour</u> Cant wait til god gasses them and boils them for eternity!
- Aysel Bilgic InsaAllah one day what ur scared of is going to bite you back so hard that you will hide behind a rock n that rock will say there is a zionist behind me. Soon InsaAllah
- Mustapha Darwich Do not think
 Allah(god) has chosen you he has a bigger plan for the Alleged chosen people it's eternal it's hot very very very hot



<u>Campaign to End JCCV Partnerships on</u>
<u>Anti Zionist Grounds March 8 March</u>
<u>10 2018. posted by Leith Aitchison</u>



Robert Martin · May 17 · 2018. Posted by Jamal Mohamed Ali



Robert Martin July 16 · 2018.

Posted by Rose Che Tha

12. RESPONSES to ANTISEMITISM

Major counters to antisemitism are public condemnations of it by those in various positions of leadership within the country, including politicians, academics, clergy, editors and journalists, businesspeople and trade unionists, and other community leaders.

In addition, government policies and legislation to discourage or restrict antisemitism, and other forms of racism, and to protect Jews and other targeted groups, play a major role in countering antisemitism. In addition to providing individuals and groups who are the targets of racism with the legal means to defend themselves, legislation plays an educative role by setting a community standard that conveys a strong message that public manifestations of racism are unacceptable.

Malcolm Turnbull - Prime Minister Speech to Parliament, (15 August 2018):

"The reference in Senator Anning's speech to the 'final solution' is a shocking, shocking insult to the memory of over 6 million Jews who died in the Holocaust. Can I say here in Australia and particularly in my city of Sydney and the honorable member opposite in his city of Melbourne, we have the largest number of Holocaust survivors outside of Israel. reference to the 'final solution' in that speech was appalling. We condemn that and the insult it offered to the memory of those Jewish martyrs, just as we condemn the racism, a shocking rejection of the Australian values that made us the successful multicultural nation that we are today."

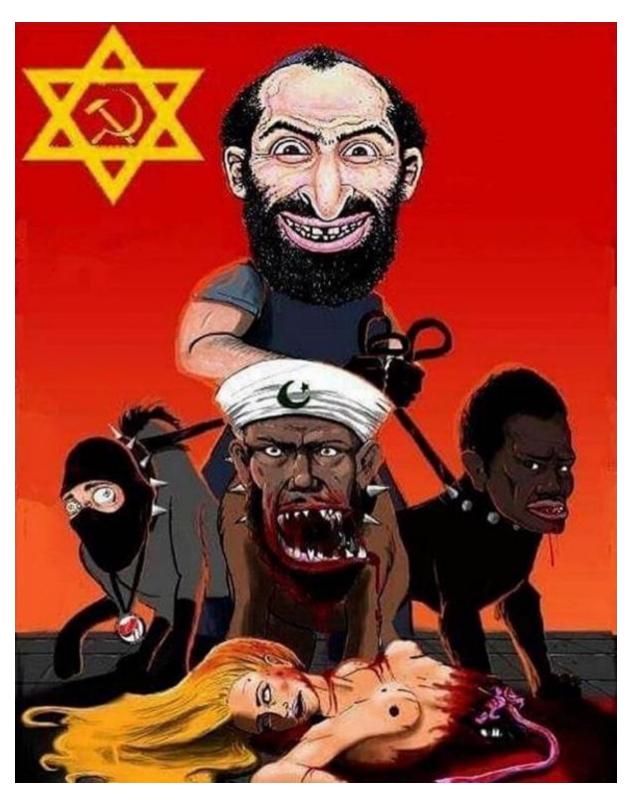
Scott Morrison - Prime Minister (since 24 Aug. 2018), (26-27 Sep. 2018):

"One of the most upsetting things I saw as a young fellow was when you drive up past Temple Emmanuel [Jewish synagoguel up there in Woollahra and there'd be security guards outside. When I go to church on a Sunday, I don't need security guards outside my church ... [but] that's the reality for Jewish Australians and I just think that's appalling. [...] I'm used to seeing security guards outside synagogues. As a person of faith, the idea that you have to have security guards outside your places of worship, that really grieves me, but I understand why it's necessary."

Bill Shorten - Leader of the Opposition, (15 August 2018):

"Mr Speaker, As for the Senator's use of the term 'final solution'. A phrase torn from the darkest pages of human history. Two words which speak for the brutalisation and murder of millions. Two words that evoke fear and grief and trauma and loss in diasporic families all over the world, and many others. The Senator ridicules his critics by saying these words need to be seen in their context. Well, that is exactly the problem. This wasn't a piece of Twitter stupidity composed in haste. It was a first speech nine months in the making. The context of these words is prejudice, it is a speech filled with prejudice. And this, like everything else, deserves nothing but condemnation."





Above: image posted by Ryan Fletcher on the XYZ website and on Gab \cdot 17 Jan. 2018.

Back Cover: image posted by **Snow Flake @SATeamSnow** · on Gab · 21 May 2018.

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