# Fighting and Identifying Anti-Semitism for Non Jews: A Comprehensive Guide

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#### TRIGGER WARNING:

This document includes topics of the holocaust, nazism, nazi symbols, sex-trafficing, gun violence, and anti-semitism.

#### What is Anti-Semitism?

Anti-Semitism can best be defined as a prejudice against the Jewish people. It can be coded through Dogwhistles, or "secret" signals and signs. It can also be more than direct hatred of Jewish people and can be subtler.

#### Neo-Nazism vs. Nazism

Nazism is a branch of fascism that the National Socialist Worker's Party followed in Germany, during the holocaust. Neo-Nazism is a revival of nazism and a yearn to establish fascist and antisemitic regimes in presupposed places where Neo-Nazis live.

#### **Section I: Dog Whistles**

First off in discussing dog whistles we need to know what a Dog Whistle is. A dog is a coded word or phrase that anti semites use to convey a message without starting a controversy. Examples of Dog Whistles will be listed below:

- "Cultural Marxist(s)" This was a term originating from the Frankfurt School and is used to back up the conspiracy that "Judeo-Bolsheviks" and Jewish Marxists were trying to destroy western civilization. It was peddled by people like Hitler and is still used today by people like Jordan Peterson
- Anything in 3 parentheses for example: (((them))) This was first used to mark out Jews for anti semites to attack but is now used generally to signify Jews.
- Global Zionism or anything in which the term *Zionist* can be replaced with *Jew* and it looks like an anti semitic conspiracy(consiparacys and Zionsim will get a section of its own)
- Two lightning bolt emojis/SS/ any form of twin lighting bolts The SS was the main extermination force for the Nazis during World War 2 and many anti semites use this to show "allegiance" to the SS.
- **Blood and Soil/Blut und Boden -** This was a phrase used by Nazi Propoganda and is often seen in social media profiles and sometimes used in real life
- 109/110 The number 109 can refer to the number of countries Jews have been expelled from and the number 110 can refer to the Call to add America to that list
- Globalists/Global Elites Not always a Dog Whistle but when combined with others it is hinting towards the Jewish Question(see section 2)
- George Soros/Rothschilds The mention of these two people/families in themselves are not Dog Whistles but when combined with other Dog Whistles it can be used in reference to the Jewish Question(see section 2)
- **6MWE** The acronym 6MWE refers to the phrase "6 Million Wasn't Enough" and this is of course talking about the Holocaust
- **Kekistan** SPLC summed it up far better then we could: <a href="https://www.splcenter.org/hatewatch/2017/05/08/what-kek-explaining-alt-right-deity-behind-their-meme-magic">https://www.splcenter.org/hatewatch/2017/05/08/what-kek-explaining-alt-right-deity-behind-their-meme-magic</a>

- **Dancing Israelis** The use of this term is often out of context, but it refers to a theory that 9-11 was caused by a group of "elite" Israelis.
- New World Order The "New World Order" or NWO refers to a theory that a group of elites with globalist agendas are trying to control the world through the banks, media, and propaganda.
- 1488 1488 is an acronym that combines 14 which means ""We must secure the existence of our people and a future for white children." and the 88 which means "Hiel Hitler" this of course references Nazism and Hitler.
- Strange use of the word "goy" or "goyim" by non-Jews Goyim is a Yiddish term used by Jews to describe non-Jews but when used by non-Jews it can be anti semitic.
- **ZOG** ZOG stands for Zionist Occupation Government, which is a theory that claims that Jewish people secretely control the government, banks, and media in order to destory "western" and "christian" civilization. This can sometimes also be called "JOG" meaning Jewish Occupation Government.
- **Sieg Heil** This was a term coined in Nazi German and was used to represent the Victory Salute done by Nazi.
- **HH** This acronym means Hiel Hitler and obviously references the Nazi leader.
- **Blut und Ehre/Blood and Honor** This was a term popularized in Nazi Germany and was used by the Hitler Youth as their motto and is today used by Neo-Nazis.
- Wolfsangel The Wolfsangel was a symbol used by Nazi SS units and has been appropriated and turned into a Dog Whistle.
- **Zyklon B** Zyklon B was the gas used in the concentration camps and is used by Neo-Nazis to show that they are Neo-Nazis.
- **Pepe the Frog** Pepe the frog was originally a fairly innocent meme but in recent years has been appropriated by anti semites and Neo-Nazis. Judge the use of this meme by context.
- **Groyper** Groypers are a loose network of alt-right people who are supporters of alt-right media figures like Nick Fuentes and Patrick Casey.
- Yahood/Yahoodi-Yahoodi is an arabic word which is derogatory towards jews.

## **Section II: Conspiracy Theories**

- **Jewish people propagate communism** This is an idea that came around due to Hitler and is just a baseless lie.
- All Jewish people are responsible for the death of Jesus The idea of the Jews causing the death of Jesus comes from the new testament and was used as an excuse to justify anti-semitism. It is also important to note Jesus himself was Jewish.
- **Jewish people steal Christian babies** The idea that Jews steal Christian babies comes from Gospels and from the new testament.
- **Jewish people perform rituals with blood** This statement is inherently contradictory to Judaism, although it is commonly used.
- **Jewish People caused the Black Plague** During the Plague, which caused many many deaths, the people needed someone to blame. As they commonly do, they turned to Jewish people as their scapegoat.
- **Jewish people are "degenerates" -** This is a claim that Hitler often used, in his eugenicist beliefs, to claim that Jewish people are "complex" and "sinful" creatures who must be sterilized and erased from society.
- **The Elders of Zion** This is a conspiracy that is based on a propaganda book titled *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion* and it details a fake conspiracy that the Jews run the world
- **Jewish people cause wars** This originated from a German propaganda poster which depicted a stereotypical Jewish man, with a big nose and lots of money, that read, "He is to blame for the war!"
- **Jewish people run the banks** This idea came around as in medieval Europe christians couldn't work with money on interest as such Jews were forced into these roles.
- **Jewish people fabricate anti-semitism and the holocaust** This began in one of Hitler's speeches in WW2, in which he claimed that anti-semitism and the holocaust were due to the fault of Jewish people, saying that they got themselves into this.
- **Jewish people lack patriotism** This idea comes from the idea that with the existence of Israel a Jews loyalty HAS to be divided. This is pure theory and plenty of Jews are patriotic towards other countries besides Israel.
- **Jewish people harvest Palestinian organs** This is an anti semitic conspiracy rooted in the blood libel. ie: Replace the word Palestinian with Christian. This

theory came from a man in Sweden, where in a book he published, claimed that Israelis harvest the organs of Palestinians who die.

- **Jewish people hate Christians** This mainly came from the idea that all Jewish people are responsible for the death of Jesus.
- Jewish people controlled the Atlantic Slave Trade The Nation of Islam or NOI, published a book called "The Secret Relationship Between the Jews and the Blacks" which claimed that Jewish people played a major role in the Atlantic Slave Trade.
- **Jewish people lied about the holocaust** This idea is purely based in Holocaust Denial.
- **Jewish people are inferior in their nature** The idea of Jewish inferiority comes from white supremacy and just simple supmrecism.
- **Jewish people run the porn industry-** The idea that jews run the porn industry to profit off of degeneracy.
- Jews want to take back the temple mount and massacre all muslims- This is a theory popularized by muslim countries which led to the constant displacement of jews around the middle east.
- **Secret Jewish Space Lasers** This is a baseless claim Marjorie Taylor Greene a GOP representative from Georgia made.
- **Jews think they are superior** This idea is based in the Torah which is one of the Jewish holy books where it says Jews are G-d's chosen people.

Although these theories may seem crazy, and harmless, they are believed by many and can put Jewish people into serious danger and harm. The people who begin these theories, and ideas tend to easily manipulate gullible followers into following their cult-like ideas. The American Psychology Association has even proven the effect that conspiracy theories can have on people.

On October 30, 2016, a twitter account claimed that members of the Democratic Party were running a secret sex-trafficing ring in the bottom of a pizza restaurant, called Comet. This story was picked up by alt-right news sources like InfoWars, and was quickly spread all over the internet. Many far right activists, like David Icke, claimed that a group of "elites" were also planning the New World Order (see Section I and II), in the bottom of the same restaurant.

On December 4, 2016, a grown man named Edgar Welch, entered the restaurant with an AR-15 and fired three shots. Comet did not have a basement, and of course no members of the Democratic Party were there either. This goes to show how a single "stupid" conspiracy theory, can actually put one in serious danger.

# **Section III: The History of Jewish Oppression**

## 1. Europe

Pretty early on, Christian authorities decided on a "line." The official Christian position was that (on the one hand, a pretty bad hand) Jews killed Christ, didn't understand their own Scriptures, and were stubborn and materialistic.

On the other hand (the good hand), they were the Chosen People, and G-d did give them His Revelation in the Bible (even if they didn't understand it), and there was always a chance they would convert to Christianity. For those reasons, there was a rule that you couldn't kill Jews just for being Jewish, and you couldn't force them to convert. But you could discriminate against them.

HOWEVER, for a long time <u>not</u> many people knew, cared about, or paid attention to the official Church position. That's because for much of the Middle Ages, the Church had very little power. Most Christian people were uneducated peasants or illiterate knights/thugs/lords. They were technically Christian, but religion didn't mean much to them. If they lived near Jews (and not many did; Jewish communities were tiny and few and far between), they either got along with them fine, or just feuded with them the way they'd feud with any neighbors. So we don't really see much in the way of anti-Semtism <u>outside of Church writings</u> between the year 0 and about 1100.

After 1100, the situation slowly and unevenly changed. First, the Church was getting more powerful, religion was getting stronger, education was spreading, and people were more likely to go to church and hear sermons about Christ being crucified by Jews, etc. Second, the economy exploded. Most of the people who did well in the new economy were Christians, but some were Jews. And people noticed and resented that, and remembered the old Church writings about Jews being materialistic. The stereotype of the greedy Jewish moneylender was born in this period (around 1150-1250). Other nasty anti-Semitic conspiracy theories were developed then too: for example, the blood libel (a charge that Jews killed Christian children). The Church insisted the libel was NOT true, and actually tried

to protect Jews charged with murder, not everybody believed the accusations. But some people who were angry at life, or mad at their Jewish neighbors, or who just thought it would be fun or profitable to rob or kill Jews, allowed themselves to believe the rumors, as an excuse to be violent. (A lot like QAnon and the rumors feeding the Capitol insurrection and other violent events today.)

After the Middle Ages, in the early modern and modern periods (1500-1900) things actually got worse for Jews. That's partly because the Church, which started a lot of anti-Semitic ideas but never wanted people to act on them, lost influence again. Instead, rulers became more powerful, and they thought that spreading anti-Semitic rumors was a great way to deflect any gripes their own citizens might have had against them. They also saw a lot of benefits in expelling or killing Jews and taking their property, or in passing very anti-Jewish laws that let them exploit Jews.

Modern science didn't help at all! Religious stereotypes against Jews just morphed into scientific racism. So instead of saying that Jews were bad because they (allegedly) killed Christ, nineteenth-century scientists said that Jews were bad because they were a degenerate "race." That of course was the Nazi claim.

#### 2. Middle East/North Africa

Anti-Semitism in the Middle East has loo existed for as long as Jews have existed. In the Roman times Jews also faced persecution although it is important to note not to the same extent as other eras. In 19 CE Emperor Tiberius expelled most of the Jews from Rome and moved them to deadlier areas. The Romans refused to let Jews rebuild their temple after its destruction in 70 CE and imposed a special tax called the *Fiscus Judaicas* at the same time. Towards the later years of the Western Roman empire the Jews gained back many rights and were even allowed to rebuild the temple. However Jews did not have the same rights as other citizens and were not considered full Romans.

During the medieval era the Jews were forced into laws called status of *dhimmi* also known as "protected minority". As *dhimmi* Jews were forced to be segregated

and were forced to wear distinct clothing such as yellow star patches. Many ethnic cleansings did occur in parts of the Middle East and many times Jews were forced to either convert or die. In the 19th century a brutal occurrence happened in which two Greek men disappeared and it was falsely blamed on the Jews and on the supposed "blood libel". This led to massive increase in hate in North Africa and the Middle East.

Even before the formation of Israel Anti-Semitism existed in the 20th century Middle East. This included Pogroms and other Anti-Semitic attacks. In Iraq a brutal attack called *The Farhud* was carried out which led to the death of 180 and the injuring of 700 others. After the foundation of Israel Anti-Semitism only worsened as the actions of Israel tended to be blamed on all Jews. This lead to a massive increase in Anti-Semitic attacks in the Middle East especially in countries other then Israel. In some countries like Jordan any visible Jews are not even allowed in the country and in places like Syria and Egypt Jews have seen extremely violent persecution. In fact, in 2002 the Egyptian government run newspaper Al Akhbar published an article outright denying the holocaust and saying it was a "hoax". In places like Saudi Arabia and most of the Middle East and North Africa, Anti-Semitic conspiracies are tought in schools and on TV on a massive scale. This has led to an increase in hatred towards Jews in those areas. For example the Hezbollah lead media corporation *Al-Manar* has aired excerpts from the *Protocols of Zion* and many newspapers run Anti-Semitic conspiracies. 71% of all people in the Middle East and North Africa hold Anti-Semitic views.

# **Section IV: Misconceptions about Judaism**

There are many misconceptions about Judaism and many of these have had very bad effects for Jews and are the basis for anti-Semitic ideas and conspiracies.

• **Jews don't believe in G-d -** This idea has no real backing. Religiously Jewish people believe in G-d. Although our religious practices are different with other religions, Judaism has a lot in common with Christianity and Islam.

- **Jews don't believe in Jesus** Jews do not disagree with the idea that Jesus existed we simply do not believe he was the Messiah.
- **Judaism is "open practice"-** Judaism is a religion based around closed practice, and conversion is an extremely hard and ardent journey that takes 1-4 or even 5 years. Along with that, Judaism is an ethnicity, so not only is it a religion with practices, it is also an ethnicity with culture.
- Judaism is "all" or "nothing" You can find many Jews who do not keep Kosher or who do not follow all biblical law.
- **Jewish people reject converts** It is hard to convert, but we don't reject them.
- **Jewish people believe they are superior** This idea comes from the Torah which says the Jews are G-ds chosen people.
- There are "good Jews" and "bad Jews" This is a stupid claim commonly used by liberals in discussions of Zionism and the I/P conflict.
- Religion is Jewish people's escape This is a theory about many religious peoples, used by anti-theists.
- All Jewish people are white This idea comes from the fact that most people have only ever met white Jews. This idea is simply untrue and you can find Jews of all races.
- Jewish people are "prudes" and have sex through a sheet This rumor has literally no backing. Like it actually has never been substantiated.
- Jews HAVE to follow all aspects of Torah This is simply untrue as many Jews do not follow every single law and a core element of Judaism is debating and discussing what is and is not law.
- Antisemitism is only hatred towards the religion This is completely false. Judaism is an ethnoreligion. A lot of the antisemitism seen throughout history was based on ethnicity. An example is the stereotype that jewish people have large noses. If it was "just a religion" then it would be impossible for jewish people to have jewish features. Although there isn't actually a certain way to look jewish, especially today, people have stereotyped us throughout history to have certain features.

## **Section V: The Jewish People and Israel**

#### "Defining" Zionism and its Different Forms:

Zionism is the right of the Jewish people to self-determination in their historic homeland of eretz yisrael. Zionism is not an intrinsically monolithic idea, as many forms of Zionism exist, ie: Political, Cultural, Religious, Spiritual, e.t.c, yet the general and most coherent definition of Zionism utilised in Zionist/Jewish spaces is Jewish self determination. Zionism has nothing to do with the Israeli/Palestinian conflict, the Israeli govt, the IDF, and it is not an anti palestinian ideology that is rooted in either the diminishment or destruction of Palestine. Zionism is simply the right for Jews to move back to the land of Israel in the form of building communities and reviving ancient Jewish culture to be liberated from the chains of anti semitism experienced by the Jewish people in our tragic diaspora. Cultural Zionism is an extremely important part of the Jewish faith, as our religious prayer books constantly remind us of the depressing displacement of the Jewish people from our homeland and a constant yearn to return to the land of Israel. But of course, there are a plethora of different types of Zionism. Just note that these terms are not mutually exclusive, you can believe in multiple forms of Zionism at the same time. Some of them are:

Cultural Zionism: Cultural Zionism is the right of the Jewish people to self determine in the land of Israel by building communities and reviving ancient Jewish culture ie: Hebrew Language. Cultural Zionism expresses the indignity of the Jewish people in the land of Israel and the beautiful cultural practices that yearns for a return to Zion. One could be a Cultural Zionist, and disagree with Political Zionism + the political state of Israel, while supporting modern day Israel on the grounds that Jews are decolonizing, reviving ancient culture, and self determining in the borders of the state of Israel. Many cultural zionists support a binational state though, so that Jews and Palestinians can coexist and self determine in harmony.

Political Zionism: Political Zionism is the right of the Jewish people to establish a state in the land of Israel, usually on the ground that the political state of Israel should exist to liberate Jews from the horrors of anti semitism experienced by Jews in the diaspora. Political Zionism is usually the definition of Zionism utilised in academic spaces pertaining to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, yet this is harmful because it erases the plethora of other forms of Zionism and denotes Zionism to a homogenous and monolithic cause. Political Zionism is simply just Israel's right to exist as a Jewish homeland.

Religious Zionism: Religious Zionists support Zionism utilising a religious dialect, proving the validity of Jews returning to the land of Israel with biblical essentialism and quotes from our religious textbooks. Many of the members of the Old Yishuv, (Jews who lived in Ottoman Palestine) practiced a form of Religious Zionism, as they lived in Jerusalem and prayed at the Western Wall for the messiah to come back.

# Anti-Semitism and its Relationship with Anti-Zionsim and Anti-Israel:

Many people when criticizing Israel cross the line into anti-semitism. This can include equating all Jews with the Israeli government even when many Jews do not support the actions of the Israeli government. Another way these can intertwine is when people start using antisemitic tropes to represent Israel or Israeli citizens, ie: using people with hooked noses and hunched backs to represent Israeli people. One of the most common ways and a way even shown by politicians (Ilhan Omar) is saying things like: "zionists fund congress" or things along those lines. Statements like this perpetuate anti semitic conspiracies like the idea that Jews run the banks.

#### **Section VI: Anti-Semitic Tropes and Stereotypes**

• **Big Nose** - This idea comes from 13th century anti semitic pictures.

- **Nice Jewish Boy** This idea comes from the Ashkenazi term איידלקײַט which can mean "nobility" or "delicateness" in Yiddish.
- **Jewish Mother/Wife** This stereotype comes from *shtetls* in Europe.
- **Jewish Banker** This trope comes from when in the Medieval Ages many Jews were forced into banker roles as Christians were not supposed to deal with money and interest.
- **Greed** This idea also comes from when Christians could not deal with money and interest.

# Section VII: What to do if You See Anti-Semitsm and How to Support Jewish People

- It depends on the kind of anti-semitism you see. If the person is an actual nazi, stop interacting with them, take a screenshot, and block them immediately. Don't tell them to stop, or tell them to die. If they are a nazi, they do not care, and there is nothing you can do. By further talking to them, you validate their opinions.
- If it is a friend, or someone with good intentions, point out their mistake, and tell them what they did wrong. You can explain, why what they said is anti-semitic, and tell them what they should say instead.
- Even if you do believe their intentions are good, CALL THEM
   OUT. Avoiding the situation is not helpful.
- Post about anti-semitism online, and talk about it. Just having a conversation with your family and friends, can help the Jewish community. Anti-semitism is barely talked about, so just starting a conversation is very helpful.
- If you can, donate to some organizations that help Jews.

#### • DO NOT DEBATE OR TALK TO NAZIS.

- Please provide a trigger warning for anti-semitism, and nazism when posting about it, for it is an extremely sensitive topic.
- During times of anti-semitism, anti-semetic issues, holocaust talk, please talk and check in with your Jewish friends to make sure they are ok.
- Avoid speaking over Jews when discussing things such as anti-semitism or the Holocaust.
- Do not tell Jews how to handle anti-semitism.
- **DON'T** be a bystander.
- And lastly: spread this document!

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