

[“As Jonathan has long said](#), threats from the far-right are like the Category 5 hurricane bearing down on you right now -- immediate and deadly, and antisemitism from the far-left was more akin to climate change: slow, subtle, but steadily rising largely unnoticed until the disaster is already upon us. We are at that devastating point now and progressives must recognize the hurricane hitting us from the far left. From threats on college message boards to slit the throats of Jewish students, to Jewish students being barricaded in a library as anti-Zionists banged on the doors, to projections on the walls of campus buildings championing Hamas as martyrs, to rallies across the country glorifying and at times even calling for violence, we are seeing unfold in real time exactly what we have been warning about.

ADL has long defended free speech and the right of people to express even odious views, but we certainly will call out when those protests cross lines and are organized by groups that take extreme positions -- positions that include blaming Israel as the [“root cause” and “source of the violence”](#) for the massacre of Jews by the antisemitic terrorist organization Hamas. It is important that people know, including those who may have even attended the event believing it was a way to peacefully protest, that this was not a protest solely about a ceasefire: by the organizers own statements, it was about falsely slandering Israel and Zionists – which the vast majority of Jews identify as – with claims of genocide, apartheid, and colonialism, when in fact Jews have lived in Israel continuously for thousands of years, Israel is the only democracy in the region -- a democracy where Arab Israelis serve in government, and the genocidal organization is Hamas, who had just carried out the largest massacre of Jews since the Holocaust.

ADL is dedicated to protecting the lives of Jewish people and the community. And we will not hesitate to call out threats, whether they emanate from the far-right or the far-left. It’s deeply unfortunate that some would object to this approach but we will continue to do our work regardless.”