



Antisemitism

Violence and irrational hatred against Jews have become common occurrences in the U.S. and around the world since the October 7th atrocities in Southern Israel. American universities, cities and increasingly, even K-12 schools are experiencing frightening levels of Jew-hatred. **ZOA demands that existing laws be enforced and new laws be passed to fight this deranged irrational hatred.**

ACTION FOR BOTH HOUSE & SENATE:

- **Demand that members of Congress be sanctioned when they endorse Jew-hatred or inappropriate Israel bashing.**
- Both political parties must take this epidemic seriously and stop platitudes about how upset they are while ignoring the latest atrocity from their own political supporters.
- Demand that teachers' unions act against their own members who are neglecting this issue in the K-12, and even pre-schools.

ACTION FOR HOUSE:

- **Urge your Representative to support H.R 8239, SACRED Act, introduced by Tom Suozzi (R-NY)**
 - Safeguarding Access to Congregations and Religious Establishments from Disruption
 - This legislation would make it a federal crime to intentionally obstruct or harass people exercising their right to religious worship within 100 feet of a place of worship.
 - States like New York where buffer zones have been decriminalized would have federal penalty.
- **Urge your Representative to Support H.R.2446 - Stop Antisemitism on College Campuses Act, introduced by Mike Lawler (R-NY)**
 - Amends Higher Education Act of 1965 to withhold federal funds from any institution that supports any event promoting antisemitism on campus.
 - Uses the working IHRA definition of antisemitism, which includes irrational criticism of Israel.

ACTION FOR SENATE:

- **Urge your Senators to enact S.1296, DETERRENT Act introduced by Sen. Tom Tillis (R-NC)**
 - **Defending Education Transparency and Ending Rogue Regimes Engaging in Nefarious Transactions Act** –already passed House.
 - Requires reporting by Universities of all gifts from designated hostile countries
 - Lowers the threshold to report other gifts from \$250 K to \$50K
 - Prevents Universities from entering into contracts with foreign governments without approval
- **Urge your Senators to enact S.4576, the Jewish American Security Act introduced by Sen. Jacky Rosen (D-NV) and James Lankford (R-OK).**
 - Requires DoEd to appoint an Antisemitism Coordinator
 - Expands funding for Jewish Security Grants up to \$1B from \$360 M
 - Online platforms would be required to report on how they deal with antisemitic content

TALKING POINTS

- Islamist, Marxist and other terrorist enemies of Israel are seeking to use antisemitic attacks in the U.S. as another front in the ongoing war against Israel.
 - Attack victims have included non-activists who are visibly Jewish, college students and counter-protesters against terror.
 - Zionism, which simply means believing the Jewish People have a right to live in their biblical homeland, is an integral part of Judaism.
- Jew-hatred has increased dramatically and unfortunately is by far the most common form of religious civil rights incident in our country. Although Jews make up only 2 % of the population, they account for 55% of hate incidents.
- ZOA has been deeply involved in the issue of antisemitism on our college campuses for more than 20 years. The problem has now become significant in K-12 schools also.
- Unfortunately, the response by the DoEd has been both ineffective and slow.
 - Some students ZOA has helped have graduated, married and had children before their cases were resolved by the Office of Civil Rights at the DoEd.
- More resources for investigations are not sufficient.
 - Resolution agreements the DoEd has reached are trivially ineffective.
 - Universities have become repeat offenders with no penalties.
- Administration executive orders are making a difference, but need to be made permanent by being enshrined in law.
- Current law is not being enforced. Jew-hatred has become a crisis, and full enforcement of existing law is required.
 - ALL federal aid to offending schools could be eliminated.
 - We need serious penalties to force University administrators to focus on solutions.
- ZOA demands that any foreign nationals who are providing material support to terrorism be prosecuted or deported.
 - This is the existing law, and it must be enforced.
- The attacker in Boulder and his entire family purposefully overstayed a 'tourist visa,' and everyone in that category must be deported.
- Executive Orders which have been enacted under this president must be codified into legislation so future administrations will continue to protect Jews from hate.
- ZOA supports denying visas to enter the U.S. to people who support terrorist groups.
- Jew-hatred must be treated as equivalent to anti-Black or anti-Muslim offenses.
- Robust action needs to be taken against Members of Congress who engage in Jew-hating and inappropriate Israel-bashing activities.

Healthy societies take action in the face of hate. Not one would continue continued espousal of hate against any other group in our country, and the same standard needs to be upheld when Jew-hatred is endemic.