JUNE 2021 ANTISEMITIC INCIDENTS & IHRA WORKING DEFINITION OF ANTISEMITISM ADOPTION REPORT

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Published weekly, CAM’s Global Antisemitism Report is a comprehensive resource tracking media coverage of antisemitic incidents across the globe, and classifying the incidents based upon ideology. The report also highlights government leaders and humanitarian activists who are pushing back against antisemitism.

In June 2021, CAM tracked a total of 175 incidents that were reported in the media, marking a 31.6% decrease from May's dramatic surge in incidents associated with the Israel-Gaza conflict. Of these, 32.6% (57 incidents) had far-left motives, while 26.3% (46 incidents) came from the far-right and 20.6% (36 incidents) had Islamist motives. The remainder -- 20.6% (36 incidents) -- had unidentifiable motives.
Introduction

The most effective tool today to combat all forms of contemporary antisemitism is the IHRA working definition of antisemitism. To fight antisemitism, we must first be able to define it.

CAM publishes a monthly IHRA Working Definition of Antisemitism Adoption Report, monitoring IHRA definition adoptions and related developments around the world.

In June 2021, CAM tracked 6 entities that adopted the IHRA definition of antisemitism and, in doing so, committed to making the world a safer place for Jewish communities.

The global rise in antisemitic incidents from multiple sources across the ideological spectrum reinforces the usefulness of the IHRA working definition of antisemitism and its accompanying list of examples in identifying all forms of contemporary antisemitism -- from classical manifestations to anti-Zionist manifestations of Jew-hatred.

June 2021 IHRA Adoptions:

5 Governmental Adoptions & 1 University Adoption:

- Switzerland
- Quebec Province
- Nassau County, NY
- Town of New Castle, NY
- Bracknell Forest Council (UK)
- University of Bradford (UK)
In June 2021, five out of the six adoptions were done by government entities at the national, regional and municipal levels. Following the drastic increase in anti-Zionist antisemitism in North America and the United Kingdom in May and June, authorities are turning to the definition as a tool to identify and combat local manifestations of Jew-hatred in their communities.

Underscoring the importance of legislative and community-based tools to combat acts of Jew-hatred in the streets, a rabbi was stabbed eight times in broad daylight in the city of Boston’s Brighton neighborhood on July 1st.

On June 4th, the Federal Council of Switzerland voted to adopt the IHRA working definition of antisemitism, becoming the 32nd country to formally adopt the definition. Also in June, the province of Quebec became the third Canadian province to adopt the definition, and the second Canadian province to do so this year, after New Brunswick.

In New York State, Nassau County's executive issued an executive order for the IHRA definition's use, and the town of New Castle approved a motion to adopt the definition in light of the recent rise in antisemitism across New York. Nassau County and New Castle became the second county and the fourth town respectively, to adopt the definition in New York.

The Bracknell Forest Council in southern England also approved a motion adopting the definition, joining dozens of other municipal councils in the UK that have already done so.
As antisemitism continued to enter mainstream political discourse, and manifest through violent acts, as well as vandalism and verbal harassment, more public figures, and civic and governmental institutions are recognizing the importance of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance's (IHRA) working definition of antisemitism and its impact as a guidepost to effectively measure, identify, and combat the largest resurgence of Jew-hatred in living memory.

Bill to Define Antisemitism in Schools Passes Arizona Senate

Virginia Gov. Candidate Announces Plan to Adopt IHRA & Combat Antisemitism

OAS Announces New Antisemitism Envoy Position in Latin America

Government of Quebec Province Adopts IHRA Definition of Antisemitism

UK to Chair International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance in 2024

U.S. State Dept. Doubles Down on Embrace of IHRA Definition

Switzerland Adopts IHRA Definition of Antisemitism

Cyprus' Application for IHRA Observer Status Approved

Report an IHRA definition of antisemitism adoption to the Combat Antisemitism Movement. If your organization would like assistance with adopting the IHRA definition of antisemitism, or you would like assistance having the IHRA definition adopted in your community, please contact us at info@combatantisemitism.org.