

Report by the Combat Antisemitism Movement:

Confronting Holocaust Trivialization, Denial, and
Distortion Online

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Holocaust Trivialization First Analysis (2022)

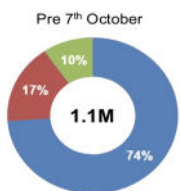
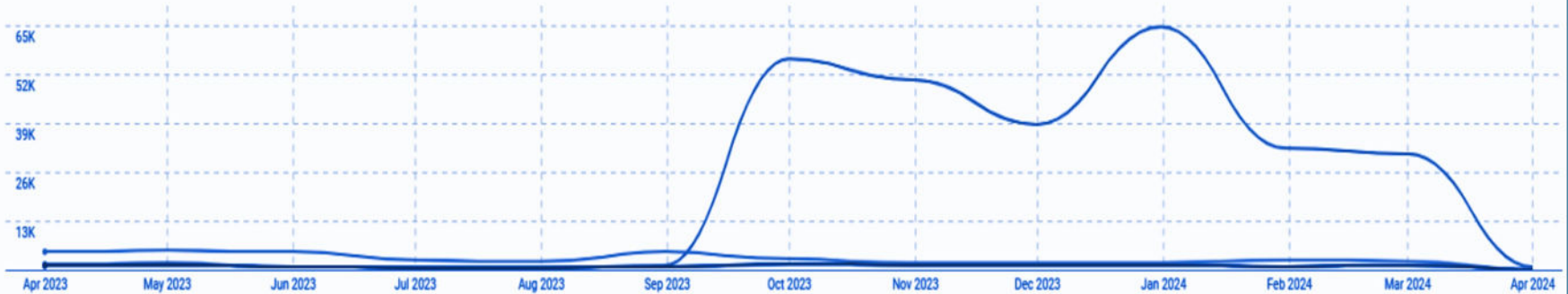
- COVID-19 and Russia's invasion of Ukraine, we saw a significant rise in efforts to minimize the Holocaust.
- COVID-19 containment measures implemented by governments around the globe have been compared to Nazi measures.
- Holocaust trivialization was also detected across issue areas such as the Israeli-Palestinian conflict (13.6%), general political opposition (6.5%), the 2022 outbreak of the Russo-Ukrainian war (5.6%), climate change (1.4%), sports (1.4%).



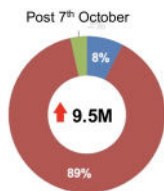
2024 Report – Key Findings

- Since October 7, **590%** rise Holocaust denialism on X.
- Holocaust trivialization and denial accounted for only 13% and **Holocaust distortion** accounted for 87%.
- 18-34 ages accounted for more than **68% of the content posted**. **Gen Z** generation.
- Top 5 countries: United States (58%), Germany (5%), UK (5%), Canada (5%), and France (4%).

How did October 7th Impact the Digital Landscape?



April 1, 2023–October 6, 2023



October 7, 2023–April 1, 2024

Holocaust Denial



Holocaust Distortion



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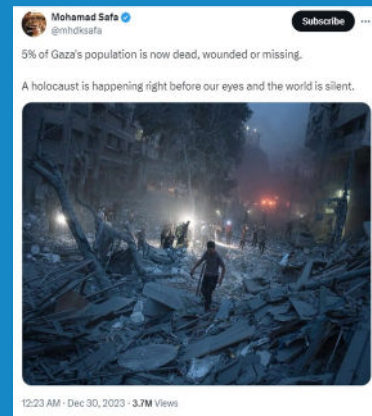
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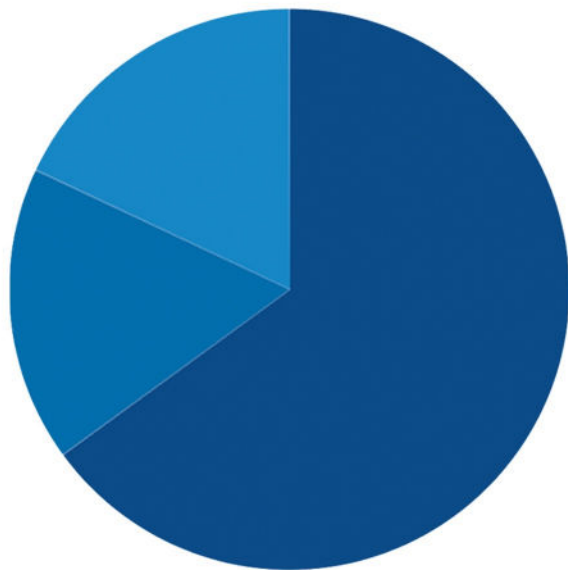


Holocaust Trivialization



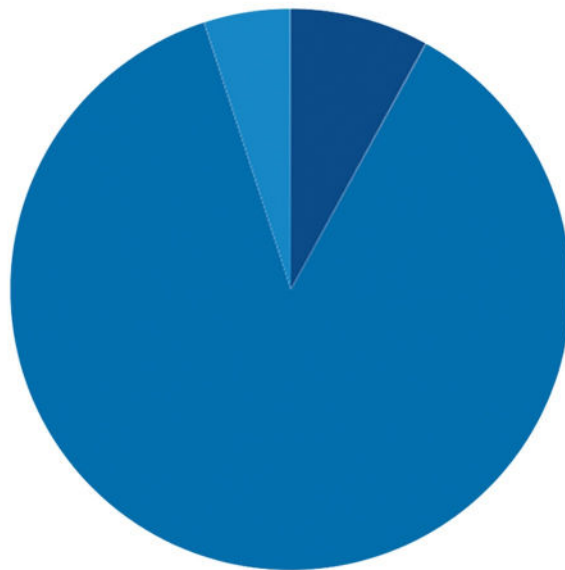
The Changing Landscape of Online Holocaust Denialism

Pre October 7th



■ Trivialization (65%) ■ Distortion (17%) ■ Denial (18%)

Post October 7th



■ Trivialization (8%) ■ Distortion (87%) ■ Denial (5%)

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Policymaking Recommendations

- **Adopt IHRA Definition:** Encourage governments and academic institutions to adopt the IHRA's definition of Holocaust distortion and denial for a standardized approach to combatting these issues.
- **Research Links to Antisemitism:** Task research institutes in Canada, the US, and the EU to study how Holocaust denialism contributes to antisemitism.
- **Strengthen Regulations:** Advocate for robust national and international legislation to hold digital platforms accountable for hosting hateful content, using community guideline systems similar to platform X.
- **Expand IHRA Scope:** Include the denial of events like those on October 7 within the IHRA definition of antisemitism.
- **International Collaborations:** Promote partnerships among Holocaust museums, research bodies, and educational institutions worldwide to foster global awareness and vigilance.
- **Tech Company Engagement:** Encourage the use of advanced detection technologies and human oversight by tech companies to proactively identify and address Holocaust denial content.