

## ECHOES OF THE PAST AND A WARNING FOR THE PRESENT:

The Stark Reality of Record-Breaking Antisemitism in 2024



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### **Introduction**

The year 2024 was marked by an unprecedented rise in global antisemitism, with the Antisemitism Research Center (ARC) by the Combat Antisemitism Movement (CAM) documenting a total of 6,326 incidents. This represents a staggering 107.7% increase from 2023, which had already witnessed a record-breaking 58.6% rise over 2022.

We are now facing **the most severe wave of antisemitism since the end of the Second World War**, a phenomenon that demands urgent global attention. Jewish communities worldwide have been subjected to an unrelenting onslaught of violence, harassment, and systemic discrimination, fueled by a fusion of far-left, far-right, and Islamist extremism. The international failure to combat this resurgence threatens the very security and stability of Jewish life around the world.

This report provides an in-depth analysis of the ARC's 2024 data, identifying key ideological motivations, regional trends, and policy recommendations to address the crisis.

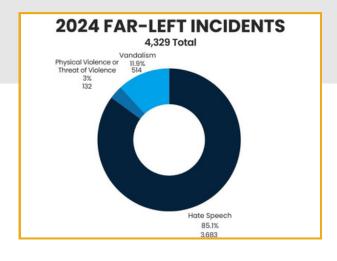


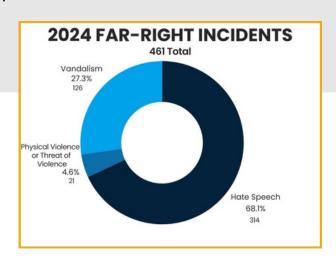


## The Rising Tide of Antisemitism: Key Ideological Trends in 2024

In 2024, the most prominent characteristic of antisemitic incidents was the overwhelming dominance of far-left ideology. This marks a decisive shift from 2023, when antisemitic incidents from far-left and far-right sources were roughly at parity. The data reveals:

- Far-left incidents surged by 324.8% compared to 2023, rendering the far-left the
  dominant ideological camp of antisemitic incidents. Radicalized social movements,
  media disinformation campaigns, and efforts to target Jewish communities under the
  guise of anti-Israel activism have primarily fueled this increase.
  - o 68.4% of incidents recorded in 2024 (4,329 of 6,326) were linked to far-left ideology.
- Far-right incidents dropped by 54.8% from 2023, suggesting that while the extreme right
  remains a threat, it has been eclipsed by the radicalization of leftist movements. Another
  possible explanation for this development is that amid widespread and intensive media
  coverage of the Israel-Hamas war and related protests, political activity, and
  antisemitism typical of far-left and Islamist circles relatively less coverage is dedicated
  to far-right antisemitic incidents.
  - Although only 7.3% of incidents recorded in 2024 (461 of 6,326) were linked to farright ideology, the ARC's 2024 data suggest that far-right incidents are slightly more likely to manifest as violence and much more likely to involve vandalism than far-left incidents.
    - 4.6% (21 of 461) of far-right incidents were violent acts or threats, whereas 3% (132 of 4,329) of far-left incidents were violent acts or threats.
    - 27.3% (126 of 461) of far-right incidents involved vandalism, whereas 11.9% (514 of 4,329) of far-left incidents involved vandalism.
    - Such trends suggest that far-right antisemites have a greater propensity than farleft antisemites to damage property or harm others.

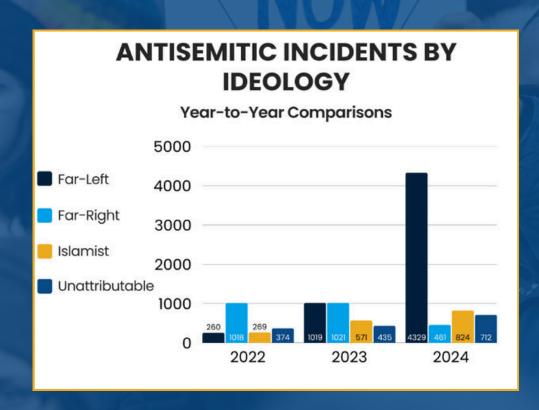






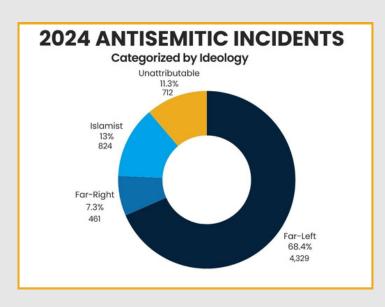
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- Islamist-motivated incidents increased by 44.3% from 2023, underscoring the
  dangerous convergence of far-left antisemitism and militant Islamist
  propaganda. This rise can be traced to coordinated propaganda networks,
  extremist religious teachings, and recruitment efforts targeting vulnerable
  individuals susceptible to radicalization.
  - A lawsuit filed in the United States in March 2025 against activists at Columbia University has <u>alleged</u> coordination between student activists and Hamas since October 2023. Furthermore, <u>ISGAP research</u> highlighted the role Qatari donations have played in fostering anti-Israel, anti-Western, antisemitic propaganda.
  - 13% of incidents recorded in 2024 (824 of 6,326) were linked to Islamist ideology.
- Incidents not easily attributable to a particular ideology rose by 63.7%, indicating a
  broader societal normalization of antisemitic rhetoric and behavior. The growing
  pervasiveness of Jew-hatred within mainstream political discourse, social media,
  and even cultural spaces demonstrates the urgency of combating antisemitism
  at all levels of society.
  - 11.3% of incident's recorded in 2024 (712 of 6,326) were not easily attributable to a particular ideology.





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## The Rise and Radicalization of the Far-Left: Domination of Israel-Related, Left-Wing Antisemitism

The left-wing antisemitic movement has evolved into a global force, leveraging anti-colonial narratives, <u>certain critical theories</u>, and anti-Zionist propaganda to fuel hostility toward the Jewish state and Jewish communities worldwide. **96.4% (4,174 of 4,329) of left-wing incidents recorded in 2024 manifested as Israel-related and/or anti-Zionist antisemitism**, underscoring a significant overlap. Grassroots activism, disinformation campaigns in digital spaces, and the normalization of antisemitic rhetoric have fueled this trend within progressive circles. Key indicators of far-left antisemitic incidents in 2024 include:

**Explicit Indicators:** Demonstrations featuring Communist flags, banners from organizations such as the Party for Socialism and Liberation in the United States and communist parties elsewhere in the world, and calls for the destruction of Israel under the guise of Palestinian "liberation."

**Implicit Indicators:** Use of terms common among, but not exclusive to, far-left circles such as "settler-colonialism," "Israeli apartheid," and "genocide" to delegitimize Jewish statehood and self-determination.

**Context-Dependent Indicators:** Contextual factors such as location can provide insight into the ideological roots of an antisemitic incident. For example, university movements masquerading as anti-Israel activism but propagating antisemitic tropes, often resulting in violence and intimidation of Jewish students and faculty, are likely to be motivated by far-left ideology.

The growth of pro-BDS (Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions) movements encouraging economic and cultural isolation of Israel have further institutionalized antisemitic policies across major academic institutions.

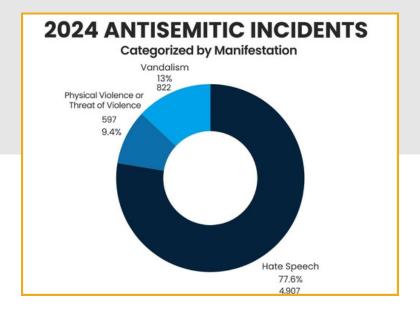
- A prominent example occurred in Norway, where five universities acceded to the demands of the BDS movement and <u>cut ties</u> with Israeli institutions.
- Another instance of BDS-related discrimination occurred in Spain, where Conferencia de Rectores de las Universidades Españolas (CRUE), an organization representing 76 Spanish universities, <u>agreed</u> to suspend collaboration with Israeli universities, research centers, and individual researchers.

### Hate Speech, Violence, and Vandalism

The vast majority of incidents recorded in 2024 predominantly involved hate speech, as opposed to physical violence and threats or vandalism. Due to the risk of graver legal penalties, those who commit antisemitic acts may be less inclined to engage in violence or property destruction, particularly in Western democracies that afford their inhabitants relatively high degrees of freedom of speech and expression.

Indeed, 74.3% (1,898 of 2,553) of incidents recorded in the United States - nearly three in four - involved hate speech. In Western Europe, 81.2% (1,555 of 1,916) of incidents recorded involved hate speech.

- 77.6% of the incidents recorded in 2024 (4,907 of 6,326) manifested primarily as hate speech.
- 13% (822 of 6,326) manifested primarily as vandalism.
- 9.4% (597 of 6,326) manifested primarily as physical violence or threats.





### The "CHAI" System

In 2024, the ARC introduced a system for categorizing incidents of antisemitism called the "CHAI" system, indicating the following categories:

#### Classical

 Incidents rooted in far-right, Nazi or Neo-Nazi, white supremacist, or classical Christian theological antisemitic tropes. This includes Medieval antisemitic accusations (e.g., well poisoning, transmitting disease) and conspiracy theories stemming from the fictitious Protocols of the Elders of Zion.

#### Holocaust trivialization/denial/distortion

Hardcore or softcore Holocaust denial (e.g., "The Holocaust didn't happen" vs.
 "The Holocaust occurred, but fewer than 6 million Jews were killed"), trivializing the Holocaust (e.g., "the Holocaust is only discussed because it happened to white people"), or distorting the historical facts of the Holocaust, implicitly or explicitly, by drawing specious comparisons (e.g., "Israel is Nazi Germany").

#### • Anti-Zionist/Israel-Related Antisemitism

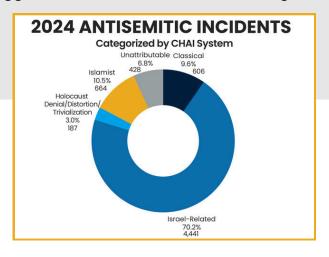
 Rhetoric or actions that engage in demonization, double-standards, and/or delegitimization against Israel, or accuse Israel of being inherently racist, committing genocide, or maintaining apartheid.

#### Islamist

 Incidents rooted in radical Islamist tropes or explicit support for radical Islamist organizations (e.g., Hamas, Hezbollah, Houthis).

#### Unattributable also included

The goal of the system is to capture the rhetorical manifestation of an antisemitic incident independent of the perpetrator's chief ideological motivation. (For example, an incident in which an ideologically far-right hate group distributes flyers with language denying the Holocaust would be logged as a far-right incident manifesting as Holocaust trivialization/denial/distortion. A far-left group expressing support for Hamas would be logged as a far-left incident manifesting as Islamist rhetoric.)



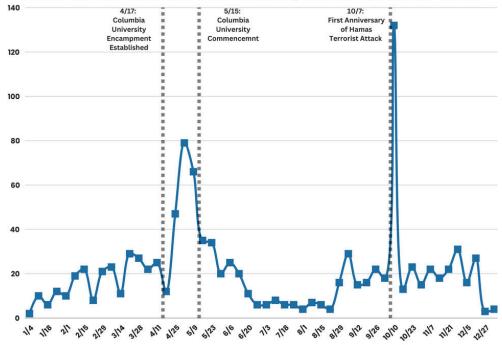


# The Explosion of Antisemitism on College Campuses

Perhaps nowhere has the radicalization of antisemitism been more evident than on college campuses, where Jewish students now face exorbitant levels of hostility. Universities, traditionally centers for free thought and open discourse, have become incubators of antisemitic extremism due to unchecked radical activism and administrative inaction. Politicized courses and the promulgation of far-left academic theories that paint Israel as a "settler-colonial," artificial country and its Jewish inhabitants as "settlers" fuel antisemitic activism among student bodies.

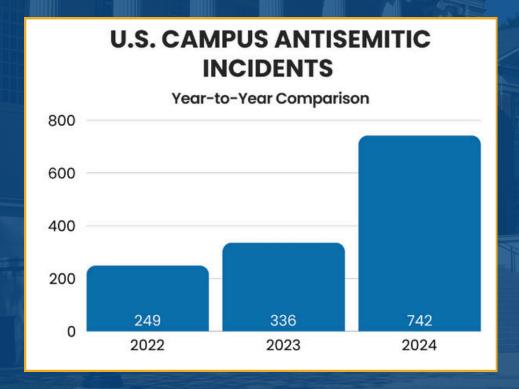
- 1,069 incidents of antisemitism were recorded on university campuses worldwide, representing an existential crisis for Jewish academic life. Jewish students have reported threats, vandalism, exclusion from student organizations, and even physical assaults due to their religious and cultural identity.
- The most intense surge in campus antisemitism occurred between mid-April and mid-May, coinciding with the rise of anti-Israel encampments on over 150 campuses.







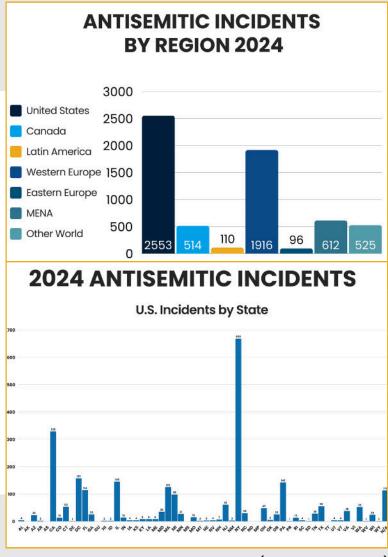
- Many of these encampments functioned as hubs for antisemitic rhetoric, harassment campaigns, and direct incitement of violence against Jewish students.
- The United States was particularly affected, where campus incidents skyrocketed by 120.8% compared to 2023 and by 198% compared to 2022.
   This rise has been exacerbated by lax university policies, faculty complicity, and the failure of academic institutions to enforce consequences for antisemitic behavior.
- Radical student organizations like Students for Justice in Palestine (SJP),
  Faculty for Justice in Palestine (FJP), and Jewish Voice for Peace (JVP) largely
  orchestrated these incidents, often with administrative indifference or
  outright complicity. These groups have systematically targeted Jewish
  students through social exclusion, harassment campaigns, and the
  dissemination of antisemitic propaganda disguised as political discourse.





# 2024 Incidents: Geographical Breakdowns

• The majority of incidents recorded in 2024 occurred in the United States (2,553) and Western Europe (1,916) for a total of 4,469 of 6,326, or 70.6%.



The United States has 50 states, a federal district (Washington, DC), and 14 territories, five of which are permanently inhabited. Of these states, districts, and territories, the top five for incidents were:

- New York (668)
- California (329)
- Washington, DC (157)
- Illinois (145)
- Pennsylvania (142)



 Collectively, they accounted for 1,441 of 2,553 (56.4%) of U.S. incidents recorded in 2024.

Importantly, these states are home to populous cities (New York City, Los Angeles, Chicago, Philadelphia) with universities with notable antisemitism problems (Columbia University, UCLA, University of Pennsylvania). Washington, D.C., by contrast, has a smaller population but is a hub of political activity likely to disproportionately attract antisemitic agitation related to the Israel-Hamas war. The city is also home to several universities (George Washington University, Georgetown University, American University) that are similarly afflicted with antisemitic activism.

## Final Warning: A Critical Moment in History

The rise of antisemitism in 2024 is not a historical aberration – it is a defining moment in modern history. If the world fails to act now, we risk entering a new dark era in which antisemitism is not only tolerated but condoned, allowed to fester and become institutionalized. Such a process creates a downward spiral, as hate begets hate, and calls for the extermination of the Jewish state can quickly transform into actions designed to harm and to kill Jews. We must act decisively, forcefully, and without hesitation. The Jewish people have endured persecution for centuries – but they will not stand alone.

The time for action is now.



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