

# Scholars Circle Resource Guide

Protocols of the Elders of Anti-Zion: The Global Conspiracy Against the Jews

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# Common Q&A's

**Who are the major institutional or governmental members of the Elders of Anti-Zion, i.e. purveyors of the anti-Jewish conspiracy?**

Russia and the Soviet Union, the Nazis, the Muslim Brotherhood and Hamas, and the Western progressive movement. But it all traces back fundamentally to Russia and the Soviet Union, which concocted The Protocols of the Elders of Zion in the first place and launched the campaign.

**In what way(s) did Russia and the Soviet Union influence the other members of the Elders?**

Russia produced the Protocols originally, then massively distributed it throughout its enormous spheres of influence. The book directly influenced Nazi ideology and the resulting Holocaust, and the Soviets translated it into Arabic and distributed it throughout the Islamic and Arab worlds. The Soviet Union then was the lodestar of the leftist movement, directly influenced the Western progressive movement that grew out of it, and to this day much of the antizionist and antisemitic progressive ideology simply recycles not merely the concepts but the specific propaganda produced in mass quantities by the Soviet Union.

**What role do the intellectuals—the professors—play in the conspiracy against the Jews?**

The most essential one. The Soviets literally paid professors to establish antizionist academies that produced antizionist (and antisemitic) propaganda under the invented discipline of “Zionology.” Ditto for the Nazis, as perhaps best simply summarized in the title of Max Weinreich’s important 1946 book, Hitler’s Professors: The Part of Scholarship in Germany’s Crimes Against the Jewish People. Ditto for the Islamic and Arab worlds, where “scholars” do the same. And ditto, most painfully, in the West, where progressive scholars produce a relentless stream of anti-Israel propaganda in the guise of “scholarship.”

## Key Takeaways

- ☑ Anti-Jewish and anti-Israel hate is usefully conceived of as a kind of global conspiracy, with elements working together and inspiring each other. Newer forms of the hate are more clearly understood when they are seen to be continuations or new manifestations of older forms.
- ☑ One cannot overestimate the role that Russian, and then Soviet, antisemitism played and plays in promoting anti-Jewish and anti-Israel hate even to this day. There are clear and direct lines from today’s numerous anti-Israel libels, for example, back to Soviet propaganda.
- ☑ Nor can one overestimate the role that the professors – the scholars, the thought leaders – have played and continue to play in promoting anti-Jewish and anti-Israel hate. Entire scholarly disciplines have been developed precisely to create and disseminate that hate, with an air of “science” and loads of footnotes, when ultimately it is just bigotry.
- ☑ The “Hitler’s Professors” of today are constituted by those who have formed the Institute for the Critical Study of Zionism, taking the form of an “academic” institute but in fact starting from the bigoted premise that Zionism is an evil that must be uprooted from the world “by any means necessary.” The Nazis’ “race science” was exactly the same kind of endeavor: a pretend-science actually motivated by the desire to justify their genocidal violence toward the Jews.

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