

Scholars Circle Resource Guide

Double-sided

Scholars United: Strategies and Actions to Combat Antisemitism in Schools



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About Scholar

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Common Q&A's

What is ISGAP doing to combat antisemitism?

ISGAP is training a network of scholars worldwide to teach critical contemporary antisemitism studies in Higher Education, researching foreign funding in universities, discussing findings on the podcast, *Follow The Money*, and presenting information to government leaders.

They are developing programs to educate the moderate majority about the radical ideology that shifts from classrooms to campus protests and to the streets.

What is the bad news? What is the good news?

The bad news is that the agenda to demonize Jews and Israel by influencing universities where people learn to be citizens was planned decades ago and has been coming to fruition in recent years and especially since October 8, 2023. The good news is that organizations like ISGAP are exposing the ideology that shapes much curriculum and growing networks worldwide to oppose it.

What are the most common libels against Israel?

Through classroom education and social media campaigns, the accusations are exposed as lies: 1) Israel is not a settler-colonial state, 2) Israel is not an apartheid state, 3) Israel does not commit genocide in Gaza.

Key Takeaways

- ✓ Antisemitism is a virus that mutates through history. To identify and combat it: 1) educate yourself and others about Jewish history and Israel; 2) look for the 3-Ds: delegitimization, demonization, and double standards (developed by Natan Sharansky); 3) work to get more states, schools, organizations, and companies to adopt or endorse the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) working definition of antisemitism
- ✓ Michal Cotler-Wunsh, Israel's Special Envoy for Antisemitism, said, "Convey a feeling of urgency with words rationally to reach the moderate majority that is silent or silenced." Get informed about what is happening and get involved as an advocate to protect all students' civil rights and democracy worldwide.
- ✓ ISGAP and many other organizations are working to combat antisemitism and anti-Americanism in K-12 schools and Higher Education.

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