COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS

Join us on Zoom to engage in a conversation about antisemitism.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2022 AT NOON
THANKS TO OUR THOUGHT LEADERS

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West Chester University

SCHEDULE
12  |  Welcome & Overview
12:05 |  Topic Overview
12:30 |  TED Talk
12:50 |  Breakout Rooms
THANKS TO OUR PROMO PARTNERS

[Logos of various organizations]
A FEW HOUSEKEEPING NOTES

• Please be mindful and respectful to all.
• Some may have never have dealt with these topics before while others may have lived through traumatic experiences.
• Please mute yourself and turn off your video during the TED Talk video streaming.
• Feel free to eat your lunch while viewing the video.
• Please unmute yourself and turn on your video immediately after the TED Talk video streaming to encourage open dialogue.
DEFINING KEY TERMS


*Trump signed an Executive Order in December 2019 that made antisemitism punishable under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act — a clause that deals only with race, ethnicity and nationality, not discrimination on the basis of religion.*


**Antisemitism:**
- Hostility to &/or prejudice against Jewish people
- A negative perception of Jews, often expressed as disrespect & hatred
- Rhetorical & physical manifestations of antisemitism are directed toward Jewish or non-Jewish individuals &/or their property, & toward Jewish community institutions & religious facilities

**Anti-Zionism:**
- Prejudice against the Jewish movement for self-determination and the right of the Jewish people to a homeland in the State of Israel
- May be motivated by or result in antisemitism
- Creates a climate in which antisemitism becomes more acceptable
ANTISEMITISM IN U.S.

Anti-Defamation League – Audit of Antisemitic Incidents 2021

2001-2005
Antisemitic incidents in the U.S. were on the decline

2016
Incidents spiked 34%

2017
Spiked by 57%

2019
2,107 incidents -- the highest number on record since ADL began tracking incidents in 1979

2020
ADL found 2,024 antisemitic incidents -- the third-highest year on record.

As of 2020 the American Jewish population is estimated at **7.6 million people**, accounting for **2.4%** of the total US population.

Community Portrait: A Population Study of Greater Philadelphia

https://jewishphilly.org/communityportrait/

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**Antisemitic Incidents U.S. | 2018-2021 Incidents by State**

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**Anti-Defamation League Audit of Antisemitic Incidents 2021**

Extremist Activity

Known extremist groups or individuals inspired by extremist ideology were responsible for 484 incidents in 2021, up from 332 incidents in 2020. This represents 18% of the total number of incidents in 2021. All of the incidents emerged from adherents of right-wing or white supremacist ideologies. Of the 484 incidents attributed to hate groups or extremists, 422 took the form of antisemitic fliers, banners, stickers or written messages. This is a 52% increase from 277 in 2020.

The remaining 62 incidents of extremist activity included acts of antisemitic vandalism, bomb threats to Jewish institutions, Zoombombings, and several small protests outside Jewish and pro-Israel institutions. In 2021, ADL documented 27 antisemitic extremist gatherings, parades, picketing events or meetings. This is a 35% increase from 20 such incidents in 2020.
ANTI-SEMITISM EXISTS ACROSS AND BEYOND POLITICAL BOUNDARIES

HATE ON THE RIGHT

- Charlottesville “Unite the Right” rally (August 2017)
- Pittsburgh synagogue shooting (October 2018)
- Poway synagogue shooting (April 2019)
- Nazi propaganda at January 6 riots (January 2021)

Out of the 270 anti-Semitic incidents committed by known political extremists in the US in 2019, at least two-thirds were committed by known white supremacist groups. Even among those anti-Semitic incidents specifically motivated by anti-Israel and anti-Zionist sentiment, traditionally the focal point of so-called “left-wing anti-Semitism,” the ADL found that the single largest source was white supremacist groups. [https://forward.com/opinion/446360/the-adls-data-proves-it-the-right-owns-anti-semitism-in-america/](https://forward.com/opinion/446360/the-adls-data-proves-it-the-right-owns-anti-semitism-in-america/)

HATE ON THE LEFT

- Cemented in anti-Zionist propaganda & themes
- BDS movement – de-legitimizing Israel
  Boycott, Divestment & Sanctions (BDS) is a Palestinian-led movement promoting boycotts, divestments, & economic sanctions against Israel.
- Some 2022 political left candidates have embraced themes related to Israel that range from incendiary to antisemitic

You can both criticize the government of Israel and not be anti-Semitic but that is where words matter. This is an increasingly delicate matter.
Exploring hate: How antisemitism fuels white nationalism
By PBS News
Antisemitism is a core ideology in white nationalist movements. American University professor Pamela Nadell, former homeland security analyst Daryl Johnson, racial justice activist Eric Ward, and former white nationalist Derek Black join Hari Sreenivasan to discuss.

Antisemitic incidents hit a record high in 2021. What’s behind the rise in hate?
By PBS News
The Anti-Defamation League, which tracks anti-Semitic behavior nationwide, found 2,717 incidents in 2021. This is a 34% rise in 1 year. Jonathan Greenblatt, CEO of the Anti-Defamation League, joins William Brangham to discuss the record-high occurrences.
COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS

Join us on Zoom to engage in a conversation about confronting the painful parts of US history.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2022 AT NOON

Register: ChesCoCF.org/explore/Food-for-Thought

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Brief Intros
• Who are you? What brought you to today’s Community Conversation?
• What did you want to learn? What have you learned?

Discussion Questions
• Where do you see antisemitism in your community?
• How are antisemitism and racism connected?
• Why has antisemitic harassment, violence, and propaganda increased so much these last few years?
• How can antisemitism be addressed and prevented?

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