

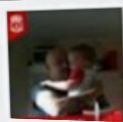


# BIGOTS FOR PALESTINE

HOW THE PALESTINE SOLIDARITY  
CAMPAIGN TOLERATES JEW-HATRED



Palestine  
Solidarity  
Campaign UK



**Jay Cannell** Filthy jew dirtbags

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**Ronan Mc Carron** Sure the Jews own America what do you expect?

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**Tohura Ahmad** We should convert all the Jews to Islam then they won't be our enemies

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**Luey Amenides** The cancer of the world should be exterminated

10 November at 05:20

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# FOREWORD

Palestine Solidarity Campaign UK (PSC) portrays itself as an organisation concerned with human rights and justice. Its 28 patrons include Britain's Leader of the Opposition, Jeremy Corbyn MP. It is publicly endorsed by 17 affiliated trade unions and many students' unions. Yet many PSC supporters wholeheartedly espouse a vicious strain of modern antisemitism, and within PSC circles their Jew-hatred is entirely tolerated.

For an entire month, we monitored comments on PSC's Facebook page, reviewing and categorising almost 3,000 user comments. PSC's Facebook presence is a cesspool of antisemitism which proliferates and normalises hatred of Jews.

In this report, we present research which finds that over 7% of user comments on PSC's official Facebook page are overtly antisemitic. In many cases, PSC supporters are posting visceral Nazi-era anti-Jewish hate. PSC tolerates its supporters' antisemitism by not moderating it out; but our researchers found that PSC does remove other forms of hate speech. Our research also shows that the cards are stacked against counter-speech. Simply put, in PSC circles Jew-hatred is accepted.

PSC is a powerful proliferation channel for antisemitism. The hatred posted by its supporters can routinely be seen by hundreds of thousands of people on PSC's official Facebook page. More insidiously, PSC camouflages and normalises

antisemitism by allowing it to seep into political discourse, and wrapping it in patronage and trade union affiliation.

PSC states that "it was established to campaign...in opposition to racism, including anti-Jewish prejudice". Yet PSC does not adhere to such values and its inaction disproves its claim to be a legitimate and respectable organisation.

We challenge the patrons, trade unions and students' unions that endorse PSC to publicly withdraw their support until PSC unequivocally endorses and enforces the International Definition of Antisemitism used by the British Government, the College of Policing and the National Union of Students, along with thirty other nations.

Sadly it is common for Jews to suffer a double antisemitism: not only are we subjected to antisemitic abuse, but when we highlight that abuse we are accused of dissembling and conspiring to cry wolf as a means of silencing our enemies, a claim which itself is antisemitic. Campaign Against Antisemitism is concerned with antisemitic bigotry. We act without any reference to politics whatsoever. Yet we fully expect that among PSC supporters, this report will be seen as a cynical political manipulation, thus further proving our claim that the pro-Palestine movement is deeply infused with antisemitism.

Gideon Falter  
**CHAIRMAN**

# BACKGROUND AND INTRODUCTION

## ABOUT PSC

PSC was founded in 1982. It is the largest UK proponent of Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) against Israel. At the time of writing, its Facebook page had 494,000 likes and its website lists 55 local branches in England and Wales.

PSC's stated goals include the "right of return" for Palestinians and "Israeli withdrawal from the occupied territories".

PSC describes itself in moderate and peaceful terms as "a community of people working together for peace, equality, and justice and against racism, occupation, and colonisation." It emphasises that it is an anti-racist organisation and specifically states that it was founded "in opposition to racism, including anti-Jewish prejudice".

The PSC website lists 28 patrons: John Austin, Rodney Bickerstaffe, Sir Geoffrey Bindman QC, Victoria Brittain, Julie Christie, Caryl Churchill, Jeremy Corbyn MP, William Dalrymple, Pat Gaffney, Rev Garth Hewitt, Ghada Karmi, Bruce Kent, Ken Loach, Kareem Dennis ("Lowkey"), Kika Markham, Professor Nur Masalha, Karma Nabulsi, Dr Ilan Pappé, Hilary and Steven Rose, Dr Salma Abu-Sitta, Alexi Sayle, Keith Sonnet, Adhaf Soueif, David Thompson, Baroness Jenny Tonge, Dr Antoine Zahlan, Benjamin Zephaniah and Betty Hunter.

## METHODOLOGY

In the first phase of our research, we audited social activity on PSC's Facebook page, @palestinesolidarityuk, during the entirety of the month of November 2016. We studied 2,991 user comments and threaded replies on PSC's Facebook. We identified and logged user comments that engaged the International Definition of Antisemitism (see the following section). All antisemitic comments were archived to preserve them for reference and this report provides hyperlinks to every antisemitic comment identified by our research.

We audited posts at least seven days in arrears; for example, a post that PSC published on the first of the month would not be audited earlier than the eighth. This was done to provide a reasonable period for PSC supporters to comment and to give ample time for PSC to moderate out anti-Jewish hate speech.

The second phase of our research tested whether PSC permits its supporters to express other forms of bigotry on its Facebook page. To do this, we duplicated antisemitic comments and modified them to target abuse at the "Bangalla People", a non-existent African tribe featured in the 1950's comic strip, *The Phantom*. In total, we posted nine instances of 'Bangallaphobic' hate speech and monitored PSC's moderation response.

# THE INTERNATIONAL DEFINITION OF ANTISEMITISM

In 2005, the EU Monitoring Centre on Racism and Xenophobia (EUMC), now the EU Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA), adopted a “working definition on antisemitism” which has become the standard definition used around the world, including by the European Parliament, the UK College of Policing, the US Department of State, the US Senate, and the 31 countries comprising the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance. In 2016, the House of Commons Home Affairs Committee joined Campaign Against Antisemitism’s longstanding call for the British government to adopt the International Definition of Antisemitism, which the British government then did.

The International Definition states that: “Antisemitism is a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred toward Jews. Rhetorical and physical manifestations of antisemitism are directed toward Jewish or non-Jewish individuals and/or their property, toward Jewish community institutions and religious facilities. Manifestations might include the targeting of the state of Israel, conceived as a Jewish collectivity. However, criticism of Israel similar to that levelled against any other country cannot be regarded as antisemitic.”

The International Definition of Antisemitism is reproduced in full in Appendix 1.

# FINDINGS

## SUMMARY

Having audited the almost 3,000 comments posted by supporters on PSC's Facebook page in November 2016, our key findings are that:

- **Over 7% of all comments and replies on PSC posts were antisemitic** and included anti-Jewish conspiracy myths, Holocaust denial, Holocaust inversion and religious and general hate speech against Jews.
- **There was very little counter-speech by PSC supporters.** Hate speech against Jews was more likely to attract likes and supportive comment than condemnation from PSC supporters.
- **PSC permits hate speech against Jews, but does not permit it against other groups.** We tested PSC's moderation policy by posting hate speech against a non-existent people from a comic strip (the "Bangalla People"). The 'hate speech' we posted was almost identical to anti-Jewish sentiment which PSC allowed to be published. Within six hours, PSC removed the "Bangallaphobic" content and banned the account which posted it.
- **Some PSC Patrons were complicit in posting hate speech** under the International Definition of Antisemitism.
- **Fifteen of PSC's affiliated trade unions and all students' unions have policies against ethnic and/or religious hate and discrimination.** Affiliation to PSC is not compatible with these policies.

These findings are shocking given PSC's public claim to oppose racism generally and anti-Jewish prejudice specifically.

Our research shows that PSC has the means to block antisemitic hate speech on its Facebook page, if it wished to. It is profoundly disappointing that leading British trade unions, with strong anti-discrimination stances, allow themselves to be affiliated to an organisation that proliferates hate.

## TYPES OF ANTISEMITISM

PSC routinely permits its supporters to express the following types of antisemitic hate on its Facebook page. Each category squarely engages the International Definition of Antisemitism.

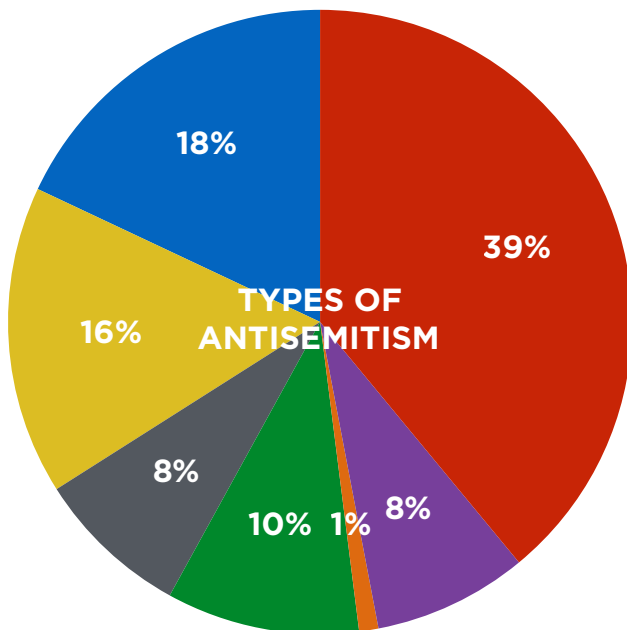
1. Jewish power conspiracy myths
2. Jewish war and terror conspiracy myths
3. Holocaust denial
4. Holocaust inversion
5. Religious antisemitism
6. General antisemitism
7. Calls for the destruction of Israel

We detail each of these categories of hate in the following sections.

Jewish power conspiracy myths were the most frequently posted form of antisemitism. Almost 40% of the antisemitic hate speech we identified belonged to this

category. The next most frequently posted type of hate was calls for the destruction of Israel and/or Jews generally.

A breakdown of the prevalence of each category as a percentage of all antisemitic comment is shown below.



- Jewish power conspiracy myths
- Jewish war and terror conspiracy myths
- Holocaust denial
- Holocaust inversion
- Religious antisemitism
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## JEWISH POWER CONSPIRACY MYTHS

The International Definition of Antisemitism states that “Making mendacious, dehumanising, demonising, or stereotypical allegations about Jews as such or the power of Jews as collective — such as, especially but not exclusively, the myth about a world Jewish conspiracy or of

Jews controlling the media, economy, government or other societal institutions” is antisemitic.

PSC allowed its supporters to make 85 antisemitic comments about Jewish power conspiracy myths on its Facebook page during November 2016.

The conspiracy myths depict a secret and malign Jewish hierarchy controlling the world through politics, finance, culture and the media. These theories often took their cue from the Protocols of the Elders of Zion, a fraudulent tract from 1903 which purported to be a manual of a secret Jewish society planning world domination.

An imagined international Jewish conspiracy was a cornerstone of Nazi belief, which Hitler used to incite the Holocaust. In the wake of the Holocaust, Jewish power conspiracy myths have remained common, especially in parts of the Islamic world and within parts of the pro-Palestinian movement. For example, Hamas’ founding charter asserts the existence of an international “Zionist” conspiracy, working through both Israel and organisations such as the Freemasons. It cites the Protocols of the Elders of Zion as the proof of this.

In its post-Holocaust form, Jewish power conspiracy myths frequently assert that Israel controls the USA, UK or other world governments. In fact, Israel is roughly the size of Wales, with a population of 8 million and a GDP of less than 0.5% of the world economy. Other targets of contemporary

Jewish power conspiracy myths often suggest the existence of a clandestine and nefarious network of “Zionists”, “Mossad” agents and members of “the Rothschild family” collaborating to subvert society.

Selected examples of Jewish power conspiracy myths on the PSC Facebook page included:

 **Ronan Mc Carron** Sure the Jews own America what do you expect?  
Like · Reply · 8 November 2016 at 08:18

 **David Roger** The Rothschilds run every country in the world now except 5 . That's why Israel can do this  
Like · Reply · 11 · 8 November 2016 at 22:41

 **Finola Contento** This Rothschild intrusion into all aspects of life is beginnig to feel like the world is dying of cancer. So sad.  
Like · Reply · 30 November 2016 at 07:18

 **Jean Byrne** You'll struggle to find neutrality, the Zionist masonic mafia run the planet  
Like · Reply · 25 November 2016 at 06:19

 **James Brennan** Allowed to literally get away with murder and we'll never hear of it on any mainstream news because Zionist lawmakers in the media don't want the horrors to be known.  
Like · Reply · 4 · 22 November 2016 at 04:25

 **Edward Kolawole** He doesn't have to; they'll do the Zionists bidding anyway. Zionists have made a gulag of the US free will and independence.  
Like · Reply · 17 November 2016 at 23:56

 **Sam Dennaoui** Donald Trump slave to Israel Netanyahu said jump jump jump Trump jump sounds very similar  
Like · Reply · 1 · 16 November 2016 at 04:53

 **Tom Moody** With U.S.Z.A. help, Israel is powerful, but it will never be great; EVEN IF ITS PLAN TO RULE THE WORLD IS FULFILLED.  
Like · Reply · 16 November 2016 at 10:59 · Edited

 **Maggie Harrison** Every day, I hate the state of Israel more...and those Governments..including my own UK...who see what is happening, but turn away...afraid of the Zionist Lobby and the wealth and power it can wield....cowardly behaviour for any Government..one day they will be shamed..for their disgraceful protection of a brutal, occupying state, that breaks International Law..with impunity...because of their silence!  
Like · Reply · 5 · 14 November 2016 at 20:09

 **Imran Nawaz** Thought Israel wanted Hillary?  
Like · Reply · 14 November 2016 at 17:55

 **Finola Contento** They want everyone.....  
Like · Reply · 14 November 2016 at 19:22

 **Edward Kolawole** They want everyone in a position to gain power. Then they split them up amongst their billionaire Zionist backers. It's an organised syndicate not dis-similar to the mafia.  
Like · Reply · 1 · 14 November 2016 at 20:01

 **Tapu Tuaiva'afau** Nicely put Edward Kolawole" Wow.. When i think of Zionist NWO and their chosen elite, deep down inside myself I have a burning feeling of anger hatred frustration loneliness and in the end feeling nothing but heartache !! Hate my government.. Weak puppets for the Zionist NWO their bankers and all their puppet governments and regime's...  
Like · Reply · 1 · 15 November 2016 at 10:16

## JEWISH WAR AND TERROR CONSPIRACY MYTHS

The International Definition of Antisemitism states that “Accusing Jews as a people of being responsible for real or imagined wrongdoing committed by a single Jewish person or group, or even for acts committed by non-Jews” is antisemitic.

PSC allowed its supporters to make 18 comments on its Facebook page during November 2016 alleging that Jews conspire to cause war and terrorism as instruments for achieving the goals of an alleged wider Jewish conspiracy.

The Nazis routinely claimed that Jews had started the First World War in order to ruin Europe, thus making it susceptible to “Jewish control”. They used this myth to incite persecution against Jews.

Following the Holocaust, similar conspiracy myths have been spread as anti-Jewish propaganda, including that Jews, Israel, Zionists or Mossad:

- created ISIS to destabilise the Middle East so as to extend Israel’s borders across the region;
- are responsible for staging “false flag” Islamist terror attacks to discredit, destabilise or punish various nations; or
- fomented various wars and revolutions including both Gulf Wars.



Selected examples of Jewish war and terror conspiracy myths on the PSC Facebook page included:

**Terry Grealey** It was 100 years ago this year when the Zionists convinced the British government not to accept peace terms from Germany.  
Like · Reply · 1 · 2 November 2016 at 00:07

**Beel Radtke** No surprise here.... as I remember some 40 years ago it was discovered that Mossad agents damaged some synagogues in order to blame it on Palestinian terrorism.  
Like · Reply · 6 · 1 December at 01:25

**Diane Attersall** Stand by for another revenge false flag attack from the MOSSAD goons  
Like · Reply · 1 · 26 November 2016 at 13:18

**Mohamed Naufal** He is proving his point....that many right wing (read wrong wing) organisations are actually funded by Zionists. Pretty much most right wing organisations around the world including those claiming to be Islamic such as ISIS are actually Zionists funded! Their only aim is to portray Muslims as terrorists and Islam as a violent religion!  
Like · Reply · 5 · 13 November 2016 at 03:57

**Zainuddin Haji Brahim** would be of high risk of an attack, be warned....even my country has their embassy, so the terror exercise that we do often now is to protect our own citizen from another follow up from Israel gov around the world...  
Like · Reply · 2 November 2016 at 09:55

**Nixon Bayabao** They are blood thirsty. They want to kill entire humanity except america. God will punish them soon.  
Like · Reply · 3 November 2016 at 11:01

## HOLOCAUST DENIAL

The International Definition of Antisemitism states that “Denying the fact, scope, mechanisms (e.g. gas chambers) or intentionality of the genocide of the Jewish people at the hands of National Socialist Germany and its supporters and accomplices during World War II (the Holocaust)” and “Accusing the Jews as a people, or Israel as a state, of inventing or exaggerating the Holocaust” is antisemitic.

PSC allowed its supporters to post 3 Holocaust denial comments on its Facebook page during November 2016.

Holocaust denial is a specific form of

Jewish conspiracy theory that involves the claim that Jews as a collective fabricated or vastly exaggerated their own genocide during World War II. The implicit or explicit claim behind this is that Jews conspired to do this to manipulate the sympathies of the non-Jewish world.

Holocaust denial is illegal in 16 countries and the European Union’s Framework Decision on Racism and Xenophobia states that denying or grossly trivialising “crimes of genocide” should be made “punishable in all EU Member States,” however Britain has not complied.

Selected examples of Holocaust denial on the PSC Facebook page included:

**John Constable** I'm no Christian but here is a website. There are many more websites as well.  
<http://www.biblebelievers.org.au/holohoax.htm>

**Is the Holocaust a Hoax?**  
Testimonials to the total absence of any evidence of a 'Final Solution' or extermination of 'Jews'...  
BIBLEBELIEVERS.ORG.AU | BY HERMAN OTT...

Like · Reply · 23 November 2016 at 14:04

**Kate Dawson** so many tools of genocide! Have they forgotten the holocaust?  
Like · Reply · 23 November 2016 at 08:07

**John Constable** Was there really a Holocaust? If there was, was the number extremely fabricated?  
Like · Reply · 23 November 2016 at 12:59

**John Constable** If you believe everything everyone told you without doing any research you may start to believe in sanata clause and that Jesus was born on Christmas Day. Seriously go research about the Holocaust in another view  
Like · Reply · 23 November 2016 at 14:11 · Edited

## HOLOCAUST INVERSION

The International Definition of Antisemitism states that “Drawing comparisons of contemporary Israeli policy to that of the Nazis” is antisemitic.

PSC allowed its supporters to make 21 Holocaust inversion comments on its Facebook page during November 2016. CAA also found that one of PSC’s Patrons has posted Holocaust inversion on his Twitter account.

Holocaust inversion is an aggressive form of anti-Jewish propaganda which characterises Jews, Israel or Zionists as the heirs to the Nazis, and which applies the symbols of Nazism to the Jewish state.


The equation of Jews, Israel or Zionists with Nazism is a core part of the iconography of post-Holocaust antisemitism. References to an alleged “Final Solution” or “Holocaust” in Gaza, images of Israeli politicians morphing into Hitler, and the star of David morphing into a Swastika, are increasingly common.


Another trope claims that Zionism and Nazism are morally equivalent and ideologically similar. Sometimes this assertion is extended to suggest that Zionists collaborated with the Nazis in perpetrating the Holocaust as a means of acquiring the modern state of Israel.

Selected examples of Holocaust inversion on the PSC Facebook page included:

 **Sean Mac Mathúna** Israel's very own concentration camp!  
Like · Reply ·  5 · 27 November 2016 at 16:04


 **Peter Divin** Short, not too sweet but factual. Almost pointless coming on here condemning Israel and their actions but you have hit the nail on the head. Well played  
Like · Reply ·  1 · 27 November 2016 at 22:15



 **Josefina Vázquez** This makes absolutely no sense. Palestinians are a semitic people. This is the worst escalation of anti-semitism since the holocaust of Jewish people in Europe during WW II. We must end this inhumanity against Palestinians.  
Like · Reply · 23 November 2016 at 11:45



 **Imad Sarrawi** Umm alhiran is just another Palestinian village to be destroyed by the neo zionatsi  
Like · Reply · 22 November 2016 at 04:40



 **Maggie Harrison** Absolutely disgraceful....moral democracy....I don t think so...and any world Leader who, blindly supports Israel, should stand in the ICC. alongside Netanyahu...accused of complicity in all Israel s crimes!!  
Like · Reply ·  18 · 21 November 2016 at 19:05



 **Errol Semple** Nuremberg Part 2  
Like · Reply ·  3 · 21 November 2016 at 22:22

 **Jamal Mcraiby** What a holocaust this entity must be destroyed  
Like · Reply · 21 November 2016 at 18:14

 **Raihaan Xenon** Looking to initiate that final solution to the Palestinian problem.  
Like · Reply ·  1 · 21 November 2016 at 13:01

 **Joseph Gibson** Netannazi hitlers spawn.  
Like · Reply ·  1 · 15 November 2016 at 16:23

 **Rita Allison** And why wouldn't the Palestinians retaliate, which is legal by the way. It is a well known law that occupied and oppressed people are entitled to retaliate whichever way they can. Wouldn't you retaliate if they demolished your house to make way for illiterate, radicalised squatters. Wouldn't you retaliate if they stole your agricultural land, which is your livelihood. Wouldn't you retaliate if your child was thrown in jail for 12 years for "lightly wounding" an IDF thug, while an illiterate squatter got 6 months for burning to death a Palestinian family, including an 18 month old baby and how would you feel when you saw the murderer and his gang of illiterates was videod dancing, singing and celebrating those deaths. The Zionist Government is evil, and the paranoid Netanyahu is a monster, as are those who agree with his disgusting behaviour. He learnt well from the other evil man the Zionists collaborated with in the last world war, at the expense of millions of Jews. These people are pure evil and are fake European Jews and US government have supported this for years by sending billions to Israel. Billions that could have eased the lives of so many US citizens. US government has been run by APAC, banks and greedy corporations for years and who has suffered-the people. Whether it will change-we just have to wait and see.  
Like · Reply ·  11 · 10 November 2016 at 13:27 · Edited

 **Geert Cuypers** Suppression, censorship, and open violence, Israel has become a truly fascist state committing genocide against the Palestinians. Jews cry "Never again" while they are committing the very same holocaust.  
Like · Reply ·  25 · 9 November 2016 at 16:50

## RELIGIOUS ANTISEMITISM


The International Definition of Antisemitism states that “Using the symbols and images associated with classic antisemitism (e.g. claims of Jews killing Jesus or blood libel) to characterise Israel or Israelis” is antisemitic.

PSC allowed its supporters to post 17 religious hate comments on its Facebook page during November 2016.

Religious hatred of Jews has deep historical roots and its post-Holocaust form is multi-faceted, including assertions that:


- Jews killed Jesus and/or other prophets;
- Jews are “apes and monkeys”;
- Jewish religious law is evil and permits unethical behaviour towards non-Jews, such as paedophilia and murder;
- Zionism is a satanic cult that “hijacked” Judaism or that most Jews alive today are Satanic “fake Jews”; and
- Jews should be forcibly converted to another religion.

Selected examples of religious hate on the PSC Facebook page included:


 **Tohura Ahmad** We should convert all the Jews to Islam then they won't be our enemies  
Like · Reply · 15 November 2016 at 17:52

 **Hisham Alhodalli** It is not strange baviour from these zionist thugs, God sent to them many prophets , most of them were bad followers and even thou they killed some of their prophets who were sent to them to enlight the road of believe to them  
Like · Reply · 6 · 29 November 2016 at 18:32

 **Fakhurazi Ajie** true  
Like · Reply · 29 November 2016 at 23:28

 **Maria Kelly** They are the shame of the earth they are false Jews all made up to get that land their all luciferions  
Like · Reply · 1 · 9 November 2016 at 04:39

 **Leo Castrillo** John have you been to Palestine? The Bible is no excuse to break international law and that's coming from me, a Palestinian Catholic. The Jews just hide behind the Torah and use it to justify whatever they do wrong  
Like · Reply · 10 · 15 November 2016 at 16:43

 **Stephen Garrett** But Zionism is an ideology and its this including the Talmud that drives them on including the committing of all the atrocities that they have done against the Palestinians since the first Zionists arrived way back in 1918! .According to the said book Jesus is "boiling in seaman" and us Goyim are only on this earth to "serve them"  
Like · Reply · 2 · 15 November 2016 at 18:07

 **John White** Stephen Garrett I will defer to your superior knowledge re Zionism Stephen. Whatever drives their behaviour regrettably remains a lasting shame and a bloodied stain upon that troubled and troubling land.  
Like · Reply · 2 · 15 November 2016 at 18:12

 **Jean Byrne** Zionism aka luciferianism not to mention the gematria they use to encode everything should indeed be discussed. I learned a lot watching Zachary Hubbard's videos online.  
Like · Reply · 1 November 2016 at 17:46

## GENERAL ANTISEMITISM

The International Definition of Antisemitism states that “Antisemitism is a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred toward Jews” is antisemitic.

PSC allowed its supporters to post 34 general hate comments against Jews on its Facebook page during November 2016.

We categorised as ‘general hate’ any abuse and demonisation aimed at Jews or where the comment clearly demonised Zionists and/or Israelis as a people. We also counted general hate aimed at “Khazars”. This relates to a disproven theory which postulates that Jews do not have their origins in the Middle East


We did not categorise a comment as generally hateful where it could be construed simply as a strong dislike of those holding an opposing political belief.

Selected examples of general hatred of Jews on the PSC Facebook page included:

 **Dubs Don Mega** I refuse to buy HP because just like intel, it's absolute garbage. The fact that it's made by terrorists proves it's made like crap on purpose. Now you know where calling things that don't work "jewish" comes from.  
Like · Reply · 25 November 2016 at 16:26

 **Jay Cannell** Filthy jew dirtbags  
Like · Reply · 1 · 8 November 2016 at 15:00

 **Anna Hopkins** Is it illegal to be racist, homophobic, antisemitic - well I'm definitely not racist or homophobic!!!  
Like · Reply · 7 November 2016 at 22:50

 **Ilrfan Sanchez Kkhan** What Jewish Zionist Mother F\*\*\*\*\*zzzzz... inshallah they will all rot in hell for their messed up actions.. 🤔🤔🤔🤔  
Like · Reply · 4 November 2016 at 17:11

 **Hatija Feltham** Is nothing sacred from the JEWS ?  
Like · Reply · 1 · 29 November 2016 at 08:40

## CALLS FOR THE DESTRUCTION OF ISRAEL

The International Definition of Antisemitism states that “Denying the Jewish people their right to self-determination (e.g. by claiming that the existence of a State of Israel is a racist endeavour)” is antisemitic.

PSC allowed its supporters to post 39 comments calling for the destruction of Israel on its Facebook page during November 2016.

To avoid making complex judgements on what is or is not proportionate or legitimate criticism of Israel, we categorised as antisemitic only those comments which implicitly or explicitly call for the total destruction of Israel. For comparison, we would ask British readers to consider the difference between criticism of British

policy and a call for the destruction of the United Kingdom.

PSC officially states that: “We believe there can be a peaceful and just end to the decades of occupation and oppression, one that respects the rights and dignity of Palestinians and Israelis.”

Selected examples of calls for the destruction of Israel on the PSC Facebook page included:

 **Wahid Hasyim** Israel is syndicate crime country...n should be destroyed in the world forever...  
Like · Reply · 3 · 29 November 2016 at 16:39 · Edited

 **Kishwar Khan** AllAH will destroy Israel soon  
Like · Reply · 23 November 2016 at 11:52

 **Mohammed Ahmedsalim Hajat** Its time for Ummah to unite. We got the infrastructure, funds etc. Shia, Sunni, etc. Whatever sect of Islam we are lets join hands because we have one Allah. Remove this orange face baboon from his high horse, destroy all those involved in the terror in Palestine, Syria,Afghanistan, Iraq, Iran and all the other countries these people have inflicted with war. First remove them and thereafter sort out internal Muslim sects after the MUSLIMS succeeded. If Muslims around the world allow this orange looking dude to start his proper term from Jan 2017, we as Muslims will be force to go to war.....  
Like · Reply · 3 · 22 November 2016 at 14:40

## CULPABILITY OF PSC

An organisation cannot necessarily be held responsible for the views of its supporters, but it should be held responsible for its management actions and policies.

To test PSC's institutional accountability, we posted hate speech against a non-existent people on the PSC Facebook page and monitored the response.

The hate speech we posted targeted the “Bangalla People”, a fictional tribe which featured in the 1950s comic strip, The Phantom. We used a format which was almost identical to anti-Jewish sentiment

which PSC currently allows to be published.

PSC moderated out all nine instances of 'Bangallaphobic' hate speech within a six hour, overnight period. It also banned the account used to post the 'Bangallaphobia'.

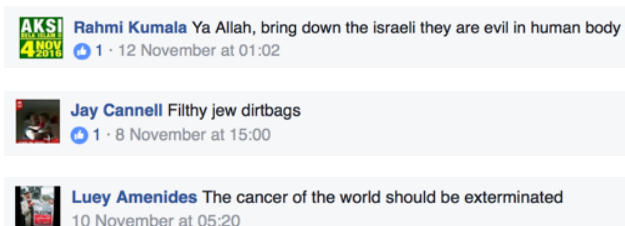
This demonstrates that PSC has the institutional will and resources to operate an active moderation policy. It also demolishes potential defences and justifications for its inaction on antisemitism. These defences might have included that PSC:

- Has insufficient resources or skills to moderate out hateful user comment;
- Values freedom of expression, no matter how hateful, and therefore does not moderate, or moderates within extremely tightly-defined criteria; or
- Treats anti-Jewish hate in the same way as other forms of racism.

PSC must therefore account for the fact that it actively moderates other forms of hate speech but tolerates antisemitism amongst its supporters.

Examples of our tests are as follows:

PSC supporters' antisemitic comments permitted to remain:



Our 'Bangallaphobic' comments removed within six hours:



# CONCLUSION

Organisations are not necessarily responsible for their supporters, but an anti-racist organisation should not tolerate hate speech on its own forums.

In PSC's case, to allow hate speech is to betray its own values and mission, which state: "We believe there can be a peaceful and just end to the decades of occupation and oppression, one that respects the rights and dignity of Palestinians and Israelis."

Today, PSC is functioning as a channel that broadcasts and legitimises antisemitism. As such, it is endangering Jewish people in Britain.

PSC states that "it was established to campaign...in opposition to racism, including anti-Jewish prejudice". Yet PSC does not adhere to such values and its inaction disproves its claim to be a legitimate and respectable organisation.

We make two simple demands:

1. PSC should adopt the International Definition of Antisemitism and enforce it consistently; and
2. Trade unions and students' unions should act in accordance with their own anti-racism policies and suspend their affiliation to PSC until it adopts the International Definition of Antisemitism and enforces it.

To coincide with the publication of this report, Campaign Against Antisemitism has

written to PSC and to its affiliated trade unions to demand action. We will update our website with their responses.

Appended to this report are the relevant policies of the trade unions as well as a sample motion to be used by members of trade unions and members of students' unions to suspend their unions' affiliation to PSC until PSC adopts the International Definition of Antisemitism and enforces it.

# APPENDIX 1: DEFINITION

## BACKGROUND

In 2005, the EU Monitoring Centre on Racism and Xenophobia (EUMC), now the EU Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA), adopted a “working definition of antisemitism” which has become the standard definition used around the world, including by the European Parliament, the UK College of Policing, the US Department of State, the US Senate, and the 31 countries comprising the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance. In 2016, the powerful House of Commons Home Affairs Committee joined Campaign Against Antisemitism’s longstanding call for the British government and its agencies, as well as all political parties, to formally adopt the International Definition of Antisemitism, following which the British government formally adopted the definition. The definition is reproduced in full below.

## INTERNATIONAL DEFINITION OF ANTISEMITISM

Antisemitism is a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred toward Jews. Rhetorical and physical manifestations of antisemitism are directed toward Jewish or non-Jewish individuals and/or their property, toward Jewish community institutions and religious facilities.

Manifestations might include the targeting of the state of Israel, conceived as a Jewish collectivity. However, criticism of Israel similar to that levelled against any other country cannot be regarded as antisemitic. Antisemitism frequently charges Jews with conspiring to harm humanity, and it is often used to blame Jews for “why things go wrong.” It is expressed in speech, writing, visual forms and action, and employs sinister stereotypes and negative character traits. Contemporary examples of antisemitism in public life, the media, schools, the workplace, and in the religious sphere could, taking into account the overall context, include, but are not limited to:

- Calling for, aiding, or justifying the killing or harming of Jews in the name of a radical ideology or an extremist view of religion.
- Making mendacious, dehumanising, demonising, or stereotypical allegations about Jews as such or the power of Jews as collective — such as, especially but not exclusively, the myth about a world Jewish conspiracy or of Jews controlling the media, economy, government or other societal institutions.
- Accusing Jews as a people of being responsible for real or imagined wrongdoing committed by a single Jewish person or group, or even for acts committed by non-Jews.
- Denying the fact, scope, mechanisms (e.g. gas chambers) or intentionality of the genocide of the Jewish people at the

hands of National Socialist Germany and its supporters and accomplices during World War II (the Holocaust).

- Accusing the Jews as a people, or Israel as a state, of inventing or exaggerating the Holocaust.
- Accusing Jewish citizens of being more loyal to Israel, or to the alleged priorities of Jews worldwide, than to the interests of their own nations.
- Denying the Jewish people their right to self-determination (e.g. by claiming that the existence of a State of Israel is a racist endeavour).
- Applying double standards by requiring of Israel a behaviour not expected or demanded of any other democratic nation.
- Using the symbols and images associated with classic antisemitism (e.g. claims of Jews killing Jesus or blood libel) to characterise Israel or Israelis.
- Drawing comparisons of contemporary Israeli policy to that of the Nazis.
- Holding Jews collectively responsible for actions of the state of Israel.



## APPENDIX 2: TRADE UNION POLICIES

Affiliation to PSC in its current form is not compatible with opposition to racism. Seventeen British trade unions affiliate to PSC. Thirteen of them publish strong policies against prejudice, discrimination and hate.



The **Associated Society of Locomotive Steam Enginemen and Firemen** Equality and Diversity Charter commits: “To actively work alongside the main and regional groups of the TUC, Labour Party, labour and trade union bodies, NGO’s and other like-minded organisations to promote and defend equality within society.”



The **Bakers, Food and Allied Workers’ Union** Rulebook commits: “To oppose actively all forms of harassment, prejudice and unfair discrimination whether on the grounds of sex, race, ethnic or national origin, religion, colour, class, caring responsibilities, marital status, sexuality, disability, age, or other status or personal characteristic.”



The objectives of the **Communication Workers’ Union** include: “To actively oppose all forms of discrimination based on race, creed, religion, age, political affiliation, disability, marital status, sex or sexual or gender orientation in industry, the Union and society in general. To this end the CWU shall actively oppose any organisation, political or otherwise, whose aims are racist or fascist.”



The objectives of the **Fire Brigades Union** include: “To support and promote working class unity through the Trade Union and Labour movement and therefore to oppose all forms of discrimination whether on the grounds of race, creed, sex, sexual orientation or otherwise.”



The objectives of the **General, Municipal, Boilermakers and Allied Trade Union** include: “To achieve and maintain equal pay for women, promote equal opportunities within the union, the workplace and society in general, and end discrimination against people because of their sex, race, nationality, religious beliefs, disability, age, marital status or sexuality.”



The objectives of the **National Union of Teachers** include: “To oppose all forms of harassment, prejudice and unfair discrimination whether on the grounds of sex, gender, gender identity, race, ethnic or national origin, religion, religious belief or similar philosophical belief, colour, class, caring responsibilities, marital status, sexuality, disability, age or other status or personal characteristics.”



The **Rail, Maritime and Transport Workers' Union** Rulebook states that: "In the interests of democratic openness and debate within this Union, branches and members may freely issue, recognise and freely discuss any circular or address relating to the Union in general provided that it does not advocate fascist or racist views or in any way contravenes the Union's policies against discrimination on the grounds of sex, race, ethnic origin, religion or sexual orientation"



The objectives of the **Transport Salaried Staffs Association** include: "To oppose actively all forms of harassment, prejudice and unfair discrimination."



The objectives of the **Union of Construction, Allied Trades and Technicians** include: "To actively oppose all forms of discrimination based on race, religion, age, disability, gender, sexual orientation and identity, at work and in society more generally. In particular, the union will actively oppose any political or social organisation attempting to operate within the union or elsewhere whose aims and objectives appear to the union to be racist or fascist."



The objectives of the **University and College Union** include: "To oppose actively all forms of harassment, prejudice and unfair discrimination whether on the grounds of sex, race, ethnic or national origin, religion, colour, class, caring responsibilities, marital status, sexuality, disability, age, or other status or personal characteristic."



The **Unison** Anti-Discrimination Policy commits: "The Union shall seek to ensure that discriminatory acts are not committed against any persons by the Union, or by its organs, members, or officers, on grounds such as race, gender, sexuality, gender identity, disability, age, creed or social class."



The objectives of **Unite** include: "To promote equality and fairness for all, including actively opposing prejudice and discrimination on grounds of gender, race, ethnic origin, religion, class, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, disability or caring responsibilities."



The objectives of **Union of Shop, Distributive and Allied Workers** include: "To promote equal opportunities and equal treatment for all members and oppose discrimination on grounds of sex, race, ethnic origin, disability, age, sexual orientation or religion."

## APPENDIX 3: EXAMPLE MOTIONS

### TRADE UNION EXAMPLE MOTION

This Union notes:

- This Union has a proud history of fighting antisemitism and enforces a “No Platform” policy against racists.
- On 12th December 2016, the British government adopted the International Definition of Antisemitism as widely adopted around the world and by institutions such as the National Union of Students and the UK College of Policing. The definition is published at [antisemitism.uk/definition](http://antisemitism.uk/definition)).
- The Palestine Solidarity Campaign states that it is “opposed to all forms of racism, including anti-Jewish prejudice”.
- A report by Campaign Against Antisemitism, an apolitical, cross-denominational charity concerned with protecting Jews from antisemitism, has reviewed one month of comments on the Facebook page of the Palestine Solidarity Campaign. Their research found evidence of horrific antisemitic hate speech, including calls for Jews to be murdered. Over 7% of all user comments and replies on PSC posts were antisemitic, and there was very little counter speech by PSC supporters. PSC moderators removed other forms of hate speech, but not antisemitism.

This Union believes:

- That all forms of bigotry, including antisemitism, must be vigorously

opposed by our Union.

- That our Union must not be associated with or affiliated to any organisation that promotes or tolerates antisemitism.
- That political discourse about Israel or any other issue can only be truly free and open when it is conducted in the absence of bigotry.

This Union resolves:

- To end all association with and affiliation to the Palestine Solidarity Campaign and not to renew it until the Palestine Solidarity Campaign adopts and enforces the International Definition of Antisemitism.
- That the Secretary is mandated to write to the Chair of the Palestine Solidarity Campaign and the Chairman of Campaign Against Antisemitism, informing them of this Union’s resolution.

### STUDENTS’ UNION EXAMPLE MOTION

This Union notes:

- This Union has a proud history of fighting antisemitism and enforces a “No Platform” policy against racists.
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- On 13th October 2016, the House of Commons Home Affairs Committee released its report into the rise of antisemitism in Britain. In addition to endorsing the International Definition of Antisemitism, the Committee found that “The word ‘Zionist’ (or worse, ‘Zio’) as a term of abuse, however, has no place in a civilised society. It has been tarnished by its repeated use in antisemitic and aggressive contexts. Antisemites frequently use the word ‘Zionist’ when they are in fact referring to Jews, whether in Israel or elsewhere...If these individuals genuinely mean only to criticise the policies of the Government of Israel, and have no intention to offend British Jewish people, they should criticise ‘the Israeli Government’, and not ‘Zionists’. For the purposes of criminal or disciplinary investigations, use of the words ‘Zionist’ or ‘Zio’ in an accusatory or abusive context should be considered

inflammatory and potentially antisemitic.”

- In relation to antisemitism at universities, the House of Commons Home Affairs Committee found that “The unique nature of antisemitism requires a unique response” and that “pro-Palestinian campaigns [must be educated so as to] avoid drawing on antisemitic rhetoric”

This Union believes:

- That all forms of bigotry, including antisemitism, must be vigorously opposed by our Union.
- That our Union must not be associated with any organisation that promotes or tolerates antisemitism.
- That political discourse about Israel or any other issue can only be truly free and open when it is conducted in the absence of bigotry.

This Union resolves:

- To end all association with the Palestine Solidarity Campaign and not to renew it until the Palestine Solidarity Campaign adopts and enforces the International Definition of Antisemitism.
- That the President is mandated to write to the Chair of the Palestine Solidarity Campaign and the Chairman of Campaign Against Antisemitism, informing them of this Union’s resolution.

# CAMPAIGN AGAINST ANTISEMITISM

Campaign Against Antisemitism is a volunteer-led charity dedicated to exposing and countering antisemitism through education and zero-tolerance enforcement of the law.

Everything that we do is done by people who volunteer their time, using donations contributed by members of the public.

Anybody can join the fight against antisemitism by subscribing to our updates, volunteering, or donating at [www.antisemitism.uk](http://www.antisemitism.uk).

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