

# 2023

## REPORT CARD

STOP  
ANTISEMITISM



# ANTISEMITISM

## ON U.S. COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY CAMPUSES



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# INTRODUCTION

The 2023 “**Antisemitism on U.S. College & University Campuses**” Report Card was originally slated to be released on October 9. But when Hamas attacked Israel on October 7, we knew we had to wait.

**StopAntisemitism** held the report, not only to grieve, but to observe how colleges and universities responded in the face of growing hatred towards Jewish people.

Since the onset of the war, the explosion of antisemitism in America has rocked the Jewish people to their core – **StopAntisemitism** has experienced a 1,500% uptick in submissions of antisemitic incidents.

It’s no surprise that much of this recent Jew-hatred has occurred on college campuses. Because of this, **StopAntisemitism** has revised this report card to reflect how each school responded to the horrific attacks of October 7. When it TRULY mattered most, did they keep their Jewish students safe? Did they unequivocally stand with Israel against Hamas?

Some ignored the situation and some created an actively hostile environment for Jewish students via inaction or malfeasance. The “negative findings” section has been revised accordingly, and if it were possible to give certain institutions a grade lower than an “F”, we would.

Each updated assessment helps illustrate the evolving dynamics of antisemitism on college campuses and will hopefully help prospective students make informed decisions about their academic future.

This year’s report contains assessments and grades for 25 higher education institutions across the nation, in addition to updates on the schools that were graded in last year’s report and revised grades and incident updates following the October 7 massacre.



# INTRODUCTION

**StopAntisemitism's** inaugural report in 2022 laid bare how some of America's most esteemed institutions handle antisemitism on their campuses – or don't. Parents, students, faculty, and the public praised the report as the definitive guide for Jewish students choosing colleges; no other such resource exists. Amid record antisemitism, this information has never been more important to rising freshmen, and the response to this year's survey confirms that.

Seven out of the 25 schools completed the administration survey, compared to three out of 25 last year. More than 1,400 Jewish students completed **StopAntisemitism's** questionnaire, a massive increase from last year's inaugural report.

The responses were shocking. 79% of student respondents reported that they had experienced antisemitism on campus, of which 32% did not report the incident. 61% feel the need to hide their Jewish identity on campus, 72% said they feel unwelcome as a Jewish person in all spaces at their school, and 68% feel that their school's administration does not take acts of antisemitism seriously.

Multiple students said they didn't report an incident because they feared retaliation from the school and/or the antisemitic abuser. One respondent from Cornell University mentioned that their offender was granted a medical leave of absence and that they were forced to continue taking seminars with faculty who supported the antisemite.

As America focuses more on racial issues, virtually all educational institutions have established a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) office in an effort to prevent bigotry and generate constructive solutions in response to hate. Too often, DEI resources exclude Jews, and discrimination aimed at Jewish students because of their religious identity or their endorsement of the State of Israel is frequently downplayed relative to discrimination against other marginalized communities on campus.

Thankfully, that situation is improving. Out of the seven schools that completed the survey, each replied "yes" when asked if antisemitism was included in its DEI training, "yes" when asked if there were formal procedures to address antisemitism on campus, and "yes" if Jewish affinity groups were present at the school.

However, each school replied "no" when asked if they had adopted IHRA – the internationally accepted definition of antisemitism – even though adopting IHRA is a requirement for schools that receive Federal Title VI funding. This definition is a powerful tool for accountability, providing clear guidelines for what counts as antisemitism; without an independent standard, victims of antisemitism are at the mercy of their respective college's subjective judgment.



# INTRODUCTION

Following are three major updates to schools from **StopAntisemitism's** 2022 Report:

**1** In the fall of 2023, the **University of Pennsylvania** hosted the “Palestine Writes Literature Festival” – a celebration ostensibly dedicated to supporting Palestinian writers and artists. Instead, the festival’s lineup featured speakers who actively promote antisemitism and denigrate Israel. Not coincidentally, at least three antisemitic incidents occurred around the time of the festival, including at both the Hillel and the Chabad. The organizers used unauthorized state funds and logos for the event, and the State of Pennsylvania was forced to send a cease-and-desist letter. In response to criticism of the event, Penn’s President issued a statement that condemned antisemitism but also defended the speakers’ right to express their opinions under the guise of academic freedom.

**AFTER OCT 7:** Compared to last year, the **University of Pennsylvania** has been the biggest disappointment of the 25 schools we featured. Since the war began, the school has seen a number of antisemitic incidents such as Israeli hostage posters being torn down and antisemites making fun of dead Israeli babies. Additionally, the school is among several others across the country that are under investigation for allegations of antisemitism and islamophobia.

**2** In 2023, **CUNY** was involved in one antisemitic controversy after another. First they hired former Council on American Islamic Relations (CAIR) Director Saly Abd Alla as their Chief Diversity Officer. CAIR has been linked to Hamas and often employs anti-Israel rhetoric. Then, the Law School featured yet another rabid antisemite as their graduation speaker, Fatima Mohammed, who used her time to defame Israel and law enforcement, advocate for violence, and honor individuals who financially supported Hamas. Later, five professors who are also observant Jews sued CUNY for pervasive discrimination, and a New York Judge denied CUNY’s and its Union’s motion to dismiss. In apparent retaliation, four CUNY professors from four different campuses who filed discrimination complaints against the school based on antisemitism were investigated by the school. Finally, Marc Lamont Hill, who was fired by CNN for his antisemitic bias, was hired as a professor. CUNY continues to refuse to adopt the IHRA Working Definition of Antisemitism.

**AFTER OCT 7:** **CUNY** continues to fail its Jewish community. Recent antisemitism on campus includes hostage posters being torn down, vandalism of said posters, and an adjunct lecturer who compared Zionists to “swine” and made other disturbing statements.

# INTRODUCTION

**3** On October 7, **Yale University** Professor Zareena Grewal tweeted an antisemitic post on X that validated Hamas's horrific violence stating "Palestinians have every right to resist through armed struggle, solidarity." To add insult to injury, the school neglected to even investigate Grewal, who is actively teaching at the school. Additionally, Yale student group "Yalies\$Palestine" referred to Hamas' rampage as a "success."

**4** In January 2023, a Title VI complaint was filed against **George Washington University** by an anonymous Jewish student, alleging that Assistant Professor of clinical psychology Lara Sheehi had engaged in antisemitic behavior and commentary. In one example, Sheehi allegedly said to a student, "It's not your fault that you were born in Israel." Other incidents involve Sheehi accusing her Jewish students of racism and encouraging their peers to vilify and isolate them based on their Jewish identity. Allegations also cite her spreading lies about her Israeli students to other faculty members to ruin their reputation – faculty that could end up as these students' clinical supervisors. Sheehi has also expressed her hateful views towards Israel and Jewish people on her private X account, tweeting, "Destroy Zionism and commit to land back, then we'll take you seriously you f\*\*\*ing genocidal f\*\*ks. F\*\*k you" and "Israeli's are so f\*\*\*ing racist."

**AFTER OCT 7:** Recent incidents of antisemitism on campus include language glorifying Hamas projected onto the school library and a pro-Hamas sign was spotted in a crowd of protestors.

With each passing year, antisemites are becoming more audacious in expressing their hateful views and openly participating in demonstrations that lead to antisemitic violence. This has been especially true since the onset of the war, and Jewish students must be aware of these occurrences at the schools they're considering attending. This report is intended to inform Jewish families deciding where to send their loved ones for education. Parents must consider whether they are comfortable with their hard-earned tuition fees indirectly contributing to the support of antisemitism.

**StopAntisemitism** sourced this comprehensive report through outreach to school administrations, thorough research, and numerous firsthand accounts from students. Like last year's report, this publication uses a grading system, similar to a school report card, and uses predefined criteria to assess how effective higher education institutions are at addressing and mitigating instances of antisemitism on their campuses.

# BASELINE MEASURES

When analyzing and grading each school, **StopAntisemitism** adhered to baseline measures under four categories, utilizing data available at the time of publication:



## Protection:

How do the schools report antisemitic incidents?  
Is there willingness to work with Jewish advocacy groups?  
How do college administrators react after an incident occurs?



## Allyship:

Does the college speak out against antisemitism?  
Are Jews included in the school's DEI policies?  
Is there a DEI-sanctioned Jewish affinity group on campus?



## Identity:

Do Jewish students feel safe at their school?  
Do Jewish students feel the need to hide their identity on campus?  
Do Jewish students feel that they are being held responsible for Israel's actions?



## Policy:

Is there a Students for Justice in Palestine (SJP) organization on campus?  
Have BDS resolutions been adopted?

## Notes:

None of the schools have adopted International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance's (IHRA) definition of antisemitism.

Additionally, only the administrations which acknowledged the survey are noted.

\*Schools marked with an asterisk have had multiple antisemitic incidents in recent years.

# IVY LEAGUE & ADJACENT SCHOOLS



Dartmouth

## Dartmouth University

**Protection:** Students feel that the school administration takes incidents of antisemitism seriously.

**Allyship:** DOES include antisemitism in its DEI training.

There is a Jewish affinity group on campus.

**Identity:** Students do not feel the need to hide their Jewish identity or their support for Israel on campus.

**Policy:** No recent BDS resolutions have been presented.

Has an SJP-like club called Palestine Solidarity Coalition.

### AFTER OCTOBER 7:

- Notable incidents: None



Massachusetts  
Institute of  
Technology

## Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)

**Protection:** Students sometimes feel that the school administration DOES NOT take incidents of antisemitism seriously nor does enough to support its Jewish students.

**Allyship:** DOES include antisemitism in its DEI training.

There is NOT a Jewish affinity group on campus.

**Identity:** Students do not feel the need to hide their Jewish identity nor their support for Israel on campus.

**Policy:** No recent BDS resolutions have been presented.

Has an SJP-like club called Coalition Against Apartheid.

### AFTER OCTOBER 7

- Notable incidents:

- o The Coalition Against Apartheid, along with other pro-Palestinian groups, held a "die-in" in front of MIT's main entrance to protest Israel. The school released a statement condemning the incident and suspended certain participants from "non-academic" campus activities. The school was reluctant to fully suspend the individuals from campus due to concerns of "visa issues."



Stanford  
University

## \* Stanford University

**Protection:** Following the departure of their last president, students at Stanford feel the school administration is taking incidents of antisemitism seriously but are cautious about the new president due to his own antisemitic history.

**Allyship:** Does NOT include antisemitism in its DEI training.

There is a Jewish affinity group on campus.

**Identity:** Students do not feel the need to hide their Jewish identity but sometimes DO NOT feel safe showing their support for Israel on campus.

**Policy:** No recent BDS resolutions have been presented.

SJP is present on campus.

### AFTER OCTOBER 7:

- Notable incidents:

- o An instructor was removed from teaching at Stanford based on reports of them down playing the Holocaust and calling Jewish students "colonizers" during a discussion on the Israel-Hamas conflict.
- o There have been a few incidents of swastikas found on campus.





# IVY LEAGUE & ADJACENT SCHOOLS



BROWN

## Brown University

**Protection:** Students DO NOT feel that the school administration takes incidents of antisemitism on campus seriously.

**Allyship:** Does NOT include antisemitism in its DEI training. There is a Jewish affinity group on campus.

**Identity:** Students DO feel the need to hide their Jewish identity and DO NOT feel safe showing their support for Israel on campus.

**Policy:** Multiple BDS resolutions have been presented and passed. SJP is present on campus.

### AFTER OCTOBER 7:

- Notable incidents:
  - o The Soldier's Arch Memorial at Brown University was vandalized with chalkings of "Free Palestine" and a Palestinian flag.
  - o Despite substantial evidence of wrongdoing, Brown has refused to suspend SJP from its campus.

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CORNELL  
UNIVERSITY

## \* Cornell University

**Protection:** Students DO NOT feel that the school administration takes incidents of antisemitism on campus seriously.

**Allyship:** Does NOT include antisemitism in its DEI training. There is a Jewish affinity group on campus.

**Identity:** Students do not feel the need to hide their Jewish identity but DO NOT feel comfortable expressing their support for Israel on campus.

**Policy:** A BDS resolution was presented recently but it did not pass. SJP is present on campus.

### AFTER OCTOBER 7:

- Notable incidents:
  - o Cornell is among several schools that are currently under investigation by the Department of Education over allegations of antisemitism and islamophobia.
  - o The FBI is also investigating a possible hate crime at Cornell where a student was arrested for threatening Jewish people online.

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# LIBERAL ARTS SCHOOLS



## Muhlenberg College

**Protection:** Students DO feel supported by the school administration in combating antisemitism.

**Allyship:** Does NOT include antisemitism in its DEI training.

There is a Jewish affinity group on campus.

**Identity:** Students do not feel the need to hide their Jewish identity or their support for Israel on campus.

**Policy:** No recent BDS resolutions have been presented.

SJP is NOT present on campus.

### AFTER OCTOBER 7:

- Notable incidents:
  - o The University is investigating Professor Maura Finkelstein for antisemitic social media posts.



Bard College

## Bard College

**Protection:** Students DO feel that the school administration takes antisemitic incidents seriously, however, one student left after multiple antisemitic incidents occurred.

The school acknowledged StopAntisemitism's survey but refused to complete it.

**Allyship:** Does NOT include antisemitism in its DEI training.

There is NOT a Jewish affinity group on campus.

**Identity:** Students do not feel the need to hide their Jewish identity, but they DO NOT feel safe showing their support for Israel on campus.

**Policy:** No recent BDS resolutions have been presented.

SJP is present on campus.

### AFTER OCTOBER 7:

- Notable incidents: None



Wellesley  
COLLEGE

## Wellesley College

**Protection:** Students do feel the school administration takes antisemitic incidents seriously, however, the Editorial Board of the school's newspaper, Wellesley News, went unpunished for endorsing the Jew Mapping Project.

**Allyship:** Does NOT include antisemitism in its DEI training.

There is NOT a Jewish affinity group on campus.

**Identity:** Students DO feel the need to hide their Jewish identity and DO NOT feel safe showing their support for Israel on campus.

**Policy:** No recent BDS resolutions have been presented.

SJP is present on campus.

### AFTER OCTOBER 7:

- Notable incidents:
  - o Wellesley College is among several schools that are currently under investigation by the Department of Education over allegations of antisemitism and islamophobia.



# LIBERAL ARTS SCHOOLS



## Pomona College

**Protection:** Students DO NOT feel that the school administration supports its Jewish population enough in combating antisemitism. The school acknowledged StopAntisemitism's survey but refused to complete it.

**Allyship:** Does NOT include antisemitism in its DEI training. There is a Jewish affinity group on campus.

**Identity:** Students do not feel the need to hide their Jewish identity but DO NOT feel safe showing their support for Israel on campus.

**Policy:** Multiple BDS resolutions have been presented and passed. SJP membership is available through the Claremont Consortium of Colleges.

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### AFTER OCTOBER 7:

- Notable incidents: None



## \* University of Vermont

**Protection:** Students DO NOT feel that the school administration takes incidents of antisemitism seriously. The University has experienced many antisemitic incidents to the point where a Title VI investigation found that the school mishandled reports of antisemitism on campus.

**Allyship:** Does NOT include antisemitism in its DEI training. There is NOT a Jewish affinity group on campus.

**Identity:** Students DO feel the need to hide their Jewish identity and DO NOT feel safe showing their support for Israel on campus.

**Policy:** No recent BDS resolutions have been presented. SJP is present on campus.

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### AFTER OCTOBER 7:

- Notable Incidents: None

# PRIVATE UNIVERSITIES



## Rice University

**Protection:** Students DO NOT feel supported by the school administration in combating antisemitism.

**Allyship:** Does NOT include antisemitism in its DEI training.

There is a Jewish affinity group on campus.

**Identity:** Students do not feel the need to hide their Jewish identity but often DO NOT feel safe showing their support for Israel on campus.

**Policy:** No recent BDS resolutions have been presented.

SJP is present on campus.



### AFTER OCTOBER 7:

- Notable incidents: None



VANDERBILT  
UNIVERSITY

## \* Vanderbilt University

**Protection:** Students DO NOT feel supported by the school administration in combating antisemitism.

**Allyship:** Does NOT include antisemitism in its DEI training.

There is a Jewish affinity group on campus.

**Identity:** Students DO feel the need to hide their Jewish identity and DO NOT feel safe showing their support for Israel on campus.

**Policy:** No recent BDS solutions have been presented.

There is an SJP-like club called Does for Solidarity with Palestine.



### AFTER OCTOBER 7:

- Notable incidents: None



## \* Duke University

**Protection:** Students DO NOT feel supported by the school administration in combating antisemitism. One respondent stated he has "no confidence" the school will keep them safe. The school acknowledged StopAntisemitism's survey but refused to complete it.

**Allyship:** DOES include antisemitism in its DEI training. There is a Jewish affinity group on campus.

**Identity:** Students DO feel the need to hide their Jewish identity and DO NOT feel safe showing their support for Israel on campus.

**Policy:** A BDS resolution was presented recently and passed.

SJP is present on campus.



### AFTER OCTOBER 7:

- Notable incidents: None

# PRIVATE UNIVERSITIES



## Georgetown University

**Protection:** Students DO NOT feel supported by the school administration and feel like the school DOES NOT do enough to combat antisemitism.

**Allyship:** Does NOT include antisemitism in its DEI training. There is a Jewish affinity group on campus.

**Identity:** Students DO feel the need to hide their Jewish identity and DO NOT feel safe showing their support for Israel on campus.

**Policy:** No recent BDS resolutions have been presented. SJP is present on campus.

### AFTER OCTOBER 7:

- Notable incidents: None



## \* University of Chicago

**Protection:** Students DO NOT feel supported by the school administration in combating antisemitism. The school acknowledged StopAntisemitism's survey but refused to complete it.

**Allyship:** Does NOT include antisemitism in its DEI training. They DO NOT have a Jewish Affinity group.

**Identity:** Students DO feel the need to hide their Jewish identity and DO NOT feel safe showing their support for Israel on campus.

**Policy:** A BDS resolution was presented recently and passed. SJP is present on campus, and in 2021 the school's Student Government issued a Solidarity with Palestine statement.

### AFTER OCTOBER 7:

- Notable incidents:
  - Bentley Wall, a university employee, was caught on campus removing posters of Israeli hostages.





# PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES | EAST



## University of Alabama

**Protection:** Students feel supported by the school administration in combating antisemitism on campus.

**Allyship:** DOES include antisemitism in its DEI training. There is a Jewish affinity group on campus.

**Identity:** Students do not feel the need to hide their Jewish identity or their support for Israel on campus.

**Policy:** No recent BDS resolutions have been presented. SJP is present only at the Birmingham campus.



### AFTER OCTOBER 7:

- Notable incidents: None



## \* University of Connecticut

**Protection:** Students reported feeling more support from the school administration with the new President.

The school DID participate in StopAntisemitism's survey.

**Allyship:** DOES include antisemitism in its DEI training. There is a Jewish affinity group on campus.

**Identity:** Students do not feel the need to hide their Jewish identity nor their support for Israel.

**Policy:** No recent BDS resolutions have been presented. SJP is present on campus.



### AFTER OCTOBER 7:

- Notable incidents:
  - o The school's notorious rock was vandalized with a Palestinian flag and "Stop the Genocide."



## \* Florida Atlantic University

**Protection:** Students feel that the school administration DOES NOT take antisemitic incidents seriously, using "free speech" as an excuse.

**Allyship:** Does NOT include antisemitism in its DEI training. There is a Jewish affinity group on campus.

**Identity:** Students do not feel the need to hide their Jewish identity or their support for Israel on campus.

**Policy:** No recent BDS resolutions have been presented. SJP is present on campus.



### AFTER OCTOBER 7:

- Notable incidents:
  - o Florida Atlantic University Police apprehended a pro-Palestinian protestor at a rally on campus.

# PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES | EAST



## University of Illinois Urbana Champaign

**Protection:** Students feel that the school administration DOES NOT do enough to combat antisemitism on campus or support its Jewish population. The school DID participate in StopAntisemitism's survey.

**Allyship:** DOES include antisemitism in its DEI training.

There is a Jewish affinity group on campus.

**Identity:** Students DO feel the need to hide their Jewish identity and DO NOT feel safe showing their support for Israel on campus.

**Policy:** Multiple BDS resolutions have been presented and passed. SJP is present on campus.

### AFTER OCTOBER 7:

- Notable incidents:
  - o An individual was caught on campus tearing down posters of Israeli hostages.
  - o Pro-Palestinian activists openly defended and supported Hamas during a rally on campus.



## SUNY New Paltz

**Protection:** Students DO NOT feel supported by the school administration in combating antisemitism.

**Allyship:** Does NOT include antisemitism in its DEI training.

There is a Jewish affinity group on campus.

**Identity:** Students DO feel the need to hide their Jewish identity and DO NOT feel safe showing their support for Israel on campus.

**Policy:** No recent BDS resolutions have been presented. SJP is not present on campus.

### AFTER OCTOBER 7:

- Notable incidents: None



# PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES | WEST



University  
of Colorado  
Boulder

## University of Colorado, Boulder

**Protection:** Students feel that the school administration DOES support them in combating antisemitism on campus.

The school DID participate in StopAntisemitism's survey.

**Allyship:** DOES include antisemitism in its DEI training.

There is a Jewish affinity group on campus.

**Identity:** Students do not feel the need to hide their Jewish identity nor their support for Israel.

**Policy:** No recent BDS resolutions have been presented. SJP is not present on campus.

### AFTER OCTOBER 7:

- Notable incidents: None

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# TEXAS

The University of Texas at Austin

## University of Texas, Austin

**Protection:** Students feel supported by the school administration and feel that they take antisemitic incidents seriously.

The school DID participate in StopAntisemitism's survey.

**Allyship:** DOES include antisemitism in its DEI training.

There is a Jewish affinity group on campus.

**Identity:** Students DO NOT feel the need to hide their Jewish identity but sometimes DO NOT feel safe showing their support for Israel on campus.

**Policy:** No recent BDS resolutions have been presented. There is an SJP-like organization on campus called Palestine Solidarity Committee.

### AFTER OCTOBER 7:

- Notable incidents: None

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Arizona State  
University

## \* Arizona State University

**Protection:** Students DO NOT feel supported by the school administration or believe that it takes antisemitic incidents seriously.

The school DID participate in StopAntisemitism's survey.

**Allyship:** DOES include antisemitism in its DEI training.

There is a Jewish affinity group on campus.

**Identity:** Students do not feel the need to hide their Jewish identity but often DO NOT feel safe showing their support for Israel on campus.

**Policy:** Recent BDS resolutions were presented but did NOT pass. SJP is present on campus.

### AFTER OCTOBER 7:

- Notable incidents:

- o Rocks were thrown outside a student government meeting at the school's campus in Tempe. This incident is currently under investigation by the Arizona State University Police Department.

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# PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES | WEST



UC San Diego

## \* University of California, San Diego

**Protection:** Students DO NOT feel supported by school administration and reports of antisemitism on campus are not handled well.

Multiple antisemitic incidents have occurred at this school over the past few years. The school DID participate in StopAntisemitism's survey.

**Allyship:** DOES include antisemitism in its DEI training.

There is a Jewish affinity group on campus.

**Identity:** Students DO feel the need to hide their Jewish identity and DO NOT feel safe showing their support for Israel on campus.

**Policy:** No recent BDS resolutions have been presented.

SJP is present on campus.

### AFTER OCTOBER 7:

- Notable incidents:

- o A now-removed social media video claimed that UC San Diego evacuated a building where Jewish students were meeting to discuss antisemitic threats. The school claimed no such action took place and addressed the fact that it had worked with the pro-Israel group, Tritons for Israel, in pre-planning security for the meeting. There was, however, a lack of a statement from the school acknowledging the hostile nature of the pro-Palestinian protest going on outside of the meeting.



## \* San Francisco State University

**Protection:** Students feel that the school administration DOES NOT take antisemitic incidents on campus seriously and even enables Jew hatred. The school DID participate in StopAntisemitism's survey.

**Allyship:** DOES include antisemitism in its DEI training.

There is a Jewish affinity group on campus.

**Identity:** Students DO feel the need to hide their Jewish identity and DO NOT feel safe showing their support for Israel on campus.

**Policy:** A BDS resolution was presented recently and did pass.

There is an SJP-like organization on campus called General Union for Palestine Students.

### AFTER OCTOBER 7:

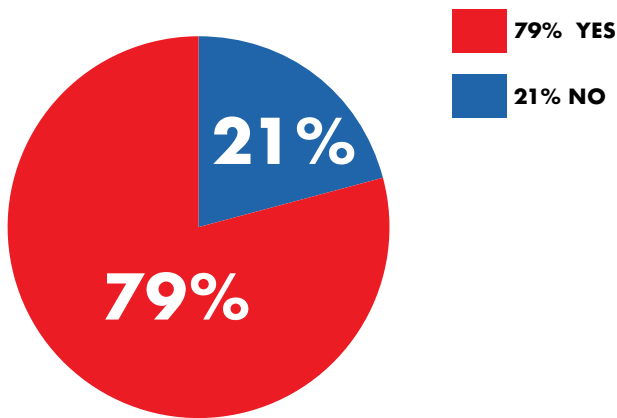
- Notable incidents: None



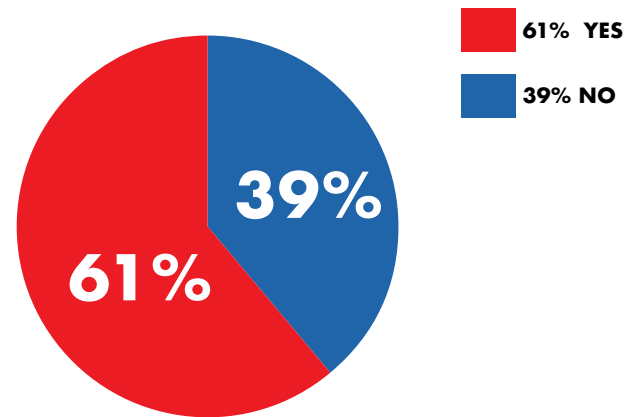
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\* SURVEY WAS TAKEN PRIOR TO OCTOBER 7 MASSACRE

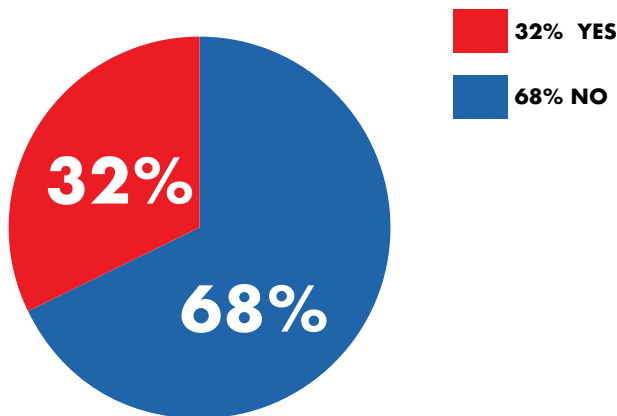
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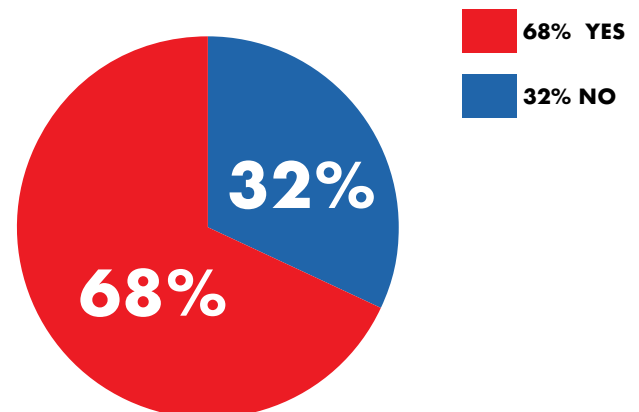
**DO YOU FEEL THE NEED TO HIDE YOUR JEWISH IDENTITY ON CAMPUS?**



**DOES YOUR SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION TAKE ANTISEMITISM AND YOUR SAFETY SERIOUSLY?**



**DO YOU FEEL THE NEED TO HIDE YOUR SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL?**





# NEGATIVE FINDINGS

The following are notable antisemitic incidents that have recently occurred on this year's list of college campuses prior to October 7:

## SCHOOL: Rice University

Incident: 9/2023 – Student group “Rice Pride” has cut all ties with Hillel, stating their relationship causes the exclusion of Palestinian and Arab students due to the Israeli/Palestinian conflict. Rice University administrators have yet to make a statement denouncing this exclusionary tactic of Jewish students.



## SCHOOL: Florida Atlantic University

Incident: 02/2023 – Ye's antisemitic comments sparked both backlash and expressions of support, the latter of which led to the “Ye is right” slogan trending across social media and being referenced in subsequent antisemitic incidents. White nationalists Dalton Clodfelter and Tyler Russell held “Ye is right, change my mind” events on college campuses, including at FAU, to publicly espouse their antisemitism and provoke college students with Ye's antisemitic sentiments. Student activists and Hillel members showed up to counter-protest, and the university issued a statement condemning the incident.



# NEGATIVE FINDINGS

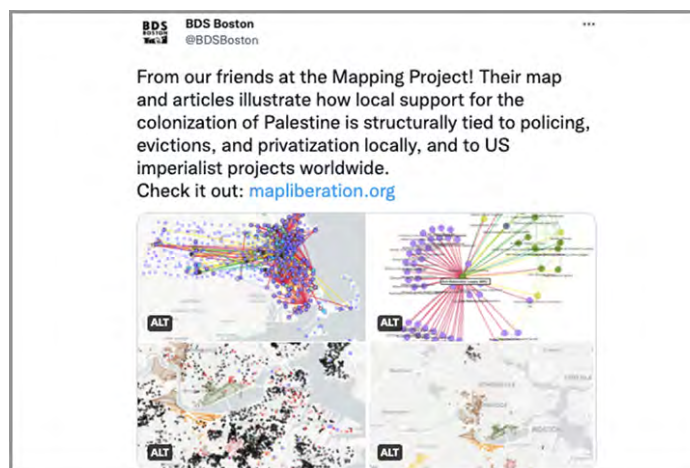
## SCHOOL: Vanderbilt University

Incident: 11/2022 – Shortly after Ye’s antisemitic comments in the fall of 2022, Vanderbilt assistant football coach Dan Jackson was caught defending the rapper in a Facebook thread. Jackson wrote, “Kanye is two steps ahead of everyone. He’s not crazy” and “More people need to wake up and speak their mind.” StopAntisemitism exposed the incident on Twitter and Jackson, along with the university athletic department, apologized and condemned antisemitism. Jackson was suspended for the remainder of the 2022 football season while undergoing anti-discrimination training.



## SCHOOL: Wellesley College

Incident: 10/2022 – The editorial board of the school newspaper, The Wellesley News, chose to publicly endorse the “Jew Mapping Project.” This controversial initiative involves a physical map that pinpoints businesses and institutions in the Boston area that BDS activists perceive as supportive of Israel. Aside from being nakedly antisemitic as an endeavor, the map raises valid safety concerns by providing a manual for antisemites looking to target Jewish institutions.



# NEGATIVE FINDINGS | UPDATES

The following are additional updates and incident reports from schools featured in last year's report following the October 7 attacks:

**SCHOOL: Harvard University**

Updates: The U.S. Department of Education opened an investigation into Harvard for allegations of antisemitism and islamophobia, making it the latest school to be under investigation for hate following the October 7 attacks.

**SCHOOL: University of Michigan**

Updates: The University of Michigan administration has done a good job in responding to the October 7 attacks as well as recent incidents of antisemitism on campus. President Santa J. Ono has released two statements that condemn Hamas and show support for Israel, with the most recent offering support services and other resources for students during this difficult time.

Unfortunately, its student body and faculty are out of control. Graduate students in the Math department posted a leaflet on an office door that blames Israel for the actions of Hamas, a graduate student compared Hamas firing rockets to a woman punching her rapist, and 508 professors at the school signed a complaint regarding the President's public support for Israel.

**SCHOOL: Columbia University**

Updates: Columbia has taken an important step forward by suspending Students for Justice in Palestine (SJP) and Jewish Voice for Peace (JVP) as official student groups through the Fall 2023 semester. While we commend the school for taking the initiative to do this, especially since they received an "F" in last year's report card, it's still not enough. Both clubs should be removed from campus entirely.

Columbia is also one of several schools across the country that are currently under investigation by the U.S. Department of Education over allegations of antisemitism and islamophobia.

**SCHOOL: University of Southern California (USC)**

Updates: A post-doctoral student from USC was caught ripping down Israeli hostage posters on campus.

# NEGATIVE FINDINGS | UPDATES

## **SCHOOL: New York University (NYU)**

Updates: NYU has without a doubt been one of the worst campuses for Jewish students since the war broke out. There have been numerous incidents, such as students removing Israeli hostage posters, vandalizing Israeli hostage posters, a public endorsement of Hamas from a law student in a newsletter, and the presence of antisemitic protest signs on campus.

## **SCHOOL: University of Wisconsin, Madison**

Updates: A large pro-Hamas demonstration occurred on campus shortly after the war broke out on October 7.

## **SCHOOL: UNC Chapel Hill**

Updates: A number of antisemitic incidents have occurred at UNC Chapel Hill since October 7, such as pro-Hamas protestors chanting antisemitic slogans and assaulting a professor, antisemitic stickers plastered around campus, and antisemitic graffiti.

## **SCHOOL: University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA)**

Updates: A woman was caught holding a sign equating Jews to Nazis on campus.

## **SCHOOL: University of California, Berkeley**

Updates: A professor offered students extra credit if they attended an anti-Israel event, an assault on a Jewish student was caught on camera, and because the environment has become so toxic, Jewish students have been forced to plead for their safety on campus to school administrators.

## **SCHOOL: Tulane University**

Updates: We commend Tulane's President for being openly supportive of Israel and condemning Hamas. President Michael A. Fitts released a response to an unsanctioned and unapproved rally by pro-Palestinian protestors on campus in late October, stating "Symbols and acts of hatred, anti-Semitism, deliberate provocation and preying upon the fears of others are not a part of who we are." This rally ended in an assault of three Jewish students by pro-Palestinian protestors.

# CONCLUSION

Since our inaugural report was released last year, hundreds of Jewish students and families have reached out to **StopAntisemitism** to detail the harrowing experiences they've endured at their colleges and universities because of their Jewish identity, as well as the lack of action taken by school administrations to curb this horrific antisemitic problem.

Reports of antisemitic incidents have been rising exponentially, particularly following Hamas's massacre against Israelis on October 7. However, there is a noticeable shift in some of these institutions' awareness. Many administrators have publicly denounced Hamas and expressed solidarity with Israel. Some schools are taking proactive measures to investigate and address antisemitic incidents. We express gratitude to those schools for their support during this challenging time.

The remaining schools face a significant task ahead. Amid a surge in hateful and violent antisemitic incidents, there is an urgent need to establish safer and more inclusive environments for Jewish students who are often overlooked in DEI spaces.

In conducting research for this report, **StopAntisemitism** found alarming and distressing patterns concerning the safety and well-being of Jewish students on American college campuses:

- Most Jewish college students have experienced antisemitism on campus at some point – either as a witness or a victim.
- Only 21% of respondents say they feel welcome as a Jewish person in all spaces on campus.
- Jewish students are reluctant to express their identity as well as their support for Israel, and often feel that their peers hold them responsible for Israel's actions.
- Most respondents felt that their school doesn't take incidents of antisemitism seriously enough and are therefore less likely to report antisemitic incidents.
- None of the schools featured in this report have adopted the internationally accepted IHRA working definition of antisemitism.



# CONCLUSION

While the results laid out in this report paint a dark picture of the reality for Jewish college students across America, **StopAntisemitism** is pleased to note that the seven schools (pictured below) that chose to respond to our survey include antisemitism in their DEI training, have established processes when responding to antisemitic incidents, and have established Jewish organizations on campus. These baseline steps are meaningful to Jewish students, and every institution of higher education across the country should follow suit as soon as possible.

Despite commitments to prioritize safe spaces and DEI initiatives on campus, antisemitism continues to fester within American higher education. This pervasive issue has gained more mainstream attention over recent weeks as Jewish students demand the equal protection to which they are entitled. Efforts to address concerns are improving at some schools, but work remains to be done. If American colleges and universities truly take this matter seriously, they should adopt IHRA, revise DEI policies to include antisemitism, prohibit all its forms on campus, establish a Jewish affinity group if one does not exist, and integrate Jewish perspectives into the broader DEI discourse.



# RECOMMENDATIONS

**StopAntisemitism** encourages the colleges and universities featured in this report to consider the following recommendations for improving their response to campus antisemitism. We invite these schools to contact StopAntisemitism for assistance in developing guidelines and initiatives to support their respective Jewish populations.

- Adopt the IHRA Working Definition of Antisemitism for assessing matters of antisemitism on campus. The Federal Government requires that universities adopt IHRA to be eligible for Title VI funding, and administrators who flout its prescriptions should be held accountable.
- Be proactive – take the necessary steps to address antisemitic incidents on campus as soon as they happen and issue statements expressing unequivocal solidarity with Jewish communities.
- Establish welcoming environments for Jewish students where they can openly explore their beliefs, celebrate their culture, and foster constructive dialogue about Jewish identity, including discussions on Zionism.
- Include Judaism in its DEI policies and ensure those policies encompass the full diversity of ethnicity, religion, and viewpoints, including the formation of an affinity group.
- Examine clubs such as SJP that are driving violence and dangerous rhetoric against Jewish students and ban appropriately.

Jewish students should not have to consider their own safety when choosing which school to attend. Colleges should be places where everyone can coexist peacefully, without fear of prejudice against their identity, but too often Jews have been excluded from that coexistence. Fighting campus antisemitism not only helps Jewish students today, it lays the foundation for a future in which Jews are welcome at every campus.

**The time to act is now.**

# ABOUT US

**StopAntisemitism** is a grassroots watchdog organization dedicated to exposing groups and individuals that espouse incitement towards the Jewish people and State and engage in antisemitic behaviors.

Founded in 2018, StopAntisemitism was born in response to increasing antisemitic violence and sentiment across the United States.

StopAntisemitism has developed a strong following, reaching millions of actively engaged individuals through social media, mailers, and its website.

By publicly exposing antisemites, StopAntisemitism has created an environment where those who propagate hatred against the Jewish people are met with real-world consequences including but not limited to job loss, school expulsions, awards revoked, etc.



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