Antisemitic 'Control' trope

Definitions

Cabal
A secret group of individuals whose intentions are to run or overturn a government – often related to conspiracy theories.

Conspiracy theory
A theory that rejects the standard explanation for an event and instead credits a covert group or organisation with carrying out a secret plot, unknown to the general public.

Deep State
Often used interchangeably with ‘cabal’, it is the secret network of nonelected government officials who work with private entities to influence government policy.

Dog-Whistling
In political terms, it is a coded message communicated through words or phrases commonly understood by a particular group of people, but not by others. This can allow for leaders to communicate messages and opinions which would likely provoke controversy, and often reflect racist, misogynist and antisemitic views.

George Soros
A Hungarian-born American investor and philanthropist. His wealth, Jewish origins, and support of liberal causes, make him a regular target of antisemites, who accuse him of interfering in US and global politics.
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### Happy Merchant
An antisemitic meme which features a smirking character based on Jewish stereotypes and tropes. The figure is seen rubbing his hands together, usually in reference to a secret plot of control and greed. It is regularly adapted to depict prominent Jewish individuals, but with the same gesture, smirk and hooked nose.

### Jewish Lobby
A term used to described lobbying (the legal act of influencing government policy) by Jews and Jewish groups, predominantly in Western countries. When discussed with terms such as 'control', it is often deemed antisemitic.

### New World Order
The conspiracy that a secret, often small group of power individuals work to establish global control. It is antisemitic when it is referred to when discussing Jewish individuals. Often abbreviated as 'NWO'.

### Octopus
A common antisemitic image representing Jewish control. The animal’s tentacles are usually shown wrapped around the world, a person or a building to symbolise its dominance. Some Jewish individuals are depicted as octopuses by antisemites for the same purpose.
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**Protocols of Zion**
A fraudulent document which claims to be the minutes of a secret meeting of Jews in Switzerland in 1897 where plans were made to disrupt Christian civilisations and control the world under their rule. It was circulated in the early 1900s and played a key role in Nazi propaganda. It has been widely condemned and refuted as false by many historians, but is still circulated by antisemites today as ‘proof’ of Jewish control.

**Puppeteers**
A common way for antisemites to visualise the control trope. Jews (specifically prominent Jewish individuals or politicians) are seen as puppeteers, controlling the politicians and events of much more powerful nations.