

# ANTISEMITISM & ANTI-ZIONISM

Legitimate criticism of Israel is not antisemitic. In applications of anti-Zionism, however, there is little to no difference. To make such a distinction, one must be conscious of how anti-Zionism has become the modern manifestation of classic antisemitism.

**STATEMENT:** "F\*\*\* Israel and f\*\*\* the genocidal death cult that is Zionism."

—Mohammed El-Kurd, 2022, Twitter

**PROBLEM:** This demonises Israel as an evil entity. It implies that Jewish liberation is a murderous apparatus.

**STATEMENT:** "Sheldon Adelson believes that... — only Jewish people — are completely human... and everybody else on earth is there to serve them."

—Roger Waters, Shehab News Agency ( Hamas Affiliated Network), 2022, via MEMRI

**PROBLEM:** Waters demonizes a Jewish person, echoing old antisemitic tropes of "Jewish supremacy."

**STATEMENT:** "There is no left-wing! It is all right-wing, it is all settlers, and it is all Zionist dogs. If someone wants to be in solidarity with me, he should get out of Palestine, [then he'll] be in solidarity..."

—Muna El-Kurd, 2022

**PROBLEM:** Calling all Israelis right-wing and demanding they be expelled from a country recognized by international law is a double standard not expected of any other country.

**STATEMENT:** "Israel uses Passover to establish a mythical pattern of Jewish history as recurring cycles of oppression and freedom."

—Jewish Voice for Peace, 2022

**PROBLEM:** JVP attempts to delegitimize Israel by saying it fabricates commemorative holidays and connections to Judaism.

**STATEMENT:** "I am facing a campaign of Zionist harassment by well-funded organizations with ties to [Israel's] government and military [based on] my Palestinian identity..."

—Nerdeen Kiswani, CUNY Law Commencement Speaker, 2022

**PROBLEM:** Kiswani demonises Israel by claiming the Israeli government and military are directing Jewish institutions to harass her and other Palestinians, when she is in fact harassing Jewish organisations.

## **DECONSTRUCT MODERN ANTISEMITISM WITH NATAN SHARANSKY'S "3 D'S TEST":**

### **DELEGITIMISATION [OF ISRAEL]**

Denying the Jewish people their basic right to self-determination, freedom from exploitation, inequality, and danger.

### **DEMONISATION [OF ISRAEL]**

Portraying Jews or Israel with sinister motives historically used to repress Jews, including but not limited to disloyalty, blood libels, and control of institutions.

### **DOUBLE STANDARDS [FOR ISRAEL]**

Isolating and targeting the Jewish State with a different set of principles than other nations.

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