

THE IHRA DEFINITION OF ANTISEMITISM:

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The International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) is an organisation combatting Holocaust denial and antisemitism. It created a working definition of antisemitism outlining the various forms in which it manifests in society. It also notes instances where anti-Israel/anti-Zionist rhetoric qualifies as antisemitic, and does not fall under "legitimate criticism of Israel." This includes vilifying the country and Zionism in a similar manner to classic antisemitic tropes.

One part of the definition that is commonly misunderstood is its assertion 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."

Critics believe this passage denies them the right to criticise Israel. They mean that they want the freedom to advocate for the end of the Jewish state with moral impunity.

The IHRA does not deny anyone the right to express themselves or criticise Israel as one does any other nation.

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