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## WHAT IS IHRA?

- The International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) was established in 1998 to promote Holocaust education, remembrance, and research worldwide. IHRA has cultivated relationships with governments and academics to combat global antisemitism and ensure the implementation of Holocaust education.

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## THE IHRA WORKING DEFINITION OF ANTISEMITISM

- One of the most significant contributions of the group is its "Working Definition of Antisemitism," adopted in May 2016. This definition provides a clear and practical framework for identifying and understanding antisemitic acts. It states:

"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."

The definition includes examples to illustrate what constitutes antisemitism, such as<sup>[1]</sup>:

- Calling for, aiding, or justifying the killing or harming of Jews.
- Making mendacious, dehumanizing, demonizing, or stereotypical allegations about Jews.
- Denying the fact, scope, mechanisms, or intentionality of the Holocaust.
- Accusing Jewish citizens of being more loyal to Israel than to the interests of their own nations.
- Applying double standards to Israel by requiring behavior not expected or demanded of any other democratic nation.

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[1] Full list of the IHRA definition's associated examples is appended to this document.



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## IMPORTANCE OF THE IHRA DEFINITION

- As you cannot defeat what you cannot define, the IHRA definition is a vital tool in combating the menace of Jew-hatred by outlining a comprehensive and internationally recognized definition of what constitutes antisemitism. This standard definition assists law enforcement, educators, and policymakers in identifying and addressing antisemitic incidents.

## PASSAGE OF IHRA BILLS

- Across the country, a majority of states have

## HOW IHRA BILLS IN THE US FIGHTS ANTISEMITISM

- **Education:** Education is a key tool in preventing antisemitism in society. Educational institutions adopting the IHRA definition encourage an understanding of antisemitism by educators that they can then impart to students to inoculate them and educate them in recognizing antisemitic bigotry.

**Consistency:** Adopting the IHRA definition establishes a clear and uniform framework to identify and address antisemitism. This gives educators, law enforcement, and policymakers the ability to define and respond to antisemitic incidents effectively.

**Policy:** The IHRA definition provides a framework to build policies and laws to combat antisemitism, allowing there to be legal implications for those who engage in antisemitism associated with an underlying unlawful act.



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➤ **Support for Victims:** The IHRA definition gives lawmakers the ability to recognize and address antisemitic incidents, thus ensuring that victims of antisemitism are appropriately identified and receive necessary support.

**An International Standard:** The IHRA definition provides an international standard that allows greater cooperation and collaboration in the fight against antisemitism. More than 30 countries, have adopted this definition.

**Bipartisan Support:** The IHRA definition serves as the cornerstone for Pres. Donald Trump's 2019 Executive Order Combatting Antisemitism, an Order that has been sustained by President Biden.

## CONCLUSION

➤ IHRA's working definition of antisemitism is a critical element in the global fight against antisemitism. Adopting the definition in the US provides a framework to combat antisemitism by providing clarity, consistency, and a robust framework for identifying and addressing antisemitic incidents. In addition, promoting education as a means to combat antisemitism is laying down the groundwork for a better future.