

Mainstream Antisemitism

Antisemitism in recent decades has been the hatred that dare not speak its name. Recently, it has become increasingly open. This worrying [article in National Review](#) surveys the extent to which antisemitic conspiracy theories have now become a widely accepted feature of mainstream political debate in the US:

Discussing Iraq last month on Washington Journal, C-SPAN's live call-in program, two callers — one American and one British — telephoned to ask whether I was Jewish. I am and said so. Both suggested that Jews were responsible for sending American soldiers into harms way. This was ironic since I volunteered for duty in Iraq, and then lived outside the security parameters enjoyed by other Coalition employees. One questioned whether I was part of a secret cabal operating for other than American interests. At the suggestion that his question might be anti-Semitic, the caller insisted my religion was a valid subject for a segment dedicated to a discussion of the situation in Iraq. Discourse has changed.

Indeed. To an extent not seen since the Second World War. However, serious awareness of antisemitism and its significance, and serious support for Israel, both seem to be at an all time high as well. May the best world view win.

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It Has Spread to the US Senate

It seems that Senator Ernest Hollings (D-SC) wrote an opinion column for a newspaper that claimed that Bush went to war with Iraq to protect Israel and appease American Jews.

Here's an article:

<http://www.thestate.com/mld/thestate/8699607.htm>

He didn't blame it on a jewish plot, but claimed that Bush wanted to "Take the Jewish vote from the Democrats."

So, it's still caused by Jewish influence, apparently.

Gil

by [Gil](#) on Thu, 05/20/2004 - 00:09 | [reply](#)

Jewish influence

Everything is caused by everything. Not quite. I guess then that we could narrow it down a little and say that everything is caused by Jewish influence. How convenient.

Or we could narrow it down much further and say everything is caused by me, personally. Mea Culpa. But I refuse to take the blame for such narrow minds. Anybody else want to volunteer? No?

Maybe I should change my religion, and crank it up a notch. Since Jews have taken enough heat for the sins of the world, its about time someone else steps up to the plate.

(Psst, its the Episcopalians! Holy Moly, hold on to your crucifix, the truth about Episcopalian influence is finally revealed! First they took over Great Britain, and now they want to take over the world. Pass it on.)

by a reader on Thu, 05/20/2004 - 11:05 | [reply](#)

Max Boot on 'Neocons' Conspiracies

[Here](#)

by [Alan Forrester](#) on Thu, 05/20/2004 - 15:35 | [reply](#)

Re:Max Boot on 'Neocons' Conspiracies

I am surprised that "[The World](#)" would not cringe at being associated with someone like Irving Kristol, clearly anti-Popperian. Maybe "[The World](#)" is ready to repudiate Popper?

by a reader on Fri, 05/21/2004 - 01:03 | [reply](#)

Interesting

I live in an extremely anti-war, leftist area. (Berkeley, California)

I have never encountered a single anti-war leftist around here who who would make a comment like that. In fact, they would be abhorred.

Why is it that the one of the most conspiracy-theory laden, leftist entrenchments in America fails to represent this "widely accepted feature of mainstream political debate"? It seems rather... odd.

by a reader on Fri, 05/21/2004 - 12:45 | [reply](#)

Re: Interesting

a reader wrote:

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Perhaps you are making an unwarranted assumption about what they "would" or would not say, or how they would behave towards those who do. Evan Coyne Maloney has spent a great deal of time talking to anti-war leftists and he has come away with an impression opposite to yours. Check out the video [here](#), for instance.

by [Editor](#) on Fri, 05/21/2004 - 14:16 | [reply](#)

Check out this one ...

<http://www.isratv.com/video/filmpmwadsl.aspx>

by a reader on Fri, 05/21/2004 - 14:47 | [reply](#)

And this

The video in the last comment is amazingly important but not very relevant to this thread. This is though: [Berkeley Intifada](#).

by a reader on Sat, 05/22/2004 - 02:59 | [reply](#)

I'll be damned

Seeing as how I discuss issues regarding Israel with them on a regular basis, I doubt I'm misunderstanding how they 'would' react.

On the other hand, that last link is horrifying. I suppose I just know the wrong people.

by a reader on Fri, 05/28/2004 - 20:56 | [reply](#)

anti posh word for oppsing people who might happen to be jewish

Isn't it marvellous? You can openly claim to 'hate arabs' you can openly claim to 'hate hispanics' , no one will say much, and there is no fancy name for 'that ' sort of hate, and yet, you happen to dislike someone who is jewish, and you become antisemitic!! I am rather bored of the 'precious jew' syndrome, and have yet to discover why they feel they are so precious, and i lack the inclination to find out.

by Emma Flavell on Mon, 03/20/2006 - 18:17 | [reply](#)

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if it's so boring why take the time to write anti-semitic comments?

-- Elliot Temple

Now Blogging Again

by [Elliot Temple](#) on Sun, 03/26/2006 - 09:45 | [reply](#)

Dear Miss, Ms. or Mrs. Flavel

Dear Miss, Ms. or Mrs. Flavell.

The inclination to find out, as you, less than eloquently, put it, is apparently not the only thing you lack. But worry not, the world is full of people such as yourself, and you can take pride in belonging to a group of people with very prominent members. Hitler, Himmler, Stalin, Arafat, Goering, the current pope, most of the previous popes, Mel Gibson, Osama bin Laden. In short, you are in good company.

by William Smythe-Livingston on Fri, 08/11/2006 - 00:53 | [reply](#)

Jews

Jews are not a religion. They are a nation. Historically, they've had a unique religion associated with them. That's a different issue.

by [Yoni](#) on Sat, 09/09/2006 - 22:57 | [reply](#)

Antisemites

"I am rather bored of the 'precious jew' syndrome"

This concept was invented by antisemites, and immediately flags you as one.

by [Yoni](#) on Sat, 09/09/2006 - 22:59 | [reply](#)