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U.S. Commission on Civil Rights
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**Re: Written Submission on Antisemitism on
America's College and University Campuses**

Dear Commissioners:

Thank you for the opportunity to present to you during the Public Comment Session on February 20, 2026, and to provide this written submission.

Intersectionality is an underdiscussed, anti-western ideology and is one of the root causes of mainstreaming antisemitism on American campuses.

As a theory, intersectionality was originally most well-known for the idea that different forms of discrimination can overlap and should be reflected as such in the law. However, even from its inception, intersectionality used a framework of systems of privilege and oppression to assign status based on group identity. Identity is viewed through a simplistic and divisive “oppressor” / “oppressed” dynamic. Intersectionality works to “center” the “marginalized,” encouraging perceived marginalized groups to unite together in collective action¹ as their “struggles are linked.”²

¹ <https://chicagounbound.uchicago.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1052&context=uclf>

² https://scholarship.law.columbia.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=3783&context=faculty_scholarship

This artificial teaming is promoted no matter how disparate or in actual conflict the groups' interests. This explains "Queers for Palestine" or "Feminists for Palestine" protest signs, despite the second-class and violent treatment of women and gay people in territories controlled by the Palestinian Authority and Hamas.³

For decades, intersectionality has been the dominant ideology on campus, both in and out of the classroom. From this perch, its proponents have obsessively focused on Israel, attempting to delegitimize a state operating under western principles and placing Jews everywhere in an "oppressor" role.

The loudest voices – including, and perhaps especially, from the professor cadre – have engaged in years of relentless false and libelous marketing of Israel using intersectional language. Under this twisted framing, the existence of Israel itself is labeled "settler-colonialism" "genocidal" "racism" "apartheid" and "white supremacy."⁴

All Jews and their allies on campus – regardless of any, or no, discernable connection to Israel – who do not adopt this intersectional lens of Israel as *illegitimate* and *imperialist*, risk being *tainted* as "Zionists" "white" "privileged" "Nazi" "colonizers" and "oppressors." In the current environment in which campus culture overwhelmingly accepts this framing,⁵ such labeling results in a professional, academic, social and potential safety cost to students, professors, administrators and staff.

Contrary to the assertion of some presentations to the Commission on February 19 and 20, 2026, the current protests and hyperbolic language are not part of a good faith political dispute about particular Israeli policies. Rather, those immersed in anti-Zionist activism are conjuring an evil caricature generally focused on the establishment and mere existence of Israel, not on specific policies. When modern

³ See https://www.state.gov/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/415610_WEST-BANK-AND-GAZA-2022-HUMAN-RIGHTS-REPORT.pdf

⁴ <https://www.thefp.com/p/columbia-university-anti-israel-museum-of-terror>; and <https://jewishvirtuallibrary.org/bds-in-their-own-words>

⁵ The near monopoly of this viewpoint is evident. For example, even according to Columbia University's own report, "Columbia lacks full-time tenure line faculty expertise in Middle East history, politics, political economy, and policy that is not explicitly anti-Zionist." <https://www.columbia.edu/content/sites/www.columbia.edu.content/files/content/about/Task%20Force%20on%20Antisemitism/Task-Force-Antisemitism-Report-4-The-Classroom-Experience-at-Columbia.pdf>, p. 40.

events are at issue, Israel is held to standards to which no other country is subjected.⁶

Rather than being a legitimate and worthy academic exercise in discussing current events, the intersectional framing presumes Israel's "oppressor" and "genocidal" status and is part of a larger, ongoing effort to de-legitimize a western democracy. The language wielded against Israel, similar to language designed to delegitimize the United States, invites hate and violence.⁷

With limited pushback – and, at times, complicity – from university and college administrations,⁸ anti-Zionism is the default, accepted position on campus. As the prism through which all Jews are viewed, anti-Zionism is the main form of antisemitism gripping academia.

The result is that Jews, unless they openly profess hostility towards Israel, are viewed as fair game to be isolated and attacked.⁹

On or off campus, intersectionality serves as an intellectual foundation for harassment, violence, terrorism, as well as normalizing more mainstream antisemitism and anti-westernism.

Activists at Columbia University perceived themselves as so empowered and righteous in their objections to Israel that they are alleged to have held hostage two custodians as part of their takeover of a campus building.¹⁰

At Harvard, two students were charged in an assault on a Jewish student during an anti-Israel protest. A Judge dismissed the charges, ordering the two to attend an anger management course and perform 80 hours of community service. That same week, one of the charged students was appointed "class marshal" by Harvard's Divinity School and the other received a \$65,000 Harvard Law School fellowship

⁶ <https://blogs.timesofisrael.com/israel-and-the-infinitely-rising-bar-13-double-standards-and-a-singular-state/>

⁷ See, <https://nypost.com/2025/12/23/opinion/toxic-fuel-for-far-left-terrorists-came-straight-from-our-colleges/>

⁸ <https://edworkforce.house.gov/news/documentsingle.aspx?DocumentID=412438>

⁹ <https://jewishjournal.com/commentary/opinion/387032/the-hidden-cost-of-campus-antisemitism-faculty-mental-health/>, <https://www.brandeis.edu/cmjs/birthright/antisemitism.html>, <https://www.suffolkdistrictattorney.com/press-releases/items/2025/4/29/anger-management-and-80-hours-of-community-service-ordered-for-two-harvard-students-charged-in-2023-campus-assault>

¹⁰ <https://www.foxnews.com/us/columbia-university-janitors-sue-anti-israel-agitators-accused-holding-them-hostage-campus-building>

to work at the Council on American Islamic Relations (CAIR).¹¹ Since graduating, the latter student continues his work at CAIR and the former was reported to be hired by Harvard to advise “faculty on curriculum design and boosting ‘academic rigor’ in global history, politics, migration, and development.”¹²

Beyond the campus, in 2025 two attendees were murdered outside an American Jewish Committee event at the Capital Jewish Museum. This event was focused on humanitarian relief and not advertised as related to Israel.¹³ No matter to the shooter, who gunned them down shouting – that common collegiate refrain – “Free Palestine.”¹⁴

Intersectionality ideology taught and infused throughout colleges and universities puts Jews, and anyone allied with Jews, in the crosshairs. It functions to promote, excuse and reward antisemitism. In viewing the world solely through oppositional group identities, intersectionality ignores history and nuance, discouraging respectful dialogue and justifying violence. It is an anathema to learning and education. It must be addressed.

Respectfully submitted,

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¹¹ <https://www.jpost.com/diaspora/antisemitism/article-855490>

¹² <https://nypost.com/2025/12/02/us-news/harvard-hires-divinity-school-graduate-elom-tetty-tamaklo-who-faced-assault-charges-against-an-israeli-student-at-a-protest/>

¹³ <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ajc-access-young-diplomats-reception-tickets-1312062246499>

¹⁴ <https://www.justice.gov/usao-dc/pr/federal-hate-crime-and-first-degree-murder-charges-filed-against-alleged-killer-israeli>