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# [Anti-Christian harassment continues to rise in Jerusalem | Christianity Today.com](#)

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Anti-Christian hate incidents in Israel have increased in the third quarter of this year, with many centred around an individual street in Jerusalem, says a research group.

According to the latest report from The Religious Freedom Data Center (RFDC), there were 106 “acts of harassment” spread across 96 “incidents” during the period - the group states that some incidents included more than one type of harassment. This is up from 83 acts of harassment across 76 incidents in the second quarter, and 44 acts of harassment across 31 incidents in Q1.

The Q2 rise was attributed at the time to a surge in incidents on Israeli holidays Jerusalem Day and Shavuot.

In its latest report the RFDC again said that the holiday period typically brought more incidents of harassment against Christians in Jerusalem due to the presence of more Jewish visitors. The group also said that it was only thanks to volunteers for its Hotline for Christians facing harassment that it was able to record so many incidents. Many incidents likely go unrecorded.

By far the most common form of harassment was spitting, either at Christians themselves or their churches and buildings. In Q3 nearly three quarters of the acts of harassment (73 per cent) involved spitting.

“In informal conversations with clergy, we repeatedly hear the statement: ‘Not a week goes by without someone spitting at me.’ We therefore estimate that dozens of additional spitting incidents occur each month; without reporting, documentation, or action to counter them, such acts become established as a norm among perpetrators,” the report says.

Far less frequent, but of considerable seriousness, were verbal abuse (eight per cent), throwing objects (four per cent), forms of vandalism (six per cent), threats (one per cent) and even physical assault (five per cent).

A majority (92 per cent) of recorded incidents occurred in Jerusalem, with 77 per cent of those happening in the Old City and 45 per cent taking place on Armenian Patriarchate Street.

Reports have consistently shown that Christian clergy and monastics are frequent targets, with perpetrators carrying out their actions without shame. In some cases parents have even encouraged their children to take part in the abuse.

The most recent report states, "In some cases, perpetrators justified their actions to RFDC volunteers - and on camera - as being consistent with religious injunctions."

The report also stated that the situation appeared to be worsening and that many clergy go out in plain clothes in a bid to avoid harassment. This in turn contributes to the erasure of Christians as a visible presence in the public life of Israel, the report said.

"In the absence of visible representation of the Christian presence, we repeatedly encounter cases in which Jews, surprised to discover Christians in the city, react inappropriately," the report reads.

"The exclusion of the Christian presence from Jerusalem's public representation is a matter of concern, and responsibility for addressing it rests with the Jerusalem Municipality."

# [Iran's foreign minister: Russia, Iran have never before 'worked as closely' together | The Times of Israel.com](#)

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## **Araghchi hosts Lavrov in Tehran for talks on Europe and Middle East as well as 'economic and nuclear cooperation'; Moscow seeking to prevent renewed fighting between US and Iran**

TEHRAN, Iran — Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi said Tuesday that Russia and Iran have “never” worked so closely, as Moscow seeks to play a mediating role in the Middle East war.

Araghchi hosted his Russian counterpart Sergey Lavrov in Iran on Monday, in his first visit since the outbreak of the conflict.

“We covered everything from Europe to West Asia, including Lebanon, Palestine, Ukraine and Yemen. Also focused on expansion of economic and nuclear cooperation,” Araghchi wrote on X.

“Never in our history have Iran and Russia worked as closely as now.”

Lavrov said ahead of the visit that Moscow’s efforts “aimed at preventing the return of a large-scale war,” with talks stalled between the United States and Iran.

His visit came after Russian President Vladimir Putin told his Iranian counterpart Masoud Pezeshkian this month that Moscow was prepared to contribute to mediation efforts.

Russia and Iran, two of the most heavily sanctioned nations in the world, maintain close ties.

The Middle East war erupted in February with US-Israeli strikes on Iran. A ceasefire in April and a US-Iran memorandum of understanding in June have failed to stop fighting in and around the Strait of Hormuz.

Iran claims control over the strategic waterway — through which one-fifth of the world’s oil passes in normal times — and regularly targets vessels that cross without its authorization.

In response, Washington has been maintaining a naval counterblockade on Iranian ports.

The Russian foreign ministry said ahead of Lavrov's visit to Iran that discussions were expected to focus on "ways to resolve the acute international crisis triggered by the unlawful aggression of the US and Israel" against the Islamic Republic.

The ministry said the war had been a blow to stability and security "not only in the Near and Middle East, but also on a global scale."

Iran is reportedly [strengthening defenses](#) around its nuclear sites and preparing for possible renewed fighting with the US.

The war started on February 28, when the US and Israel attacked Iran to degrade the Iranian regime's military capabilities, distance threats posed by Iran — including its nuclear and ballistic missile programs — and "create the conditions" for the Iranian people to topple the regime, the military and other Israeli leaders have said.

Tehran responded with its own drone and missile strikes on Israel and Gulf states that host US bases.

The US, backed by Israel, has claimed that the massive air campaign destroyed Iran's arms industry.

However, last week, unnamed Western officials told Bloomberg that Iran had preserved its facilities and can replenish its supply of the weapons on its own, with one official saying Russia was also providing it with missiles.

That report came after the Financial Times reported in September that Russia has been helping Iran develop supersonic cruise missiles, an advanced weapon that is harder to defend against than subsonic variants.

In April, Ukrainian intelligence accused Russia of [supplying the Iranians](#) with detailed imagery surveys of military facilities and critical sites across the Middle East to help Iran strike US forces and other targets, including critical infrastructure in Israel, amid the ongoing war.

Last year, the [FT reported](#) that Iranian scientists with ties to the regime had made a secret trip late last year to Russia, where they met with military experts and may have sought to advance nuclear weapons work.

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# [Kansas Democrat A Says Christians Do Not Have to Believe Jesus's Mother Was a Virgin | Breitbart.com](#)

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Democrat Kansas U.S. Senate candidate and woke Methodist pastor Adam Hamilton claimed the [Virgin Birth](#) is an optional belief for Christians and is only insisted upon in “fundamentalism.”

Hamilton, who is the senior pastor of the Church of the Resurrection, the largest United Methodist congregation in the country, [indulged](#) in the heresy last year on his podcast, *Making Sense of Faith with Adam Hamilton*.

“Now, we’re all children of God, but in a different way, Jesus was the son of God. And in the early church, they began to talk about Mary as ‘[theotokos](#),’ which was a term that meant ‘God-bearer,’ that God actually entered into her womb through this child. Now, how did the biology of that work? How did the conception of that exactly work? I don’t think it’s trying to explain that,” Hamilton said. “I believe in the virgin birth because these stories tell it, and it’s one of those places where, in a sense, I suspend my logic to be able to say, ‘You know what? I don’t know exactly what happened, so I’m going with this story.’ I choose to trust and believe in the virgin birth.”

“But interestingly enough, throughout the rest of the New Testament, other than Matthew and Luke’s gospel, it’s not mentioned anywhere. We don’t find the virginal conception mentioned in any of Paul’s letters, the Book of Acts, anywhere else,” he continued. “...But if it was so important, if you had to believe in the Virgin Birth story in order to be a Christian, we would have found Paul talking about it — so whether Paul has not thought about it, or whether he didn’t know the stories, or he just didn’t feel like he needed to reference them.”:

*So I say to people who tell me, “I’m not really sure I can believe in the Virgin of birth.” I’m like, “That’s okay. I just want you to follow Jesus.” He didn’t come to his disciples and say, “Hey, let me tell you the story about how I was conceived. And now if you believe that, you can be one of my disciples.” He never said that. He just said, “Come follow me,” ... So, for me, I recognize the challenges of that, and I also ... choose to believe this. What I really believe about it isn’t a biology lesson; it’s a theology lesson and who I think Jesus is.*

*...There was a period of time — so Christian fundamentalism, in part, was a reaction to, like sort of liberalizing, and a willingness to read the scriptures and read them metaphorically, you know, those kind of stories. And so when Christian*

*fundamentalism took off, one of the fundamentals was the Virgin Birth. You have to believe in the Virgin Birth or you can't be a real Christian. And I think, again, I believe in the virgin, uh, original conception of Jesus. I choose to believe that, but I understand how that's a struggling point for some people to begin with, and, again, I think Jesus would not have said, "Look, you need to understand exactly how I was conceived in order to be able to follow me."*

The Virgin Birth is notably part of the [Apostles' Creed](#) and the [Nicene Creed](#) and is essential to understanding the miraculous nature of Jesus's birth and his ability to be both [fully God and fully man](#) at the same time. Jesus being born of a virgin through the [Holy Spirit](#) is clearly laid out in the New Testament Gospels of [Matthew](#) and [Luke](#) and is also foretold in the Old Testament book of [Isaiah](#), meaning the Virgin Birth is the fulfillment of a prophecy from [600 or 700 years](#) before.

Hamilton also previously [said](#) the Bible contains "hundreds" of errors. In a 2022 sermon, he [suggested](#) Muslims, Hindus, and adherents of other faiths would reach Heaven and recognize Jesus after death.

In 2015, Hamilton questioned how much "latitude" Christians have to push back on the Bible, including whether they can say the Apostle Paul was "wrong."

The Church of the Resurrection under his leadership [partnered](#) with Kansas City PrideFest to sponsor a "Drag Queen Story Time & Gay Pride Festival," according to previous [reporting](#) by Breitbart News.

Hamilton has voiced his support for legal [abortion](#), [Black Lives Matter](#), and [affirming](#) same-sex marriage within the United Methodist Church — all while presenting himself as a moderate.

Hamilton is running for the U.S. Senate in Kansas against incumbent Sen. Roger Marshall (R-KS). The race is projected to be extremely close, with RealClear Polling [showing](#) Marshall an average of 0.7 points ahead.

# **Trump Tears Into "Treasonous" European Leaders, Suggests US Will Withdraw from Supporting European Nations and NATO | The Gateway Pundit.com**

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**President Trump went off on Globalist European leaders during his rally in Wichita, Kansas, on Monday, accusing them of treason and threatening to leave Europe and NATO to fend for themselves.**

“If you want to see what is at stake in this election, just look at what’s happening in France, a once great nation that is being conquered, looted, and burned to the ground by migrants, jihadists, and communists who hate Christianity and they hate, frankly, the Western civilization itself,” he said, opening a scathing rebuke of Europe’s mass migration policies.

“And as we’re seeing in Europe, globalist left-wing politicians have treasonously imported millions and millions of third-world migrants, who are totally incompatible with the West, and they are incompatible with Western values. They despise everything about France, and they’re destroying that country. And we’re not going to let that happen to this country.”

He went on to rebuke French President Emmanuel Macron for allowing the mass importation of people who “only want to enter the welfare state paid for by hardworking citizens of France.”

But it’s “not only France; it’s Italy, it’s so many,” he said. “I could name plenty of them. They’re losing their country. They’re losing Europe. That’s never happening to the [United States of America](#).”

“The people that came in do not love France or these other countries under attack. They don’t love the people. They don’t love the art, they don’t love the architecture of the buildings, they don’t love anything that surrounds them. They have no passion for where they are, and they never will,” Trump added.

“If they don’t soon find their way, and they have to find their way, we will have no choice but to leave. We will have no choice. It’s a very serious situation. We’re not letting it happen here,” Trump continued, noting that NATO was not there for the United States during the Iran war, despite the US spending “billions of dollars a year on NATO protecting them.”

Trump also posted a transcript of the moment on his [Truth Social](#), reemphasizing his message to globalist European leaders.

*If you want to see what is at stake in this Election, just look at what is happening in France — A once-great nation that is being conquered, looted, and burned to the ground by migrants, jihadists, and Communists who hate Christianity, and Western Civilization, itself. As we are seeing in Europe, Globalist Leftwing Politicians have treasonously imported millions of Third World Migrants who are totally incompatible with Western Values, and despise everything that makes France great. They have surrendered their country to vandals who could have never built it themselves, and who refuse to assimilate into their society, but only want to enter the welfare state paid for by hardworking citizens of France, while desecrating the culture that makes it all possible. Europe has to CLOSE THEIR BORDERS, and get out the people who hate their countries, and get them out FAST, before it is too late! These people do not love France, or these other countries under attack. They don't love the people, they don't love the art, they don't love the architecture or the buildings, they don't love anything that surrounds them. They have no passion for where they are, and they never will and, as I told President Macron when I first met him many years ago, CLOSE YOUR BORDER or, it will be the end of France. We stand with Europe, despite its flaws, its weaknesses and, hopefully, its temporary loss of direction. But if they don't soon find their way, we will have no choice but to leave. When we asked for help in Iran (Help which we didn't need, but was done more in the form of a test), they weren't there to help, something which I can never forget.*

*When you see burning steeples and raging fires in France, just remember, THAT is what the Radical Dumocrats want to do to AMERICA. Just like in Europe, Dumocrats are the party of anti-Western Marxists and hostile Third World Migrants. Senator Roger Marshall and the People of Kansas will not let them plunder our Nation's Wealth, or demolish what our Ancestors built with their own sweat, blood, tears, and skill.*

*The maniacs attacking our Civilization think they are doing well, you see and read about them all day and all night, but they have NO IDEA of the GIANT they have awoken and unleashed. They are going to find out the hard way on Election Day, November 3rd, 2026! Americans are going to stand up and declare that we will defend our Culture, we will protect our Civilization, we will preserve our Religion, our Values, and our Heritage, and we will never let our Nation be conquered or destroyed! President DONALD J. TRUMP*

As The Gateway Pundit reported, Trump also went off on Macron before his rally amid the ongoing violence across France, perpetrated by leftwing Marxists and foreigners.

Trump told reporters on Monday at the White House, "Paris is going to be a Muslim city very soon" if Macron does not close the borders.

# Paris synagogue ransacked, Jewish shops torched in Marseille as Palestinian flags fly over French riots | Israel 365News.com

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A synagogue in Paris was ransacked, and Jewish-owned shops in Marseille were set ablaze over the weekend as cost-of-living protests across France erupted into the country's worst riots in decades, marked by Palestinian flags and chants of "Intifada." Vandals broke into the temporary sanctuary of the Ohalei Yaakov congregation on Rue Burnouf in Paris's 19th arrondissement overnight Saturday, scattering prayer books and *tefillin* (phylacteries) across the floor and searching the rabbi's office. In Marseille, home to one of Europe's largest Jewish communities, the head of the local Jewish umbrella organization called for a state of emergency and the deployment of the army.

The weekend of October 17–18 brought some of the worst urban violence France has seen in decades. The Interior Ministry reported nearly 2,400 arrests on Saturday alone and almost 1,000 police officers and gendarmes injured, seven seriously. Paris police made a record 855 arrests in the capital. Rioters burned the 143-year-old town hall in Limoges, broke into Marseille's city hall and defaced it, torched the tourist office in Lyon, and invaded the prefect's residence in Bordeaux. France's Retail and Trade Federation estimated that around 1,500 businesses were damaged, with losses in the hundreds of millions of euros.

The unrest began in late September with high school students in the working-class suburbs north of Paris protesting teacher shortages and crumbling classrooms. On Saturday, the student movement merged with union marches and the Yellow Vests against fuel prices and inflation. The Interior Ministry counted 550,000 marchers nationwide; the CGT union put the figure at 800,000.

*BREAKING: Ohalei Yaakov Shul in Paris' 19th arrondissement was vandalized amid the widespread protesting and unrest across France, attacks on police stations and looting. [pic.twitter.com/NlIzuVWNfk](https://pic.twitter.com/NlIzuVWNfk)*

— Belaaz News (@TheBelaaz) [October 18, 2026](#)

The flag that kept appearing

The demands were economic, but the imagery told a different story. The Jewish Telegraphic Agency reported that Palestinian flags and keffiyehs were a recurring motif in most of the violent protests, vandalism, and looting. On Paris's Boulevard des Capucines, "Free Gaza" was scrawled across a shop's security shutter. In Lyon, "Free

Palestine” graffiti appeared beside smashed storefronts. On Sunday, an AFP photographer captured a man in a keffiyeh hurling a bicycle onto a street fire in Paris.

In Marseille, Bruno Benjamin, president of the Marseille-Provence branch of CRIF, the umbrella body of French Jewish institutions, reported that many marchers carried Palestinian flags and chanted “Intifada,” the Arabic word for “uprising” and the name given to the two waves of Palestinian terror that began in 1987 and 2000, which included suicide bombings, shootings and stabbings.

“What we’re seeing today in the streets of Marseille is intolerable,” Benjamin said. “The looting, the violence, and the attacks on law enforcement are neither social demands nor acts of resistance. They are acts of delinquency that must be punished with the utmost severity.”

He added: “Israel has shown its determination in the face of terrorism. France, too, must enforce its authority against those who defy its laws. The Republic cannot tremble before rioters.”

Benjamin told JNS that France needs to “declare a state of emergency, send in the army, massively increase law enforcement personnel and arrest these rioters and vandals by every means.”

The same pattern surfaced across the Alps. In Milan, a cost-of-living march featuring Palestinian symbols degenerated into looting, and police cleared the cathedral square with tear gas.

“Stop gassing us, we are not Jews”

A masked rioter in Paris held up a handwritten sign on Saturday that read “Stop gassing us, we are not Jews.”

The rioter stood in front of a pile of burning bicycles, his face wrapped in cloth, holding a cardboard sign that read: “*Arrêtez de nous gazer, nous sommes pas des Juifs.*” The slogan protested police tear gas by casting gassing as something reserved for Jews, a direct reference to the Nazi gas chambers. The Combat Antisemitism Movement posted the image to its X account. French Jewish outlet Israj reported it alongside the keffiyehs and Palestinian flags worn by many rioters. Germany’s *Jüdische Allgemeine*, reporting on a video of the scene circulated by a French Jewish news channel, called it undisguised Jew-hatred using social protest as its cover.

*France, Oct 17, 2026:*

*"Stop gassing us, we are not Jews."*

*Streets on fire. And a rioter joking that gas is for Jews.*

*It starts with the Jews. It ends with everyone else.* [pic.twitter.com/eC4CVasBEe](https://pic.twitter.com/eC4CVasBEe)

— Combat Antisemitism Movement (@CombatASemitism) [October 19, 2026](#)

## Targeted or caught in the fire

The question of whether Jews were singled out has divided observers. Appearing on CNews, French journalist Paul Amar said the rioters “came prepared,” had the addresses of Jewish shop owners, and that on one street in Marseille “all businesses owned by Jews were set on fire” while Muslim-owned shops were left alone.

The SPCJ, the Jewish community’s security service founded in 1980 after the Rue Copernic synagogue bombing, confirmed that Jewish-owned businesses in Marseille were among those damaged but said it had found no evidence they were chosen because their owners were Jewish. Marseille police said the looting there had “no connection” to anti-Jewish hatred. A member of the Ohalei Yaakov committee said the synagogue break-in pointed primarily to attempted theft, though nothing appeared to be missing.

Sacha Roytman Dratwa, CEO of the Combat Antisemitism Movement, placed the weekend in a longer frame. He said the events “are not comparable to the Holocaust,” but warned that “by Kristallnacht, the warning signs had been visible for years. The world had already lost precious time. Europe cannot afford to keep making excuses until it is too late. What starts with the Jews never ends with the Jews.”

The numbers behind that warning are stark. France’s Interior Ministry recorded 1,320 antisemitic acts in 2025. Jews make up less than one percent of the French population and were the targets of 53 percent of all anti-religious incidents.

## The political fallout

President Emmanuel Macron addressed the nation Sunday night. “Tonight, we all feel anger and shame,” he said, blaming “agitators from ultra-left fringe groups, joined by numerous delinquents” for “unbridled violence in our cities.” He vowed: “Those who have destroyed must pay.” Interior Minister Laurent Nuñez offered his resignation and admitted a “loss of control” in some cities; Macron refused it. Justice Minister Gérald Darmanin said the government “undoubtedly failed this weekend.” Prime Minister Sébastien Lecornu ordered partial curfews for Monday night.

President Trump weighed in on social media: “France is burning! The immigration of people from an entirely different world, people with hatred in their hearts, has shattered that once great country.” Vice President JD Vance suggested France had “imported the third world.” Far-left leader Jean-Luc Mélenchon accused the authorities of inflaming tensions. Marine Le Pen, frontrunner in next year’s presidential race, said the government was “running on fumes.”

The banners say bread, fuel, and teachers. The chants say “Intifada.” The cardboard sign in Paris says the quiet part out loud. Hatred of Jews has always borrowed the clothing of whatever grievance is fashionable that season: the treasury in Shushan, the economy in Weimar Germany, Gaza in Paris. The disguise changes. The target stays the same.

French Jews are reading the signs the same way. More than 4,000 have moved to Israel so far this year, the highest pace in a decade. The police may still be weighing whether a shop in Marseille burned by accident or by design. The banner in the street says bread. The flag beside it says intifada. The sign in the rioter’s hands says gas the Jews. The Jews of France have learned to read all three.

# Three years after October 7, online antisemitism hits a record high, and it is mostly the old Jew-hatred | Israel 365News.com

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Antisemitism on social media has never been higher. Three years after Hamas terrorists murdered some 1,200 people in southern Israel, the [Online Hate Prevention Institute](#) (OHPI), an Australian charity that has tracked online Jew-hatred since 2022, has found that none of the platforms it monitored before the attack have returned to their earlier levels. The most recent three months were the worst it has recorded.

July through September 2026 produced the highest levels of antisemitic content in any three-month period since OHPI began monitoring. The report, titled “Analysing the new normal,” is the institute’s fifth in the series and was written by OHPI CEO Dr. Andre Oboler, analyst Jasmine Beinart and Eliyahou Roth of the Online Hate Task Force. It draws on more than 29,500 items of antisemitic content collected from 11 platforms: Facebook, Instagram, X, TikTok, YouTube, LinkedIn, Reddit, Telegram, Gab, BitChute and, for the first time, Threads.

OHPI’s analysts spend eight hours a month on each platform, starting with searches for categorically antisemitic terms and then following the users who engaged with that content. Every item is classified using a taxonomy drawn from the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) Working Definition of Antisemitism, now Australia’s official definition.

“The most significant finding is that antisemitism is up, not down,” Oboler told J-Wire.

## **A rising floor**

Antisemitism spiked in the months after October 7, dipped slightly through the rest of 2024, then climbed again. By August 2025, it had passed the levels seen immediately after the massacre. OHPI found that each decline left the baseline a little higher than before, and over three years the overall trend has been upward. The institute attributes this to both rising antisemitism and declining efforts by the platforms to fight it.

The trajectory differs by platform. Instagram, TikTok and YouTube have kept getting worse since the initial surge. Facebook, X, Gab, Telegram, Reddit and BitChute have stayed at their elevated post-October 7 levels.

## **The old hatred dominates**

The report's most pointed finding concerns what kind of antisemitism is flooding social media. Critics of antisemitism monitoring often argue that the post-October 7 numbers are inflated by counting legitimate criticism of Israel as Jew-hatred. OHPI says its data shows the opposite. Traditional antisemitism, including Jewish power conspiracies, blood libels, and the accusation that Jews killed Jesus, is the dominant category on almost every platform and in total. It also rose more after October 7 than any other category. According to The Jewish Independent, traditional antisemitism accounts for more than twice as much content as antisemitism tied to Israel or Zionism.

OHPI does not concede the opposing point either. The report says that many who claim "anti-Zionism isn't antisemitism" are seeking a free pass to engage in antisemitism, of whatever form, without consequences. It also defines Israel-related antisemitism using the IHRA standard: applying antisemitic tropes to Israelis or Zionists, denying the Jewish people the right to self-determination, comparing Israel to the Nazis, and holding Jews collectively responsible for Israel's actions.

Most of the traditional material falls into a catch-all category of slurs and medieval accusations, which often makes up more than half of the content collected on a given platform. OHPI notes that the juicebox emoji has become a pejorative for Jews. Users post it under photos of Jewish people, possibly to avoid detection by automated moderation. On Gab and Telegram, traditional antisemitism consistently makes up more than 80% of the antisemitic material collected and sometimes exceeds 90%.

### **LinkedIn's Israel problem**

LinkedIn is the exception. On the professional networking site, antisemitism related to Israel and Zionism consistently accounts for more than 70% of the antisemitic material collected, sometimes more than 80%. LinkedIn and Reddit together supplied 15% of OHPI's data but 30% of all Israel-related antisemitism. On some LinkedIn samples, content denying the Jewish people's right to self-determination made up more than a third of all antisemitic material on the platform.

Oboler told J-Wire that LinkedIn informed Australia's Royal Commission on Antisemitism and Social Cohesion that it does not recognize this form of antisemitism. The report urges LinkedIn to recognize that "Zionist" is used as a code word for Jew.

### **Threads is no refuge**

Many users moved from X to Meta's Threads after Elon Musk bought Twitter, expecting a cleaner environment. OHPI found that Threads recorded more antisemitic items per eight hours of monitoring than X in February and March 2026, and the same number in April. On Threads, the mix is shifting toward Israel-related hate: traditional antisemitic items fell from 124 per eight hours in February to 83 in September, while Israel-related items rose from 71 to 119.

### **Nazis in the comments**

Incitement to violence, including support for Nazism, is rising on mainstream platforms, mostly in comment sections. Violence-related content made up 25.5% and 26.5% of the antisemitic material collected on TikTok in April and May 2026, and 27.6% on the neo-Nazi-heavy Gab in June and July. On YouTube, violence-related antisemitism now exceeds Holocaust-related content. Most Holocaust denial is now found on mainstream platforms rather than fringe sites.

## **Meta behaved while the commission was watching**

Antisemitism on Facebook, Instagram, and Threads dropped during June and July 2026, when the Royal Commission held hearings on social media and Meta executives testified on July 6. The drop did not last, and levels rebounded in the following months. TikTok, YouTube and LinkedIn executives also testified, but their platforms showed no similar decline. Oboler acknowledged the timing could be coincidental. OHPI is calling on Meta to restore the automated removal systems it switched off in January 2025.

The data also captured the online response to the December 14, 2025 Bondi Beach Hanukkah massacre, in which 15 people were murdered by gunmen inspired by ISIS. Antisemitism on Facebook, Instagram, TikTok, Gab, and Reddit rose between December and January, a period that also included the government's January 8 announcement of the royal commission.

## **Erasing October 7**

The report opens with the online promotion of pro-Palestinian events held on October 7, 2026, the third anniversary of the massacre. OHPI documented promotions in Sydney, Melbourne, Wollongong, across the United States, and in London and Hannover that portrayed the terrorists as martyrs or fallen soldiers. A Sydney event used the poppy, the symbol of Australian war sacrifice, and described October 7 as the day "Palestine fought back." A London student march was promoted with the red Hamas triangle. Most comments on these posts opposed the events. Those that supported them often glorified the attack or claimed it was an Israeli "false flag."

## **A global pattern**

OHPI's findings match other data on post-October 7 antisemitism. The Combat Antisemitism Movement's Antisemitism Research Center documented 13,339 antisemitic incidents worldwide between October 7, 2023 and October 1, 2025, a period CAM CEO Sacha Roytman Dratwa called the largest surge in antisemitism in modern history. In the first 18 weeks of 2026, CAM counted 2,543 incidents worldwide, an average of 141 a week. CAM's monitoring also showed how fast online conspiracy theories now spread after an attack on Jews. After the attempted hijacking of Flydubai Flight 1073 in September, conspiracy theories claiming Jewish or Israeli involvement appeared within 67 minutes of the emergency signal, and more than 4,000 posts used the term "false flag."

In the United States, the ADL recorded 9,354 antisemitic incidents in 2024, the highest since it began tracking in 1979. For the first time, a majority were tied to Israel or Zionism. Its 2025 audit counted 6,274 incidents, a one-third drop driven largely by quieter campuses, though still higher than any year before October 7. The ADL's 2024 survey of online harassment found that 41% of Jewish American adults had changed their online behavior to avoid being recognized as Jewish.

## **Recommendations**

OHPI makes 10 recommendations. They include government funding for continued monitoring, regulation with penalties large enough that companies cannot simply absorb them, fines, eventual blocking for platforms that refuse to cooperate with inquiries, and more human trust-and-safety staff working alongside AI. The report concludes that platforms cannot be trusted to solve the problem out of goodwill.

“When a platform doesn’t recognise something, that’s what allows it to flourish,” Oboler said.

# **Deadly brain-infecting fungus surges across US, with fatality rate as high as 70% | Foxnews.com**

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## **About half of infections occur in people with no underlying immune system issues, researchers found**

A [rare fungal infection](#) that can strike healthy people is rising across the U.S., prompting calls from public health officials for heightened awareness and national tracking.

Cladophialophora bantiana (C. bantiana) is a black yeast-like mold that can infect the brain and contains a dark pigment called melanin, according to a new report from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Data from a microbiology laboratory at the University of Washington shows that detection of the fungus nearly quadrupled between 2023 and 2025.

## **LOUISIANA GIRL, 8, DIES AFTER CONTRACTING SUSPECTED BRAIN-EATING AMOEBA LINKED TO LAKE SWIM**

Between January 2009 and July 2026, researchers identified 48 confirmed cases and one probable case of C. bantiana in tissue samples from 21 states and the District of Columbia. The median patient age was 68 years old.

Unlike many fungal infections that mainly affect people with weakened immune systems, about half of C. bantiana infections occur in otherwise [healthy people](#).

Researchers believe the mold enters the body when it is inhaled or through a skin wound, then travels through the bloodstream to the brain.

The CDC report states that 88% of cases were detected in brain tissue samples and 12% were identified in lung tissue, supporting the theory that [respiratory inhalation](#) is one of the main transmission mechanisms.

The fungus causes a [severe infection](#) associated with a 60% to 70% fatality rate, even with aggressive medical intervention, according to a systematic review published in Medical Mycology.

The pathogen has historically been rare, with the University of Washington laboratory identifying only one to five cases per year between 2009 and 2023. However, the CDC says annual cases surged to eight in 2024 and reached 14 in 2025.

Public health officials are urging clinicians to consider fungal pathogens when evaluating brain abscesses and calling for national case reporting to better track the surge.

To make sure the increase wasn't simply due to more testing, researchers compared the number of infections with the total number of brain tissue samples tested for fungi.

They found that detections rose from 8.4 cases per 1,000 specimens during 2017–2023 to 26 cases per 1,000 specimens in 2025.

"Reasons for the apparent increase are unknown," the CDC report stated, calling for systematic national reporting mechanisms to better [track the pathogen](#).

Cases were reported across a wide geographic range, with the highest counts originating in California (six), Florida (five), Texas (five) and Pennsylvania (four).

Standard tests like spinal taps may miss the fungus, meaning doctors sometimes need to take a tissue sample through surgery to confirm the diagnosis.

Because *C. bantiana* typically manifests as a brain abscess without clear external signs of infection, experts say early diagnosis is challenging.

In one documented fatal case at the University of Washington Medical Center, spinal fluid PCR tests returned negative results both one month prior to and at the time of a brain biopsy, highlighting the difficulty of detecting the mold.

Public health experts advise clinicians to consider *C. bantiana* when evaluating patients who have [signs of a brain abscess](#).

Treatment typically involves surgery to remove the infected tissue, along with multiple [antifungal medications](#).

# 'I don't care if abortion is murder': Promoters Abandon Moderation | The Gateway Pundit.com

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*'At first glance, it reads like satire – something so grotesque and absurd that it cannot possibly be real'*

America's [abortion](#) industry players long have used sanitized language to promote their financial interests in the wanton destruction of the unborn.

It's "health care." It's a woman's own body. It's just a clump of cells. It's just "choice." And the like.

But now one pro-abortion scheme has abandoned that, and may have, deliberately or not, revealed the truth behind the agenda.

Its new slogans include:

"I'll still love abortion in hell."

"Satan's school of gay [communism](#)."

"I don't care if abortion is murder."

It is the [American Center for Law and Justice](#) that uncovered the agenda of [the group called Stand With Abortion Now](#), based in Florida.

The group even offers a scheme to fund a "micro-abortion," by enrolling in a recurring \$5 donation program. The promotion states, "Can't fund a full abortion but have a need to kill?"

"At first glance, it reads like satire – something so grotesque and absurd that it cannot possibly be real. But it is real. In Central [Florida](#), Stand With Abortion Now ("SWAN") is selling merchandise that turns the intentional killing of unborn children into a joke, a fashion statement, and a fundraising opportunity," the ACLJ reported.

SWAN is a "clinic-escort group" that promises to "protect and expand abortion 'by all means necessary,'" the report explains.

It spends donations by "paying for abortions at its clinic and a sister clinic in Tampa, funding travel for out-of-state abortions, providing mutual aid, and bailing 'comrades' out of jail."

Then, the report said, the organization said simply, “we just need yall to kill the babies.”

“Some of it is so vile that we cannot show or even describe it here,” the ACLJ said. “But the attempted mockery backfires. Rather than discrediting the pro-life position, these products draw attention to the very reality the abortion industry has spent decades hiding behind euphemisms like ‘choice,’ ‘healthcare,’ and ‘reproductive freedom.’

“They are declarations from people who treat abortion as a political weapon, a cultural identity, and Halloween-season entertainment. ‘Fetuses Fear Me’ and ‘I Don’t Care If Abortion Is Murder’ are not subtle. Neither is ‘kill the babies.’ The point is provocation – but the reality behind the provocation is the death of an unborn child,” the report confirmed.

“That interstate scheme is now at the center of major litigation. Louisiana, Arkansas, and Alabama have filed an original action in the U.S. Supreme Court challenging the ‘shield laws’ of New York, Massachusetts, and California – laws intended to protect abortion providers who prescribe and mail abortion drugs into states where that conduct is unlawful,” the report said.

“Abortion is not the healing of a disease or the restoration of a broken body. It intentionally ends one human life for the perceived benefit of another—it destroys and breaks. SWAN’s merchandise and social-media posts do not hide that reality. They mock it, market it, and monetize it.”

Further it is described as directing women to sources for abortion chemicals.

# **Tony Dungy Suggests Christian Faith and Pro-Life Views May Have Played Role in NBC Sports Exit | Crosswalk.com**

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Former NFL coach and sports analyst Tony Dungy believes his outspoken Christian faith and pro-life activism might have played a role in his removal from NBC Sports after almost two decades as a sports analyst at the network.

Speaking with former SportsCenter anchor Sage Steele on her podcast, "[The Sage Steele Show](#)," the Super Bowl-winning coach said his exit from the network was due to NBC executives wanting younger personalities, but added that other factors may have been at play as well.

"They want you to be careful because they want to attract everybody," Dungy responded, referring to the TV industry. "They don't always appreciate you speaking about your faith."

He maintained that he will uphold his faith and values regardless of the opposition from the entertainment industry, [The Christian Post](#) reported.

"I'm always going to do that, and I'm going to try to do it in a respectful way, but people are going to know that I'm a Christian," he stated. "So, that part is never going to leave."

Dungy also recalled that NBC executives were unhappy with his participation in the 2023 March for Life, where he was asked to speak because "it was an important topic to me," but he did not face immediate backlash.

"We kind of let it go. They knew where I stood. I knew where they stood."

In 2024, Dungy expressed opposition to a proposed amendment to the Florida Constitution that was about "extending abortion beyond a certain time, and it was written very, very deceitfully," [the outlet reported](#).

"I went on social media and said, 'Hey, if you live in Florida, make sure you read this and understand what they're saying and understand what you're voting for.' And it got a million-something views," the former NFL analyst and coach recalled.

While Dungy says his pro-life activism may have led to his departure from NBC Sports, he said that reason was not entirely conclusive but, at the same time, "it really doesn't matter."

In a social media post in March, the former Buccaneers and Colts coach, after his removal from NBC, explained that he wasn't sure what he would be doing next but that he was excited to see what the Lord had in store for him.

"God has always directed me in these moments and while I'm not sure what the next step will be for me—whether it will be in football, in broadcasting, or getting more involved in church and community outreach—I know God has plans for my life and I can't wait see them unfold," he [wrote](#) on X/Twitter back in March. "And I am reminded of one of my favorite verses in the Bible-[Romans 8:28](#). 'God works all things for His good for those who love the Lord.'"

When looking back on his time at NBC, Dungy looks back fondly at his time there and the memories he made with his fellow broadcasters and analysts.

"It was fun," Dungy told Steele. "It was enjoyable. Rodney Harrison and I came in together at the start of the 2009 season. And I thought, 'Yeah, I'll try this and see what happens. Maybe a year or two, we'll see.' And it ended up being 17 years. He and I together, and it was a special time. But the Lord has something else now."

When speaking about who and what influenced him as a Christian, he credited both of his parents, but especially his mother.

"My parents were very, very, just exceptional parents," he said. "And my mom talked to me all the time about it's not what you do, it's how you do, who you do it for. She was a strong Christian lady."

While his parents planted the seed of faith in Christ in him as he was growing up, he says his faith eventually grew stronger after he got to the NFL.

"Well, I got to the Pittsburgh Steelers as a rookie, and we had a team full of strong Christian guys, and that impacted me," he said. "And my roommate was a guy named Donnie Shell, and he took me to the team Bible studies, took me to the chapel service and he said, 'You got to start living your faith.'"