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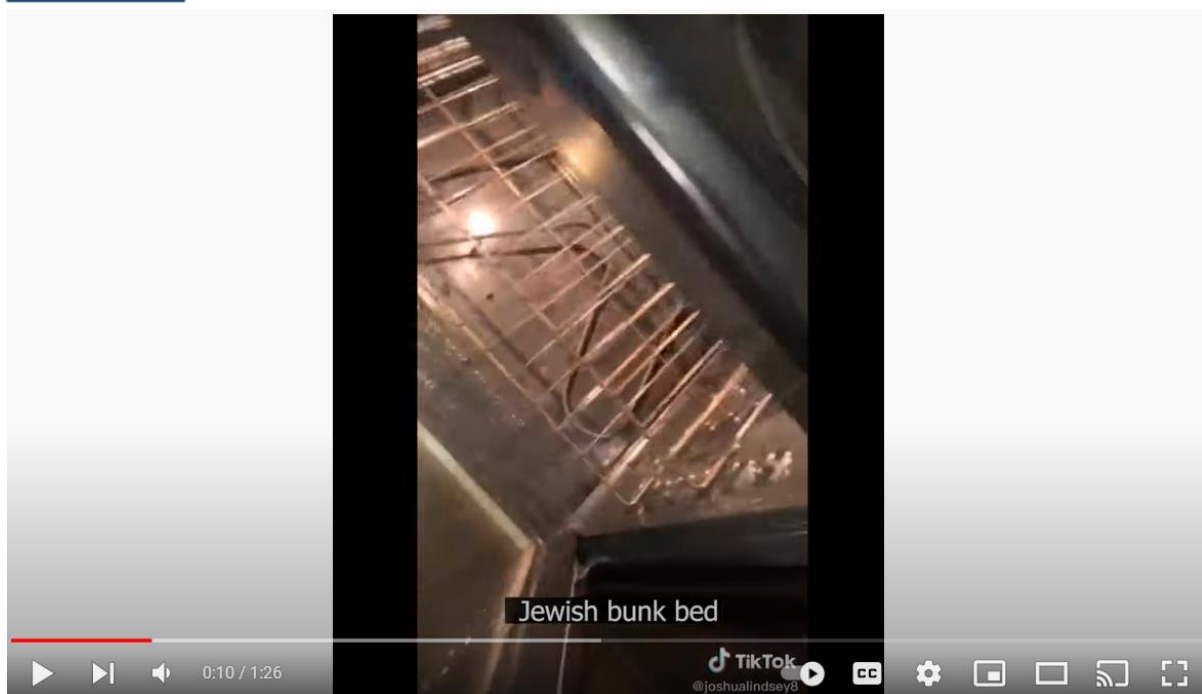
RE: Examples of Antisemitism on Social Media

Background:

There are many and varied examples of antisemitism found on all social media platforms, including Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, TikTok, YouTube, and Clubhouse. These posts range from overt, grotesque examples to those that are more subtle and insidious. Social media is used by almost every Canadian. [Approximately 95 % of Canadians use at least one platform](#), and platforms such as TikTok, and YouTube have a high rate of usage among Canadians 18 years old or younger.

Antisemitism on social media takes on many manifestations, including, to name only a few, Holocaust denial and distortion, Jewish conspiracy theories, blood libel, and erasure and delegitimization of Israel.

In 2021, CIJA launched the [Not on My Feed](#) campaign, to combat online antisemitism and hate. Watch a video presenting antisemitism that comes up within an hour of scrolling [on TikTok here](#).



Screenshot of the Not on My Feed campaign video depicting antisemitism on TikTok. Click the picture to watch the video. [Not On My Feed | TikTok Video - YouTube](#)

Recent incidents inciting antisemitism on social media include:

- At the time of the May 2021 conflict between Israel and Hamas, [during a seven-day period, according to the ADL, there were 17,000 tweets spreading variations of the phrase, “Hitler was right.”](#)
- In connection with the COVID-19 pandemic, the Institute for Strategic Dialogue identified a [seven-fold increase in French-language antisemitic content](#) in January and February 2021.
- Supreme Iranian Leader [Ayatollah Khamenei’s](#) Twitter account regularly [promotes Iranian antisemitic propaganda](#), including calling for the violent destruction of the Jewish state.
- In another incident on TikTok, a song with the lyrics “We’re going on a trip to a place called Auschwitz, it’s shower time,” appeared, accompanied by various user-generated videos, which, collectively, were viewed by millions.
- A fall 2020 TikTok trend included young teens sharing [videos](#) dressing up and imaging what it would be like to be a Holocaust victim. Such videos have come under fire for being ill-informed and cheapening the memory of the Holocaust.



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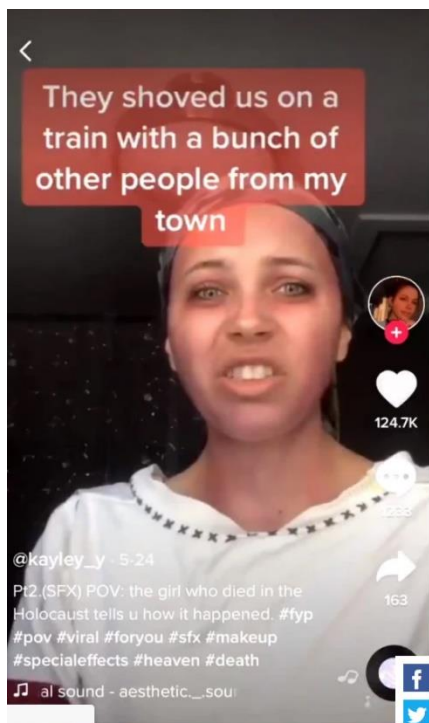
Antisemitism online can manifest into real world violence:

Research shows that there is often a correlation between online and real-world hatred and violence.

[As detailed by the Network Research Contagion Institute at Rutgers University](#), there was a significant uptick in online rhetoric calling for the freeing of “Lady Al Qaeda” just before the Texas synagogue hostage crisis. This was also accompanied by antisemitic rhetoric.

In Pittsburgh in 2018, prior to opening fire and murdering 11 people at the Tree of Life synagogue, the [terrorist had posted an antisemitic conspiracy](#) on the dark-web social media site “Gab.”

Appendix: Examples of Online Antisemitic Hate



Tik Tok users mocking Holocaust victims.



Antisemitic meme of a Jew.

Credit: Jerusalem Post



A compilation of antisemitic and racist Pepe the Frog memes

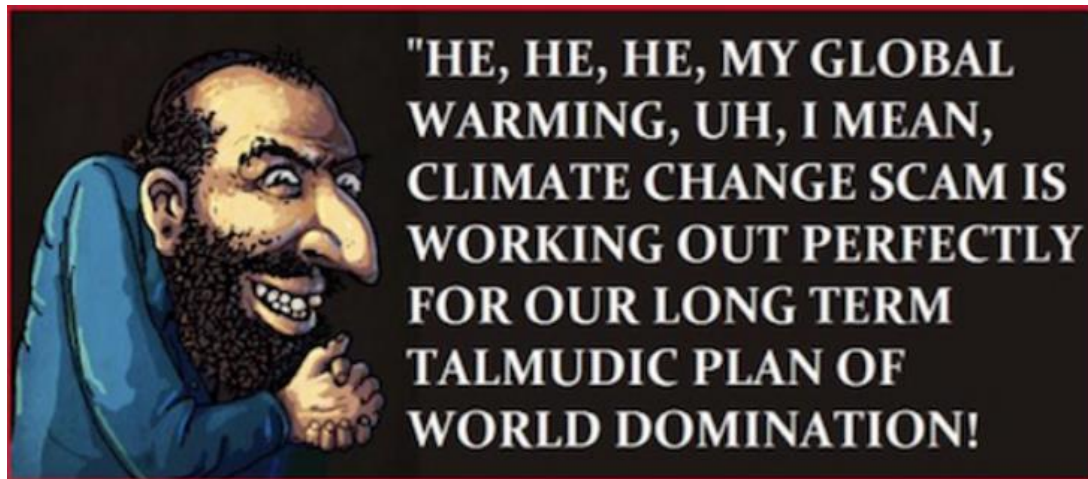
Credit: CBC



Tweet spreading antisemitic conspiracy theories.



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Antisemitic meme depicting numerous manifestations of Jew-hate.



Antisemitic tweet depicting numerous manifestations of antisemitism, including Holocaust distortion and Jewish erasure.



Still image from an antisemitic TikTok video featuring a student brandishing a knife at the Israeli flag, symbolizing the destruction of Israel.



Antisemitic Facebook post and comment depicting numerous antisemitic tropes including conspiracy theories, greed, and erasure.



Tweet depicting erasure of Jewish peoplehood, and history.



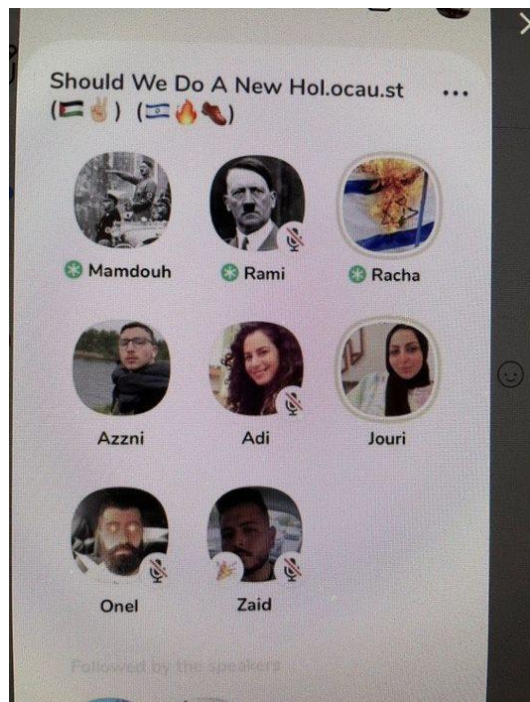
Antisemitic meme including conspiracy theories.



Antisemitic meme



Antisemitic blood libelous meme disparaging Theodore Herzl, the father of modern Zionism.



Social media post calling for Jewish genocide



TikTok post depicting antisemitic tropes of Jewish control



Antisemitic cartoon with blood libelous and conspiracy theory tropes



Antisemitic meme depicting blood libel and conspiracy theories.



Antisemitic meme depicting tropes of Jewish control.



Antisemitic meme