

Anti-Palestinian Racism

➔ What is APR?*

Anti-Palestinian racism (APR) is a form of anti-Arab racism that silences, excludes, erases, stereotypes, defames or dehumanizes Palestinians or their narratives. Anti-Palestinian racism takes various forms including:

Denying the *Nakba* and justifying violence against Palestinians;

Failing to acknowledge Palestinians as an Indigenous people with a collective identity, belonging and rights in relation to occupied and historic Palestine;

Erasing the human rights and equal dignity and worth of Palestinians;

Excluding or pressuring others to exclude Palestinian perspectives, Palestinians and their allies;

Defaming Palestinians and their allies with slander such as being inherently antisemitic, a terrorist threat/sympathizer or opposed to democratic values.

Sign the pledge against APR: www.OpposeAPR.com ➔➔

Who is affected? ←

Palestinians are the main targets of APR as it attacks the core of their identity. Non-Palestinian and advocates can be affected by APR too, whether it be for their skin tone, ethnicity, religion, or support for Palestinian rights. Regardless of who the intended target is, **every instance of APR attacks Palestinian identity.**



*For the full report on Anti-Palestinian Racism by the Arab Canadian Lawyers Association, please consult <https://www.canarablaw.org>



3 examples of Anti-Palestinian Racism

➔ Excluding Palestinians

In June 2021, the University of Saskatchewan's student newspaper *The Sheaf* retracted an article titled "The Reality of Palestine" after a pro-Israel media organization sent complaints to the university's administration. The article featured the voices of a Palestinian family in Saskatoon, detailing their perspective on Israel's recent 11-day assault on Gaza. The newspaper's board of directors called on editors to retract the article, claiming the story did not meet the paper's journalistic standards.

Defaming Palestinians and Allies ←

In May 2021, to help students better understand the events going on in Gaza at the time, equity educator Javier Davila shared resources on Palestinian human rights with Toronto District School Board (TDSB) educators. Davila was then vilified as being antisemitic, including by a TDSB trustee. Davila was suspended, but was later cleared of wrongdoing and reinstated. Following this, the TDSB trustees rejected an independent report concluding that the trustee's accusations against Davila could perpetuate harmful stereotypes against Palestinians and Muslims, referencing the TDSB's own policies and the Ontario Human Rights code.

➔ Erasing human dignity

In December 2021, pro-Israel groups pressured the Montreal Gazette newspaper into apologizing for running a paid advertisement by human rights organization Amnesty International which featured 15-year old Palestinian journalist Janna Jihad. In its apology, the newspaper suggested that the ad didn't meet its standards and guidelines but provided no explanation about how the ad violated its guidelines.

If you're a victim of APR, consider using the ACLA's self-reporting tool.

www.canarablaw.org/selfreport-racism

