

We've Seen This "Antisemitism Crisis on the Left" Script Before

By [Caitlin Johnstone](#)

Global Research, June 17, 2024

[Caitlin Johnstone](#) 16 June 2024

Theme: [Media Disinformation](#), [Police State & Civil Rights](#)

In-depth Report: [PALESTINE](#)

All Global Research articles can be read in 51 languages by activating the Translate Website button below the author's name (only available in desktop version).

To receive Global Research's Daily Newsletter (selected articles), [click here](#).

Click the share button above to email/forward this article to your friends and colleagues. Follow us on [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#) and subscribe to our [Telegram Channel](#). Feel free to repost and share widely Global Research articles.

[Give Truth a Chance. Secure Your Access to Unchained News, Donate to Global Research.](#)

It sure is a crazy coincidence how western politicians and media always start urgently telling us about an invisible epidemic of left wing antisemitism every time western military ties to Israel are subjected to widespread public scrutiny.

It's getting bad, and it will likely get worse.

The mass media are filling up with [op-eds](#) and [cable news segments](#) about how antisemitic leftist anti-genocide protesters are becoming.

Instagram progressive Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez recently [hosted two virulent Zionists](#) in a livestream where the three spent their time concern trolling about the rise of antisemitism in left-wing activist circles.

Whoever runs Joe Biden's presidential Twitter account for him is [tweeting](#) about "horrific acts of Antisemitism" by demonstrators, citing four incidents which were demonstrably [not in the least bit antisemitic](#).

Every single part of this is incorrect.

1. Protest criticized the weaponization of 10/7 to justify death
2. Only 1 person (of 4) were Jewish
3. Faculty aren't getting attacked??
4. Someone made a joke that Zionists would probably want to leave a car full of Palestine supporters

— Talia Jane ♥👍 (@taliaotg) [June 14, 2024](#)

These same false claims about antisemitic activity by protesters are being used by US officials like House Minority Leader [Hakeem Jeffries](#) to push through the “[Countering Antisemitism Act](#)”, a bill which would give the White House new powers to “counter the spread of antisemitism online” (read: government internet censorship to promote US and Israeli information interests).

And it’s so important that people who are new to this understand we’ve already seen this “crisis of antisemitism on the left” song and dance before; they [ran the exact same script](#) a few years ago in the UK to [kill the rise of Jeremy Corbyn](#), who supports Palestinian rights. It’s the exact same bad faith concern trolling op where the whole political-media class suddenly [starts pretending to believe something](#) that is transparently ridiculous in order to protect an agenda of the empire.

It’s also important that everyone understand that every part of this is 100 percent cynical manipulation. The people pushing this narrative are fully aware that it is false. Everyone knew Jeremy Corbyn was a [lifelong anti-racist](#) who didn’t have an antisemitic bone in his body. Everyone knew there was no crisis of antisemitism in the Labour Party. But they pretended to believe otherwise because they didn’t want to see socialism and anti-imperialism gain a political foothold in the UK. The same thing is happening in the US and throughout the west right now regarding protests against the genocide in Gaza.

Step one: define criticism of Israel as “antisemitism”

Step two: threaten social media companies with punishment if they allow “antisemitism”

Step three: effectively censor all criticism of Israel.

This is Twitter files on steroids. <https://t.co/Qypu0Aqe3g>

— Briahna Joy Gray (@briebriejoy) [June 15, 2024](#)

So when you see people aggressively rejecting the concern trolls on this issue, that’s why. They’ve seen this schtick before, and they know how politically devastating it can be. They’ve seen how it can be used to suck all the oxygen away from real discourse about real things and funnel it all into this insanely vapid, idiotic conversation about a problem that exists nowhere outside the imaginations of the people talking about it. It’s a deeply evil, disgusting thing to do, especially now in 2024 when it’s being done to facilitate an active genocide.

There is no crisis of antisemitism on the left. It is not happening. The people pushing this narrative know it is not happening. Even the claim that anti-semitic incidents overall are on the rise is highly dubious, given that the figure everyone always cites for this claim comes from the Anti-Defamation League, who after October 7 began categorizing pro-Palestine rallies [as antisemitic incidents](#)—including rallies [organized and attended by Jewish groups](#).

People get into left-wing politics exactly *because* they oppose racism and injustice. Nobody who actually understands the pro-Palestine movement sincerely believes all these peaceniks and commies have suddenly morphed into Jew-hating Nazis in contradiction of their entire worldview. They might pretend to believe this is a real thing that is actually happening in

order to advance a political agenda, but they won't actually believe it.

There's plenty of hatred for Jews to be found on the extreme *right*, where the ideological inability to acknowledge capitalism and western imperialism as the source of today's ills leaves a void for blame that will be filled by anything from Jews to immigrants to Satanic pedophile cabals to drag queens. But it's always the lefties who get the overwhelming brunt of the antisemitism accusations, because their pro-peace, pro-justice, anti-colonialist, anti-racist activism makes them an obstacle to the information interests of Israel and the murderous empire which supports it.

We saw it with Corbyn, and we're seeing it again today.

*

Note to readers: Please click the share button above. Follow us on Instagram and Twitter and subscribe to our Telegram Channel. Feel free to repost and share widely Global Research articles.

The original source of this article is [Caitlin Johnstone](#)
Copyright © [Caitlin Johnstone](#), [Caitlin Johnstone](#), 2024

[Comment on Global Research Articles on our Facebook page](#)

[Become a Member of Global Research](#)

Articles by: [Caitlin Johnstone](#)

Disclaimer: The contents of this article are of sole responsibility of the author(s). The Centre for Research on Globalization will not be responsible for any inaccurate or incorrect statement in this article. The Centre of Research on Globalization grants permission to cross-post Global Research articles on community internet sites as long the source and copyright are acknowledged together with a hyperlink to the original Global Research article. For publication of Global Research articles in print or other forms including commercial internet sites, contact: publications@globalresearch.ca
www.globalresearch.ca contains copyrighted material the use of which has not always been specifically authorized by the copyright owner. We are making such material available to our readers under the provisions of "fair use" in an effort to advance a better understanding of political, economic and social issues. The material on this site is distributed without profit to those who have expressed a prior interest in receiving it for research and educational purposes. If you wish to use copyrighted material for purposes other than "fair use" you must request permission from the copyright owner.

For media inquiries: publications@globalresearch.ca