

MODEL LANGUAGE FOR "NO IHRA" CAMPAIGNS

The University administration must publicly oppose and reject efforts to adopt "the IHRA definition" of antisemitism in legislation or policy, that conflate criticism and/or protest of Zionism and colonialism with antisemitism and "supporting terror".

The administration must publicly affirm that the right to oppose Zionism, colonialism, racism and state regimes is critical to protecting academic freedom and social justice.

The University administration must publicly recognize that college campuses are currently experiencing high levels of anti-Palestinian racism, which specifically seeks to silence, erase, dehumanize, and defame Palestinians and their allies who advocate for Palestinian human rights, and which specifically slanders Palestinians, their allies, and anti-racist organizations as being inherently antisemitic or a terrorist threat/sympathizer.

The University administration must pledge not to adopt any such policy.

For a more detailed version of the "No IHRA" demand, and text from many no-IHRA resolutions adopted by university and labor organizations, visit criticalzionismstudies.org/noIHRA

RESOURCES

Available on the ICSZ website...

- "Battling the 'IHRA definition': Theory & Activism", videos & transcripts (ICSZ Conference)
- Podcast & transcript: "Mapping the Fight: IHRA and anti-Palestinian attacks on knowledge" (Unpacking Zionism)
- Palestine Legal: Letters to US Dept. of Education, calling for DOE to reject IHRA, with case summaries that speak to how IHRA has impacted speech & organizing on campuses (2022 & 2024 letters)
- Palestine Legal: "Distorted Definition" legal brief and materials, including
 - Timeline (through 2021)
 - Human impact of IHRA (stories)
- Research, statements, and organizing documents on IHRA

Visit

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to learn more about the "NO IHRA" demand



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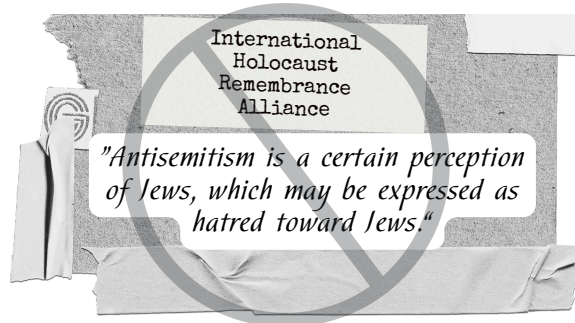
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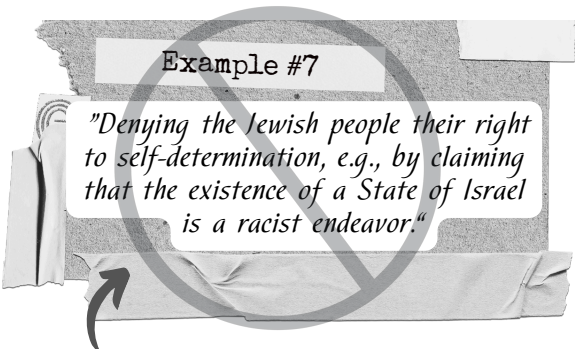
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WHAT IS IHRA?

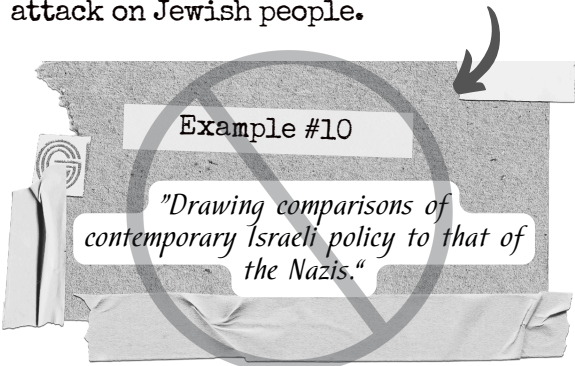
"The IHRA definition" refers to the Intl. Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) definition of antisemitism.



The definition itself is vague and easily weaponized to smear political opposition to any person or institution that identifies as Jewish.



IHRA gives 11 examples, including several that say criticizing or even describing Israel, or the actions of Israelis, is an attack on Jewish people.



In October 2023, ICSZ held a 2-day convening on "Battling the IHRA Definition." ICSZ's community of scholars and activists gathered to build and share knowledge about how the IHRA definition of antisemitism amplifies and hides repressive power & state violence.



DEMAND "NO IHRA"!

Legislators and institutions are under immense pressure by Zionist/right-wingers to adopt IHRA. The more widespread and formalized our opposition is before policymakers face IHRA demands, the stronger their ability to oppose it. We need them to understand IHRA policies as a disingenuous trap, and to know that they'll face mass opposition and consequences if they endorse it.

WHAT'S WRONG WITH IHRA?

The IHRA definition of antisemitism is used to assert that criticism of Israel/Zionism antisemitic, "anti-Jewish," and discriminatory.

In Congress, proposed bills would make the IHRA definition into law, and connect its charges of "antisemitism" to "supporting terror." They threaten to:

- Criminalize protest
- Defund schools
- Ban teaching about racism
- Target BIPOC & Jewish orgs
- Fire supportive professors
- Evict students
- Deport immigrants
- Undo DEI policies
- Excuse genocide

Some states have adopted the IHRA definition already. Many universities, NGOs, and other institutions in North America and Europe have adopted IHRA. Some have not formally adopted it, but are using its arguments to claim that protest against Israeli genocide is "antisemitic."

Wherever it is policy, the IHRA definition is used to smear, defund, and in some cases criminalize those who oppose racism, colonialism, and genocide, and those who speak up for Palestinian voices and rights.