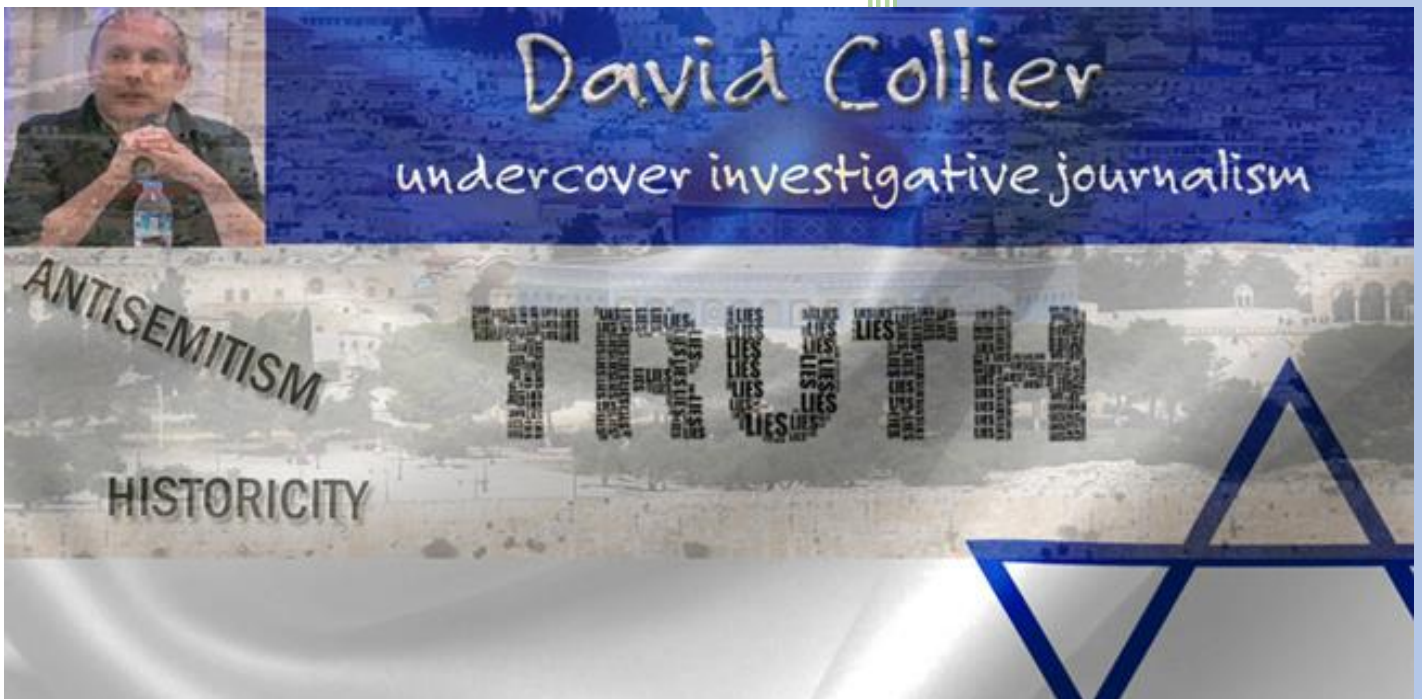


# The British Labour Party: Obsession and radicalisation



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# British Labour: Obsession and radicalisation. The creation of a new generation of antisemites

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OVER THE LAST FOUR YEARS A COMMUNITY OF ACTIVISTS HAS DEVELOPED TO FIGHT AGAINST RISING ANTISEMITISM. MANY OF THESE REMAIN ANONYMOUS. I AM IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH SOME, THEY ARE TIRELESS, KNOWLEDGEABLE AND RESOURCEFUL. THE JEWISH COMMUNITY - AND I WOULD ARGUE WIDER BRITISH SOCIETY - OWES THEM A DEBT OF GRATITUDE.

## Support This Research:

This research is fully independent. I am not working for any political group or communal organisation. I believe this independence is important and adds to the integrity of the work.

I have been researching the Israel /Arab conflict since 1990 and fighting the delegitimisation campaign since 2000. For several years I have also been combatting rising antisemitism.

This work can and does make a difference. I was recently named by the Algemeiner as one of their 'J100', a list of the top 100 Jews worldwide, 'positively influencing Jewish life'.<sup>1</sup> The findings of my research have been covered in media across the globe.

The support I receive from those who understand the importance of the work, makes much of what I do possible. I simply could not do it without their kind and generous assistance.

The delegitimisation campaign against Israel and the rise of antisemitism are linked. I firmly believe we have no choice but to face it down. We \*HAVE TO\* be there to witness, report, expose and fight it.

As this research shows, a whole new generation of antisemites is being created. The virus uses ignorance and disinformation to spread. Exposing where and how this is happening is the focus of my research.

**If you can, please consider donating towards the ongoing research.** Either a single donation, or if you can, a monthly contribution. Every amount is greatly appreciated. Research such as this is intensive, and at times expensive. We must shine a light into the shadows.

Support can be given via the donation button on my website or through my PayPal donation page:<sup>2</sup>

I have also opened a Patreon page for those who can contribute a few \$/£ on a monthly basis.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> 2017 Algemeiner J100. Available online <https://www.algemeiner.com/the-top-100-people-positively-influencing-jewish-life-2017/>

<sup>2</sup> <http://david-collier.com/you-can-help/> or <https://www.paypal.me/davidhcollier>

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report is part of a wider intensive effort to investigate antisemitism within anti-Israel activism. This specific project looks at the spread of antisemitism inside the Labour Party between 2015-2019

The research draws several important conclusions:

- The Labour Party has become an incubator for antisemitism.
- Antisemitism is treated differently from other racisms. There is a different burden of proof. With most racism, an obsession over an ethnicity or nation would invariably be considered a red flag. With Jews and Israel, the standard is different. Ignoring the obsession creates fertile ground for antisemitism to flourish.
- As is widely accepted, the Labour leadership elections in 2015 and 2016 saw an influx of extremism. Some new members joined who held extremist or antisemitic views.
- However, the general assumption that the antisemitism exists only within a minority of people who joined the party in 2015 or 2016 is woefully misplaced.
- There is a clear link between the rise of antisemitism inside the Labour Party and the appointment of Jeremy Corbyn as leader of the Labour Party.
- Corbyn's inner circle and his closest allies have exacerbated the situation in such a way that it is difficult to conclude this was not deliberate.
- Jeremy Corbyn has long been an active part of an anti-Zionist movement that excluded and demonised Zionist Jews, sought to deny them a platform or a voice and pushed propaganda and distorted history within an ideologically sealed environment. It is difficult to escape the conclusion this environment has been deliberately recreated inside the Labour party.
- Loyalty to the Labour Party and by extension Jeremy Corbyn saw many Labour supporters dip their toes into anti-Israel ideology. Antisemitism is a key motivating factor in anti-Zionist activity, and it spreads like a virus within it.
- Key Labour personnel transmitted the message that the allegations of antisemitism were either a hoax, a smear, invented, or at best a tiny problem. This message was targeted towards, and absorbed, by the wider 'loyalist' membership.
- Just as Corbyn's anti-Zionist activity had relied on a Jewish fringe that leans towards Marxism and is not part of the mainstream Jewish community to provide a 'kosher' cover, these same actors were mobilised inside the party to carry out a similar role.
- Jewish identity was explicitly attacked. A group of a few dozen Jewish people were presented as 'many' and 'equal' to the 93% of Jewish people they opposed.
- Labour members who understood little or nothing about Jewish people, Zionism or Israel were fed distorted definitions and descriptions of all three.
- As Jewish people complained, they were presented as the enemy and thrown out of the discussion rooms, creating a dangerous bubble where little or no opposition was heard.

- Most moderate sources of information became outlawed. Like many extremist ideologies, 'Corbynism' seeks to protect itself by presenting its own media as the only reliable source of information.
- When criticism of Corbyn increased, this amplified the voice that views 'Zionists' as holding a disproportionate amount of power. The more opposition there was, the greater the influence of Zionists was perceived.
- People inside the bubble became obsessed. Those groups loyal to Corbyn created an 'us v them' environment and tales of demonic Israel were shared as often as stories about the NHS or Austerity -all in order to show how 'evil' the enemy was.
- If anti-Israel positions are not carefully discussed, they will inevitably lead to antisemitism. Jeremy Corbyn pushes a line in which careful discussion is not allowed. This makes antisemitism a natural by-product of an anti-Zionist ideology that explicitly seeks to deny a platform to the other side.
- The Labour party, which deployed a strategy that led to antisemitism spreading inside party support mechanisms, holds ultimate responsibility.
- The Jewish anti-Zionists appear blind or indifferent to hard-core Antisemitism. Jewish anti-Zionists work alongside radical Islamists and those who share white-supremacist material and rather than ever challenge the antisemitism, deny or belittle its existence.
- Jewish people in Britain often live inside a bubble, deceived by the comfort of the Jewish community and the allies they have around them. They are often unaware of how hostility in cities without a significant Jewish community is growing.
- Outside the Jewish bubble, anti-Israel activism is far more mainstream, is rarely contested and faces no opposition to the disinformation it spreads.
- In some cities, even schoolchildren are being targeted with seemingly 'humanitarian' campaigns as antisemitic material is openly shared at state schools.
- The examples provided in the report explicitly focus on blatant antisemitism. The wider problem of 'antisemitism' carried within an unnatural obsession with Israel also needs to be further investigated and addressed.
- It is not enough for the Labour Party to simply suspend or expel members. Many of these people were infected by the party, inside the party apparatus and because of the deliberate direction the party has chosen. There is a responsibility and duty of care involved here.
- Labour Party suggestions that only some of these people are members is deflection and dishonest. If as the research shows, party messaging is responsible for creating a toxic environment, then the party holds responsibility for what occurs to everyone within it. Whether these people are members or just a voter / supporter.
- The Labour party has a responsibility to correct some of the damage it has done. Even if the time comes when it changes direction, this will not be enough. Corrective measures need to be taken to undo some of the very clear damage that has been done.

## A DEFINITION OF ANTISEMITISM

This research sets the bar for antisemitism unnaturally high. Tolerance levels are raised to avoid deflection arguments over 'criticism of Israel'. This approach is identical to the position taken in similar research into the English PSC and Scottish PSC in 2017 and the original reports into Palestine Live.<sup>4</sup>

The definition of Antisemitism published by the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (the IHRA definition) and adopted by the Labour Party was not relied on for this research.<sup>5</sup>

This research set out to disassociate itself from the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Almost any reference to Israel's treatment of the Palestinians, however antisemitic, is ignored. The research ignored talk of Israel committing genocide, of being as bad or worse than the Nazis and all manner of other distortions.

Another element that was not counted was the racist application of individual acts to label the actions of the state. So rather than the state being the vehicle through which people are enabled through their freedom, the state of Israel becomes vilified through the actions of its most extreme citizens. England, placed into a similar test tube, would become a nation that rapes and kills women because of Peter Sutcliffe.<sup>6</sup>

What has been considered 'antisemitism' in this research consists of three central elements:

- Holocaust denial/revisionism
- The mutation of Israel into a controlling global Jew (conspiracy theory)
- Fixation on Jews, classic antisemitic tropes

As the Scottish Sunday Times pointed out following the release of my report into the SPSC in July 2017, 'you would need to work hard at it' to be included in the research.<sup>7</sup>

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<sup>4</sup> Collier, David. 'Antisemitism inside the Palestine Solidarity Campaign'. 22/2/2017. Available online [http://david-collier.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/170222\\_palestine\\_solidarity\\_campaign\\_report.pdf](http://david-collier.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/170222_palestine_solidarity_campaign_report.pdf) and Collier, David 'Jew Hate and Holocaust Denial in Scotland'. Published by Jewish Human Rights Watch. 30/7/2017. Available online

[https://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/953855\\_faecb29a6e7d4dc6b07d80da1a9bb812.pdf](https://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/953855_faecb29a6e7d4dc6b07d80da1a9bb812.pdf)

Collier, David. 'Antisemitism inside Palestine Live'. 08/3/2017. Available online [http://david-collier.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/180305\\_livereport\\_part1\\_FINAL.pdf](http://david-collier.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/180305_livereport_part1_FINAL.pdf) (part one) [http://david-collier.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/180305\\_livereport\\_part2\\_FINAL.pdf](http://david-collier.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/180305_livereport_part2_FINAL.pdf) (part two)

<sup>5</sup> See International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) definition. Available online [https://www.holocaustremembrance.com/sites/default/files/press\\_release\\_document\\_antisemitism.pdf](https://www.holocaustremembrance.com/sites/default/files/press_release_document_antisemitism.pdf) (Adopted by UK government, 2017)

<sup>6</sup> Peter Sutcliffe was a serial killer in the UK dubbed 'the Yorkshire Ripper' see [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Peter\\_Sutcliffe](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Peter_Sutcliffe)

<sup>7</sup> 'Dangerous liaisons can legitimise hate'. Alex Massie, The Scottish Sunday Times, July 30, 2017



## ANTISEMITISM INSIDE ANTI-ISRAEL ACTIVITY

Is anti-Zionism the same as antisemitism? Until the events that led to the Holocaust, Zionism was a growing, but still minority opinion in world Jewry. The existence of mainstream Jewish opposition to Zionism in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century is often used by today's anti-Zionist as evidence that anti-Zionism cannot be antisemitic.

That argument is fraught with revisionist history and weak logic. Errantly believing that Jews were safe in Europe and did not have the right to a state of their own in 1930 is not the same as believing the Jewish state, with its 9 million citizens, should be wiped off the map in 2019. Anti-Zionism evolved and mutated.

The mainstream non-Zionist position of 'here-ism' promoted by the Bund before the war was inarguably a catastrophic failure.<sup>8</sup> Today anti-Zionist Jewry is a fringe movement. They suggest they are the flag-wavers of the Bundists, thus trying to give themselves an air of legitimacy. This is historically fraudulent.

Bundism was an ideology based on a moment in time. As an answer to rising nationalism in Europe it sought autonomous independence for Jews. Sectarian self-rule as a way of diffusing tensions.<sup>9</sup> This does not translate today.

The Bundists were part of mainstream Jewry. They participated in Jewish life and sought \*autonomous\* refuge for Jewish people wherever they were. There were bitter struggles with communism and Bundists sought to protect and spread Jewish culture. They saw Yiddish as an identifying feature and vigorously promoted teaching it. 'Here' - but 'independent' and 'different' encapsulates Bundism.

Modern anti-Zionist Jews for the most part, have left the community choosing assimilation. Most modern anti-Zionist Jews hold Marxist views. Communist Jews set out to destroy Jewish life and opposed the Bundists. Describing themselves today as Bundist flag wavers is to rewrite history.

Just as there were fringe groups of Jewish people who set out to attack ('destroy') the Jewish mainstream in the 1920s, there are those who do it today.<sup>10</sup> Pointing to someone Jewish and saying 'there is a Jew, therefore that group cannot be antisemitic' is to indulge in historically ignorant, naïve, fantasy.

Whether anti-Zionism is actually the same as antisemitism is a pointless discussion often used to deflect attention away from antisemites. What matters is actuality. Wherever the

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<sup>8</sup> See [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/General\\_Jewish\\_Labour\\_Bund\\_in\\_Poland](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/General_Jewish_Labour_Bund_in_Poland) for the Labour Bund. Given the key argument of the Bundists was that the best solution for European Jewry in places like Poland was to 'stay-put' it is difficult to see this as anything other than a catastrophic failure.

<sup>9</sup> See books such as *'Revolutionary Yiddishland, a history of Jewish radicalism'*. P73 *'The emancipation of the Jewish people that it (Bundism) proposed was not bound up with those of other peoples'*.

<sup>10</sup> <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Yevseksiya> see also <http://david-collier.com/jewish-voice-labour-yevseksiya/>

Palestinian flag is flown in the UK, high levels of antisemitism are present. Research conducted into the English Palestine Solidarity Campaign suggested that the level of hard-core antisemitism amongst participants at a public anti-Israel protest was approximately 40%.<sup>11</sup> Simply saying anti-Zionism isn't the same as antisemitism doesn't negate the high level of hard-core antisemitism present.

Further research into a similar group in Scotland, that investigated levels in both a public protest and a speaking event, suggested the level was between 40 and 50%.<sup>12</sup>

Since then, \*every\* event analysed, from street stalls, to spontaneous protests returns the same results. Over 40% of anti-Israel activity is driven by those who visibly promote hard-core antisemitic ideology.<sup>13</sup>

Two notable and consistent findings from the previous research. Antisemitism is a motivating factor. Activity levels amongst hard-core antisemites is higher than amongst those who do not seem to be afflicted with the virus.

The second finding is that anti-Zionist Jews offset the high level of antisemitism. When Jewish people are removed from the equation, hard-core antisemites form 60-65% of the active participants.<sup>14</sup> This suggests that on a cold wet winter's day, almost everyone who turns up to wave a Palestinian flag is either a hard-core antisemite or an anti-Zionist Jew.

It is important not to confuse sympathy for the Palestinians, with anti-Israel activity or anti-Zionism. There is a gulf between protesting some actions of the State of Israel or supporting Palestinian statehood and movements like the PSC or BDS, that seek Israel's destruction.<sup>15</sup>

The anti-Israel movement is not led by peace-seeking organisations but rather elements of a 'red-green alliance' that relies on disinformation and distortion to spread its message.<sup>16</sup> 'Demonising' the state of Israel through propaganda is a primary goal.

People who get caught up in this are presented with an Israel that doesn't react as a normal state would and an Israel that only makes a move when it has calculated the most sadistic and brutal method of doing so. Israel becomes an international power that controls other governments. Jewish identity is attacked as a means of weakening opposition. Anti-Zionist activity is overflowing with antisemitism. Once someone has engaged fully in anti-Israel activity, they are either infected with antisemitism or holding the hand of someone who is.

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<sup>11</sup> [http://david-collier.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/170222\\_palestine\\_solidarity\\_campaign\\_report.pdf](http://david-collier.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/170222_palestine_solidarity_campaign_report.pdf)

<sup>12</sup> [https://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/953855\\_faecb29a6e7d4dc6b07d80da1a9bb812.pdf](https://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/953855_faecb29a6e7d4dc6b07d80da1a9bb812.pdf)

<sup>13</sup> See blog [www.david-collier.com](http://www.david-collier.com). For example - at a spontaneous BDS protest against Radiohead's appearance in Israel, six amongst the small group shared websites that promote Holocaust Denial <http://david-collier.com/antisemites-protest-radiohead/>

<sup>14</sup> This figure was taken from the Palestine Live group. A more detailed explanation is given in the Palestine Live Quantification section.

<sup>15</sup> <http://david-collier.com/fighting-bds-boycott-divestment-sanctions/>

<sup>16</sup> <https://jcpa.org/article/the-red-green-alliance-and-the-war-against-american-jewry-the-american-israel-alliance-and-the-foundations-of-american-democracy/>

## **BEYOND ANTISEMITISM**

Much of what is said about Israel is political opinion based on ignorance, distortion and disinformation.<sup>17</sup> Yet however factually incorrect someone's strong anti-Israel opinion may be, it would be difficult to argue or prove any specific incident is antisemitic.

Imagine a school room full of children. Each of the children are using their mobile phone despite such use being discouraged or prohibited. A teacher walks in, walks up to the only non-white child in the class, confiscates their phone and berates them. Adding in addition that this should be taken as a warning to everyone not to use their phone.

Then imagine this happening again and again. Always to the same child. The only non-white child in the classroom. Even in situations where there was often, if not always, someone doing something far worse in the classroom. How long before people would stand up and call this out as racism? Did the child do something wrong? Perhaps, but is that the point?

Focusing discussion only around the alleged misbehavior of the child amplifies the racism by further setting the child apart. The child becomes the subject rather than the racism that gave rise to the conversation.

This type of antisemitism is rarely addressed and far harder to counter. Israel is a state like any other but receives an entirely disproportionate amount of attention. Anything placed under such a magnifying glass would amplify flaws out of all proportion. This fixation then creates the very conversation (what is seen under the microscope) used to justify the fixation in the first place.

On a global scale and by any comparative measure the Israel / Arab conflict is a low intensity spat. Whether we compare casualty figures, land area, populations involved, or freedoms restricted there are far larger, deadlier and more pressing matters in the world today.<sup>18</sup>

Yet Israel is often the only international item on the agenda. It seems it is the only one everyone can agree on talking about. With every other group fairly represented in the UN, in unions and in city halls, the only voice always outnumbered, if present at all, is the Jewish voice.<sup>19</sup> What else are some of these people going to agree on?

Can you imagine in the UK a local council sitting to condemn the actions of Pakistan? A nation born out of far bloodier partition and one that was to witness far larger numbers of refugees exchanged than Israel.<sup>20</sup> A state in which Journalists regularly face widespread threats / violence. Today the Democracy Index rates Pakistan as barely escaping the label

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<sup>17</sup> Even media reporting from respectable outlets frequently disinform readers about what is taking place <https://honestreporting.com/>

<sup>18</sup> <https://www.britannica.com/list/8-deadliest-wars-of-the-21st-century>

<sup>19</sup> As an example see <https://unwatch.org/en/> for the absurdity of the UN obsession with Israel or see parliamentary discussions on Israel <http://david-collier.com/hansard-palestine-israel/>

<sup>20</sup> [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Partition\\_of\\_India](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Partition_of_India)

‘authoritarian’.<sup>21</sup> A country where same-sex relationships are considered taboo and carry criminal penalty.<sup>22</sup> Yet councils often promote events condemning Israel.<sup>23</sup>

Returning to the school analogy. What if the class is split into blocs? If there is only one child that teachers are still permitted to discipline without consequence?

Jewish people are the perfect example of a minority group and yet they are perversely attacked under the flag of intersectionality. What else could create the absurdity of Islamist groups and the LGBTQ community standing under one umbrella as they deny access to people from the only nation in the Middle East that gives equal rights to both Arabs and gays?<sup>24</sup>

This is not necessarily antisemitism by design, it is antisemitism by default. Which is exactly what most racism stems from. A lack of a voice – a lack of power.

The Arabs have over two dozen nations, a monopoly of the world’s oil, the power to dictate the discussion and block almost any censure in the United Nations and a religious affiliation with over a billion people on the planet. The Jews have a population of just 15 million and one tiny state that has constantly battled for survival. Is anyone serious promoting the idea that it is the Jews who control the world and are the oppressors?

And so the United Nations Human Rights Commission, an agency made up of despots, keep Israel on the table to regularly condemn it.<sup>25</sup> This in turn leads to articles in the media, that are read and shared by the teachers, union members and councillors that then sit on the panels that decide whether to boycott the world’s only Jewish state.

Then there are the names everyone must remember, such as Rachel Corrie or Muhammad al-Durrah. Theatres put on plays telling stories – all to ‘spread the word’ and further demonise Israel.<sup>26</sup> Can anyone name a single casualty from the Second Congo War (there are only 3 million to choose from)? What about one of those that fell in Rwanda or Syria?

All the reasons that create the fixation with Israel are not good enough. That is what institutional racism is all about - those excuses. How and why the bullying and racism is ingrained into the system. It explains why that one child is always the one that is picked on.

If an alien observer was to view the fixation on Israel it would label the obsession as beyond understanding. Talking about Israel all the time may not be classed as antisemitism, but it certainly has all the characteristics of a racist obsession.

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<sup>21</sup> [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Democracy\\_Index](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Democracy_Index)

<sup>22</sup> [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/LGBT\\_rights\\_in\\_Pakistan](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/LGBT_rights_in_Pakistan)

<sup>23</sup> <https://www.thejc.com/news/uk-news/leicester-city-council-s-israel-boycott-motion-is-wholly-alienating-for-jews-court-hears-1.465820>

<sup>24</sup> <https://www.ipost.com/Israel-News/Jewish-Pride-flags-allowed-into-DC-Dyke-March-after-standoff-592166>  
see also list of Israeli political parties [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\\_of\\_political\\_parties\\_in\\_Israel](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_political_parties_in_Israel) and [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/LGBT\\_rights\\_in\\_Israel](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/LGBT_rights_in_Israel)

<sup>25</sup> <https://honestreporting.com/anti-israel-bias-united-nations-human-rights-council-unhrc/>

<sup>26</sup> See example [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/My\\_Name\\_Is\\_Rachel\\_Corrie](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/My_Name_Is_Rachel_Corrie)

## INTRODUCTION

It is beyond the scope of this research to recount the history of the rise of antisemitism in the Labour Party. There are numerous sources that have created timelines to this crisis.<sup>27</sup>

There are also grassroots Labour activists who have been consistently fighting against the antisemitism for several years. These people are actively publicizing their findings online.<sup>28</sup> Recently an online interactive map began to highlight the geographical locations of the antisemitic complaints within the party.<sup>29</sup>

Viewing from a wider lens, the advent of Jeremy Corbyn in the Labour Party is seen as the natural outcome following several decades of a growing problem of antisemitism within far-left movements. Jeremy Corbyn's own faction is seen as being deeply embedded in an antisemitic world-vision that allies itself to other extremist and problematic groups.<sup>30</sup>

This research is built on the finding that the problem of antisemitism within the Labour Party exists and has not been dealt with properly.<sup>31</sup> The decision by the Equalities and Human Rights Commission to launch an investigation is further evidence of this.<sup>32</sup>

It is generally assumed that in 2015 and 2016 during a large-scale influx of new members, some 'bad apples' joined the party. Most of the arguments that have taken place have been around quantifying the number of these extremists.

Those pointing an accusing finger at the Labour Party suggest the number was high and perhaps even part of a semi-coordinated take-over.<sup>33</sup> Those defending against those accusations have continually argued it was negligible.<sup>34</sup>

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<sup>27</sup> See <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-45030552> or <https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2018/aug/01/timeline-labour-jeremy-corbyn-antisemitism> or [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Antisemitism\\_in\\_the\\_UK\\_Labour\\_Party](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Antisemitism_in_the_UK_Labour_Party) or <https://www.camera.org/article/jeremy-corbyns-antisemitism-crisis-a-timeline/>

<sup>28</sup> The Twitter timelines of Labour against Antisemitism <https://twitter.com/labouragainstas>, GnasherJew <https://twitter.com/GnasherJew> JVL watch [https://twitter.com/JVL\\_Watch](https://twitter.com/JVL_Watch) provide evidence of the problem.

<sup>29</sup> See Labour Antisemitism Mapping Project <https://labourantisemitism.wixsite.com/lamp>

<sup>30</sup> See David Hirsh 'Contemporary Left Antisemitism' <https://www.amazon.co.uk/Contemporary-Left-Antisemitism-David-Hirsh/dp/1138235318> also Dave Rich 'The Left's Jewish Problem' <https://www.amazon.co.uk/Lefts-Jewish-Problem-Anti-Semitism-Updated/dp/1785904272> also Stephen Norwood's 'Antisemitism and the American Far Left' <https://www.amazon.co.uk/Antisemitism-American-Left-Stephen-Norwood/dp/1107657008>

<sup>31</sup> Corbyn himself often publicly admits there is a problem <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-49082083> and the creation of resource material addressing the problem of antisemitism within the party suggests we are beyond the point of reasonable denial <https://inews.co.uk/news/politics/jeremy-corbyn-launches-educational-anti-semitism-resource-for-labour-members/>

<sup>32</sup> <https://www.equalityhumanrights.com/en/inquiries-and-investigations/investigation-labour-party>

<sup>33</sup> <https://www.newstatesman.com/politics/june2017/2017/04/jeremy-corbyn-has-attracted-socialism-fans-not-labour-voters>

<sup>34</sup> <https://www.thejc.com/labour-launches-antisemitism-website-to-educate-members-ahead-of-emergency-meeting-1.486701>

Much of the argument taking place today is nothing more than a four-year-old discussion that is continually on repeat. Corbyn is accused of not doing enough to fight antisemitism, when the pressure grows too great, he promises to do more. Then little or nothing happens. But this is an errant understanding that views the problem as if it has remained unchanged since the Autumn of 2015.

It is surely no longer enough for Jeremy Corbyn to address the problem as if it were 2015 and those fighting antisemitism cannot pretend that we are just arguing over the number of antisemites that have 'just' joined the party.<sup>35</sup>

An influx of politically active extremists entered the Labour Party in 2015 and 2016. Rather than deal with them, Jeremy Corbyn's office actively engaged in denial, inactivity and deflection. This means that these political extremists have now been active within the party for four years. Online, at meetings, inside their local constituency and so on.

The questions that the research seeks to answer revolve around what happened next. What occurred inside the Labour Party membership during the last four years? How did Corbyn's strategy of deflection effect traditional loyalists - long-time Labour members? What do they look like today?

Social media is known to have a corrosive effect on the community and creates a space where extremist voices are amplified, resulting in a spiral that gives rise to extreme reactions.<sup>36</sup> As Corbyn's inner team chose to deflect the accusations of antisemitism how did this play out in the online Labour Party forums?

The research explicitly sought Labour members who are active online and who indicated membership or support for the party prior to Corbyn's initial leadership bid. This means they were promoting Labour under Miliband or even earlier.

It then set out to analyse their social media posting with regards to Israel, Zionism and the Jewish people. There are over a dozen case studies presented in this research.

Online Labour Party forums were also analysed, to see how 'Israel as an obsession' grew within these groups, spreading anti-Jewish hostility as a natural by-product.

It looks at how Jewish identity was attacked as a means of protecting Jeremy Corbyn's mission.

The research also set out to look at wider societal implications of the normalisation of antisemitism that has taken place inside the Labour Party. It analyses the consequences of Labour Party members taking this anti-Jewish hostility into the wider environment.

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<sup>35</sup> Labour's recent materials are an example of an action arriving four years too late <https://labour.org.uk/no-place-for-antisemitism/>

<sup>36</sup> [https://scholar.harvard.edu/sounman\\_hong/political-polarization-twitter-social-media-may-contribute-online-extremism](https://scholar.harvard.edu/sounman_hong/political-polarization-twitter-social-media-may-contribute-online-extremism)

## TEMPLATE ONE

The general assumption is that the Labour Party was invaded by extremists when Jeremy Corbyn became leader in 2015. This is frequently referenced by media and party officials alike. The report into Palestine Live highlighted several cases that suggested a clear pattern. These people:

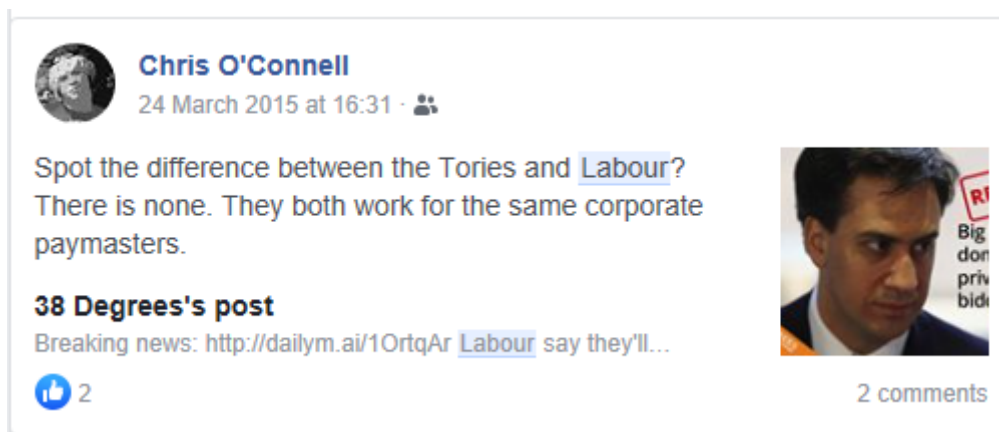
- Were not members of the Labour Party before Jeremy Corbyn took control.
- Joined in either 2015 or during the leadership challenge in 2016.
- Shared toxic and antisemitic posts.
- Dabbled in extremist ideology frequently switching between what is considered both far-right and far-left material.
- (Many – not all) voiced support for terrorist organisations.
- They were not interested in peace between Israel and the Arabs.
- Often replaced the word Jew with Zionist to smokescreen the antisemitism.
- Saw their fight against Zionism as a global fight against the powers that control media, the banks and western governments.
- Overstated the number of anti-Zionist Jews.

Notes:

Not all these people displayed all the criteria.

As the Palestine Live report provided 290 pages of detailed examples, that source can be referenced here rather than reproduced.<sup>37</sup> For convenience, some less detailed examples, rather than full case studies, are provided.

Here is an example of someone not previously used in my research. Chris O'Connell shared this article in March 2015, suggesting there was no difference 'between the Tories and Labour':



<sup>37</sup> See [http://david-collier.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/180305\\_livereport\\_part1\\_FINAL.pdf](http://david-collier.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/180305_livereport_part1_FINAL.pdf) and [http://david-collier.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/180305\\_livereport\\_part2\\_FINAL.pdf](http://david-collier.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/180305_livereport_part2_FINAL.pdf)



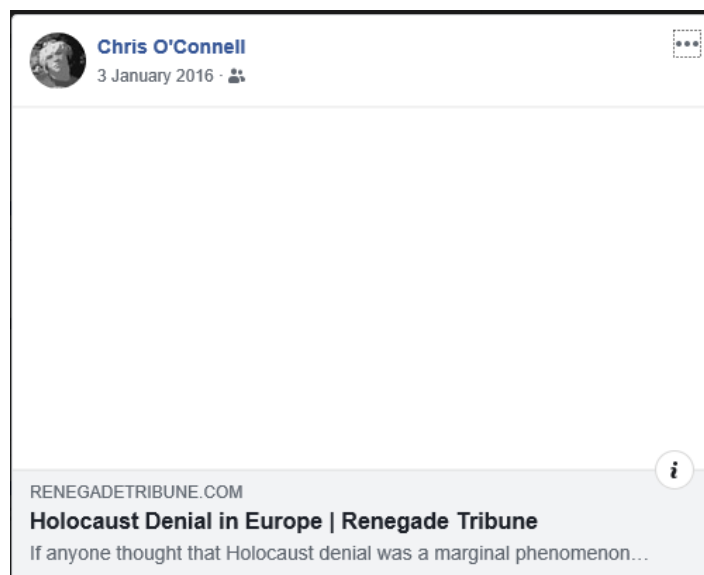
By November of the same year, he was a member of the Labour Party:



He was already posting antisemitic material before Corbyn:<sup>38</sup>



The advent of Corbyn appears to have given an outlet to vent the obsession. In the first four months of 2015, Chris posted about 20 articles on Israel. In the last four he posted over 100. Antisemitism came with him into the party. Along with white-separatist, neo-Nazi websites.<sup>39</sup>

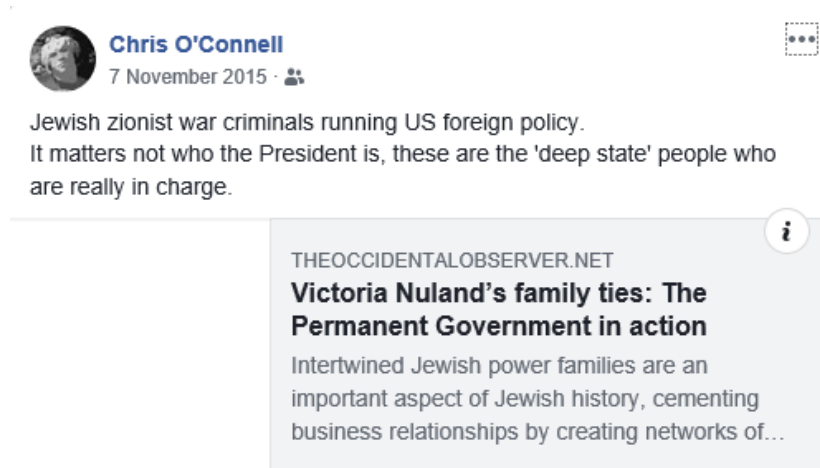


<sup>38</sup> See article <https://www.globalresearch.ca/britains-cameron-government-under-the-helm-of-the-conservative-friends-of-israel-cfi> Globalresearch.ca is an antisemitic conspiracy website <https://mediabiasfactcheck.com/global-research/>

<sup>39</sup> For Renegade Tribune see [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Renegade\\_Tribune](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Renegade_Tribune) the original article is here [www.renegadetribune.com/holocaust-denial-in-europe/](http://www.renegadetribune.com/holocaust-denial-in-europe/)



Another white-supremacist website:<sup>40</sup>



Chris was not alone. Another one who joined for Corbyn in 2015 was Helen Richards:



And she was sharing material from extremist antisemitic websites before she joined:<sup>41</sup>



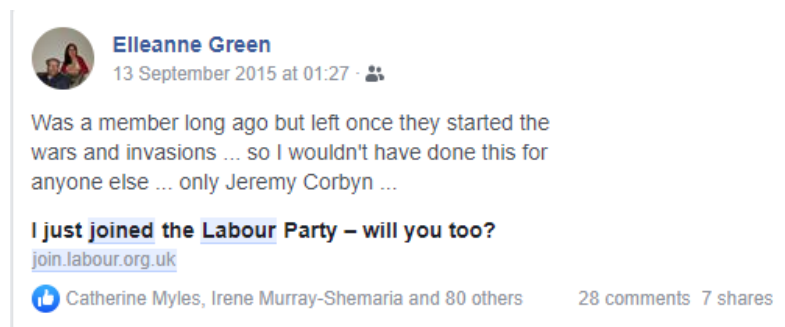
<sup>40</sup> [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Occidental\\_Observer](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Occidental_Observer) for original article see <https://www.theoccidentalobserver.net/2014/02/09/victoria-nulands-family-ties/>

<sup>41</sup> See <https://politicalvelcraft.org/2013/12/20/icelanders-overthrew-corrupt-government-and-rewrote-constitution-banning-rothschild-banking-fraud-no-word-from-us-media>

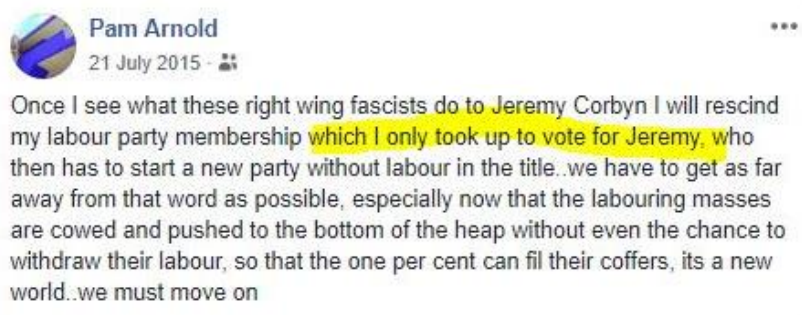
Once inside, she helps spread the hate of those like Gilad Atzmon:<sup>42</sup>



There are also front-line anti-Israel activists I have covered in previous research.<sup>43</sup> Elleanne Green, founder of Palestine Live joined for Jeremy Corbyn:



Pamela Hardymont / Arnold.



Tapash Abu Shaim:



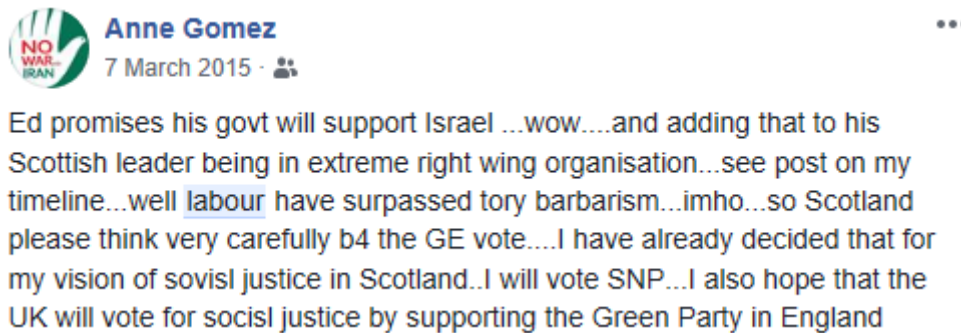
<sup>42</sup> For more on Atzmon read here <https://www.algemeiner.com/2019/07/10/the-outrageous-antisemitism-of-ex-israeli-and-ex-jew-gilad-atzmon/> Atzmon's article can be seen on his website <https://gilad.online/writings/2018/4/15/oil-vey>

<sup>43</sup> All three are covered in the report on antisemitism inside the Palestine Solidarity Campaign. [http://david-collier.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/170222\\_palestine\\_solidarity\\_campaign\\_report.pdf](http://david-collier.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/170222_palestine_solidarity_campaign_report.pdf)

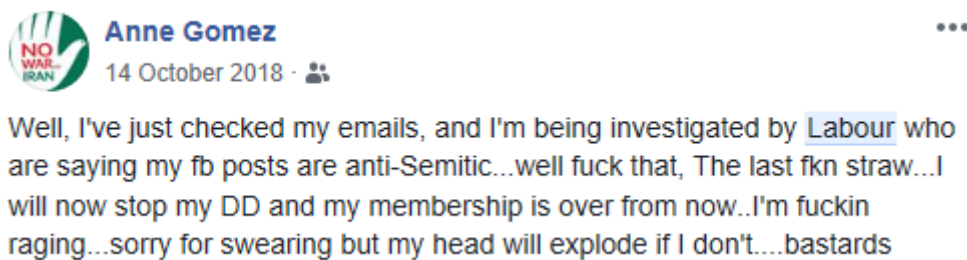
None of this should come as a surprise. Corbyn was himself a member of the antisemitic Palestine Live group and between 2013 and 2015 had frequent interactions with Elleanne Green online, both inside the group and on her own personal Facebook timeline. Corbyn is also a Patron of the Palestine Solidarity Campaign of which Tapash is a Director.<sup>44</sup>

It is therefore somewhat disingenuous for defenders of Corbyn to fall back on the 'extremists came into the party' argument. These were Corbyn's friends and allies.

Anne Gomez was anti-Labour in early 2015:



But a Labour member by 2018, when she was investigated by the party:

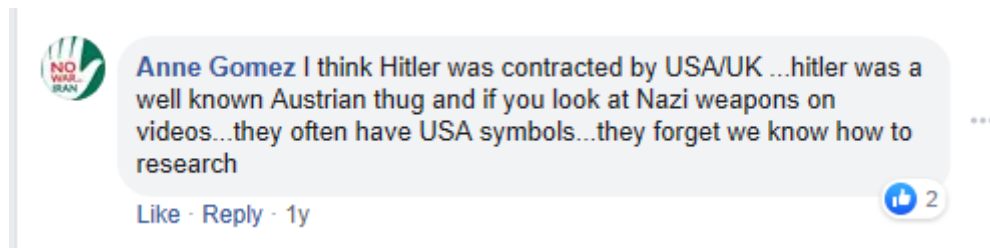


Corbyn clearly the catalyst:



<sup>44</sup> <https://beta.companieshouse.gov.uk/company/05213508/officers> and <https://www.palestinecampaign.org/about/patrons/>

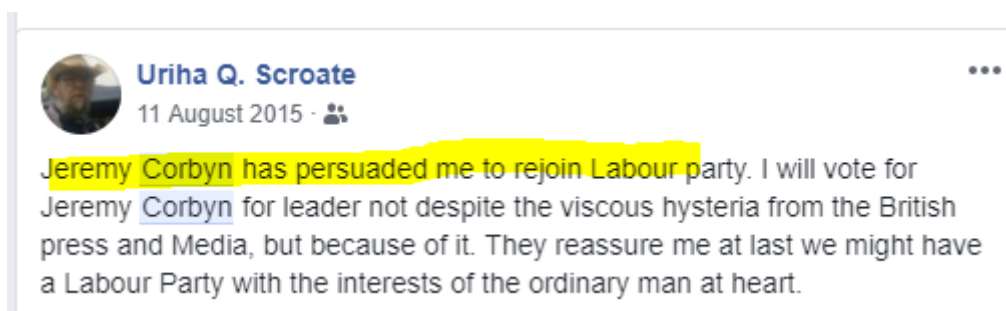
She brought the conspiracies and antisemitism with her:



Like Green and others, Gomez has no problem sharing material from rabidly racist, fundamentalist, white supremacist sources.<sup>45</sup>



Another anti-Israel activist Corbyn persuaded to join the Labour Party:



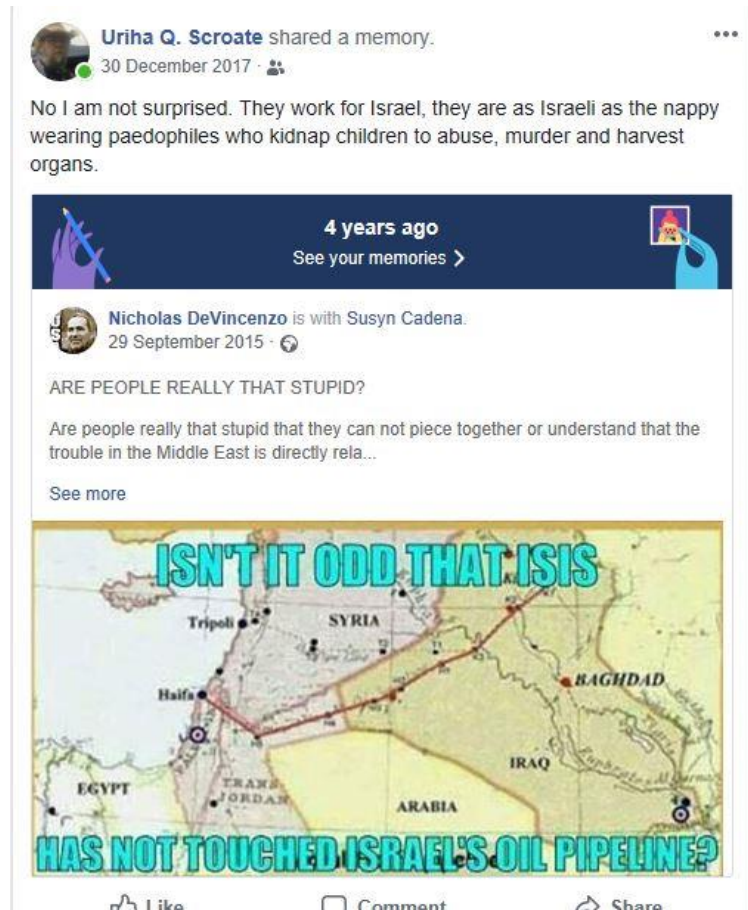
<sup>45</sup> Rightoftheright.com is now 'Christians for truth'. In their category section they have a menu listing 'hidden hand' which is all about Jewish control. They also have a menu listing for 'South Africa' which carries an endless stream of racist reports which appear intended to convince readers black people are not fit to rule.



Here is an example of pre-2015 hostility:



This example from 2017 is rather unpleasant:<sup>46</sup>

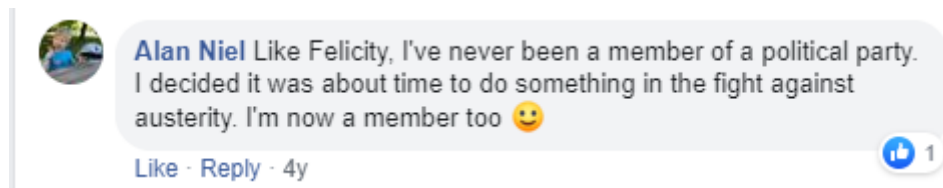


You'll be reassured to know Uriha has joined Jewish Voice for Labour:



<sup>46</sup> The original FB conspiracy post is here  
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Alan Niel in June 2015:



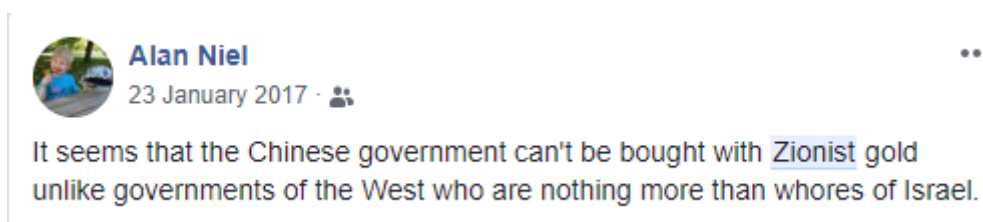
These people brought the good Jew / bad Jew argument with them. They cannot be antisemitic because there are Jewish people who agree with them:



Yet antisemitic they were:



And this spirit entered the Labour Party to join their leader, Jeremy Corbyn:



This is what was taking place during June 2015 in antisemitic groups such as Palestine Live:



We all know this happened now. There is little to dispute about it. For other examples of those that joined the party for Corbyn, please see the Palestine Live report or the Labour Against Antisemitism Twitter feed.

For the purpose of this study, these people are of lesser interest. It is known that extremists entered the party in 2015 and 2016. **This project is about what happened next.**

## SHIELDING THE ANTISEMITES

Had Labour dealt with the antisemitism issue as it arose in late 2015, the entire crisis would have been avoided. Unfortunately, the membership had chosen a leader unable to do this. Jeremy Corbyn's own world vision leaned towards the antisemites.

These people were not outsiders to Corbyn. These were the people he had been sharing a platform with for years. He knew them from meetings, and demonstrations and activist groups. The Jeremy Corbyn project needed protecting if it were to survive.

It is also true that for decades, Corbyn had associated with Jewish people who were not Zionists, having been politically allying himself with the Neturei Karta and Jewish Marxists for many years.<sup>47</sup>

From the base of Nelson's Column, one speaker after another rallies the crowd. There's maverick MPs George Galloway and Jeremy Corbyn, the Palestinian delegate Afif Safieh and Palestinian QC Michel Massih and Iqbal Sacranie from the Muslim Council of Great Britain. They call on Sharon, Bush and Blair to support the Palestinian cause, and urge the protestors to boycott Israeli goods. Beside them on the platform sit four Orthodox Jews in long black coats, wide-brimmed hats and ringlets. They strike a surreal note.



### Speakers

- ✦ **Moshe Machover**  
Israeli socialist dissident
- ✦ **Brian Iddon**  
Member of Parliament (Bolton)
- ✦ **Jeremy Corbyn**  
Member of Parliament

The Jewish people are an anomaly. Unlike Christianity and Islam, you can be both a Jew and an atheist. 'Jewish' is not a race either. It is a Nation that was dispersed with ethnoreligious cohesive elements.<sup>48</sup> Notions of nationhood, ethnicity and religion can become interwoven just as they can also remain separate. A Jew can buy into the nation, the ethnicity or the religion to any degree and in any combination that he or she chooses and can in fact reject all three and will still be considered a Jew by others. 2000 years of dispersal/survival tends to warp norms.<sup>49</sup>

This creates a complex multi-dimensional spectrum along which all Jewish people sit that doesn't fit any of the boxes that others will try to place them inside. This has left them as targets from the far-right and the far-left along with anyone in the middle who is wary of anything a little bit 'different'.

There are no 'good Jews' or 'bad Jews'. There is a spectrum. On the one side is religious orthodoxy, on the other atheism and there are a hundred hues of secularism and religiosity between the two. On top of this for every category there will be exceptions.

<sup>47</sup> Corbyn on a platform with Alexei Sayle, Moshe Machover and Miriam Margolyes in 2007.

<http://www.inminds.com/enough.occupation.9.june.2007.php> or with the NK in 2002  
<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2002/jul/21/israelandthepalestinians.features>

<sup>48</sup> <http://www.jewfaq.org/judaism.htm>

<sup>49</sup> [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Timeline\\_of\\_antisemitism](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Timeline_of_antisemitism)

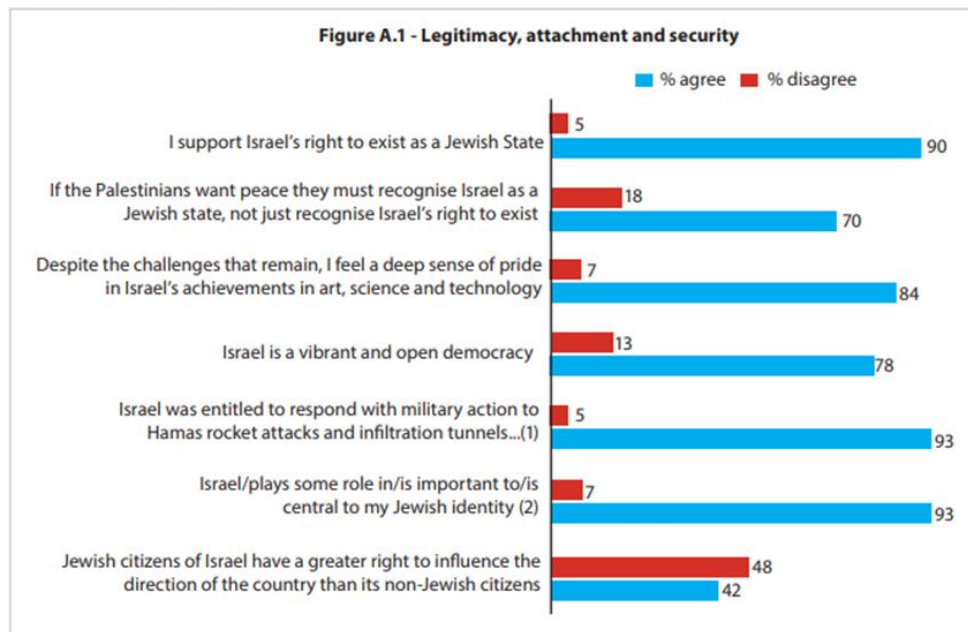


There are things we do know about Jewish people. For example, that an overwhelming majority of Jewish people are Zionists:<sup>50</sup>

### ***PART A - Commitment and attachment***

We first examined our respondents' fundamental attitudes towards Israel as a Jewish state, their commitment to its existence and the strength of their attachment to it.

In relation to these core values, the respondents are overwhelmingly committed to Israel's legitimacy and security, and to its Jewish character (See Figure A.1).



In 2015 the most comprehensive survey of British Jewish attitudes in years was carried out. Whilst politically loaded, the results did carry some important data.<sup>51</sup> 90% of British Jews support Israel's right to exist as a Jewish State. 93% see Israel as playing a role in their own Jewish identity. 93% believe Israel was entitled to defend itself against Hamas.

This places *\*ALL\** anti-Zionist Jews, however noisy they wish to seem, in the 7% bracket. Within that 7% are also the ultra-orthodox fringe like Neturei Karta.<sup>52</sup> This leaves anti-Zionist atheist Jews as only part of the 7%.

Unlike Neturei Karta most (nothing with the Jewish people is ever *\*all\**) of these atheists have few if any remaining ties with the Jewish community. Logically the defining attitude towards Israel of a Jewish Marxist atheist who lives in a state of near total assimilation would be indifference. Not for these people. Some have weaponised their identity and the only time they ever identify as 'Jewish' is when they are attacking other Jews.<sup>53</sup>

<sup>50</sup> <http://yachad.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/11/British-Jewish-Attitudes-Towards-Israel-Yachad-Ipsos-Mori-Nov-2015.pdf>

<sup>51</sup> <http://david-collier.com/hannah-are-we-really-yachad/>

<sup>52</sup> <https://jewishnews.timesofisrael.com/corbyn-filmed-applauding-neturei-karta-speech-about-dismantling-israel/>

<sup>53</sup> See for example JVL chief Jenny Manson's admission that she '*began to identify as a Jew in order to argue against the state of Israel*' <https://www.thejc.com/news/news-features/what-is-jewish-voice-for-labour-jvl-1.462012>

Corbyn didn't just know these fringe Jewish groups, his anti-Israel cause had been using them for decades to deflect accusations of antisemitism.

None of these arguments we see today are new. Anti-Israel activism is riddled with antisemites and fringe Jewish anti-Zionists have been used to give them cover and legitimise them.

This is from a 2013 event run by Jews for Boycotting Israeli Goods:<sup>54</sup>

## **J-BIG CONFERENCE MARCH 2 – PALESTINE SOLIDARITY AND JEWISH OPPOSITION TO ZIONISM**

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SATURDAY MARCH 2

1 – 7 PM

VENUE – 24 Greencoat Place, London SW1P 1RD (Near Victoria station)

This is a half-day conference offering everyone working for Palestinian rights a chance to reinforce their knowledge of Zionism, its rejection of Jewish radical traditions, its conflation of antisemitism with criticism of Israel and its attempts to undermine Palestinian solidarity work – in particular the movement for boycott, divestment and sanctions (BDS).

This from a 2011 motion at UCU knocking back a definition of antisemitism. Mike Cushman proposed the motion:<sup>55</sup>

**Mike Cushman, who proposed the motion on behalf of the London School of Economics branch, said, "UCU has always supported academics under threat, no matter where in the world they are; Palestinian and Israeli academics are no exception." The motion, which was also supported by the National Executive, was overwhelmingly carried.**

The same arguments. And Jeremy Corbyn was always alongside his allies.

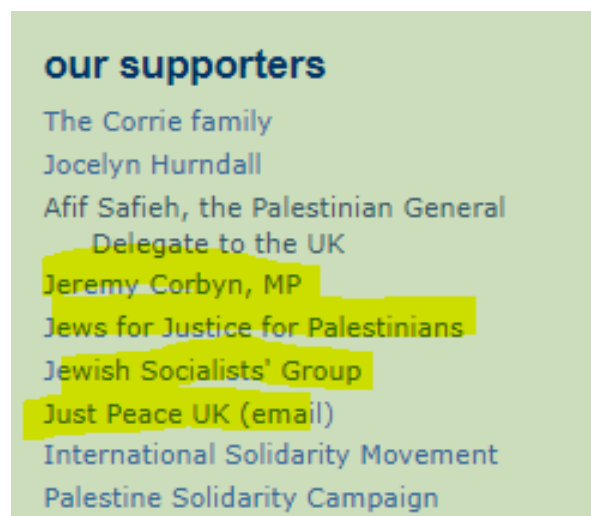
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<sup>54</sup> J-BIG is Deborah Fink, Naomi Wimborne-Idrissi and Mike Cushman.

<https://jews4big.wordpress.com/2013/01/13/j-big-conference-march-2-palestine-solidarity-and-jewish-opposition-to-zionism/>

<sup>55</sup> <http://www.bricup.org.uk/documents/archive/BRICUPNewsletter41.pdf>

This is from the 'Skies are Weeping' website in 2005:<sup>56</sup>



Corbyn with all those that would come to his aid, a whole decade before anyone knew it.

This is Corbyn at an event in 2011, sitting next to the 'anti-Zionist' Jew and in front of the 'International Jewish Anti-Zionist network' banner:<sup>57</sup>



Jeremy Corbyn, the anti-Israel crowd and the fringe anti-Zionist Jew. The tried and tested formula that had worked for years with street activism, on campus and in demonstrations.

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<sup>56</sup> The Skies are Weeping is a cantata that memorialises Rachel Corrie and Tom Hurndall. See [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The\\_Skies\\_are\\_Weeping](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Skies_are_Weeping) see also blogsite <https://weepingskies.blogspot.com/> H/T also to David Hirsh which is where I found the reference <https://engageonline.wordpress.com/author/davidhirsh/page/21/>

<sup>57</sup> Credit for photo to Richard Millett. See Richard's report on the event <https://richardmillett.wordpress.com/2010/01/29/holocaust-denial-day-down-at-westminster/>

Without these few Jewish people there is no argument and no defence. This image is from a boycott Israel (BDS) event at UCL in 2011:<sup>58</sup>



Jonathan Rosenhead, Naomi Wimborne Idrissi and Norman Finkelstein. Even though Finkelstein is from the US, all three would go on to become key figures in the Corbyn defence.<sup>59</sup> Notice the Jews for Boycotting Israeli goods sign. 'It's kosher' the headline screams. Behind this type of banner almost any antisemite can stand and be protected. Idrissi and co will give them cover.

Labour couldn't fight antisemitism so it needed to accommodate it. Corbyn's presence and activity in groups like Palestine Live, his long associations with all manner of terrorist groups and extremists - Corbyn was surrounded with allies with similar ideological positions. These were the people now in control of the party. To reject the antisemites would be to give up on everything Corbyn believed in.

Extremists given cover by a handful of non-representative Jewish people was a tried and tested formula. It was now going to be used inside a mainstream political party -the Labour Party.

Corbyn needed help. And he received it from his old allies.

<sup>58</sup> <http://www.inminds.co.uk/article.php?id=10526>

<sup>59</sup> Rosenhead and Idrissi would play a key role in the formation of Jewish Voice for Labour. Finkelstein has provided an endless number of videos and interviews dismissing claims of a problem with antisemitism in Labour <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JEX5OGmXLz4> or <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AbmCPlpGLHg> or <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xt5fOmtJfGQ>



## THE JVL GAMBIT

### Stage one – Jews for Jeremy

The website of 'Jews for Jeremy' was registered on 29<sup>th</sup> August 2015.<sup>60</sup> This was just two weeks after the initial accusations of antisemitism began to pinch.<sup>61</sup>



The first main article on the 'Jewsforjeremy' website was posted by Ian Saville on the same day as the site was registered.<sup>62</sup> Julia Bard from the Jewish Socialist group was also involved, so too David Rosenberg and Steve Tiller.<sup>63</sup> The letter appears with about 90 other signatures.

After a handful of articles covering two months, the website went to sleep for six months. It returned when Ken Livingstone was suspended. In late April 2016 it published two articles in response to Ken's suspension, the first a piece by Asa Winstanley from Electronic Intifada, the second another letter, this time signed by just 40. It was to publish just three more articles. It ceased publishing completely in June 2016.<sup>64</sup>

<sup>60</sup> <http://whois.domaintools.com/jewsforjeremy.org>

<sup>61</sup> <https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/politics/labour/11804288/Jeremy-Corbyn-accused-of-showing-poor-judgment-as-Labour-grandeers-round-on-hard-Left-leadership-frontrunner.html>

<sup>62</sup> <https://jewsforjeremy.org/2015/08/>

<sup>63</sup> These four identify themselves as 'Jews for Jeremy' in a letter published on the website in September. <https://jewsforjeremy.org/2015/09/>

<sup>64</sup> <https://jewsforjeremy.org/2016/04/>

Saville posted nothing in support of the Labour Party during the 2015 election. He doesn't seem to have been a Labour member when he posted on the website, joining in September:



**Ian Saville**

16 September 2015 · 🌐

OK. I've joined. But it's a monthly direct debit for the time being, in case I need to make a quick exit. Slightly nervous, as I have never been any sort of party member before. I notice, though, that when you join the party, you don't

In April of 2015, two months before Corbyn's election, Julia Bard wasn't even a Labour Party supporter:



**Julia Bard**

21 April 2015 · 🌐

I'm not a Labour Party supporter, but I think Jon Lansman is completely right here. The attacks on Jim Jepps are lazy, vicious journalism which only illustrates how panic-stricken the mainstream parties are about the growing support for the Greens. I would be ashamed if any of my students churned

In April of 2015, David Rosenberg was busy talking up a vote for the Greens.



**David Rosenberg**

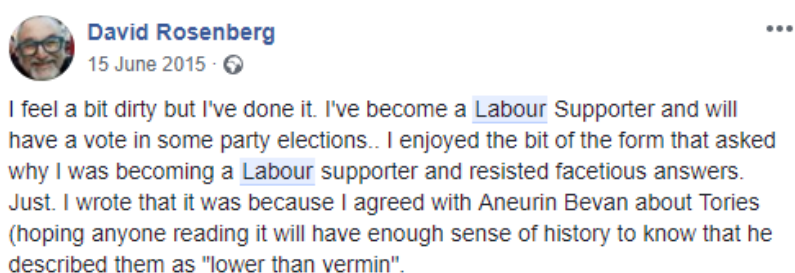
2 April 2015 · 🌐

Good luck to Natalie Bennett tonight in the "leaders' debates". Under her leadership the Greens have moved further to the Left, have a raft of policies that are far more progressive than Labour. She has spoken up especially well on immigration and migrants rights and in opposition to UKIP racism, while the mainstream parties just pander to it.

Of course there is a whole world of organising outside of parliamentary politics (and Greens do a lot of that too) but a significant vote for the Greens might just increase their parliamentary representation (especially in five way contests), where they can link up with left wing Welsh and Scottish nationalists, but also get Greens into second place in others, making them a credible force to vote for in the election after.



By June, Rosenberg like Bard, seems to have joined the Labour Party for Corbyn:



Jews for Jeremy was just a few members of the Jewish Socialist Group. By the time it faded away others were taking the lead. The Ken Livingstone affair required a far more robust defence.

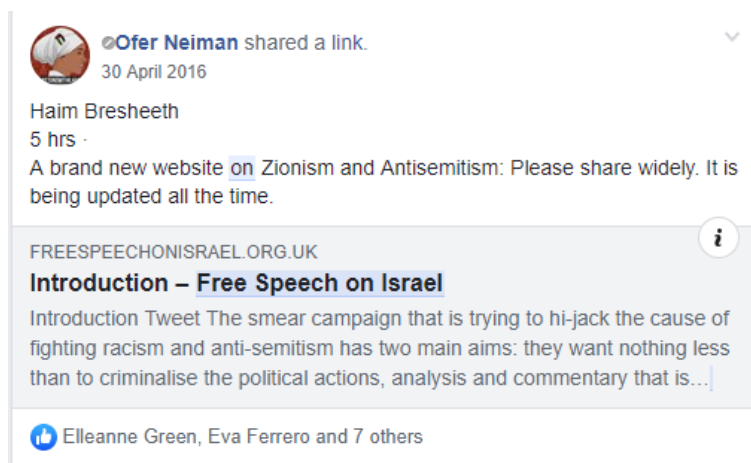
## Stage two – Free Speech on Israel

In April 2016, as 'Jews for Jeremy' were fading into oblivion (but not before they penned a submission into the Chakrabarti Inquiry – more on that shortly), Ken Livingstone became front page news over his antisemitic remarks regarding Hitler and Zionism.

On 28<sup>th</sup> April 2016 John Mann confronted Ken Livingstone over the statements he had made.<sup>65</sup> On the same day Ken was suspended.<sup>66</sup>

Before the day was out a domain name had been registered under the name 'freespeechonisrael'.<sup>67</sup> A Facebook group was also created.<sup>68</sup>

The key individuals who joined on the first day are those like Mike Cushman, Jonathan Rosenhead, Naomi Wimborne-Idrissi, Andy Simons, Deborah fink, Haim Bresheeth, Roland Rance Rachel Lever and Tony Greenstein. A group of hard-core, battle-tested anti-Israel activists. The group was introduced to Palestine Live on the first day.<sup>69</sup>



<sup>65</sup> <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GRUTpypkV0I>

<sup>66</sup> <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-36160135>

<sup>67</sup> <http://whois.domaintools.com/freespeechonisrael.org.uk>

<sup>68</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/groups/FreeSpeechonIsrael/>

<sup>69</sup> The introductory article is no longer live at the URL. It is accessible via the archive <https://web.archive.org/web/20160501203615/http://freespeechonisrael.org.uk/introduction/>

Idrissi was the National Secretary of a group called 'Jews for Boycotting Israeli Goods' 'J-BIG'.<sup>70</sup> And a member of BRICUP.<sup>71</sup> The co-founder of J-BIG was Deborah Fink.<sup>72</sup> Mike Cushman was the 'Activities Organiser for J-BIG' as well as also being 'a prominent member of BRICUP'.<sup>73</sup> Rosenhead was the Chair of BRICUP.<sup>74</sup>

They eventually registered as a Limited Company. There were four Directors. Idrissi, Cushman, Rosenhead and Glyn Secker.<sup>75</sup>

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[CUSHMAN, Michael](#)

[ROSENHEAD, Jonathan Vivian, Professor](#)

[WIMBORNE-IDRISSI, Naomi Ann](#)

[SECKER, Glyn Martin](#)

These were not so much Labour activists, they were anti-Israel activists defending Corbyn from any and all attack. They mobilized for the cause.

Naomi Wimborne Idrissi did not make a public FB post supporting the Labour Party between Jan 2014 and August 2015, a time period which includes a general election.

Cushman posted attacks on Labour in early 2015 (election) and appears to have tried to join the party just to support Corbyn:



Mike Cushman

22 August 2015 · 🌐

Like many socialists I've been banned from the Labour election. The only way to support labour party values in the recent period has been to support parties other than labour. Now there's a chance the party will move closer to the values that many of us believe in we are being proscribed without appeal.

Andy Simons posted nothing about supporting Labour before Corbyn. There is no evidence of when he became a member. Glyn Secker posted nothing public on Labour in 2014 or 2015. Including

<sup>70</sup> <https://uk.linkedin.com/in/naomi-wimborne-idrissi-02a88525>

<sup>71</sup> <http://www.bricup.org.uk/documents/archive/BRICUPNewsletter26.pdf>

<sup>72</sup> <https://jews4big.wordpress.com/tag/deborah-fink/>

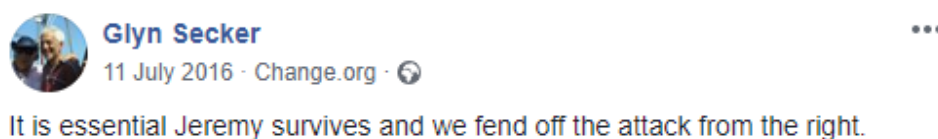
<sup>73</sup> <https://www.palestinecampaign.org/events/boycotting-israeli-apartheid/>

<sup>74</sup> <http://www.bricup.org.uk/contacts.html>

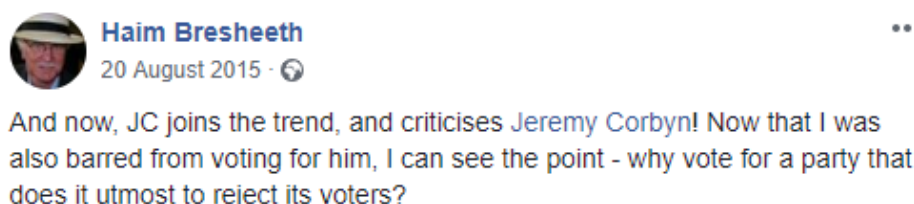
<sup>75</sup> <https://beta.companieshouse.gov.uk/company/10905308/filing-history> The company has just received a 'First Gazette notice for compulsory strike-off'.



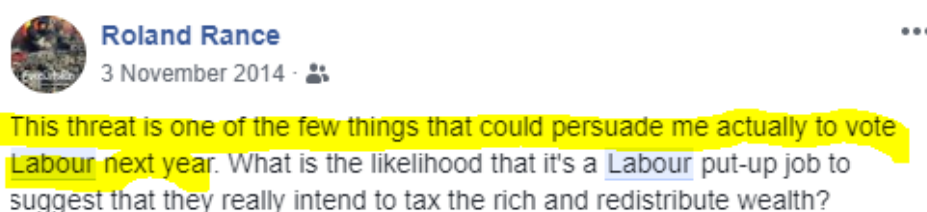
during the election. There is no indication of when he became a member, but he springs to life when Corbyn needs defending in 2016:



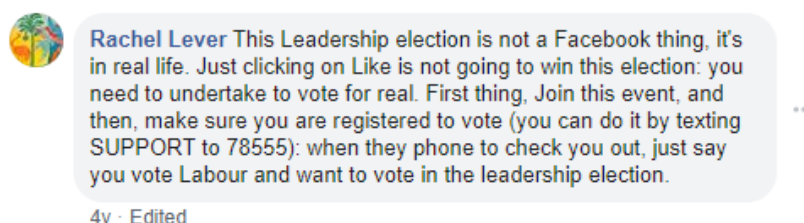
Haim Bresheeth was writing letters to his LibDem MP talking up the Greens in early 2015.<sup>76</sup> By Summer, Bresheeth also appears to have tried to join Labour.



This is what Roland Rance had to say about Labour in 2014:



I could find no evidence that Rance joined the party. Rachel Lever posted nothing on Labour during the 2015 election, but by July was frantically trying to get her friends to join:



'Free Speech on Israel' was created 'explicitly' to counter the charges of antisemitism against the Labour Party:<sup>77</sup>

### 1. Who we are

Free Speech on Israel is an ad hoc group whose formation was sparked explicitly by the recent upsurge in accusations of antisemitism within the Labour Party, in suspensions arising out of these, and in what we regard as unbalanced media coverage of this issue. The group is almost entirely but not exclusively Jewish; all

<sup>76</sup> From a post on his FB timeline.

<sup>77</sup> From the FSOI submission to the Chakrabarti inquiry <https://freespeechonisrael.org.uk/free-speech-israel-submission-chakrabarti-inquiry/#sthash.hfXTQKED.dpbs>

Most of the key individuals behind Free Speech on Israel had been associated with Jeremy Corbyn and his politics for years. Here is Wimborne-Idrissi talking under a Hezbollah flag:<sup>78</sup>



These were all prominent anti-Zionist Jews. Their role was the same as it has always been – to deflect accusations of antisemitism, to demonise Israel and to paint 93%+ of British Jews as racist.

This is the type of messaging spread.

Zionism is racism:



Mike Cushman shared a photo.

Admin · 5 May 2016

**ZIONISM**  
A BEDROCK PRINCIPLE IS THAT, YES,  
ZIONISM=RACISM

Most Zionists are not Jewish:



Mike Cushman shared a link.

Admin · 4 May 2016

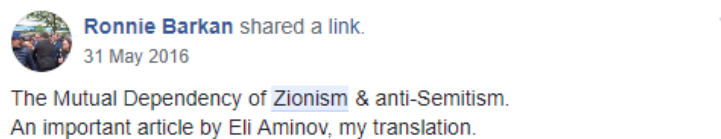
In the United States in particular, the Zionist political movement today relies heavily on Christian Zionism. As the Jewish Socialists Group pithily summed it up: not all Jews are Zionists and not all Zionists are Jews.

<sup>78</sup> Speaking at the pro-Hezbollah Al Quds rally June 2017:  
<https://twitter.com/ZionistFed/status/876482334689767428?s=20>

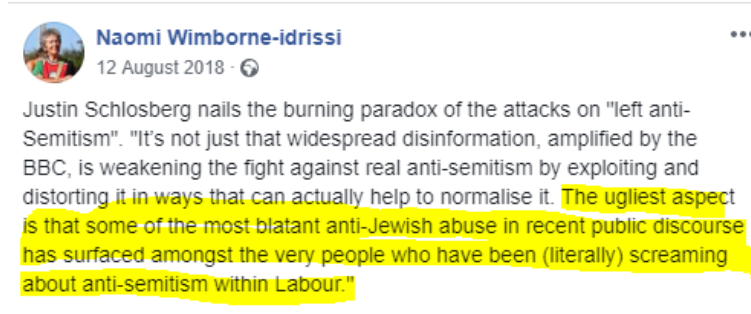
It is not antisemitic to oppose Zionism:



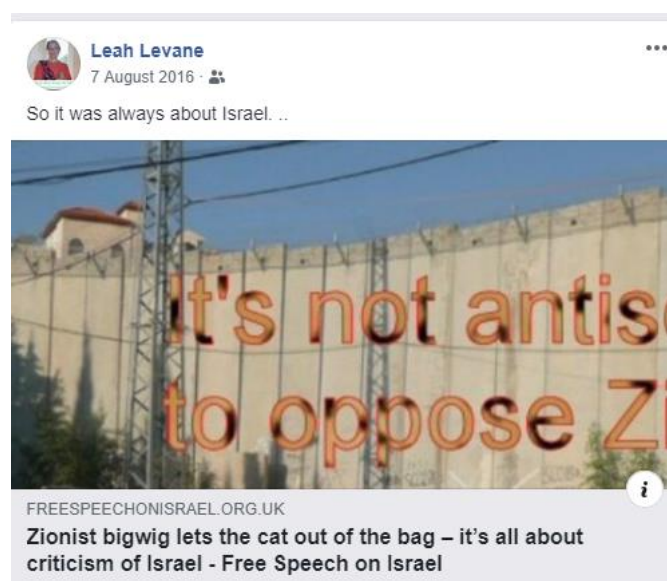
Zionism needs antisemitism:



Zionists are the real antisemites:



That this is all about criticism of Israel:



And to distort the 93% / >7% divide until people could not tell the difference in size between the two groups:

*“There are many organisations in the UK that are Jewish in character and a wide range of opinion, including about Israel government policies. Yet those that claim to speak for an entity called ‘the Jewish community’ almost without exception take a solidly Zionist perspective, with a strong tendency to defend Israel from all criticism. Predominant among these are the Board of Deputies of British Jews, the Jewish Leadership Council, the Community Security Trust and the Zionist Federation as well as a range of advocacy organisations such as the Campaign Against Antisemitism and BICOM, which have the same committed position. These groups are generally well resourced and find it relatively easy to get their views amplified in the mass media. The result is that the diversity of opinion about Israel among British Jews is seriously under-represented. Organisations such as Independent Jewish Voices, Jews for Justice for Palestinians, the Jewish Socialist Group, Jews for Boycotting Israeli Goods, and others operate on a shoestring but have significant reach and influence.”<sup>79</sup>*

This gross distortion of the truth is what Chakrabarti had on her table during the inquiry. A comparison between the Board of Deputies, with the hundreds of delegates from community organisations such as synagogues from around the country being equated with FSOI, J-Big, JfJfP and Free Speech on Israel, which are effectively just a small group of the same few activists wearing different hats.

Deeply insulting Soviet style antisemitic propaganda.

It is now generally accepted that the Chakrabarti report was deeply flawed.<sup>80</sup> When you look at the names in the list of contributions it becomes easy to see this was never going to be a serious look at antisemitism:

- JVoice UK
- Free Speech on Israel
- Jews for Justice for Palestinians
- Independent Jewish Voices
- Jewish Socialist Group
- International Jewish Anti-Zionist Network (UK)

The Palestine Solidarity Campaign had three separate submissions. There are others. ‘Hastings & Rye Constituency Labour Party’, which is just Rachel Lever wearing another hat.

These people presented Chakrabarti with a completely distorted image of British Jews. Lever’s submission contained the same gross distortion:<sup>81</sup>

*‘Consultation with the Jewish Community should take account of the serious divisions among Jews: many who do not agree with the mainstream positions on Israel or the definition of their opposition to Israel as “antisemitism” are not to be found in the official establishment, but their views are of vital concern to the Labour Party. These include Jews for Justice for Palestinians, Jewish Socialist*

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<sup>79</sup> <https://www.scribd.com/doc/315237906/Free-Speech-on-Israel-Submission-to-Chakrabarti-Submission>

<sup>80</sup> See Whitewashed which looks at the flaws in the inquiry. <https://www.whitewashed.co.uk/about.htm> for Chakrabarti report see <https://labour.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/Chakrabarti-Inquiry-Report-30June16.pdf>

<sup>81</sup> <https://freespeechonisrael.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/Submission-from-Rachel-Lever.pdf>

*Group, International Jewish Voices, and European Jews for a Just Peace, Jews for Boycotting Israeli Goods, and Free Speech on Israel.'*

Rachel Lever went further – suggesting those few Jews who had just joined the Labour Party were the real Jews and the JLM should be excluded from the Party:

*'The JLM should certainly not be given any role in dealing with antisemitism as they clearly have an agenda of their own. Their affiliation to the Labour Party might well be examined to see if they have other affiliations not compatible with our party policy and ethics.'*

This is what these propagandists do. They were taking their war with the Jewish community into the Labour Party and pushing this drumbeat everywhere they went:

- Zionism is racism
- Most Zionists are not Jewish
- It is not antisemitic to oppose Zionism
- Zionism needs antisemitism
- Zionists are the real antisemites
- This is all about suppressing criticism of Israel
- They (The anti-Zionist Jews) are 'many', the Zionists are just well funded

Almost every single message pushed out by this group plays one of the beats in this deliberate and twisted propaganda exercise.

Free Speech on Israel were live. They began to spread this message to members of the party:<sup>82</sup>

The image is a promotional poster for a public meeting. At the top, it says 'Meeting: Antisemitism, Zionism and the Left'. Below this is the main title 'Antisemitism, Zionism and the Left' in large, bold, black font. To the right of the title is a black box with the words 'Public meeting' in white. On the left side, it says 'Monday 9 May, 7pm'. In the center, under the heading 'Speakers:', are four names with their credentials: Tariq Ali (writer, journalist and filmmaker), John Rose (author, The Myths of Zionism), Leah Levane (Jews for Justice for Palestinians), Weyman Bennett (Unite Against Fascism), and Lindsey German (Stop the War Coalition). On the right side, there are two columns of text. The first column discusses a 'witch hunt' by the Labour right wing and mentions Ken Livingstone and Naz Shah. The second column discusses Palestinian rights, racism, and the purpose of the meeting to discuss anti-Zionism, antisemitism, and the left. At the bottom, it says 'Get updates at the facebook event page: Public meeting: Antisemitism, Zionism and the Left'.

Meeting: Antisemitism, Zionism and the Left

# Antisemitism, Zionism and the Left

Public meeting

**Monday 9 May, 7pm**

**Speakers:**

- Tariq Ali**  
writer, journalist and filmmaker
- John Rose**  
author, *The Myths of Zionism*
- Leah Levane**  
Jews for Justice for Palestinians
- Weyman Bennett**  
Unite Against Fascism
- Lindsey German**  
Stop the War Coalition

A witch hunt is taking place, generated by the Labour right wing and supporters of Israel, against anyone who criticises Israel.

The comments by Ken Livingstone and Naz Shah have been seized upon in an effort to drive Jeremy Corbyn out of the Labour leadership and to break the growing movement for

Palestinian rights.

We oppose racism in all its forms, but we wholly reject the idea that criticism of Israel is antisemitic.

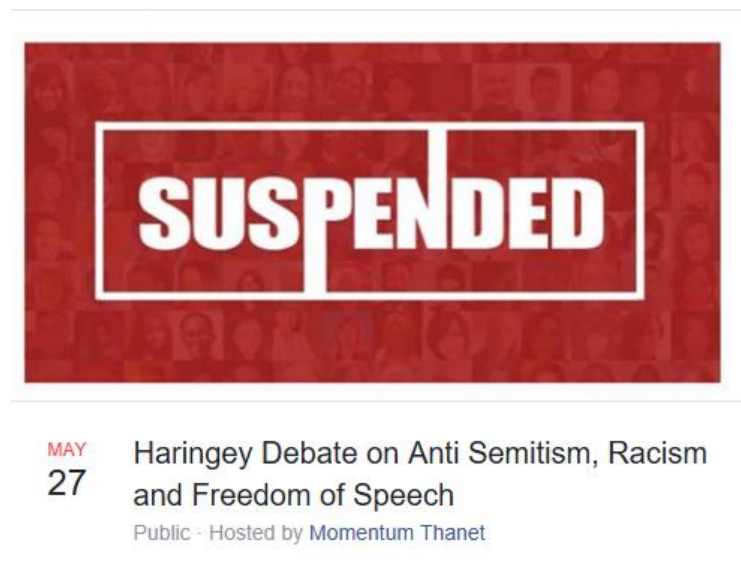
This meeting is to discuss anti-Zionism, antisemitism, Palestine and the left. It is not called by any single political party or organisation. It is to develop the fightback we need.

Get updates at the facebook event page:  
'Public meeting: Antisemitism, Zionism and the Left'

<sup>82</sup> Event held at Student Central, Malet St May 2016. My first-hand account of the evening <http://david-collier.com/antisemitism-root-labour-party/>



Momentum Thanet ( Jackie Walker) took the roadshow to Haringey. Using a now well-worn strategy of holding a discussion on antisemitism on a Friday night, when many Jews would be unable to attend.<sup>83</sup>



And this Jackie Walker and Moshe Machover event. Which indicates Momentum were by then projecting to their members a black woman (and self-identifying Jew) who thought Jews were behind the slave trade alongside a lifelong Communist as the 'voice' of the Jewish people and experts in all things 'antisemitism':<sup>84</sup>



<sup>83</sup> <https://www.thejc.com/news/uk-news/momentum-criticised-for-holding-antisemitism-debate-on-a-friday-night-1.57578>

<sup>84</sup> Even as early as 1961, Machover was a member of the Israeli Communist Party.  
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mosh%C3%A9\\_Machover](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mosh%C3%A9_Machover)

These Jews had been attacking Israel for years. Now they turned their attention closer to home. The idea that 93% of Jews had an Israeli connection, 90% support Israel as a Jewish State and 93% support Israel's right to defend itself from Hamas – needed to be so absolutely distorted that nobody felt confident enough to talk about a 'Jewish mainstream'. Everything was just an 'argument'. Definition of antisemitism = 'argument'. Definition of Zionism = 'argument'. The total deconstruction of Jewish identity.

Now these people had become Labour Members, FSOI took their message to the heart of the Labour Party – Conference.

 **Mike Cushman** shared a link.  
Admin · 18 September 2016

Defenders and opponents of Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn will clash over interpretations of Zionism and antisemitism in three separate meetings in the space of as many hours on the first day of the party conference in Liverpool on Sunday September 25.

The spectacle comes about because of an initiative by Free Speech on Israel (FSOI), a network of mainly Jewish activists opposed to the deployment of antisemitism allegations to silence Corbyn supporters who campaign for justice for Palestine.



[FREESPEECHONISRAEL.ORG.UK](http://FREESPEECHONISRAEL.ORG.UK)  
**FSOI MEDIA NOTICE - Zionism and antisemitism all the rage at Labour Party conference fringe - Free Speech on Israel**

**SEPT  
25**

## Jewish Socialists Against The Anti-Corbyn Witch-hunt:

Public · Hosted by [Mike Cushman](#)

★ Interested    ✓ Going

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🕒 Sunday, 25 September 2016 from 19:30-21:00  
More than a year ago

📍 Novotel Hotel, Liverpool Centre, 40 Hanover Street,  
Liverpool L1 4LN

[Show map](#)

Leah Levane at a Palestine Return Centre event, just a few months before Chakrabarti.<sup>85</sup>

Leah Levane

Jews for Justice for Palestinians - JfJfP

Topic: Is Israel speaking on behalf of the entire Jewish people?

The banner would be raised everywhere possible. A Momentum BAME event in October 2016. The main speaker? Jackie Walker:<sup>86</sup>



Even when it looked like they were interested in antisemitism, it was just an excuse to spread their disinformation further:<sup>87</sup>



<sup>85</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/events/1719443151661278/>

<sup>86</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/events/206784996417137/>

<sup>87</sup> The event page is here <https://www.facebook.com/events/1912663578962014/> - the speakers are Julia Bard and Roland Rance. In the description of the event they write 'The accusation of antisemitism against Corbyn for supporting Palestinian rights is not just wrong, it is dangerous. It minimises and obscures the real rise of antisemitic attacks.' It isn't difficult to imagine what was said at the event itself.



The academics took the argument to campus. An event with Ilan Pappé at UCL:<sup>88</sup>

# Am I an Anti-Semite?

MAR 7 Am I an Anti-Semite?  
Public · Hosted by UCL Friends of Palestine Society

They took the message to Scotland:<sup>89</sup>

**Palestine, Free Speech & Israel's 'Black Ops'**  
**EDINBURGH** - \*\*outside the Methodist Church, Nicolson Square\*\*  
**ABERDEEN** - 28 March, ACT Aberdeen, 33 King St  
**DUNDEE** - 29 March, Dalhousie Building, LT 2, Dundee University  
**GLASGOW** - 30 March, UNISON Office, 84 Bell Street  
6.30pm for 7pm start



**Jackie Walker**  
www.scottishpssc.org.uk

MAR 30 GLW: Palestine, Free Speech & Israel's  
'Black Ops'  
Public · Hosted by Scottish Palestine Solidarity Campaign and  
5 others

<sup>88</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/events/289985341417701/> Pappé is a lifelong Marxist, anti-Israel activist and a 'Professor' who openly admits it is sometimes necessary to lie for the cause. See Benny Morris on Pappé <https://newrepublic.com/article/85344/ilan-pappe-sloppy-dishonest-historian> and Pappé video of Pappé telling a fellow activist that something that wasn't true, was still important to push for the 'historical record' <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IjPJSvTezSo>

<sup>89</sup> Jackie Walker spoke at several venues in Scotland <https://www.facebook.com/events/376828286014487/> the event was sponsored by the Scottish Palestine Solidarity Campaign – another anti-Israel movement infested with antisemitism see [https://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/953855\\_faecb29a6e7d4dc6b07d80da1a9bb812.pdf](https://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/953855_faecb29a6e7d4dc6b07d80da1a9bb812.pdf)

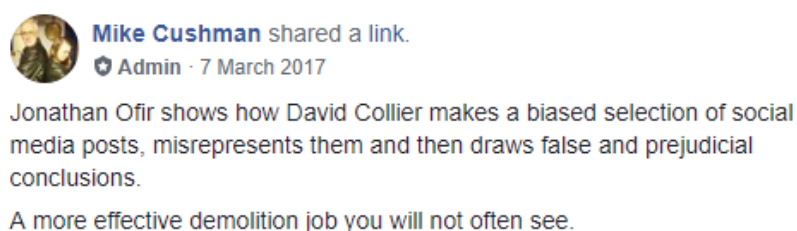
They took the message back to conference in 2017:<sup>90</sup>



Peled is a known agitator who parades *'tired anti-Semitic canards as intellectual discourse'*.<sup>91</sup> He is adored by antisemites.<sup>92</sup> Deputy Labour leader Tom Watson said the conference organising committee would investigate how Peled was given a platform at the event.<sup>93</sup> This type of remark encapsulates how the problem could 'develop inside the party'. Watson was blind if he couldn't see what had been taking place within the movement for over two years.

One additional piece of evidence becomes important here. A February 2017 report on antisemitism inside the Palestine Solidarity Campaign.<sup>94</sup> The report highlighted concentrated levels of antisemites within anti-Israel activism. It was the first report that publicly referenced the secret Facebook Group Palestine Live, and the antisemitism of the founder Elleanne Green.

In the report hard-core antisemitic shares from Elleanne Green were published. The key players from Free Speech on Israel were also members of the group. Mike Cushman chose to attack my report.



<sup>90</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/events/1055471221256902/>

<sup>91</sup> <https://forward.com/scribe/351949/miko-peled-and-progressive-jewish-anti-semitism/>

<sup>92</sup> <http://david-collier.com/miko-peled-spreading-antisemitism/>

<sup>93</sup> <https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2017/sep/26/new-antisemitism-row-for-labour-over-fringe-speakers-holocaust-remarks-miko-peled>

<sup>94</sup> [http://david-collier.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/170222\\_palestine\\_solidarity\\_campaign\\_report.pdf](http://david-collier.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/170222_palestine_solidarity_campaign_report.pdf)

The report itself didn't focus at all on Labour, but rather on hard-core Antisemitism. It also never touched criticism of Israel. Cushman is attacking a report on hard-core antisemitism. The Palestine Live report highlighted the comfort with which these people associated with antisemites. There is no need to repeat the exercise here:



A reminder of just two of the many antisemitic posts Green had shared that were included in the report Cushman had seen before he wrote the post above:<sup>95</sup>



<sup>95</sup> Rehmat1 was a Holocaust denial, hard-core antisemitic website. The article is no longer live, but the post contained a video by Brother Nathaniel [https://rationalwiki.org/wiki/Nathanael\\_Kapner](https://rationalwiki.org/wiki/Nathanael_Kapner)

Yet in September, just a few months after publication, people like Naomi Wimborne-Idrissi and Leah Levane were still taking advice from Elleanne Green inside the FSOI Facebook Group:<sup>96</sup>



Idrissi, Cushman and co are not about fighting antisemitism. They spend their time protecting it. Yet FSOI had a branding problem. Free Speech on Israel was outside of the party and branded for discussion on Israel. If the Corbyn project was to be protected, then Jewish identity had to be attacked. To get inside the mechanism, the group had to become part of the Labour Party. This small band of anti-Zionist Jews needed to evolve again.

### Stage three – Jewish voice for Labour

Jewish voice for Labour was just a rebrand. This is an early list of their officers:<sup>97</sup>

#### **JVL Officers**

Chair: Jenny Manson **chair@jvl.org.uk**  
Secretary: Glyn Secker **secretary@jvl.org.uk**  
Treasurer: Richard Kuper **treasurer@jvl.org.uk**  
Membership: Mike Cushman **members@jvl.org.uk**  
Media: Naomi Wimborne-Idrissi **media@jvl.org.uk**  
Information: Jonathan Rosenhead

<sup>96</sup> From FSOI FB Group 18 September 2017

<sup>97</sup> <https://web.archive.org/web/20171120113407/http://www.jewishvoiceforlabour.org.uk/about/jvl-officers/>

We are introduced to Jenny Manson, who re-found her Jewish identity just for the purpose of fighting against Israel, was made Chair.<sup>98</sup> And Richard Kuper who was platforming with Jeremy Corbyn as early as 2003.<sup>99</sup> The other four of course are just 'Free Speech on Israel' rebranded - Naomi Wimborne-Idrissi, Mike Cushman, Glyn Secker and Jonathan Rosenhead:

FREE SPEECH ON ISRAEL <sup>100</sup>	JEWISH VOICE FOR LABOUR <sup>101</sup>	JEW BIG <sup>102</sup>	BRICUP <sup>103</sup>	Jews for justice for Palestinians <sup>104</sup>
Mike Cushman *	Glyn Secker*	Debbie Fink*	Jonathan Rosenhead*	Glyn Secker*
Jonathan Rosenhead*	Mike Cushman*	Naomi Wimborne-I*	Mike Cushman*	Rachel Lever*
Glyn Secker*	Naomi Wimborne-I*	Mike Cushman*		
Debbie Fink*	Jonathan Rosenhead*			
Naomi Wimborne - I	Rachel Lever*			

- Mike Cushman - FSOI<sup>105</sup>, JVL<sup>106</sup>, J-BIG<sup>107</sup> and BRICUP<sup>108</sup>
- Naomi Wimborne Idrissi - FSOI<sup>109</sup>, JVL<sup>110</sup> and J-BIG<sup>111</sup>
- Jonathan Rosenhead - BRICUP<sup>112</sup>, JVL<sup>113</sup> and FSOI<sup>114</sup>
- Glyn Secker - FSOI<sup>115</sup>, JVL<sup>116</sup> and JFJFP<sup>117</sup>
- Rachel Lever – JFJFP<sup>118</sup> and JVL<sup>119</sup>
- Debbie Fink - FSOI<sup>120</sup>, J-BIG<sup>121</sup>

<sup>98</sup> <https://twitter.com/ComiskeyNathan/status/979626247037882368?>

<sup>99</sup> <http://www.inminds.co.uk/palestine-rally-1-17may03.html>

<sup>100</sup> See <http://freespeechonisrael.org.uk/>

<sup>101</sup> See <http://www.jewishvoiceforlabour.org.uk/>

<sup>102</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/j4big/>

<sup>103</sup> <http://www.bricup.org.uk/contacts.html>

<sup>104</sup> <https://jfjfp.com/>

<sup>105</sup> <http://freespeechonisrael.org.uk/about-us/#sthash.DK5DhCBF.dpbs>

<sup>106</sup> <http://www.jewishvoiceforlabour.org.uk/about/jvl-officers/>

<sup>107</sup> <https://www.theguardian.com/education/2016/apr/25/zionism-racism-and-the-new-nus-president-malia-bouattia>

<sup>108</sup> <http://www.bricup.org.uk/contacts.html>

<sup>109</sup> <https://twitter.com/lbc/status/787909682413314048?lang=en-gb>

<sup>110</sup> <http://www.jewishvoiceforlabour.org.uk/about/jvl-officers/>

<sup>111</sup> <https://morningstaronline.co.uk/a-ca1e-j-big-the-jews-who-back-the-boycott>

<sup>112</sup> <http://www.bricup.org.uk/contacts.html>

<sup>113</sup> <http://www.jewishvoiceforlabour.org.uk/about/jvl-officers/>

<sup>114</sup> <http://freespeechonisrael.org.uk/about-us/#sthash.DK5DhCBF.dpbs>

<sup>115</sup> <http://freespeechonisrael.org.uk/about-us/#sthash.DK5DhCBF.dpbs>

<sup>116</sup> <http://www.jewishvoiceforlabour.org.uk/about/jvl-officers/>

<sup>117</sup> <http://jfjfp.com/dissident-jews-make-the-news/>

<sup>118</sup> <https://medium.com/@TonyGreenstein/jewish-voice-for-labour-the-politics-of-self-indulgence-nothing-to-say-on-palestine-or-zionism-a3d5618ca630>

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<sup>120</sup> <http://freespeechonisrael.org.uk/letters-to-the-press/#sthash.p7x2Vcvp.dpbs>

<sup>121</sup> <https://morningstaronline.co.uk/a-ca1e-j-big-the-jews-who-back-the-boycott>



From this point it was about spreading the message to the membership. The constant drumbeat:

*We are the real Jews. Zionists are mostly not Jews. Zionists are all racists. Zionism needs antisemitism to survive and so invents it. It is not antisemitic to oppose Zionism. This is just about suppressing criticism of Israel. We are many, they are just well funded with a media that supports them. They are the antisemites – see how they bully us.*

A blatant attack on Jewish identity by a handful of people who have never played any part in Jewish community life. It would lead to this, everywhere where the 93% stood:



Now these people had two brands. Inside the Party Mechanisms they were 'JVL' – outside they were 'Free Speech on Israel'.<sup>122 123</sup>



NOV 14 On Antisemitism: Solidarity and the Struggle for Justice  
Public - Hosted by Haymarket Books

Confirmed speakers:

Antony Lerman, contributor to 'On Antisemitism' and Senior Fellow at the Kreisky Forum for International Dialogue, on the uses and abuses of antisemitism

Naomi Wimborne-Idrissi, Free Speech on Israel, on antisemitism, racism, and Jewish people of colour


Mike Cushman, Free Speech on Israel, chair


<sup>122</sup> An event from November 2017, after the launch of JVL in which the 'FSOI' brand works better than the 'JVL' one. The message remains identical. See <https://www.facebook.com/events/264887987366069/>


<sup>123</sup> For some of the comments made by leaders of JVL and to see some of the antisemites they have allowed to affiliate with the group, see the JVL Watch Twitter feed [https://twitter.com/JVL\\_Watch](https://twitter.com/JVL_Watch)


This split allowed them to promote the more toxic elements, such as 'Labour Against the Witch-hunt' and Walker's 'the Lynching' via 'Free Speech on Israel' whilst pretending to be more sensitive on the main JVL page. These are adverts for events on FSOI from January 2018.<sup>124</sup>


January 2018


**Labour Against the Witchhunt - Birmingham...**  
Tuesday, 30 January 2018 at 19:00  
Steve Price and 204 other guests



**UCL Demonstration: NO to Normalisation o...**  
Thursday, 25 January 2018 at 18:00  
Deborah Fink and 744 other guests


**LAW lobby of next Labour NEC meeting**  
Tuesday, 23 January 2018 at 11:00  
Bill Sheppard and 131 other guests


**Resist David Trone's Attack on Free Spee...**  
Sunday, 21 January 2018 at 13:00 EST  
Ofer Neiman and 312 other guests


**The Lynching, a play performed by Jackie...**  
Friday, 19 January 2018 at 19:00  
James Welch and 137 other guests


None of these were advertised on the JVL page. J-BIG, JVL and the Free Speech on Israel Twitter accounts seem to be operated by the same person:<sup>125</sup>


**J-BIG**  
@Jews4BIG

Running with the fox and hunting with the hounds  
Hoffman lambasting Wes Streeting for not being ...  
[tmi.me/1fjVP6](https://tmi.me/1fjVP6)  
10:41 PM · Oct 30, 2017 · Plume for Android


**JewishVoiceForLabour**  
@JVoiceLabour

Running with the fox and hunting with the hounds  
Hoffman lambasting Wes Streeting for not being ...  
[tmi.me/1fjVP8](https://tmi.me/1fjVP8)  
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**FreeSpeechOnIsrael**  
@FreeSpeechOnIsr

Running with the fox and hunting with the hounds  
Hoffman lambasting Wes Streeting for not being ...  
[tmi.me/1fjVP7](https://tmi.me/1fjVP7)  
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<sup>124</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/groups/FreeSpeechonIsrael/events/>

<sup>125</sup> This probably means either Cushman or Idrissi. H/T to JVL watch for this research.  
[https://twitter.com/JVL\\_Watch](https://twitter.com/JVL_Watch)

On the JVL page, they kept up the pretense these were two separate groups:



Such a highly toxic fringe group would never have been allowed to function inside the party if it were attacking another minority group. They certainly would not have been allowed to use party apparatus without the approval and support of Corbyn's office. At the launch during conference 2017, two union bosses UNITE's Len McCluskey and Aslef's Tosh McDonald, both promised that their unions would affiliate with the group.<sup>126</sup>

Via a distortion of truth, the attack on Jewish identity and the creation of new antisemites, they found a way into the CLPs, and held discussions seeking affiliation:<sup>127</sup>

Harrow East:<sup>128</sup>

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## Harrow East Labour Party affiliates to controversial Jewish Voice for Labour group

Harrow East Labour Party voted last night to affiliate to the Jewish Voice for Labour, a fringe organisation which seeks to downplay antisemitism in the Labour Party.

Hackney South and Shoreditch:



<sup>126</sup> <https://skwawkbox.org/2017/09/25/breaking-unite-to-affiliate-to-jvl/> and <https://skwawkbox.org/2017/09/26/breaking-2nd-union-to-affiliate-to-jvl/>

<sup>127</sup> <https://www.theredroar.com/2018/06/harrow-east-labour-party-affiliates-to-controversial-jewish-voice-for-labour-group/>

<sup>128</sup> <https://www.theredroar.com/2018/06/harrow-east-labour-party-affiliates-to-controversial-jewish-voice-for-labour-group/>

Henley:



**Esmerelda Chingford** ▶ **Free Speech on Israel**

11 Mar 2018 · 🌐 · **Henley CLP** affiliated with JVL yesterday and passed this motion: Henley CLP deplores the suspension of JVL Secretary, Glyn Secker, from membership of the Labour Party, for alleged anti-semitism. There is an appalling lack of process in the way he has been dealt with. The process should be fair, open and transparent in line with the recommendations of...

Somerton & Frome



**Christine Wilson** Somerton & Frome CLP is also affiliated to JVL.  
#Solidarity

Like · Reply · 10w

Wimbledon:



**Maureen Anne Fitzsimmons**

10 August 2018 · 🌐

Wimbledon CLP backs Code of Conduct after Langleben no-show  
by SKWAWKBOX  
wplogo

**Wimbledon CLP** (constituency Labour party) last night voted to support Labour's Code of Conduct and to reject attempts to adopt wholesale the examples in the IHRA (International Holocaust Remembrance Association) 'working definition' of antisemitism.

The vote - by twenty-five to nineteen with a single abstention - by delegates from branches and affiliates came after a presentation by visiting speaker **Glyn Secker** of JVL (Jewish Voice for Labour) in favour of the code.

Hastings and Rye:



**Michael Howard**

26 October 2018 · 🌐

Well done Hornsey & Wood Green Labour Party for affiliating to **Jewish Voice for Labour**. They are in good company as we in **Hastings and Rye CLP** did the same at our AGM this week.

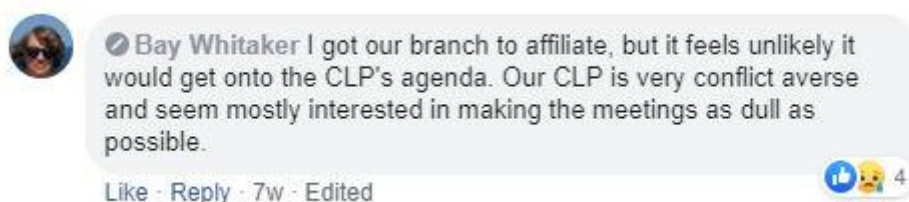
And as for the claim that **Jewish** people are not safe in the Party, it is complete drivel.

What the zionists do not like is that an increasing number of Jews (like me) and non-Jews have become acutely aware of what zionism has always really been about: the establishment of a **Jewish** state and the necessary subjugation of the Palestinians and Arab Israeli's by the latest of their colonial masters the Israeli **Jewish** establishment to achieve it

Liverpool Riverside:



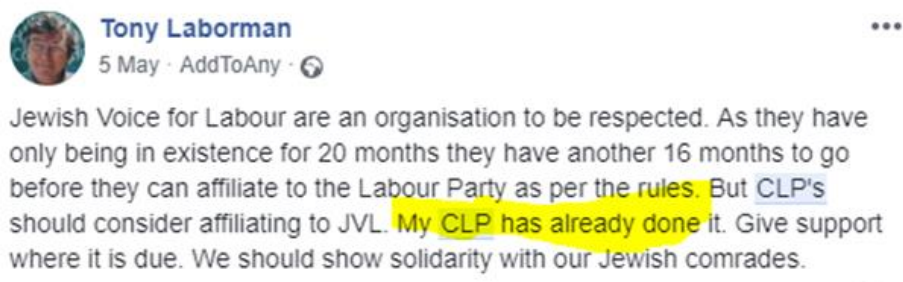
Somewhere in Sheffield:



Wirral South and Wallasey:<sup>129</sup>

WIRRAL SOUTH AND WALLASEY CLPS are among the latest to affiliate to Jewish Voice for Labour (JVL). JVL has a central role to play both in dealing with antisemitism as well as false allegations of antisemitism. We don't receive money from the state of Israel nor its agencies. Unlike the Jewish Labour Movement, we are not affiliated to Zionist organisations – and we call on the UK to immediately suspend its arms trade with Israel.

Standing with JVL became the 'Corbynista' thing to do:



<sup>129</sup> <https://labourbriefing.org/home/2018/6/18/clps-affiliate-to-jewish-voice-for-labour>



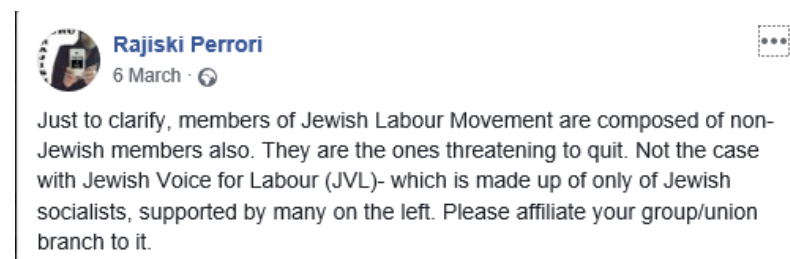
As a way of spreading the message, they turned local CLP's into outposts with their own foreign policy:



They began to appear at festivals and roadshows. Taking the lies of 'we are many' and the attack on Jewish identity with them wherever they went:



This idea of a 50/50 split in which 'left-wing' Jews were being attacked by 'racists - right-wing Zionist Jews and their allies', was the message spreading throughout the party grassroots:



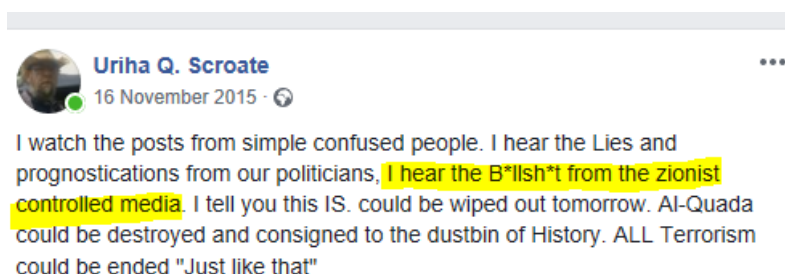
And all that heard them were thankful to hear antisemitism was just being used as a weapon:



Some even joined as affiliate members themselves:



Because antisemitism loves a shield:



JVL actively promoted their message, creating a 'model motion' for everyone to use:



They set the entire Labour Party membership up against the mainstream representatives of British Jewry:<sup>130</sup>



And JVL provided the ‘kosher’ cover to oppose the adoption of the IHRA definition of antisemitism:<sup>131</sup>



It should be understood. This is not a call for JVL members to protest. This is a message to the wider Labour membership that they can go, protest and JVL will have a few representatives and their banners in place, to deflect from accusations of antisemitism. Like J-BIG and Free Speech on Israel, JVL do not have the Jewish support to march alone.

<sup>130</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/events/840833246123495/>

<sup>131</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/events/861510890713580/>

Corbyn mechanisms sprang to life:

## FREE SPEECH ON PALESTINE

7.30pm, THURS 20 SEPT,

HAMMERSMITH IRISH CENTRE, W6 9DT

Labour's recent adoption of the full list of IHRA examples has important consequences for Party members who support Palestinian rights.

Come and discuss what the implications of this are, and how we continue the fight for free speech on Israel within the labour movement.

Speakers:

**RICHARD KUPER**

Jewish Voice for Labour

Local politics turn into warzones. Leaflets are circulated at CLP meetings calling into question the loyalty of the JLM.<sup>132</sup> Jenny Manson tried to run as a candidate in Barnet.<sup>133</sup> Leah Levane successfully runs as a Councillor in Hastings.<sup>134</sup> There are JVL speakers cancelled due to pressure, such as in Enfield.<sup>135</sup> This further enhances the image of 'Zionist pressure'. A lose-lose situation for British Jews.

In Haringey as they sat to discuss the adoption of the IHRA definition of antisemitism, there was a protest outside. The Free Speech on Israel banner proudly seen at the front (the branding 'choice' here would probably not want JVL banners, it would seem to internally oppositional):

### Haringey Council anti-Semitism vote sparks row

**PUBLISHED:** 11:44 28 July 2017 | **UPDATED:** 18:25 01 August 2017 | [Jon King](#)



Protesters gathered outside Haringey Civic Centre on Monday before the council voted to adopt a definition of anti-semitism. Picture: SALIM ALAM

A row has erupted between campaigners, inter faith leaders and Haringey Council after a ruling on anti-Semitism.

<sup>132</sup> <https://www.thejc.com/news/uk-news/letter-questioning-the-loyalty-of-jewish-labour-movement-to-the-labour-party-condemned-1.486433>

<sup>133</sup> <https://www.thejc.com/news/uk-news/anger-over-manson-as-mp-prospect-1.470878?>

<sup>134</sup> <https://hastings.moderngov.co.uk/mgUserInfo.aspx?UID=1174>

<sup>135</sup> <https://jewishnews.timesofisrael.com/enfield-labour-accused-of-insulting-the-community-by-inviting-jvl-activist/>



Inside the hall, the council members were heckled as they took the vote. One protestor shouted, 'we'll see in you in your CLPs one by one'.<sup>136</sup>

Inside the hall amidst those shouting down the Haringey Councillors was Wimborne-Idrissi:<sup>137</sup>



Redbridge Momentum throw out the red carpet:

**Redbridge Momentum**  
29 September 2018 · 🌐

Claims that Labour has a problem with antisemitism have dominated the news agenda. Many Jewish party members contest the prevailing view. Redbridge Momentum and friends would like to invite you to a members' and guests' meeting on the subject of:

Labour, Britain's Jews and Antisemitism — A Different Perspective....  
[See more](#)

**redbridge momentum**

דאס איז אונזער לאנד  
דארטען, וואו מיר לעבן.

**meeting 4th oct**  
right there where we live - that's where our country is

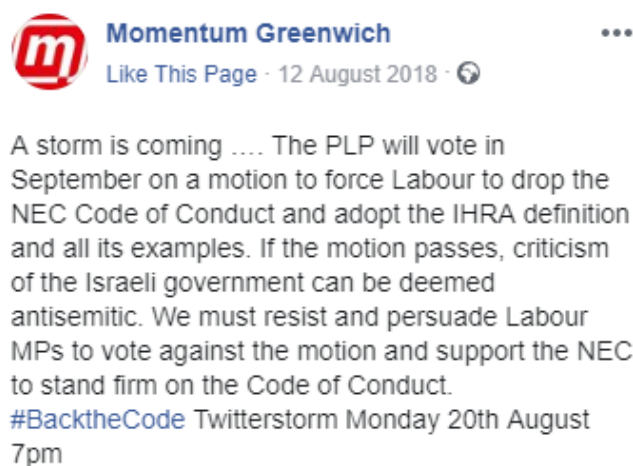
EVENTBRITE.CO.UK  
**Labour, Britain's Jews and Antisemitism — A Different Perspective**

<sup>136</sup> <https://twitter.com/SussexFriends/status/890297278057066496?>

<sup>137</sup> Photo credit unknown. Image appears on Emma Picken's Twitter feed  
<https://twitter.com/GnasherJew/status/935235506819993602?s=20>



Momentum Hammersmith & Fulham, Momentum Richmond & Twickenham, Harrow Momentum, Kingston Momentum, Momentum Kensington & Chelsea, and Ealing Momentum are just a few of the Momentum branches that held events or shared posts opposing the adoption of the IHRA or gave platforms to JVL speakers.<sup>138</sup> Greenwich is another:



JVL are a small band of anti-Zionist Jews. They have a handful of people capable of speaking at a limited number of events. All they had to do was provide the cover, the ammunition. They distorted Jewish identity with blatant and at times highly disgraceful Soviet style propaganda.

This is a good example of that - to reject the obvious comparison of JVL with the anti-Jewish Yevseksiya, JVL wrote an article comparing JLM to the Yevseksiya instead.<sup>139</sup> This is what they are about. There is no historical or logical reasoning behind this at all – in fact it is disgraceful revisionism - but it doesn't matter. Those who read it have no understanding of the issues involved. It seems like a 50/50 'he said- she said' internal Jewish spat. With the matter sufficiently clouded – JVL can just carry on.

JVL delivered a finely tuned message, battle-tested through years of anti-Israel activism outside of mainstream politics – that the idea of mainstream Jewry is a myth. Most Zionists are not Jews. Zionists are racists. We are the true Jews who need defending. This is all about stopping criticism of Israel. Israel is Apartheid. Those extremists are defending Apartheid.

With that message in hand and the kosher umbrella provided, people who knew nothing about Jews, antisemitism or Israel set up stall to defend Corbyn. When one was expelled or suspended, like Livingstone, Walker or Williamson, JVL personnel were not needed. Entire movements inside the Labour Party were set up.<sup>140</sup> These people cannot possibly be antisemites. How did the members know? JVL told them so.

<sup>138</sup> Examples <https://www.facebook.com/MomentumKandC/posts/2190670747855827?>

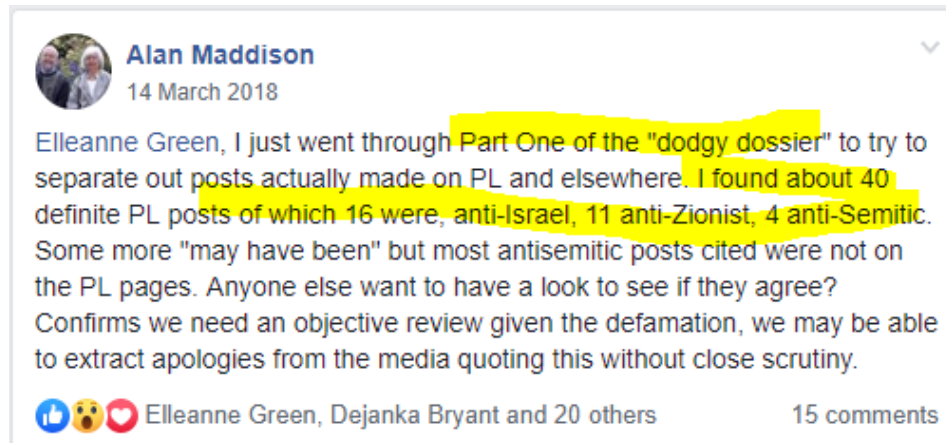
<sup>139</sup> <https://www.jewishvoiceforlabour.org.uk/article/the-yevseksiya-then-and-now/> for more on the Yevseksiya see <http://david-collier.com/jewish-voice-labour-yevseksiya/> or from Historian Colin Schindler <https://www.thejc.com/news/news-features/like-corbyn-lenin-had-his-own-team-of-anti-zionist-jews-1.482607>

<sup>140</sup> See petition to reinstate Chris Williamson [https://www.change.org/p/jennie-formby-reinstate-chris-williamson-mp?use\\_react=false](https://www.change.org/p/jennie-formby-reinstate-chris-williamson-mp?use_react=false)

## JVL -DISTORTING STATISTICS

Another method JVL used was to distort statistics to suggest antisemitism didn't exist, or if it did it was in tiny quantities and far worse elsewhere. For this, they used 'statistician' Alan Maddison. Maddison was a Labour activist and a former 'Director of Strategic Business Planning'.<sup>141</sup>

After the publication of the Palestine Live report. Alan Maddison went through the material and inside the Palestine Live group, wrote this about Palestine Live Part One:



It would be recommended at this stage just to flick through pages 11-23 of the report.<sup>142</sup> There is no need to read more to understand the content explicitly shared in Palestine Live. David Duke, numerous Atzmon articles, Holocaust denial, shares from websites such as Rehmat1, theuglytruth, veteranstoday and politicalvelcraft. Ken O'Keefe conspiracy, Mossad were behind Charlie Hebdo, 9/11 conspiracy and videos from Brother Nathanael.<sup>143</sup>

**Maddison only saw \*FOUR\* antisemitic posts that were shared in the group in 90 pages of rancid Antisemitism.**

This is important. Maddison appears to be looking at ways to classify antisemitism as anything other than antisemitism. Therefore an 'Israel did 9/11' or 'Charlie Hebdo' is viewed as 'anti-Israel'. A 'Zionists stole Ukrainian children to cut them apart for their organs' post becomes 'anti-Zionist'.

To have viewed the Palestine Live report and \*defend the group\*, suggesting there is little, or no antisemitism inside, entirely discredits Alan Maddison.

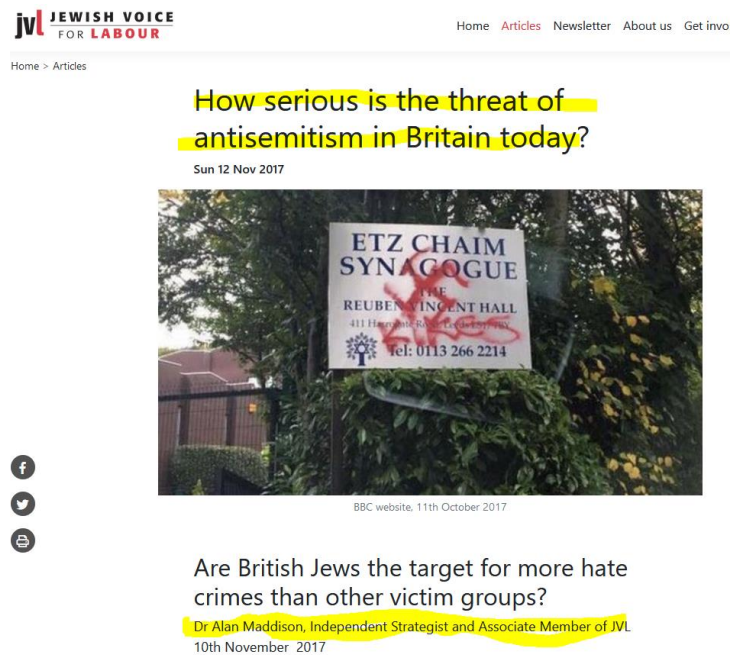
Yet Alan Maddison is the person JVL use to prove antisemitism doesn't really exist.

<sup>141</sup> <https://twitter.com/alanmaddison20?lang=en>

<sup>142</sup> [http://david-collier.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/180305\\_livereport\\_part1\\_FINAL.pdf](http://david-collier.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/180305_livereport_part1_FINAL.pdf)

<sup>143</sup> Atzmon is an antisemite even the Palestine Solidarity Campaign won't touch – see <https://www.algemeiner.com/2019/07/10/the-outrageous-antisemitism-of-ex-israeli-and-ex-jew-gilad-atzmon/> Rehmat1 is referenced in this 2013 report on antisemitism in Australia <http://www.ecaj.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2012/08/2013-ECAJ-Antisemitism-Report.pdf> Theuglytruth is referenced here <https://honestreporting.com/an-abc-platform-for-a-well-known-antisemitic-crank-stephen-sizer/> For veteranstoday see <https://mediabiasfactcheck.com/veterans-today/> For politicalvelcraft see [https://rationalwiki.org/wiki/Political\\_Vel\\_Craft](https://rationalwiki.org/wiki/Political_Vel_Craft) ADL on Ken O'Keefe <https://www.adl.org/blog/anti-semitic-ken-okeefe-on-a-u-s-speaking-tour> And on Brother Nathanael [https://rationalwiki.org/wiki/Nathanael\\_Kapner](https://rationalwiki.org/wiki/Nathanael_Kapner)

Maddison is JVL's 'how much antisemitism is there' person.<sup>144</sup>



Like everything with JVL, they do not seem to care about truth – they just need to be seen making an argument that others, who understand nothing of Jews, Zionism or Israel can then use as a defensive shield. It is pure propaganda. The Maddison articles poured out of the JVL propaganda machinery:

- How serious is the threat of antisemitism (downplaying antisemitism) – revisited Nov 2017.<sup>145</sup>
- Submission to the Labour Party Democracy Review concerning the role of the BAME group (downplaying antisemitism). January 2018.<sup>146</sup>
- Political parties in Britain: views on racial prejudice, immigration and under-represented groups (downplaying antisemitism). April 2018.<sup>147</sup>

JVL carried on in January 2019 with another attack in an article titled 'Antisemitism: no justification for singling out Labour':<sup>148</sup>

Antisemitism: no justification for singling out Labour

We asked Alan Maddison, who has been analysing antisemitic statistics over recent years, to give us an update,....

<sup>144</sup> <https://www.jewishvoiceforlabour.org.uk/article/serious-threat-antisemitism-britain-today/>

<sup>145</sup> <https://www.jewishvoiceforlabour.org.uk/article/serious-threat-antisemitism-revisited/>

<sup>146</sup> <https://www.jewishvoiceforlabour.org.uk/article/labour-party-democracy-review-bame-labour-submission/>

<sup>147</sup> <https://www.jewishvoiceforlabour.org.uk/article/political-parties-in-britain-views-on-racial-prejudice-immigration-and-under-represented-groups-2/>

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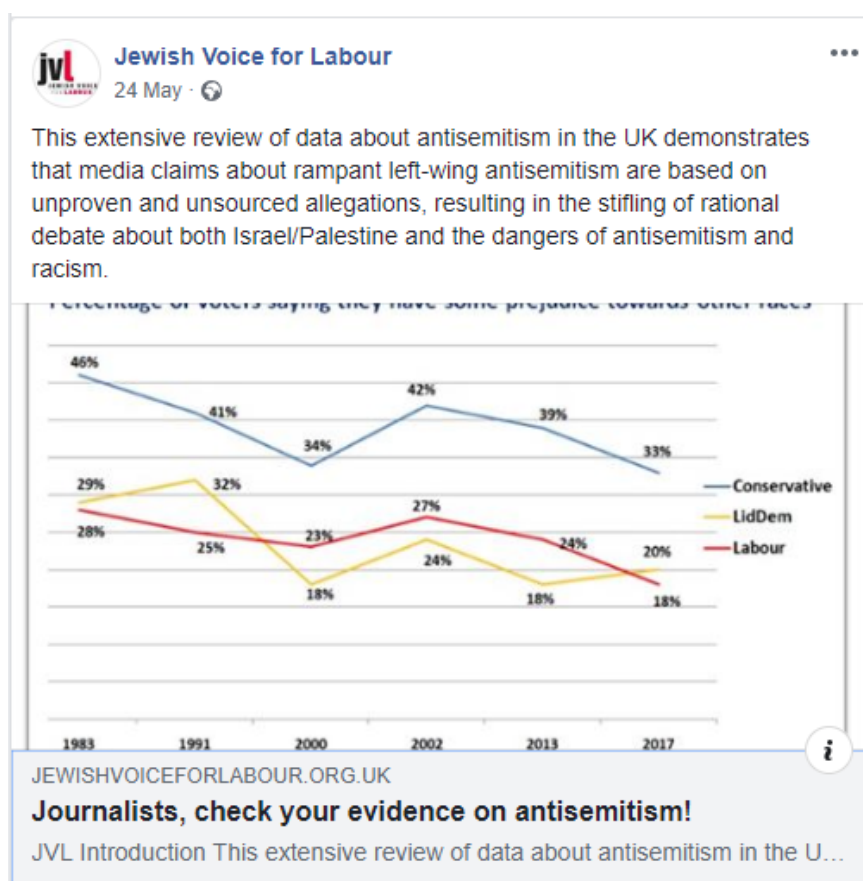
And it carries on:

- The New-Antisemitism: proof at last? (downplaying antisemitism). Feb 2019.<sup>149</sup>
- The Truth behind the stats (downplaying antisemitism). Feb 2019.<sup>150</sup>
- Antisemitic criticism of Israel is NOT widespread in the Labour Party (downplaying antisemitism). April 2019.<sup>151</sup>
- Labour Antisemitism' Allegations are Usually Wrong. Disagree? Just Ask the IHRA (downplaying antisemitism). July 2019.<sup>152</sup>

All those articles are written or co-authored by Alan Maddison, JVL's 'antisemitism guru' who saw no more than 4 antisemitic articles shared in the Palestine Live group in 90 pages of raw Jew-hatred.

This is little different from David Irving being inventive with numbers and facts to prove the Holocaust didn't really happen. Whilst the subject matter may be different, the same logic applies.

Once the statistician had done his job. The JVL machinery churned it out to those who needed it:



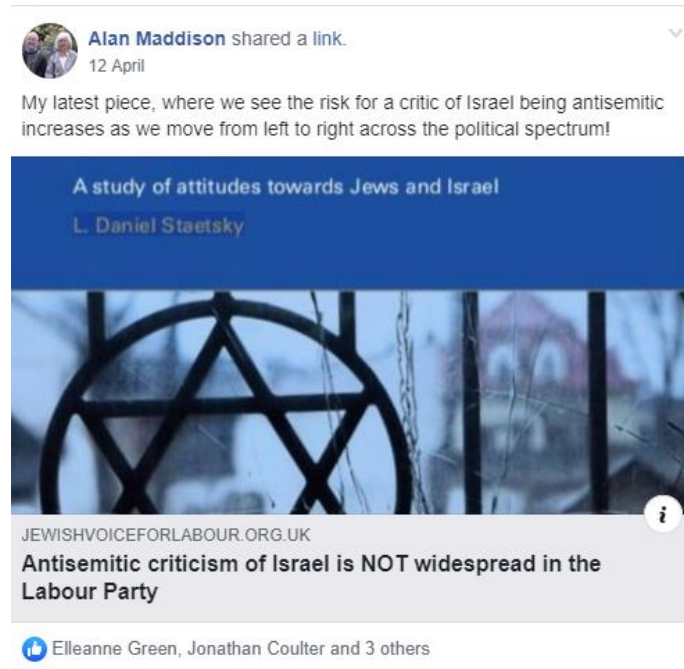
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<sup>151</sup> <https://www.jewishvoiceforlabour.org.uk/article/antisemitic-criticism-of-israel-is-not-widespread-in-the-labour-party/>

<sup>152</sup> <https://www.jewishvoiceforlabour.org.uk/article/labour-antisemitism-allegations-are-usually-wrong-disagree-just-ask-the-ihra/>

Perversely Maddison is still a member of Palestine Live. This is JVL's 'statistician' inside Palestine Live in 2019, sharing JVL articles that promote the idea there is no antisemitism in the Labour Party. Even if this were true, which it isn't, what has that got to do with a toxic environment like Palestine Live? This isn't the Labour Party. What possible moral justification can there be to give these people ammunition to deflect from accusations of Antisemitism? This is evidence this has nothing to do with Labour or antisemitism, it is all about protecting the 'cause'.




These statistics have been used tens of thousands, if not hundreds of thousands of times, by Labour party members who attack Jews. They are created by someone who simply does not know what antisemitism is:










One more piece of evidence. A discussion that took place in Palestine Live a few days after the report was published. Green was sent a 'damage control until it dies down' message. Idrissi even directly emailed her.


**Elleanne Green**  
Admin · 15 March 2018 · London




I was just going to settle down to quickly read Naomi Wimborne-Idrissi's piece which D'vorah Leah recommended I should check out at the top of the Jewish Voice for Labour page but I could not as I seem to have been excluded from the group now - and they were keen to publish Howard Cohen's letter at some time soon - not sure how we can square that circle?



   Greta Berlin, William Charles and 8 others 18 comments


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

 Comment



**Elleanne Green** · Howard Cohen  
Like · Reply · 1y


**Howard Cohen** · They do want to publish the letter I think. Leah spoke to the others. Removing you I believe is part of damage control until this dies down. That's what the letter they sent you said. They know how these bastards work do they are covering themselves. My letter is a defensive reply and so they would want to publish. It protects them too!  
Like · Reply · 1y   5

**Greta Berlin** I am so heartsick for you, Elleanne. For me, it's like reliving a terrible time when I was accused of wanting to watch a video... and that was all. I lost friends. I lost supporters. I was asked to leave the initiative for Gaza's Ark. And I was recover... See more  
Like · Reply · 1y  1

**William Charles** Outrageous.  
Like · Reply · 1y

**Elleanne Green** · Well just a bit sad, really ...  
Like · Reply · 1y  4

**Tony Greenstein** it's also on Free Speech on Israel site  
Like · Reply · 1y  1

**Elleanne Green** · Yes and Naomi has sent it to me by email too now  
Like · Reply · 1y

And we can finish the JVL section here. Palestine Live was shown to be a sewer of antisemitism. Every member of JVL should have known it before the public exposure, and certainly know it today. Yet Mike Cushman, Naomi Wimborne-Idrissi, Leah Levane and Jonathan Rosenhead are all still members of the group.<sup>153</sup>



**Naomi Wimborne-Idrissi**  
Added by Eileanne Green on 15 August 2015  
Manchester High School for Girls



**Mike Cushman**  
Added by Eileanne Green on 31 May 2015  
Research Fellow - Retired at The London School of Economics and Political Science - LSE



**Jonathan Rosenhead**  
Added by Eileanne Green on 28 October 2014



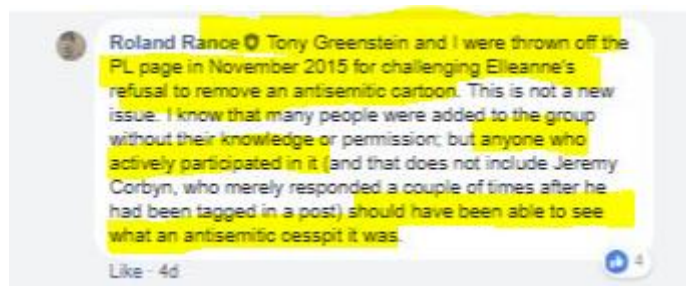
**Leah Levane**  
Added by Eileanne Green on 11 August 2013  
Retired Early at Lots of Places

It should be remembered that when this group were spinning Marxist propaganda tales to the Chakrabarti commission, distorting statistics, overstating their number and downplaying British Jewish support for Israel, they had stated they had NEVER seen antisemitism in the Labour Party.<sup>154</sup>

### 3. Context

The collective experience of our group, spanning life experience running into thousands of person-years, includes only a very small number of experiences of overt antisemitism, and none of them in the Labour Party. Antisemitism has long-

Yet they've been in Palestine Live for years. Alongside hundreds of Labour Party members. Not all are so dishonest. Roland Rance was thrown out. The reason – opposing antisemitism. He wrote 'anyone who actively participated in it... should have been able to see what an antisemitic cesspit it was'.



If the Labour Party really wanted to tackle antisemitism, JVL would never have got off the launch pad. It would have faced near-total rejection. This is a group not large enough to demonstrate alone. The overwhelming majority of those who comment on their posts or share their material are non-Jews who need it.

It is difficult to imagine any other minority group being treated the way Labour has treated the Jews. The very pillars of minority group protection would demand that the obvious representatives of the community be afforded safe space. Instead to further its own ideological position, Labour deliberately enabled a counterforce, which through propaganda, deceit and obfuscation led to a major uprising of popular opinion within Labour grassroots against the mainstream Jewish community.

<sup>153</sup> Membership checked on 25 July 2019

<sup>154</sup> <https://www.scribd.com/doc/315237906/Free-Speech-on-Israel-Submission-to-Chakrabarti-Submission>

## THE MEDIA

Without JVL, there is no argument. Jewish groups define themselves and the 'anti-racist' party sits down to listen. With anti-Zionist Jewish protection – the core principles of anti-racism fell apart. Pro-Corbyn media amplified the JVL voice and took it to the loyalist masses.<sup>155</sup>

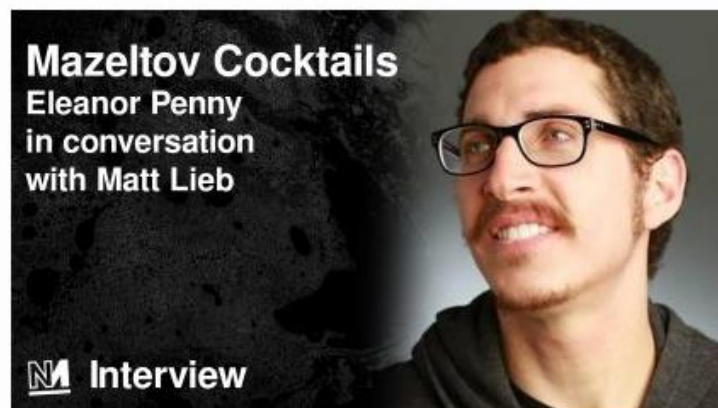
The screenshot shows the top of a news article on 'theCanary' website. The header includes the logo and the tagline 'Independent Media | Campaigning Journalism'. The article is by Fréa Lockley, dated 28th June 2019, and has 9 comments. The title is 'Jewish Voice for Labour condemns the 'hostile, personal campaign against Chris Williamson''. Below the title is a partial image of a person's face. Underneath the article is a section titled 'MOST POPULAR' with three items:

- INVESTIGATION**: Fresh testimony from Labour members could blow Panorama's antisemitism claims wide open. (Accompanied by a small image of a person's face).
- FEATURE**: Historian speaks about possibility of 'deep state' involvement in anti-Corbyn campaign. (Accompanied by a small image of a man's face).
- ANALYSIS**: Board of Deputies demands we stop bringing evidence into discussions on Labour and antisemitism. (Accompanied by a small image of a man's face).

Armed with the 'Jewish defence', the Canary, along with editor Kerry-Anne Mendoza, could project the notion of a 50/50 split. Attacking all those defending Jews with a 'Jew' of her own':

The screenshot shows a tweet from Kerry-Anne Mendoza (@TheMendozaWoman) dated August 14, 2018. The tweet reads: 'Non-Jewish Dan Hodges attempting to goysplain the feelings of the Jewish community to Jewish Michael Rosen.' Below the text is a reply: 'Neoliberals haven't so much jumped the shark as launched it into fucking space.'

<sup>155</sup> Example given <https://www.thecanary.co/uk/news/2019/06/28/jewish-voice-for-labour-condemns-the-hostile-personal-campaign-against-chris-williamson/>



### **Mazeltov Cocktails | Eleanor Penny in Conversation With Matt Lieb**

Why do some antisemites love Israel? What's the relationship between Jewishness and whiteness? Why is our public conversation about antisemitism such a mess? Matt Lieb and Eleanor Penny talk Jewishness, Zionism and the rise of the far right.



### **A Row With No End? Labour, Israel and Antisemitism**

Michael is joined by Barnaby Raine to discuss the latest iteration of Labour's "antisemitism row". The show will feature a video link with Norman Finkelstein speaking from New York.

These outlets are not explaining – because the majority have neither the patience nor inclination to understand. The constant drumbeat of 'right wing plot', 'Nazis support Israel', 'Jewish voices are being suppressed', 'it is all about stopping criticism of Israel', have been turned into catch-phrase weapons that are picked up by the loyal membership and used to alienate and attack Jews.

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<sup>156</sup> <https://novaramedia.com/tag/antisemitism/>



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**Counter Redbridge Momentum**

PRO-ISRAEL  
HARDLINERS PLAN  
MASS DISRUPTION  
TO MOMENTUM/JVL  
EVENT THURSDAY  
02/10/2018  
17 Comments

Redbridge Momentum and Jewish Voice for Labour (JVL) have organised an event for this Thursday titled, 'Labour, Britain's Jews and Antisemitism — A Different Perspective'. Speakers will include JVL founder [...]

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Jewish Voice for Labour (JVL) is a new Jewish socialist organisation that aims to give a voice to Jewish people on the left of the Labour Party. Its official launch [...]

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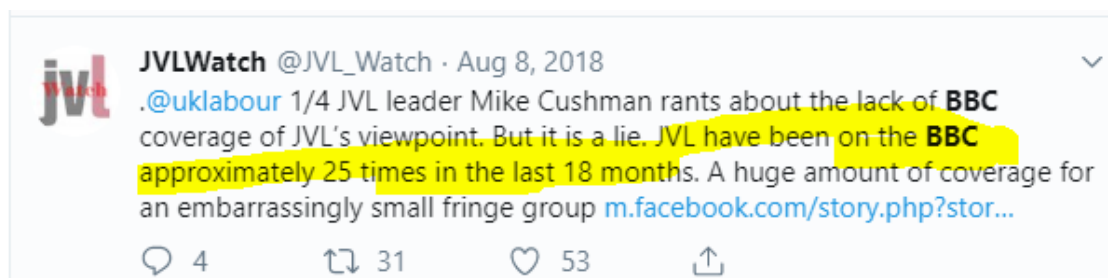
As the SKWAWKBOX revealed on Monday evening, Len McCluskey made the landmark announcement at the JVL (Jewish Voice for Labour) launch event that Unite would formally affiliate to the new [...]

<sup>157</sup> <https://skwawkbox.org/?s=jvl&submit=Search&orderby=relevance&order=DESC>



Unfortunately, it was not only the Corbyn-loyal press that lent a hand. Mainstream media have taken a few Jewish voices and given them a platform far disproportionate to their number. If these Jewish voices are less than 7% and if we then discount the ultra-orthodox and beyond this the indifference that is inherent in near total assimilation – then just how many are left?

**Yet the BBC have fawned over them.** Allowing its millions of viewers to believe that the Jewish community does not solidly stand somewhere under the umbrella of the large Zionist spectrum.<sup>158</sup>



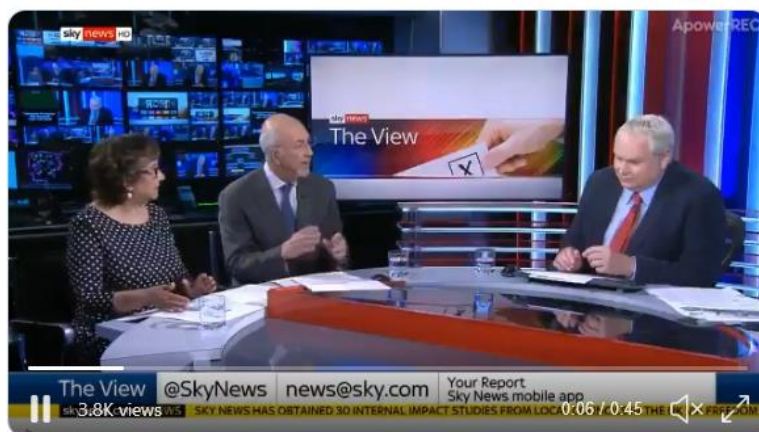
<sup>158</sup> <https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=youtu.be&v=FXo2jtQOi-I> and [https://twitter.com/JVL\\_Watch/status/1027177575259492353?s=20](https://twitter.com/JVL_Watch/status/1027177575259492353?s=20) BBC Idrissi interview <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qlBovltop3Q> in which she talks about 'many Jewish commentators' opposing the IHRA definition. Also - Mike Cushman talk about the 'fabrication' of antisemitism charges <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SWW3CcdKswY>

This coverage has allowed this level of antisemitism to become normalised:



Steve Silverman  
@SSilvUK

According to Yasmin Alibhai-Brown, **Jews who don't support IHRA are "good Jewish people"**



Jewish Voice for Labour are a disinformation campaign. In September of 2018, pseudo-academic research was published by the 'Media Reform Coalition' titled '*Labour, Antisemitism and the News*', *A disinformation paradigm*.<sup>159</sup> It was heavily pushed by Corbyn loyalists:<sup>160</sup>

## New report highlights the inaccurate news coverage of antisemitism controversy

IAIN SINCLAIR introduces a comprehensive study that demonstrates a "disinformation paradigm"

Like Alan Maddison's efforts referenced earlier, the research sought to discredit the IHRA definition and belittle accusations of antisemitism under the cloak of an academic veneer.

The piece was co-authored by Justin Scholsberg, a member of Jewish Voice for Labour.<sup>161162</sup>

<sup>159</sup> <https://www.mediareform.org.uk/>

<sup>160</sup> <https://morningstaronline.co.uk/article/new-report-highlights-inaccurate-news-coverage-antisemitism-controversy> see also <https://witchhuntfilm.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/Press-Kit.pdf> and <https://www.thecanary.co.uk/2018/09/28/damning-evidence-of-misleading-distorted-and-inaccurate-reporting-on-the-labour-antisemitism-row-2/> and

<sup>161</sup> <https://www.mediareform.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/Labour-anti-semitism-and-the-news-EXEC-SUM-FINAL-PROOFED.pdf>

<sup>162</sup> <https://www.theredroar.com/2018/11/report-alleging-media-distortions-of-antisemitism-crisis-riddled-with-bias/>

## THE TOXIC COCKTAIL

Labour had elected the Jeremy Corbyn faction to lead the party.

This includes **John McDonnell** who shared a link on his website to the Khomeini supporting Islamist group INMINDS.<sup>163</sup> A website that pays tribute to suicide bombers.<sup>164</sup> A group that does nothing else but call for the destruction of Israel. The main spokesperson of the group, Sandra Watfa, uses hashtags such as #jewnitedstates.<sup>165</sup>

McDonnell was also the primary sponsor of an early day motion from 2008 that welcomed the launch of the 'Jewish anti-Zionist Network':<sup>166</sup>

**Early Day Motions**

House of Commons

As this motion is using historical data, we may not have the record of the original ordering, in which case signatories are listed alphabetically.

**INTERNATIONAL JEWISH ANTI-ZIONIST NETWORK**

EDM #2332

Share

**Tabled 22 October 2008**  
2007-08 Session

That this House welcomes the launch of the International Jewish Anti-Zionist Network (IJAN) and its founding Charter which gives voice to the great and growing number of Jewish people worldwide who refuse to allow the Israeli state to act in their name and who condemn Israel's ethnic cleansing of Palestinian people, including the murder of 64 children in 2008 alone, its apartheid laws, its expropriation of Palestinians' land and resources, its militarism and nuclear weapons, and its trade in arms (the fourth largest in the world); and notes that by speaking out IJAN discredits Israel's attempts to suppress criticism with false accusations of anti-Semitism.

### Signatures (27)

**Supporters (27)** **Withdrawn Signatures (0)**

The first 6 Members who have signed to support the motion are the sponsors. The primary sponsor is generally the person who tabled the motion and has responsibility for it. The date shown is when the Member signed the motion.

**McDonnell, John**  
Labour  
22 October 2008  
Primary

**Drew, Mr David**  
Labour  
23 October 2008  
2

**Jones, Lynne**  
Labour  
23 October 2008  
3

<sup>163</sup> <http://hurryupharry.org/2016/04/06/john-mcdonnell-campaigning-against-israel/>

<sup>164</sup> <http://www.inminds.co.uk/>

<sup>165</sup> <http://david-collier.com/hate-inminds-little-social-restaurant/>

<sup>166</sup> <https://edm.parliament.uk/early-day-motion/36711/international-jewish-antizionist-network>

The Network was launched in 2008. Moshe Machover was one of the speakers at the launch event.<sup>167</sup>

In December 2008 McDonnell was alongside Jeremy Corbyn to protest the 2008/9 Gaza conflict.<sup>168</sup> He interviewed Corbyn and uploaded a video in which Corbyn said:

“Israeli forces have invaded Gaza, bombing a defenceless civilian population in order to kill very large numbers”.<sup>169</sup>

Corbyn wrongly states that Gaza is defenseless. Ignores context, the rockets being fired on Israel and all other motivations for the conflict. For Corbyn, Israel are doing it just because they want to kill ‘very large numbers’ of civilians.

The entire paradigm of these terrorist groups is built upon the pillar that the democracy, whether it is the US, UK or Israel, cannot fight with gloves off precisely because they cannot discount civilian life.<sup>170</sup> Civilian populations are used as effective human shields. Corbyn’s disgraceful demonisation is a good example of the anti-Zionist mindset that took control of the Labour Party.

McDonnell also spoke at an anti-Israel event during the Lebanon conflict of 2006.<sup>171</sup>

This from Elleanne Green in early 2018:



McDonnell mixed in the same halls as Green not once but twice in just two weeks. Stopping to talk to her on both occasions. They even discussed Gordon Nardell who just four months after this post would be put in place as Labour’s legal advisor on antisemitism charges.<sup>172</sup>

**Seamus Milne** was appointed as Corbyn’s ‘Executive Director of Strategy and Communications’ shortly after Corbyn became Labour leader.<sup>173</sup> Milne has a long history of demonising Israel and

<sup>167</sup> <https://www.indymedia.org.uk/en/2008/10/409793.html>

<sup>168</sup> [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gaza\\_War\\_\(2008%E2%80%932009\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gaza_War_(2008%E2%80%932009))

<sup>169</sup> <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dtd9fHkw0y0>

<sup>170</sup> [https://law.stanford.edu/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/rubinstein\\_roznai.pdf](https://law.stanford.edu/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/rubinstein_roznai.pdf)

<sup>171</sup> <https://socialistworker.co.uk/art/9225/Fury+at+Blair+as+100,000+take+to+the+streets+over+Lebanon>

<sup>172</sup> <https://www.thejc.com/news/uk-news/labour-s-new-legal-adviser-on-antisemitism-absolutely-shares-corbyn-view-on-israel-1.465370>

<sup>173</sup> <https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2015/oct/20/guardian-journalist-seumas-milne-labour-head-communications>

standing in solidarity with anti-Zionist activity. In 2002, Milne was one of the journalists pushing the myth of a massacre in Jenin.<sup>174</sup>

Corbyn introduced Milne at an anti-war rally in 2011.<sup>175</sup> In 2012 Milne spoke at a Gaza rally.<sup>176</sup> And another in 2014.<sup>177</sup> At the 2014 protest **Diane Abbott**, another of Corbyn's front bench, also spoke.<sup>178</sup>

There is no need to go through all Corbyn's inner circle to present this part of the toxic cocktail. One last example is Andrew Murray, who was frequently given a platform by Seamus Milne when he was Comment Editor at the Guardian.<sup>179</sup>

**Andrew Murray** had been Chair of the vehemently anti-Israel Stop the War Coalition.<sup>180</sup> Both Milne and Murray had sat silent on a panel at an event as a member of the Muslim Brotherhood said '*Israeli Jews are not Jews*'.<sup>181</sup>

Murray has blamed Zionism for 9/11 (important clarification: laying the seeds of, rather than carrying out).<sup>182</sup> He was Chief of Staff for Unite the Union when it backed Corbyn for leadership.<sup>183</sup>

The Stop the War coalition even allegedly deleted problematic articles that may have been used against Corbyn after his election.<sup>184</sup> Murray would have been Chair at the time (he replaced Corbyn when Corbyn resigned as STWC Chair to take up the Labour leader position).<sup>185</sup> Murray has been publicly active against Israel for decades. This image from 2003:<sup>186</sup>



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<sup>174</sup> See Milne articles <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2002/apr/11/comment.guardiancolumnists> for details of the myth see <https://www.ipost.com/Opinion/Op-Ed-Contributors/Recalling-the-Jenin-massacre-libel>

<sup>175</sup> <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TIEUxMLZDrY>

<sup>176</sup> <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1EBjIQ-PI7g>

<sup>177</sup> <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x9XEM4arey4>

<sup>178</sup> <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-28715052>

<sup>179</sup> <https://hurryupharry.org/2006/12/15/so-goodbye-then-seumas-milne/>

<sup>180</sup> [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Andrew\\_Murray\\_\(trade\\_unionist\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Andrew_Murray_(trade_unionist)) also see [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Stop\\_the\\_War\\_Coalition#Coverage\\_of\\_Syrian\\_and\\_Israeli\\_topics\\_\(2016%E2%80%932017\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Stop_the_War_Coalition#Coverage_of_Syrian_and_Israeli_topics_(2016%E2%80%932017)) and <https://bbcwatch.org/tag/stop-the-war-coalition/>

<sup>181</sup> <https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/labour-antisemitism-corbyn-aides-seumas-milne-and-andrew-murray-sat-in-on-anti-jewish-rant-65738fws8>

<sup>182</sup> <https://www.thejc.com/news/uk-news/exclusive-top-corbyn-adviser-andrew-murray-linked-9-11-terror-to-zionist-colonialism-1.484031>

<sup>183</sup> <https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2015/jul/05/jeremy-corbyn-backing-unite-labour-leadership-race>

<sup>184</sup> <https://jewishnews.timesofisrael.com/stop-the-war-deleted-controversial-articles-including-one-advocating-war-with-israel/>

<sup>185</sup> <http://www.stopwar.org.uk/index.php/news/702->

<sup>186</sup> <http://www.inminds.co.uk/palestine-rally-1-17may03.html>



At the 2003 event, Murray was already working the underlying linkage that his ideological bedfellows have been pushing ever since.

*'We have always said that peace and justice are indivisible and the government should remember that when 2 million people marched in London on February the 15th it was for two slogans - stop the war AND freedom for Palestine - that is what the British people want...'*

This links the Iraq War and Israel as if they are the result of the same problem. If you oppose the war in Iraq, you should oppose Israel. In the above speech Murray disgracefully appropriates the voice of everyone who opposed the Iraq war and turns them against Zionism.

This is the mantra of the anti-Zionist position. If you support justice and you support peace, you must oppose Zionism. Which transports the Palestinian flag into every demonstration on every issue that affects the left.

This linkage is vital for the 'red / green' alliance and the struggle of the far left to achieve power.<sup>187</sup> In 2003, Murray had signed the Cairo Declaration alongside Jeremy Corbyn.<sup>188</sup>

In 2006 as Seamus Milne spoke at the Qatari funded 'IslamExpo', Murray wrote that it was a 'marvellous cultural and political festival'.<sup>189</sup>

Corbyn, Milne & Murray. Galloway and Ken Livingstone were with them almost every step of the way.<sup>190</sup> No surprise that the party was unable to expel Ken Livingstone.

No surprise either the Murray's daughter Laura was placed at the head of the team investigating complaints of antisemitism.<sup>191</sup>

The next part of the cocktail was the anti-Zionist Jews.

The activists knew how to protect themselves from accusations of Antisemitism because the anti-Zionist movement had been using anti-Zionist Jews for decades:

Overstating their number, misrepresenting Zionism and blurring the lines between truth and fiction. Those like Milne, Corbyn and Murray had stood alongside these Jewish people on numerous platforms

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<sup>187</sup> <https://www.melaniephillips.com/red-black-green-islamic-axis/>

<sup>188</sup> <http://pubs.socialistreviewindex.org.uk/isj98/rees.htm>

<sup>189</sup> See [http://www.icpa.org/text/Mapping\\_Delegitimization.pdf](http://www.icpa.org/text/Mapping_Delegitimization.pdf) For CST description of funding <https://cst.org.uk/news/blog/2010/05/24/the-muslim-brotherhood-the-organization-and-policies-of-a-global-islamist-movement> for Murray's article see

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2006/jul/11/muslimsandtheleft>

<sup>190</sup> [https://rationalwiki.org/wiki/George\\_Galloway](https://rationalwiki.org/wiki/George_Galloway) on Livingstone see

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2017/04/05/eight-dodgy-things-ken-livingstone-has-said-jews-hitler/> - Livingstone eventually resigned from the party, probably in an orchestrated move <https://www.thejc.com/news/uk-news/ken-livingstone-labour-resignation-collusion-1.464592>

<sup>191</sup> <https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2019/apr/25/labour-row-erupts-ex-corbyn-aide-laura-murray-made-head-of-complaints>

For example, alongside Milne at the August 9<sup>th</sup> Gaza protest was student and Jewish anti-Zionist Barnaby Raine.<sup>192</sup>

### Jewish student Barnaby Raine's speech on 9/8/14



Which got Raine screen time on Sky News:



The Stop the War Coalition website ran a piece on Raine that contains most, if not all of the arguments used by Corbyn's supporters today.<sup>193</sup> At the time, Corbyn was the Chair of the organisation.

As much as things change, they stay the same. Novara Media rolled out Barnaby Raine alongside Norman Finkelstein in their defence of Corbyn.<sup>194</sup>

Novara also used Raine in another deflection video to suggest only some antisemitism bothers the Board of Deputies.<sup>195</sup>

<sup>192</sup> <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=owQN0LiBdEQ>

<sup>193</sup> <http://www.stopwar.org.uk/index.php/news/1334-why-gaza-fought-back-as-israelis-speak-of-genocide-it-is-fighting-for-its-survival>

<sup>194</sup> <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vxEN0q6YHf0>

<sup>195</sup> <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7yRi8CJsHxY>

Sky News did the same:<sup>196</sup>



Those groups like Jews for Justice for Palestinians and Jews for Boycotting Israeli Goods had long relationships with Corbyn's inner circle.

As early as 2007 Wimborne-Idrissi was given an outlet on the Guardian's opinion pages.<sup>197</sup> **It is inconceivable that Corbyn's inner circle and these anti-Zionist groups did not discuss the problem of the allegations of antisemitism against the Labour Party, nor that they did not devise a strategy to counter it.** One that they had happily been using outside of the party for over a decade. They all knew their roles. By 2016, Free Speech on Israel was founded. In 2017, JVL.

Is it a surprise that Murray's long-time Colleague Len McCluskey from UNITE was present at the launch of Jewish Voice for Labour and was the first union boss to declare his union would affiliate?<sup>198</sup> The same Len McCluskey who claimed the furor was all a "cynical attempt" to undermine Jeremy Corbyn's leadership.<sup>199</sup> Is anyone really going to suggest this was not coordinated?

The loyalist media are another element of the cocktail. Ideologically driven media outlets that would fight against anything that posed a threat to their ideological cause. Such as Novara and the Canary.

Then there is the 2016 leadership election. In 2015, Labour voters did not know what they were getting. But in 2016 things were different.<sup>200</sup> A whole new group of people joined the party. Some perhaps because they still saw Corbyn as a Socialist hope, but others may have seen things differently.

<sup>196</sup> <https://twitter.com/BarnabyRaine/status/1025817967303581696?s=20>

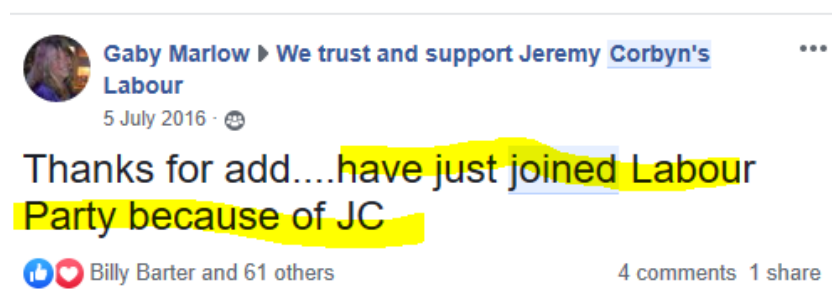
<sup>197</sup> <https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2007/mar/26/iacknowledgealexsteinsplea>

<sup>198</sup> <https://skwawkbox.org/2017/09/26/breaking-2nd-union-to-affiliate-to-jvl/> see also <https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2016/10/12/labour-alarm-at-stop-the-war-coalition-figures-growing-influence/>

<sup>199</sup> <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-36180572>.

<sup>200</sup> See Electronic Intifada for outlets pushing the Ken Livingstone affair as Zionist Lobby v the will of the Labour membership <https://electronicintifada.net/content/how-israel-lobby-manufactured-uk-labour-partys-anti-semitism-crisis/16481>

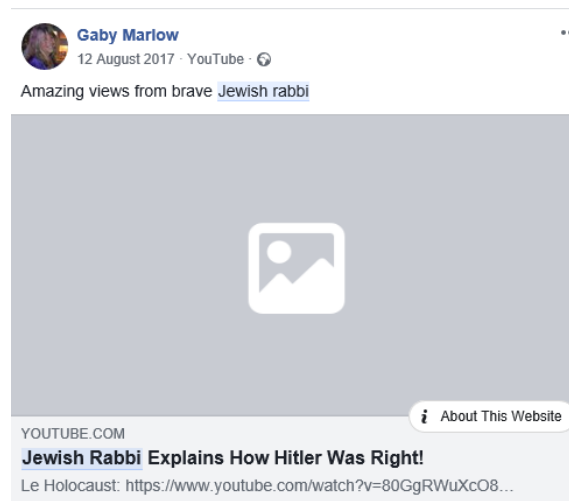
Take Gaby Marlow:



Because Marlow brought the old hatred to the struggle:<sup>201</sup>



Two more. 'Hitler was right':<sup>202</sup>



<sup>201</sup> Website has gone, but the article is in the archive

<https://web.archive.org/web/20140716113406/http://www.theunjustmedia.com/Media/April10/Six%20Jewish%20Companies%20Control%2096%25%20of%20the%20World%E2%80%99s%20Media.htm>

<sup>202</sup> The video has been removed from YouTube. It is available here

<https://archive.org/details/JewishRabbiExplainsHowHitlerWasRight>

And in her own words:



**Gaby Marlow** Listen to the video before you comment. He is saying it was the fault of the Jews and the reasons why they were hated. He is saying Hitler was right to stop the Jews destroying Germany, and he understood his hate of Jews. This shows how true history has not been taught to us.

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How many of these people were amongst those who joined is uncertain.

The final element was the entire Labour Membership. Some had been members for years. Then there were hundreds of thousands of people who had just joined the Labour Party. Many of them because they believed Jeremy Corbyn offered a fresh approach. They were tired of Conservative rule, feeling disenfranchised and wanting investment in education, housing and the NHS.

Most of these members did not live in an area with a Jewish presence. Very few knew what Zionism was, how to define antisemitism or even the basic history of the Israel / Arab conflict. What they knew was that Corbyn promised them change. Everything was in place. Hard-core antisemites and battle-hardened anti-Zionists were going to protect their gains whatever the cost.

And the message put out by the Labour Party was that the antisemitism allegations were all just a smear.

Some examples:

\*Chris Williamson MP said rows over Corbyn's handling of antisemitism within Labour was 'proxy wars and bullshit'.<sup>203</sup>

\*Diane Abbott MP called it a 'smear campaign against Jeremy'.<sup>204</sup>

\*Owen Jones who said antisemitism existed 'on the fringe' but was being used to smear Labour.<sup>205</sup>

\*Aaron Bastani (co-founder of Novara Media) said @gnasherjew, a key antisemitism account documenting Labour antisemitism, was run by Tory activists to smear Labour.<sup>206</sup>

\*Andy Slaughter MP voted against the adoption of the IHRA definition.<sup>207</sup>

\*Kerry Anne Mendoza (Editor of the Canary) called it 'the most sickening smear campaign of her lifetime'.<sup>208</sup>

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<sup>203</sup> <https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2017/aug/28/make-labour-leadership-rules-more-democratic-urges-shadow-minister>

<sup>204</sup> <https://www.thejc.com/news/uk-news/anger-as-diane-abbott-repeatedly-describes-labour-s-antisemitism-crisis-as-a-smear-campaign-1.461743>

<sup>205</sup> [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6Qxk0hW0\\_EQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6Qxk0hW0_EQ)

<sup>206</sup> <https://www.thejc.com/news/uk-news/jess-phillips-gnasher-jew-twitter-labour-party-antisemitism-aaron-bastani-1.477870>

<sup>207</sup> <https://www.theredroar.com/2018/07/labour-mps-to-force-vote-on-ihra-definition-of-antisemitism/>

<sup>208</sup> <https://twitter.com/TheMendozaWoman/status/1134434397615267840?s=20>



\*Len McCluskey, (UNITE General Secretary) accused Jewish leaders of 'Intransigent hostility'.<sup>209</sup>

\*Mark Serwotka (PCS Union General Secretary) suggested Israel 'created' the antisemitism row.<sup>210</sup>

\*Grahame Morris MP voted against the adoption of the IHRA definition.<sup>211</sup>

\*Peter Willsman (Labour NEC) called some Jewish people 'Trump fanatics', said they're 'making up' allegations and stated he'd never seen antisemitism in the party.<sup>212</sup>

\*Clare Short (ex-MP) said 'the definition of antisemitism was widened to include criticism of Israel then anyone sympathetic to the Palestinians is called antisemitic'.<sup>213</sup>

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What were all the new members, who knew little about Israel or Zionism at all, going to make of the comments from these prominent figures, when they came across Jewish people complaining about antisemitism?

Corbyn's office had failed the Jewish people at the first hurdle. They weren't interested in protecting what they apparently saw as a white, privileged and powerful community. Ridding the Middle East of western imperialism, demonising Zionism and 'freeing Palestine' was far more important. They now had hundreds of thousands of new people to spread their propaganda to.

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<sup>209</sup> [https://www.huffingtonpost.co.uk/entry/anti-semitism-labour\\_uk\\_5b7573dee4b0df9b093ccbc6?](https://www.huffingtonpost.co.uk/entry/anti-semitism-labour_uk_5b7573dee4b0df9b093ccbc6?)

<sup>210</sup> <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-45517094>

<sup>211</sup> <https://www.theredroar.com/2018/07/labour-mps-to-force-vote-on-ihra-definition-of-antisemitism/>

<sup>212</sup> <https://www.theguardian.com/news/2018/jul/31/corbyn-ally-says-jewish-trump-fanatics-make-up-antisemitism-claims>

<sup>213</sup> <https://www.thecanary.co/trending/2019/05/31/ex-labour-mp-breaks-open-the-heart-of-the-antisemitism-smear-campaign-on-bbc-newsnight/>

## ETHNIC CLEANSING

It becomes possible to visualize how the extremists entered the party apparatus and began spreading anti-Israel activism mixed up with hard-core antisemitic ideology. Many long-standing members had neither the knowledge nor the understanding to combat it. They supported Labour, their leader was under attack and elements of the party were suggesting this was all a 'right-wing' or 'Zionist' plot because of Corbyn's 'sympathy' for the Palestinians.

Many of them had sympathy for the Palestinians too. So do many Zionists. But the disinformation campaign sought to obfuscate. On the one side those who care for Palestinian lives – on the other those that don't. Simplistic binary messaging. Across the membership, 'Anti-Zionism' was being portrayed as 'criticism of Israel', 'Zionism' was being sold as the murder of babies – the members were asked to pick sides.

Discussion took place in hundreds of Labour supporter forums and on other platforms such as Twitter. Older moderate voices were silenced. If you were Jewish and believed Corbyn to be a problem, you would soon be blocked from participating. On Facebook, this happened through kicking Jewish Zionists out of Labour Party forums:

Janet Silver is a Moderator on the largest Labour Party Forum on Facebook:<sup>214</sup>



**Janet Silver**

Same people presumably as gnasherjew and Labour against antisemitism?

10 Oct at 11:32 • Like • Reply • 3



**Liz Jones**

Some of their loyal en-trappers are Sabina Crouch, Hannah Lyons-Singer, Colin J Appleby, Marlon Solomon, Eluned Anderson, David Elsam.



**Janet Silver**

**Liz Jones** Liz I think most of these have been banned from The Labour Party Forum. I'll check Solomon, Anderson and Elsam. I know the others have.

12 Oct at 11:12 • Like • 2

They are referencing the banning from the forum of key Jewish figures in the Labour Party membership.

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<sup>214</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/groups/TheLabourPartyForum/>

Even self-declared anti-Zionists were checked, censured and banned if they did not fit the message:<sup>215</sup>



**Janet Silver** ▶

30 Sep at 18:15 • 📷

The Spedding person is posting on the forum I am an admin for - The Labour Party Forum. I deleted his post an hour ago but he is now attacking Nicky and accusing her of being antisemitic. What is the background on him?

Another admin:



**David Robinson**

Admin · 24 March 2018

I've removed several people over the past 24 hours for the following: posting screengrabs of conversations onto other accounts or social media networks, telling someone to 'go away and die', for unfounded accusations of antisemitism against anyone who disagreed with them, and for antisemitic comments. People have also been warned and comments removed for I'll be going back through several recent posts to check for similar comments. A reminder to all to please read through and abide by the forum rules (a precondition for being a member of this forum), else further action will be taken. Thanks, admin.

There is a problem created here. Zionist Jews were being removed from the discussion. If the most skillful and educated voices on the Jewish side were silenced and the more vocal anti-activists were amplified it creates an additional imbalance.

This 'cleansing of the Jewish voice' was witnessed across most Labour Party forums and especially within those groups that were openly loyal to Corbyn over the membership.<sup>216</sup>

There was a visible growing obsession and extremism within the bubbles such banning created. Whilst Jewish members were being banned, those like Jackie Walker remained active.<sup>217</sup>



**Jacqueline Walker**

Added by Ian Malcolm-Walker on 1 September 2015  
Goldsmiths, University of London

<sup>215</sup> 'The Spedding Person' is Gary Spedding. Hardly a Zionist See <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-25688529>

<sup>216</sup> Here I am referencing groups that carry 'supporting Jeremy Corbyn' in the title rather than just 'Labour Party'.

<sup>217</sup> Walkers membership is of another large Labour Party Forum group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/LabourPartyForum/members/>

In November 2017, the Admin of a large Labour Party Forum published a group policy statement that accused Israel of killing thousands, 'even using chemical weapons':

Israel has killed thousands of Palestinian civilians and children even using chemical weapons. We do not consider support of Israel's actions in this way to equate with the compassion we associate with Labour Party principles.

However, after listing a long list of Israel's 'crimes' they did point out:

Accordingly, anyone posting posts supporting Israel's illegal actions will not be allowed and the poster will be blocked from the group.

We recognise that not everyone will be happy with this, but that is our position and there are many other Facebook groups available. In short, we find racism and oppression intolerable and don't want them in this forum.

Which basically results in a one-sided attack on Zionism and Israel with no defence allowed. This group has 16000 members. Most of those in control of these groups, like Michelle Harris who posted the policy statement above, firmly support the idea the antisemitism accusations are all a smear:

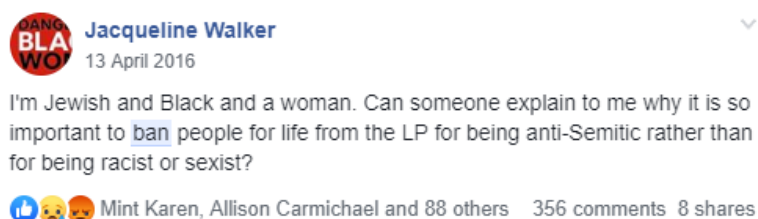


Harris was running to stand as the Labour candidate in Hastings but was dropped when evidence of her sharing David Icke posts and drawing Nazi comparisons surfaced.<sup>218</sup>

These are the people deciding who can and who cannot post. The forums are closed which means only members can see and participate.

This type of censorship, driven by disinformation, a blind ignorance and a one-sided view of the conflict is controlling online discussion amongst members. Those inside this bubble cannot help but face an atmosphere of radicalisation. Why would anyone stay in such a group if they could still see clearly?

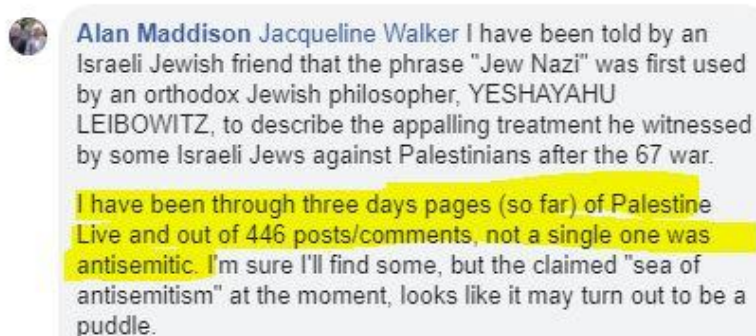
Jackie Walker is an active member of the second largest Labour Forum as well:<sup>219</sup>



<sup>218</sup> <https://www.thejc.com/news/uk-news/prospective-labour-candidate-michelle-harris-who-was-dropped-after-anti-israel-facebook-posts-seeks-selection-in-new-constituency-1.462053>

<sup>219</sup> The post is from 2016, but because her name is not 'greyed out' she is still in the group. She posted there in the last few weeks.

Alan Maddison, JVL's 'how much antisemitism is there' academic is also a member of both the large Labour Party forums. Posting in April 2018 about how there was no antisemitism in the Facebook Live report:<sup>220</sup>



The Times did an expose on antisemitic Facebook groups titled 'Jeremy Corbyn's hate factory'.<sup>221</sup> However their research focused on the antisemitism, toxicity and level of abuse that took place within the forums. It did not really consider the long-term effects of the environment created. In response Labour distanced itself from the group using the 'nothing to do with us' excuse. This is disingenuous. The forums are fundamentally a loyalty base, containing many of the few who do attend their CLP meetings and \*which follow the lead\* given by the party.

This is not 1970:



People don't 'go to' things anymore. Information is consumed online - inside arenas such as party supporter forums. And remember, Labour party messaging is directed towards all support – not just the members.

The Labour Party leadership had flimflammed over antisemitism, promoted anti-Zionism as just meaning having sympathy for the Palestinians, interfered in the disciplinary procedure and used 'mates' to push the 'smear' message rather than say it themselves to maintain a level of deniability.<sup>222</sup> What did they expect to happen to the loyal base? This is all their fault.

<sup>220</sup> Maddison often links to a blogsite he contributes to <https://politicalsift.wordpress.com/>

<sup>221</sup> <https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/exposed-jeremy-corbyns-hate-factory-kkh55kpgx>

<sup>222</sup> Most of these issues have been addressed in the report. For Labour Party interference in the disciplinary procedure, which was outside of the scope of the research see <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-48929244> and <https://www.ft.com/content/33fa5410-a32a-11e9-974c-ad1c6ab5efd1> which reference a BBC Panorama documentary – the show will be available online until July 2020 here <https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m0006p8c/panorama-is-labour-antisemitic> There had been earlier



A thread from May 2015 is presented at the end of this research as an Appendix.<sup>223</sup> One month before Jeremy Corbyn becomes leader. The post talks about influence of the 'Israel Lobby':



The discussion highlights just how far things have deteriorated for Jewish members. There was immediate rejection. Antisemitism instantly identified. Almost all the comments criticised the post. A far healthier atmosphere and skimming through it almost creates a sense of nostalgia. All the names of the contributors are greyed out, which means none of those protesting antisemitism are members of the group today. What happened to them?

'We trust and support Jeremy Corbyn's Labour' has 25600 members.



The post above was shared sixteen times and had twenty comments. Fifteen different people contributed to the discussion. Only \*two\* of the fifteen recognised this as antisemitic.<sup>224</sup>

Although the antisemitic content was not as visible (mainly because the press had access to these groups and were publishing the extreme content, so the admins cracked down on it), the ideology of

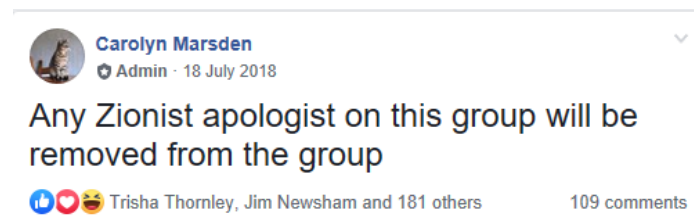
exposure of this interference <https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/corbyn-aide-laura-murray-halted-ban-on-anti-semite-patricia-sheerin-6qmg9z87v?>

<sup>223</sup> See Appendix a

<sup>224</sup> 'yournewswire' is now 'newspunch' see article here <https://newspunch.com/tony-blair-could-face-trial-for-illegal-iraq-war> It is listed as a 'far-right wing conspiracy site' <https://mediabiasfactcheck.com/news-punch/>

these groups began to resemble Palestine Live.<sup>225</sup> A place where defending the only democracy in the Middle East would result in automatic expulsion. The Jews of the online forums were ethnically cleansed. It was Jeremy Corbyn's ideological environment replicating itself in the key Labour Party Facebook groups.

Carolyn Marsden, Admin of the Jeremy Corbyn - True Socialism group.<sup>226</sup>



These were the top responses:



In the 109 comments there were just a handful of people that opposed the post.

- 1 'Israel has a right to exist. Zionism is the word for the movement that fought for that right.'
- 2 'Way to play right into the hands of the Antisemitism allegations.'
- 3 'What happens if I support Israel's right to exist but not the current Netanyahu regime? I support Israel and Palestine's right to exist living alongside each other in peace without fear of war or violence.'
- 4 'Some Zionists support Palestine and condemn Israeli policy. So anti -Zionist can be misleading'.
- 5 'Well, I'd like to apologise on the Zionists' behalf for having the temerity to exist.'

None of those five people who posted these remain members in the group.

<sup>225</sup> See example [https://www.huffingtonpost.co.uk/entry/activists-demand-jeremy-corbyn-clean-up-pro-labour-facebook-pages-amid-anti-semitism-row\\_uk\\_5abd0753e4b03e2a5c7a4123](https://www.huffingtonpost.co.uk/entry/activists-demand-jeremy-corbyn-clean-up-pro-labour-facebook-pages-amid-anti-semitism-row_uk_5abd0753e4b03e2a5c7a4123)

<sup>226</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/groups/865846546868809/>

On the other hand, the people who said, 'Zionism is the biggest cancer in this world', 'No Nazis on this page' and 'Nelson Mandela said apartheid would never be banished while Israel existed', these people are all still members.

These stories are replicated in group after group. The Jewish voice (and anyone brave enough to stick up for them) was ethnically cleansed from the online environment.

Creating a toxic echo chamber where anyone who protested, however politely, began to look more and more extreme. A classic radicalisation process. These environments evolved into incubators for extremists who have a problem with Jewish people. They may not be leaning towards violence themselves, but many excuse or support those that do.

This type of pro-Iranian, Hezbollah apologetic disinformation is permitted freely in the group (whereas any Zionist 'apologist' is automatically banned):<sup>227</sup>



The research had identified what had happened, but much of the evidence had been deleted. It was possible to see that the Jewish voice had been removed. There was a trail to follow the ideological crackdown and the road to extremism, but in too many places there were missing comments or posts. A sign that someone had been removed by an Admin of the group, but also that the admin had deleted the offensive comment or thread.

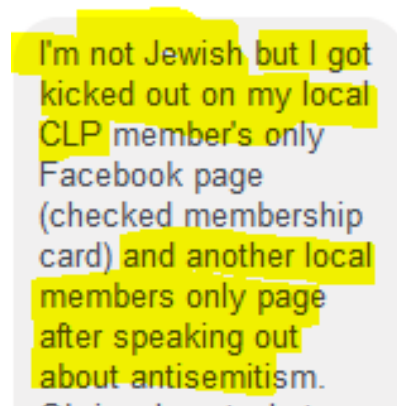
<sup>227</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/presstvuk/videos/2262136370740406/>

To seek further evidence of the theory, I uploaded a request on both Twitter and Facebook for Jewish members who had been cleansed from these online toxic environments to get in touch. On Twitter I have 30,000 followers and the tweet was further shared by more prominent fighters against antisemitism like Rachel Riley with a far larger following.<sup>228</sup>

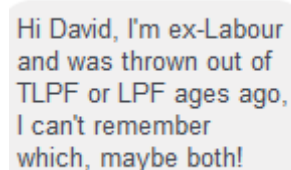


The response was overwhelming and far wider than just the most notable groups:<sup>229</sup>

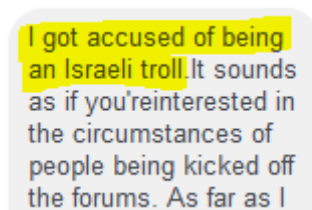
Verified local Labour 'member only' CLP groups:



A few examples. These examples are individuals, there are no duplicates. Signs of the Jewish exodus from the party. 'Ex' members:



Jews all work for Israel of course:



<sup>228</sup> <https://twitter.com/mishtal/status/1155227658181066753?s=20>

<sup>229</sup> In the current environment unless explicitly directed to reveal names, my research always shields the identity of Jewish people and those standing up for Jews.

Antisemitism is a protected ideology in the groups:

i was removed for claiming a clearly anti semitic comment was such...removed for the labour party forum

This isn't about one forum or admin. This occurred across the board:

Been forced out of many of the groups.

They don't just boot people out, some are blocked entirely:

Hi, I was banned from TLPF. I'm totally blocked, can't even see

Jews are accused of Antisemitism:

~~██████████~~ I got thrown off TLPF by that Silver woman, She accused me of antisemitism and then of screenshooting stuff from tjhere. Anybody who knows me knows I don't have the technical ability to screenshoot.

Any defence of Israel is not tolerated:

~~██████████~~ Not Jewish but was chucked off TLPF for pointing out that - when I lived in Belfast - we had checkpoints, too. For the same reason.

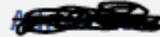
was banned from TLPF too.

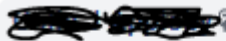
I was banned.

I've been banned from loads



A few more:

 I wrote about TLPF as giving the lie that it's all about 0.06%. The forum has 38k members but about a dozen contributors provide most the content and a lot of it is cultish, obsessive about Israel and promotes 'it's all a smear' and they get cheered on by say a hundred members - so statistically they are small but set the agenda. As with the party and the leadership so with the forum and it's moderators.


 I was banned from TLPF. I was also banned from my local Momentum branch page despite being a member of Labour and Momentum at the time.

I've been banned from many others but can't remember what they were called tbh.

Here is one with a screenshot. The person complained about an antisemitic post and was duly banned:



More:

 I was removed from TLPF and LPF. I never commented, but have a visibly Jewish name which is known as someone who supports LAAS.

oh my...there are so many of us..

replying to @michael  
Lots of Jews got banned from the labour party Facebook group!

replying to @michael  
I was not a member but I was banned anyway.

Hi I was removed from  
both Labour Party  
forum and Tottenham  
Labour Party Facebook  
forum

I was inundated with stories of expulsion, abuse and threats. Some with screenshots, some without. All with tales of various purges that occurred along the way. Many similar stories, such as the accusation of antisemitism directed towards the Jewish members before they were expelled. I have dozens of emails still unread, many carrying screenshots. There is clearly further room for further investigation into this, but it is outside the scope of this research.

Even those forums where I was told the admin 'tried to get a grip' would never return to normal. The cleansing of the Jewish voice had permanently toxified the environment.

These groups are numerous, and they are not small. Some examples:<sup>230</sup>

- The Labour Party Forum, 38530 members.<sup>231</sup>
- Labour Party Forum, 15960 members.<sup>232</sup>
- Jeremy Corbyn's Labour Party Forum, 14948 members.<sup>233</sup>
- We trust and support Jeremy Corbyn's Labour, 25605 members.<sup>234</sup>
- The Labour Party Supporter, 16714 members.<sup>235</sup>
- We support Jeremy Corbyn, 66002 members.<sup>236</sup>
- Jeremy Corbyn True Socialism, 18346 members.<sup>237</sup>
- Jeremy Corbyn Leads Us to VICTORY, 22762 members.<sup>238</sup>
- Supporting Jeremy Corbyn & John McDonnell, 27197 members.<sup>239</sup>
- I'm backing Jeremy Corbyn for Prime Minister, 22368 members.<sup>240</sup>
- Let's help make Jeremy Corbyn Prime Minister, 17589 members.<sup>241</sup>

Even if we accept that some are members of multiple groups, that fake accounts and bots are operating within, this is still an enormous pool of people exposed to online radicalisation and deeply antisemitic ideologies.

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<sup>230</sup> Membership numbers accurate on 28/7/2019

<sup>231</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/groups/TheLabourPartyForum/>

<sup>232</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/groups/LabourPartyForum>

<sup>233</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1074347712625761/>

<sup>234</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/groups/we.love.trust.and.support.jeremy.corbyns.labour/>

<sup>235</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/groups/The.Labour.Party.Supporter/>

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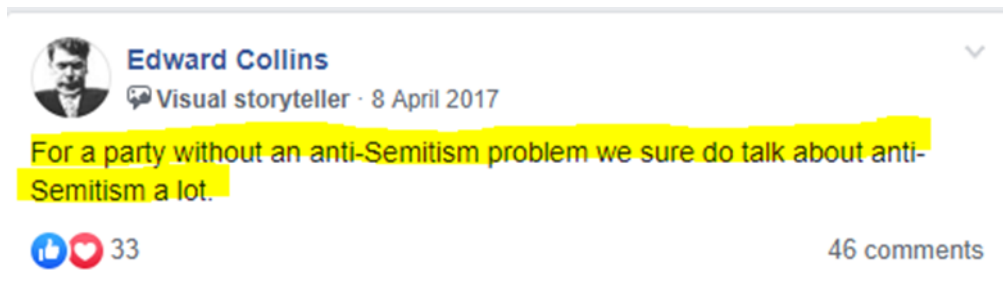
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<sup>241</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/groups/JC4PM/>

## Graph one – the Israel obsession



Major Labour Party forums were analysed. All displayed a similar pattern.

The ethnic cleansing of the mainstream Jewish voice. The promotion of JVL to legitimise the action. Accusations of either antisemitism or subversive behaviour to justify expulsion. The sickening equation of anti-Zionism = sympathy for Palestinians, Zionism = murdering babies. The adoption of false anti-Israel narratives as gospel.

It was reasoned that by tracking references to keywords such as 'Israel' and 'Gaza' it would be possible to see if what appeared to be the visible radicalisation of group members could be represented in graph form.

To test the theory, the largest of the 'Labour Forum' groups was chosen. A group with over 38,000 members.<sup>242</sup>

Threads from 2014-2019 were searched for keywords. During the time-period analysed there were conflicts and humanitarian disasters in both Syria and Myanmar.<sup>243</sup> Both 'Syria' and 'Myanmar' were searched to draw a comparison between the three subjects.

It should also be understood that whilst all posts on Syria would probably be approved, many of the Israel ones were not. At times, people wanted to discuss Israel more often than the 'NHS' or 'austerity':

\*The vast majority of posts are in relation to anti-Semitism and Israel/Palestine. We cannot possibly, as important as these discussions/debates can be, have our group dominated by the same themes on a loop. Therefore, some have been approved, some not. Those approved have been almost a random selection to cover most areas. We reiterate that

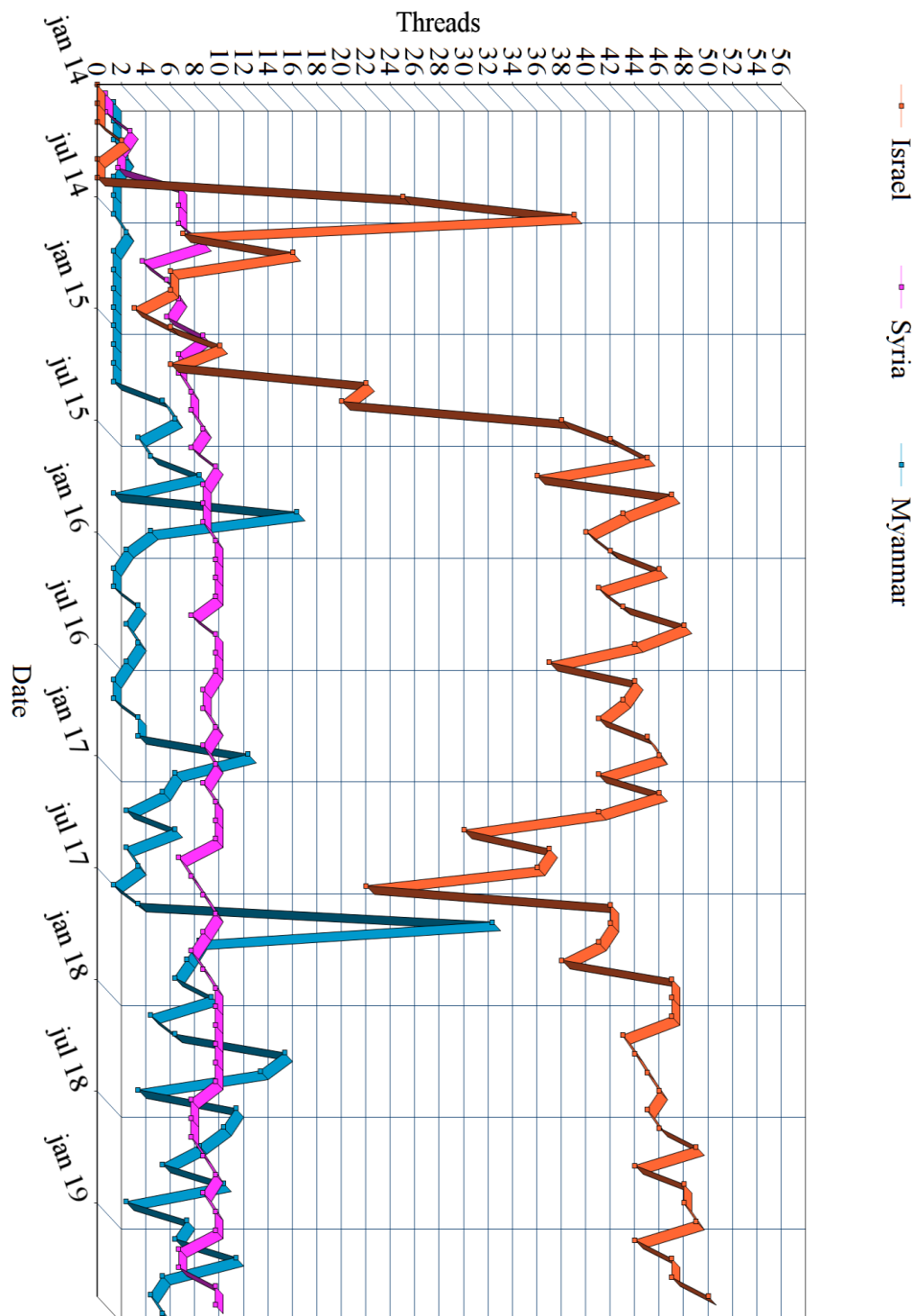
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<sup>242</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/groups/TheLabourPartyForum/>

<sup>243</sup> For wiki on Syrian Civil War [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Syrian\\_Civil\\_War](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Syrian_Civil_War) For Myanmar and the Rohingya Genocide see [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rohingya\\_genocide](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rohingya_genocide)

<sup>244</sup> Post from Admin in the Labour Party Forum 25 Aug 2018

# Threads in Labour Party Forum 2014-2019



## Findings:

It is automatically clear from the graph that the group became 'Israel' obsessive.<sup>245</sup> At times Israel seems to have been discussed in the Labour Party forum more often than 'austerity' 'housing' and the 'NHS'.

What could be described as a normal pattern visibly exists until mid-2015. Before Jeremy Corbyn became leader, the forum reacted to events in Israel. There is a clear spike during the summer of 2014, during the time of the conflict. This drops sharply as violence ends.

From mid-2015, there is no longer any correlation between events in Israel and the amount of discussion.

It is worrying that at the height of the Gaza conflict, Israel was not discussed as much inside the forum as it would be during a normal month during Jeremy Corbyn's leadership.

'Discussing antisemitism' is not an excuse. If the counterargument is that every time antisemitism was discussed, someone brought up Israel, that is a sign of the problem. In any event it is the concentration levels that are inexplicable. How many posts on Israel does one forum need?

The drop off period in late-2017 was a 'moderation' exercise. It isn't people didn't want to talk about it, but the subject had become so toxic, it was banned for a while and many posts were deleted.<sup>246</sup>

Discussion on Syria which was a far larger and bloodier conflict than anything happening in Israel remains almost constantly low and does not react to events on the ground. In April 2018 with the reported chemical attack on Douma, the number of related posts barely changed.<sup>247</sup>

Discussion on Myanmar does react to events on the ground. Clear spikes in November 2015, December 2016 and September 2017 correlate precisely with real world events taking place.<sup>248</sup>

This discrepancy between Myanmar and Syria is notable. Syria and Assad are problematic issues for the far left, with solidarity groups split and often silently aligning with the pro-Assad, pro-Russian, pro-Hezbollah groups rather than the independent or western forces. As a result, Syrian action is often ignored just as Syrian abuse of Palestinian refugees is ignored.<sup>249</sup> In effect this splits the international 'pro-Palestinian' movement, from the Palestinian street.

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<sup>245</sup> Facebook search does not permit an accurate count of threads on popular subjects. If for example a subject is mentioned twice, both threads will appear in the search. As the topic reaches saturation, the search results rarely tend to return more than 50 results.

<sup>246</sup> This is known because there was open discussion on this topic in the forum. So some of the threads in summer 2017 were about why they were not accepting posts on the subject.

<sup>247</sup> [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Douma\\_chemical\\_attack](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Douma_chemical_attack)

<sup>248</sup> November 2015 - Myanmar election <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2015/nov/23/final-myanmar-results-show-aung-san-su-kyi-party-won-77-of-seats> late 2016 saw the news begin to break in the west of the persecution <https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/asia/burma-rohingya-muslims-whats-behind-persecution-aung-san-su-kyi-a7449126.html> September 2017 saw headlines of the ethnic cleansing <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-asia-41224108>

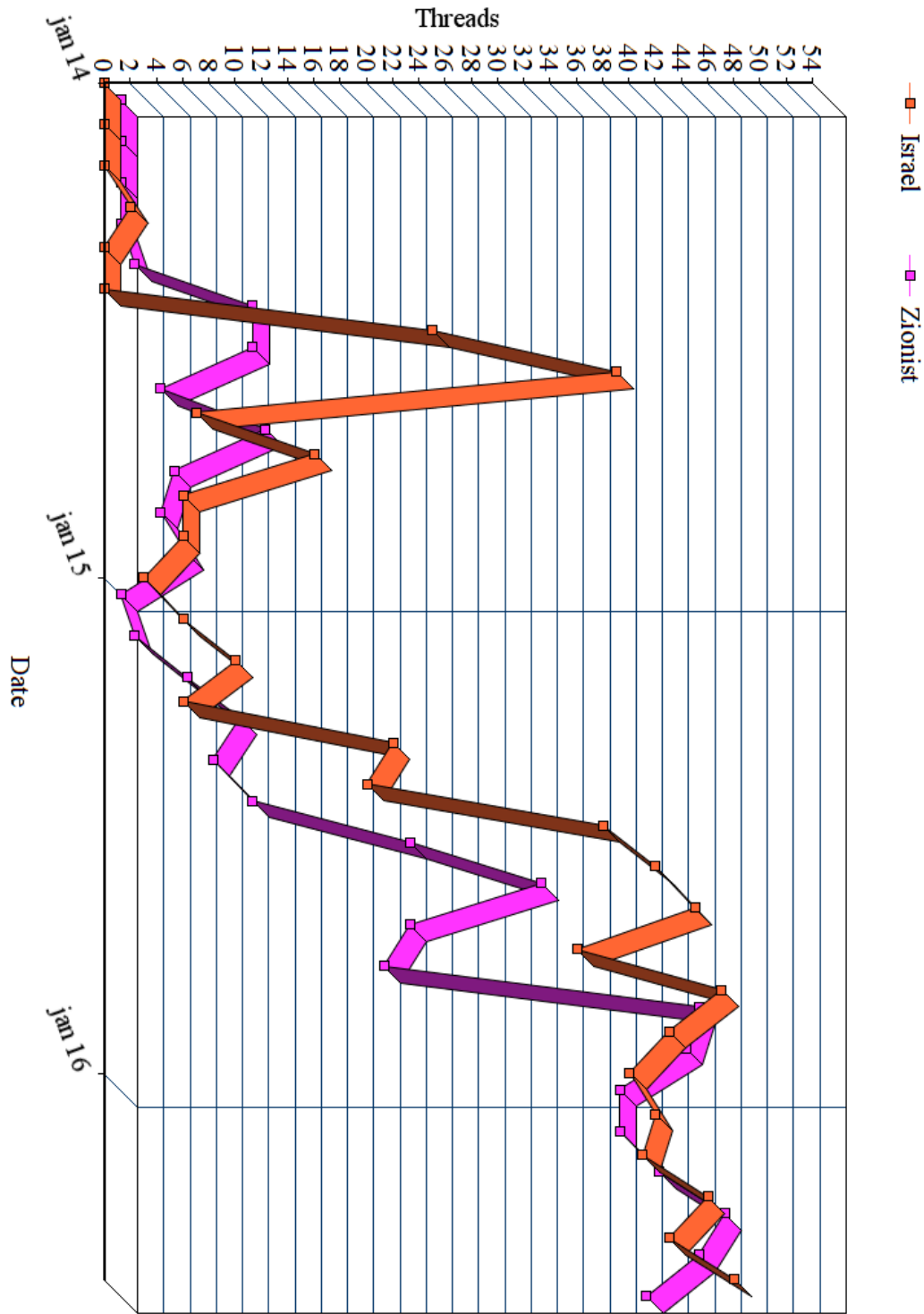
<sup>249</sup> <http://www.thetower.org/article/yarmouk-failure-palestine-solidarity/>  
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## **Graph two - from Israel to Zionists**

The second graph looks more closely at the antisemitic element of the obsession. The graph draws a comparison between the use of the words 'Israel' and 'Zionist' from 2014 to mid-2016. Looking at how the terms were used before and immediately following the election of Jeremy Corbyn.

Graph two – Zionists



From Israel to Zionism

## Findings:

There has always been a low-level racism embedded into the party. No environment can ever be cleansed completely of racism in any form.

During 2014 we can see the sudden spike during the conflict. However, the use of the term Zionist did not increase in the same manner.

At the height of the 2014 conflict, much of the discussion seems to have been genuine concern raised by the horrific images being spread on social media.<sup>250</sup> As news of the conflict spread, the conversation about Israel increased.

So too did the use of the word 'Zionist', but notice the huge gulf. It did not rise in line with the discussion on Israel. Over two thirds of the threads about Israel did not use the word 'Zionist' at all.

When the conversation dropped following the end of the conflict, there seemed to be a far closer correlation. Even though the situation was quiet, there were some people talking about Israel and those people, also tended to use the word 'Zionist'. Indicating a trend where those who obsessively talk about Israel, also reference Zionists.

In the middle of 2015, there is a huge spike in interest and the use of both terms. Suddenly whenever people are talking about Israel, they are also talking about Zionists. This sharp rise precisely correlates with Jeremy Corbyn assuming the leadership position.

As early as November 2015 they achieved and then maintained parity. People inside the forum were now referring to 'Zionists' as much as they were to 'Israel'.

As indicated in the previous graph, the level of obsession after Corbyn's election was greater than at the height of the 2014 conflict.

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<sup>250</sup> The accuracy of those images and the justification of the discussion is not of concern to the research.

## **THE CREATION OF THE SECOND TEMPLATE – THOSE THE LABOUR PARTY INFECTED**

The next question the research looked at is what happened next? With

- The Labour Party ignoring many allegations of antisemitism
- So many key figures saying the crisis was a smear campaign
- The forums expelling the Jewish voice
- Labour being dragged kicking to accepting the IHRA definition
- Online party arenas becoming narrow-minded and obsessive
- CLP's having discussions that deliberately distorted the size of anti-Zionist Jewry
- Anti-Zionism = good, Zionism = bad - becoming enforced policy for discussion
- Anti-Israel propaganda material became readily available with no counterargument

What happened next? If we take someone who was not invested in the conflict, like hundreds of thousands of new members. People who don't really understand what being Jewish is, or what the words antisemitism or Zionism mean well enough to define them and then we put them into this toxic, radicalising environment. What happens to them?

## IMPORTANT NOTES

To maintain a high level of integrity this research does not cross social media platforms. Unless a person publicly ties his own Twitter account to his Facebook profile, then only the Facebook Profile has been used.<sup>251</sup> This was to remove the error of misidentification when comparing posts across platforms.

The identity of the people in the next stage of the research was considered unimportant. Enough case studies have been shown to highlight the point being made, but many were held back. Unless the person was a public figure, no attempt has been made to verify the real-life identity behind the account.<sup>252</sup>

To offset criticism an extremely high standard was set:

The person cannot have been posting on Israel or Jews or Zionism or the Palestinians before Jeremy Corbyn came to power. Considering 2014 saw both an intense conflict between Israel and Hamas as well as a Parliamentary vote recognising the 'State of Palestine', the idea that someone who was not moved to post on Israel in 2014 yet may have been obsessively posting on Jews or Israel in 2016 is clearly noteworthy.<sup>253</sup>

They must have had an active Facebook account in 2014.

This research is taking place after four years of intense exposure. This means many of those already exposed for antisemitic content have deleted or hidden their accounts and others have had the opportunity to clean up their social media profile.<sup>254</sup> Much of the antisemitism isn't being dealt with as much as it is hidden.

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<sup>251</sup> CST have just published a report looking at online networks, mainly focussing on Twitter <https://cst.org.uk/data/file/f/e/Engine%20of%20hate%20-%20The%20online%20networks%20behind%20the%20Labour%20Party%27s%20antisemitism%20crisis%20WEB.1563966285.pdf>

<sup>252</sup> The account itself must have been real and displayed some sign of personal activity. Troll accounts / bots that had nothing on the timeline but political activity were discounted.

<sup>253</sup> This means that a single Guardian or Independent post from 2014 regarding the conflict would have disqualified them from the research.

<sup>254</sup> A search of some of those reported by GnasherJew or Labour Against Antisemitism found closed accounts, accounts that had posts removed or account with high privacy settings.



## CASE STUDY CAROL WORTHINGTON

Carol claims to be a long standing Labour member who has used her Facebook profile for political purposes since at least 2013. Carol posted at least fifty Labour Party related posts in both 2013 and 2014. What she didn't post in 2014, which was the year of the Gaza conflict, was anything to do with Gaza or Palestine.

Her only Israel related post prior to 2015 was a January 2014 PETA article about Pam Anderson seeking to ban the sale of animal fur in Israel.<sup>255</sup> There is nothing negative about the post or the article. Worthington does not mention Corbyn until June 2015, when she comes out in support:<sup>256</sup>



Jeremy Corbyn won the election on 12 September 2015. Almost immediately Carol's interest in Israel was ignited. Her first post was this positive message just four days after Corbyn became leader:



<sup>255</sup> See archive <https://web.archive.org/web/20140129021832/http://blog.peta.org.uk/2014/01/pams-high-hopes-for-a-fur-free-israel>

<sup>256</sup> Worthington's post was shared one day after the Labour Leadership hustings began – see [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2015\\_Labour\\_Party\\_\(UK\)\\_leadership\\_election#Timetable](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2015_Labour_Party_(UK)_leadership_election#Timetable)

Things deteriorated rapidly. Worthington posted five articles on Israel in both November and December 2015. One in November detailed Gerald Kaufman's 'Jewish Money' comment but the article reported it without criticism.<sup>257</sup> In December Worthington shared an article suggesting Israel had created ISIS.<sup>258</sup> December 2016 also saw her first share of an article using the word 'Zionist'.

By 2016 Worthington's source material became dubious. She also made approximately 50 posts concerning Israel, Jews or Zionism. Worthington suddenly had an interest in Rabbis and Judaism:<sup>259</sup>



She was sharing posts from dedicated anti-Israel websites such as 'ifamericaknew' and antisemitic conspiracy sites such as 'yournewswire'.<sup>260</sup>



<sup>257</sup> The Kaufman story was broken on my blog site. <http://david-collier.com/jewish-money-an-evening-with-the-prc-kaufman-and-classic-antisemitic-libels/> The uncritical article, by the independent is online here <https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/labour-mp-gerald-kaufman-accuses-government-of-being-swayed-by-jewish-money-a6712796.html> Kaufman was swiftly criticised and calls for him to be reprimanded appeared immediately. He was soon censured by Corbyn

<https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2015/nov/03/gerald-kaufmans-jewish-money-condemned-jeremy-corbyn> Both my blog and the Jewish Chronicle, which are the two outlets the Independent uses as the source for the story, relayed clear grounds for the criticism, none of which was reflected in the Independent article.

<sup>258</sup> See <https://newspunch.com/castro-compares-nato-to-nazi-ss-slams-us-israel-for-creating-isis/>

<sup>259</sup> <https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/middle-east/ultra-orthodox-judaism-haredi-israeli-rabbi-bans-girls-over-five-riding-bikes-provocative-a7064201.html>

<sup>260</sup> See <https://rationalwiki.org/wiki/YourNewsWire> Yournewswire is described as a fake news website with a long record of promoting false information

Worthington began sharing clearly problematic articles such as 'Vladimir Putin declares war on the Zionist Media' and 'Why are the Zionists taking down Jeremy Corbyn'.<sup>261</sup>

More worryingly, Worthington was also accessing deeply antisemitic ideology. In August she shared a Gilad Atzmon article 'naming and shaming' Israeli 'agents' within British politics.<sup>262</sup> She also shared two vile antisemitic videos that have little to do with Israel, blame the Jews for their own persecution and push Holocaust denial.<sup>263</sup>

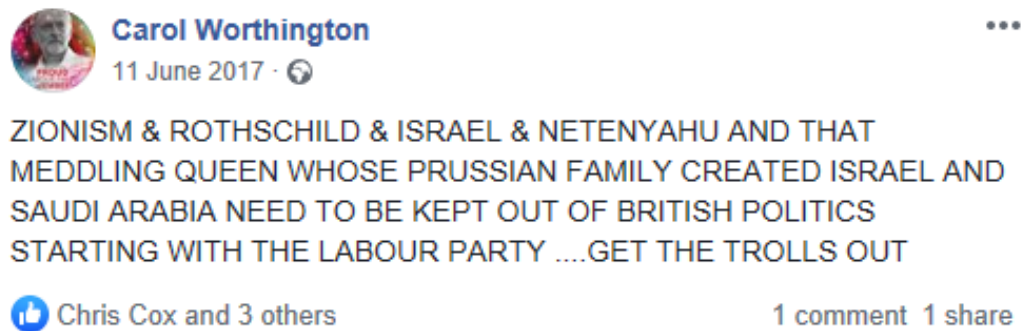


<sup>261</sup> The Vladimir Putin article [csglobe.com/vladimir-putin-declares-war-zionist-media/](http://csglobe.com/vladimir-putin-declares-war-zionist-media/) The Zionist taking down Corbyn article was a YouTube video that is no longer online.

<sup>262</sup> <https://gilad.online/writings/2015/5/6/naming-and-shaming-the-list-of-israels-agents-within-british-politics?>

<sup>263</sup> Because of their antisemitic content, both these videos were removed from YouTube. I have sourced them from elsewhere. The first is available here <https://youtu.be/4swu6ck9GRQ> The second is the infamous 1961 Benjamin Freeman speech <https://rutube.ru/video/b182bfb31a27d37bab943aa3cdec2a9c/>

By this point Worthington is lost. In 2017, Worthington was obsessed, sharing post after post about Israel. Mainstream news sources had virtually disappeared, and she had evolved to the point she could put the arguments into her own words:



It has continued ever since. Hundreds of posts. Worthington is now battle-scarred after 4 years of fighting as a Corbyn loyalist against his main enemy – the ‘Zionist lobby’.



And some more examples. The second article is by Tony Greenstein, who by this time had already been expelled by the Labour Party.<sup>264</sup> A sign that Worthington was no longer displaying 'loyalty' to the Party but to the extremist and racist factions trying to envelop it.



<sup>264</sup> On the expulsion <https://www.thejc.com/news/uk-news/labour-expels-anti-zionist-activist-tony-greenstein-following-accusations-of-antisemitism-1.458908> also link to Greenstein story <https://azvsas.blogspot.com/2018/11/danger-as-labour-leads-in-opinion-polls.html?>



Worthington was posting hard-core antisemitic material and such racist ideology requires internal legitimacy to distinguish itself from Nazi style anti-Jewish propaganda. Which asks the question, 'how does she justify this racism to herself'? The cover is provided by a fringe group of Jewish people whose role it is to blur the lines.<sup>265</sup> They allow people like Worthington, who appear to have no real understanding of Jews, Zionism or Israel to lose themselves inside the argument.

By January 2016, Worthington was sharing material written by Jewish extremists.<sup>266</sup> Carol was soon introduced to 'Free Speech on Israel':<sup>267</sup>



And naturally followed these people into the later incarnation, Jewish Voice for Labour:<sup>268</sup>



<sup>265</sup> See <http://david-coller.com/jewish-voice-labour-yevseksiya/>

<sup>266</sup> Worthington shared a Shlomo Sand article 'I wish to cease considering myself a Jew' from the Guardian <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2014/oct/10/shlomo-sand-i-wish-to-cease-considering-myself-a-jew>? It was published in 2014, Worthington shared it in 2016.

<sup>267</sup> These groups are discussed in more detail inside the Palestine Live report [http://david-coller.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/180305\\_livereport\\_part2\\_FINAL.pdf](http://david-coller.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/180305_livereport_part2_FINAL.pdf)

<sup>268</sup> <https://www.jewishvoiceforlabour.org.uk/article/ther-is-no-sound-evidence-to-back-the-claims-of-labours-antisemitism/>

Worthington is a member of both the large Labour Party forum groups.<sup>269</sup> Also a member of other numerous other groups such as 'Oh Jeremy Corbyn', 'Prime Minister Jeremy Corbyn' and 'we support Jeremy Corbyn'.<sup>270</sup> It is clear embedding deeper into the network, rather than having a moderating influence has the reverse effect. It exposes people to deeper conspiracy, enhances the 'us v them' mindset and radicalises those who prior to Corbyn's rise to power, displayed no visible extremist or antisemitic characteristics.

This is what Corbyn's Labour Party has done to its members:



Evidence such as this is important. This member is not a Marxist activist who infiltrated the Labour Party in 2015 or 2016 and 'took it over'. Worthington seems to have been a loyal Labour member who was posting semi-positive messages about peace until her views were corrupted by the new environment created within the Labour Party framework. The question is not what Worthington did to the Labour Party, but rather what the Labour Party did to those like Worthington.

<sup>269</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/groups/TheLabourPartyForum/> and <https://www.facebook.com/groups/LabourPartyForum/>

<sup>270</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1549738385068196/> and <https://www.facebook.com/groups/242259473094278/> and <https://www.facebook.com/groups/WeSupportJeremyCorbyn/>

## TEMPLATE TWO

The Worthington case study allows us to create another template:

- The person was a publicly identifying Labour member / activist prior to 2015. Openly voting Labour before Jeremy Corbyn took power.
- No visible interest / minimal interest in Israel in 2014, during a conflict that brought 100,000 onto the streets of the UK. They were not 'anti-Zionist' activists before Jeremy Corbyn took power.
- A sudden interest in Israel that coincided with Jeremy Corbyn winning the leadership battle
- Swift deterioration. Suddenly sharing articles about Israel, Zionism and Jews.
- Joins numerous pro-Labour or pro-Corbyn Facebook groups.
- First posts contain outrageous lies about Israel – dressed up as news – delivered with indignant comments such as 'how can they', 'why aren't people helping' etc.
- Develops into obsession. After a period of immersion, the member seems to be posting more Israel /Zionist related material than anything else.
- Public rejection of mainstream media as being 'Zionist' or simply not telling the truth. A total reliance on alternative news media and conspiracy websites develops.
- Starts sharing antisemitic conspiracy theory articles from obscure websites. Introduced to antisemitic conspiracy theory via the online Labour environment or at local meetings.
- Makes the 'criticism of Israel is not antisemitism' straw-man argument.
- Begins to make antisemitic arguments in their own words.
- An adoption of the good Jew / bad Jew from an introduction to the fringe anti-Zionist movement from inside the Labour apparatus to legitimise anti-Jewish hatred.
- The development of outright hostility towards mainstream British Jewry.

Notes:

Although most of these would logically run in order, this is not a strict sequential template, because some of these are not dependent on the other for progression.

Some people progress more quickly than others.

The first post on Israel can be relatively moderate from mainstream press such as Ha'aretz or the Guardian.

Because it seeks to highlight the strength of the research, the template seeks extreme examples. **100s of candidates were excluded** because they had made a handful of posts about Israel during 2014 despite fitting the radicalisation profile, displaying growing obsession and hostility towards British Jewry between 2015-2019. Some of these can be seen in Appendix B.

Conclusion:

The first template was an image of an antisemitic extremist and disenfranchised voter who jumped into the Labour Party explicitly to support Jeremy Corbyn. From there they spread antisemitism within the network. The second template paints a picture of someone infected by antisemitism within the tainted Labour Party support network.

## CASE STUDIES

These are a list of case studies presented as evidence in accompanying documents. Either Labour members who shared toxic material or Labour members who did not publicly appear to share antisemitic ideology until they apparently met it within the Labour Party mechanisms (this can be anywhere from the local CLP meeting to online pro-Labour internet forums).

John Adams (APPENDIX B)  
James Birkett (APPENDIX B)  
Tony Calow (APPENDIX B)  
Derek Arnold Dickson  
Jon Dow  
Joyce Duncan  
Lizzie Fletcher (APPENDIX B)  
Ian Hilpus (APPENDIX B)  
Charles Harding  
Ian Humphries  
Kath Hurley  
Mark Innes  
Jean Jones  
Justin Knight (APPENDIX B)  
Kevin Littlewood  
Brian Lovett White (APPENDIX B)  
Alan Maltman (APPENDIX B)  
Clare Minns (APPENDIX B)

David Mudie (APPENDIX B)  
Emily Morton  
Lorraine Murphy  
Bruce Poole  
Anne Read (Khan) (APPENDIX B)  
Paul Reed (APPENDIX B)  
Derek Samme (APPENDIX B)  
Mark Simmons-Jenkins (APPENDIX B)  
Donna Sloane (APPENDIX B)  
Les Smith (APPENDIX B)  
Simon Tansell-Brown (APPENDIX B)  
Jim Thakoordin (APPENDIX B)  
Andrew Paul Thompson (APPENDIX B)  
William Vallance  
Phil Wallis (APPENDIX B)  
Fred Wilkinson  
Graham Wilmot (APPENDIX B)  
Steve Wynne (APPENDIX B)

Littleover community School – separate document

Sheffield – separate document

## **BEYOND LABOUR**

Looking at the wider problem of antisemitism in the UK is far beyond the scope of this or any single piece of research. The antisemitic toxicity we are witnessing is not new, nor is the message and the underlying anti-Jewish discrimination is older than the nation we live in.

What does need highlighting is how the normalisation of antisemitism is spreading beyond the political confines of the Labour Party.<sup>271</sup> The damage that Labour is doing will not simply be undone by replacing Jeremy Corbyn. The Labour Party has taken the 'us v them' environment that existed on the fringes of society and taken it into the mainstream.

The Labour membership exists outside of the party. In unions, in councils, universities and schools. For several years both unions and student unions have used their space to propagate anti-Zionist disinformation campaigns, using the very binary messaging being replicated now inside the party.<sup>272</sup> To be a Zionist means to want to kill babies, to be an anti-Zionist means you want to stop people killing babies. There is no grey area.

A few months ago, the National Education Union published a letter in their magazine supporting BDS. The written editorial response promised NEU backing for the boycott Israel movement.<sup>273</sup> They soon backtracked, giving the excuse that it was an editorial 'error'. It wasn't of course, it was no doubt authorised by someone who believes sympathy for the Palestinians means needing to destroy Israel.

These 'errors' occur often. The most common place to view them is in newspaper articles.<sup>274</sup> From the media, to campus, to government and onto the UN, there are entire organisations set up to monitor or counter this delegitimisation campaign at work.<sup>275</sup> These organisation just want the outlets to tell the truth, to those trying to push the lies, they are viewed as 'Zionist power' and 'Zionist interference'.<sup>276</sup>

Academia is full of activists.<sup>277</sup> Often professors, standing in front of students disseminating false propaganda. Bloggers have been monitoring the spread of these lies for decades.<sup>278</sup> These students

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<sup>271</sup> See David Hirsh 'Contemporary Left Antisemitism' <https://www.amazon.co.uk/Contemporary-Left-Antisemitism-David-Hirsh/dp/1138235318> also Dave Rich 'The Left's Jewish Problem' <https://www.amazon.co.uk/Lefts-Jewish-Problem-Anti-Semitism-Updated/dp/1785904272> also Stephen Norwood's 'Antisemitism and the American Far Left' <https://www.amazon.co.uk/Antisemitism-American-Left-Stephen-Norwood/dp/1107657008>

<sup>272</sup> By 2017, seventeen student unions had voted to endorse the boycott of Israel <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-39719314> just this month, UNITE, the union of Len McCluskey said it will boycott HP because of its business relationship with Israel <https://bdsmovement.net/news/unite-uks-second-largest-union-will-boycotthp> Many other unions have also supported BDS activity.

<sup>273</sup> <https://www.thejc.com/news/uk-news/neu-israel-boycott-bds-sodastream-advert-teachers-union-backtrack-1.478332>

<sup>274</sup> See UK media watch for an endless stream of 'errors' in reporting <https://ukmediawatch.org/>

<sup>275</sup> See <https://cameraoncampus.org/> or <http://www.uklfi.com/> or <https://ukmediawatch.org/> or <https://unwatch.org/en/> or <https://www.ngo-monitor.org/>

<sup>276</sup> These groups are constantly smeared in anti-Israel propaganda outlets. Often accused of working directly for the Israeli government. <https://mondoweiss.net/2019/03/lawyers-relationship-government/>

<sup>277</sup> See <https://canarymission.org/professors> for a website in the US that lists professors engaged in anti-Israel activism. In the UK we also have many, such as Ilan Pappé <https://newrepublic.com/article/85344/ilan-pappe-sloppy-dishonest-historian>

<sup>278</sup> See <https://hurryupharry.org/> or <https://richardmillett.wordpress.com/> or [www.david-collier.com](http://www.david-collier.com)



go into the real world infected with a virus they caught at UK educational facilities. They can go on to become business leaders, academics themselves, councillors, lawyers or politicians.

'Israel as demonic obsession', justifies everything. The resistance they experience when they push their views is 'Zionist power'. Through the subversion of NGOs, unions and other traditional left-wing protest groups, 'Zionism' has become portrayed as the most evil, racist, oppressive, destructive force in the world. The real Israel that exists and the Israel that exists in their minds, bear no relation to each other.

In the current climate this has become even more amplified. With the Labour Party taking this hatred and spreading it through the mainstream, there are people out there who really believe demonic Israel is interfering with their democracy just so the Zionists can kill more babies and grab more land.

Within this twisted world vision, finding a way to tell schoolchildren about how evil Israel is, becomes the right thing to do. An act of protest against the powers that are trying to control 'thought'. Seeing someone actually waving an Israeli flag can be viewed so offensive that those people should face restrictions in when and where they can stand and where they are permitted to speak.

All it requires is someone within the information supply chain to have bought into the demonisation. A person educated enough to know the arguments – 'not all Jews are Zionists', 'antisemitism isn't anti-Zionism', 'Israel is committing Genocide', 'Israel is an Apartheid state', and so on. That person will 'okay' the letter to the editor, will write the response, will okay the anti-Israel event, will accept an article full of disinformation, will fact-check on propaganda websites.

With antisemitism in the headlines and with so many Labour supporters following the lead from key members of Corbyn's circle and radicalised in online bubbles, these people can no longer see what is right and what is wrong.

These Labour members will sit on council sessions when an anti-Israel motion is passed. How will they vote? They may even be the ones bringing the motion themselves. Are they displaying antisemitism when they vote against Israel? Neither you nor I could prove it – but what is driving this obsession in the first place?

Truth has been lost. Even in quarters it must never be lost. Teachers, permitting our schoolchildren to be fed raw antisemitic propaganda in our schools. Who authorises it? Sometimes we never find out. Sometimes the damage is irreparable. Often the only response you will ever receive is the type that suggests it was just an editorial 'error'.

## THE JEWISH BUBBLE ILLUSION

Littleover Community School is in Derby. The last formal Jewish service inside a Synagogue in the city took place in 1986.<sup>279</sup> There are approximately 17 mosques and 22 churches in the city.<sup>280</sup> Jews are a non-present UK minority group in Derby. They are not there to give themselves a voice. They need others to safeguard their rights.

A simple question. Would the city of Sheffield be discussing raising a Palestinian flag if 'Golders Green' was one of the constituencies? Of course not. Another simple question. Would Derby council sit to condemn a Pakistani government which is far more brutal to gays and Journalists than Israel would ever want or dare to be?<sup>281</sup> Again, the answer is no.

Which immediately highlights an issue.

There are several groups monitoring antisemitism or anti-Zionist activity in the UK, especially when, like in the case of Littleover, it seems to stray over the line of acceptability.<sup>282</sup> These organisations can only respond to complaints when others have brought them to their attention.

Similarly, anti-Zionist activity on campus, in church groups, in unions or in the local political sphere are often met with opposition, but mainly when Jewish people are aware, or have access to them.<sup>283</sup>

When I present lists of anti-Zionist groups, there is often shock at the quantity of pro-Palestinian groups across the country.<sup>284</sup> Those who engage in monitoring or countering such behaviour are only aware of the key movements and even then, only when the activity occurs within their locality.

Most of the friction occurs in a bubble. The Jewish population in the UK is highly concentrated.<sup>285</sup> This gives many in the community the false impression that when action occurs much of it is countered, but even then, they are vastly outnumbered.

In addition, allies of the Jewish community are strongest where the Jews are concentrated and weakest where there are no Jews. This creates a bubble, an illusion that 'Jews and their allies' have a safe space in the UK together. The hostility isn't real because nobody is burning an Israeli flag on their street. This over-confidence is woefully misplaced and entirely ignorant of historical precedent.<sup>286</sup>

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<sup>279</sup> <https://jscn.org.uk/small-communities/derby/>

<sup>280</sup> For mosques see <https://mosques.muslimsinbritain.org/maps.php#/town/Derby> for churches [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Category:Churches\\_in\\_Derby](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Category:Churches_in_Derby)

<sup>281</sup> See <https://freedomhouse.org/report/freedom-world/2019/pakistan> and <https://freedomhouse.org/report/freedom-world/2019/israel>

<sup>282</sup> For example, see UK Lawyers for Israel <http://www.uklfi.com/>

<sup>283</sup> See Al Quds 2019 counter-protest as an example <http://david-collier.com/al-quds-london-2019/>

<sup>284</sup> There are hundreds of active anti-Israel groups in the UK. In a single month, over 176 events were held <http://david-collier.com/obsessive-anti-israel-antisemitism/>

<sup>285</sup> <https://www.haaretz.com/jewish/60-of-u-k-jews-live-in-london-says-survey-1.5231434>

<sup>286</sup> There is no intention to compare the UK to 1930s Nazi Germany, but it provides an example of how an over-confident population can lose itself in an environment that becomes unrecognisable and quickly deteriorates. Russia following the 1917 revolutions is another example. Many of the most hostile anti-Jewish environments have been created through changing no more than a leader, a political party, a king.

In areas where there are few or no Jews, their allies become almost impotent, unable to counter the carefully selected 'anti-Zionist Jew' who has been especially brought up to speak. How dare they attack this person's 'Jewish identity', what are they - antisemitic?<sup>287</sup>

There are cities across the UK with a negligible Jewish population which seem 'frictionless', not because there is no hostility, but because there is no counter to it. There is no news coming from those cities because nobody is protesting the rise of Antisemitism there.

This is why Jewish students are often those who feel it the most. They leave the bubble for a short time and immerse themselves in an environment that more closely resembles the real world.<sup>288</sup> Even this is a partially protected environment.<sup>289</sup> Even they don't see the full hostility that exists in places outside of Government regulation and where there aren't enough of them to complain.

The antisemitism crisis is the result of a few Jewish people standing up for themselves.<sup>290</sup> It has needed Jews (with some brave allies) to mobilise to offset it. Yet the Jewish response is also split. Jewish people living in this bubble have a natural urge to believe things are less dangerous than they are. They argue over the merits of a semi-decent Momentum video about antisemitism.<sup>291</sup>

Jewish people fighting against Antisemitism are often attacked by allies who want to be more accommodating and forgiving.<sup>292</sup> Antisemitism mostly occurs when persistent and unbridled hostility crosses a line that no longer allows the man accused to hide behind the 'anti-Zionist' defence. There are those who naively believe an apology for 'crossing the line' is enough without addressing the person's retention of the persistent hostility that led to it.

Because they believe, in their Jewish area, surrounded by a few allies, that if there is just a slight change of direction, if Corbyn will only say a few nice words, if Momentum produce a better video, then everything will 'work-out' and we can band together to get a 'cleansed' Labour Party elected.

They see Palestinian flag wavers in Conference and just want it to stop.<sup>293</sup> If it stops, they can pretend those people holding the flags haven't got homes, don't influence others, don't leave conference and are not taking their new-found anti-Zionist demonisation elsewhere. The cities outside of this Jewish bubble don't exist.

Except they do.

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<sup>287</sup> I am often told by non-Jews who attend anti-Israel events outside of the bubble, that when they question the anti-Zionist Jew, the accusation of antisemitism is made against them.

<sup>288</sup> <https://www.telegraph.co.uk/education/2016/12/22/britains-top-universities-becoming-no-go-zones-jews-baroness/>

<sup>289</sup> University campus space is monitored by authorities seeking to ensure radicalisation is not taking place <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/prevent-duty-guidance> It is also an environment under UK Government guidance see letter to University heads sent by Jo Johnson <https://www.telegraph.co.uk/education/2017/02/24/universities-warned-anti-semitism-ahead-israel-apartheid-week/>

<sup>290</sup> See Twitter accounts such as gnasher Jew, Labour Against antisemitism

<sup>291</sup> Momentum have produced several videos on antisemitism.

<https://www.thejc.com/comment/comment/momentum-glitzy-videos-cannot-hide-the-far-left-organisation-s-attitude-towards-antisemitism-1.480875>

<sup>292</sup> See the Ali Milani example <https://www.thejc.com/news/uk-news/labour-moderate-explodes-in-row-over-mp-hopeful-s-apology-for-antisemitism-1.486859>

<sup>293</sup> <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-45634379>

## Conclusion

The standout conclusion of this research is that the election of Jeremy Corbyn as Labour Party leader in September 2015 established the toxic environment which enabled the growth of rampant anti-Zionist hostility and inevitably antisemitism, which has been in the headlines almost continually for the last three years.

Despite the prominence of the antisemitism issue in the media there has been relatively little attention paid to what enabled the outbreak. Many commentators focused instead on ancillary issues such as the number of antisemites who joined in 2015 or 2016, or on the non-transparency and failures of the disciplinary procedures in the Party.

Nobody appears to be asking the vital questions about what is happening to the members of the Party as a result of the propitious atmosphere for antisemitism that Corbyn's appointment created. Longstanding members have been subjected to an intense campaign of antisemitic messaging and anti-Zionist propaganda for over four years. What about them?

Jeremy Corbyn is part of the wider story. Without decades of preparation, the events of 2015-2019 could not have happened. The finger of blame points at Jeremy Corbyn not because he fathered this hostility, but because he mainstreamed it.

But this is the point where we run into our first major problem in assessing whether the creation of a generation of new antisemites was accidental or intentional.

Corbyn brought with him to the Leader's Office decades of experience in opposing 'Zionism'. All the tricks that anti-Zionist activists have used - blurring lines, distorting definitions, rewriting history, dividing communities, shutting down debate, demonising Israel and harnessing a non-representative Jewish fringe were imported into the party and became part of Labour Party strategy.

This is the same anti-Jewish environment that Corbyn's key allies, hand in hand with organisations that Corbyn has led or of which he has been a Patron for decades, created on campus and through demonstrations and boycott activity on the street. Jeremy Corbyn has even allied himself with organisations that have made genocidal declarations against all Jewish people. There was always mainstream Jewish opposition to every aspect of this.

It means Jeremy Corbyn knew and Corbyn didn't care. Corbyn was there speaking at those rallies, he was inside Parliament when Jewish protestors were silenced and evicted, he was at the AGMs when organisations such as the PSC spoke proudly of their activity. He remained a Patron even after reports highlighted the prevalence of hard-core antisemitism within these groups.

All that changed is that when the Labour Party membership chose Corbyn as leader, Jeremy Corbyn brought that poison - his poison - into Labour Party HQ.

There is an underlying antisemitism to Corbyn's world vision. After the 1917 revolutions, the Communists explicitly targeted Jewish communities because they posed a double threat – it is not just a religion. There is a national element to the identity too. The tool the Communists chose to attack the Jewish identity was a fringe Jewish group.

For decades the Jewish voice in the UK has been censored on campus. Jews are denied entry to events. Their speakers have not been allowed to voice an opinion and they've face a demonisation campaign that left many of them hiding their identity as others waved flags of despotic nations

proudly aloft. I personally have seen students asking a question of an academic on campus stand accused of being sent by the Israeli Embassy to ask it. Jewish students have been left needing protection as an alliance of Islamists and Marxists has targeted them.

All this came with Corbyn into the Labour Party. If we were being kind, we would argue that Labour's chief mistake was to defend against the antisemitism charges, but this would be too generous. It would suggest there was ever an intention to deal with the antisemitism at all. Why would Corbyn, who has long been a part of a campaign of demonisation that explicitly and deliberately silences all Jewish opposition, suddenly care about Jewish feelings?

What worked outside was imported. The extremists jumped into the party during both the 2015 and 2016 leadership campaigns. The hard-core anti-Zionist stance that had always existed on the fringe of the party was amplified to become a single drumbeat emanating from the Office of the Leader.

Dissenters were smeared and removed from the debating chamber. Accusations of antisemitism were deflected by deploying a small group of Jewish anti-Zionists, most of whom have no connection with the mainstream Jewish community.

It is inconceivable that Len McCluskey's attendance at the launch of JVL and the subsequent promise to affiliate his union with the group would have occurred without a 'wink' from Corbyn's Office.

The disciplinary process was used to further enhance the toxic 'us v them' portrayal, creating an atmosphere of an ideology under siege. A recruitment strategy. As Corbyn put out empty statements about rooting out antisemitism, his closest allies were aiding witchhunt groups and telling the membership it was all a smear. The message to media was different to the one delivered in the CLP.

Labour Party forums, real and virtual, became echo chambers. As befits an authoritarian environment, information was controlled. Sources that supported the leader were permissible, anything critical was banished from the room. The Canary, Skawkbox, Novara Media and an endless chain of fake news sites from the US, became the staple diet of the pro-Corbyn activist.

The trap had been set. All Jewish people needed to do was complain. When they did, they were removed as hostile Jews - not 'good Jews' like Jewish Voice for Labour. But 'Zionists' who wanted to bring down Corbyn. Zionists were the enemy.

The disinformation factory already existed, it just had control now. Labour Party arenas became similar to the university campus. Israel / Palestine was discussed obsessively. Every speaker an anti-Zionist. Is this antisemitism? 'No, of course not, here is a token Jewish person we prepared earlier.'

Israel became more and more demonised. Instead of the only democratic nation in the Middle East, Israel was portrayed as a demon state deliberately committing Genocide, Ethnic Cleansing and Apartheid – all at once and on a daily basis. Online forums became swamped with people obsessing over why this is allowed to go on and what type of 'Nazi' would defend it?

The typical level of understanding most members would have had of Zionism, Jews, Judaism and Israel was virtually zero. As the external anti-Corbyn voices grew louder, there was little to stop the radicalisation process amongst loyalists who wanted to internally justify their continued support of Corbyn.

With Labour deliberately breaking down the definitions of 'Jew' and 'Zionism' into meaningless terms and battling over the definition of antisemitism, there were no visible red lines, and many members felt unconstrained.



The accusations of a 'smear campaign' that came from Corbyn's closest allies achieved exactly what was intended – namely turning 93% of British Jews into subversive, demonic enemies that supported a Nazi state and sought to dethrone Corbyn just to protect it.

This isn't about 'a few' extremists that joined in 2015 or 2016, however the Labour Party might want to pretend otherwise. This is about the hundreds of thousands of other members who have been exposed to a deliberate antisemitic campaign of division and demonisation.

When someone is caught having bought into the antisemitic world vision, the Labour Party share responsibility. There is evidence of some not even understanding why they are 'obsessed' or what they did wrong. This is what Labour's internal mechanisms did to them. Is Labour just to cast them off with that hostility still embedded, perhaps with them even blaming 'the Zionists' for their fate?

Labour has a duty of care to the members that its own mechanisms have infected with antisemitism and - more importantly - to the British Jews whom it has placed in real danger. These attitudes are not easily corrected. Simple suspensions or expulsions do not address the underlying problem – an increase in the level of antisemitism in the UK, that is the result of deliberate activity from the Labour Leader's Office.

Labour turned a mainstream political party in the UK into a sewer of hate and an incubator for antisemites. They have a responsibility to find a way to undo some of the damage they have done.

This responsibility carries beyond the official membership. Key elements of the party have been sending these signals to their entire support base – if antisemitism is created there too – the Labour Party cannot simply shrug and point to the absence of the culprit's name on their membership list.

Many will point at Israel and suggest that Israeli actions are the root cause of this hostility, but that argument is highly disingenuous. We have communities in the UK with heritage from nations such as Pakistan, China, Bangladesh, Turkey. All these communities identify with their heritage, they wave flags and celebrate national days.

Israel's record is far better than most. They are also the only nation under constant threat by those who seek its destruction. Yet only Israel is singled out, time and time again. Only the Jewish national identity is unwelcome. How is this anything other than unacceptable discrimination?


When Jeremy Corbyn became Labour leader, he knew all this but instead of seeking to address that hostility and restrict it he deliberately and explicitly fed it, leveraging it to create a wider and stronger support base. A support base full of people who don't like Jews. That toxicity leaves the local CLP and enters the street, bringing the irrational hatred to every city in the UK.

When the enemy is viewed as all-powerful and all controlling, activists feel justified to cross almost any line. Disinformation, demonisation and antisemitism is spread openly everywhere as 'resistance', even amongst children at school. Anyone who protests is part of the 'Zionist lobby' and defending the 'indefensible'.


In response they'll protest and declare it is only 'Zionists' they don't like – but most of these people cannot define Zionism and cannot define antisemitism. They don't even really know what being Jewish is. They certainly have no idea of Jewish history and the real events of the Israel /Arab conflict – they're the product of four years of a radical extremist disinformation campaign and the junk news websites they've been fed.



**They're obsessed and they've been radicalised. How is this not Jeremy Corbyn's fault?**


## APPENDIX A – AN EXAMPLE THREAD


**Kellie-Jay Keen-Minshull**  
 11 May 2015 · Bristol


I've been reading about the Tories being backed by pro Israel lobbies who have more influence than the trade unions could ever have. Anyone?


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**Kellie-Jay Keen-Minshull** Hmmm
 


Like · Reply · 4y


**Andrea Collins** It's rubbish. And pernicious rubbish at that. What have you been reading - 5Pilllocks?
 


Like · Reply · 4y  3



**Jeff Joshua Rollin** Sounds like anti-Semitic drivel to me.
 


Like · Reply · 4y  5



**Kellie-Jay Keen-Minshull** A few sources. Only online stuff.
 


Like · Reply · 4y



**Mark Daniels** Get real.  
 The Jews haven't been poisoning the wells again.
 


Like · Reply · 4y  3



**Andrea Collins** Or killing Christian children for the blood to make matzoh.
 


Like · Reply · 4y  1


**Kellie-Jay Keen-Minshull** Erm it's in the Guardian. No need to be obnoxious boys. Grow TF up.
 


Like · Reply · 4y  1



**Jeff Joshua Rollin** Where in the Guardian?! If so I shall stop reading that paper immediately.
 

Like · Reply · 4y  1


**Kellie-Jay Keen-Minshull** Usually a newspaper has information contained within the printed words.
 












Like · Reply · 4y


**Andrea Collins** Well, there's this : (not the Grauniad) . It's actually quite disgusting. <http://5pillarsuk.com/.../the-israelification-of-the-uk.../>



**5PILLARSUK.COM**  
 The Israelification of the UK: Part 2 –  
 The loss of British values

Like · Reply · 4y · Edited

-  **Mark Daniels** Does anyone here even know what Zionism means? Seems not.  3  
Like · Reply · 4y
-  **Andrea Collins** True.  3  
Like · Reply · 4y
-  **Mark Daniels** How can you "oppose" a country? I think you need to be more specific  3  
Like · Reply · 4y
-  **Andrea Collins** I just don't get this fanaticism about Israel. Plenty of nastier regimes, but do people get all worked up about them? No.  3  
Like · Reply · 4y · Edited
-  **Kellie-Jay Keen-Minshull** Zionism is simply the formation of Israel  1  
Like · Reply · 4y
-  **Jeff Joshua Rollin** How many people who "oppose Israel" also oppose, oh, I don't know, Australia, NZ, the U.S., Canada...? Even Britain is full of colonists (Anglo-Saxons). Not to mention blacks and Muslims (to whom I've no objection, unless they're racist or jihadist).  1  
Like · Reply · 4y · Edited
-  **Kellie-Jay Keen-Minshull** Most of the others are killing their own....  3  
Like · Reply · 4y
-  **Kellie-Jay Keen-Minshull** I think it's a state sanctioned genocide that I have an issue with  3  
Like · Reply · 4y
-  **Jeff Joshua Rollin** Then oppose Turkey and Serbia, as well, if not instead. Israel has its problems and I deplore the Israeli government as much as any other right wing one, but anyone who falls for the "Zionists rule the world/Israel is the only evil state" crap...  1  
Like · Reply · 4y
-  **Andrea Collins** Genocide? How is that? The population of Gaza has grown steadily over the years. I'd call that pretty inefficient, in that case.  2  
Like · Reply · 4y
-  **Andrea Collins** Yep Saj, that's a REALLY trustworthy news source you have just posted. Nearly as good as the Guardian 😊  1  
Like · Reply · 4y
-  **Darryl Nussey** Good god most Jews in Europe are actually socialists this nonsense has been going on for decades as for Gaza who was it who elected a terrorist government who fires rockets into Israel daily? Who is it attacking Egyptian targets and who used their own people as human shields- yep Hamas!  4  
Like · Reply · 4y
-  **Mark Daniels** If Israel wanted to wipe out Palestine it could do it tomorrow.  
Ask yourself what Hamas would do if it had Israelis weapons?  3  
Like · Reply · 4y

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