

History of Anti-Semitism
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Unit #14- Anti-Semitism, The Cold War and 21st Century Anti-Semitism

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Reading #1

“He had committee members arrested, arbitrarily and without any regard for legal norms, regardless of the important and positive role which the accused had played during the war in helping to bring to light the atrocities committed by the Germans. Theirs had been constructive work, but now it counted for nothing...Stalin could have simply rejected their suggestion and rebuked them. But no, he had to destroy all those who actively supported the proposal.”

Reading #2

“My parents hid it from us. They didn’t want us to be injured or brutalized by it. We went to war. We beat Hitler. It can never happen again. You don’t need to know about it.”

Reading #3

“This bitter war which the Jews launched against Islam...is a war, which has not been extinguished, even for one moment, for close on fourteen centuries, and which continues until this moment, its blaze raging in all corners of the earth.”

Reading #4

“Families who lived in Egypt for generations, whose children were born there and knew no other way of life, were escorted to the airport and, as squads of rifle-toting soldiers watched, put on planes bound for Europe.”

Reading #5

In a 1967 press conference, French President Charles de Gaulle described Jews as *“an elite people, self-confident, and domineering”* and claimed that they were responsible for *“provoking ill will in certain countries and at certain times.”*

In Britain, novelist Colin MacInnes observed:

Before the battle started most Englishmen thought of Jews only as the oppressed, the victims. “Little Israel”; surrounded by foes dedicated to its destruction. After their swift victory, the Jews seemed transformed into the conquerors, even oppressors. And Arabs, who were thought of as arrogant, attackers, seemed to have become overnight the victims, the wronged, the weak.

Reading #6 - Herzog

“Zionism is to the Jewish people what the liberation movements of Africa and Asia have been to their own people...

Historically it is based on a unique and unbroken connection, extending some four thousand years, between the People of the Book and the Land of the Bible. In modern times, in the late 19th century, spurred by the twin forces of anti-Semitic persecution and of nationalism, the Jewish people organized the Zionist movement in order to transform their dream into reality...

Zionism is our attempt to build a society, imperfect though it may be, in which the visions of the prophets of Israel will be realized. I know that we have problems. I know that many disagree with our government’s policies. Many in Israel too disagree from time to time with the government’s policies...and are free to do so because Zionism has created the first and only real democratic state in a part of the world that never really knew democracy and freedom of speech.”

Reading #7 - Dershowitz

The UN General Assembly even went so far as to encourage Palestinian terrorism against Israeli and Jewish civilians. In 1979, it approved an exception to the international convention against the taking of hostages. The amendment, which expressly intended to permit hostage taking by Palestinians, went as follows: “The present Convention shall not apply to an act of hostage taking committed in the course of armed conflict...in which people are fighting against colonial occupation and alien occupation and against racist regimes in the exercise of their right of self-determination.

Reading #8 – 2009 Kuwaiti Newspaper

“The conduct of the Israeli armed forces reflected “an ancient ideology that is part of Jewish history and comes from the book they call the Talmud...One of the Psalms in the Talmud says “As for their children, one must focus on killing them and on dashing them against the walls. Pulverize their skulls until no trace is left of them.”

Reading #9 - 1969 Jordanian Minister

“It is our firm belief that there is no difference at all between Jews and Zionists. All Jews are Zionists and all Zionists are Jews, and anyone who thinks otherwise is not thinking logically. We consider world Jewry our adversary and enemy.”

Reading #10 – Journalist Jonathan Rosen (2002)

When I was growing up, my father would go to bed with a transistor radio set to an all-news station. Even without a radio, my father was attuned to the menace of history. A Jew born in Vienna in 1924, he fled his homeland in 1938; his parents were killed in the Holocaust. I sometimes imagined my father was listening for some repletion of past evils so that he could rectify old responses, but he may just have been expecting more bad news. In any event, the grumbling static from the bedroom depressed me, and I vowed to replace it with music more cheerfully in tune with America. These days, however, I find myself on my father’s frequency. I have awakened to anti-Semitism.

Reading #11 – Louis Farakhan

"The ADL... uses the term 'anti-Semitism' to stifle all criticism of Zionism and the Zionist policies of the State of Israel and also to stifle all legitimate criticism of the errant behavior of some Jewish people toward the non-Jewish population of the earth."