STATE HATE

How Iran’s Press TV Uses Social Media to Promote Anti-Jewish Hatred
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1. INTRODUCTION

In this report, the Center for Countering Digital Hate and ADL expose a foreign state hate operation; an influence campaign by the Iranian state that spreads dangerous antisemitism through social media platforms to millions, with impunity.

Press TV, a broadcasting brand founded by Iran’s state-controlled media corporation, is a platform used to promote the Iranian state’s hateful views of Jewish people, Holocaust denial, and LGBTQ+ and women’s rights to the rest of the world. Founded in 2007, the network’s self-professed aim was to break “the global media stranglehold of Western outlets”.

Press TV uses social media to promote ‘Palestine Declassified’, a video series which focuses its hatred towards British Jews, but spreads hateful narratives and lies about Jewish people as a whole. We argue this constitutes a ‘foreign state hate operation’, that is, a foreign influence campaign by one state designed to sow division among audiences abroad, this time with an overt strategy that uses the enormous audiences and algorithmic biases towards contentious material on social media to maximize visibility.

Palestine Declassified’s hosts, British ‘useful idiots’ who have previously faced allegations of antisemitism, perpetuate what the Anti-Defamation League has called the antisemitic myths of “power” and “anti-Zionism” to their followers. The project’s episodes, promoted through social media channels operated by Press TV, target Jewish people with antisemitic tropes and attack charities, schools, journalists, academics, and individuals by promoting the conspiracy that they are part of a coordinated “Zionist movement” – one of a number of phrases used indiscriminately with the aim to homogenize and flatten an otherwise ideologically nuanced and diverse set of people, groups, and communities. Half of the programme’s episodes promote antisemitic narratives – purporting antisemitic myths that “Zionists” control world events, “groom” young people in schools and universities, and the well-worn conspiracy that “Zionists” exercise a network of control in the world, specifically in the UK. Its comment section is rife with antisemitism, ranging from abuse to inciting violence against Jews.

Banned by regulators from television networks, its .com domain seized by US authorities, and removed from YouTube, Press TV relies on the indifference of social media executives to the spread of hate on their platforms, to funnel traffic to its website. This research clearly demonstrates that social media platforms are providing the Iranian state with the infrastructure to spread its propaganda to millions globally. While platforms claim to have rules against antisemitism, time and time again Big Tech have proven that they will only enforce their rules when convenient. In 2021, CCDH found that major social media platforms failed to remove 84% of antisemitic content reported using platforms’ own tools – ranging from Holocaust denial to conspiracies fueled by anti-Jewish hatred.

Thanks to social media platforms, Press TV’s vitriol has gained new ground in the West: the US, the UK, Canada, France and Australia make up 51% of Press TV’s total web traffic, according to data from Similarweb. Palestine Declassified has leveraged social media audiences to disseminate dangerous hate to up to 11.5 million followers, the majority on Twitter and Facebook. Social media companies allow it – and profit from its popularity.

It is time for platforms to stop greedily tolerating the presence of organized hate on their platforms, in breach of their own community standards, and the expectations of the vast majority of users who abide by the rules and simply want to be able to enjoy connection and entertainment online.
There are clear dangers linked to the rise in the visibility and prevalence of antisemitic hate globally. In 2022, the ADL reported a 36% increase in incidents of antisemitic harassment, vandalism and assault in the US, the highest on record since 1979. Dismantling antisemitism and its machinery, and reversing its normalization in digital spaces, will require policymakers, civil society, diverse communities, and tech platforms alike to take a stand against anti-Jewish hatred in all its forms.

**Imran Ahmed**
CEO, Center for Countering Digital Hate

**WE RECOMMEND SPECIFICALLY:**

1. Social media platforms maintain content moderation teams with a priority directive to limit hateful rhetoric, including attacks on the global Jewish community, and enforce comprehensive plans for addressing antisemitism on their platforms.

2. Social media platforms should take into account any broadcasting bans or decisions of broadcast regulators when determining if social media accounts associated with relevant entities violate community standards.

3. Treat Press TV and its Palestine Declassified as a foreign state hate operation subject to sanctions if authorities determine any association between entities currently under multinational sanctions.
The Islamic Republic of Iran remains the world’s leading state-sponsor of terrorism, antisemitism, and Holocaust denial. Besides threatening the State of Israel with genocide, Tehran and its armed proxies have for decades targeted Israelis, Jewish communities around the world, and Western nationals with indiscriminate terrorist attacks. But the Iranian regime’s murderous aggression doesn’t end there.

Besides mobilizing terrorist proxies like Hamas, Hezbollah, and the Houthis, the Iranian regime also invests in traditional and social media to wage information warfare around the world. Hence, Tehran’s long arm abroad includes state-funded propaganda units masquerading as media outlets that push out hate content in multiple languages globally. To this end, Press TV, founded by a media corporation controlled by the Iranian regime, has amplified not only antisemitism and Holocaust denial and distortion – while claiming it “respects and values all ethnicities and nationalities and the followers of all religions” – but also hate against other minorities, including women and LGBTQ+ individuals.

As this joint report by ADL and the Center for Countering Digital Hate shows, we should remain vigilant about the harmful impact Press TV and other regime outlets have on unsuspecting viewers in the West and around the world. Viewers who stumble upon the systematic hate and disinformation campaigns on Press TV, including those pushed out by well-known antisemites and conspiracy theorists, are at the risk of being pulled into a spiral of lies and incitement.

It is for this reason that the U.S. government’s pushback against the Iranian regime’s nefarious behavior over the years has included sanctions and other measures against Tehran’s propaganda tools. In 2013, the U.S. Treasury designated the Islamic Republic of Iran Broadcasting (IRIB) and its director for airing forced confessions of political detainees and restricting or denying the free flow of information to or from the Iranian people, especially by jamming Western media networks with Persian-language news.

In 2021, the U.S. government seized 33 websites operated by the Iranian Islamic Radio and Television Union (IRTVU), which itself was sanctioned the year before for being owned or controlled by the Islamic Republic Guard Corps (IRGC), a designated terrorist organization. The U.S. Department of Justice stated that IRTUV and other outlets affiliated with the Iranian regime were “disguised as news organizations or media outlets” and “targeted the United States with disinformation campaigns and malign influence operations.”

Press TV, which has been similarly targeted by state and corporate action and pushed out of networks, web domains, and platforms, continues to utilize various social media platforms to propagate hate and incitement and generate traffic to its website. Putting an end to the Iranian regime’s information warfare requires concerted action by not only international organizations and governments, but also corporations, including social media companies. We are proud to partner with the Center for Countering Digital Hate as part of our ongoing efforts to expose Tehran’s agenda of antisemitic disinformation, hate and incitement. Our report, however, is not just an exposé, but also a call to action, a call we hope will not go unanswered.

Jonathan Greenblatt
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2. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

**PRESS TV SERVES THE IRANIAN STATE’S GOALS OF PROMOTING HATE, HOLOCAUST DENIAL AND PROPAGANDA**

- Online content posted by Press TV invariably promotes the Iranian state’s hateful views of Jewish people, Holocaust denial, LGBTQ+ and women’s rights, including:
  1. Claims that Jews were involved in 9/11 and the Covid pandemic
  2. Articles claiming the Holocaust is “the Greatest Lie Ever Told”
  3. Antisemitic interviews with Ku Klux Klan leader David Duke
  4. Descriptions of same-sex relationships as “morally corrupt”
  5. Propaganda claims protestor Mahsa Amini died of “illness”, not police brutality

**PRESS TV’S PALESTINE RECLASSIFIED PROJECT IS A ‘HATE OPERATION’ TARGETING JEWISH PEOPLE:**

- Palestine Declassified is a video series produced by Press TV, with episodes hosted on the broadcaster’s website and promoted by its social media accounts.
- The project’s lead presenters have both been accused of antisemitism:
  1. David Miller was dismissed from his role at Bristol University, UK, after he claimed that Jewish students critical of his views were “directed by the state of Israel”.
  2. Chris Williamson, a former MP, was suspended from the UK Labour Party after dismissing concerns about antisemitism in the party as “smears” and “bullshit”.
- Palestine Declassified uses references to “Zionists” and a “Zionist movement” to promote antisemitic tropes about a powerful and secretive Jewish conspiracy.
- Over half of Palestine Declassified’s episodes promote one of five antisemitic narratives:
  1. That “Zionists” control world events, such as protests in Iran
  2. There is a Zionist “stranglehold” over the media and entertainment industry
  3. Zionists are “grooming” young people in schools and universities
  4. That there is a network of “Zionist” control in the UK
  5. Investigations into antisemitism in the UK Labour Party are a “witch hunt”
- UK Jewish organizations have been forced to issue warnings about hate directed at schools and community groups targeted by Palestine Declassified.

**PALESTINE DECLASSIFIED USES SOCIAL MEDIA TO REACH AN AUDIENCE OF 11.5 MILLION FOLLOWERS**

- Press TV has been removed from television networks and banned by YouTube, forcing it to rely on its remaining social channels to reach an audience of 11.5 million followers.
- Web traffic data shows that Press TV’s website primarily reaches a Western audience.
- Analysis of Twitter accounts promoting the project’s content show that a third have shared left-leaning hashtags, compared to just 11% that shared right-leaning ones.
- Nearly half of comments left on episodes of Palestine Declassified hosted on the Press TV website are antisemitic, including Holocaust denial and calls for violence.

**PRESS TV MUST BE SUBJECT TO CONSISTENT RULES ON PROMOTING HATE AND PROPAGANDA**

- Press TV uses social media to circumvent bans that prevent it broadcasting hate on TV.
  1. Social media platforms must set and enforce clear standards on antisemitism
  2. Social media companies should take account of existing broadcast bans
  3. Palestine Declassified should be recognised as a “foreign state hate operation”
3. DEFINING ANTISEMITISM

Throughout this report, we have used the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) working definition of antisemitism. This definition is the consensus of an international panel of experts convened by the IHRA to deliver a definition to guide work on antisemitism.

“Antisemitism is a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred toward Jews. Rhetorical and physical manifestations of antisemitism are directed toward Jewish or non-Jewish individuals and/or their property, toward Jewish community institutions and religious facilities.”

This definition is intended to guide individuals, organizations and governments in addressing the rise in hate and discrimination directed at Jewish people. To this purpose, the IHRA supplemented this core definition with a set of eleven illustrative examples, which again have guided our use of the term “antisemitism” throughout this report.

Manifestations might include the targeting of the state of Israel, conceived as a Jewish collectivity. However, criticism of Israel similar to that leveled against any other country cannot be regarded as antisemitic. Antisemitism frequently charges Jews with conspiring to harm humanity, and it is often used to blame Jews for “why things go wrong.” It is expressed in speech, writing, visual forms and action, and employs sinister stereotypes and negative character traits.

Contemporary examples of antisemitism in public life, the media, schools, the workplace, and in the religious sphere could, taking into account the overall context, include, but are not limited to:

1. Calling for, aiding, or justifying the killing or harming of Jews in the name of a radical ideology or an extremist view of religion.
2. Making mendacious, dehumanizing, demonizing, or stereotypical allegations about Jews as such or the power of Jews as collective — such as, especially but not exclusively, the myth about a world Jewish conspiracy or of Jews controlling the media, economy, government or other societal institutions.
3. Accusing Jews as a people of being responsible for real or imagined wrongdoing committed by a single Jewish person or group, or even for acts committed by non-Jews.
4. Denying the fact, scope, mechanisms (e.g. gas chambers) or intentionality of the genocide of the Jewish people at the hands of National Socialist Germany and its supporters and accomplices during World War II (the Holocaust).
5. Accusing the Jews as a people, or Israel as a state, of inventing or exaggerating the Holocaust.
6. Accusing Jewish citizens of being more loyal to Israel, or to the alleged priorities of Jews worldwide, than to the interests of their own nations.
7. Denying the Jewish people their right to self-determination, e.g., by claiming that the existence of a State of Israel is a racist endeavor.
8. Applying double standards by requiring of it a behavior not expected or demanded of any other democratic nation.
9. Using the symbols and images associated with classic antisemitism (e.g., claims of Jews killing Jesus or blood libel) to characterize Israel or Israelis.
10. Drawing comparisons of contemporary Israeli policy to that of the Nazis.
11. Holding Jews collectively responsible for actions of the state of Israel.
4. PRESS TV: THE IRANIAN NEWS CHANNEL WITH A MISSION TO SPREAD HATE

Press TV was founded by Iran’s state–controlled media corporation in 2007 with the aim of creating a primarily English language broadcast network that could break “the global media stranglehold of Western outlets”.43

The broadcaster launched as a news website, before establishing a 24-hour English–language news channel available through Western satellite and cable networks.44 Press TV’s website averages over a million visits a month, with US users accounting for 20.5% of visits.45

Alongside its international ambitions, Press TV has had a particular focus on the UK where it established a local office as long ago as 2006.46 Programmes produced by this branch office featured high–profile UK presenters, including former MP George Galloway and former London Mayor Ken Livingstone, both of whom have faced accusations of antisemitism.47 This appears to have had a lasting effect, with UK users accounting for 15% of visits to Press TV’s website.48

Today, Press TV has since been removed from television networks by UK and European regulators and banned by YouTube, pushing the broadcaster to rely on its remaining social media channels to reach an audience of 11.5 million followers.49

This report examines Press TV’s use of mainstream social media platforms to promote ‘Palestine Declassified’, a new video series spreading hatred of Jewish people and British Jews in particular, that we argue constitutes a ‘foreign state hate operation’.

PRESS TV IS PART OF THE IRANIAN STATE’S ‘INFLUENCE NETWORK’

On establishing Press TV, Iran’s state broadcaster was explicit in declaring that its purpose would be to “counteract the lies of the Western media”.50 Today the channel describes its mission in softer terms, saying that it aims to report “untold news” around the world.51

While Press TV poses as an independent and unbiased source of news, the reality is that the broadcaster is a key part of the Iranian state’s influence network.52 Its role in this network is to openly influence Western audiences and align them with Iran’s narratives and goals.53

The following pages set out Press TV’s record in promoting the Iranian state’s official positions on antisemitism, equal rights and the recent Mahsa Amini protests in Iran.
Hatred of Jews has been a key plank of Iran’s state ideology since the Islamic Revolution of 1979, and finds expression in Holocaust denial and calls for the destruction of Israel.

Ayatollah Khomeini, founder of Iran’s Islamic Republic, was instrumental in forming a state ideology that presents Jews as a malign influence on Muslim societies. According to this ideology, Zionism – the movement for the self-determination and statehood for the Jewish people in Israel – is a Jewish-Christian conspiracy to oppress Muslims around the world. Successive Iranian leaders have called for Israel to be “disappeared from the page of time”, “eliminated from the geographies of the world” or – an alternative translation for these phrases – “wiped off the map.” Iranian leaders have also questioned the historical reality of the Holocaust.

Press TV has been instrumental in promoting this feature of Iranian state ideology in the West, aiming to create a global constituency that supports Iran’s attacks on Jews and Israel.

Analysis of Press TV broadcasts by the Anti-Defamation League showed that the channel regularly promotes antisemitic conspiracy theories, even airing an interview with white supremacist and former Ku Klux Klan leader David Duke in which he claimed that “Zionists” are responsible for 9/11 and the Iraq War. More recently, Press TV has promoted claims made by a US academic that Israel was implicated in the spread of Covid-19 in Iran.

Press TV has repeatedly promoted Holocaust denial, in line with the Iranian state’s objective of presenting the Holocaust as a fabricated pretext to the establishment of Israel. Just one year after its launch, the broadcaster published an article claiming that the Holocaust was “scientifically impossible”, calling it “the Greatest Lie Ever Told”. Another article published in 2014 contains a litany of lies about the Holocaust, claiming that:

- “Historians estimate less than 100,000 died in [Auschwitz]”
- “Gassing stories form the foundational myths of the holocaust”
- “Auschwitz was a labour camp. [...] It makes no practical sense why the German government would waste so much time and resources to kill off their own labour force.”
- “Many of the self-styled ‘holocaust survivors’ claim to have survived internment in multiple “death camps,” which makes little sense.”
- “Pacifying the Gentile world with guilt constitutes a major portion of the global Zionist agenda.”

Press TV has even published suggestions that Jews are responsible for creating the conditions for a modern-day Holocaust in an article titled “American Zionists incubating another Hitler”. After promoting claims that “To their every misery Americans trace Zionist Jews in America and Israel at the root”, the piece concludes “should it then surprise Zionists or the world at large if America pops up its own Hitler?”

Press TV’s promotion of anti-Jewish conspiracy theories has been facilitated by its parent company, the Islamic Republic of Iran Broadcasting (IRIB). IRIB’s role as a state-owned media outlet in Iran is well-documented, and its influence extends to other countries through its satellite channels. This has allowed Press TV to broadcast its anti-Semitic content to a wider audience, including in countries where it is not permitted to operate on local airwaves.

Headline and image from a Press TV article about the Holocaust published in 2014
PRESS TV AMPLIFIES IRAN’S ATTACKS ON LGBTQ+ RIGHTS

Same-sex sexual activity is illegal in Iran, and carries a maximum penalty of death. Iran is estimated to have executed 5,000 gay and lesbian people since the 1979 revolution. In 2022, Iran executed two gay men convicted on charges of sodomy and handed death sentences to two female LGBTQ+ activists, who authorities described as “corruption on earth”. The charges against the women did not mention their activism, instead they were charged with ‘human trafficking’ on the basis that they had promised women better training and job opportunities abroad.

Attacks on LGBTQ+ people are another way in which Iran’s leaders seek to assert their moral authority in contrast to the West, with Iran’s Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei stating last year that homosexuality is part of the “moral deprivation” of Western civilization.

As part of the Iranian state’s “influence network”, Press TV has sought to present Western audiences with justifications for Iran’s anti-LGBTQ+ stance.

Articles published by Press TV present LGBTQ+ rights as a weakness. One piece published in early 2023 claims that “families in the West continue to be threatened by changes in social values and norms”, quoting a supposed expert who says “it is very cruel that you put innocent children through this dilemma of living with two men or two women that are morally corrupt”. This links to broader attacks on “identity politics” as a form of Western corruption.

Press TV has linked its attacks on LGBTQ+ rights to antisemitic ideas, quoting a commentator in one article who says that the “Zionist-controlled media” is “trying to replace sacred religious values in Western societies with immorality, homosexuality, incest, blasphemy and destructive free speech.”

PRESS TV AMPLIFIES IRAN’S ATTACKS ON WOMEN’S RIGHTS AND THE MAHSA AMINI PROTESTS

The United Nations has stated that women and girls are “treated as second class citizens in Iran”, citing concerns about domestic violence, the marriage of young girls and discriminatory laws.

This discrimination has been brought into focus by the recent Mahsa Amini protests across Iran, named after the 22-year-old who died following her arrest by police in Tehran in September 2022 for violating rules that require Iranian women to wear headscarves. These protests have grown into a national anti-government movement, triggering a brutal government response that resulted in the reported deaths of more than 500 protesters.

Press TV has repeated the Iranian state’s propaganda narratives about the protests, promoting claims that Amini’s death was “caused by an illness rather than alleged blows to the head or other vital body organs.” Subsequent sections of this report contain further examples of propaganda about the protests amplified by the “Palestine Declassified” project.

Beyond promoting propaganda about the Mahsa Amini protests, Press TV publishes articles critical of women’s rights. One article published in 2023 provided a platform for a commentator’s claims that “individualism in the West makes women upset and isolated in a way that they keep thinking about promoting themselves, competing with men, and becoming managers, leaders, presidents, and political leaders.”

Another promotes Ayatollah Khamenei’s claims that “the intermingling of men and women in Western societies... has failed to diminish men’s carnal desires and has instead amplified it, resulting in women and girls being sexually harassed on streets, in workplaces, educational centers and even in military facilities.”
5. PALESTINE DECLASSIFIED: A ‘FOREIGN STATE HATE OPERATION’ HOSTED BY PRESS TV

Palestine Declassified is one of a number of “programs” produced by Press TV. Since its debut on 1 February 2022, the project has published new episodes weekly, with a stated aim of “[providing] an in-depth look at the Palestine issue.”

Full episodes of Palestine Declassified are hosted on the Press TV website, while clips are shared to its social media accounts. The project’s YouTube channel was terminated in May 2022 after the Community Security Trust (CST), a charity protecting the Jewish community in the UK from antisemitism and related threats, reported them to the video platform.

PALESTINE DECLASSIFIED PROMOTES DANGEROUS ANTISEMITIC CONSPIRACY THEORIES

This report shows that most episodes of Palestine Declassified promote antisemitism in some way. The project takes care to present these antisemitic ideas as part of a broader conspiracy against Palestine and its supporters that has previously resisted exposure.

This report identifies five key antisemitic narratives promoted by Palestine Declassified: that “Zionists” control world events, that they have a “stranglehold” over the media, that they are “grooming” young people, that they control UK institutions and that they are perpetrating a “witch hunt” against critics.

Palestine Declassified has impacted the UK’s Jewish community, with warnings issued to Jewish schools after the project aired claims that they are “turning young Jews outside Palestine into partisans of Zionism” as part of “a process of grooming young people to radicalize them.”

PALESTINE DECLASSIFIED IS A ‘FOREIGN STATE HATE OPERATION’

Influence operations are “organized attempts to achieve a specific effect among a target audience.” A foreign influence operation is an attempt by one state to influence audiences in another state in line with its own goals.

Russian attempts to influence the 2016 US Presidential Election are perhaps the best known example of a foreign influence operation from recent years. The goal of this operation appeared to be sowing division amongst American citizens and involved attempts to covertly influence key demographics including African Americans using inauthentic social media accounts.

This report argues that Palestine Declassified represents a different kind of foreign influence operation: one that uses social media in an overt manner and which is aimed at spreading hatred of Jews in general and British Jews in particular. We therefore refer to Palestine Declassified as a “foreign state hate operation” carried out by the Iranian state.

This explains why Palestine Declassified promotes antisemitic content, revealing that it is a project working in service to the Iranian state’s goal of creating a global constituency that supports attacks on Jews and Israel. It also reveals that the project’s ostensible focus on the Israel–Palestine conflict is fatally compromised by its promotion of anti–Jewish hate.
6. PALESTINE DECLASSIFIED’S LEAD PRESENTERS HAVE BEEN ACCUSED OF ANTISEMITISM

Press TV has selected two British public figures to present most episodes of Palestine Declassified, both of whom have been accused of promoting or dismissing antisemitism, as detailed below.

This appears to have had an impact on the content of Palestine Declassified, which often presents genuine concerns about antisemitism as bad faith attacks, or even part of a highly organized conspiracy. Twitter labeled both presenters as “Iran state-affiliated media” following approaches to the platform from the Community Security Trust (CST).

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**DAVID MILLER**

Formerly Professor of Political Sociology at the UK’s University of Bristol, David Miller was dismissed from his role in 2021 following allegations that he had promoted antisemitism.

Much of Miller’s work focused on two projects: a blog called Spinwatch and a Wikipedia-style site called Powerbase that he claims “monitors power networks”. Both projects have a strong focus on Jewish or “Zionist” networks, with Miller’s Powerbase site documenting over 500 Jewish groups and organizations which it names as part of what it calls the “Israel Lobby”.

In early 2021, Miller responded to concerns raised by Jewish students at the University of Bristol by claiming that their actions were “directed by the state of Israel”. This triggered a public outcry, in which 100 politicians and 550 academics wrote to the university urging it to act. Miller was fired some months later for failing to meet the university’s “standards of behaviour”.

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**CHRIS WILLIAMSON**

Beginning his political career in local politics, Chris Williamson was elected as a Member of Parliament in 2010 and again in 2017.

Early in his second term as an MP, Williamson dismissed concerns about antisemitism in the UK Labour Party as “smears” and “bullshit”. This attitude would later see him suspended from Labour after claiming the party had been “too apologetic” over antisemitism in its ranks.

After an unsuccessful legal appeal against the suspension, Williamson decided to stand against Labour in the 2019 General Election as an independent candidate. Williamson came last of six candidates in his seat, garnering just 635 votes.

Since then, Williamson has attempted to establish his own political movement. Parliament has recently faced calls to rescind Williamson’s security pass given his involvement with Press TV.
7. PALESTINE DECLASSIFIED USES SOCIAL MEDIA TO REACH UP TO 11.5 MILLION FOLLOWERS

With access to Press TV’s broadcast channels now restricted in a number of countries, Palestine Declassified is reliant on social media to reach its audience.

To estimate the potential reach of Palestine Declassified, we compiled a list of ‘affiliated’ social media accounts that have promoted the project and belong to Press TV, Palestine Declassified or individuals who have presented episodes of the project, such as David Miller.

For Twitter, this list was supplemented with a list of ‘unaffiliated’ Twitter accounts that have retweeted Palestine Declassified content posted by ‘affiliated’ accounts. This analysis excluded quote tweets which are sometimes used to criticize Palestine Declassified and its content.

Summing the number of followers of these accounts reveals that Palestine Declassified’s content may have reached up to 11.5 million followers. The majority of this reach is supplied by Twitter and Facebook, with Instagram and TikTok accounts reaching less than 200 followers.

On Facebook, Palestine Declassified’s reach is reliant on Press TV’s official page, which has over 3.7 million followers. This stands in contrast with Twitter where official Press TV and Palestine Declassified accounts supply potential reach of just 476,734 followers, compared to potential reach of nearly 7.2 million followers supplied by accounts belonging to ‘unaffiliated’ supporters. YouTube has removed accounts for Press TV and Palestine Declassified.

These figures are an estimate based on the number of followers that accounts sharing Palestine Declassified content have on multiple platforms. The true reach of the project’s content may be much higher, as we cannot measure how many times it was seen by users that are not directly following users who shared it.

Limitations in access to platform data mean it is not possible to determine the extent to which the list of users following different accounts sharing Palestine Declassified’s content overlap. Similarly, our analysis of the reach of ‘unaffiliated’ accounts sharing Palestine Declassified’s content is limited to Twitter, as other platforms do not provide the data required.

Further detail on this analysis is available in Appendix A of this report.

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8. PRESS TV REACHES A WESTERN, LEFT-LEANING AUDIENCE

Global web traffic data shows that Press TV is able to reach a largely Western audience. Just five Western countries – the US, the UK, Canada, France and Australia – make up 51% of Press TV’s total web traffic, according to data from Similarweb. The data, which covers the month of February 2023, shows that the US pulls in the most traffic out of all countries, representing 20.5% of the global total, followed by the UK and Canada, which account for 11.9% and 11.3% respectively.

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A separate analysis of the Twitter activity of accounts tweeting in support of Palestine Declassified suggests that they mostly lean to the left of the political spectrum. Researchers identified 2,858 unaffiliated Twitter accounts that had each boosted the reach of Palestine Declassified by retweeting promotional content posted by ‘affiliated’ accounts.

Out of these accounts, 35% had tweeted at least one of a list of popular left-leaning hashtags, compared to 11% that had tweeted a right-leaning hashtag. Together, the accounts had tweeted left-leaning political hashtags 141,392 times, compared to 1,588 times for right-leaning hashtags.

A left-leaning tendency was also present for unaffiliated accounts that were extremely active in sharing Palestine Declassified. Amongst a smaller subset of 165 accounts that had shared the project at least 10 times, the share of accounts that had tweeted a left-leaning hashtag grew further to 51%, while 21% had tweeted right-leaning hashtags.

The full list of hashtags used for this analysis can be found in the Appendix B, including 14 left-leaning hashtags and 14 right-leaning hashtags.
9. PALESTINE DECLASSIFIED PROMOTES CONSPIRACIES ABOUT A “ZIONIST MOVEMENT”

Episodes of Palestine Declassified regularly refer to an imagined network of individuals and organizations that is powerful, secretive, united in ideology and, importantly, Jewish.

Different names given to this network appear to be used interchangeably. Most commonly, guests of Palestine Declassified refer to it as a “Zionist movement”, “Zionist regime”, or “Zionist network”. Others refer to the “Israel lobby” or to a “pro-Israel network”.

PALESTINE DECLASSIFIED FAILS TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN “JEWISH”, “ZIONIST” AND “PRO-ISRAEL”

These terms are not interchangeable. “Zionism” is defined by the ADL as “the movement for the self-determination and statehood for the Jewish people in their ancestral homeland, the land of Israel.” It is perfectly possible for a Zionist to be fiercely critical of the state of Israel, and there are many Jewish people that are neither Zionist nor pro-Israel.

Palestine Declassified regularly erases these distinctions. For example, Miller claims in one episode that young Jewish people “take leading roles in Jewish societies and universities... and then off they go into politics to pursue Zionism for the rest of their political careers”, implying that Jewish students involved in university societies are automatically pro-Zionist.

In another episode titled “King Charles III and Zionism”, a reporter claims that “the Israel lobby in England seems to have been quietly mobilised around the campaign to improve Charles’ image in the Muslim community.” In the same episode, Miller uses other phrases interchangeably, saying “the whole organized Jewish community, the whole Zionist World in the UK has come out, full page adverts in the Jewish Chronicle, supporting Charles.”

Similarly, the project frequently applies the term “Zionist” to organizations and individuals that are not Zionist. In one episode, Palestine Declassified attacks “extremist Zionist groups, such as Chabad.” In reality, the Orthodox Jewish Chabad movement is known to have a complicated and nuanced relationship with Zionism, opposing Israel’s Independence Day, its national anthem and the flag.

Elsewhere, Palestine Declassified claims that “Zionist interests have gripped entities as disparate as Twitter and the UK’s Bradford Literary Festival.”

PALESTINE DECLASSIFIED’S NOTION OF A “ZIONIST MOVEMENT” PROMOTES ANTISEMITIC CONSPIRACIES

Palestine Declassified’s indiscriminate use of phrases like “the Zionist movement” is not just inaccurate but promotes antisemitic conspiracy theories.

It does this by denying the range of thought amongst Jewish people and Zionists, asking viewers to instead imagine that there is one vast and ideologically homogeneous global Jewish network. Palestine Declassified’s attacks on the “Zionist movement” thereby become attacks on all Jewish people, regardless of their views. This fits with the Anti-Defamation League’s description of how attacks on Zionism can amount to antisemitic attacks on all Jews.

It is also used to imply that Jewish people have excessive power, exercised through covert means. Presenters and guests refer to far-reaching and secretive “Zionist influence” and “Zionist infiltration”. This fits with the Anti-Defamation League’s description of the antisemitic myth that Jews secretly wield excessive power over banks, media, industry and government.
In one episode of Palestine Declassified, a guest appears to acknowledge that its sweeping claims about a powerful “Zionist movement” will be criticized for antisemitism, saying “when they tell you it’s antisemitic to say they all work together, remember, that is a lie.”

For consistency, we have chosen to refer to this recurring concept in episodes of Palestine Declassified as the *Zionist movement* in italics throughout this report.
10. OVER HALF OF PALESTINE DECLASSIFIED EPISODES CONTAIN ONE OF FIVE ANTISEMITIC NARRATIVES

Palestine Declassified uses social media to spread conspiracies about the Zionist movement to a large audience of followers. While the project typically uploads clips that only vaguely allude to the central theme of an episode, these effectively advertise full-length episodes that in many cases promote antisemitic conspiracy theories.

Analysis of 49 episodes of Palestine Declassified broadcast between 1 February 2022 and 6 January 2023 found that 25 contain antisemitic narratives, equivalent to 51%.

Researchers identified five key antisemitic narratives that were present in multiple videos. These narratives are outlined on the next page, and are examples of antisemitic myths identified by the Anti-Defamation League in its “Antisemitism Uncovered” framework.

The following sections of this report collate examples of antisemitism fitting each key narrative from episodes of Palestine Declassified, as well as real-world examples of the potential threats faced by the Jewish community as a result of their content.

This evidence shows that Palestine Declassified is spreading antisemitic poison to up to 11.5 million social media users with each new weekly episode, in some cases triggering security warnings in the Jewish community.

A) “ZIONISTS” CONTROL WORLD EVENTS
This narrative covers Palestine Declassified’s allegations of Zionist involvement in foreign politics, extending to accusations of involvement in the conflict in Ukraine, protests in Iran and US domestic institutions.

B) A ZIONIST “STRANGLEHOLD” OVER THE MEDIA AND ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY
This narrative promotes the idea that “Zionists who are in the media business, or indeed sometimes outside the media business, do make an attempt to try and control the levers of public perception through media ownership activities.”

C) THE ZIONIST “GROOMING” OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN SCHOOLS AND UNIVERSITIES
A prominent narrative that formed the basis of Palestine Declassified’s pilot episode, the project explicitly accuses the British education system of “grooming” young British Jewish and Muslim children into supporting Zionism.

D) A NETWORK OF “ZIONIST” CONTROL IN THE UK
Developing the well-known conspiracy that the world is run by a Jewish elite, Palestine Declassified alleges that this network is at work “normaliz[ing] Zionism” in the UK.

E) THE “WITCH HUNT” IN THE UK LABOUR PARTY
Following the investigation into the UK Labour Party that identified unlawful acts of antisemitic conduct, Palestine Declassified attempts dismiss these and other allegations of antisemitism as a “witch hunt.”
THE ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE’S ANTI-SEMITIC MYTHS OF “POWER” AND “ANTI-ZIONISM”

Many of the antisemitic narratives analyzed in this report are examples of the myths of “Power” and “Anti-Zionism”, as taken from the ADL’s report “Antisemitism Uncovered”.¹¹⁷

The ADL describes the myth of “Power” as the accusation that a Jewish minority is “not only on a quest for total world domination, but is already in control of banks, the media, industry, [and] government”.¹¹⁸ This myth forms the underlying assertion upon which Palestine Declassified’s narratives are built. Claims of a “Zionist stranglehold” over the media and allegations of a transnational Zionist movement both allude to a pernicious and hidden agenda that mirrors those present in historical antisemitic texts such as “The Protocols of the Elders of Zion”, a publication circulated by the Russian Tsarist secret police in the early 20th century.¹¹⁹

The ADL defines “Zionism” as “the movement for the self-determination and statehood for the Jewish people in their ancestral homeland, the land of Israel.”¹²⁰ While criticism of Israel is not in itself antisemitic, Palestine Declassified’s attacks on what it sometimes calls the “Zionist movement” appear to draw on and perpetuate long-standing antisemitic tropes.¹²¹

According to the ADL, the myth of “Anti-Zionism” denies the “plurality of thought among Jews and Zionists” and presumes all Zionists to be a “monolithic evil”.¹²² As previously noted, Palestine Declassified sometimes conflates Zionism with being “pro-Israel” and “Jewish” without examining the nuances and history of the movement, and uses references to Zionism to propagate long-standing conspiracies about Jews.
10A. “ZIONISTS” CONTROL WORLD EVENTS

Palestine Declassified attempts to implicate the so-called Zionist movement in meddling with foreign politics. The cast of the project claims that the movement has interfered in the Ukraine conflict, triggered ongoing protests in Iran and forged suspiciously close ties with the USA in order to push a pro-Israel agenda abroad.

Under this narrative, the cast of Palestine Declassified claim that Zelenskyy’s Jewish identity has assisted in the harboring and “integration into the Ukrainian state of several explicitly neo-Nazi movements”; that the Jewish NGO Anti-Defamation League were linked to police forces in “killing black people on the streets”; and that “the US and Israel, via assets, agents and proxies [came] together to push the “riot” button in Iran”.129

24 MAY 2022 • RABBIS RECEIVE ANTI-TERROR TRAINING FOLLOWING REPEATED ATTACKS

An article published by the Jewish News in May 2022 stated that rabbis were receiving anti-terror training after Palestine Declassified broadcasted episodes calling Chabad Lubavitch a “supremacist organization at the extreme end of the settler movement.”134 The article references the above episode “Zionism and Ukraine” aired on 12 March 2022.135

12 MARCH 2022 • ZIONISM AND UKRAINE

In efforts to implicate the Israeli state in the ongoing conflict in Ukraine, Williamson alleges that the “Jewish identity of President Zelenskyy has been used by many in the West to cover NATO’s clear alliance with neo-Nazi battalions in the war against Russia.”130

The episode draws on the discourse that Zelenskyy is “strongly oriented towards Israel, but that in itself is a sign of being oriented really towards the far right.”131 When asked about the connection between NATO, Israel and Nazis, guest Lowkey replies by using a paraphrased Theodore Herzl quote out of context and in apparent bad faith, “the antisemites of Europe will be the best friends of the Zionist movement because they will provide the Zionist movement with the human material, through which the state can be built.”132

The episode’s “special report” also targets Chabad-Lubavitch, alleging that the Hasidic movement “is integral to the events in Ukraine”.133
9 JULY 2022 • MAPPING PROJECT OF BOSTON BDS

Palestine Declassified continues to propagate a covert link between pro-Jewish organizations, US intelligence and the Zionist movement. The episode focuses on what it calls the “Mapping Project of Boston BDS”, an interactive map of Jewish community organizations in Massachusetts. The ADL has described the project as “calling for the dismantling and disruption of the Boston Jewish community”.

Miller observes that the Mapping Project shows the “intersection of the Zionist movement with other institutions of US imperialism.” The Anti-Defamation League is singled out and accused of working “hand in glove with the FBI and of “pursuing manufactured antisemitism claims as well as fulfilling its function as a spy agency on behalf of Mossad.”

Miller alleges that the Anti-Defamation League in particular has assisted in “radicalizing US police departments with Islamophobic Zionist counter terror tactics” and that “many of the police forces engaged in killing black people on the streets had been getting training or advice from Zionist groups including the ADL.”

30 JULY 2022 • NATIONAL ORIGINS OF ZIONIST LEADERS

The episode traces the origins of ethnic groups of the Jewish community, including Ashkenazi and the Sephardi Jews. The report traces back the origins of these groups to Eastern Europe, North African Berbers, and Arabs, in order to frame the migration of Jewish people to Israel as “part of the process of colonization.” Palestine Declassified’s report concludes that “there is no unitary Jewish people with any historically continuous claim to the land of Palestine.”

In the backdrop of this, Palestine Declassified also alleges that “Zionism and Ukrainian nationalism share certain affinities, which perhaps helps to contextualize the Zionist regime’s ongoing support for the Zelenskyy regime.” The panel implicates Odessa’s Jewish community in the Israel-Palestine conflict, claiming: “The Odessa area in Ukraine was a separate colony where Jews came from other parts of the continent and settled there. And then later many of them moved to Palestine and became part of the occupation of Palestine.”

9 OCTOBER 2022 • ISRAEL AND MAHSA AMINI DECEPTION

In further efforts to expose an alleged Zionist involvement in foreign affairs, Palestine Declassified claims that the “US and Israel, via assets, agents and proxies [came] together to push the ‘riot’ button in Iran” following the death of Mahsa Amini. Behind the United State’s Intelligence Agency, they say, “is the Zionist regime.”

The episode’s report claims that “the US immediately activated its assets and agents to foment subversion”, and accuses them of framing Amini’s death as a murder “to whip up a frenzy of anti-government propaganda and reporting.” The report continues by accusing organizations of actively participating in the subversion, such as the National Endowment for Democracy and the Open Society Foundations, founded by George Soros.

The report concludes: “we see that both the US and Israel, via assets, agents and proxies, come together to push the ‘riot’ button in Iran.”
15 OCTOBER 2022 • THE INTERNATIONAL ZIONIST NETWORK TARGETS PALESTINE

Reporting on the role of the “Zionist regime in running pro-Israel networks around the world”, Palestine Declassified attacks DigiTell, a network created by the Israeli government for pro-Israel online activists and organisations combatting digital antisemitism, claiming that is intended “to make sure that they can target anyone who will stand up for Palestinian rights.”

By listing organizations and individuals that participate in this network, Palestine Declassified attempts to substantiate their broader claims about a powerful and monolithic “Zionist movement” that operates worldwide. The report ends by warning viewers, “when they tell you it’s antisemitic to say they all work together, remember, that is a lie.”
10B. A ZIONIST “STRANGLEHOLD” OVER THE MEDIA AND ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY

Palestine Declassified alleges that the so-called Zionist movement has infiltrated and taken over the entertainment industry to exert influence through soft power.

Entire episodes examine the alleged invasion of sectors in the media and entertainment industry, such as the “Zionist stranglehold over the top of the music industry”, a literary festival as the “next frontier” of Zionist infiltration, and the “Zionist regime’s broader influence in Hollywood.”

In one episode, one guest claims that Israeli former Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu’s strategy to destabilize Iran was to “create some sort of identity confusion, a soft power” through Hollywood and shows like Beverly Hills 90210 that would “let the Iranian youth see all that luxury, all those pools, all those mansions, so that they could maintain some sort of cultural superiority.”

19 MARCH 2022 • ZIONIST INFLUENCE ON MUSIC INDUSTRY

Miller raises accusations of a “Zionist stranglehold over the top of the music industry.” He and Williamson attempt to frame the Universal Music Group as part of the Zionist movement, citing multiple links between music corporations and pro-Jewish communities. For example, the project’s “special report” labels former CEO of Universal Publishing David Renzer as probably the “most important Israel lobbyist to emerge out of Universal Music Group” after he founded the Creative Community for Peace, an organization which seeks to educate the public about antisemitism within the entertainment industry.

16 APRIL 2022 • ZIONIST ASSAULTS ON THE MEDIA

Continuing their investigation into an alleged Zionist stranglehold over the media and entertainment industry, host Williamson claims to “examine the impact of Zionist infiltration on the media”, in particular the British print media. The “special report” interrogates the Daily Mail, claiming that “City Editor Alex Brummer is actually an Israel lobbyist” – such journalists, Miller alleges, “are people who are infiltrating on behalf of a hostile foreign state.”

11 JUNE 2022 • LITERARY FEST SUBVERTED BY ZIONISTS

In a supposed investigation into the “latest manifestation of the Israeli lobby’s relentless quest to infiltrate and co-opt every sphere of society”, Palestine Declassified claims literature is the Israel lobby’s “next frontier” of infiltration. The panel targets the Bradford Literature Festival, which they declare is “funded by Israel lobbyists”, whilst implicating the “suspicious” Aspen Institute, a nonprofit think tank, and publisher Simon & Schuster as parts of a Zionist plot.
18 JULY 2022 • ZIONIST ATTACKS ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Following the deletion of their YouTube channel, Palestine Declassified asserts that “Zionist lobbyists have been working with social media companies to have this programme censored and marginalized” by deploying the “Zionist weapon of choice – false allegations of antisemitism.” Miller states that the “propaganda platform” Twitter, has “Zionist groups embedded in their advisory system”, claiming it has resulted in an “effective stranglehold over what is admissible.”

24 SEPTEMBER 2022 • NATIONAL SECURITY THREAT FROM ZIONIST TELECOM TAKEOVER?

Implicating Israeli businessman and media tycoon Patrick Drahi in the so-called “Zionist entity”, Palestine Declassified suggests that the “national security concerns about Patrick Drahi’s takeover of British Telecom are Israel related” without deploying evidence. Miller employs this example and others to falsely conclude “Zionists who are in the media business, or indeed sometimes outside the media business, do make an attempt to try and control the levers of public perception through media ownership activities.”

9 OCTOBER 2022 • ISRAEL AND MAHSA AMINI DECEPTION

Set in the context of the protests in Iran and the suspicious death of Mahsa Amini, Palestine Declassified pushes the narrative that the Israeli government is interfering and provoking the riots as part of former Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu’s alleged strategy to destabilize Iran. Guest Mona Issa claims that Netanyahu intended to “create some sort of identity confusion, a soft power” through Hollywood and shows like Beverly Hills 90210 that would “let the Iranian youth see all that luxury, all those pools, all those mansions, so that they could maintain some sort of cultural superiority.”

30 OCTOBER 2022 • HOW MARVEL DOES MOSSAD

Following the feature of an Israeli intelligence agent in Marvel’s upcoming Captain America film, Palestine Declassified continues its so-called investigation into the “Zionist influence in Hollywood.” Miller alleges that “many of the big music companies are run by Zionists. And it is an extraordinary thing to say but they then are engaged directly in things like the Creative Community for Peace or indirectly, they have foundations which fund the Friends of the Israel Defence Forces, the Jewish National Fund, and all sorts of other organizations which are involved in ethnic cleansing in Palestine”, before concluding: “So these are significant issues all the way through the entertainment industry.”
10C. THE ZIONIST “GROOMING” OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN SCHOOLS AND UNIVERSITIES

A recurring narrative throughout the project is the “grooming of young people”, including young Muslims and Jews, by the so-called Zionist movement. The project alleges that this Zionist movement is indoctrinating young people in schools and universities via a network of organizations, such as the Community Security Trust and the Union of Jewish Students.

Some episodes are dedicated to attacking these groups, claiming that their aim is “to oppress and corral the minds of young Muslim kids mainly” and to “radicalize and recruit people to commit war crimes essentially and to commit human rights abuses in and around Gaza.”

1 SEPTEMBER 2022 • SECURITY CONCERNS FOR SCHOOLS TARGETED BY PALESTINE DECLASSIFIED

In an offline repercussion provoked by Palestine Declassified, an article from the Jewish Chronicle stated that the Community Security Trust had issued security advice to schools including Yavneh College and Haberdashers’ Boys’ School following claims on Palestine Declassified that children are being “indoctrinated”.

Whilst the article stated that there had not been significant threats against organizations and individuals targeted by Miller and Williamson, the CST’s decision to take precautions reflects the potential harm posed by the toxic narratives propagated by Palestine Declassified against the Jewish community.

2 FEBRUARY 2022 • ISRAEL ATTACK ON UK EDUCATION

Palestine Declassified’s pilot episode claims that the British anti-extremism Prevent programme “effectively is pushing pro-Israel lines onto vulnerable kids in schools on behalf of a hostile foreign power – the Israeli state”. Miller argues that this tactic is part of an effort “to oppress and corral the minds of young Muslim kids mainly.” Guest Asa Winstanley claims OneVoice is a “kind of normalization programme between Palestinians and Israelis” and accuses OneVoice’s project Solutions Not Sides of “spread[ing] to the West” and “kind of infiltrating British schools.”

26 FEBRUARY 2022 • COMMUNITY SECURITY TRUST

This episode is centered around UK-based Jewish charity the Community Security Trust (CST) and its role in the alleged “Zionist-led attack on higher education in the UK and beyond.” Palestine Declassified accuses the CST of triggering the “years-long smear campaign” against Miller during his tenure as a professor at the University of Bristol. As a result of this, Miller suggests there is a sinister link between the CST’s founding chairman Gerald Ronson and his ousting from the university, due to financial donations made to Bristol under The Gerald Ronson Family Foundation. Despite the focus of the episode, Miller admits that Palestine Declassified has “no evidence that there was any direct relationship between this funding and the pressure to sack [Miller]."
**9 APRIL 2022 • THE UNION OF JEWISH STUDENTS**

In another episode promoting the narrative of young people being radicalized, Palestine Declassified attacks The Union of Jewish Students (UJS). The episode alleges that the UJS’ “birthright propaganda programme [is] designed to indoctrinate Jewish students from around the world during an all-paid expense trip to Israel.” Miller continues that this Masa programme is a “mechanism helping to radicalize young people”, accusing the UJS of assisting the radicalisation and "recruit[ing] people to commit war crimes essentially and to commit human rights abuses in Gaza.”

**20 AUGUST 2022 • RADICALISATION OF JEWISH CHILDREN**

In his opening remarks, Williamson exclaims that he was “shocked to recently discover that Jewish children in the UK, as young as 4 or 5, are being encouraged to support Zionism, the official racist ideology of the Israeli regime.” Referencing a list of comedians, including Matt Lucas and Ashley Baker, Miller accuses the Haberdashers’ Aske’s school for producing a “school of comedy which would appear to have some kind of affinity with [Zionist] racism”. Miller claims, “we see the process of indoctrination. They come out of these schools, they then take leading roles in Jewish societies and universities. They go on to take national roles, [...] and then off they go into politics to pursue Zionism for the rest of their political careers.”

**7 MAY 2022 • CHILDREN OF PEACE - SUBVERTING GAZA**

In this Palestine Declassified, Miller accuses charity Children of Peace of being a “covert vehicle for Zionists” that “engages in projects in Gaza and the West Bank [...] which try and get children to be friends with each other, in order that they can stop discussing the really controversial issues about the fact of the occupation.” In another clip, Palestine Declassified pushes the claim that the UK-based non-profit Solutions Not Sides, founded to tackle antisemitism, Islamophobia and polarisation around the Israel-Palestine conflict in the UK, is “grooming school children to be pro-Israel.”

**10 SEPTEMBER 2022 • HOW SCHOOLS CENSOR PALESTINE AND GLORIFY UKRAINE CONFLICT**

Alleging that the Department of Education “continues its clamp down on Palestine solidarity in British schools” whilst encouraging support for Ukraine, Palestine Declassified claims schools have been working with organizations with a “covert Zionist agenda”, including Solutions Not Sides and the Forum for Discussion of Israel and Palestine. The report accuses the Forum of “pushing Zionist narratives set up by an organization called the Council of Christians and Jews”, whilst presenting Solutions Not Sides as a project “set up by prominent Zionists.” It attempts to implicate the Community Security Trust in pro-Zionist activity, accusing its founder, Gerald Ronson, of funding “extremist Zionist groups, such as Chabad.”
10D. A NETWORK OF “ZIONIST” CONTROL IN THE UK

Palestine Declassified premises on the popular conspiracy that there exists an international and centralized network pushing a pro-Zionist agenda around the world. In the episodes listed below, researchers identified where hosts and guests of the project allege that the network is operating in the UK in particular, sometimes referring to targeted organizations and individuals as “assets of British intelligence” and alluding to active cooperation between Israeli and British governments.186

Throughout the project, Palestine Declassified singles out organizations and individuals they claim to be part of this network. These include Nisa-Nashim, a national network that builds relationships between Muslim and Jewish women; David Hirsh, a Professor of Sociology at Goldsmiths University; and even King Charles III.

In one episode, the project alleges that the “Zionist regime is attempting to weaponize good will between women of different faiths to normalize Zionism in the Muslim community” in the UK.187 Throughout the series, it becomes clear that Palestine Declassified views this so-called Zionist movement present in the UK as part of a larger, transnational movement that is directed by the Israeli state.

### 26 FEBRUARY 2022 • COMMUNITY SECURITY TRUST

In an episode that centers around the Community Security Trust, a charity that strives to protect the Jewish community in the UK from antisemitism and related threats, Miller labels the charity “in part a spy agency.”188 The project propagates the claim that “CST’s staff have been trained by Israeli intelligence.”189 Miller further alleges that the CST has built an extensive network amongst the UK’s elite, alluding to a “secret list of advisors”, which allegedly includes politicians such as Levelling Up Secretary Michael Gove and senior police officers.190

### 2 APRIL 2022 • NORMALIZING ZIONISM: INTERFAITH STRATEGIES

Targeting Nisa-Nashim, a national network that builds relationships between Muslim and Jewish women, the panel of this episode accuse interfaith organizations of relating “really closely to the foreign policy objectives of Israel, of the Zionist state.”191 Williamson asserts that Nisa-Nashim is a “vehicle for normalizing Zionism in the Muslim community”, alleging one of their trustees to be an “asset of British intelligence” as a PREVENT coordinator, despite the trustee later refuting this in an interview with Palestine Declassified in the same programme.192
7 MAY 2022 • CHILDREN OF PEACE - SUBVERTING GAZA

Palestine Declassified addresses the UK-based non-partisan charity Children of Peace, which strives to bring together Israeli and Palestinian children in light of the conflict. The project attempts to implicate the charity’s role in a wider Zionist movement by alluding to the organization’s affiliation with the OneVoice Movement, a global initiative supporting grassroots activists in Israel and Palestine, and its UK-based subsidiary Solutions not Sides. The project claims both have “strong links with Israeli intelligence and the military” and “recruits friends, amongst which are many Zionists.”

1 OCTOBER 2022 • KING CHARLES III AND ZIONISM

In an episode that revolves around King Charles III and the Royal Family, Palestine Declassified claims that “the Israel lobby in England seems to have been quietly mobilised around the campaign to improve Charles’ image in the Muslim community.” Miller asserts a covert link between the King and the Zionist movement, stating: “The whole organized Jewish community, the Zionist world in the UK has come out full-page adverts in the Jewish Chronicle, supporting Charles and saying how fantastic he is for the Jews.”

4 JUNE 2022 • MINISTRY OF STRATEGIC AFFAIRS, DAVID HIRSH

Palestine Declassified denounces Professor of Sociology David Hirsh and expert of contemporary antisemitism as a “confirmed Israeli regime asset”, attacking him for assisting in the development of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance’s working definition of antisemitism. Miller claims the definition conflates anti-Zionist criticism with antisemitism and alleges that this so-called “weapon” was “used in the whole process that erupted, for example in the UK, in attacking the Corbyn-led Labour Party.”
Addressing antisemitism in the Labour Party under former leader Jeremy Corbyn, Palestine Declassified often dismisses the problem as a “witch hunt.” Some episodes draw on the experience of the project’s lead presenters, David Miller and Chris Williamson, to present them as victims of this supposed witch hunt.

An investigation into the Labour Party led by the Equality and Human Rights Commission (EHRC) identified unlawful acts of antisemitic conduct, including the use of “antisemitic tropes and suggesting that complaints of antisemitism were fake or smears.”

Continuing to promote the narrative that allegations of antisemitism in the Labour Party and beyond are fake, the project acts as a safe haven for individuals held responsible for promoting antisemitism. The project acts as a platform for such individuals to deny accusations of antisemitism, and these denials are in turn used by Miller and Williamson to claim that accusations of antisemitism leveled against them were fabricated.

In one particular episode revolving around alleged “Zionist attacks on academics”, Miller uses the case of Professor Steven Salaita to incite action against the so-called Zionist movement, proclaiming “we have to dismantle the Zionist movement all over the world.”

Palestine Declassified’s panel claims that the charity Community Security Trust “had a really pernicious influence on the Labour Party and led the witch hunt.” Williamson claims the CST were involved in an alleged campaign against Jeremy Corbyn in its role as the Labour Party’s “go-to source for information about antisemitism.” He accuses them of “obviously conflating antisemitism with anti-Zionism”, claiming that the “capitulation to false antisemitism slurs” led to the Party’s defeat in the 2019 election.

Drawing comparisons from Miller’s own involvement in a so-called witch hunt, Palestine Declassified examines the case of Steven Salaita, a professor at the University of Illinois, who became the subject of controversy and allegations of antisemitism following a series of tweets that were critical of Israel’s airstrikes in Gaza in 2014. One tweet read: “Zionists: transforming ‘antisemitism’ from something horrible into something honourable since 1948.” The panel comes to the Professor’s defense as Miller comments that Steven’s dismissal is part of the “same strategy” deployed by the “global, transnational [Zionist] movement” that saw him dismissed from his own position at Bristol. In light of this, Miller proclaims: “We have to dismantle the Zionist movement all over the world.”
25 JUNE 2022 • PROOFPOINT: ZIONIST COVERT OPERATION?

In an attempt to present the US security company Proofpoint as an asset of Israeli intelligence, Palestine Declassified hints at Israeli infiltration of the Labour Party following the appointment of a former Unit 8200 (the cyber branch of the Israeli Defence Force) employee as social listening and organizing manager. One guest, the rapper Lowkey, alleges that the employee functions as an “internal surveillance system” inside the Labour Party.

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20 OCTOBER 2022 • WHO KILLED THE CORBYN PROJECT?

In an episode devoted to unpacking the alleged “witch hunt” in the Labour Party, Palestine Declassified promises to “delve into how exactly the party was captured by key Israel lobby groups.” Targeting several organizations and individuals, such as Labour Against Antisemitism, Gnasher Jew and Jon Lansman, guest Ammar Kazmi blames the so-called Zionist movement for “generating a narrative that the Labour Party was full of so-called antisemites” and for “helping to subvert Jeremy Corbyn’s leadership.” The panel concludes that the so-called “witch hunt on behalf of the Israel lobby” during Corbyn’s leadership “effectively helped to normalize Zionism.”

18 JULY 2022 • ZIONIST ATTACKS ON SOCIAL MEDIA

On the above pretext, the host and guests of Palestine Declassified continue to reinforce the narrative that groups including the Jewish Labour Movement and Labour Friends of Israel, “played an extensive role in removing [Williamson] not just from the Labour Party but [...] from mainstream parliamentary politics.” Guest Ammar Kazmi claims, “the Labour Party was already captured by pro-Israel interests before Corbyn was elected Labour leader in 2015.”

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11. ALMOST HALF OF COMMENTS ON PALESTINE DECLASSIFIED ARE ANTISEMITIC

Comments posted under episodes of Palestine Declassified published on the Press TV website feature incitement to violence, Holocaust denial, antisemitic conspiracies and even a claim that the Nazis were “right about the jews”, with 47% of all comments fit our definition of antisemitism.

It shows that the content produced by Press TV’s Palestine Declassified project attracts antisemitic users and elicits antisemitic comments from them.

To find a sample of comments, researchers gathered the most recent 100 comments appearing under Palestine Declassified episodes on the Press TV website as of 15 December 2022. The resulting sample included comments from 55 separate users on 28 separate episodes.

In total, 47 of the 100 comments were classed as antisemitic. Comments were categorized depending on the type of anti-semitism they contained and whether they included calls for violence, resulting in the following breakdown:

- 21 comments peddled antisemitic conspiracy theories
- 9 comments incited violence against Jewish people
- 8 comments claimed that today’s Jews are not “real Jews”
- 5 comments contained abusive language directed at Jewish people
- 4 comments denied that the Holocaust happened

Note that while some comments contained more than one type of abuse, each comment was assigned just one category based on a judgment on the main substance of the comment. All comments that contained incitement to violence were categorized as such.

EXAMPLES OF ANTISEMITIC COMMENTS

Conspiratorial comments often centered around the idea that Jewish people, often in finance, business and the media, are secretly pulling strings to support a Jewish agenda. One comment, for example, says that former US President Donald Trump was under the control of the American businessman Sheldon Adelson, claiming: “Yids are now in control of the great satan, right inside the White House”.

The wasp is no more in control of the great satan, borats have taken over. Trump stole all the White House documents with the real intention only to return/hide them minus the ones showing he intended to nuke Persepolis on the instructions of zio sheldonadelson, that’s the extent to which the yids are now in control of the great satan, right inside the White House. All dealings with the satan to be made bearing this in mind. We have a satan that can do no harm to either Russia or China and may be influenced (like adelson did trump) by these zios into attacking a softer target, Iran. Our strategists have to be ready to counter this possibility eg by being in a position to wipe out israel, only then will the yids having the ear of the two Irishmen, biden/sullivan behave.
In one example of a comment that pushes the antisemitic concept that today’s Jews aren’t ‘real’ Jews, one user claims that genetic testing “proves that 90 percent of Jews are not Semitic”.

In an example of incitement to violence, one comment calls on Palestinian youth to “destroy these fake Jews”. The comment appeared under an episode on the “Radicalisation of Jewish Children”.

In an example of abusive language directed at Jews, one comment states that the Nazis “were right about the jews”. The comment appears under the episode named “Zionist Election Lurch to the Right”.

In an example of holocaust denial, one user says: “Not a single justice served against holocaust liars of pathetic apartheid regime yisraHELL. Such subhumans and lawbreaking [sic monsters]”. The comment appears under the episode “Targeting Palestinian Journalists”.

Those monsters of yisraHELL mafia gangsters don’t value any humans lives. They are used to murder and addicted to spilling the blood of innocents. They killed many journalists and they got away with those murder. Not even a single justice served against holocaust liars of pathetic apartheid regime yisraHELL. Such subhumans and laws breaking monsters.
12. PRESS TV BROADCASTS ANTISEMITIC NARRATIVES TO FRENCH-SPEAKING AUDIENCES

Press TV produces content for both English and French-speaking audiences. In 2020, the Berman Jewish DataBank at Stanford University published data reporting that France holds the third largest Jewish population in the world behind the USA and Israel with 448,000 individuals accounted for. This suggests Press TV’s decision to broadcast French-language content appears not to be an arbitrary decision, but strategic in its attempt to influence audiences in countries with significant Jewish populations.

Whilst the broadcaster publishes articles more broadly on current and foreign affairs, between 28 January 2018 and 15 March 2019, Press TV posted a series of news articles under the name “Behind the Scenes” (original: “L’enver du décor”), which appeared to target French President Emmanuel Macron.

A few of the reports contained antisemitic narratives. One article titled, “Why is Jupiter banning antisemitism?”, criticizes Macron for introducing a bill that supposedly equates antisemitism with anti-Zionism. Whilst the bill, now law, was and remains highly controversial, the author of the article continues with the claim that “lobbyists are forcing the president to turn a deaf ear to demands”, before asking “How far will Israel go in its interference in France?”

In another article which translates to “Yellow vests: Macron serving whom?”, the author criticizes the French President for condemning antisemitic abuse directed at philosopher Alain Finkielkraut during the yellow-vest protest on 16 February 2019.

After accusing Macron of not having previously intervened in the protests until the incident, the article asks “Is Macron getting help from his great Israeli friend?” before stating, “The French government under Macron, in the service of financial institutions all subservient to international Zionism, should have thought of Israel as a lifeline earlier.”

Press TV has also begun to upload episodes of Palestine Declassified (French: “Palestine Déclassifiée”) to the French version of the site with translations of episode descriptions and subtitles from the original. Fewer episodes of the project are available to the public in the French language, with the first episode of the French-subbed version appearing on 13 November 2022.
13. RECOMMENDATIONS

This report shows how Press TV and its flagship project Palestine Declassified can be seen to disseminate and amplify anti-Jewish hatred. Despite broadcasting bans and online removals, these antisemitic messages still reach 11.5 million followers through social media, highly-ranked search results and home streaming video platforms.

Policymakers must concentrate on closing the loopholes which allow Press TV to reach such a large audience, including by requiring social media platforms to enforce their rules on antisemitic content and by identifying Palestine Declassified as a foreign state hate operation. To address these problems, ADL and CCDH recommend:

1. Social media platforms maintain content moderation teams with a priority directive to limit hateful rhetoric, including attacks on the global Jewish community, and enforce comprehensive plans for addressing antisemitism on their platforms.

2. Social media platforms should take into account any broadcasting bans or decisions of broadcast regulators when determining if social media accounts associated with relevant entities violate community standards.

3. Treat Press TV and its Palestine Declassified as a foreign state hate operation subject to sanctions if authorities determine any association between entities currently under multinational sanctions.

1) LIMITING HATEFUL RHETORIC AND ENFORCING RULES ON ANTISEMITISM

Moderation decisions regarding Press TV are inconsistent across platforms. YouTube has blocked Press TV, while the video platform Roku carries the channel. There are also inconsistencies within companies, like Google Search surfacing Press TV highly in search results while the same company blocked the channel on their video hosting service.

Ensuring consistent content moderation and enforcement decisions is necessary to address antisemitism online. Prior ADL and CCDH research revealed shocking inconsistencies, including that platforms failed to take down 84% of antisemitic posts reported to them. As this report has detailed, Press TV reaches millions on Twitter, despite the platform forbidding direct attacks on the basis of religious affiliation in their hateful conduct policy. It is vital therefore that content moderation decisions are consistent with platforms’ own policies and community guidelines.

Current legislation recognises consistent enforcement and content moderation as fundamental elements of effective internet regulation. In Europe, Twitter’s failure to act on hate speech and its decision to fire its content moderation team will engage the EU’s new Digital Services Act, which requires platforms to police their sites for illegal content or risk large fines.

In the UK, the Online Safety Bill will create a duty of care for social media platforms and search engines to protect users from online harm, including requiring that the largest platforms enforce their terms and conditions. Platforms will have to write clear, accessible terms of service covering what is and is not acceptable on their site, and enforce these. If they do not, they are answerable to a regulator and liable for their failings.

These regulatory efforts are welcome, but social media companies must now put in place content moderation systems capable of fulfilling these legal requirements, and more importantly, ensure they uphold their own rules on hateful antisemitic content such as that evidenced here from Press TV.

2) TAKE ACCOUNT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AND REGULATORY DECISIONS

Authorities have already acted to remove Press TV from their digital jurisdictions and broadcast...
networks. These legal and regulatory decisions must be considerations for social media platforms who host or amplify Press TV.

In the United States, the .com domain of Press TV was seized by US authorities in June 2021, on the grounds that the sites were ultimately controlled by Iran’s Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps sanctioned for interference in the US. Social media platforms must take account of such legal action when considering whether to allow entities like Press TV on their platforms.

In the UK, Press TV flouts its broadcasting ban and reaches UK audiences through social media. Platforms, like Twitter, should be legally required to consider the UK broadcast regulator Ofcom’s ruling as part of their responsibilities under the Online Safety Bill. Otherwise, the UK will be left in the ineffectual position of having sanctioned and revoked Press TV’s broadcasting license but leaving it free to broadcast to the same UK audience via social media.

Although some have argued that Press TV should be able to broadcast Iranian propaganda, this report has cataloged the anti-Jewish hatred spread by Palestine Declassified and in user comments. Making the rulings of broadcast regulators and other authorities a required consideration for content moderation decisions strikes the balance between free expression online and uniformity of enforcement. These decisions will not be applicable every time, but ensuring that regulatory and law enforcement decisions are taken into account by platforms is an important step to close loopholes and prevent entities like Press TV from brazenly breaking the rules without facing consequences.

3) EXAMINE LINKS BETWEEN FOREIGN STATE HATE OPERATIONS AND EXISTING MULTINATIONAL SANCTIONS

Press TV’s funding and coverage are directed, ultimately, by the Iranian state. Although the channel claims only to counter misleading Western media narratives, in practice it parrots Iranian state lines which stoke hatred. The combination of these factors leads to the conclusion that Palestine Declassified constitutes a foreign state hate operation.

In recognition of this situation, the .com domain of Press TV was seized by US authorities in June 2021 on the grounds that the sites were ultimately controlled by a sanctioned entity. New multinational sanctions have been applied since. For example, following the death of Mahsa Amini in September 2022 and subsequent crackdown on protest by Iran’s Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps, Canada and the European Union placed sanctions on a range of Iranian officials and institutions. Editorial control at Press TV ultimately rests with the same top officials in the Iranian state now sanctioned by governments for gross human rights violations. It is critical that the links and decision-making authority these sanctioned officials have over the editorial output of Press TV be investigated.

CCDH and ADL recommend that authorities investigate these links, and ensure Press TV, as accessed from social media, video streaming platforms, or other online avenues, is identified as a foreign state hate operation directed by officials under multinational sanctions for human rights violations.

TWITTER MUST REINSTATE “IRAN STATE-AFFILIATED MEDIA” LABELS

As this report was finalized, Twitter took a deliberate decision to stop labeling any accounts as “state-affiliated media”. As a result, accounts belonging to Press TV, Palestine Declassified and its lead presenters are no longer labeled as “Iran state-affiliated media”.

This removes essential context from tweets promoting Press TV’s antisemitic conspiracy theories and makes it more likely users will view them as credible. These labels should be reinstated as soon as possible to ensure that Twitter users know the full picture when encountering content from Press TV and its affiliates.
APPENDIX A:
PALESTINE DECLASSIFIED’S POTENTIAL REACH

This appendix collates follower totals for various accounts promoting Palestine Declassified’s content on social media platforms. These figures are used as a basis for our estimate of the project’s potential reach in Section 6 of the report.

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## APPENDIX B: POLITICAL HASHTAGS

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See Sections 5 and 10 of this report for more detail.


Similarweb “Top Countries” December 2022 statistics for presstv.ir show that 14.84% of visits came from UK users.


“Americans have allowed Israel to colonize them... and now they are trying to amplify the plague of coronavirus in Iran which one suspects that they themselves have actually engineered, because otherwise how could an Israeli company claim that they’ll have a vaccine against coronavirus in less than two weeks when all scientists say that if there’s a novel outbreak like this it would take at least a year to have a vaccine.”


“Where are the most difficult places in the world to be gay or transgender?”, The Guardian, 1 March 2017, https://www.theguardian.com/global-development-powers-network/2017/01/01/where-are-the-most-difficult-places-in-the-world-to-be-gay-or-transgender-lgbt


“Iran sentences LGBTQ activists to death for ‘human trafficking’”, NBC News, 6
“Zionist movement
about-cst
Powerbase, accessed 4 November 2022,
reason. It’s one set of organizations with different iterations in different countries. So, of course they all have the same strategy. Of course, Steven’s case seems similar to my case [...]”


“Arguably, Zionism and Ukrainian nationalism share certain affinities, which perhaps help to contextualize the Zionist regime’s ongoing support for the Zelensky regime.”


“The Corbybn leadership effectively helped to normalize Zionism, they took on Zionist talking points and the damage of that is almost incalculable. People on the Labour left, we see this now, they still continue to spout these Zionist talking points [...] Jeremy Corbybn’s leadership as we know prosecuted the war against pro-Palestinian activists. They took on the witch hunt on behalf of the Israel lobby.”


“I just want you to see, and David obviously, to listen to this report on the role of the Zionist regime in running pro-Israel networks around the world.”


“Anti-Zionism or Criticism of Israel is Never Antisemitic”, ADL, accessed 8 February 2023, https://www.adl.org/resources/glossary-term/antisemitism

“In my own case, we see the process of indoctrination. They come out of these schools, they take on roles in Jewish societies and universities. They then take on national roles, which this particular person did [...] and then off they go into politics to pursue Zionism for the rest of their political careers. So this is an ongoing process. It starts, yes, in primary schools, but it goes all the way through, there’s a whole process of indoctrination, all the way through til they’re adults.”


“The Israel lobby in England seems to have been quietly mobilized around the campaign to improve Charles’ image in the Muslim community.”

Latifa Abouchakra in “King Charles III and Zionism”, Palestine Declassified, Press TV, 1 October 2022, 03:42, https://www.presstv.ir/Detail/2022/10/01/690191/King-Charles-III-and-Zionism

“The whole organized Jewish community, the Zionist world in the UK has come out full-page adverts in the Jewish Chronicle, supporting Charles and saying how fantastic he is for the Jews.”

David Miller in “King Charles III and Zionism”, Palestine Declassified, Press TV, 1 October 2022, 10:56, https://www.presstv.ir/Detail/2022/10/01/690191/King-Charles-III-and-Zionism

“its charitable objectives include combating extremism. However, its founder the convicted fraudster Gerald Ronson has a record of funding extremist Zionist groups, such as Chabad – through his family foundation.”


“In fact, some social media giants have Zionist groups embedded in their advisory systems. Take the example of Twitter. In the area of offensive speech, it listed the following groups concerned with antisemitism. The Representative Council of Jewish Institutions, the International League Against Racism and Antisemitism, Community Security Trust in the UK, and the Anti-Defamation League in the US.”


“This is just the latest manifestation of the Israeli lobby’s, you know, relentless quest to infiltrate and co-opt every sphere of society. You know, we’ve had academia, you know, politics and I think that this is the next frontier is, you know, culture, literature.”


“Anti-Zionism or Criticism of Israel is Never Antisemitic”, ADL, accessed 8 February 2023, https://antisemitism.adl.org/anti-zionism/


“We’ll examine the impact of Zionist infiltration on the media. What role did Zionist journalists and organizations play in neutering independent coverage of Palestine?”

Chris Williamson in “Zionist assaults on the media”, Palestine Declassified, Press TV, 15 October 2022, 16:37, https://www.presstv.ir/Detail/2022/10/15/690986/Honest-Reporting


“There is a long history of this intertwining, as Theodore Herzl puts it, that the antisemites of Europe will be the best friends of the Zionist movement because they will provide the Zionist movement with the human material, through which the state can be built.”


“So, we see that both the US and Israel, via assets, agents and proxies come together to push the “riot” button in Iran.”


“The interesting new thing it [Boston BDS mapping] shows is the intersection of Zionist movement with other institutions of US imperialism, as they put it, but also other oppressive domestic institutions in the US.”


“, ... you are seeing in front of you effectively a Zionist stranglehold over the top of the music industry.”


“Sometimes it’s through non-Jews who take over companies, like for example the Murdoch empire. Rupert Murdoch of course is not Jewish, but he’s very strongly pro-Zionist in all his outputs. So you can see there is a pattern here, which is that Zionists who are in the media business, or indeed sometimes outside the media business, do make an attempt to try and control the levers of public perception through media ownership activities.”


“This is a process of turning young Jews outside Palestine into partisans of Zionism. It is a process of grooming young people to radicalize them.”


“We [Palestine Declassified] look at how the Zionist regime is attempting to weaponize good will between women of different faiths to normalize Zionism in the Muslim community.”

“[...] The Corbyn leadership effectively helped to normalize Zionism, they took on Zionist talking points and the damage of that is almost incalculable. People on the Left, we know, they still continue to spout these Zionist talking points [...] Jeremy Corbyn’s leadership as we know prosecuted the war against pro-Palestinian activists. They took on the witch hunt on behalf of the Israeli lobby.” Ammar Kazmi in “Who Killed the Corbyn Project?”, Palestine Declassified, Press TV, 22 October 2022, 21:02, https://www.presstv.ir/Detail/2022/10/22/693929/Who-Killed-the-Corbyn-Project

“Essentially Zelensky has overseen the integration into the Ukrainian state of several explicitly neo-Nazi movements.” Lowkey in “Zionism and Ukraine”, Palestine Declassified, Press TV, 12 March 2022, 05:53, https://www.presstv.ir/Detail/2022/03/12/678431/Zionism-and-Ukraine

“The most obvious one, which is in the project, is the connections between the Anti-Defamation League and the local police force. Of course this became a big issue especially with the Black Lives Matter movement and George Floyd, where it became apparent that many of the police forces engaged in killing black people on the streets had been getting training or advice from Zionist groups including the ADL, but not limited to the ADL.” David Miller in “Mapping Project of Boston BDS”, Palestine Declassified, Press TV, 9 July 2022, 23:20, https://www.presstv.ir/Detail/2022/07/09/685323/The-Mapping-Project-of-Boston-BDS

“Meanwhile, Israel continues to directly support and utilize Kurdish separatist groups which are currently engaged in subversion and terrorism against Iran. So, we see that both the US and Israel, via assets, agents and proxies come together to push the ‘riot button’ in Iran.” Latifa Abouchakra in “Israel and Mahsa Amini deception”, Palestine Declassified, Press TV, 9 October 2022, 03:44, https://www.presstv.ir/Detail/2022/10/09/690958/Israel-and-Mahsa-Amini-deception

“Images from the war in Ukraine have dominated the headlines over the last few weeks. But the Jewish identity of President Zelensky has been used by many in the West to cover NATO’s clear alliance with neo-Nazi battalions in the war against Russia.” Chris Williamson in “Zionism and Ukraine”, Palestine Declassified, Press TV, 12 March 2022, 01:00, https://www.presstv.ir/Detail/2022/03/12/678431/Zionism-and-Ukraine

“Zelensky himself yes he’s Jewish, he’s also strongly oriented towards Israel, but that in itself is a sign of being oriented really towards the far right and the evidence all, as Lowkey’s just been saying, is he has moved towards the far right, he’s tried politically to distance himself from them, but in practice he depends on them as frontline fighters.” David Miller in “Zionism and Ukraine”, Palestine Declassified, Press TV, 12 March 2022, 07:41, https://www.presstv.ir/Detail/2022/03/12/678431/Zionism-and-Ukraine

“There is a long history of this intertwining of the idea, as Theodore Herzl puts it, that the antisemites of Europe will be the best friends of the Zionist movement because they will provide the human material, through which the state can be built. It doesn’t matter how people feel about it, these are historical facts about how we came to be where we are today.” Lowkey in “Zionism and Ukraine”, Palestine Declassified, Press TV, 12 March 2022, 11:09, https://www.presstv.ir/Detail/2022/03/12/678431/Zionism-and-Ukraine

“Chabad Lubavitch is an ultra orthodox Jewish sect with more than 10,000 emissaries in 100 countries worldwide. There are 52 centers in Ukraine, and around 150 emissaries.” Amina Taylor in “Zionism and Ukraine”, Palestine Declassified, Press TV, 12 March 2022, 12:42, https://www.presstv.ir/Detail/2022/03/12/678431/Zionism-and-Ukraine

“It runs a children’s group called the Army of Hashem, which in the words of the leader of the sect, the rebel who died in 1994, is dedicated to waging war against non-Judaism. The supremacism of Chabad is nowhere more evident and pointed than its activities in Palestine.” Amina Taylor in “Zionism and Ukraine”, Palestine Declassified, Press TV, 12 March 2022, 13:26, https://www.presstv.ir/Detail/2022/03/12/678431/Zionism-and-Ukraine

“Given its history, it’s no surprise that Chabad Lubavitch is integral to the events in Ukraine and is aligned with a far-right Ukrainian nationalist.” Amina Taylor in “Zionism and Ukraine”, Palestine Declassified, Press TV, 12 March 2022, 15:10, https://www.presstv.ir/Detail/2022/03/12/678431/Zionism-and-Ukraine


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“Unmapping the ‘Mapping Project’”, ADL, 17 June 2022, https://www.adl.org/boston-mapping-project

“The interesting new thing it [Boston BDS mapping] shows is the intersection of Zionist movement with other institutions of US imperialism, as they put it, but also other oppressive domestic institutions in the US.” David Miller in “Mapping Project of Boston BDS”, Palestine Declassified, Press TV, 9 July 2022, 02:23, https://www.presstv.ir/Detail/2022/07/09/685323/The-Mapping-Project-of-Boston-BDS

“As the Mapping Project correctly states, the ADL has worked hand in glove with the FBI ever since and currently operates as a lobby group pursuing manufactured anti-Semitism claims as well as fulfilling its function as a spy agency on behalf of Mossad.” Bianca Rahimi in “Mapping Project of Boston BDS”, Palestine Declassified, Press TV, 9 July 2022, 01:58, https://www.presstv.ir/Detail/2022/07/09/685323/The-Mapping-Project-of-Boston-BDS

“This is part of a Hebraisation of them. So it would appear that they had some kind of more intimate connection with Palestine than in fact they did. And of course, that’s part of the process of colonization to present themselves as being somehow indigenous to the area – just like the attempt to colonize hummus and falafel as Israeli cuisine.” David Miller in “National origins of Zionist leaders”, Palestine Declassified, Press TV, 30 July 2022, 16:59, https://www.presstv.ir/Detail/2022/07/30/686504/National(origins-of-Zionist-leaders

“They are Arab Jews with perhaps as little connection to Palestine as the Ashkenazim. There is no unitary Jewish people with any historically continuous claim to the land of Palestine.” Amina Taylor in “Normal origins of Zionist leaders”, Palestine Declassified, Press TV, 30 July 2022, 16:59, https://www.presstv.ir/Detail/2022/07/30/686504/National-origins-of-Zionist-leaders

“The Odyssey area in Ukraine was a separate colony where Jews came from other parts of the continent and settled there. And then later many of them moved to Palestine and became part of the occupation of Palestine.” David Miller in “National origins of Zionist leaders”, Palestine Declassified, Press TV, 30 July 2022, 06:43, https://www.presstv.ir/Detail/2022/07/30/686504/National-origins-of-Zionist-leaders

“Meanwhile, Israel continues to directly support and utilize Kurdish separatist groups which are currently engaged in subversion and terrorism against Iran. So, we see that both the US and Israel, via assets, agents and proxies come together to push the ‘riot button’ in Iran.” Latifa Abouchakra in “Israel and Mahsa Amini deception”, Palestine Declassified, Press TV, 9 October 2022, 03:44, https://www.presstv.ir/Detail/2022/10/09/690598/Israel-and-Mahsa-Amini-deception


“However, the most important Israeli lobbyist to emerge out of Universal Music Group is probably David Renzer, former CEO of Universal Publishing. Renzer along with other well placed figures in the music & film industry started an organization by the name of Creative Community for Peace.”


“We’ll examine the impact of Zionist infiltration on the media. What role did Zionist journalists and organizations play in neutering independent coverage of Palestine?”

Chris Williamson in “Zionist assaults on the media”, Palestine Declassified, Press TV, 16 April 2022, 01:12, https://www.presstv.ir/Detail/2022/04/16/680407/Zionist-assaults-on-the-media

“You see these journalists who, if you like, are Zionist infiltrators in the media and really we should think of them as being that kind of character. They’re not journalists who happen to have sympathies, these are people who are infiltrating on behalf of a hostile foreign state.”

David Miller in “Zionist assaults on the media”, Palestine Declassified, Press TV, 16 April 2022, 06:23, https://www.presstv.ir/Detail/2022/04/16/680407/Zionist-assaults-on-the-media

“This is just the latest manifestation of the Israeli lobby’s, you know, relentless quest to infiltrate and co-opt every sphere of society. You know, we’ve had academia, you know, politics and I think that this is the next frontier is, you know, culture, literature.”


“Another suspicious funder of the Bradford Literature Festival is the Aspen Institute, which is led by the Crown family... not only does the Crown family fund the Friends of the IDF and the settlement building Jewish National Fund, but also the Jerusalem Foundation where Lester Crown is also a director.”


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"This is a process of turning young Jews outside Palestine into partisans of Zionism. It is a process of grooming young people to radicalize them."


"This is a mechanism, essentially, for helping to radicalize young people, and eventually to recruit them to join the occupation army occupying Palestine illegally. So that’s quite a dramatic involvement. The UIS, this alleged organization just there to represent all Jewish students on campus, actually helping to radicalize and recruit people to commit war crimes essentially and to commit human rights abuses in and around Gaza and in the West Bank and in East Jerusalem and indeed elsewhere in Palestine."


"The British counter-terrorism policy PREVENT, the counter-extremism policy which they run, effectively is pushing pro-Israel lines onto vulnerable kids in schools on behalf of a hostile foreign power – the Israeli state."

David Miller in “Israel attack on UK Education”, Palestine Classified, Press TV, 1 February 2022, 23:18, https://www.presstv.ir/Detail/2022/01/02/675965/Israel-attack-on-UK-Education

"This is a foreign propaganda operation to oppress and corral the minds of young Muslim kids mainly."


"OneVoice is really a kind of normalization programme."

Asa Winstanley in “Israel attack on UK Education”, Palestine Classified, Press TV, 1 February 2022, 07:33, https://www.presstv.ir/Detail/2022/01/02/675965/Israel-attack-on-UK-Education

"Palestinians rejected OneVoice overwhelmingly and it was really kind of a success on that level, so instead it seems to have reinvented itself in many ways and spread to the West. So, this is, Solutions Not Sides started off as a project of OneVoice and it now seems to be kind of infiltrating British schools in a way that has minimal publicity really, but they get into British schools through a kind of, elite level I suppose in a way, through their relationships with the government."

Asa Winstanley in “Israel attack on UK Education”, Palestine Classified, Press TV, 1 February 2022, 08:01, https://www.presstv.ir/Detail/2022/01/02/675965/Israel-attack-on-UK-Education

"This week, we will examine the Zionist-led attack on higher education in the UK and beyond."


"Where did the bid to oust him [Miller] come from? The years-long smear campaign began with a UK charity named the Community Security Trust:"


"It’s since come to light that the Gail and Gerald Ronson Family Foundation, which is run by the head of the CST Gerald Ronson, gave money to the University of Bristol in 2013, 2017, 2018. And as a result, the foundation became a part of the vice-chancellor’s circle, which is a kind of elite exclusive club for people to engage with the vice chancellor. Now, we have no evidence that there was any direct relationship between this funding and the pressure to sack me, but it certainly is the case that there were many people who gave funding to the university that called for me to be sacked."


"The UIS holds events with the Israeli embassy in London and promotes the birthright propaganda programme, designed to indoctrinate Jewish students from around the world during an all-paid expense trip to Israel."


"Well, this [Children of Peace] is one of a whole range of organizations which we’ve looked at in many editions of this programme which appears to be harmless, which appears to be encouraging nice things like peace and reconciliation and understanding. But, which is a covert vehicle for Zionists. So it engages in projects in Gaza and in the West Bank and in East Jerusalem and indeed elsewhere in Palestine."


"Amongst its partners, the organization [Children of Peace] lists The Abraham Fund Initiatives, an Israeli government funded lobby entity and OneVoice and its subsidiary Solutions Not Sides which is grooming school children to be pro-Israel. Both organizations have strong links with the Israeli intelligence and the military. The charity recruits friends, amongst which are many Zionists."


"I was shocked to recently discover that Jewish children in the UK, as young as 4 or 5, are being encouraged to support Zionism, the official racist ideology of the Israeli regime."

“Many of the people who were involved there, were also in this Habonim Druor Zionist organization [...]. They’ve [Haberdasher Aske’s School] produced this school of comedy which would appear to have some kind of affinity with racism [...].”


“In my own case, we see the process of indoctrination. They come out of these schools, they then take leading roles in Jewish societies and universities. They go on to take national roles, which this particular person did [...] and then off they go into politics to pursue Zionism for the rest of their political careers. So this is an ongoing process. It starts, yes, in primary schools, but it goes all the way through, there’s a whole process of indoctrination, all the way through til they’re adults.”


“[...] This is an effort by the Israeli regime to blur together antisemitism and anti-Palestinianism.”


“People who are involved with Nisa–Nashim, one of their trustees is a PREVENT coordinator - is effectively an asset of British intelligence - and others involved are associated with organizations which are secretly funded, covertly funded by the propaganda department of the home office. They are also in effect assets of British intelligence.”


“We were not incubated [...] We have separated ourselves, we are now registered with the charity commission. We are an independent entity and no longer have links [...]”

Trustee of Nisa–Nashim in “Normalising Zionism: Interfaith strategies”, Palestine Declassified, Press TV, 2 April 2022, 13:48

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“[...] The well-known IHRA working definition of antisemitism, which does the very thing – it blurs together anti-Zionist criticism with antisemitism and tries to smear anti-racists as being racists. Now, Hirsh has been involved in this on a number of occasions [...]”

David Miller in “Ministry of Strategic Affairs, David Hirsh”, Palestine Declassified, Press TV, 4 June 2022, 06:24, https://www.presstv.ir/Detail/2022/06/04/683297/Ministry-of-Strategic-Affairs-David-Hirsh

“The alleged academic and confirmed Israeli regime asset had been doing his best to denigrate calls at Goldsmiths University for decolonisation by student groups.”

Amina Taylor in “Ministry of Strategic Affairs, David Hirsh”, Palestine Declassified, Press TV, 4 June 2022,14:48, https://www.presstv.ir/Detail/2022/06/04/683297/Ministry-of-Strategic-Affairs-David-Hirsh
“The whole organized Jewish community, the Zionist world in the UK has come out full-page adverts in the Jewish Chronicle, supporting Charles and saying how fantastic he is for the Jews.”

David Miller in “King Charles III and Zionism”, Palestine Declassified, Press TV, 1 October 2022, 10:56, https://www.presstv.ir/Detail/2022/10/01/690191/King-Charles-III-and-Zionism


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“The CST and the UJS, actually, had a really pernicious influence on the Labour Party and led the witch hunt.”


“The problem was that the default position [...] whenever there was an accusation of antisemitism, the Labour Party backed down, capitulated. And the unit that was charged, the so-called Governance and Legal Unit, with as it were administering the disciplinary process in the Labour Party, had a special unit dealing with antisemitism – and the go-to source for information about antisemitism was the CST and in particular Dave Rich, who is the head of policy at the CST, and they obviously conflate antisemitism with anti-Zionism.”


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“A lot of people have said that Labour lost the election in 2019 because of Brexit. That was obviously a factor, but another one that hasn’t got I think the attention it deserves, is this capitulation to false antisemitism slurs.”


Steven Salaita, Twitter, 20 July 2014, https://twitter.com/stevesalaita/status/4906610530444025

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oreille aux revendications”

Translated from French: “Jusqu’où ira Israël dans ses ingérences en France ?”

226 “Gilets jaunes : Macron au service de qui ?”, L’Enver du Décors, Press TV, 19 February 2019, https://french.persstv.ir/Detail/2019/02/19/588960/Macron--->prosionisme--jusqu%E2%80%99o%C3%B9--?

Translation from French: “Gilets jaunes : Macron au service de qui ?”


227 Translated from French: “Macron se fait-il aider par le grand ami israélien?”

Translation from French: “Une macronie au service des institutions financières toutes inféodées au sionisme international aurait dû plus tôt penser à Israël comme à une bouée de sauvetage.”


Translated from French: “Palestine déclassifiée: Les élections sionistes virent a droite, Palestine Declassified, Press TV, 22 November 2022, http://french.presstv.ir/Detail/2022/11/13/692671/La-Palestine-d%C3%A9classifi%C3%A9e-%C2%A0

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