STATE OF ANTISEMITISM IN AMERICA AND ILLINOIS

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Anti-Defamation League

- Founded in 1913
- ADL's Mission:

"To stop the defamation of the Jewish people..."

AND

"To secure justice and fair treatment for all."



What We Fight







How We Fight



INVESTIGATE

AND RESEARCH



EDUCATE

AND TRAIN





ANTISEMITIC ATTITUDES



Global 100 Survey Questions

ANTI-SEMITIC STEREOTYPES

- 1) Jews are more loyal to Israel than to [this country/the countries they live in].
- 2) Jews have too much power in the business world.
- 3) Jews have too much power in international financial markets.
- 4) Jews don't care about what happens to anyone but their own kind.
- 5) Jews have too much control over global affairs.
- 6) People hate Jews because of the way Jews behave.
- 7) Jews think they are better than other people.
- 8) Jews have too much control over the United States government.
- 9) Jews have too much control over the global media.
- 10) Jews still talk too much about what happened to them in the Holocaust.
- 11) Jews are responsible for most of the world's wars.

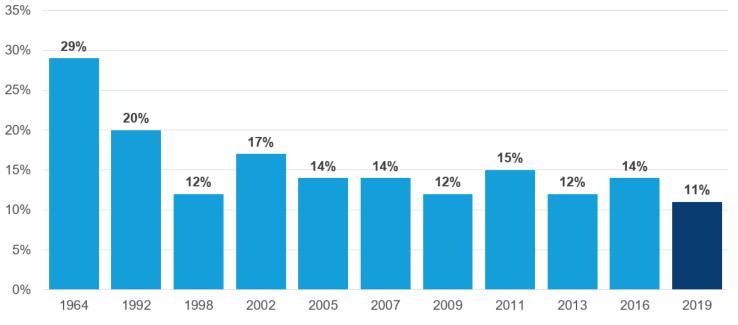
Survey Overview

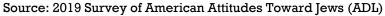
- 100 countries surveyed
- Live telephone survey
- 53,000 total sampled
- Either 500/1000 sampled per country
- Representative sample



Antisemitic Attitudes in the U.S.

Respondents With Intensely Antisemitic Attitudes **United States** | 1964-2019







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27% Jews are responsible for death of Jesus

<u>24%</u> Jews are more loyal to Israel than America

19% Jews talk too much about the Holocaust

15% Jews have too much power in the business world

11% Jews have too much control over the U.S. government

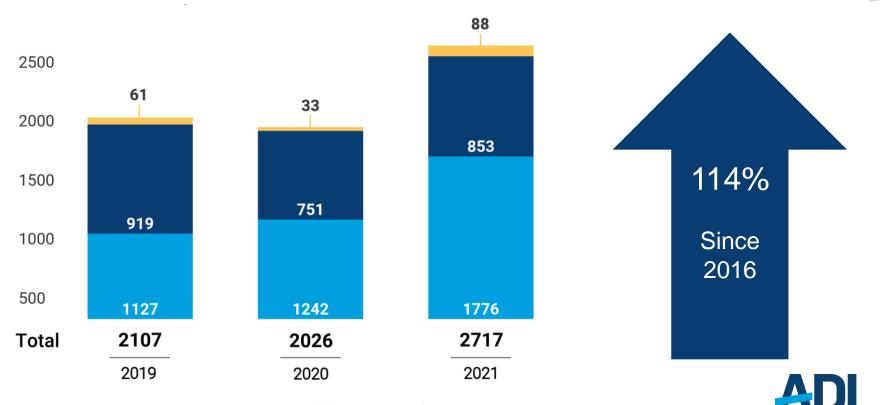
Source: 2019 Survey of American Attitudes Toward Jews (ADL)



ANTISEMITIC INCIDENTS AND DATA

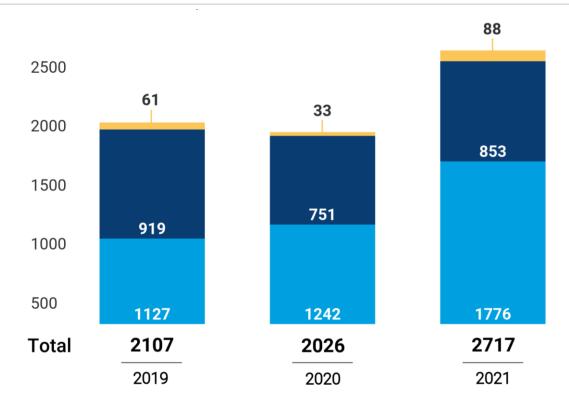


Antisemitic Incidents – National (2019-2021)



Harassment
Vandalism
Assault

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Highest total number of incidents reported to ADL since we began tracking in 1979.

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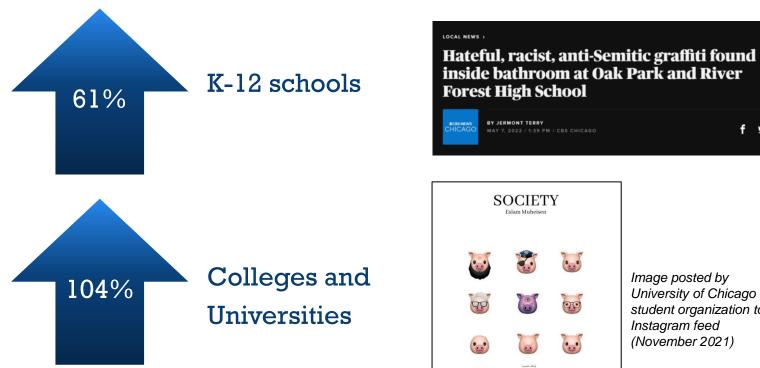
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Other Key Audit Findings

- **<u>167% increase</u>** in assaults
- <u>61% increase</u> in incidents targeting Jewish institutions
- <u>52% increase</u> in antisemitic propaganda by white supremacist groups
- <u>13% incidents</u> involved references to Israel or Zionism
- Incidents were <u>reported in all 50</u> <u>states and Washington, DC</u>

Source: 2021 Audit of Antisemitic Incidents (ADL)

Antisemitism in Schools

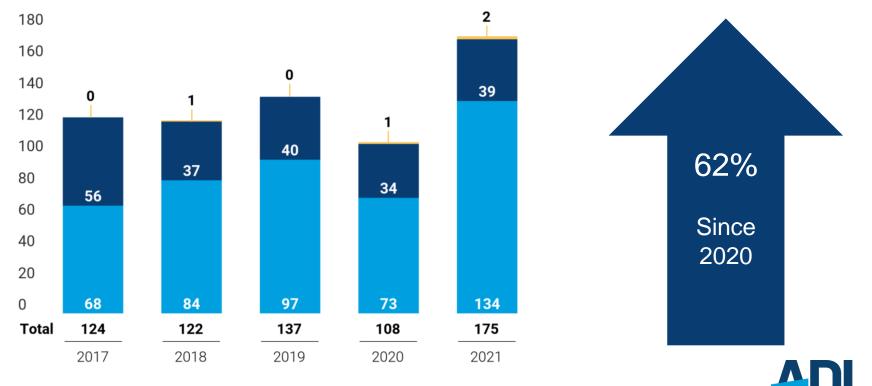


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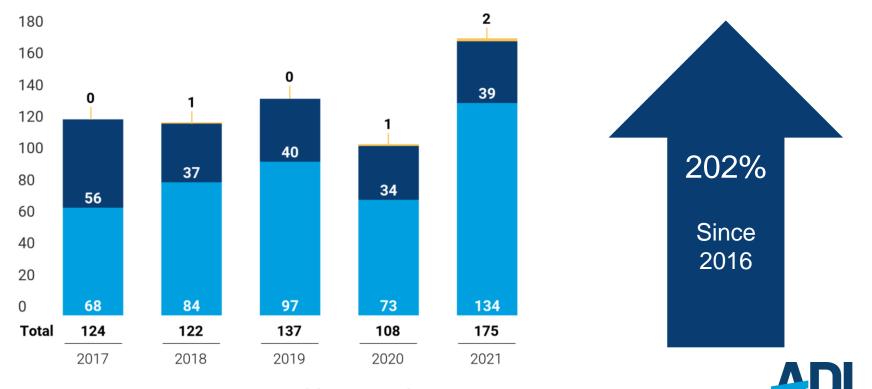
Image posted by University of Chicago student organization to its Instagram feed (November 2021)

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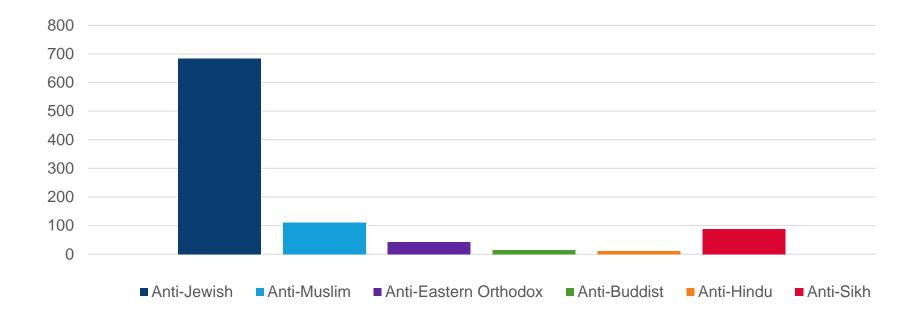


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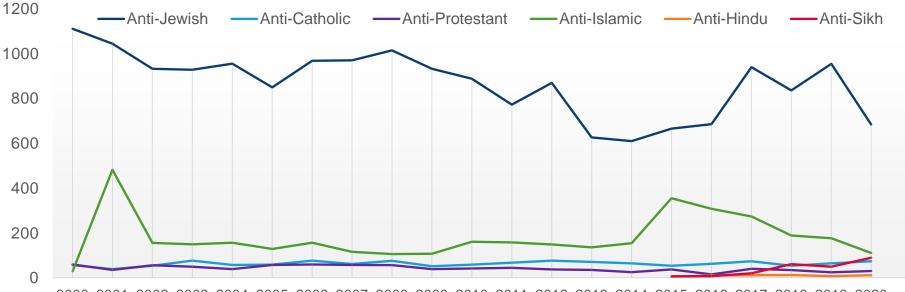


Hate Crimes Based on Religion (FBI, 2020)





FBI Reporting - Religion-Based Trends (2000-2020)



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Recent Illinois Incidents

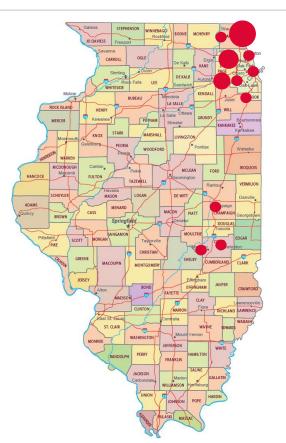


Clockwise from upper left: Kosher grocery store vandalized (Chicago, May 2021), Synagogue vandalized (Chicago, January 2022), individual throwing object at Hillel Jewish Student Center (University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, April 2022), Synagogue vandalized (Skokie, May 2021), Stay at home protests antisemitic sign (May 2020)

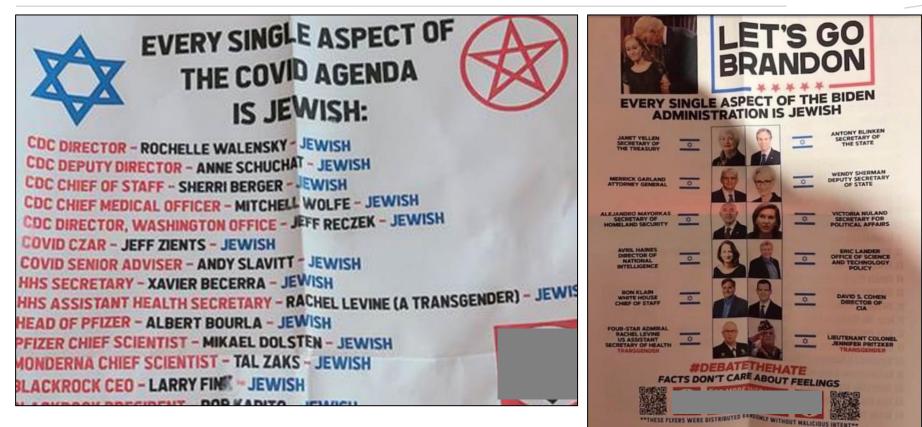
White Supremacist and Antisemitic Propaganda

21 reports to ADL Midwest of antisemitic propaganda distributed in Illinois over the last six months.

Arlington Heights Buffalo Grove Champaign Charleston Chicago Deerfield Glencoe Glenview Highland Park Long Grove Matoon Morton Grove Northbrook Northfield Palatine Park Ridge Schaumburg Skokie Winnetka



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THESE FLYERS WERE DISTRIBUTED RANDOMLY WITHOUT MALICIOUS INTENT



Actions to Consider

- Address underreporting of hate crimes (by law enforcement and address barriers to reporting by victims and communities)
- Mandate hate crimes training for law enforcement
- Hold social media companies responsible for spreading hate and misinformation on their platforms
- Continue to speak out, share facts, and show strength in the face of hate and bigotry



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