

ANTISEMITIC WORDS AND IMAGES



ECHOES & REFLECTIONS

TEACHING THE HOLOCAUST. INSPIRING THE CLASSROOM.

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[Discussing the impeachment proceedings against President Donald Trump, which he labeled a “Jew coup”] “That’s the way the Jews work. They are deceivers. They plot. They lie. They do whatever they’ve had to do to accomplish their political agenda...Should the Jews take over the country, they will conduct a purge...That’s the next thing that happens when Jews take over a country—they kill millions of Christians.”

— RICK WILES, NOVEMBER 22, 2019

“They [The Jews] have sentinels everywhere. And you know, a sentinel is a guard. You can’t be in medicine and not bow to Jewish power. You can’t be a lawyer and not bow. You can sing, right? You can dance. Oh man, you can play the instrument. But you need an agent. Who’s the agent? Uh-huh. Who is the person handling your finances? And when you look around, they’re arresting you for not paying your taxes, because the person you hired robbed you. But he [The Jew] can go free, but you can’t.”

— MINISTER LOUIS FARRAKHAN, SAVIOURS’ DAY SPEECH, DETROIT, MI, FEBRUARY 25, 2024

BACKGROUND

Rick Wiles is a pastor and radio host in Florida, who made these comments in a viral video posted to his website and on YouTube. According to the Simon Wiesenthal Center, Wiles promotes racist and antisemitic conspiracy theories through his media outlet, TruNews, and claims nearly 50,000 followers on X (formerly Twitter). TruNews is considered a hate group by the Southern Poverty Law Center.

Louis Farrakhan has led the group, Nation of Islam, since 1977. According to the Southern Poverty Law Center, the group “is based on a fundamentally anti-white theology” and “Farrakhan is an antisemite who routinely accuses Jews of manipulating the U.S. government and controlling the levers of world power.”

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“The enemies have been scheming for a long time... They took advantage of key-elements in unfolding events, and accumulated a huge and influential material wealth which they put to the service of implementing their dream. This wealth [permitted them to] take over control of the world media such as news agencies, the press, publication houses, broadcasting and the like. [They also used this] wealth to stir revolutions in various parts of the globe in order to fulfill their interests...They also used the money to establish clandestine organizations which are spreading around the world, in order to destroy societies and carry out Zionist interests...

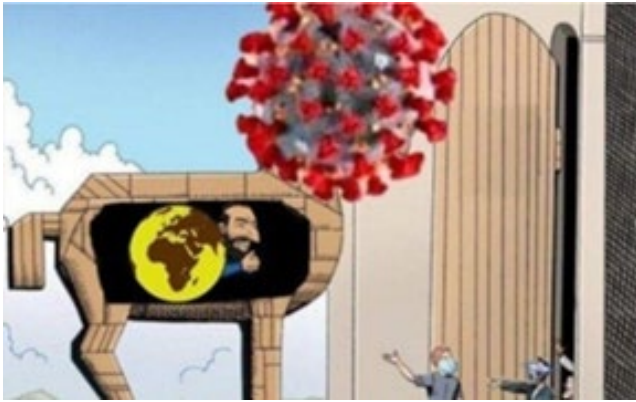
They obtained the Balfour Declaration and established the League of Nations in order to rule the world by means of that organization. They also stood behind World War II, where they collected immense benefits from trading with war materials, and prepared for the establishment of their state. They inspired the establishment of the United Nations and the Security Council to replace the League of Nations, in order to rule the world by their intermediary.”

— ARTICLE 22, THE CHARTER OF THE ISLAMIC RESISTANCE MOVEMENT (HAMAS), 1988.

BACKGROUND

Hamas is a Palestinian Islamist terrorist organization based in the Gaza Strip and West Bank. Its Charter explicitly calls for the eradication of the State of Israel and the killing of all Jews. Both the United States and the European Union have designated Hamas as a terrorist organization. Following the 2005 withdrawal of Israel from Gaza, Hamas has governed the territory since it violently overthrew the Palestinian Authority in 2007, and was responsible for the October 7, 2023, attack on Israel.

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Cartoon published on Telegram, March 15, 2020

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As COVID-19 spread throughout the world in late 2019 and early 2020 forcing lockdowns in the United States and other countries, a wave of antisemitic conspiracy theories flooded the internet, blaming the Jews for spreading the deadly virus. These actions followed a similar pattern of blaming the Jews for the illnesses of the world, including the classic tropes of Jews poisoning the well or spreading the bubonic plague.



The Goyim Defense League, an American antisemitic hate group, hung banners supporting Kanye “Ye” West’s comments about Jews over a Los Angeles bridge, Oct. 22, 2022. Image from Twitter (now X).

In late 2022, Ye (formerly known as Kanye West), a highly influential artist, record producer, fashion designer and former political candidate, posted several antisemitic tweets and interviews that included longstanding tropes of Jewish power and control (for instance, “I just think that’s what they’re about, is making money,” West said in an apparent reference to Jared Kushner and his Jewish family.)

At the time, Ye had a social media following of over 30 million. Following his statements, antisemites across the political spectrum praised his comments, participated in public demonstrations, and flooded social media with hashtags of “Kanye was right” and “Hitler was right”.

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Cartoon from Al-Watan newspaper (Qatar),
September 2011

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According to ADL and other sources, the country of Qatar has funded academic institutions and news organizations while frequently utilizing its own media to demonize Jews through cartoons that cross the line from legitimate criticism of Israel or its policies into overt antisemitism. This cartoon features a picture of a stereotypical-looking observant Jew driving a car while holding President Obama's head in one hand like a stick shift and a steering wheel in the other fashioned out of the United Nations' logo. The image evokes classic antisemitic myths of Jewish control, in this case of the U.S. government and the UN.