

BDS is Anti-American

The Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) movement specifically targets the Jewish people and works to disenfranchise American supporters of Israel by denying them their First Amendment Rights.

BDS directly opposes the values protected by the First Amendment to the Constitution

- Freedom of expression is denied when Pro-Israel students are prevented from expressing their viewpoints regarding the BDS movement.ⁱ
 - A 2016 study conducted by the Jewish Press on over 100 campuses found that “the number of incidents involving the suppression of Jewish students’ freedom of speech and assembly by members of SJP or other anti-Zionist student groups had approximately doubled.”ⁱⁱ
 - At Brooklyn College, BDS activists **deny Anti-BDS advocates the freedom of expression.**
 - In 2016, a Brooklyn College speaking engagement forcibly removed anti-BDS students from the event. The students had done nothing to disrupt the event in any way - they were purposefully kicked out of the event in order to suppress their freedom of speech. An independent investigation concluded that it was “clear that there was no justification for the removal of the four students.”ⁱⁱⁱ
 - Binghamton University’s Students for Justice In Palestine group outlined in their founding documents ways in which to **harass Jewish students and intentionally ruin their Pro-Israel events.**^{iv}

The BDS movement is rooted in anti-Semitism

- The anti-Semitic BDS movement **violates non discrimination laws and policies** making the movement illegal and unconstitutional.^v
- There is a strong correlation between BDS on campus and incidents of anti-Semitism.
 - **95% of college campuses with BDS** activity had at least one incident of anti-Semitic expression.
 - College campuses with no BDS activity only had a 33% chance of having active anti-Semitism present on their college campus.
 - According to a 2015 study of American colleges there is a strong correlation among professors who engage and encourage the BDS of Israel and the prevalence of anti-Semitism on campuses.
 - “100% of the 33 schools with 10 or more faculty boycotters had one or more incidents of anti-Semitic activity.”^{vi}
- The prevalence of BDS on campus often translates into violent attacks that specifically targets Jews.

- **56% of schools with BDS activity had attacks against Jewish students.**
 - Only 23% of schools without BDS had similar attacks- BDS on campus increased the likelihood of anti-Semitic attacks by more than 100%.^{vii}

ⁱ Bill Number: AB 2844,” *California State Legislature*, February 19, 2016

ⁱⁱ“ The Jewish Exception to Free Speech on Campus,” *Jewish Press*, August 2, 2016.

ⁱⁱⁱ “Report on BDS forum held at Brooklyn College on February 7, 2013,” *scribd*, February 7, 2013.

^{iv} Declaration of Principles and Strategies of Binghamton University Students for Justice in Palestine

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^{vi} Amcha Initiative”*Anti-Semitic Activity Report: Anti-Semitic Activity in 2015 at U.S. Colleges and Universities With the Largest Jewish Undergraduate Populations.*

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