SJP’s Anti-Semitic Activities on Campus

Students for Justice in Palestine (SJP) spreads anti-Semitism on campuses throughout the country.

Instead of calling for peace, SJP calls for the destruction of the only Jewish state and an end to Jewish self-determination.

- SJP students commonly chant “From the River to the Sea, Palestine will be Free,” referring to the Jordan River and the Mediterranean Sea. This cheer calls for the destruction of the only Jewish state as a whole, which is defined as anti-Semitism according to the US State Department.¹
  - Hamas, a U.S.-designated terror group, held a rally in Gaza in 2012 in which leader Khaled Meshaall also used this phrase. He shouted to the crowd “Palestine is ours, from the river to the seal.”³
- The group advocates for all descendants of Palestinian-Arab refugees to gain Israeli citizenship, a policy that would dissolve the Jewish majority in Israel and demographically eliminate the Jewish state.³

SJP members have resorted to physical and verbal aggression against Jewish and pro-Israel students on campus.

- In 2014, a young man tabling for SJP at Temple University punched a Jewish student in the face and called him a “kike” and a “baby-killer” for asking to discuss Israel.⁴
- The head of UC-Berkeley’s SJP, Hassem Zakaria, assaulted a Jewish student in 2010. The assaulted student, Jessica Felber, then sued the university for failing to protect Jewish students from hateful speech and violence.⁵
- During an 2014 SJP rally at Cornell, activists spat on Jewish and pro-Israel students and called them “Zionist scums.”⁶
- SJP students at Stanford bullied and kicked a pro-Israel student out of a 2015 event because she questioned the group’s bias regarding the Gaza war.⁷
- At Loyola University in Chicago, SJP members staged an unauthorized protest blocking Jewish students from tabling for Birthright Israel. The protesters verbally harassed the Jewish students with questions such as “How does it feel to be an occupier?” and “How does it feel to be guilty of ethnic cleansing?”⁸
  - The group was found guilty of violating university policy regarding free expression and demonstration and put on probation for the remainder of the academic year.⁹
- Some SJP tactics include spreading hateful and false messages by using mock ‘apartheid walls,’ checkpoints, and eviction notices. SJP students also orchestrate disruptive walk-outs of events planned by Jewish groups on campus.
  - These gambits deliberately intimidate Jewish students on campus,⁶ as SJP students who organize them often verbally harass Jewish students while spreading lies about Israel.

SJP groups regularly hosts anti-Semitic speakers. The following are just a few examples:

- Muhammed Desai was a keynote speaker⁵ at the SJP National Conference in 2014.
  - Desai incites the killing of Jews. In 2013, he organized a protest of an Israeli musician in South Africa and started screaming “Shoot the Jew!”¹⁰
- In 2014, the SJP at Brooklyn College hosted Steven Salaita.¹²
  - Salaita advocates for anti-semitism as a logical response to the Arab-Israeli Conflict. He even praised Hamas' kidnapping and murder of Israeli teenagers in June of 2014.
Shortly after the kidnapping, he tweeted “You may be too refined to say it, but I’m not: I wish all the fucking West Bank settlers would go missing.” -Salaita via Twitter - June 19, 2014.

- SJP chapters frequently host Omar Barghouti, the founder of the BDS movement.
  - Barghouti defends the second intifada, a wave of terrorist attacks that murdered hundreds of Jewish and Arab civilians.
  - BDS is an anti-Semitic BDS movement because it spreads lies about the only Jewish state in an attempt to isolate it politically, economically, and socially.
    - Freedom House ranks Israel as the only completely free country in the Middle East, yet BDS only targets the Jewish state.
    - BDS ignores countries (Saudi Arabia, North Korea, Syria, etc.) with the worst human rights records.
  - BDS hurts both Palestinian-Arab and Israeli civilians.
    - The BDS movement against Israel harms Palestinian-Arabs by boycotting products they produce and eliminating their places of work and sources of income. If BDS succeeds, the roughly 100,000 Palestinian-Arabs working in Israel will lose their jobs.

SJP demonizes and delegitimizes the only Jewish state by calling it an “apartheid state.”
- Equating Israel with an apartheid state is a deliberate lie constructed to demonize the only Jewish state and minimize the experiences of those who actually suffered from apartheid in South Africa.
- SJP claims Israel is an apartheid state despite the fact that it is the only democracy in the Middle East.
- SJP ignores actual human rights abuses in the region and instead only targets the Jewish state.

SJP often equates Israelis with Nazis. It has gone as far as using Nazi-like propaganda on campus.
- For example, Vassar College's SJP posted a Nazi propaganda poster from 1944 on its Tumblr and Twitter.
- According to the U.S. State Department, comparing Israel to the Nazi regime is a clear form of anti-Semitism, as it spreads a blatant lie about the only Jewish state while also insulting actual victims of genocide.

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