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This research does make a difference. I was recently named by the Algemeiner as one of their ‘J100’, a list of the top 100 people worldwide, ‘positively influencing Jewish life’.¹

The findings of my research have been covered in media across the globe.²

The support I receive from those who understand the importance of the work makes much of what I do possible. I simply could not do it without their kind and generous assistance.

The delegitimisation campaign against Israel and the rise of antisemitism are linked. I firmly believe we must expose the lies that spread anti-Jewish hatred into the mainstream.

We are witnessing obsessive attacks on Jewish identity disguised as a humanitarian social justice argument. Beyond street activism, this is visible in the political space, in the activity of some NGOs and in online resources such as ‘Wikipedia’. It is also deeply rooted in academia’s social sciences.³

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⁴ http://david-collier.com/you-can-help/
⁵ https://www.patreon.com/davidcollier
Hang on….message coming through…. kill all jews...kill all jews

Sonnenrad
@Sonnenrad4
Replying to @Irishchutzpah and @IrishTimes
stop calling yourself (((Irish))) you subversive piece of shit. You're a jew and everyone sees what you're doing.

8:46 p.m. · 27/07/2020 · Twitter Web

Patrick Kelly
This is a joke! Make alliance, you want penance for the utter destruction and devastation you have imposed on Palestine.
Your kind fund American foreign policy, encouraging war for your Shylock pockets. You all should repent and beg forgiveness from Palestine, the world and God. You freed Barabas to crucify our Lord.
The cause and victims of every war, the fighters and Victor's of none.
#FreePalestine
#Freeourselves

Maura Hanrahan
Light of support for the people of Gaza
28 Jan 2017 · G O THEN AS NOW 9/11 AND THE HOLOCAUST... What we are living is a lie. We are ruled by a parasitic cabal of Jewish Zionists who control the very narrative of.
youtube.com
- YouTube

Elizabeth Coleman
No way is the protocols a hoax, sure all ya have to do is look at who supposedly ‘debunked’ them...The jewish owned London Times...

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endzog is interested to hear of any further allegations, rumours or actual, of child abuse involving Avrum (Alan) Shatter. Shatter’s...
endzog.wordpress.com
endzog on WordPress.com

Marie Barry
22 Jul 2016 · G I've run out of expletives to accurately condemn the sub-human culture of the Zionist race
pH0072.wordpress.com
A Devastating Loss

Tom Coughlan and 25 others
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report represents part of an intensive effort to investigate antisemitism within anti-Israel activism. Arguments over a reported rise in antisemitism are being publicly played out in media and political circles. This work sets the bar for antisemitism extremely high so as to avoid the pitfalls of deflective arguments. The evidence shows this is clearly not about ‘criticism of Israel’ but rather the unchallenged spread of the world’s oldest hatred. Previous research of this type found a clear correlation between levels of anti-Israel activity and levels of antisemitism within a group. Research in the UK and US suggested concentration levels of 40-50% (of antisemites within pro-Palestinian protest). Tragically this new research suggests that the problem is even worse in Ireland.

The research draws several important conclusions:

➢ In Ireland, anti-Jewish racism spreads within the corridors of power and unlike in the UK or US, appears to be as much driven from the top down as the reverse.
➢ Some Irish politicians are obsessed about attacking Israel and Zionism, treating it in a manner different from the way they treat all other international issues.
➢ Irish politicians share material that is clearly fake and that comes from social media accounts that are blatantly antisemitic.
➢ One TD even liked a post that seems to suggest Hitler ‘may not have been too far wrong’.
➢ The argument that allegations of antisemitism are about stifling ‘criticism of Israel’ is used to shield some of the most horrific anti-Jewish racism imaginable.
➢ The problem stretches across politics and NGOs and spills onto the street. There is little political will and few voices to counter it. This has led to a proliferation throughout the Irish mainstream.
➢ In almost every town analysed, many of the key ‘activists’ have a history of sharing antisemitic content or giving voice to antisemitic ideology. There is even little or no reaction to activists sharing Holocaust Denial.
➢ Antisemitism is a key motivator in anti-Zionist activity. The people who share antisemitic ideology are often those handing out leaflets, organising the protest and starting groups in their local areas.
➢ These anti-Zionists view Zionists as ‘global manipulators’, ‘thieves’, ‘bloodsuckers’ and as people ‘intent on destroying the world to fulfil their own evil agenda’. It is undeniably antisemitism.
➢ Traditional Christian antisemitism plays a significant role in compounding the problem in Ireland and Christian NGOs facilitate the spread of antisemitism there.
➢ In anti-Zionism, far-right and far-left merge.

The report confirms the findings of previous research. It establishes beyond doubt the indivisibility of anti-Zionist protest and antisemitism. Antisemitism in all its guises must be called out. It has no place in public discourse.
INTRODUCTION

It is not antisemitic to criticize Israel. It is perfectly legitimate to criticize Israeli government policy. Just as we Irish criticize our government daily, Israelis spend an inordinate amount of time criticizing their own government policy.

What is antisemitic is to attempt to deny the right of the Jewish people to live collectively, securely and at peace in their ancient homeland with the same rights as all persons who live in a democratic nation expect. It is also antisemitic to describe the circumstances around Israel’s foundation as a racist endeavour and to use extreme criticism of Israel as a Trojan horse to reproduce and perpetuate antisemitic tropes that long precede the rebirth of ancient Israel, resulting in the hatred of a sovereign nation state and its people.

Although it brings me no satisfaction at all to introduce David Collier’s deeply disturbing report on Antisemitism in Ireland, I welcome it, because it exposes a dark underbelly that disguises itself as anti-Zionism and which is evidenced within our political and academic spaces, on our streets and elsewhere.

I can only hope its readership extends beyond those of us who are already deeply concerned by attempts to mainstream the oldest form of bigotry and racism within Irish society, and that it is digested and acted upon by our more moderate politicians, media outlets and the general Irish public, before it is too late.

History tells us that the dangerous rise of antisemitism in a society is an early warning sign of collective breakdown. In a prescient speech to the European Parliament in September 2016, the late Rabbi Jonathan Sacks noted:

“Antisemitism is not about Jews. It is about anti-Semites. It is about people who cannot accept responsibility for their own failures and have instead to blame someone else. If you were a Christian at the time of the Crusades, or a German after the First World War, and saw that the world hadn’t turned out the way you believed it would, you blamed the Jews. That is what is happening today. And I cannot begin to say how dangerous it is. Not just to Jews but to everyone who values freedom, compassion and humanity.”

Which brings us to the night of 25th May 2021, when a truly shocking orgy of condemnation directed against Israel was broadcast from Dáil Éireann. A motion was discussed that intended to lay the foundation for state-sponsored Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) legislation. It labelled Jewish communities in Judea and Samaria (aka the West Bank) and eastern Jerusalem as “de facto annexations” and the singular obstacle to a two-state solution. Appallingly it was passed unanimously.

BDS is a global, economic warfare campaign whose ultimate declared goal is the destruction of the State of Israel, and which German Chancellor Angela Merkel described as “speak[ing] the same language in which people were called to not buy from Jews.”

The motion was proposed by Sinn Féin and supported by Trócaire, Sadaka, Christian Aid and the Irish Congress of Trade Unions (ICTU). The Irish government’s only concession to Israel that night was to defeat a motion calling to expel the Israeli Ambassador and all Israel diplomatic staff to Ireland, by 87 to 46 votes.
The demonisation of Israel included outrageous, bigoted, and wholly ignorant claims that Israel “strives to promote and perpetuate Jewish supremacy in the entire area between the River Jordan and the Mediterranean Sea”, and that “three and four generations of Palestinians were clearly lined up for extermination by the Israeli Defence Force, which was not only targeting the fighters but also, in many cases, children and their parents.”

The litany of accusations included the claim that “The Israeli military onslaught has driven Palestinians out of their homes in the West Bank and East Jerusalem and forced them into the open-air prison that is Gaza.” There was no mention of the fact that Gaza is now a Hamas and Islamic Jihad stronghold following Israel’s unilateral withdrawal from the Strip in 2005, uprooting its entire Jewish community numbering some 7,000. Today, not one Jewish soul lives in Gaza, and West Bank Palestinians cannot freely enter.

Bizarrely, we were asked to “imagine, in your homes in Ballyfermot, marauding gangs [of Zionist militia] that are armed to the teeth with American, Russian, French and Canadian accents coming down your street, protected by the police who will allow them to do anything, running into your homes, throwing your family out and claiming your homes and gardens” in an effort to “make that country a Jewish only country.”

Deputy after deputy, speech after speech, the appalling accusations directed at a sovereign nation trying to defend its citizens from over 4,000 Iranian-sponsored rockets fired into its civilian territory over an 11-day period earlier that month were so extreme that Foreign Minister Simon Coveney visibly winced.

There is no doubt that Ireland’s small Jewish population of approximately 2,500 are worried, worried enough that some have already packed their bags and moved to Israel. One member of the community told me he had always considered Ireland a good and safe place to live but sensed the atmosphere had changed in recent years. “I can feel it. I hear the comments about baby killers and murderers.” He ceased wearing his kippah in public when having stopped at a petrol station one day, someone asked him why he killed Jesus, and how he could live with that fact.

Christian Replacement Theology (the view that the Church has replaced or superseded Israel as the people of God), the lack of understanding of the Jewish roots of Christianity and the false identification of Jesus as a Palestinian facilitates some of the invective against Israel. Israel’s enemies know that churches of all denominations are a principal vehicle to make anti-Israel activity appear respectable, humane, and mainstream, with organisations such as Kairos Ireland promoting a hostile Christian perspective towards Israel. An ecumenical group, its website states it is:

“part of an international movement responding to a call for solidarity with Palestinians and action to end the occupation of Palestine by Israel. This call, made by Church leaders in Jerusalem, describes the occupation ‘as a sin against God and humanity, because it deprives the Palestinians of their basic human rights, bestowed by God. It distorts the image of God in the Israeli who has become an occupier just as it distorts this image in the Palestinian living under occupation.’”

Church development charities such as Trócaire regularly campaign against Israel, support the “Occupied Territories” Bill that seeks to criminalise Irish citizens who trade with Jewish communities beyond the Green Line with fines of up to €250,000 and/or a five-year prison term, and fund problematic NGOs active in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Despite its radical positioning on Israel, Trócaire is directly answerable to the Catholic Bishops. Its most recent campaign references Israeli forces carrying out devastating attacks on Gaza in May as if they occurred in a vacuum.
Again, there was no reference of any nature to the rockets fired at Israeli citizens, which include Muslims, Christians, and other minorities. Concern for Palestinians did not result in any reference to the plight of Palestinians under Hamas rule, Hamas or Fatah violation of Palestinian human rights, Hamas persecution of LGBTQ Palestinians, military training of children or the encouragement of martyrdom.

Are we then to assume that if over 4,000 Iranian-sponsored rockets were indiscriminately fired into the homes and gardens of the residents of Ballyfermot or at any of the towns and cities of rural Ireland, we would not expect our government to react forcefully to protect Irish citizens?

Which begs the question: what motivates those who attempt to deny the Jewish people the right to live collectively, securely and at peace in their ancient homeland, alongside Muslims, Christians, and other minority citizens and residents of Israel, with standards required of it that are not expected or demanded of any other democratic nation?

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AUTHOR’S NOTES, METHOD AND ANTISEMITISM

The evidence you will see in this report is part of ongoing research into rising antisemitism.

Neo-Nazi anti-Jewish hatred is easily identifiable, and therefore can be countered forcefully, but modern antisemitism, which is often masked behind a banner of human rights, is a far more difficult challenge.

It must be stressed from the outset, that not every person mentioned in this report is guilty of sharing antisemitic ideologies. The research seeks to set out how antisemitism is spreading through the Irish mainstream, and this includes those who aid, ignore, or defend antisemites - along with the antisemites themselves.

Nor is obsession about Israel, over and above all other issues, evidence of antisemitism in itself, but it can surely be considered a red flag worthy of a closer look.

It is also important to note that the bar for antisemitism in this report is much higher than in the IHRA definition. The ‘it is just criticism of Israel’ argument simply will not hold against the evidence provided here. Most of what is regarded as anti-Jewish hatred in this report, would be considered antisemitism under almost any definition.

Zionism is simply the right of the Jewish people to self-determination within their historical homeland. Antisemitism for the purpose of this report includes anti-Jewish conspiracy theories, Jews as evil, powerful, rich, controlling, or manipulative - or antisemitic revisionism such as Holocaust denial. In the extreme cases of antisemitism shown in the report, crossing out the word ‘Jew’ and attempting to replace it with ‘Zionist’ just doesn’t work.

The report is not political and makes no attempt to engage in the ongoing conflict between Israel and the Palestinians. Any examples provided of posts on the conflict itself are added to highlight the spread of fake news and blatant fictions.

When people in positions of power spread conspiracies, lies and fake news into a toxic environment in which antisemitism is spreading, it becomes necessary to call them out.

The report is the result of several years of studying Irish anti-Zionist activity. Hundreds of social media accounts of activists in Ireland were examined.

Strenuous efforts were made to verify the identity of those mentioned. No trolls or anonymous accounts appear. Because of its level of anonymity and mimicking, Twitter was only used a primary source if identity could be verified.

Because of the conservative and careful manner in which data was collected, and the number of accounts discarded because identification proved impossible, the true scale of the problem is likely to be even higher than identified.

The people inside this report are not passers-by, nor random individuals caught in the frame. They are almost all key players, who are leading anti-Israel activism in Ireland.

This is not a name and shame exercise. Many who could have been included are missing, either because of the wish to avoid duplication, or because they are not front-line activists.
While all evidence is provided as an image or referenced, not every social media link will be publicly visible to all readers. A few of the Facebook URLs are protected by the authors’ Facebook privacy settings. The link is provided as evidence, the image is presented, and screenshots were captured. In addition, a handful of problematic posts may have since been deleted as people attempt to hide their toxic social media history.

The only editing on any photo in this report is to blur the faces of children, or to highlight words in the post.

Many fake news sites have been removed from the internet. Where possible, the internet archive engine has been used to depict deleted articles.

There are over 750 footnotes.

Social media is a minefield. Over the years, anyone can inadvertently share something that they should not. Therefore, as with all my previous research I focus on those who repetitively cross the line.

Wading through the 200 pages of evidence presented here is highly depressing and would make difficult reading for the strongest of souls. The report is split into relevant sections in an attempt to make it easier to navigate, providing a body of evidence that clearly shows why Ireland is considered by Jews as a hostile nation.

For additional context the report is written in the shadow of two international incidents:

1. Ireland recently participated in the Durban IV commemorative event. It was an anniversary of the original 2001 Durban conference that turned into what has been described as ‘the worst international manifestation of antisemitism since WWII’. For this reason, so as neither to celebrate a ‘festival of hate’ or participate in a recurrence of one, as many as 38 nations, including most western democracies boycotted the event. The EU also refused to participate. **But Ireland still chose to attend.**

2. On 4th October 2021 Forty-seven states – including most of the western democracies - pledged to combat antisemitism at the 48th session of the UNHRC. **Ireland did not sign the pledge.**

In international forums Ireland has repetitively failed to take a strong stand against antisemitism and abdicated any leadership role. On the subject of antisemitism Ireland always seems to be on the wrong side of the argument. The report sets out to show why.
ANTISEMITISM IN IRELAND

THE EVIDENCE
IN THE POLITICAL SPACE

Of all the western democracies Ireland currently has the reputation of being the most politically hostile towards Israel.6

In this section examples will be provided to show that the Irish political obsession with Israel is disproportionate, based chiefly on lies, misrepresentation and distortion. More worryingly, it is totally blind to the rampant antisemitism in anti-Israel activism and helps to spread racism against Jews into the mainstream population.

All the examples provided in this section are from Irish politicians. Hundreds of their social media accounts were analysed. Not every item found is included, but rather a spread of names and issues are provided to show how deep and pervasive the problem has become.

From a sitting politician who liked a post praising Hitler, to antisemitic conspiracy theorists and others who share material from rabidly antisemitic websites - all the way through to politicians who spread libels and fake news about Israel to their supporters, Irish politics is losing itself to the oldest hatred.

Examples:

Aengus Ó Snodaigh, TD for Dublin South-Central stated that "Israel is without doubt one of the most abhorrent and despicable regimes on the planet"7

At the time he was Sinn Fein’s spokesman on international affairs and human rights.

While there are no criticisms or mentions of regional despotic nations such as Syria or Iran, O’Snodaigh obsesses about Israel- with over thirty individual posts.8

He openly promotes organisations that seek the total destruction of the Jewish state.9

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7 https://electronicintifada.net/content/irish-mp-israel-abhorrent-and-despicable-regime/6055
8 https://www.facebook.com/profile/10009361272579
9 See example given https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?story_fbid=1862198757435482&id=100009361272579 for evidence of the IPSC goals and antisemitism – see section on them later in the report.
The obsession runs so deep it is sometimes difficult to recognise which constituents they are addressing – the ones that voted them in – or the Palestinians in Ramallah? For example – the profile picture of Chris Andrews, TD for Dublin Bay South, was not of an Irish flag but a Palestinian one.¹⁰

Andrews is a former member of Fianna Fáil who is now a Sinn Fein TD.¹¹ Andrews’ timeline is particularly obsessive and toxic. He openly uses a ‘BDS’ hashtag.

It is important to distinguish between opposition to Israel’s activities in lands captured/recaptured in 1967 and the goals of BDS. The Boycott Divestment and Sanctions movement seeks the end of Israel and only one of the three BDS goals has anything to do with 1967. Although it does not state it openly, the result of implementing the three BDS goals is *unarguably* the end of Jewish self-determination and the end of Israel.¹² This makes support for BDS in any western democratic forum inexcusable.¹³

**BDS is not about ‘criticism’ of Israel – it is about destroying it.**

¹⁰ https://twitter.com/chrisandrews64.
¹¹ https://www.sinnfein.ie/chris-andrews-3
¹² The best evidence to support this is a discussion with Norman Finkelstein, who explicitly lays out the hypocrisy and deceit of BDS. As Finkelstein is an anti-Zionist activist, those in doubt may find him more convincing https://vimeo.com/36854424 - for a detailed explanation – see https://david-collier.com/fighting-bds-boycott-divestment-sanctions/ or http://www.bicom.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/BDS-Paper.pdf
¹³ Several nations such as France, Germany, Canada, Austria, the UK and US have taken moves to oppose or restrict BDS because of the extremism and toxic nature of the movement- see https://www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/countries-opposed-to-bds and https://www.nytimes.com/2019/12/16/world/europe/britain-bds-boycott-israel.html and https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-middle-east-54999010
To reinforce this point, this is a Tweet from Andrews in which he hashtags #fromtherivertothesea.  

!’From the river to the sea’ means from the Jordan River to the Mediterranean Sea. It is often chanted with the second line ‘Palestine will be free’. It is a call for ‘annihilation, not liberation’. Specifically it is a call for the annihilation of the state of Israel.

Andrews called for an ‘economic and diplomatic’ boycott of Israel in 2009. He has also pushed antisemitic messages out on Twitter, where he once referred to Alan Shatter, a Fine Gael politician, as ‘Israel’s puppet in Ireland’.

In 2008 and 2011 he took part in attempts to break Israel’s blockade on Gaza. During the attempt in 2011 he was detained by Israel and deported.

During a debate at the Dail on the new outbreak of violence in May 2021, Andrews spread vicious lies; suggesting the Israel wanted to ‘wipe out Palestine’, going on to call Israel an ‘apartheid, racist, terror state’. He made these remarks as 100s of rockets rained down on Israeli civilians.

It is on Facebook though that Andrews really comes into his own. He is active on Facebook and regularly interacts in the comment streams under his posts.

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14 https://twitter.com/chrisandrews64/status/1316479590232133632
18 https://www.independent.ie/opinion/analysis/of-all-the-world-conflicts-why-are-we-so-hostile-to-israel-26747698.html
In 2018 he ‘liked’ a comment that both called the Israelis ‘murdering Zionist bastards’ and seems to suggest that Hitler (the guy with the funny moustache) may “not have been too far wrong”.22

That comment provides a perfect example of the clear crossover between anti-Zionism and rabid antisemitism.

The author of the apparent ‘Hitler was right’ comment was Tom Coughlan – a well-known Sinn Fein activist.23

This next post is from former Sinn Fein President Gerry Adams during the 2016 election campaign. Adams was on the campaign trail with Aengus Ó Snodaigh TD and Seán Crowe TD in Dublin and later posted an image on Facebook of campaigners standing by the Sinn Fein campaign bus.24 He tagged only three people in the image. One of those he tagged was Tom Coughlan – author of the comment about Hitler.

22 The original post was here https://www.facebook.com/photo?fbid=10200258915909179&set=a.1503728126779. FB posts can be deleted or placed behind privacy settings. A screenshot with a timestamp exists of the ‘like’ and original post.

23 This is the Coughlan account https://www.facebook.com/tom.coughlan.5

24 https://www.facebook.com/gerryadams.sf/photos/a.167534176599243/1092603360758982
Coughlan’s antisemitism is often on show:\(^{25}\)

Needless to say, Coughlan is a face of anti-Israel activism in Ireland. When an Israeli football team arrives – he goes out to protest:\(^{26}\)

Here is Coughlan as the face of ‘Trade Union Friends of Palestine’ at an anti-Israel protest in 2012:\(^{27}\).

\(^{25}\) See https://www.facebook.com/tom.coughlan.5/posts/362033493845968

\(^{26}\) When Maccabi Tel Aviv played against Dundalk FC in Tallaght stadium in 2016, the Ireland Palestine Solidarity Campaign organised a protest. https://www.facebook.com/events/204319913315823

\(^{27}\) https://www.facebook.com/photo?fbid=138762526270852&set=t.10000063147892
As further proof that Tom Coughlan is well known, both in Sinn Fein and anti-Israel activism, when Fatin al Tamimi (Chairperson of the Ireland-Palestine Solidarity Campaign) posted an image from the 2012 protest – she tagged him.\(^{28}\)

![Image of Fatin al Tamimi's post](https://www.facebook.com/photo/?fbid=439036466164085&set=t.100000063147892)

Ronnie Barkan from "Israeli group Anarchist Against the Wall" speaking at the protest in solidarity with Gaza.

— with Tom Coughlan and Freda Mullin Hughes at The Spire.

The Irish Politicians that constantly attack Israel are not reacting to public pressure as much as they are feeding it. There will be more examples later, but for now there is this from **Senator Lynn Boylan (Sinn Fein)**, who distributed branded BDS material.\(^{29}\)

![Image of Lynn Boylan's post](https://www.facebook.com/LynnBoylanDublin/posts/1979193852207643)

Just home from Near FM debate but instead of watching #Eurovision I am posting BDS bags around the country!

I was in Palestine just after Operation Protective Edge and I saw with my own eyes trucks with essential medical supplies, supplies that included child psychological trauma kits being blocked from entering Gaza by Israeli troops.

Ireland participating in the Eurovision is shameful.

#NotInMyName #BoycottEurovision

And all you had to do was ask – and funds will be found to spread the hate around:

\(^{28}\) [https://www.facebook.com/photo/?fbid=439036466164085&set=t.100000063147892]

\(^{29}\) [https://www.facebook.com/LynnBoylanDublin/posts/1979193852207643]
During the research, it was frequently noted that politicians shared material from dubious sources. An example from Boylan, when she shared anti-Israel propaganda material from a now a defunct American, Islam-awareness website.\(^{30}\)

This NEXT post displays arrogance and ignorance combined. Boylan had literally shared an article from a pro-Palestinian propaganda website and then when someone questioned her on it, she ludicrously claimed it is not ‘one-sided’:

Boylan also provides an example on how ‘fake news’ and awful antisemitic libels sweep through Irish social media accounts. On the issue of the Israeli rollout of the vaccine to Coronavirus – once anti-Israel campaigners realised there was real political capital in distorting the truth – they ran with it even after it was exposed as false.\(^{31}\)

The truth about the vaccine is clear; Boylan completely misrepresents Israel’s legal obligations:

- Israel did offer help - it was refused.
- When the Palestinians did ask for help, they received it.
- The Palestinians have full control of their own health care.

There is a fuller account of these issues in the section on fake news.


\(^{31}\) https://twitter.com/LNBDublin/status/1357243878223601666?s=20 – there is a report here on the misreporting of the vaccine issue – there will be more on this later in the section dedicated to politicians spreading fake news.
Martin Browne (Sinn Féin) TD for Tipperary has previously shared material pushing 9/11 conspiracy theories along with violent anti-Zionist commentary and ‘Israel created ISIS’ messaging.\textsuperscript{32}

He has cleaned up his Facebook page, deleting posts, but some evidence still exists. In 2019 he shared this image:

![Image of a post shared by Martin Browne](image)

The image itself is raw propaganda, visibly antisemitic and no respectable politician from any party should be sharing this as a ‘truth’ of the conflict. This is how social media algorithms pollute the mainstream – and it highlights the type of toxic online sewers some politicians use for source material. Browne shared the image from the account of Lothar Wiedmann, a hard-core antisemite and conspiracy theorist who has even shared Holocaust denial material.\textsuperscript{33}

\textsuperscript{32} https://twitter.com/john_mcgurk/status/1337081220140773382

\textsuperscript{33} The Greater Israel post can be seen here - https://www.globalresearch.ca/greater-israel-the-zionist-plan-for-the-middle-east/5324815? The website, Globalresearch is a well-known antisemitic conspiracy site- see https://mediabiasfactcheck.com/global-research/ In 2019 Wiedmann shared an article that clearly references the ‘Holohoax’ – see https://www.facebook.com/lothar.wiedmann.5/posts/2541966772527609
In a Tweet posted in March 2018, Matt Carthy (Sinn Féin), TD for Cavan–Monaghan implies that Israel is the worst human rights offender in the world by stating that no nation, more than Israel, deserves to have had diplomats expelled. This type of ludicrous demonisation haunts much of Sinn Fein’s posting on Israel.

The same single-minded anti-Israel obsession is visible in Matt Carthy’s Twitter feed:

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Reading Carthy’s own posts explains how some of this happens. These politicians get taken on tours and fed raw, hard-core propaganda. They are taken by hand and shown exactly what others want them to be shown. They meet those whom others want them to meet and hear exactly what others want them to hear. They are taken to protests and are told what they are seeing. They – especially young Irish politicians - have no benchmark for this at all. Carthy’s description of his tour of ‘Palestine’ highlights all this perfectly.34

Mick Wallace (Independent) MEP shares material from right wing antisemitic conspiracy websites:35 The article he shared below blames Israel for 9/11, suggests Jews control the media and describes Jewishness as “a tribal sociopathy”.

Wallace also shares articles from pro-Assad, pro-Iranian, antisemitic outlets unceasingly.36

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34 See description of day three https://www.facebook.com/MattCarthySF/posts/828003533899796
35 https://twitter.com/wallacemick/status/994823253834289153? The article is from Sott.net a far right wing antisemitic conspiracy website – see https://mediabiasfactcheck.com/signs-of-the-times-sott/ see shared article here https://www.sott.net/article/385066-Should-Israel-be-labeled-a-psychopath
36 Just in the last month, he shared articles from Max Blumenthal – a pro-Assad, conspiracy theorist in the US, Press TV – an Iranian state mouthpiece and Electronic Intifada, a rabidly antisemitic online source that has
Clare Daly, currently an Independent Member of the European Parliament raised more hostile questions about Israel in the Irish Parliament, than almost any other politician. She was also recently criticised for ‘Jewsplaining’ antisemitism to a European Jewish students organisation, after they had expressed concern at her participating in a BDS event alongside ‘antisemitic and terrorist-linked’ organisations.

Daly’s FB timeline is full of hard-left anti-western messaging. She is also often at the front of anti-Israel street protest, giving legitimacy to the raw hatred and antisemitism that is on display.

Daly also takes time to advertise anti-Israel propaganda tours to the West Bank. These tours, as her ‘#FreePalestine hashtag indicates, are designed to only show an anti-Israel narrative. People think they are seeing the West Bank, but they are only being shown exactly what the propaganda activists want them to see. All of the groups that the tour meets are of one mind. There is absolutely no dissenting voice.

What Daly is not saying in her ‘advert’, is that the tours, under the name of ‘West Bank Tours’, are organised and run by Elaine Daly, her sister. Although it is unlikely that her sister can lead the tours anymore - she was deported from Israel in 2018.

spent the last 5 years denying all claims of antisemitism in the UK — see
https://twitter.com/wallacemick/status/1368302066796535809 and
https://twitter.com/wallacemick/status/1358778413029408771 and
https://twitter.com/wallacemick/status/13605116292395141

See https://twitter.com/ClareDalyMEP and https://www.irelandisrael.ie/blog/what-are-irish-politicians-asking-about-israel/

https://www.algemeiner.com/2020/05/20/irish-eu-lawmaker-slammed-for-explaining-antisemitism-to-jews-while-promoting-bds/

https://www.facebook.com/ClareDalyMEP

https://www.facebook.com/ClareDalyMEP/posts/919646814717919

https://www.facebook.com/ClareDalyMEP/posts/1077476758934923 and
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https://twitter.com/ClareDalyMEP/status/437893396112613376

https://westbanktrips.com/groups-we-meet/

https://westbanktrips.com/

https://www.facebook.com/IrelandPSC/photos/a.442321432497934/1631074750289257
Both of the last two examples - Mick Wallace and Clare Daly - are ‘Independents’, that is, not belonging to any of the main political parties. They were recently together on a private trip in Iraq and both of them spent time visiting the headquarters of the Iranian backed al-Hashd ash-Sha’bī. It is a network of militia groups.

The two were used by the militia group in a promotional video:

These are two Irish politicians that would refuse to meet an Israeli counterpart, and both promote movements that seek the end of the Jewish state of Israel. But they have no problem associating with Iranian backed militia.

Paul Donnelly (Sinn Féin), TD for Dublin West also carries an obsession with Israel – and shares material from highly dubious and antisemitic sources. Examples from Donnelly will be included in the fake news and propaganda section.

It is mostly, but not all Sinn Féin.

Fianna Fail’s Niall Collins, Minister of State for Skills and Further Education, recently referred to a ‘huge Jewish Lobby’ which he blamed for US support of Israel.

That he was sharing a platform with key PFLP operative Khaled Barakat at the time did not help.

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46 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3EMmbFvxnY
48 See this on Barakat https://www.jpost.com/international/after-permitting-entry-germany-bars-talk-of-terrorist-with-hezbollah-ties-594384
Collins also has a disproportionate focus on Israel in both Twitter and Facebook – and displays the same outrageous anti-Israel hypocrisy on foreign affairs. In the image below we can see Collins supporting a boycott of democratic Israel, whilst promoting trade with the brutal oppressor of human rights - China.⁴⁹

Senator Paul Gavan (Sinn Féin), openly supports BDS.⁵⁰ He actively lobbies foreign artists not to perform in Israel, calling Israel an ‘apartheid state’.⁵¹

He is another particularly hostile and obsessive anti-Israel politician that does not seem to have a problem with the world’s leading human rights abusers:⁵²

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Gavan’s support of a movement that seeks to eliminate Israel is not ‘a mistake’.

⁴⁹ For supporting Israel boycott see https://www.facebook.com/NiallCollinsTD/posts/2536702996345853 for China trade see https://twitter.com/NiallCollinsTD/status/1176860991084216320?s=20
⁵⁰ https://twitter.com/paul_gavan/status/112043502930137987
⁵¹ https://twitter.com/paul_gavan/status/1033096553186111488?s=20
⁵² https://twitter.com/paul_gavan and use search function
In 2017 he was tagged into a toxic post. The post contains the words ‘from the river to the sea’ and is unambiguous about Israel having no right to even exist. Paul Gavan liked the post.\(^{53}\)

Other politicians who liked this post include TD Kathleen Funchion and Senator Lynn Boylan, both from Sinn Féin.

In 2017, when the Bank of Ireland closed several bank accounts connected to anti-Israel activism, Gavan suggested that “the Bank of Ireland are now acting as agents for the apartheid state Israel”. Needless to say, his attitude shows a gross lack of understanding of financial laws and bank responsibility regarding transparency and the movement of funds.\(^{54}\) Many Palestinian solidarity groups have faced bank account closures, PayPal restrictions and so on – because of potential ties to terror groups and a lack of transparency over the final destination of funds they send to the region.\(^{55}\)

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\(^{53}\) https://www.facebook.com/stiofanoshaugha/post/1542585462429658

\(^{54}\) https://www.facebook.com/SenatorPaulGavan/post/169860640432756

Gavan seems to grab at sources that say what he wants them to say, with little or no regard as to the wider effect of promoting these websites. Here he shares a video from the ‘Days of Palestine’ site:

This ‘news’ agency is part of the ‘sewer’ which spreads antisemitic disinformation – including Holocaust denial. Why is Gavan swimming in these websites and what justification is there for promoting them to his supporters?\(^{56}\) It does not matter that he did not share one of their more toxic articles – how can he be sure that what he is sharing has any truth to it? This is the type of news agency they are – Holocaust deniers:\(^{57}\)

Reada Cronin (Sinn Féin), TD for Kildare North has a long and vile record of antisemitism on social media.\(^{58}\) Some of her retweets even included raw Rothschild conspiracy, that blames the World Wars and Hitler on Jewish bankers.\(^{59}\)

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\(^{56}\) The FB post - original article was here – https://www.facebook.com/DaysofPalestine/videos/1960795537480505 an article about their Holocaust denial material is here - https://www.thejc.com/news/uk/local-branch-of-pro-palestine-group-accused-of-holocaust-denial-1.496010

\(^{57}\) See Jewish Holocaust article https://daysofpalestine.ps/post/13503/The-Jewish-Holocaust-and-the-Palestinian-Nakba

\(^{58}\) https://blogs.timesofisrael.com/sinn-feins-anti-semitism-comes-at-no-political-cost/

\(^{59}\) https://gript.ie/reada_cronin_controversy/
Cronin claimed that Israel had taken “Nazism to a new level”. Incredibly she does not appear to have been sanctioned for any of this – a sign that hard-core antisemitism in Ireland has no political cost.60

Cronin also tweeted about Mossad interference in the UK elections, claiming they were leading Brits, ‘by the nose’.61

Needless to say - with such blatant antisemitic feelings driving her output, on the subject of Israel, Cronin is one of the most active and toxic of Irish politicians.

Even when it is pointed out to her that she is spreading lies and disinformation she does not seem to care. In 2014, she posted a video from the Syrian civil conflict, trying to pass it off as footage from Gaza. She was caught doing so but did not even see fit to remove the footage – continuing to spread the lie to her supporters.62

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60 https://www.irishtimes.com/news/politics/jewish-council-dismayed-at-sinn-f%C3%A9in-td-s-unacceptable-tweets-1.4178440
61 https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/mossad-ended-jeremy-corbyn-campaign-tweets-new-sinn-fein-td-reada-cronin-x9yg8s39m
62 See video here and see comment and response https://www.facebook.com/reada.cronin/posts/783335698377904
Senator Frances Black is an Independent but was elected with substantial Sinn Fein support.\(^{63}\) Black was the author of the Occupied Territories Bill.\(^ {64}\) While it claims to have universal focus, the fact is that the law is explicitly designed solely to catch Israel.\(^ {65}\)

Some hard-core anti-Israel activists do not use the word ‘Israel’ but rather avoid it – as if the use of the name, in itself gives legitimacy to the state. Whether intentional or not, Black has a strange Twitter habit – by seeming to avoid use of the word Israel too. Although there are well over 90 tweets that deal with the conflict – only 8 of them mention ‘Israel’ at all. Over 70 mention ‘Palestine’.

In any event she displays the same foreign policy obsession so common amongst Irish politicians. While the world’s worst human rights abusers are ignored – Israel is always the target:

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Although Black pretends that her issue is the ‘occupation’, she promoted the boycott of the Eurovision and uses the toxic lies and terminology such as the false ‘apartheid’ label that set out to demonise all of Israel.\(^ {66}\)

Frances Black @frances_black · Apr 26, 2019
Well done @mary_coughlan4 on #latelateshow tonight. Ireland has a proud tradition of standing with the oppressed against injustice. Please don’t go to Eurovision in apartheid Israel. 500 seats given to IDF for the rehearsal shows. @rte #Eurovision2019 @RTELateLateShow #latelate

It does raise the question – if the Eurovision was taking place in Tel Aviv – and Frances Black is only interested in ‘settlement goods’ - then why should Ireland boycott it? Perhaps it is because before she was a Senator, Frances Black publicly campaigned for a full BDS platform.\(^ {67}\)

Irish public figures’ statement in support of Israel boycott welcome rights campaigners

In an open letter published in today’s Irish Times and Irish Independent, thirteen of Ireland’s best-known musicians, writers, artists and sports stars have called on the Irish government to join them in supporting the growing worldwide boycott, divestment and sanctions (BDS) campaign against Israel. The statement has been welcomed by Palestinian and Irish human rights campaigners.

The letter’s signatories are Christy Moore, Mary Coughlan, Robert Ballagh, Donal Lunny, Frances Black, Trevor Hogan, Dervla Murphy, Seamus Deane, Felim Egan, Margaretta D’Arcy, Jim Fitzpatrick, Honor Heffernan and Gavín Kostick.

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\(^{64}\) The OTB seeks to introduce – seeks to prohibit sale of goods ‘originating in occupied territories’ [https://www.francesblack.ie/single-post/settlement-goods](https://www.francesblack.ie/single-post/settlement-goods)

\(^{65}\) [https://www.irishexaminer.com/opinion/ourview/arid-30899664.html](https://www.irishexaminer.com/opinion/ourview/arid-30899664.html)

\(^{66}\) [https://twitter.com/frances_black/status/1121908066855936006?s=20](https://twitter.com/frances_black/status/1121908066855936006?s=20)

The Boycott movement BDS is a call for Israel’s destruction.

- The key founders of BDS do not want Israel on the map at all.  
- Even well-known anti-Zionists admit it is a call for Israel’s destruction.
- Only one of the three aims of BDS has anything to do with the West Bank.
- Removing Israel takes away the Jewish right to self-determination – a universal right rendering only the Jews without rights and stripping them of the ability to defend themselves in a region well-known for Islamist oppression.

Some who support BDS recognise this and still want Israel wiped off the map. Others are more naïve, or less well-informed, failing to see the true intent of the movement. BDS is not about the occupation. It has cleverly disguised itself in campaigns that are empty of substance and full of demonisation and rhetoric.

The extremist, antisemitic narrative is so embedded in some parts of Irish politics, that even when non obsessive politicians mention Israel, they engage in all the lies and libels of the movements that seek the destruction of the only liberal democracy in the Middle East.

See how Pauline Tully (Sinn Féin), TD for Cavan–Monaghan, hashtags both the apartheid smear and the BDS movement:

![Twitter post by Pauline Tully TD](image)

Israel destroys Irish aid to Palestinian village community

There is more on the ‘Irish Aid’ story in the following section on fake news.

Then there is Peter Casey, who ran as a candidate in the 2018 Presidential election. He remarked that Jews “basically live in the White House” – this comment led to a condemnation of antisemitism by the Jewish Representative Council of Ireland.

69 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ASIBGSSw4II
70 [https://bdsmovement.net/what-is-bds](https://bdsmovement.net/what-is-bds) then see See [https://david-collier.com/the-monster-that-is-bds/](https://david-collier.com/the-monster-that-is-bds/) and [https://www.standwithus.com/factsheets-bds](https://www.standwithus.com/factsheets-bds) and [https://jcpa.org/unmasking-bds/](https://jcpa.org/unmasking-bds/)
71 [https://www.adl.org/resources/backgrounders/bds-the-global-campaign-to-delegitimize-israel](https://www.adl.org/resources/backgrounders/bds-the-global-campaign-to-delegitimize-israel)
72 There were almost no public statements about Israel at all from Pauline Tully TD – but when she did voice her opinion – she did so using the ‘Apartheid’ and ‘BDS’ hashtags.
https://twitter.com/PaulineTullyTD/status/1363069779666436096?s=20
73 See [https://twitter.com/colettebrowne/status/104638923660098816](https://twitter.com/colettebrowne/status/104638923660098816) and [http://trinitynews.ie/2018/10/lets-call-a-spade-a-spade-peter-casey-was-race-baiting/](http://trinitynews.ie/2018/10/lets-call-a-spade-a-spade-peter-casey-was-race-baiting/)
Thomas Pringle, TD for Donegal shared this post in 2014. Pringle was originally with Sinn Féin but is now independent.

The post suggests that ‘Palestinian resistance is defending its people against Genocide and Ethnic Cleansing’. Firstly, there is no Genocide and there is no ethnic cleansing. These are two common lies of anti-Israel propaganda.

But what resistance is Thomas Pringle supporting? The fighting taking place at that time, was a radical Islamic terror group – Hamas – firing rockets against an innocent civilian population. Israel responded in order to silence the rockets. If Hamas were not firing rockets there would have been no conflict.

Hamas is recognised as a terror group throughout most of the west. Pringle appears to be supporting the violence of a radical Islamic terror group. The author – Doc Jazz – is an extremist and antisemite who shares antisemitic conspiracy posts.

Yet Thomas Pringle feels comfortable sharing his posts.

74 https://www.facebook.com/thomas.pringle.92/posts/10203684685231573
76 See https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?story_fbid=10152710109220535&id=24453805534
https://www.facebook.com/docjazz/posts/10153988686245535,
https://www.facebook.com/docjazz/posts/1015557781655535,
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Gino Kenny, (People before Profit) TD for Dublin Mid-West has been obsessed with demonising Israel for well over a decade. He often refers to Israel as ‘Zionist Israel’, using the term ‘Zionist’ as a slur.\(^77\)

At a 2018 speech in the Dail, Gino Kenny said the following, turning the classic antisemitic blood libel into an attack on the entire state of Israel.\(^78\)

“Israel is not a normal state. It is an apartheid and racist state. It was built on blood and it also survives on blood.”

Survives on blood - like bloodsuckers, leeches, vampires?

With this mindset it is easy to see how Kenny slips into the ‘Israel murders children’ trope as he did in his diatribe during the Dail debate on the conflict in May 2021.\(^79\)

There are even MPs who have called for a return to an ‘Intifada’ to ‘overthrow the capitalist establishment of Israel’. This from anti-Israel obsessive, Paul Murphy (People before Profit) TD, for Dublin South Westend.\(^80\)

“You’ve seen significant protest, significant movement, the potential to redevelop a struggle along the lines of the first intifada. That’s the kind of thing that is necessary.”

\(^77\) See [https://twitter.com/Ginosocialist/status/1268219292715278340](https://twitter.com/Ginosocialist/status/1268219292715278340) and murder machine post: [https://www.facebook.com/gino.kenny.9/posts/10156496621181457](https://www.facebook.com/gino.kenny.9/posts/10156496621181457) and 2009 - [https://www.facebook.com/gino.kenny.9/posts/107221356422](https://www.facebook.com/gino.kenny.9/posts/107221356422)

\(^78\) [https://www.facebook.com/CllrGinoKenny/posts/1807579495947857](https://www.facebook.com/CllrGinoKenny/posts/1807579495947857)


Murphy repeated the exercise almost word for word during the 2021 Dail debate when he said:

“We get a glimpse of the potential power and the outlines of a new third Intifada. Which if based on the methods of the first Intifada of mass struggle and democratic control from below holds the key to ending the occupation.”\(^{81}\)

It is important to note that during the first Intifada 277 Israelis were murdered.\(^ {82}\) Additionally, towards the end, as factional fighting intensified, more Palestinians were being killed by Palestinians, than in confrontations with Israeli troops.

Either way it is not a situation anyone should be hoping for.

**Brid Smith (People Before Profit) TD for Dublin South Central** is another Irish Politician who shares non-factual and extremist posts on Israel. She was also one of those calling to expel the Israeli Ambassador.\(^ {83}\)

Smith chose to share these images on her Facebook page, of a demonstrator calling for Palestine to be free ‘from the river to the sea’ – which is a clear call for the destruction of Israel. The second image speaks for itself.\(^ {84}\)

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\(^{83}\) [https://www.facebook.com/BridSmithTD/posts/1435847176766610](https://www.facebook.com/BridSmithTD/posts/1435847176766610)

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Smith shares the same ‘Israel only’ focus as many other Irish politicians. There is little or no criticism of the world’s most serious international human rights abusers, just an unending obsession with what is happening in Israel.

Smith’s FB posts on Israel contain ahistorical essays and empty propaganda. Smith has also shared material from dubious (and now suspended) accounts showing propaganda footage when she has no way of knowing what the actual event was about.

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It is specifically for her comments during the May 2021 Dail debate that she has been included here. This is how she described Israelis:

“Marauding gangs that are armed to the teeth, with American, Russian, French and Canadian accents”. She went on to say this is ‘literally what is going on’.

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Put aside the non-factual accusation about the ‘marauding gangs.’ It is an embarrassment for Ireland that this type of ignorance is displayed during international discussions on a complex and tragic conflict. Well over half of Israelis are native to the region, with many of them coming from families that fled from persecution, or were expelled from places such as Syria, Libya, Egypt, and Iraq. Then there are the Jews descended from families who have always lived on that land. Many of those that did come from Europe, came from families escaping the Nazi menace three generations ago. These people were born in Israel as were their parents. Factually only about 3% of Israelis even have US citizenship.

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That this was not immediately called out for the racist commentary that it is, says much about the normalisation of anti-Jewish racism in Ireland.

85 As examples see https://www.facebook.com/smithbrid/posts/3967092356703972 which rewrites the timeline of early Zionism and turns the Jewish refugees into the global force and the Arab ‘empire’ into a tiny band of innocent and helpless onlookers. An example of a decontextualised and meaningless propaganda post that is intended to raise religious anger https://www.facebook.com/smithbrid/posts/1337174413029126

86 See share from suspended account https://www.facebook.com/smithbrid/posts/1472940542785845 See footage shared here https://twitter.com/AbbsWinston/status/898738298587275264


88 https://www.amazon.co.uk/Uprooted-Jewish-Civilization-Vanished-Overnight/dp/1910383643

89 https://eu.usatoday.com/story/news/world/2012/10/31/israel-ex-pats/1669543/
The above represents just some of the issues that were found during the research. Far too many Irish politicians display an inherent anti-Israel obsession that often crosses over into antisemitism.

Other accounts from politicians that were considered to display a disproportionate focus on Israel included:

- Darren O’Rourke, TD for Meath East (Sinn Féin)
- David Cullinane, TD for Waterford (Sinn Féin)
- Elisha Mc Callion, former Senator (Sinn Féin)
- Eoin Ó Broin, TD for Dublin Mid-West (Sinn Féin)
- Imelda Munster TD for Louth (Sinn Féin)
- Senator Fintan Warfield (Sinn Féin)
- John Brady, TD for Wicklow (Sinn Féin)
- Johnny Guirke, TD for Meath West (Sinn Féin)
- Johnny Mythen, TD for Wexford (Sinn Féin)
- Mairéad Farrell, TD for Galway (Sinn Féin)
- Martin Kenny TD for Sligo-Leitrim (Sinn Féin)
- Mary Lou McDonald, TD for Dublin Central (Sinn Fein President)
- Maurice Quinlivan, TD for Limerick City (Sinn Féin)
- Senator Niall Ó Donnghaile (Sinn Féin)
- Pádraig Mac Lochlainn, TD for Donegal (Sinn Féin)
- Patrick Costello, TD Dublin South Central (Green Party)
- Paul Donnelly, TD for Dublin West (Sinn Féin)
- Seán Crowe, TD for Dublin South-West (Sinn Féin)
- Senator David Norris (Independent)

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90 The research focused on Twitter, Facebook profiles, and public Facebook pages of the Irish politicians.
POLITICIANS – SPREADING FAKE NEWS

Fake news and anti-Israel activism are two sides of the same coin. Because most of the smears against Israel are built on pillars of disinformation, removing facts from context, and sometimes asserting outright lies, the timeline of almost every anti-Israel activist is full of fake news, extremist or antisemitic websites and dead links to toxic articles that have long since been removed.

With little or no regard for what is ‘real’ or ‘true’ those campaigning against Israel often get caught sharing things that simply are not what they claim to be. Here are several examples of fake news spread by Irish politicians, that was intended to demonise the Jewish state.

Pat Buckley, (Sinn Féin) TD for Cork East, shared this image on his personal FB feed in 2016. The post suggests this is an Israeli soldier standing on a young Palestinian girl. Predictably this generated comments such as ‘Zionist scum’.  

The post had been uploaded by ‘Hasan Ud’ – a hard-core antisemitic propaganda account that appears to belong to a Muslim based in Sri Lanka. The photo is clearly fake. The weapon is Russian, and the uniform is not Israeli army issue. It had been circulating for at least 5 years before the Irish TD shared it with his followers and friends.

91 https://www.facebook.com/pat.buckley.3745/posts/10153621873862291
This seems to be the original image of the deliberately staged photo.93

The real question here is why Irish politicians swim in the sewers of rabid antisemitic activism, looking for anything that they can post to demonise Israel, which in turn stokes up anti-Jewish racism.

In 2016 Paul Donnelly (Sinn Féin), TD for Dublin West, shared this footage – he calls the Israeli army ‘war criminals’ and suggests they shoot ‘children every day’.94 This is toxic, demonising language that has absolutely no basis in truth.

The footage has clearly been heavily edited and appears to be several different incidents – real or not – that have been pasted together. I do not know exactly what is real or not – and more importantly neither does Donnelly.

The video is from ‘In the Now’, a Russian State TV propaganda page. RT today, the ‘mothership’ carries very little factual reporting. The FB Page that Donnelly shared, called ‘Exposing Israel’s Agenda’, even has a name that should send alarm bells ringing. Here is the same page reporting that the Mossad carried out the brutal 2016 ISIS truck attack in Nice and promoting Holocaust denial.

On what grounds can Donnelly believe this is a trustworthy source?

This is not the only time Donnelly has shared fake news. He also shared stories about young footballers who were shot in the feet, as part of a campaign to have Israel suspended from FIFA. As it was shown – the two were neither shot in the feet, nor were they playing football at the time – but rather it was more to do with their second careers as terrorists for the PFLP. Donnelly also pushes the lies of Russian State TV as news.

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96 https://mediabiasfactcheck.com/rt-news/
97 https://www.facebook.com/10JuliaJacob/
98 https://www.facebook.com/10JuliaJacob/posts/727470094059751 and https://www.facebook.com/10JuliaJacob/posts/778234235650003
100 http://elderofziyon.blogspot.com/2014/03/the-lies-about-palestinian-footballers.html
101 https://www.facebook.com/PaulDonnellySF/posts/672242502853310 see also https://mediabiasfactcheck.com/rt-news/
Following Israeli intelligence reports on Syrian forces using chemical weapons – John Brady (Sinn Féin), TD for Wicklow produced this tweet: 102

Brady is consistent with his propaganda. He also claimed Israel had used ‘tactical nuclear weapons’. 103

This type of disinformation campaign is the sort one would expect from an Iranian official, or a ‘deep-state’ conspiracy theorist. Brady suggests Israel was ‘spinning lies’ – and links to a Bloomberg article. 104

It was April 2013 and all the Bloomberg article suggested was that the US had not yet seen enough ‘concrete evidence’ to take action. As we all know, Israeli intelligence was right and Syria’s use of chemical weapons in the civil war is well documented. 105

John Brady is the Sinn Fein spokesperson for Foreign Affairs. Whilst he is busy making up stories about Israel he has no time at all to talk about China. 106

In the May 2021 Dail debate on Israel, Brady referred to Israel’s quest for ‘Jewish supremacy’ in the region, calling it an ‘apartheid regime’. 107

Senator Frances Black (Independent) also shares fake news and antisemitic libels. In 2020, she pushed the idea that Israel was flooding Gaza. 108

This is an annual smear, a modern version of the accusations that Jews poisoned the well. Each year during heavy rainfall, much of the western coastal area of Israel and the Negev and Aravah deserts flood. 109 When Gaza floods along with them, the antisemitic propagandists use the opportunity to blame the Jews. 110

102 https://twitter.com/johnbradysf/status/326809419121827840
103 https://twitter.com/johnbradysf/status/330989877590106112
106 https://twitter.com/search?q=china%20from:johnbradysf
108 https://twitter.com/frances_black/status/1214190628671766528
109 https://www.timesofisrael.com/topic/flooding/
This is what Tel Aviv looked like at the time – did Hamas decide to flood Tel Aviv in retaliation?111

Senator Frances Black is sharing demonising lies about Israel – which in turn help her gain support for her boycott initiatives. Even after she must have become aware it was false – she left the tweet in place. Truth simply does not seem to matter at all.

Réada Cronin (Sinn Féin), TD for Kildare North shared an image of a large protest of ultra-orthodox Jews – claiming that they were there to ‘stand by Gaza’.112

The protest had nothing to do with Gaza at all. During 2013 (left image) and 2014 (right image), ultra-orthodox Jews in the US organised mass protests against the Israeli government intention to push the Haredi communities in Israel towards mandatory army service.113 The handful of Neturei Karta extremists at the edge, do not represent the rest of the crowd.114

This type of fake news is particularly dangerous, as it presents a false image of large Jewish anti-Zionist, pro-Palestinian support. Cronin is spreading lies.

111 https://www.alquds.co.uk/%D8%BA%D8%B1%D9%82-%D8%B2%D9%88%D8%AC%D9%8A%D9%86-%D8%A5%D8%B3%D8%B1%D8%A7%D8%A6%D9%8A%D9%84%D9%8A%D9%86-%D9%81%D9%8A-%D9%85%D8%B5%D8%B9%D8%AF-%D8%BA%D9%85%D8%B1%D8%AA%D9%87-%D9%85%D9%8A%D8%A7/
112 https://www.facebook.com/reada.cronin/posts/784572594920881
114 https://www.thejc.com/comment/opinion/who-are-the-neturei-karta-1.444090
Seán Crowe (Sinn Féin), TD for Dublin South-West shared this footage of what is claimed to be Israeli forces destroying Palestinian olive trees.¹¹⁵

Except it clearly is not. Firstly, these are citrus trees, but more importantly, watch the footage – and see the farmer carefully uprooting trees and placing them, roots intact, in a pile to one side. This is footage of legitimate farming activity of some type. The footage has been misrepresented to demonise Israel.

The actual event took place in Morocco a few months earlier during the citrus season.¹¹⁶ The low wholesale price of the citrus fruit and the high production cost reduced their economic viability. Farmers dumped stock and uprooted trees so as to replace the crop with a more viable product.¹¹⁷

The account that Sean Crowe relied on for this footage was Waleed Al Alami. He is an antisemite and Holocaust denier, so there is no surprise he is spreading lies.¹¹⁸

But the question we have to ask is why we keep catching Irish politicians swimming in the sewers with them?

¹¹⁵ https://www.facebook.com/sean.crowe.313/posts/10213566164019628
¹¹⁶ https://twitter.com/naser421/status/1127330383429812224
In 2018 Senator Paul Gavan shared a conspiracy MEME which implied that the civil war in Syria was in part driven by American / Jewish financiers who wanted to drill for oil on the Golan Heights:

![Conspiracy MEME](https://www.facebook.com/SenatorPaulGavan/posts/201358196293954)

As it contains Jews, money and war, this conspiracy is often used by antisemitic Rothschild conspiracy theorists. The whole conspiracy is absolute junk. Firstly, Israel annexed the Golan in 1981 – with or without a Syrian civil war, this exploration could have taken place. In fact, the presence of fighting near the border would have logically *complicated* issues.

This is the core of anti-Israel activism; it is impossible just to dislike something or oppose it as you would a domestic policy – Israel is a demon state and therefore everything is the work of ‘the devil’.

**Pat Buckley, (Sinn Féin) TD for Cork East** shared this footage in 2016.  

![Footage](https://www.facebook.com/pat.buckley.3745/posts/10153874840857291)

This is an important example for a number of reasons. Firstly, it was not news, Buckley chose to share a year-old post – claiming to show the aftermath of 2014.

Second, there is an antisemitic message in the post. It is the common cry of the conspiracy theorist that the footage you will see has been hidden from you. The post’s claim that Israel has the power to decide what you do or do not see on your network – is the ‘Zionists control the media’ trope.

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119 https://www.facebook.com/SenatorPaulGavan/posts/201358196293954  
120 https://www.facebook.com/pat.buckley.3745/posts/10153874840857291 - you can see the footage here https://www.facebook.com/hamde.a.rahma/videos/1587867811483590/
Third, it is blatant fake news. **The footage is clearly not Gaza.** It seems to be Homs, Syria. 121 Israel did not do anything like this to Gaza – and it highlights the difference between the claims of ‘total destruction’ made against Israel – and what destruction really looks like.

Fourth it highlights a key problem for anti-Israel activists. If Israel is the ‘demon state’, why do they continually need to pass off atrocities elsewhere as if they were in Israel?

Fifth, it shows Buckley’s ignorance. That he can view this footage and believe it to be Gaza – simply proves he knows nothing at all about the conflict or the state that he hates so much.

Sixth, it shows again that these politicians do not care about the sources they promote to their followers or the truth. Hamde Abu Rhama – the author of the original post - is yet another antisemitic conspiracy theorist: 122

Abu Rahma has 40,000 followers on Facebook and his posts are liked and shared hundreds of times – chiefly because anti-Israel activists have no interest in the truth of the material that they share. 123

Sharing fake news has a cost. These politicians are making 1000s of posts and spreading all types of lies about Israel. People see and believe and share. These were the comments below the fake news post. All people ready to boycott Israel because they have been lied to for so long – and so often:

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123 https://www.facebook.com/hamde.a.rahma
The next two examples of spreading fake news are of a similar strategy of demonisation. Both Johnny Guirke, TD for Meath West and Matt Carthy, TD for Cavan–Monaghan (both Sinn Féin) posted about Israel destroying a ‘village’ – in which some of the structures consisted of aid from Ireland, 124 125

Like most non-factual reporting the underlying story contains nuggets of truth, but in both cases the TDs have distorted events out of recognition. In this case, this is also the fault of the journalists in the articles they have shared.

There is no village – nor was there.126 These are a few sites where a handful of tents are continually placed illegally, in a declared military zone. It is not relevant whether a person supports or does not support Israel’s policy – the issue is one of the politicians sharing stories that are not true in order to demonise Israel.

It is also the same few tents each time – in the same locations - which is never reflected in the reporting.127 Readers believe ‘whole villages’ are continually being demolished. None of this is pretty – but all nations have uncomfortable issues. What does Ireland do? It evicts people too.128

124 https://twitter.com/JohnnyGuirke/status/1363081448907939840
125 https://twitter.com/mattcarthy/status/1324056682536837121?s=20
This post on FB was made by Thomas Pringle (Independent), TD for Donegal. It was posted at the height of the 2014 Gaza conflict.129

The message is clear. With people drowning in tragic images shared online of casualties in Gaza, here is an image of Jewish children in Israel, smiling as they write messages on missiles – which will then be sent to ‘blow up’ the poor children of Gaza. Except none of this is true.

Pringle shared the image from the page of Iranian State ‘Press TV’, which is a hard-core conspiracy and propaganda website.130 Press TV had even used hashtags to make sure everyone got the ‘Gaza’ message. But Press TV knew they were regurgitating old propaganda.

The images are from 2006, at the height of the Lebanon war. The children lived on the Northern border and had spent several days in bomb shelters as 1000 rockets fell around them.131 During a respite in the fighting, they emerged from the bunkers – and this activity was seen as a way of empowering the children against the emotional trauma and fear they were experiencing.132

It was a one-off incident, not government policy, but a local decision taken by the people involved, caught in the difficult circumstances of the time.

It is possible to argue about whether this is the best way to deal with such trauma – but it does not change the fact, that Thomas Pringle joined hands with a pro-Iranian propaganda outlet to share fake news as a way of demonising Israel.

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129 https://www.facebook.com/thomas.pringle.92/posts/10203608185799135
130 https://mediabiasfactcheck.com/press-tv/
131 http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/middle_east/5264594.stm
This is Denise Mitchell (Sinn Féin), TD for Dublin Bay North, calling on Israel to free Ahed Tamimi and *all* child prisoners.\textsuperscript{133} All nations have some minors in detention. Including Ireland.\textsuperscript{134} 

Tamimi became something of a poster child for anti-Israel activism after her arrest and imprisonment. She comes from a large clan, with numerous terrorist links. Her Aunt ‘perpetrated the suicide bombing of the Sbarro pizzeria in Jerusalem, one of the deadliest attacks of the Second Palestinian Intifada’.\textsuperscript{135} Ahlam Tamimi chose the Pizzeria as a target, specifically because it was full of children. She left the scene before the attack and her accomplice, the suicide bomber, murdered 15 Israelis – seven of them children. The attack left hundreds injured.\textsuperscript{136} 

Here is Ahed Tamimi, not in London, but in Beirut – before her arrest- speaking at a pro-Iranian Islamist event alongside Hezbollah, Hamas, and Islamic Jihad representatives. She stood on the platform with Deputy Secretary-General of Hezbollah Sheikh Naeem Qasim, Vice-President of Islamic Jihad (now President) Ziyad-Al-Nakhalah and Hamas’ representative in Lebanon Ali Baraka.\textsuperscript{137}

Ahed Tamimi is not quite the child of non-violent protest that these anti-Israel politicians want their supporters to think.

\textsuperscript{133} https://twitter.com/dmitchelltld/status/956519325040553984?  
\textsuperscript{134} https://www.independent.ie/irish-news/special-reports/young-offenders-inside-irelands-teenage-borstal-35731829.html  
\textsuperscript{135} https://honestreporting.com/shoddy-israel-reporting-by-cnn-bbc-cbs-leads-to-accusations-of-ethnic-cleansing/  
\textsuperscript{137} https://plfpakistan.org/lebanon-international-conference-to-support-palestinians-intifada-representatives-of-60-countries-participated/

Ryan also has a thing about posting anti-Israel material on her Facebook page, often mentioning the ‘human rights’ situation as the reason she does so. However, there are no posts on her page about the world’s leading human rights abusers such as China, Russia, Pakistan, Myanmar and so on.\footnote{139}{https://www.facebook.com/PatriciaRyanTD}

At the May 2021 Dail debate on the conflict, Ryan engaged in Holocaust distortion, disgracefully comparing the movie ‘Schindler’s List’ with a movie about Gaza. She suggested there were ‘many similarities’ between them.\footnote{140}{https://www.oireachtas.ie/en/debates/debate/dail/2021-05-25/9/}
THE POLITICAL SPACE – DRIVING THE HATE

The politicians who are spreading lies and demonising Israel do not just make posts on social media, they are out there on the street, using their platform to influence others to join in with their obsession. There will be much more on their street activity in the section on antiseemitic activists – which will highlight the toxic nature of the relationship – but in this section it is only necessary to show a few examples.

These politicians tell lies about Israel – and then they call on people to boycott the Jewish state and ostracise it – all based on the very lies that they are telling.

There are calls to support BDS (which seeks Israel’s destruction) and for Israel to be expelled from FIFA and Eurovision.\(^{141}\)

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As Facebook tries to deal with rampant antisemitism, Irish politicians who do not even understand anti-Jewish racism, deliver messages to try to stop Facebook from taking action against it.¹⁴²

There are those who tell people which supermarkets are selling Israeli produce – which can then be targeted by BDS activists.¹⁴³

¹⁴²https://www.facebook.com/CllrGinoKenny/posts/3878402568865529
They attend events as speakers, organising the crowds into taking further action: 144

They write letters to the media - spreading their poison to an audience that they would not usually reach: 145

Some travel thousands of miles to try to break through the Israeli exclusion zone surrounding Gaza – which was set in place when Hamas – the radical Islamic terror group – refused to stand by existing agreements. 146

And of course, they seek to make laws that will force Irish people to boycott the only democracy in the Middle East. 147

144 https://www.facebook.com/padraig.machlairm/posts/314280412069376
145 https://twitter.com/costellop/status/1346780544827318272 see https://www.irishtimes.com/opinion/letters/palestinians-and-vaccination-1.4450865
147 https://www.facebook.com/Senatorfrancesblack/posts/2609200629362620
POLITICIANS – ENABLING ANTI-SEMITISM

The following are posts found during the research. These comments all came from real people, they all seem to be Irish – and they all were comments made under posts from Irish politicians. In their obsession to demonise Israel and spread lies – the politicians directly spread and incite Jew hatred.148

This is the result:

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148 This is not a name and shaming exercise. The point is to highlight the examples, not the people. For this reason links to the accounts are not provided here.
Gerry Cullen
The American Jewish lobby and zionists European Union bankers. Have the power and Control of weaponry manufacturing & a world Elite Army IDF & they're noting absolutely noting noting.. The World can do but look... As the UN & International... See more

Robert Fletcher
Fiachra Mac Dhomnaill
And why isn't this getting any coverage by the media? Those dirty dying Israeli cunts! And if this was a poor innocent Israeli child what would the coverage be like? Unfortunately their double standards equate to human lives and an Israeli life is worth at least 10 Palestinian lives. They shouldn't even be in there in the first place - again down to British interference in foreign countries. Pity the poor children (and the Hamas “terrorists” are democratically elected politicians - but when rich Jews control the media they decide who the terrorists are)

Geraldine Hasty
Nothing will be done the Jewish people are the captains of the ship and the reason it has took so long is coz the never intended to do anything about it

Yvonne Ó Riagháin
Garry Nolan what radio station did you hear that from? Yesterday I spoke with two Palestinians whom were fortunate enough to make it to Ireland before things escalated to the level they're at. They confirmed to me had it not of been for Hamas they would of perished a long time ago. Hamas been a democratically elected body in Palestine is their only defence against Israel. Even reports coming from doctors in Palestine suggest the children are being killed by Israel. Don't be fooled by the media. They're trying their best to pass the blame away from Hitler sorry I mean Israel. seek answers, seek the truth and talk to people whom have and are there.
Eamonn Mulligan
Stephen McCloskey I have no time for them as a race of people think they are pure scum each and everyone of them.
Like · Reply 2 w

Patrick Mc
Biggest lie ever told in all occupied europe there was 1 half million jews an 800k Bialyevik Jew murdered 60 million Christians in Russia y u think Hitler invaded Russia 2 stop them murdering us
Like · Reply 1 y Edited

Conall O Coisneachain
This is financial imperialism by nameless Aesthetic Zionists who head up IMF, World Bank, and World Masonry, it is the means by which we will be enslaved by the "Black Beast" spoken of by St John in Revelations. We are now in the debt of organizations we don’t fully understand, any sovereignty we thought we had is gone.

Eoghan Duff
Dirty zionists
Like · Reply 2 w

Patrick Rowan
The Jews are the money men they rule the world, no government will critique them
Like · Reply 45 w

Thomas Speight
Europe is corrupt a vassal of us/israel...
Like · Reply 24 w 2

Michael Shanley
Neil Diamond is also well known for supporting Zionism incidentally I’m not anti Jew & I am Anti Racism as I know is Paul Donnelly ! But that Israeli Mossad crowd are just as bad as the Nazis who inflicted the awful holocaust on European Jew !
Like · Reply 9 y

Pol Ó Muireadhaigh
Well said Paul. The Abused becomes the Abuser. The Jews have become the Nazi’s. the truth fucking hurts but there it is. What happened

Dan Dunne
Subhuman zionists

David Ryan
Israel will pay heavily in the future for their disgusting treatment of the Palestinian people, they are a vassal race of people justice & revenge will be served upon Israel.
Like · Reply 2 y

Maria Courtney
Israel a diabolical pit of vipers and germs
Like · Reply 2 y

Patty Doherty
Free Palestine Zionists are murderous scum
Like 40 w

Susan Jervis
Said it before and again Hitler’s dictatorship is alive and well under the guise of jewish politicians....what short thick memories jews have, dont they recall the fall of the Nazis??? And please trump theres more

Eamonn Fox
The thing is they dont give a shite about anybody but the banks and themselves.
One more clear example. In 2018 Sinn Fein Ireland published a video commemorating Holocaust Memorial Day, calling it ‘one of the most horrific crimes in human history’. 

There were thirty responses:

- 8 about ‘Palestine’. 
- 4 about the ‘Irish Holocaust’. 
- 3 promoted Holocaust denial, including a David Cole video. 
- 2 referenced ‘other’ genocides. 
- 2 were gibberish. 
- 1 called Jews ‘Khazars’ (an antisemitic myth). 
- 1 was a message about gays. 
- 1 was about the Armenian genocide. 
- 1 was about Irish war volunteers. 
- 1 was to tag another person. 
- 1 said ‘let’s get past the Jewish thing.’ 
- 1 was a reminder it was not just Jews.

Only four of the thirty messages (13%) were respectful and on point. Most of the others were attacks on Jews. The politicians bear some responsibility for this.

Sinn Fein never made such a post again.

In Ireland it has even become impossible to remember with respect the industrial slaughter of the Jews in Europe, because too many politicians, academics, and members of the press, have for decades been demonising Zionism and Israel.

We have reached a point where some in Ireland can no longer distinguish between a tiny democratic nation defending itself amidst a sea of despots and an industrialised genocide at the hands of a Nazi empire perpetrating the worst crime ever committed on European soil. This is what the actions of Irish politicians have successfully primed: To dehumanise and nazify the Jews.

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149 https://www.facebook.com/sinnfein/videos/1520100758059550
THE ACADEMIC SPACE

The academic space splits into two issues, the first are the academics, the second the students. As is the case both in the US and UK, anti-Zionist academics often help to toxify the student space.152

It is unusual to see student activity on a campus where there is little or no ideological support from faculty. In some extreme cases activist academics can drive, promote, and empower the student activity to such an extent, that they become the pillar supporting it.

Being more permanent fixtures on a campus, faculty can help perpetuate the student group, so that when a particularly ‘Zionist-hostile’ student finishes their studies, all the hard work of toxifying the campus environment does not walk away with them.

Links between local solidarity groups and the student campus are another way to create continuity on campus beyond a student’s learning cycle.

In smaller cities such as Galway or Limerick, the student Palestine Society and local PSC branches can effectively be made up from the same pool of people, so when the PSC turn up to protest, they are little more than a few students from campus. The Ógra Shinn Féin (Shin Fein Republican Youth) can also form part of this network.153

The most efficient and successful way to ‘embed’ anti-Zionist activity on campus is to introduce a programme that awards regular scholarships to Palestinians. At BDS ‘training camps’ this is given as the ultimate goal for student solidarity groups to work towards.154 Having an activist on campus who is a Palestinian refugee, can introduce unmatchable propaganda into the mix. Ireland has a dedicated ‘Ireland-Palestine Scholarship’ program, that has recently been ‘significantly increased’.155

With few Jewish or Israeli students in Ireland, aggressive anti-Israel propaganda circulates freely. In this space there is little push-back and solidarity groups are left to ideologically self-restrain because the counter argument is never permitted in their spaces.

It is all one-way traffic and as a result, students are often fed an unchallenged narrative that demonises Israel, Nazifies Zionism and which leaves them entirely ignorant of the realities of the conflict.

With the Irish campus misleading students on Israel and Zionism, the net result is an increase in antisemitism and an even more hostile environment being created in the non-academic space.

As students leave campus and go on to be professionals and leaders in every field, this neglect to deal with a resurgent anti-Jewish racism represents a massive failure for which Irish academia holds a great deal of responsibility.

153 See 2019 demo outside Tesco https://www.facebook.com/ogragalway/posts/2232820426966479
154 https://david-collier.com/planned-palestinian-invasion-university/
Dublin Trinity Students for Justice in Palestine

The TCD solidarity group was originally called ‘Apartheid Free Campus’ and it was founded in 2014.156 The Campaign organiser was Ciaran O’Rourke.157

While there are no academics formally involved in the campaign, O’Rourke said he has been advised by two lecturers that are prominent members of AIP.

Within three months students had opened a second Facebook Page ‘Trinity BDS Campaign’.158 159

Resident anti-Zionist academics such as Ronit Lentin, and shortly afterwards David Landy, packed rooms for anti-Israel events such as a screening of ‘the Lab’.160

The campaign also received a push from the student campus paper and Senator David Norris referenced them in an address to the Senead.161 162 The campaign Facebook page was full of the usual propaganda websites such as RT Today, Mondoweiss and Electronic Intifada.

This was not a student driven campaign, but rather one that from the beginning had input and support from both the Irish Palestine Solidarity Campaign and Academics for Palestine.163 A lot of the promotional material the group used was IPSC material.164

In 2016, the boycott attempt returned– this time it was put proposed by student Conor Reddy.165

Israel was established in a bloody campaign of ethnic cleansing that began with the Nakba in 1948, forcing Palestinians off their land, out of their homes and into refugee camps; with many Palestinians slaughtered along the way in scenes resembling the anti-Semitic pogroms of the 19th and early 20th century in Europe. Israel was founded on fundamentally racist principles and

Conor Reddy has no idea of the true history of the conflict, but rather spreads demonising tales about pogroms and widespread slaughter.166 It is a historical fact that the 1947/1948 civil conflict between the Jews and the Arabs, that followed the Arab rejection of the UN partition plan, remained a localised, low-casualty conflict – with total fatalities roughly equal on both sides. It is also fact that the Jews only went on a wider offensive only after suffering catastrophic losses to convoys that were providing food to remote towns, and with irregular Arab forces blockading some of their major population centres.167 But students at TCD were told otherwise.

156 https://www.facebook.com/apartheidfreecampus
157 http://trinitynews.ie/2014/10/campaign-calls-for-end-to-tcd-complicity-in-apartheid/
158 https://www.facebook.com/TCDApartheidFree
159 The two appear to be operated by the same person / people. See posts https://www.facebook.com/apartheidfreecampus/posts/3223007914478006 and https://www.facebook.com/TCDApartheidFree/posts/1727789474055725 which were posted within a minute of each other.
160 https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?vanity=apartheidfreecampus&set=a.643024522476371
161 http://campus.ie/surviving-college/college-news/attempt-make-trinity-apartheid-free-campus
162 For Senead reference https://www.facebook.com/apartheidfreecampus/posts/580486202063537
163 Many of the early events reference bot the academics and IPSC. See example https://www.facebook.com/apartheidfreecampus/posts/643820322396791
164 See example https://www.facebook.com/apartheidfreecampus/photos/a.930898837022270/930898883688932
166 https://www.facebook.com/conor.reddy/posts/10217662978064187
In 2017 the students no-platformed the Israeli Ambassador forcing the cancellation of an event. The university condemned the action as an ‘unacceptable attack on free speech’. The truth is that the BDS strategy of ‘no to normalisation’ is by its very nature a direct attack on free speech.

The 2017 motion for the boycott of Israel was overwhelmingly defeated. As is often the case, a defeat means nothing. These groups just reintroduce the motion over and over again.

During the next academic year, these toxic activists put more effort into the campaign. For example, they brought in a run of extremist speakers, such as Stephen Salaita – who when the three Israeli teens were kidnapped (an act which sparked the 2014 conflict), had celebrated, going as far as stating that he wished ‘all the f***ing West Bank settlers would go missing.’

The Trinity Frontier magazine ran an article called ‘Have You Forgotten About Palestine?’ written by Hana Efendic.

It is one of the most vile, offensive, and ahistorical pieces ever seen in a student magazine. It is one big lie – and it was presented to Trinity’s students just days before the next attempt to get the boycott motion passed – inside a campus that no-platforms all dissenting thought.

These are just two quotes from the piece, regarding the 1947/48 civil conflict:

“Many Palestinians left their houses in fear, whilst those without this option were killed regardless of their age.”

“In 1947, 33 out of 56 UN states voted for partition in Palestine even though more than two-thirds of the population were native Arabs and owned almost 93% of the territory.”

These are both outrageous lies.

This time, the boycott resolution passed.

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171 https://trinityfrontier.wordpress.com/2018/03/20/have-you-forgotten-about-palestine/
When students are permitted to freely tell lies that demonise Israel, it renders those who support Israel or Zionism as ‘inhuman’ – and as a result antisemitism spreads swiftly. During the campaigns, antisemitic material, including Holocaust denial, was ‘often found’ on the walls.¹⁷³

One of the comments specifically targeted Trinity Professor David Abrahamson, calling him a “f**king Jew.”¹⁷⁴

With the lies told, and the atmosphere toxified against the Jews, SJP TCD celebrated their victory:

![Image of antisemitic material with text: “There were no gas chambers in on concentration camp. Less than 1.5mil Jews were killed yet we are always told never forget the 6 million. Denying Holocaust is the only possible thought crime in 2017. To learn who rules over you simply find out who have not allowed to criticize.”]

This was swiftly followed by a BDS vote at the USI Congress and another at the Irish National Teachers Organisation.¹⁷⁵

¹⁷⁴ Ibid.
The FB pages run by these students are full of fake news that tell lies to demonise Israel, Israelis and their supporters. Such as this post from ‘Juan Torres’: 176

![Image](https://www.facebook.com/apartheidfreecampus/posts/1812394012206077)

The post, made from a pro-Venezuelan propaganda account, clearly suggests that Israel had sent troops to support the Brazilian leadership militarily and kill ‘pregnant women and children’. In the real world, this was a humanitarian exercise to help after the Brumadinho dam disaster to help search for the missing. 177

Along with most anti-Israel student movements, they grab at anything that demonises Israel and share any old antisemitic conspiracy theorist. As a result, the timeline is full of propaganda spread from unreliable sources. As an example, in March 2019, they shared a video from a propagandist called Ali Abusaad. 178

A quick scan of Abusaad’s timeline is all that is needed to realise this is a toxic, unreliable, antisemitic account. This is the type of comment that Abusaad likes: 179

![Image](https://www.facebook.com/alirabusaad/posts/2094272557279778)

176 [https://www.facebook.com/apartheidfreecampus/posts/1812394012206077](https://www.facebook.com/apartheidfreecampus/posts/1812394012206077)


178 [https://www.facebook.com/apartheidfreecampus/posts/188586404856837](https://www.facebook.com/apartheidfreecampus/posts/188586404856837) is the share of a post made by Ali Abusaad

179 See post and comments [https://www.facebook.com/alirabusaad/posts/2094272557279778](https://www.facebook.com/alirabusaad/posts/2094272557279778)
Another example from 2018. The Trinity BDS account shared a report from Redressonline.\textsuperscript{180}

![Image of a post from Trinity BDS Campaign on Facebook]

The website is an antisemitic conspiracy website that regularly publishes material from known antisemites like Gilad Atzmon.\textsuperscript{181}

In such an environment such as TCD, minority groups like the Jews suffer. The Jewish voice is silenced and the survival instinct kicks in.

Most Jewish students will not feel safe to exhibit key parts of their identity. As an example - the word ‘Israel’ does not appear on the TCD Jewish Society FB page, nor on their Twitter account.\textsuperscript{182}

![Image of search results for "Israel from:JewishTCD"

Jewish students are not free to speak, and their identity has been reduced to a form that will not offend others or attract attention in a hostile environment. As a comparison, the Islamic Society have more than 50 posts on ‘Palestine’.\textsuperscript{183}

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\item \textsuperscript{180} See post https://www.facebook.com/TCDApartheidFree/posts/1045095148991831
\item \textsuperscript{181} See search results on Mossad https://www.redressonline.com/?s=mossad and the websites *category* Israel Stooges https://www.redressonline.com/category/israelstooges/
\item \textsuperscript{182} https://twitter.com/search?q=israel%20from%3AJewishTCD&src=typed_query
\item \textsuperscript{183} https://www.facebook.com/page/357240167744640/search/?q=palestine
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NUI Galway

The Facebook page of NUI Galway Palestinian Society was started in September 2013. Within three days they had shared an article from the PFLP website. The EU have labelled the PFLP (Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine) a proscribed terrorist group.

The images on the archived page the group shared – clearly support terrorism.

The first proper event the group held, invited Shawan Jabarin to speak, describing him as the ‘General Director of Al-Haq’. Jabarin has deep ties to the PFLP and Al-Haq had their donation channels restricted by Visa and Mastercard because of ties to the terror group.

In October, they shared another post from the PFLP website. By December they had launched a campaign for a BDS student union referendum to take place on campus. The campaign was successful, and the referendum was set for 6 March. Like in most anti-Israel spaces, the word ‘Zionist’ was used as an insult.
During the BDS campaign, opposition was forcefully silenced. On 5th March—a day before the vote—there was an offensive and disgraceful protest against BICOM’s Professor Alan Johnson who had turned up to speak against the motion.\(^{191}\) Alan Johnson is not even Israeli—he is British—and on matters Israel/Palestine, he is something of a dove.

The offending student was Joseph Loughnane, who went on to help form a local branch of the IPSC, becoming President of the Galway-Palestine Solidarity Campaign.\(^{192}\) \(^{193}\)

This from Loughnane after he relaunched the dormant Galway PSC:

“GPS (Galway Palestine Solidarity) will be working closely with the student society to build solidarity in Galway city.”\(^{194}\)

In an atmosphere of violence and intimidation, the student body at Galway voted in favour of the BDS boycott.\(^{195}\) There were the first campus in Ireland to do so.

The Facebook page of the Palestine Society is full of messaging from propaganda websites.\(^{196}\) The students took part in boycott activities such as walking through Galway stores attaching ‘boycott Israel’ stickers to products.\(^{197}\) These repetitive 2014 campaigns on the Galway campus only targeted the products of one nation on earth.

The active students left one by one, and the group fizzled out. From the gap in the page between July 2017 and February 2020, there does not seem to have been any activity for the 2017/2018 and 2018/2019 academic years. Since 2020, the page has made a few posts, but contained no events.

After he left, Loughnane went on to also chair the local Anti-Racist Network.\(^{198}\) He was going to stand at the 2020 general election as the Galway West candidate for the People before Profit party, but he was suspended after a violent incident where he assaulted a female Sinn Fein activist.\(^{199}\)

Women’s rights groups that had stood alongside him, swiftly backed away.\(^{200}\) Aggression and violence seem to follow him around. This character is what drove Galway’s anti-Israel activism for several years.

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\(^{191}\) [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1gkiGUBAM7g&t=2s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1gkiGUBAM7g&t=2s) see also [http://thecentreleft.blogspot.com/2014/03/the-pro-palestine-mob-and-free-speech.html?spref=tw](http://thecentreleft.blogspot.com/2014/03/the-pro-palestine-mob-and-free-speech.html?spref=tw) for Johnson and Bicom see [https://www.bicom.org.uk/staff/professor-alan-johnson/](https://www.bicom.org.uk/staff/professor-alan-johnson/)


\(^{194}\) [https://www.facebook.com/GalwayPSC/posts/512226772725076](https://www.facebook.com/GalwayPSC/posts/512226772725076)

\(^{195}\) [https://www.haaretz.com/jewish/irish-student-union-ok-s-israel-boycott-1.5330580](https://www.haaretz.com/jewish/irish-student-union-ok-s-israel-boycott-1.5330580)

\(^{196}\) They often source Russian State TV, Qatari News services or raw propaganda websites such as Electronic Intifada. See also the Twitter feed [https://twitter.com/nuigpss](https://twitter.com/nuigpss)


\(^{198}\) [https://www.irishexaminer.com/business/30964622.html](https://www.irishexaminer.com/business/30964622.html)


\(^{200}\) [https://twitter.com/nwci/status/1226135969772032000?lang=en](https://twitter.com/nwci/status/1226135969772032000?lang=en)
Maynooth University

The aggression and fascist silencing of opposition witnessed at Galway is just one method that anti-Israel activists use to intimidate and force through BDS motions on campus. Simply railroading a motion through the student union is another.

In November 2018, Maynooth Student Senate forced through a BDS motion – without actually telling anyone they were going to do it. There was no mention of an upcoming vote – and the first public announcement was that the motion had passed.201

The Israel Society at Maynooth only found out it had happened, when they had already lost.202 The report from the ‘vote’ is chilling. Accusations and lies, smears and vilification. Not just targeting the Israeli state – but the pro-Israeli students on campus. Both the proponent (a student called Aindriu DeBuitleir) and a second speaker, Stephen McConnell, indicated that they would seek to shut the Israel Society down.203

The group ‘Maynooth University Students for Justice in Palestine’ was only formed in 2019, after the vote.204 From the images available, it seems to have been DeBuitleir and a couple of friends.205

The SJP didn’t last long and does not seem to have survived DeBuitleir’s departure. It is no longer listed on the Student Union website and the impact of this small group of students was simply to toxify the environment and railroad through a BDS motion.

This type of demonisation inside the student space has a cost. In March 2017 during the pro-Israeli ‘Peace Week’ and at a kosher ‘bake sale’, the President of the Israel Society was abused and assaulted.206

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201 See victory announcement on MSU FB page
https://www.facebook.com/MaynoothSU/posts/1964171820286675
202 https://cameraoncampus.org/blog/the-depths-to-which-bds-will-go-on-irish-campuses/
203 Ibid
205 See example https://www.facebook.com/MaynoothSJP/posts/345084079431860
Dublin City

Dublin City University Justice for Palestine came to life in 2018, and immediately began to push for a boycott of Israel. As was the case in Maynooth and Galway, it needed little more than one or two hostile students to drive the entire campaign.

The campaign video presented an alliance between the SJP (Stephanie O'Toole), Cian Hade, Chair of DCU Ógra Shinn Féin, Eoghan O'Muiri from DCU People before profit and the Chair of the DCU Islamic Society, Khaled Alaydi.207

This is the type of ignorant extremism that O'Toole pushed from her Twitter account.208

And from Cian Hade.209


208 https://cameroncampus.org/blog/the-depths-to-which-bds-will-go-on-irish-campuses/

209 https://www.facebook.com/cian.oheidin/posts/972511019601811
Hade is probably not capable of connecting the dots of his own antisemitism. These are French Jews making Aliyah. The majority of these families arrived in France as immigrants running from the expulsion and persecution in the MENA region. They are now running from France because of the toxic spread of antisemitic anti-Zionism and radical Islamist ideologies – something in which Cian Hade is playing a part. The Jews were not wanted in North Africa, they are not wanted in Europe – and when they arrive in Israel – the Jewish homeland – Cian Hade attacks them there too.

And there is this disgraceful post: Racism posing as anti-Israel activism is rarely more obvious than this:

![Image of a post that reads:](image)

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210 Many of the Jews in France were refugees who escaped persecution or were expelled from North Africa in the mid-20th century. [https://www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/france-virtual-jewish-history-tour](https://www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/france-virtual-jewish-history-tour)

211 [https://www.facebook.com/cian.oheidin/posts/948470952005818](https://www.facebook.com/cian.oheidin/posts/948470952005818)
Academics for Palestine

The key anti-Zionist player on campus is from within faculty – from a group calling themselves ‘Academics for Palestine’.

The group officially launched in 2014, but the seeds for the movement were laid during the Teachers of Ireland ‘Boycott Israel’ campaign in 2012/3. The initial TUI motions were tabled by Jim Roche, a teacher in the DIT Dublin School of Architecture.

Roche also led the 2014 launch of Academics for Palestine and became the Chair for the new group. They began distributing signed letters supporting the boycott with 100+ signatures.

Two other Irish academics also featured prominently in founding the group, Ronit Lentin (TCD) and David Landy (TCD).

The launch event had four speakers, Conor McCarthy (NUI Maynooth), Ghada Karmi (UK Exeter), Haim Bresheeth (UK SOAS) and Andy Storey (UCD).

Karmi works alongside Ilan Pappe at Exeter and is known for making antisemitic statements. Haim Bresheeth literally set up an anti-Israel group in London that is run by antisemites.

Jim Roche

Roche was an activist long before Academics for Palestine. He was part of the Irish Anti-War Movement, which like the UK group ‘Stop the War’, appears to have an uncomfortably close alliance with Islamist extremists. He was also a passenger on a ship that tried to sail to Gaza in 2011, accompanied by radical extremists.

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213 http://www.pacbi.org/etemplate.php?id=2048
214 https://electronicintifada.net/blogs/ali-abunimah/140-irish-academics-pledge-boycott-israeli-institutions
217 https://david-collier.com/soas-jnp/
When Roche was Secretary of the IAW in 2007, the group put out an invite to Ibrahim Moussawi, the head of the antisemitic, pro-Islamic Jihad TV station, Al-Manar – the mouthpiece of the radical Islamist terror group Hezbollah. Moussawi has referred to Jews as ‘a lesion on the forehead of history.’

Roche’s social media activity is full of hard-core anti-Israel activism. He shares toxic antisemites such as Tony Gratrex. Gratrex even uses a 9/11 truth avatar. It is difficult to share any of his posts without realising he is a conspiracy theorist.

Gratrex is a hard-core antisemitic conspiracy theorist and was a key admin of the toxic Facebook group Palestine Live.

This next share from Jim Roche pushes New World Order and Rothschild Conspiracy.

Roche shares antisemitic imagery and antisemitic fake-news websites:

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220 https://www.independent.ie/irishtown/ireland-news/war-of-words-over-islamists-irish-visit-26323275.html
221 https://www.newyorker.com/magazine/2002/10/14/in-the-party-of-god
222 https://www.facebook.com/tony.gratrex
225 https://www.facebook.com/Notowar/posts/10152649768064460 - see video https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TP3mXVrd89Y
226 The blogsite ‘occupiedpalestine’ is an Islamist fake news, antisemitic website. The article Roche shared is full of lies and images taken from elsewhere. An example of Holocaust denial on the website, which even uses the word ‘Holohoax’ – see https://occupiedpalestine.wordpress.com/2014/08/03/gazaunderattack-antisemitism-the-ultimate-zionist-weapon/
Roche seeks to dismantle Israel, is consistently abusive towards Zionists and Israelis in his posts and spreads fake news that demonises Israel at will. Here are two more examples: 227 228

Finally, from the man chiefly responsible for kickstarting the academic boycotts in Ireland, there is blatant antisemitism, sharing an image of an ISIS member, adorned with the Star of David, who is clearly not interested in attacking Israel because ‘the Jew’ is behind it all. 229

Abdul Ibrahim is a hard-core antisemitic conspiracy theorist. 230 Anti-Israel activists always seem comfortable in bed with antisemites.

227 The original article is here https://rana319.wordpress.com/2013/12/ the author claims she is studying at the Islamic University in Gaza. The blog could easily be little more than a Hamas propaganda website. Either way, the dam story is a fake news item. See https://www.timesofisrael.com/false-israel-drowns-gaza-claims-sweep-internet/
228 The article suggests the 2020 explosion in Beirut was caused by Israeli bombing. The author is an antisemitic conspiracy theorist. https://www.israellycool.com/2020/08/05/richard-silverstein-falsely-claims-israel-bombed-beirut/
229 https://www.facebook.com/Notowar/posts/1015497338557460
One of the most widely misunderstood positions of the anti-Israel, pro-BDS crowd comes from those who believe that BDS is about ‘peace’ or ‘settlements.’ There is nothing in the output of these activists that suggests this is the case. If you actually look, you can see that they are screaming the words ‘destroy Israel’ at every opportunity. Ronit Lentin tells everyone exactly what it is about in her Twitter profile picture. The image is not about Palestinian human rights, but destroying Israel:\(^{231}\)

Ignoring the non-factual, ahistorical element of the position (there never was a state called Palestine) Lentin seeks to force 9 million voting Israelis off a cliff and destroy their nation.

Ronit Lentin is probably one of the better-known anti-Israel academics in Ireland. The fact she was born in Haifa, provides real usefulness to the anti-Israel cause. Despite having left Israel at the age of 25, and having spent over 50 years in Ireland, her Wiki page only identifies Lentin as an Israeli:\(^{232}\)

This is a type of racism that would not be accepted against any other minority group. Haim Bresheeth, an academic who has spent most of the last 49 years in the UK, was also described as ‘Israeli’ by Jim Roche at the Academics for Palestine launch event:\(^{233}\) These people have weaponised their identity.

Because Lentin is Jewish and has Israeli citizenship, she is one of those names rolled out to defend against accusations of Antisemitism. As an academic she has additional legitimacy and so has produced several articles for Irish media on the subject:\(^{234}\)

\(^{231}\) https://twitter.com/RonitLentin  
\(^{232}\) https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ronit_Lentin  
\(^{233}\) See timestamp 3 minutes https://academicsforpalestine.wordpress.com/2014/02/  
Lentin publicly stated that Israel is ‘determined to eliminate the Palestinian people’, going on to claim that Israelis then wanted to take any survivors and ‘put them into concentration camps.’\(^{235}\)

Lentin’s hatred of Israel and Zionism goes beyond all rational norms. In her professional work she comes from the field of Sociology and promotes Critical Race Theory.\(^{236}\) Lentin’s work often obsesses about Israel. As recently experienced with the antisemitism of David Miller at Bristol University in the UK, a problem exists in some Sociology academia.\(^{237}\)

If there is an accusation to be made against Israel, Lentin has made it. On social media Lentin has no problem sharing antisemitic websites:\(^{238}\)

Globalresearch.ca is an antisemitic conspiracy website.\(^{239}\)

She draws Nazi analogies and then pretends she has not – such as in this post where she compares Palestinians who are fined for criminal activity, with the Jews who were slaughtered by the Nazis.\(^{240}\)

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\(^{235}\) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HgjzQ_lJ8yw
\(^{237}\) https://twitter.com/DavidHirsh/status/1362718230385688576 see also statement on termination of employment at Bristol https://www.bristol.ac.uk/news/2021/october/prof-miller-statement.html

Her timeline is full of propaganda websites such as Electronic Intifada, but on occasions Lentin adds her own commentary. When Lentin shared an article that outrageously compared Israel and ISIS, Lentin implied ISIS would not attack Israel because of (imaginary) Israeli support for the group.\footnote{https://www.facebook.com/ronit.lentin/posts/10205841507849693}

These academics do not care where they grab information from, or what type of website they promote and introduce to their followers.

Days of Palestine is an antisemitic website. This image of Holocaust denial is an image from the Days of Palestine website.\footnote{http://web.archive.org/web/20210330141937/https://daysofpalestine.ps/post/7834/A-91-year-old-Jew-admits-telling-lies-about-Holocaust}
One final piece of evidence worth noting. On 9th December 2018, a Hamas terrorist shot 7 people waiting by a bus stop. One of the victims was heavily pregnant and although the baby was delivered in an emergency operation, it did not survive.244 The attack took place near Ofra, an Israeli settlement on the West Bank.

Gideon Levy penned a vile article in which he said he had “no sympathy” for the victims - no compassion, nor any solidarity. Seven innocent victims, a baby killed, and Levy blamed it all on the victims. It is equally possible to suggest innocent civilians in Gaza deserve all they get because they voted for Hamas – but normal human beings do not think this way. Those who stand for human rights should stand for *all* innocent victims. Yet a baby was murdered by a terrorist and Levy had no sympathy at all.

Nor does it seem did Ronit Lentin:245

> Whatever drives Lentin to obsessively hate Israel, it is not human rights.

David Landy is another academic blind to antisemitism.246

Landy is also a perfect example of how the university space radicalises and toxifies its own environment – by creating clones. He studied his PhD at TCD, and his supervisor was Ronit Lentin.247 After completing his PhD, Landy went on to become Chair of the Ireland Palestine Solidarity Campaign.248

Much of Landy’s social media activity is private, but at public events he has equated respectable Jewish Zionist academics with the KKK.249

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244 https://mfa.gov.il/MFA/ForeignPolicy/Terrorism/Palestinian/Pages/Wave-of-terror-October-2015.aspx  
245 https://twitter.com/RonitLentin/status/1075341168446038016?s=20  
246 https://twitter.com/dlandy100/status/1246477234166272000  
248 https://tcd.academia.edu/DavidLandy/CurriculumVitae  
These three, Roche, Lentin and Landy were the key academic figures at TCD that helped toxify the campus environment:\textsuperscript{250}

These three are often the only names officially tied to the group:\textsuperscript{251}

As much noise as the group makes in Ireland, the actual number of academics actively involved is very small. It is just the same few faces over and over again. Here are some of the handful of other academics:

At Maynooth University, \textbf{Dr John Reynolds} is Associate Professor of International Law, and his expertise is in international justice and human rights.\textsuperscript{252} His Twitter feed is relatively active, so it was tested to see how far his public interest in international justice and human rights goes:\textsuperscript{253}

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It does not seem to run very far outside of Israel. In fact, criticism of the world’s most serious human rights offenders seems to be absent. This is Reynolds Twitter ‘hashtag cloud’:\textsuperscript{254}

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https://www.facebook.com/events/340838102765715/
https://www.jadaliyya.com/Details/31998
https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/people/john-reynolds
https://twitter.com/SeanMac_R
https://socialbearing.com/search/user/SeanMac_R
\end{verbatim}
Reynolds is an anti-Israel obsessive. Given the horrific state of human rights in the world, would anyone really suggest Israel should be the almost sole obsession of a professor in Ireland?

Reynolds is a former legal researcher for Al-Haq, a Palestinian NGO involved in libel, BDS and “lawfare” campaigns. Al-Haq’s General Director Shawan Jabarin has been linked to the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP), a designated terrorist organization.

Reynolds promoted a talk by Jabarin to his followers:

Dr Conor McCarthy is also at Maynooth. McCarthy is one of the founding member of the Ireland-Palestine Solidarity Campaign. McCarthy does not seem to operate a public social media account. He has written articles for toxic online magazines such as Mondoweiss and Electronic Intifada.

What is noticeable about these academics leading the boycott of Israeli academia, is that they all seem to support the full boycott (BDS) of Israel. This makes their arguments in favour of the far more limited ‘academic boycott’ somewhat misleading.

Iain Atack is Assistant Professor of International Peace Studies at TCD (on the right in the image):

Atack gives talks trying to persuade students to boycott Israel. The type of seminar that Atack oversees as part of the ‘Ireland Centre for Reconciliation Studies’ is almost laughable. It is just a bunch of anti-Israel activists dressed up as academics – who do not even try to present a balanced argument. This is not academia and students are being force fed distortion and propaganda.

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256 https://www.ngo-monitor.org/ngos/al_haq/
257 https://twitter.com/SeanMac_R/status/1006536191917875201
258 https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/faculty-arts-celtic-studies-philosophy/our-people/conor-mccarthy#1
259 https://electronicintifada.net/content/ireland-invented-boycotts-so-lets-use-them-demand-justice-palestine/13249 and https://mondoweiss.net/author/conor-mccarthy/
260 At 2014 anti-Israel protest https://twitter.com/AfriPeace/status/491215393370152961?s=20
261 http://www.universitytimes.ie/2017/02/discussion-on-bds-launches-palestine-action-week/
Yaser Alashqar ran the seminar alongside Attak. Alashqar is an Irish Palestinian from Gaza who has been in Ireland for 11 years and he achieved his PhD at TCD in 2014. He is now Assistant Professor in International Peace Studies at Trinity College Dublin. He spoke at an anti-Israel demonstration during the Gaza conflict. At the time he claims to have been working as a consultant for a Gaza based media and propaganda company, ‘Media 24’ that may well be run by his brother.

Later that year he went back to Gaza and met with Hamas officials. In 2015 he gave a talk for the Irish Palestine Solidarity Campaign. In the talk he appears to refer to Hamas’s firing rockets at civilians as ‘resistance’ as well as talking about an occupation that began in ‘1948’.

The talk is laden with distortion, propaganda, and wild accusations. Alashqar presents himself as a witness and treats every claim as fact. It makes for disturbing listening considering the ‘academic’ credentials of the speaker. At one point he even claims that Israel deliberately destroyed tall buildings hosting 100s of families because ‘they were testing new weapons, which is why they went for the tall, high civilian buildings.’ These are outrageous lies. He goes on to suggest they did it for money. There is no mention of Hamas rockets anywhere in the speech.

Harry Browne is a Senior lecturer at Technological University Dublin. He did his PhD in 2016. One of his PhD supervisors was Michael Foley who also supported the boycott. Foley used to be an Irish Times Correspondent.

Browne does not think calling the President of the United States ‘a tool of Israel’, is antisemitic: It displays a complete ignorance about the forces and meaning of antisemitism.

Browne’s timeline has the expected propaganda from sources such as Qatari based Al Jazeera, Electronic Intifada and other rancid non-factual demonisation articles. It is all a one-sided social media ‘bubble’ that spread lies and dehumanises Israelis and its supporters.

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263 https://www.linkedin.com/in/yaser-alashqar-9b9b4bb2/
267 Ibid
268 Ibid timestamp 43:30
269 https://www.facebook.com/harry.browne.315
270 https://arrow.tudublin.ie/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1074&context=appadoc
271 https://twitter.com/puisserguier/status/496232867702128641
272 https://www.linkedin.com/in/michael-foley-0854541a
273 https://twitter.com/harrybrowne/status/117190827150807040
274 As an example, he shared an article from Juan Cole that is laden with inaccuracy, propaganda, distortion and lies. https://www.facebook.com/harry.browne.315/posts/175805182557897 for original - https://www.juancole.com/2012/11/top-ten-myths-about-israeli-attack-on-gaza.html?
Elaine Bradley is another Trinity College ‘academic’ and long-time activist. According to her LinkedIn page she has been working on her PhD for nine years.\(^\text{275}\) Bradley described herself as a PhD candidate in 2019, but TCD put out promotional videos for a Post Graduate course in 2018 — in which TCD describe her as a ‘DR’.\(^\text{276}\) It is unclear why.

Bradley has come out in support of David Miller, the Professor of Sociology at Bristol University who suggested students in the Jewish Society on campus were ‘pawns of Israel’.\(^\text{277}\) Miller has since had his employment at the University terminated.\(^\text{278}\)

Many of her tweets/retweets were supportive of Corbyn and dismissive of antismetism, even after the EHRC had found the British Labour Party to have illegally harassed Jewish members. Some of her retweets are toxic, such as one suggesting you ‘cannot be a feminist and a Zionist’.\(^\text{279}\) Bradley regularly promotes propaganda accounts such as the BDS movement, Ben White, Electronic Intifada and Asa Winstanley.

Bradley also spoke at an event for the IPSC.\(^\text{280}\) She spoke of her experiences during and after the 2014 conflict. The talk was full of propaganda and ignorance. Bradley simply pushes a Hamas sympathetic narrative, which turns the radical Islamic terror group into honest cuddly bears who only want justice and peace. Whilst completely misrepresenting the outbreak of the 2014 conflict, Bradley stresses that Hamas only broke their ceasefire when they were left with little choice — whilst painting Israel as the demon desperate for battle and blood. Meanwhile of course, rogue or not, Hamas operatives kidnapped and murdered three Israeli teenagers and Hamas terrorists in Gaza were firing rockets at Israel. As for the cease fire — dozens of rockets were fired at Israel during 2013.\(^\text{281}\) As a sign of the acrobatics she performs, Bradley tried to suggest that the 2013 rockets fired from Gaza — an area under total Hamas control — were ‘Jihadi’ rockets (Islamic Jihad), not Hamas rockets. Bradley is reading from a script sheet that has little regard for balance or the truth.

\(^{275}\) https://www.linkedin.com/in/elaine-bradley-882b167/?
\(^{276}\) See Independent article for PhD candidate https://www.pressreader.com/ireland/irish-independent/20190815/281904479816820 and https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=07_Si7U-4jo for TCD video with Dr Elaine Bradley.
\(^{278}\) https://www.bristol.ac.uk/news/2021/october/prof-miller-statement.html
\(^{279}\) Retweets of https://twitter.com/MariamBarghouti/status/1368867193342091267
\(^{281}\) https://www.theguardian.com/world/2013/jun/24/israeli-planes-gaza-rocket-attack
Professor David Miller who was sacked by Bristol University in October 2021 was supported during the investigation into his antisemitic activity by several Irish academics.\(^2\)

It is beyond the scope of the research to go through the entire list, but Dr Tom O’Connor from Munster Technological University can be used as an example - he signed the letter of support for an academic that had been accused of abusing Jewish students.\(^2\) It is doubtful many (if any) of the academics that did sign would have done so if the complaint had been about anti-black racism. This difference underlines the inherent antisemitism. The belief in the arguments about Jewish deceit and power, Zionist control, Zionist evilness, and Israeli interference.

It is therefore not surprising Dr Tom O’Connor also has a thing about ‘Nazis,’ ‘Zionists’ and ‘evil states’.\(^2\)

O’Connor has made many offensive tweets about Zionism or Israel, but as is almost always the case, his care for international human rights does not extend any further than Israel. For example, there is not a single tweet from him about China and its human rights abuses.\(^2\)

O’Connor was just one name pulled from the list and this should be remembered when reading the report. Everything here is just an example of a far wider and larger problem. This is not *all* the evidence, but just some of it. The section on academia alone could have been greatly expanded, simply by looking more closely at some of the names that signed the letter of support for an antisemitic academic.

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\(^2\) [Ibid](https://twitter.com/Never_Again2020/status/1374336445473755139/photo/1)

\(^2\) [https://twitter.com/search?q=china%20from%3Ajusteconomics&src=typed_query&f=top](https://twitter.com/search?q=china%20from%3Ajusteconomics&src=typed_query&f=top) see also Pakistan [https://twitter.com/search?q=pakistan%20from%3Ajusteconomics&src=typed_query&f=top](https://twitter.com/search?q=pakistan%20from%3Ajusteconomics&src=typed_query&f=top)
On the street

The Ireland Palestine Solidarity Campaign is Ireland’s biggest anti-Israel action group. It is registered as a Limited Company and has 7 active Directors.\textsuperscript{286} The Company’s key executive is Martin O’Quigley.

The IPSC website lists Kevin Squires as the National Coordinator, Fatin Al Tamimi as Chair and John Dorman as Vice-Chair.\textsuperscript{287} There are fourteen branches across Ireland.\textsuperscript{288}

In the UK, many activists from both the Palestine Solidarity Campaign (England / Wales) and the Scottish Palestine Solidarity Campaign were shown to share hard-core antisemitism material.\textsuperscript{289} The branch system was often used to provide deniability, allowing the organisation to distance itself from toxic activists. This is a look at activism around Ireland. Although IPSC is the largest activist group, the research is not limited to IPSC campaigners.

Limerick

There is not much to the IPSC Limerick Branch. It is run, fuelled, and kept alive by Zoe Lawlor. Limerick also provides two of the admin for the main IPSC FB group, Zoe Lawlor and Sean Clinton.\textsuperscript{290}

Zoe Lawlor is another name often mentioned as an ‘academic for Palestine’. ‘Lawlor is described as a ‘Lecturer’ at the University of Limerick, but there is no sign of what she was lecturing in, or what her qualifications are.\textsuperscript{291} Even as late as 2016, she is just listed as a ‘graduate student’.\textsuperscript{292} For this reason she has been placed in the section on street activism as an IPSC activist.

Lawlor was part of the flotilla, detained and deported in 2011.\textsuperscript{293} Lawlor is an important player because she bridges Academics for Palestine, the Irish Palestine Solidarity Campaign, Gaza Action Ireland, and the student activity on the Limerick campus.\textsuperscript{294} On Twitter she goes by the alias of ZazaFL.\textsuperscript{295}

Zoe Lawlor endlessly tweets that ‘Zionism’ is ‘racism’ and her Twitter feed is just a stream of articles from propaganda websites such as Electronic Intifada or Mondoweiss.

\textsuperscript{286} https://www.vision-net.ie/Company-Info/The-Ireland-Palestine-Solidarity-Campaign-Company-Limited-By-Guarantee-471534
\textsuperscript{287} https://www.ipsc.ie/about/structure
\textsuperscript{288} https://www.ipsc.ie/about/branches
\textsuperscript{290} https://www.facebook.com/groups/20826333992/members/admins
\textsuperscript{291} https://www.limerickpost.ie/2014/08/06/limerick-shows-support-for-gaza/
\textsuperscript{292} https://limerick.academia.edu/ZoeLawlor
\textsuperscript{293} https://www.limerickleader.ie/news/home-and-garden/86781/UL-lecturer-back-home-following-deportation.html
\textsuperscript{295} https://twitter.com/IPSC48/status/1127305183002804225?s=20 SEE https://twitter.com/ZazaFL
Lawlor is a long-time anti-Israel fascist. As early as 2006 she was already conducting intimidation demonstrations outside shops, demanding that they remove all Israel stock from their shelves.296

Lawlor’s posts have a conspiratorial tone:297

Like most anti-Israel activists, amidst all the lies she spreads about Israel, Zoe Lawlor also displays double standards and hypocrisy when it comes to the world’s actual human rights abusers. Most of her posts talk about the necessity of boycotting Israel (effectively until it is wiped from the map), but with Iran – she has posted numerous times that the sanctions must be ended immediately because sanctions cost lives:

Her shares are full of illiterate nonsense – such as claiming Israel is a bigger threat to world peace than Iran:

When Iranian backed Hezbollah attacked a tourist bus in Bulgaria, killing Israeli tourists – somehow, she turned Israel into the warmongers:298

There is little point in going through her timeline, pointing to 100s of items of lies, distortions and fake news – here is just one example – spreading lies about Gaza flooding:299

In her 72000 tweets, Lawlor found virtually no time at all to criticise Iran, Pakistan, Syria, or the DRC. There are only a few dozen tweets on Russia and China. Lawlor has reserved 10,000s of her tweets for singling out and demonising Israel – a tiny – (and the only) democracy in the Middle East.

296 http://www.indymedia.ie/article/798787
297 https://twitter.com/ZazaFL/status/262278221524004865?s=20
298 https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-europe-54240101
What is important to this research is that Lawlor is another ‘academic’ or activist who engages in antisemitism denial.300

Calling it (the fact the Labour party illegally harassed and discriminated against Jewish members) – nothing more than a smear campaign:301

Lawlor has dozens of posts denying antisemitism. Politicians and academia provide the umbrella under which antisemitism spreads. Activists dressed up as politicians, or academics, spread lies and provide a veneer of legitimacy to anti-Israel activism. These people place the issues in the press or in front of voters or students. All of them reject the idea that antisemitism is a key factor within pro-Palestinian groups.

This section will highlight how the lies and propaganda do not just allow antisemitism to spread in Ireland, but by demonising Israel and Zionists, academia and politicians are fuelling the problem – just as surely as they deny it all exists.

Lawlor’s antisemitism denial is always on show:  

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300 https://www.facebook.com/groups/213675160288/permalink/10153968908800289  
301 https://www.facebook.com/zoe.lawlor.5/posts/10157301536624139 see EHRC report for evidence  
Why is highlighting all the antisemitism denial so important? Zoe Lawlor is active in Limerick and leads the IPSC branch there. One of her key fellow activists is Sean Clinton. **Sean Clinton** ‘spearheaded’ the ‘Boycott Israeli Blood Diamonds’ campaign in Ireland.\(^\text{302}\)

Sean Clinton is an admin in the official Limerick IPSC Facebook page alongside Lawlor and the IPSC National Coordinator.\(^\text{303}\) Clinton is also an admin in the main IPSC group.

Here is an image Lawlor shared, joyful that she is forcing Tesco to remove from the shelves products from the Jewish state:\(^\text{304}\)

Lawlor is seen in the image alongside Sean Clinton and Michael O’Connor:

This is Sean Clinton liking a post that suggested 9/11 was a false flag terror attack. The post even used the antisemitic term ‘five dancing Shlomos’:

\(^\text{302}\) [https://www.ipsc.ie/campaigns/diamond-boycott](https://www.ipsc.ie/campaigns/diamond-boycott)

\(^\text{303}\) [https://www.facebook.com/groups/213675160288/members/admins](https://www.facebook.com/groups/213675160288/members/admins)

\(^\text{304}\) [https://www.facebook.com/groups/213675160288/permalink/10153515094590289](https://www.facebook.com/groups/213675160288/permalink/10153515094590289)
Maidhc O Cathail, the author of the 9/11 post, was a prolific antisemitic conspiracy theorist, and anti-Israel campaigner who was active in the ‘Irish Anti-War movement’. O’Cathail tagged Clinton into several antisemitic posts – including those that blamed the Zionists for 9/11 and the JFK assassination. Sean Clinton is all over O’Cathail’s timeline and engaged in several of his posts.

But this is not all about ‘likes’ or O’Cathail - how about this one - Sean Clinton personally shared an article directly from the website ‘IHR.org’. The Institute of Historical Review is the ‘focal point’ of neo-Nazi propaganda and Holocaust denial.

The deeply antisemitic article begins by given credit to Benjamin H. Freedman, a Catholic convert, who was a vocal antisemite and Holocaust denier.

The share was not an accident either. Here is Clinton sharing conspiracy theories from Rense radio:

The broadcast which has been removed from its source, was Michael Rivero in what was a regular slot (called What Really Happened) on Rense radio.

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305 https://irishantiwar.org/node/11 search ‘O’Cathail’ for posts. See also https://maidhcocathail.wordpress.com/about/ When he died in 2017, Alison Weir, a famous US conspiracy theorist wrote an obituary https://israelpalestinenews.org/remembering-maidhc-o-cathail/


308 The IHR article shared: http://www.ihr.org/jhr/v06/v06p389_John.html?


310 Original source https://www.twitch.tv/michaelrivero
The topic was about the Anders Behring Breivik, ‘false flag’. At the time, Rense was busy blaming Israel for the attack. Rense is virulently anti-Semitic and seen as pro-Nazi. Sean Clinton felt everyone should ‘listen in’.

In 2017 Clinton was still pushing false flag theories about Syria and Rothschild banks written by hard-core antisemites.

Clinton has also shared conspiratorial pro-Assad material, suggesting he was ‘respected’ before 2011 and linking the Syrian Civil War back to Rothschild conspiracy. Clinton references ‘global lobbies’, sharing material from antisemites such as Gilad Atzmon.

Clinton also shares 9/11 conspiracy videos:

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311 https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-europe-14261716
315 https://www.facebook.com/Sean.clinton.50/posts/10154661110153775 (may not be visible to public)
317 Cop of the 9/11 video shared https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=2485879748300326
So, it should be of no surprise key IPSC activist Sean Clinton is all about ‘Zionist lobbies’ and a denial of antisemitism.

The other person in the original image alongside Zoe Lawlor and Sean Clinton was Michael O’Connor. O’Connor disgracefully refers to Israelis – most of whom were born in Israel and are of Middle Eastern origin as ‘East European immigrants’.

That is clearly a racist post. O’Connor shares lots of antisemitic conspiracy posts, such as this one claiming that the ISIS leader was a Mossad agent.318

And because the tide in anti-Israel circles has turned against the Saudis – the Saudi Royal Family become Jewish too:

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318 See original article https://www.metabunk.org/threads/claim-pictures-show-abu-bakr-al-baghdadi-is-a-mossad-agent-named-simon-elliot.4263/
And O’Connor takes time out to blame the Jews for the Holocaust.\(^{319}\)

O’Connor is just another toxic antisemite – making accusations about the Zionist lobby ‘bribing Labour’ and suggesting antisemitic attacks in London are ‘fake stories’:

\(^{319}\) True Torah Jews are a fringe sect in Judaism. They are the ultra-orthodox Jews seen at anti-Israel demonstrations. The Neturei Karta from which the group comes – are not all active anti-Zionists. Most are indifferent towards Israel. What is on the street is a fringe of a fringe. They often blame the ‘Zionists’ – by which they mean 90%+ of Jewish people for the Holocaust. This is a link to the original article https://www.truetorahjews.org/lieberman for NK see https://www.thejc.com/news/uk/strictly-orthodox-neturei-karta-s-new-alliance-with-extreme-right-1.33770 and https://www.adl.org/resources/backgrounders/neturei-karta
And despite obsessing about Israel, O’Connor understands nothing about Jews or Zionism – mixing and matching the words to spout utter nonsense to his followers – such as this claim that the Zionist movement (mostly non-orthodox) is a religious fundamentalist movement that seeks the ‘end days’.

It is no surprise that in O’Connor’s world, radical Islamic terror attacks in London become ‘false flags’.

The evidence in the above posts is clear and it means IPSC activity in Limerick is neck deep in antisemitism. Both of the people with whom Zoe Lawlor stood as she tried to stop Tesco stocking Israeli foods share hard-core antisemitic material. Yet somehow Lawlor claims the accusations are all false.

The Limerick IPSC group is not large, but O’Connor and Clinton are not the only antisemites.

Mohamed Ferhat is something of a local hero. He is also a frequent contributor to the Limerick IPSC website. When he spots produce from Israel in his local Tesco, he lets the other activists know so that they can take action.

Ferhat is active on the street and at demos:

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320 With the exception of a tiny fringe of extremists, the building of a non-messianic third temple is not a goal for Jews or Zionists.

321 https://www.ilovelimerick.ie/mohamed-ferhat/

322 https://www.facebook.com/groups/213675160288/permalink/10153723611445289/

323 https://www.facebook.com/photo/?fbid=843466515672011&set=a.103389589679711
He also tends to share antisemitic posts – such as Ickes video on ‘Rothschild Zionism’.\(^{324}\)

Ferhat shares other antisemitic conspiracy websites such as AWD news.\(^{325}\) The following post can only be appreciated in an antisemitic context. It suggests Tony Blair has not faced war crime charges because he is a ‘Zionist’ – thus implying ‘Zionism’ has complete control of the global power base.

Ferhat is also ‘online-friendly’ with the antisemite Gilad Atzmon. Atzmon frequently tags Ferhat into his antisemitic posts and Ferhat often ‘likes’ them. Such as this one:\(^{326}\) (Important to note that this post has nothing to do with Zionism):

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\(^{325}\) [https://mediabiasfactcheck.com/adw-news/](https://mediabiasfactcheck.com/adw-news/)

Here is the antisemitism denier Zoe Lawlor, alongside the David Icke and Gilad Atzmon fan Mohamed Ferhat. This post also shows the stupidity and naivety of the handful of Israeli academics who think they are being clever by cosying up to these people. Smadar Lavie is a Professor Emerita of Anthropology at the University of California. Here she proudly stands alongside antisemites, talking about how courageous they are:327

Even in a group as small as Limerick IPSC, there was more to be found. In fact, it seems every time Zoe Lawlor tags someone in a political street action, researching their timeline highlights antisemitic ideologies.:328

Terence Conway shares Rothschild Conspiracy from antisemitic conspiracy websites such as neonnettle and yournewswire.329

327 https://www.facebook.com/smadar.lavie.1/posts/10214213888483944
328 https://www.facebook.com/photo?fbid=10157073434394139&set=t.100014444910404
And:  

And how about Saed Laham - here he is with the microphone in 2014, talking alongside Zoe Lawlor to the people of Limerick – probably pretending it is all about human rights.  

And this is what Saed Laham really thinks - ‘Death to Zionists’:  

Or he hates the BBC because it ‘supports Jews’:  

Or maybe this one says it best of all – ‘kill all Jews’:  


In the research in the UK, it became clear that there was a correlation between levels of antisemitism and levels of anti-Israel activity, suggesting that antisemitism is a central driver of anti-Zionist activity.\textsuperscript{332}

The same effect can be seen on the streets of Limerick – the people most likely to turn up to protest, are the ones who share Rothschild conspiracy, neo-Nazi websites or wish harm on the Jews:

Here is Lawlor on the streets of Limerick with both Clinton and Laham:\textsuperscript{333}

And then the Sinn Féin politicians come and provide this toxic group with legitimacy.\textsuperscript{334}

The politicians have to take some responsibility for this.

So do the academics. Two other names constantly connected to Limerick IPSC are John Lannon and James Carr - both lecturers at the local university, the University of Limerick.\textsuperscript{335}

They are all legitimising and promoting those who share anti-Jewish hatred, helping it spread through the mainstream.

\textsuperscript{332} https://david-collier.com/psc-riddled-antisemitism/
\textsuperscript{333} https://www.facebook.com/photo/?fbid=10150595395374139&set=p.10150595395374139
\textsuperscript{335} https://www.ul.ie/research/dr-john-lannon and https://www.ul.ie/artsoc/faculty-research/james-carr
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South East

Antisemitism does not just spread through stories about Zionist control of the banks and media – it also spreads because these activists demonise Zionism and the Jewish state through a gross distortion of the facts. One recent example. On 27 Jan 2021, the IPSC South East Branch posted this image to their Facebook Page.336

It followed another post that also spoke of the same ‘Palestinian minor’ that had been killed by the Israeli army. Anyone reading these posts would automatically assume that an innocent child had been killed. The image of the empty desk is a clear propaganda stunt.337

The student attacked a young female soldier, trying to kill her with a knife. The soldier – a British /Israeli in a lone-soldier program with the IDF - managed to fend off the attacker before her commanding officer shot him. This kind of demonisation is typical of the false news narrative inherent in IPSC posting.

The South East Branch was formed as a union of several different local cells in Nov 2018.338 The group covers Kilkenny, Tipperary, Waterford and Wexford.339 It is not a large group and does not seem particularly active. All photos of actions show the same few faces.340

338 https://www.facebook.com/South-East-IPSC-2128630213847892/photos/2128686140508966
339 https://www.facebook.com/SouthEastIPSC/photos/3796546013722962
340 See example https://www.facebook.com/photo?fbid=184508542725782&set=pb.100034999120632.-2207520000..
Gearóid O’Bearáin (Gerard Baron) is one of the group admins and helped set up the group.\textsuperscript{341} He was on the MV Saoirse and was arrested by Israeli forces along with Limerick’s Zoe Lawlor in 2011.\textsuperscript{342}

He disgracefully baits Jews by actually posting Icke’s antisemitic Rothschild Zionism video inside Ireland / Israel friendship pages:\textsuperscript{343}

Gearóid O’Bearáin is also a member of the antisemitic Facebook group Palestine Live, joining shortly after the group was created in 2013:

Inside Palestine Live he has been highly active, even liking videos spreading conspiracy theories about the Jan 2015 ISIS attacks – which blamed them on Israel and the US.\textsuperscript{344}

\textsuperscript{341} https://www.facebook.com/gerard.barron.1 and https://www.facebook.com/groups/28586598113794/members
\textsuperscript{343} https://www.facebook.com/CircumcisedLeprechaun/posts/439744579401600
\textsuperscript{344} The original video has been removed from YouTube for ‘harassment and bullying’ https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1JuOH0k_lkg – it is possible to read an Independent report on the interview https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/europe/paris-attacks-us-politician-jack-lindblad-claims-charlie-hebdo-killings-were-us-and-mossad-keep-israel-s-netanyahu-power-9979696.html
This is a case of two for one. **Paul Kirby** is also an admin in the ISPC South East group. He shared this antisemitic Rothschild conspiracy article from Politicalvelcraft, Gearóid O’Bearáin liked this one too.

Politicavelcraft is ‘ragingly racist and promotes bigotry of all kinds’ — especially antisemitism.\(^3^4^5\) This is part of the shared article:

> “The Rothschild A.K.A. The Illuminati who are satanist. No they are not Jewish but they pretend to be. They want us to hate everyone else, so while we are fighting each other, they can own us all and laugh in the background.”

**David Rees** is another moderator in the South East FB group. In Feb 2019 Rees posted an article about the breakaway ‘Independent Group’ in the UK. The original article has been removed, as conspiracy articles often are, but from the comments it seems to have suggested covert Israeli financial support. As can be seen from this image, Rees actively promoted the idea that Israel was funding the breakaway group:\(^3^4^6\)


\(^3^4^6\) Impossible to know the conspiratorial article Rees shared, but here is a Guardian article explaining the group [https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2019/feb/19/independent-group-criticised-for-not-registering-as-political-party](https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2019/feb/19/independent-group-criticised-for-not-registering-as-political-party)
Rees is a good example of someone who probably does not see the antisemitism when he looks in the mirror. He no doubt considers himself something of a moderate or progressive. But after years of swallowing antisemitic propaganda circulating in his bubble – he views ‘Zionism’ in classic antisemitic terms:

The responses and shares on the groups FB page from people such as Waterford City Councillor Breda Brennan show the group fields a strong Sinn Fein presence. John Hearne is another Sinn Fein Councillor active with this group:

This is a post from Hearne, proudly standing with the antisemitic IPSC:

Here is Cllr Breda Brennan (right) standing alongside another IPSC South East activist Maura Hanrahan at the May 2019 ISPC South East boycott Eurovision event in Waterford:

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347 Brennan is a Sinn Fein Councillor https://www.sinnfein.ie/breda-brennan Ciara McCormack and David Dunne also have references to Sinn Fein in their Facebook profiles.
348 https://www.waterfordcouncil.ie/council/councillors/metropolitan/watcity-south/jhearn.htm
349 See https://www.facebook.com/cllrjohnhearn/posts/2718499601603927
351 See event page https://www.facebook.com/events/415230032365916
Maura Hanrahan shares material from toxic, antisemitic websites such as ‘theuglytruth’.\(^{352}\)

Antisemitic Rothschild Conspiracy. The words ‘follow the money’ are her own.\(^{353}\)

Antisemitism does not get much clearer than this. 9/11 conspiracy, Holocaust denial and parasitic Jewish cabals.\(^{354}\)

Like many antisemites, Hanranan shields her antisemitism behind pro BDS, profile images.\(^{355}\)

Hanrahan is one of the most active posters in the SE IPSC group.\(^{356}\)

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\(^{352}\) Website was banned as a hate site. The blog by-line read ‘Intelligent ‘anti-Semitism’ for thinking Gentiles’. Archive link here https://theuglytruth.wordpress.com/2016/02/02/germany-jews-demand-a-jewish-state-within-germany/

\(^{353}\) See link https://www.slideshare.net/hxmhxm/families-that-have-been-richest-the-longest

\(^{354}\) The video no longer exists.

\(^{355}\) https://www.facebook.com/groups/780384712000072/user/100001178246720

\(^{356}\) https://www.facebook.com/groups/285868598113794/search/?q=Hanrahan
One of the most insidious antisemitic elements of the BDS movement, has been to present a single tiny extremist cult of Jews as ‘real Jews’ or ‘true Jews’ – simply because that sect is anti-Zionist. Neturei Karta are an ultra-orthodox sect which number is the 1000s. In the UK there are perhaps a few dozen. By adopting this stance, activists dismiss the ‘Jewishness’ of over 90% of world Jewry – attacking their religious identity. **Grace Doyle** from IPSC South East:

**Eamon Ó Maoildeirig** from the SE group pushes the same line:

**Pat Fitzgerald**’s posts can be used to highlight the dangers inside of this antisemitic, anti-Zionist bubble. Like most in this section, Fitzgerald is from Sinn Fein and he is a Councillor in Waterford. Fitzgerald is often on the street engaging in the racist boycott of Israel or waving a Palestinian flag.  

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357 tps://www.waterfordcouncil.ie/council/councillors/metropolitan/watcity-east/pfitzgerald.htm  
358 There are images of him from different demonstrations in
Fitzgerald shared this image:

![Image of a sign from the Temple Emanu-El Synagogue announcing that Judaism does not support Zionism.](image1)

It was originally posted by ‘Gaza News’ a FB page with 50k+ likes. It is an image outside a reform Emanu-EL synagogue announcing that Judaism does not support Zionism.

Except it isn’t real. Judaism most certainly supports Zionism, and as discussed only a tiny fraction of ultra-Orthodox Jews reject it. The (minority) Jewish voice on the far-left who join them – do not do so from a religious perspective.

The image was from an online Church sign generator.

![Image of a sign from Liberty Church.](image2)

These people swallow virtually anything that exists within this bubble. Pictures, videos, stories – they think it is all true. Then when there is an outbreak of violence – they can only see it from one side. Meanwhile they are trying to strip Jews of their identity – to create a world in which Zionists are bad Jews, or fake ones. This is not an attack on Zionism – it is a blatant attack on Jews.

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359 https://www.facebook.com/pat.fitzgerald.3538/posts/391098547631312
360 There are several in the US – it is impossible to know which one this image is pretending to be.
361 Example – design 12 https://www.says-it.net/churchsigns/
**Clu\r Declan Clune** is another member of the ISPC SE group. He was a Sinn Fein Councillor, but is now independent.\(^{362}\)

Clune’s use of the word Zionism, his inference of global control and his shares of antisemitic material is clearly problematic:

![Image of antisemitic post by Declan Clune](https://www.waterfordcouncil.ie/council/councillors/comeragh/dclune.htm)

He also uses antisemitic conspiracy websites – sharing this article which compared Gaza to the Holocaust, Zionists to the Nazis.\(^{363}\)


Steve O’Dubhda is also an active member of the South East group – and yet another one sharing antisemitic websites and messages.

This next post is a share from the highly toxic ‘Humans are Free’ website followed by a video about how ‘Rothchilds rule the USA’.

And where there is Rothschild conspiracy – 9/11 is never far behind:

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364 https://www.facebook.com/steve.odubhda/posts/1787660638013698
366 https://www.facebook.com/steve.odubhda/posts/2154058158040609
Ben Duggan (right in image) proudly waves a Palestinian flag in Waterford in 2019:

In the same year, Iranian forces attacked two ships in the Gulf of Oman. Even though there is footage to prove it, Duggan thinks the Mossad did it.³⁶⁷

Duggan also believes ‘Zionists’ control what you watch on TV:

And when Reada Cronin said Israel had taken Nazism to ‘a new level’ – she was only telling the truth.³⁶⁸

Duggan’s posts are full of comments about ‘Genocidal Zionism’, ‘Zionist apes’ and ‘Zionist stooges’.

Derv OC is also from Waterford. These are just some of his toxic, antisemitic shares. The second one is from ‘Endzog’, which was a favoured website amongst neo-Nazis:

Eamon O Maoildeirig posted thanks to all those who showed up to hand out leaflets during an IPSC action on 26 January 2019. Noel O’Brien was one of the names he tagged to the post. He is also a member of the IPSC SE FB group.

Although untagged, this is an image of him handing out the leaflets:

369 The EndZog website was a well known antisemitic website. The article is archived here http://web.archive.org/web/20131115120605/https://endzog.wordpress.com/
370 https://www.facebook.com/eddie.reade.7/posts/10217748822341907
371 https://www.facebook.com/groups/285868598113794/members
372 https://www.facebook.com/photo?fbid=596947590753313&set=g.285868598113794
This is a Noel O’Brien Rothschild Conspiracy post.373

And another more recent share about the ‘Zionist owned’ mainstream media and ‘Ziobook’.374

The only notable SE cell outside of Waterford is in Tipperary. The town’s dedicated generic ‘save Gaza’ ‘hate page’ that started after the 2014 conflict, faded quickly and then stopped posting two years ago. It was full of pro-Terrorist messaging and fake news. Such as this one that claims that the radical Islamist terror group Hamas – is ‘not the problem’.375

373 https://www.facebook.com/noel.brien.92/posts/10209020371659316
374 https://www.facebook.com/noel.brien.92/posts/10216752238431153
375 https://www.facebook.com/TipperaryTownFriendsofPalestine/
One example of fake news is particularly disturbing. It is an image of a massacre, with hundreds of dead bodies lined up – and the claim that this is from ‘Deir Yassin’. They want the people of Tipperary to think genocide is taking place. It is not of course, - nor is the image from the Middle East at all. Perversely, it is an image of dead bodies from a subcamp of Buchenwald. It is a Holocaust image.

The town’s anti-Israel activism comes almost exclusively from a few Sinn Fein activists in the area.

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376 https://www.gettyimages.co.uk/detail/news-photo/germany-third-reich-concentration-camps-1939-45-dead-bodies-news-photo/545968135? This image has been misrepresented in this way 1000s of times. See also https://blogs.timesofisrael.com/deir-yassin-another-picture-worth-a-thousand-lies/
This is an image from their 2018 demonstration:

Even with a near completely private social media account, we know Pat Connolly (far left in image) thinks Israel is a Nazi state:\(^{378}\)

![Pat Connolly](https://www.facebook.com/pat.connolly.965/posts/10156688107916254)

Don’t know why sinnfein are apologising for comments made calling Israel a nazi state. That’s exactly what they are. Forceably throwing palatine people off their lands and moving Israeli

And pushes the fake flooding narrative:\(^{379}\)

![Pat Connolly](https://www.facebook.com/pat.connolly.965/posts/10151773073651254)

15 Dec 2013 · ..This is not rain water, this is sewage. Israel is drowning Gaza bit by bit and where the fuck is the media coverage. I could scream..world apathy is reaching insane levels as...

Jimmy Farrell (third from right) shared a post which referred to the Irish police as ‘Alan Shatter’s Mossad agents.’\(^{380}\)

![Jimmy Farrell](https://www.facebook.com/photo?fbid=536982626331737&set=a.102135983149739)

16 Nov 2012 · .. Alan Shatter’s MOSSAD agents at work - Garda baton peaceful protesters outside Israeli embassy in Dublin earlier. Free Palestine, stop the slaughter!

And shares images from a page called Rothschild Zionism, and fake news about Rothschild banks:

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\(^{378}\) [https://www.facebook.com/pat.connolly.965/posts/10156688107916254](https://www.facebook.com/pat.connolly.965/posts/10156688107916254)

\(^{379}\) [https://www.facebook.com/pat.connolly.965/posts/10151773073651254](https://www.facebook.com/pat.connolly.965/posts/10151773073651254)

\(^{380}\) This is the post that was shared [https://www.facebook.com/photo?fbid=536982626331737&set=a.102135983149739](https://www.facebook.com/photo?fbid=536982626331737&set=a.102135983149739)
Farrell is one of the admins of the large ‘Friends who Support Sinn Fein’ FB group. It has 12k+ members. Inside the group he shares images which refer to Israel as an ‘evil parasite’ — a classic antisemitic narrative.

The account he shared and from which he obtains information, is one in a long line of popular Palestinian activist accounts that spread fake news, antisemitism, and conspiracy theories.

The person in the middle of the demonstration photo (previous page) is Sinn Fein’s Carrick-on-Suir Cllr David Dunne.

Dunne likes posts that suggest ‘Zionists’ control the media and lie to the people:

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381 https://www.facebook.com/groups/265881077202022/members/admins
382 This is the share https://www.facebook.com/asad.salameh/posts/10210827454351604 See Asad Salameh on 9/11 https://www.facebook.com/asad.salameh/posts/10210091781120233 or sharing the vile antisemite Brother Nathanael https://www.facebook.com/asad.salameh/posts/10205131589318538
383 https://www.tipperarycoco.ie/your-council/david-dunne
And he liked a post about the ‘Rothschild family’ being happy following Trump’s electoral victory. Why on earth single out the ‘Rothschilds’?

Dunne also draws Nazi comparisons.⁹⁸⁴

And even though there is no sign in his account he has trouble with the Olympics in China, World Cup in Qatar, Judo championship in Iran, or Cricket matches in Pakistan, Dunne does not think Israel should be allowed to compete in anything:

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⁹⁸⁴ https://www.facebook.com/david.dunne.12/posts/1744032662325574
CLARE

IPSC Clare and IPSC Limerick should be viewed as one and the same.\(^8\) Kevin Squires, the IPSC National Coordinator, is one of the admins of the IPSC Clare FB group, **Finbarr MacGabhann** is the only other admin.\(^7\) Zoe Lawlor (IPSC Limerick) also has posting rights in the group and is the other major contributor.

**Tommy Guilfoyle** is one of the most active of IPSC Clare’s anti-Israel campaigners:

This is one of Guilfoyle’s antisemitic shares. A conspiracy post claiming Mossad created ISIS. The post is from a website called ‘Christians for Truth’:\(^7\)

This is from the shared article:

‘*For Jews it is standard operating procedure to blame their enemies for crimes that they themselves have committed. The most obvious example is blaming the Germans for genocide in WWII to cover up the fact that Jewish Soviet communists had ordered the genocide of tens of millions of Ukrainians in the 1930s.*’

Christians for Truth is a white-supremacist, Holocaust denying, neo-Nazi, hate site.\(^8\)
Like everyone else in these bubbles, Tommy Guilfoyle has been digesting and sharing fake news for years. See this awful post he shared about a Palestinian child giving his ‘last looks’ at his killer, the Israeli policeman who shot him. It is accompanied by the usual undertones about Zionist control of the media. Guilfoyle, in his own words, rams the message home – ‘this is Israel – if you support Israel, you support this’. Words which turn everyone who defends Israel into a monster: 389

The whole thing is fake. It is a still from a Tunisian movie. Watch the trailer (timestamp 3:38). 390

389 This is the image shared
https://www.facebook.com/Naswarkhan.is.best/photos/a.535454896476735/1043854822303404
390 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dtw54wQOJSM&t=219s also see
https://newsmobile.in/articles/2019/04/04/fact-checked-here-is-the-truth-behind-this-viral-picture/?
Brian MacCarthaigh is another key activist for Clare IPSC.  

He referred to Israel as ‘JSIL’ when he publicly shared a deeply antisemitic image. It is chilling that none of the 95 engagements (41 likes, 7 comments, 47 shares), seemed to care and it shows how antisemitism thrives in these bubbles. David Dees, the ‘artist’, who MacCarthaigh shares more than once, and mentions in glowing terms, was a well-known antisemite and conspiracy theorist, who put all his hate into his images.

He shared other antisemitic posts, such as this one pushing the Israel = ISIS conspiracy:

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391 MacCarthaigh was highly active in the group. He also signalled street activism in several posts. See comments https://www.facebook.com/groups/693785410709760/permalink/712207455344222/ and https://www.facebook.com/groups/693785410709760/permalink/1828531730568450/ and https://www.facebook.com/groups/693785410709760/permalink/1257266244361671/


394 https://www.facebook.com/brian.mccarthy.9081
The number of hard-core IPSC activists is tiny, but Sinn Fein activists like MacCarthaigh have turned their local Sinn Fein groups into ‘solidarity’ cells – until in places such as Ennis, it becomes impossible to differentiate between them.\textsuperscript{395}

\textsuperscript{395} https://www.facebook.com/TeamSFEnnis/posts/1666554143441303 and https://www.facebook.com/TeamSFEnnis/posts/1717210591708991
John Fisher is a third regular IPSC Clare activist.396

John Fisher shared this article on ‘Jewish supremacy’ from the Global Research CA website:

![Image](https://www.globalresearch.ca/is-jewish-supremacy-a-form-of-racism-the-zionist-exception/5606949)

The article is a racist diatribe against Zionism, Jews, and Israelis, full of generalisations, vicious lies, and long debunked nonsense.397 The attack within is not against Zionism as much as it is against core Jewish belief. The author even had a problem with the ADL (a group which fights against anti-Jewish hate) receiving donations in the wake of the Charlottesville attack. She sees no difference between the white supremacists (the Nazis) and their Jewish targets. In her mind they are the same. In fact, she goes as far as suggesting than Judaism is worse than white supremacy, because it retains legitimacy.

The website, Globalresearch.ca is an antisemitic conspiracy website. The person behind it is Michel Chossudovsky, who is the President of the Centre for Research on Globalisation (CRG). Globalresearch.CA is the centre’s website.398

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396 The first two images are from different actions, even though the t-shirt is the same. 1st image 3rd image Tesco protest 2016 https://www.facebook.com/photo?fbid=1208812239170923&set=oa.1139870262767937
397 https://www.globalresearch.ca/is-jewish-supremacy-a-form-of-racism-the-zionist-exception/5606949
John Fisher also shared this article: 399

It is a YouTube video from one of the online conspiracy blogs that emerged following 9/11 (it called itself ‘the SGT Report’). The video is an interview with Paul Craig Roberts. Shared on Nov 27, 2015, just two weeks after the horrific multiple attack in Paris, and 10 months after the attack on Charlie Hebdo. 400 It is an interview that suggests the ISIS attacks in the west were ‘false flags’, organised by the establishment in the west to put down political challenges.401

Editor’s note: The logic inside the video is clearly absurd, Roberts claims that these ISIS attacks were to prevent or weaken the rising popularity of Le Pen, Farage, and Trump. Little could be further from the truth. ISIS attacks on the European mainland *strengthen* right-wing populist forces - every time.

Paul Craig Roberts is an antisemite. 402 He has even come out elsewhere in support of the Holocaust denier, David Irving: 403

‘David Irving, without any doubt the best historian of the European part of World War II, learned at his great expense that challenging myths does not go unpunished. Nevertheless, Irving persevered.’

Why is David Irving demonised? Craig Roberts tells us:

‘Yes, you guessed it, it was the Zionists. You simply cannot say anything that alters their propagandistic picture of history.’

In this type of atmosphere, Israel is always viewed as an unnatural demon state:

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400 https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-europe-34818994
The IPSC ‘non’ branches

There are three IPSC branches that do not really exist at all – IPSC Meath, IPSC Kerry and IPSC North Kildare. Most of the posts on the page come from the main IPSC group and there is very little local activity – these are perfect examples of how a whole ‘branch’ can be little more than the bias and obsessions of one or two brainwashed people.

In IPSC Kerry it was John Loughry and his partner. The branch opened in 2018, the Facebook page was relatively inactive, it had virtually no audience, there were a couple of events, and it all went dormant.

In Meath, activists Gerry Hopkins, Andrew McQuillan and Alan Lawes set up IPSC Meath. The launch event in 2018 was at the local Sinn Fein office. Moira Leydon, the Assistant General Secretary – ASTI became branch ‘Chair’.

Following the same pattern as Kerry, the IPSC Meath Facebook page was relatively inactive, there were a couple of events, and it all went dormant.

There is not much to report on either of these, because there is nothing to them. Both pages spread disinformation through anti-western propaganda sites, fake news outlets and regurgitated a narrative that demonises Israel and Zionism with little regard for truth – but at a far less regular rate that other IPSC branches.

A few examples. IPSC Meath: At the time of writing, four of the last six posts are from fake-news propagandist outlets. Three of Kerry’s last four were about denying antisemitism or overstating the size of anti-Zionist Jewry.
All of the Meath activist accounts are hidden behind privacy settings, but there is still some light that emerges. This is Gerry Hopkins, liking a post that blames Tommy Robinson’s activity on the Mossad.\footnote{The post that this responded to has been lost, https://www.facebook.com/gerry.hopkins.56/posts/1946383465484067}

Hopkins and Doherty are FB friends, who clearly interact on the platform. Doherty, who appears to be a local Sinn Fein activist in Meath, is a rabid, antisemite and Holocaust denier.\footnote{https://www.facebook.com/tony.doherty.35/posts/283471968435520 and https://www.facebook.com/tony.doherty.35/posts/3799567436762938 and https://www.facebook.com/tony.doherty.35/posts/216937231764479}

Whilst there is no intention to suggest Hopkins likes or agrees with any of this, Doherty has made countless antisemitic posts. Why is Hopkins a FB friend who interacts with Doherty on FB?
It is difficult to overstate the sickness of the sewer these people have entered. A sewer where far-right and far-left mingle together. This is Alan Lawes, depending on far-right conspiracy theorist Luke Rudkowski for his news about ISIS.\textsuperscript{412}

If you watch the video, at timestamp 00:50, you can see Rudkowski is using another far-right extremist, Charles Edward Frith as a source.\textsuperscript{413} Frith is a rabid antisemitic conspiracy theorist and Holocaust denier.\textsuperscript{414}

Alan Lawes wants to see the Israeli ambassador expelled.\textsuperscript{415}

Israel is the only democracy in the Middle East. Meanwhile Iran – which is one of the world’s leading human rights abusers – gets the Lawes ‘green light’.\textsuperscript{416}

\textsuperscript{413} https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&feature=share&v=x0GrcQ9kXbl
\textsuperscript{415} https://www.facebook.com/alanataldi/posts/10214801285481061
\textsuperscript{416} https://www.facebook.com/alanataldi/posts/10218188059868304 and https://www.state.gov/reports/2020-country-reports-on-human-rights-practices/iran/
IPSC North Kildare is based in Celbridge and it is another one-person and her ‘mates’ branch – this time led by Sabrina Devine.417 418

While she boycotts Israeli goods, Devine believes and shares the propaganda from Iranian state TV:

IPSC North Kildare had the advantage, like IPSC Meath, of being close enough to Dublin and other IPSC cells (Maynooth and the main Kildare branch) to be able to attract activists for a few events. But the weakness of this IPSC unit is transparent, Devine launched a petition, advertised it online, and still only received 27 signatures.419 The Celbridge FB page only has 117 ‘likes’. The branch has not held an event in over two years.420

Devine is either semi-inactive on FB or hides behind privacy settings. But the Celbridge Twitter account has retweeted Sarah Wilkinson on more than 20 occasions.421 Wilkinson is an antisemitic propagandist, a conspiracy theorist, and a Holocaust denier. Here are some of Wilkinson’s antisemitic tweets:422

Whether intentional or not, Celbridge IPSC is promoting the account of a Holocaust denier.

418 https://twitter.com/CelbridgePSC/status/1008000774658580485/photo/3
420 https://www.facebook.com/Kildare-Palestine-Solidarity-Campaign-1477905242453250/events/?ref=page_internal
421 https://socialbearing.com/search/user/CelbridgePSC
422 These were not shared by Celbridge, they are examples of the toxicity of the Wilkinson account – see more https://david-collier.com/sarah-wilkinson/
Kildare

Kildare does have enough anti-Israel activism to generate one long standing IPSC branch. The IPSC attempted to rebrand Kildare IPSC as Mid-Kildare IPSE when Kildare-North was invented. It does not seem as if anyone in the actual branch took any notice.

Kildare is also important because it contains the constituency of TD Reada Cronin and she has often been supportive of the branch.

Elizabeth Coleman, ‘Lizzie’ is a key part of Kildare IPSC and has been for many years:

She is politically active in Sinn Fein, having recently been elected, along with her sister, to an official position in the local branch:

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423 https://www.facebook.com/Kildare-Palestine-Solidarity-Campaign-1477905242453250
424 See current branch list containing both ‘Mid’ and ‘North’ https://www.ipsc.ie/about/branches and historical list from 2017 with just ‘Kildare’ http://web.archive.org/web/20171108005811/https://www.ipsc.ie/about/branches
425 After the creation of the ‘North’ branch, the main Kildare branch still marketed events at Celbridge as their own https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?story_fbid=2204068266503607&id=1477905242453250 it also proves that those that attended the events of the two branches are the same people.
This is hard-core Neo-Nazi material being directly shared by Coleman. The ‘JewTube’ comment is her own.428

This next post of Coleman has been reproduced in full because it is in her own words:

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428 The video, like most videos of the type, has long been removed by ‘Jewtube’s kosher censors’, so it is impossible to know precisely which video this was. What is obvious is that it is the neo-Nazi white replacement theory. See more here https://cst.org.uk/news/blog/2009/09/07/stop-press-jewish-bolsheviks-to-blame-for-holocaust and
And just to nail down the point, this is Coleman claiming that the infamous antisemitic forgery, the Protocols of the Elders of Zion *is not a hoax*.

Coleman is not alone. These are a few posts uncovered on Facebook during the research from local people (Kildare) who promoted or attended anti-Israel / Kildare IPSC events:

**Kevin Mahon, (Kildare).**

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429 The posts were made behind privacy settings, so for ID purposes, I am linking to the accounts. https://www.facebook.com/CelticGibson

**Ian Hayes, (Kildare).**

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430 The posts were made behind privacy settings, so for ID purposes, I am linking to the accounts. https://www.facebook.com/ian.hayes.144181

**Patrick James White, (Kildare).**

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431 The posts were made behind privacy settings, so for ID purposes, I am linking to the accounts. https://www.facebook.com/whitecross1/posts/2765278696859710
Another comment came from someone slightly further north, in the Dundalk area:

**Iain Gallagher, (Ravensdale):**

[Damon Dillan](https://www.facebook.com/damien.dillon.7/posts/966710620012200) is another major player in the Kildare IPSC story. He helped form the Kildare Palestine Concern Group in Newbridge in 2014. It planted the seeds for the IPSC Kildare branch (which used Newbridge as its base).

This from Dillon on Zionist control of the media:

Dillon frequently posted about Zionism being the same as the Nazis:

He also shares conspiracy theories from far right, antisemitic websites:

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432 [https://www.facebook.com/paul.kirk.370/posts/1548107655257657](https://www.facebook.com/paul.kirk.370/posts/1548107655257657)


434 [https://www.facebook.com/damien.dillon.7/posts/966710620012200](https://www.facebook.com/damien.dillon.7/posts/966710620012200)

435 [https://www.facebook.com/profile/10000198122049/search/?q=nazis](https://www.facebook.com/profile/10000198122049/search/?q=nazis)

436 [https://www.facebook.com/damien.dillon.7/posts/1130338433649417](https://www.facebook.com/damien.dillon.7/posts/1130338433649417) see [https://mediabiasfactcheck.com/hang-the-bankers/](https://mediabiasfactcheck.com/hang-the-bankers/) It is worth browsing the website as it was in April 2015

The environment in Kildare is toxic. Dillon is a big football fan. Look at the response when he posted about the Israeli player Yossi Benayoun: Rob Kearns is also from Kildare.

And when Dillon posted about the death of Malcolm Glazer, John Mooney responded in a similar fashion. (Mooney is also from Kildare): And Dillon has totally swallowed the propaganda about the tiny ultra-orthodox fringe Jewish sect Neturei Karta being the ‘real Jews’. This Dillon post calls 90%+ of all Jews worldwide ‘evil’.

437 https://www.facebook.com/damien.dillon.7/posts/527000653983201
438 https://www.facebook.com/robert.kearns.777
439 https://www.facebook.com/damien.dillon.7/posts/919737941376135
440 https://www.facebook.com/john.mooney.7505
441 At best, the anti-Zionist activist fringe inside Neturei Karta is still less than 1% of world Jewry. This trick provides the perfect scenario to hate Jews but claim you are not antisemitic. Anti-Zionists / ANTISEMITES use NK like a shield. https://www.thejc.com/comment/opinion/who-are-the-neturei-karta-1.444090
Not all of these activists post hard-core antisemitic messages, some just do not care if others do. This from IPSC Kildare’s Donal Higgins:\footnote{https://www.facebook.com/donal.higgins.3}

The level of demonising fake news that is distributed by these accounts is off the charts. Some of it is so transparent, it is difficult to comprehend the ‘belief’ that this is real, without understanding the antisemitism that must lay behind it.

This horrific post showing child abuse is from Lorcan Conroy, Kildare:

\footnote{https://www.facebook.com/lorcan.conroy/posts/10153830207649142}

The accent of the parents in the video is clearly Arabic and this is no more than an amateur propaganda stunt. What is does mean is that the Palestinian (?) family are deliberately scaring and beating their own young child.\footnote{https://www.facebook.com/lorcan.conroy/posts/10153830207649142} It is a horrific video to watch.
And Rothschild conspiracy is never far behind.\textsuperscript{444}

Another example of the tsunami of propaganda spreading as news.

**Kieran Behan**, another key face of Kildare IPSC, shares this post from propagandist Mohammed Matter. It is a graphic image of a woman lying in a pool of blood. The video was shared 8000 times.\textsuperscript{445} The text simply tells viewers the ‘Zionists’ have left the woman bleeding and (no evidence provided) stopped medics from reaching her.

The commentary does not tell viewers she was a terrorist who had stabbed a soldier.\textsuperscript{446} Nor does it mention that she also stabbed a Palestinian who tried to stop the attack.\textsuperscript{447}

It is standard operating procedure throughout the west not to immediately approach these attackers even after they have been stopped – in case they are carrying explosive devices.

\textsuperscript{444} Archive of article. [http://web.archive.org/web/20160102091631/http://bloginfo.educate-yourself.eu/2013/03/list-of-banks-owned-by-the-rothschild-family/](http://web.archive.org/web/20160102091631/http://bloginfo.educate-yourself.eu/2013/03/list-of-banks-owned-by-the-rothschild-family/) It is worth browsing the website to see how toxic it was.

\textsuperscript{445} [https://www.facebook.com/abu.yazan.gaza/posts/10207517995339250](https://www.facebook.com/abu.yazan.gaza/posts/10207517995339250)

\textsuperscript{446} [https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-middle-east-35574604](https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-middle-east-35574604)

Philip Riordan is another key Kildare IPSC activist who shares antisemitic conspiracy theories and extremist websites:448

So does Andy Cross, Kildare.449


And Paul Kirk, Kildare.  

The next post provides an example of how insidious anti-Israel activism is. The woman in the video below is not Jewish – she is pretending to be. In fact, she is an antisemite and a Holocaust denier. None of these truths matter – she ends up being used in Kildare as a Jew who does not like Zionism.

One of her many names has been Jolanta Hadzic, this is some of the ‘Jewish’ woman’s posts.


451 https://david-collier.com/sjaz/

452 https://twitter.com/mishtal/status/1305451281461522432
Then there is also this Holocaust replacement theory from Paul Kirk.453

It is a share from a Pakistani ‘military’ site that, against the background of a racist map, claims over 5 million Palestinians have been killed in a Genocide. A clear attempt to negate the Holocaust by ‘replacing it’ with the one ‘happening’ to the Palestinians. Except there is no genocide and the total number of casualties from all of the wars, on all sides, (including all the nations that invaded Israel) over the last 100 years, is lower than the casualties in a single year of the Syrian civil conflict.454

Finally, from Kildare there is the account of Ruairi Tomas Eccles. This is a post which says the ISIS head is a Mossad agent.455

453 https://defence.pk/pdf/threads/palestinian-genocide-5-100-000-palestinians-have-been-killed-since-1948.416222
The account of Ruairi Tomas Eccles is toxic and full of antisemitic websites and imagery.\textsuperscript{456}

\textsuperscript{456} Renegade Tribune is a white supremacist, neo-Nazi website. Original article https://www.facebook.com/redk2/posts/10207552118134309

\textsuperscript{457} https://www.facebook.com/redk2/posts/10205823677404371 see original


\textsuperscript{458} https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=10205930717280301&set=pb.1030493685.-2207520000..&type=3
GALWAY

The FB page was set up in September 2014. This was done as part of the (re)launch of the local Galway branch. So people would understand that this was about the destruction of Israel and not a peace group – it ran ‘from the river to the sea, Palestine will be free’ on the launch poster:

There is also a Knocknacarra (Galway suburb) Palestine Network group.

The Galway branch is invigorated by the local university and the NUI Palestine student group. In addition, pro-Palestine activism in Galway has benefited from enhanced scholarship programs that bring Palestinians into Irish universities for study. These students often take up activism.

This element – the import of student activists, should not be underestimated. This from the Ireland Palestine Solidarity Campaign in 2007:

‘The recent arrival in Galway of four women; two from Algeria, one from Palestine and the last from Lebanon to pursue academic studies has seen a quantum surge in street activism.’

The image is of mostly foreign Arab students leading the boycott of Israeli products in Irish stores:

Is this really the purpose of the funds provided to these programmes?

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459 https://www.facebook.com/GalwayPSC
460 https://www.ipsc.ie/event/galway-launch-of-ipsc-galway-branch-ipsc
461 https://www.facebook.com/groups/54473885960832/members
462 NUI Galway Palestine Solidarity Society
463 https://www.amideast.org/west-bank-gaza/find-a-scholarship/graduate-study/ireland-palestine-scholarship-programme
464 http://www.indymedia.ie/article/82424?
This was not an isolated incident. The presence of these students often renews dormant anti-Israel activity. In other words, this is often not driven from the Irish students, but the ones who arrive in Ireland on a scholarship. What was true in 2007, is also true in 2020.

From the research it is possible that the ‘Nouran’ mentioned is actually Faten Sourani – here she is in all three pics at a Galway IPSC action and in the final image accompanied either by Ruba or Tala.465

At BDS training camps (that give instructions to students on how to embed BDS onto campus) ‘trainees’ are told that the key goal is always to petition the university to create scholarship programs. The instructors suggest there is no better way to make sure BDS thrives at a university.

‘The Best people to lead a group or society on campus are Palestinians. There is no one that can articulate better to you the realities of occupation and who can make that argument better than Palestinians. To get Palestinians on campus, from the Gaza Strip, from the West Bank and from Israel what you need is to convince your university in setting up scholarships. Right, and that requires lobbying, and that requires organising and actually that can also come in the form of fundraising every year.’

The Galway IPSC branch was reborn when the head of the university Palestinian group left university and decided to continue the activism outside. This was Joseph Loughnane who had disgracefully no-platformed a speaker during a debate before the BDS referendum. Loughnane has since stood as a ‘People before Profit’ politician and been suspended for (unsurprisingly) violent conduct.

This makes this city’s activity unique, and it was often indistinguishable from the campus activity.

The age of most of these demonstrators gives a clear indication that the student society and the IPSC society were in effect almost the same people.

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466 https://david-collier.com/planned-palestinian-invasion-university/
468 https://blogs.timesofisrael.com/bds-bullies-at-galway-university/
470 https://www.facebook.com/GalwayPSC/posts/513048212192932
This is a post from Aoife Duignan (image, centre), telling everyone that demonstrated in Galway to stop Puma doing business with Israel. It was a protest by the Knocknacarra Palestine Network. 471

A year earlier Duignan shared this antisemitic Rothschild post:472

From the article:

‘The House of Rothschild is really at the top of the pyramid of power. They are behind the New World Order and the complete domination of the world agenda. They are behind the European Union and the Euro and they are behind the idea of a North American Union and the Amero. They are controlling all of the world’s secret services and their private army is NATO.’

Duignan endlessly shares fake news and antisemitic conspiracy from hard-core antisemitic websites. She also shares Russian state TV propaganda outlets such as Sputnik.473 In her mind, Zionism is some strange all-powerful force and truth is simply not relevant to her:474 She has even pushed the antisemitic ‘Khazar’ myth just to wind up Jewish people on Twitter:475

471 https://www.facebook.com/groups/544743885960832/permalink/791070954661456/ and personal FB https://www.facebook.com/aoifed2209
472 This is the post she shared https://www.facebook.com/tony.murphy.507464/posts/10155829266099022
474 As an example she shared an article claiming Israel was helping ISIS from a website called ‘Friends of Syria’. https://friendsofsyria.wordpress.com/2017/05/31/syria-shoots-down-israeli-plane-suspected-of-helping-isis/ another asking if the Nice attack was part of a ‘Zionist agenda’ https://www.gearoidocolmain.org/nice-truck-attack-2016
475 Impossible to know if this is the same occurrence, but here is a Tweet where she refers to ‘Khazars’ https://twitter.com/ADD2209/status/920223480959946757 - more on the antisemitic myth https://hnn.us/article/38677
Duignan shared this in 2015:

The Nazi symbols are clear. The article is from the antisemitic conspiracy website GMMUK and suggests Israel is deliberately killing Palestinian children for their organs. Classic antisemitic commentary.476

Because BDS wraps itself up as a humanitarian cause, people often do not see the raw hate or that underpins much of the activity. Look at this post that Duignan shared. It is a post from the ‘Palestine Information Center’, suggesting an ‘Israeli terrorist’ was killed in an ‘anti occupation attack’.477 The PIC FB page has 744,000 followers. Duignan understood the content because she writes that she had a ‘spat’ with the victim, calling him a ‘monster’. By ‘spat’ she means an argument online.

The ‘monster’ or ‘Israeli terrorist’ was Ari Fuld, a civilian, and father to four children. He was a well-known activist, which is why Duignan ‘had a spat’ with him. On 16th September 2018 he went out shopping and was fatally stabbed by a terrorist near a supermarket.478 Yet Duignan refers to Fuld as the ‘monster’. The true face of BDS. There is nothing peaceful about this.

476 It should also be noted that the quote is highly edited and removed from context. The article is here http://gmmuk.com/are-young-palestinians-deliberately-killed-organs-to-order/
477 https://www.facebook.com/PalinfoEN/posts/2157817154237741
One last example. Duignan shared a post from a blaming Mossad and the CIA for the Islamist terror attack in Brussels.479

Duignan spends her time between Galway and the Netherlands. She is no random face. Duignan has spoken as a representative of an NGO called the ‘European Alliance for the Defence of Palestinian Detainees’.480 Duignan is also an admin of the Knocknacarra Palestine Network group.481

John Barden has been a key face of Galway anti-Israel activism for well over a decade. He ran a street stall in Shop St, Galway for years.482 As many of the images of this stall are of it standing empty, it is likely he was often working it alone at the time.

480 https://www.facebook.com/The-European-Alliance-in-Defence-of-Palestinian-Detainees.590907887618242/ and for speaking as a rep
https://www.facebook.com/aoifed2209/posts/10156742788387075
481 https://www.facebook.com/groups/544743885960832/members/admins
482 See post https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=10150554159284816&set=a.10150554159004816 and see map https://www.google.com/maps/@53.2730555,-9.0521595,3a,75y,308.52h,77.61t/data=!3m6!1e1!3m4!1sso9emtHPENL1j8VFeMiyog[2e0J7i1331218i6656?hl=en-GB and image https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=10151484554274816&set=pb.741789815.-2207520000 – Image on left is at an event with Hanan Zoabi, the Arab Israeli politician
This is John Barden sharing an article about Rothschild from the ‘virulently anti-semitic Web site’ Rense.com. The article blames everything that ever happened, including both world wars, on the Jews.

This is the opening paragraph:

‘The Rothschilds have been in control of the world for a very long time, their tentacles reaching into many aspects of our daily lives, as is documented in the following timeline. However, before you jump to the timeline, please read this invaluable introduction which will tell you who the Rothschilds are as opposed to who they claim to be. The Rothschilds claim that they are Jewish, when in fact they are Khazars’.

Barden has been sharing hundreds of hard-core anti-semitic posts for a decade. This Khazar conspiracy post is an example:

Holocaust denial:

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484 https://rense.com//general88/hist.htm?
486 YouTube video no longer available
9/11 Mossad conspiracy in 2019: 487

This is how this antisemitic conspiracy theorist opens most of his posts on Israel in 2021:

![Image](https://www.mintpressnews.com/newly-released-fbi-docs-shed-light-on-apparent-mossad-foreknowledge-of-9-11-attacks/258581/)

This is Lisa Ní Fhearghail (right in image), outside City Hall Galway in 2018, at an IPSC rally, helping to pressure the council to pass a pro-BDS motion. 488

![Image](https://www.facebook.com/lisa.o.mendes/posts/10214297025812408)

Lisa is another key Galway activist, and her timeline is full of posts from Palestinian propagandists. There are 1000s of such Palestinian accounts on Facebook, sharing real or doctored images, reporting events from the conflict all mixed up with fake news. These posts are often dramatic, always shared from a personal angle and many are probably little more than part of Hamas propaganda machinery. It is clearly an organised effort. 489

Anyone who thinks this is not happening, would need to explain why Hamas would not use such an opportunity. They have millions of people across the world, who unquestionably believe the story they tell behind every photo these propagandists publish.

488 [https://www.facebook.com/lisa.o.mendes/posts/10214297025812408](https://www.facebook.com/lisa.o.mendes/posts/10214297025812408) and the event [https://www.facebook.com/events/459030084534051/](https://www.facebook.com/events/459030084534051/)
Examples: **Ní Fhearghail** shared a fake news story about Israel using a ‘forbidden weapon’ that was posted by ‘Khaled Tabasha’ from Gaza. A reverse image search shows that none of the graphic images are of the 1948 civil war. The casualty count in the post was also inflated by over 300%.

Ní Fhearghail shared graphic images from another Gazan based account called ‘Mohammed Gh’. The post was on the anniversary of the April 9th 1948 events at Deir Yassin. The list is endless. Ní Fhearghail shared a typical fake news ‘break your heart’ story from another Gazan account ‘Amr Hassouna’. This is what Amr Hassouna also believes – in Rothschild conspiracy and that Israel was responsible for 9/11.

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490 https://www.facebook.com/lisa.o.mendes/posts/10214270783996379
491 https://www.facebook.com/mosab.tabasha/posts/1429751170637703
492 https://www.facebook.com/lisa.o.mendes/posts/10216307776959930
493 Copy images and paste into this search engine https://tineye.com/
495 https://www.facebook.com/lisa.o.mendes/posts/10215215281248220 as tragic as the story is, the tale being told in the post is not an accurate version of events, but rather a propaganda effort set out to maximise effect. See https://www.nytimes.com/2018/10/29/world/middleeast/gaza-israel-palestinian-deaths.html
496 https://www.facebook.com/amr.hass/posts/10154127092760779
Ni Fhearghail shared a post from the account of Gazan Omar Suleman Qdeaihi. Like all the others, Qdaeaih’s account is full of tragedy. Like this post mourning the death of his neighbour (left image): The second image is of the Islamic Jihad terrorist in his uniform, that the radical Islamist terror outfit posting in respect after their operative was killed in hostilities.

If it was his close neighbour, then he must have known that he was an operative of the radical Islamist terrorist group, Islamic Jihad, and was killed in hostilities. But then Ni Fhearghail didn’t pick up on the keyword ‘martyr’ that was in the post that she shared, or maybe she did and didn’t care. It is impossible to tell.

None of these accounts are there to tell the truth. It is just an endless stream of lies and demonising propaganda. It creates a bubble that twists minds. In the end Lisa Ni Fhearghail becomes someone who thinks the President of the US is just a ‘Zionist puppet’.

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497 https://www.facebook.com/lisa.o.mendes/posts/10214207307809514
498 https://www.facebook.com/omar.qedaieh/posts/2073493566012481
500 https://www.facebook.com/lisa.o.mendes/posts/10214947060102859
In 2017, she shared an antisemitic meme suggesting Israel should be ‘relocated to the US’. She received and ‘liked’ this clearly antisemitic response:

There are not many hard-core activists in Galway, and little activity that is not dependent on the campus, but in almost all cases, the endless sharing of these fake news accounts was present in public accounts identified with anti-Israel protest. In the bubble this creates, everything becomes believable and they then set up their stalls to ‘spread the word’ on the street.

Whilst IPSC Galway is relatively dormant, there is another group picking up the slack. This is Dette Mc Loughlin.501

She is a founder and an admin of the Knocknacarra Palestine Network group.502

In this first post she pushes the dual loyalty trope.503 I imagine if she saw someone doing this to someone in Ireland with Pakistani or Indian heritage, she would immediately scream ‘racist’, but she is blind when she looks in the mirror.

502 https://www.facebook.com/groups/544743885960832/members
503 https://mediabiasfactcheck.com/information-clearing-house/
Earlier there were examples of John Barden’s prolific hard-core antisemitism, here is Mc-Loughlin ‘liking’ one of his recent posts, that refers to ‘fifth column’ Zionist control of the west:

![Image of John Barden's post](https://www.facebook.com/groups/544743885960832/members)

**Gearoid O’dowd** is another admin of the Knocknacarra Palestine Network group.\(^{504}\) His shares include David Icke’s Rothschild Zionism:\(^{505}\)

![Image of Gearoid O’dowd's post](https://www.facebook.com/gearoid.odowd/posts/1900170640071314)

This share is from the group. Not only is the article not true, but the image used on the front is a Holocaust image.\(^{506, 507}\)

![Image of Holocaust image](https://www.algemeiner.com/2019/05/02/palestinian-television-claims-images-of-holocaust-victims-show-arabs-killed-by-jews/)

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\(^{504}\) [https://www.facebook.com/groups/544743885960832/members](https://www.facebook.com/groups/544743885960832/members)


\(^{506}\) For Icke video see [https://www.facebook.com/william.felicetta.3/posts/2134775869866109](https://www.facebook.com/william.felicetta.3/posts/2134775869866109)

\(^{507}\) Israel is not hiding 300,000 documents about massacres. Israel has an archive, just like every nation in which some documents are not released. The image shows the bodies of victims at the concentration camp of Nordhausen, taken on April 17, 1945, by the US Army — see [https://www.algemeiner.com/2019/05/02/palestinian-television-claims-images-of-holocaust-victims-show-arabs-killed-by-jews/](https://www.algemeiner.com/2019/05/02/palestinian-television-claims-images-of-holocaust-victims-show-arabs-killed-by-jews/)
Another share, this time from AWD News, a far-right conspiracy website, puts Israel and ISIS in partnership:508

This is a share from ‘theuglytruth’. Whilst the article is no longer available (the website is removed and this piece is not in the archive), the website was a rabidly antisemitic website that produced an endless stream of conspiratorial or antisemitic articles. If it did report ‘news’, the site tended to give it additional antisemitic ‘flavour’ 509

Theuglytruth website unashamedly told readers it was an antisemitic website:

508 https://mediabiasfactcheck.com/adw-news/
This is Breege Burke, a third admin of the Knocknacarra Palestine Network group. This post is insidious. Just before Christmas in 2019, the group went to spread their lies to Irish churchgoers. The Christmas message they carried was to help save the Christian Palestinians in Bethlehem.

The truth is that Islamic intolerance in Muslim majority nations has been suffocating Christianity out of existence, and the Christian population in PA areas is no different. Even in the mid-20th century, Bethlehem’s Christians formed over 86% of the local population, today they are about 15%. In Gaza they have almost disappeared completely. Only inside Israel has the number remained constant. The modern exodus began under the Ottoman empire.

The propagandists try to blame Israel, but the facts, timeline, and cross-regional occurrences of this phenomena simply do not support them. Using a minority population that has been persecuted throughout Islamic lands - as a weapon with which to attack Israel - is quite sickening.

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512 [https://theconversation.com/christians-have-lived-in-turkey-for-two-millennia-but-their-future-is-uncertain-127296](https://theconversation.com/christians-have-lived-in-turkey-for-two-millennia-but-their-future-is-uncertain-127296)

513 See article blaming Israel [https://www.middleeasteye.net/big-story/last-generation-occupation-palestinian-christians](https://www.middleeasteye.net/big-story/last-generation-occupation-palestinian-christians)
Burke appears to have a religious edge. This is one of her shares inside the Knocknacarra group, a post which was liked by several key activists in the Galway area, including two of the group’s admins (McLoughlin and O’dowd).

The article is on the Sami the Bedouin website. The title of the article is about exposing ‘Zionist delusional mentality’. It is an antisemitic rant of the most obvious sort because the article primarily attacks the Jewish religion, claiming that ‘Zionist criminals smashed the skulls of Palestinian babies’ because they are ‘Talmudically brainwashed to think this way’.

To justify this outrageous remark, the author cherry-picks, distorts, and ridicules biblical history and drags up a quote from an extremist Rabbi. This is NO DIFFERENT from those hate sites that drag up a quote from the Koran and use the words of an extremist Imam to claim this is proof that *all* Muslims are irredeemable extremists.

As always, nobody who read that vile article in the group, made a complaint.

This is also part of a well-worn and blatantly antisemitic narrative in anti-Israel activism, that suggests Zionism is ‘Talmudic’ rather than ‘Torah’ based. It is meaningless bunkum, but another way of creating ‘good Jews’ and ‘bad Jews’ – and almost every Jew placed into the ‘bad’ pile.

This article is par for the course for this website. Other examples:

- ‘Stoning adulterous women and its Talmudic origin’. (A piece that blames the Jews for the fact stoning occurs on the Arabian Peninsula.)
- ‘The Zionist state of parasites.’ (the title alone is clearly racist and classic antisemitism)
- ‘Burning the Palestinian children and its Talmudic roots.’ Takes the vile action of extremists and uses it, through the Talmud, to paint all Jews as child murderers. Classic antisemitic narrative.

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514 https://www.facebook.com/groups/544743885960832/permalink/809957962772755/
516 Browsing the website of the rabid antisemite ‘Nahida Exiled’ provides a good example of someone pushing this religious angle. Coincidentally, Nahida responded to the Sami the Bedouin post, saying she ‘agreed with every word’ – see https://nahidaxiledpalestinian.com/2012/08/14/talmudic-law-put-into-practice/
517 https://samibedouin.wordpress.com/2018/01/05/stoning-adulterous-women-and-its-talmudic-origin/
518 https://samibedouin.wordpress.com/2016/03/21/debunking-the-zionist-hi-tech-lie/
Treasa Ni Cheannabhain is another well-known anti-Israel activist in Galway.\textsuperscript{520}

In this comment, from the official IPSC FB group, Ni Cheannabhain points the finger of blame for Charlie Hebdo onto the Mossad. It was posted in January 2015, just a few days after the horrific attack.

Her reasoning includes the fact that a kosher restaurant was one of the targets. When Jews die, these people do not blame the radical Islamists publicly calling for Jewish blood, they simply blame the Jews themselves. Even when the evidence of Islamist terrorist emerges, they still want to think that somehow, the Mossad were involved.\textsuperscript{521}

The comment about the Mossad being behind the Charlie Hebdo attack received 11 likes in the IPSC group. There was no voice of dissent.


\textsuperscript{521} https://www.facebook.com/groups/20826333992/permalink/10153069621103993
Dublin

Dublin is the capital city of Ireland, the site of the Irish government and the beating heart of the IPSC and Irish anti-Israel protest.

This is a post from Fatin Al Tamimi. In 2013 Al Tamimi was the Vice-Chair of the IPSC. Today she is the Chair. Al Tamimi shares an image from an anti-Israel protest and tags three people. Two of those are of interest to this research. Mags O’Brien and Stephen Long.

Mags O’Brien is one of Dublin’s better-known anti-Israel activists. She is Chair of the Trade Union Friends of Palestine, is part of Gaza Action Ireland, and was part of a group deported from Israel ten years ago.

This is an article O’Brien shared from the rabid antisemitic fake-news website, Yournewswire.

The article shows exactly how antisemitic, anti-Israel propaganda works, because the article actually provides the links to the news upon which it built the fake-news story.

524 https://www.facebook.com/mags.obrien2/posts/1266412500051141
The vile image leading the article leaves no doubt, that the claim being made is that Israel and ISIS are one:

The timing of all this makes it even worse. The date of O’Brien’s share is 27th November 2015, just two weeks after the horrific Nov 13 attacks in Paris, which in turn means the shared article is pointing the finger for those attacks at Israel at the very time everyone is still reeling from the devastation caused.\(^{525}\)

The original article is actually from early 2014 and the fact this was recirculating in the anti-Israel sewers at this time, highlights their basic conspiratorial, antisemitic mindset.\(^{526}\)

The links provided in the article do not say anything about ISIS at all. The key link, to a Haaretz article, references only providing medical aid to the small Golan communities, such as the Druse, and Syrian rebels, and army deserters, who had their backs to the Golan during the civil war.\(^{527}\) The whole article is a lie. What makes it ironic is that part of Israel’s ‘secret’ role at the time was also providing protection for the UN peacekeepers on the Golan – many of them Irish.\(^{528}\)

Yournewswire, the website she shared is one of the better known ‘antisemitism-spreaders’.\(^{529}\) There is even an article they published that uses the term ‘holohoax’.\(^{530}\)

Mags O’Brien uses this sewer of a website for news and even spreads it around to her friends. This is another Mags O’Brien share, an Alan Hart article on ‘Zionism’ from ‘redressonline’.\(^{531}\)

\(^{525}\) https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-europe-54924051
\(^{526}\) http://linkis.com/yournewswire.com/xx9yX
\(^{528}\) https://www.haaretz.com/report-israel-saved-irish-troops-1.5263551
\(^{529}\) https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/NewsPunch
\(^{530}\) http://linkis.com/yournewswire.com/xx9yX
\(^{531}\) https://www.redressonline.com/2016/05/palestine-and-zionism-the-whole-truth/
Redressonline is another well-known antisemitic website and one of the favourite publishers for writers such as Gilad Atzmon.\textsuperscript{532} It also pushes Holocaust denial.\textsuperscript{533} Alan Hart was an antisemitic conspiracy theorist.\textsuperscript{534} He wrote a book called ‘Zionism – the real enemy of the Jews’, upon which this article is based.

The article even contains this paragraph:

‘The danger for the Jews of the world is that anti-Israelism could be transformed into anti-Semitism, leading at some point to a second holocaust, my shorthand for another great turning against the Jews.’

Which suggests that if there is another Holocaust – it would be the Jews fault (because of how they – as ‘Zionists’ behaved). Hart therefore only seeks to protect the Jews from themselves. This is white supremacist antisemitism at its most noble. All this from a man who thinks Israel did 9/11.

Mags provides an endless stream of fake-news and demonising propaganda. Take this share as an example:

The image is of a religious settler from Brooklyn, who is celebrating the forced dispossession of an artist’s home and livelihood, which his family has owned for over 300 years. We are then told ‘this is Israeli Zionism.’

Except.

\begin{itemize}
\item We do not know who is in the photo.
\item We do not know where he is from.
\item We have no idea of what he is celebrating.
\end{itemize}

\textsuperscript{532} https://www.redressonline.com/?s=atzmon
\textsuperscript{533} https://www.redressonline.com/2019/06/questioning-the-jewish-holocaust/
One of the most viral tricks of anti-Israel propagandists is to provide an image, and place commentary on the side of it. There are thousands of examples of such propaganda circulating all the time and it is one of the central methods through which Israel is demonised. A few of these posts may be true – but the majority are not. Nobody ever stops to ask if the image presented has anything to do with the narrative provided alongside it.

We do know who Anna Elliott is, the person whose image O’Brien shared. She is an antisemite and Holocaust denier. These two posts are from Elliott. Both come from a website called ‘White Resister’, which as its name suggests, is an ‘in-your-face’, neo-Nazi, white supremacist website. The tagline of the website was ‘voice of the white resistance’.535

O’Brien does not seem to care who provides the information she shares, as long as it says what she wants it to. Like many anti-Israel activists in Ireland, she relies on websites such as:

- Press TV, the Iranian state propaganda Network.536
- Global Research Canada. An antisemitic conspiracy website.537
- Inminds, the website of a London based Islamist group with a Holocaust denier for a spokesperson.538

There is this share about Israel stealing Palestinian organs:

This ‘organ theft’ story is constantly appearing and plays into the classic antisemitic tropes. The author is Khalid Amayreh, who blamed the 2008 financial crash on the Zionists and said they ‘more or less more control America’s politics, media and financial institutions.’

O’Brien also shared the flooding Gaza myth.

Not once but twice:

Another activist Fatin Al Tamimi tagged in the photo with Mags was Stephen Long. The reason Al Tamimi’s tags are being used is to prove that these are not random people in the street- but activists known to the IPSC Chair.

This is a post Stephen Long posted shortly after the horrific explosions in Beirut.

The article is from the website of Richard Silverstein, another conspiracy theorist. It suggests that Israel attacked Beirut. Everything that happens in the world, must always be Israel’s fault. The mindset of the antisemite. The blogsite Israellycool did a fact-checking take down of Silverstein.

539 https://www.reuters.com/article/us-israel-palestinians-un-idUSKCN0ST32420151104
540 more or less controls America’s politics, media and financial institutions.
541 https://rana319.wordpress.com/2013/12/20/israel-opened-the-gates-to-two-dams-now-gaza-is-sinking/ The author is Rana Alshami from Gaza and the page is clearly little more than pro-Hamas propaganda. See also https://www.linkedin.com/in/rana-alshami-b30a2844/?originalSubdomain=ps
542 https://www.facebook.com/HotRatz/
543 https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-middle-east-53668493
545 https://www.israellycool.com/2020/08/05/richard-silverstein-falsely-claims-israel-bombed-beirut/
546 https://www.israellycool.com/richard-silverstein/
When Stephen Long shared this article, he used it to equate Zionism with Nazism.

The Morning Star article is based on an empty accusation made without any evidence. It is part of a propaganda attempt to Nazify the Israelis.\(^\text{547}\) Those who make such claims know they will be picked up by hard left media, and then distributed to the ever-hungry network of activists – who will send it viral. Even if there is nothing to it. Stephen Long does not need evidence.

This is another post by Fatin Al Tamimi (then Vice-Chair) of the IPSC, sharing a photo from a 2015 protest. She has tagged Honor Heffernan (right in image holding sign):

This is Honor Heffernan sharing an Alan Hart ‘Israel did 9/11’ video:

I cannot link to the original video because YouTube has removed the video for hate speech:

\(^\text{547}\) https://morningstaronline.co.uk/article/w/israel-accused-of-medical-experiments-on-palestinian-prisoners
The originating website was ‘pakalert’ a hard-core antisemitic blogsite. It was thrown off WordPress for violating their terms of service, but the archive is available.\(^{548}\) It even promoted the Protocols of the Elders of Zion.\(^{549}\) There is no intention to suggest Heffernan knew about this, but she still did promote the website’s YouTube channel to her friends.

Then there is this antisemitic share:

![Image of antisemitic share](image)

Important to note that Martin Quigley also liked this post. Quigley was the previous Chair of the Ireland Palestine Solidarity Campaign. As this article has already been discussed in the research, this is just a small reminder of what is inside this twisted antisemitic article’s attack on Judaism:\(^{550}\)

‘The Zionist criminals smashed the skulls of Palestinian babies in 1948 because they are Talmudically brainwashed to think this way’.

Fatin Al Tamimi tagged activist Diarmuid Breatnach in a photo of an IPSC demonstration:\(^{551}\)

![Image of IPSC demonstration](image)

Al Tamimi also tagged Breatnach at other demos.\(^{552}\) He is a key face of Dublin’s IPSC.

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\(^{548}\) http://web.archive.org/web/20091208130824/http://pakalert.wordpress.com/page/2/ and to see the wordpress ban https://pakalert.wordpress.com/

\(^{549}\) http://web.archive.org/web/20110222015811/http://pakalert.wordpress.com/about

\(^{550}\) https://samibedouin.wordpress.com/2018/06/27/the-zionist-delusional-mentality

\(^{551}\) https://www.facebook.com/photo?fbid=838536596214068&set=a.838536489547412

Breathnach posted a far-right conspiracy about the former French President.\(^{553}\)

The website is full of antisemitic conspiracy.\(^{554}\) The quote in the article, from the Le Figaro media outlet, that was meant to provide the conspiracy with legitimacy, was not real and probably came from a ‘far-right group’.\(^{555}\)

This Breathnach share is about the destruction of Iraqi Jewry. The entire episode is an antisemitic conspiracy theory that opposes almost all the available evidence.\(^{556}\) It is used by anti-Zionists to suggest that the Zionists are responsible for the mass exodus of Iraqi Jews – similar to the way that they seek to bring Zionist guilt into the Holocaust.

The article was penned by Tony Greenstein, who coincidentally also spends a lot of time writing about alleged Zionist / Nazi collusion.\(^{557}\) Greenstein is a ‘notorious’ antisemite who was thrown out of the British Labour Party.\(^{558}\)

\(^{555}\) https://www.workersliberty.org/story/2017-07-26/zionists-blamed-sarkozys-misdeeds
\(^{556}\) The core of the claim is about a few minor bombings that took place in April 1950 – which Iraq blamed on Zionists, arrested three and tortured confessions out of them. But the exodus had started long before the bombings, along with the persecution. By July 1948, a Jew could be thrown in jail for 7 years if two Muslims claimed he was a ‘Zionist’. By Autumn 1948 severe laws were set in place and Jews were dismissed from several professions. A year earlier a Jew was lynched in Baghdad. There had been anti-Jewish bombings for two decades and a massive pogrom (the Farhud) in 1941. Perhaps most importantly, Israel was already overrun with immigrants and would not have provoked a situation which would cause even greater strain. See general outline https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/History_of_the_Jews_in_Iraq. For deeper study see Uprooted by Lyn Julius. https://www.amazon.co.uk/Uprooted-Jewish-Civilization-Vanished-Overnight/dp/1910383643. As Arab nationalist rose, the Jews were uprooted – expelled or fled persecution - from all the MENA countries. It is obscene to suggest that Iraq was any different. https://www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/jewish-refugees-from-arab-countries
\(^{558}\) https://www.brightonandhovenews.org/2020/11/06/notorious-anti-semite-loses-libel-case/
Bretnach’s use of the word ‘Zionist’ is often troubling and when added to a lie, turns his post into little more than an antisemitic attack. Not only does the next post implicitly equate Zionism with the Nazis (something he acknowledged in the comments), but the massacre in the image below was not carried out by ‘Zionists’ at all:559

The next examples are powerful because they show how anti-Jewish racism is treated as a ‘lesser’ form of racism. Bretnach shares these two posts knowing they are deeply problematic, but he shares anyway and simply distances himself from the act.

If these posts contained anti-black racism, anti-Muslim (or any other form of) bigotry, or even racist conspiracy attacking any other people -it is unlikely they would have been shared. Antisemitism is different, and in these online bubbles you can share 9/11 conspiracy or a headline that mentions ‘one honest Israeli’ and nobody blinks.

559 The 1982 massacre was carried out by Lebanese Christian Phalangist militia to avenge the murder of Lebanese President Bashir Gemayel. There is no need to enter into discussion about the event, larger Israeli responsibility, or Israeli errors. The post is a lie. Zionists did not carry out the massacre. It was intra Arab factional violence, such as has been spilling blood and killing millions of people in the region for almost a century. Also read https://www.timesofisrael.com/journalist-reckons-with-israeli-blame-for-1982-sabra-and-shatila-massacre/
Frankie Taylor is another key face in Dublin’s IPSC activism. He appears in hundreds of photos and at dozens of events. Including manning the IPSC street stall. Here is IPSC Vice Chair Fatin Al Tamimi tagging him in an image of a protest.

This Frankie Taylor share is three for one. The website, the FB source Taylor shared from, and the content, are all toxic.

The source of the article is Gilad Atzmon, a far right antisemite with a thing about ‘Jewishness’. The share is inexcusable. By this point in 2015, it was well-known that Atzmon was toxic.

The FB page from which Taylor took it is Viva Palestina Malaysia, a popular page amongst Islamist antisemites. It is full of antisemitic conspiracy theory.
The article itself defends a far right antisemite who is adored by neo-Nazis. The cartoonist has since entered (and won) Iran’s Holocaust cartoon competition. A special annual competition in Iran to make jokes about the Holocaust. He won with this cartoon.

Taylor used the rabidly antisemitic Viva Palestina Malaysia FB page for source material a few times. In this post he shares a conspiracy article that draws the ISIS = Mossad equation, that was written by an antisemite and was published on an antisemitic conspiracy website.

The article is full of pro-Hamas rhetoric and baseless conspiracy. At one point it suggests Israel ‘executed’ Muhamad Halabi out of bloodlust, and then faked a story that he had stabbed someone. In the real world, Halabi murdered two Israelis, and wounded two others, including a child, in a terror attack. The Islamic Jihad claimed responsibility.

The author of the article is Aryiana Love, a well-known conspiracy theorist, Holocaust denier and antisemitic writer. The website ‘middleeastrising’ was her key outlet at the time, and may have been her own website:

567 https://www.timesofisrael.com/the-third-intifada-is-here-jerusalem-terrorist-wrote-day-before-attack/
This is one of the website’s posts that Ariyana shared at the time. She shared this on at least 30 different Palestine groups. It is an article about the Holocaust ‘hoax’. And when she was called out on it, she claimed that no more than 300,000 Jews died in the camps.

Antisemites very rarely see themselves as antisemitic, and whatever argument they are pushing is always excusable – even horrific and blatant Holocaust denial. Ariyana Love really believes she is not an antisemite.

In 2018 Frankie Taylor made a post about the need to boycott Israel. There was one response to the post, and it was a disgraceful one.570

Frankie Taylor ‘liked’ the comment.

570 https://www.facebook.com/frankie.taylor2/posts/10155326537611861
Amidst all the antisemitism in that comment, I want to highlight this sentence –

‘Israel is the fiefdom of the Rothschild Syndicate of Khazarian criminals – the place they can run to avoid the public and judicial stare’.

This idea that Israel is the HQ for ‘Jewish deviousness’ is straight from Mein Kampf. Hitler wrote this: 571

‘They have no thought of building up a Jewish State in Palestine, so that they might perhaps inhabit it, but they only want a central organization of their international world cheating, endowed with prerogatives, withdrawn from the seizure of others: a refuge for convicted rascals and a high school for future rogues.’

Incredibly, the comment ends by suggesting claims of antisemitism are nonsense. Coote, the author of the antisemitic post, also appears to be Irish.

In this next post Fatin Al Tamimi tags Raymond Deane with a photo showing the two delivering a petition to RTÉ, Ireland’s national TV broadcaster. 572

The composer Raymond Deane is another major face of IPSC activism in Dublin. Deane is one of the founders of the IPSC and was a Chair of the organisation until 2005. 573 He is still consistently involved. 574

Deane may avoid most of the darkest antisemitic conspiracy websites, but he still shares the conspiracy. On August 5, 2012, the ISIS affiliated Sinai umbrella group, ‘Ansar Bayat al-Maqdis’, launched an attack on Egyptian border guards. Fifteen Egyptians were killed. 575

Deane did not Tweet on this attack at all. Then the Muslim Brotherhood and their ‘brothers’ in Gaza – Hamas, both released a bizarre conspiracy statement that blamed Israel for the attack. All the more bizarre considering that the Jihadists crossed into Israel to continue their killing spree, before the Israeli army confronted and neutralised them.

571 Mein Kampf, 1925. See page 269 available online: http://www.greatwar.nl/books/meinkampf/meinkampf.pdf
573 http://www.raymonndeane.com/articles_results.php?id=16
574 https://www.facebook.com/page/159323080797772/search/?q=deane
575 https://www.theguardian.com/world/2012/aug/05/attack-across-egypt-israel-border and especially https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/5b9a558d40f0b678692eb5d2/K4D_HDR-Sinai_Conflict_Analysis.pdf
Only once that conspiracy had been tabled – did Deane decide to share it with his followers. Twice:

Neither of the sources are toxic (Reuters and Ynet), but that evades the point. This has nothing to do with the Palestinian issue. Deane had not posted about the attack itself, and these statements are clearly the usual antisemitic conspiracy narrative. So why share it – and why do so without comment? At the very least, Deane was guilty of irresponsibility in sharing such conspiracies to a following that he must know buys into them. An act of feeding antisemites.

It could be put down to an isolated incident – but it was not. Another more recent example:

Deane promotes the building blocks of the Khazar myth and protects himself by simply adding the words ‘I myself stay away from this.’

Saying ‘I stay away from’ is not the same as educating others to do the same. Basically, the myth suggests the Jews had virtually disappeared until a mass conversion in Khazaria, therefore Jews today

576 https://www.facebook.com/raymond.deane.5/posts/10156874930811956 and https://mondoweiss.net/2020/05/what-kind-of-jew-is-shlomo-sand/

577 Even the piece Deane has selected to quote, firmly suggests the whole Jewish story is made up. Why would he pick that quote if he did not intend to reinforce its narrative. Historically, the quote is flawed. It is true that in most cases the Romans left the people to tend the flocks and pay the taxes – but it ignores the fact that much of the Jewish community in Judea was uprising and in conflict with them see https://www.britannica.com/event/First-Jewish-Revolt The biblical life of Jesus also fits neatly into such a scenario https://pages.uncc.edu/james-tabor/the-jewish-world-of-jesus-an-overview/ What the Romans did do in such circumstances is brutally crush rebellion see also https://www.worldhistory.org/article/823/the-
are not real Jews from Judea at all – they are foreign invaders - Khazars.\(^578\) This block is then used to suggest that the Khazars were an evil, demonic race. The Khazar myth lies at the root of most of the dangerous ‘Rothschild’ narrative. So why share it, and who goes around sharing racist conspiracy stories anyway.\(^579\) The quote above is ahistorical nonsense and Deane is feeding the antisemites again.\(^580\)

This is also not anti-Zionism. It is a direct attack on Jews. The bigger question would be this: How does attacking Jewish (not Zionist) history help Palestinian human rights?

Then there is this from Deane, a share promoting Lenni Brenner’s antisemitic theories on Nazi / Zionist collaboration:\(^581\)

‘51 documents ‘was a piece of work by Lenni Brenner that was a follow up to his book ‘Zionism in the Age of Dictators’.\(^582\) Both books are favourites with neo-Nazis and anyone on the hard left that wants to argue that Zionism and Nazism were, and are still, bed partners.

Deane also comes out to defend Tony Greenstein’s ‘factual’ statements on the subject:\(^583\) This was after Greenstein had already been expelled from the Labour Party.\(^584\)

Like many who do not have a firm grasp of the history or the community, Deane makes the mistake most anti-Israel activists make when dealing with this issue – he errantly separates the Zionists from the Jews and in doing so he falls into vile antisemitism.\(^585\)

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great-jewish-revolt-of-66-ce/ Jerusalem did not destroy itself. If these people actually knew their history, they would also note that Jews were on occasion also expelled from Rome

http://www.yorku.ca/pswarney/4102/Articles/traiano.pdf

\(^578\) [https://www.haaretz.com/jewish/khazar-myth-busted-1.5253397 and https://digitalcommons.wayne.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1040&context=humbiol_preprints](https://www.haaretz.com/jewish/khazar-myth-busted-1.5253397 and https://digitalcommons.wayne.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1040&context=humbiol_preprints)

\(^579\) See [https://digitalcommons.wayne.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1040&context=humbiol_preprints](https://digitalcommons.wayne.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1040&context=humbiol_preprints)

\(^580\) They seek to argue that because *some* or *many* Jews remained, there was no expulsion. It does not matter that some Jews may have stayed and either later left, converted, or remained as a minority group of Jews – all that matters is that many were expelled or taken as slaves. There was already a substantial diaspora in existence before the fall of Jerusalem and this remains a key factual part of the diaspora history.


\(^583\) [https://twitter.com/merriman27/status/1065296262524780544](https://twitter.com/merriman27/status/1065296262524780544)


\(^585\) Whilst it is true that not all Jews were Zionists, the Zionists in this story were all Jews. They were working for the escape of their siblings, cousins, parents, children, and grandparents in a continually deteriorating environment. Many ‘Zionists’ perished in the Holocaust. Auschwitz did not have a third column in the selection at the train station for saving ‘Zionists.’ Another way of looking at this is by discussing the way anti-Zionists treat the Jewish refugees escaping Hitler, who arrived in Mandated Palestine in the 1930s. They are always
This whole attempt to Nazify Zionism through a revision of history is a vile antisemitic attack.\textsuperscript{586}

The same rhetorical question arises as before – how does attacking the tragic Jewish history in Germany prior to, and during the Holocaust, help Palestinian human rights?

Deane took it further still. He recently quoted a Nazi. This is a Heydrich quote from 1935: \textsuperscript{587}

\begin{quote}
National Socialism has no intention of attacking the Jewish people in any way. On the contrary, the recognition of Jewry as a racial community based on blood, and not as a religious one, leads the German government to guarantee the racial separateness of this community without any limitations. The government finds itself in complete agreement with the great spiritual movement within Jewry itself, the so-called Zionism, with its recognition of the solidarity of Jewry throughout the world and the rejection of all assimilationist ideas. On this basis, Germany undertakes measures that will surely play a significant role in the future in the handling of the Jewish problem around the world.
\end{quote}

SS commander Reinhard Heydrich in 1935

Does Deane want to go on record as *trusting* what the Nazi propaganda machine was saying about Jews in 1935? If he does not, then why quote Heydrich, as if those words have meaning.

I can only guess at what Heydrich actually thought at the time, but his boss Adolf Hitler, left absolutely no doubt about what he thought about Zionism: \textsuperscript{588}

\begin{quote}
‘They have no thought of building up a Jewish State in Palestine, so that they might perhaps inhabit it, but they only want a central organization of their international world cheating, endowed with prerogatives, withdrawn from the seizure of others: a refuge for convicted rascals and a high school for future rogues.’
\end{quote}

That is what the absolute ruler of Nazi Germany thought about Jews and Zionism. That ends the discussion.


\textsuperscript{587} https://www.facebook.com/raymond.deane.5/posts/10156966022956956

\textsuperscript{588} https://books.google.co.uk/books?id=WmxaDwAAQBAJ&pg=PT186&lpg=PT186&dq=%22has+no+intention+of+attacking+the+Jewish+people+in+any+way%22+heydrich&source=bl&ots=NAt4SA9QNE&sig=ACfU3U3capNo uYsNHUJOnl4Jn9jg6auEw&hl=en&sa=X&ved=2ahUKEwjsgq3k1oTwAhXXTwAhXXTxUIHQwDMcQ6AEwCXoECAkQAw#v=onepage&q=%22has%20no%20intention%20of%20attacking%20the%20Jewish%20people%20in%20any%20way%22%20heydrich&f=false

\textsuperscript{588} Mein Kampf
Deane continually latches on to conspiracies about Jews that have nothing to do with the Palestinian conflict. This share is about the exodus of the Jews from Iraq:

Once again, Deane is caught promoting conspiracy to demonise the ‘Zionists’ and blame them for a tragedy that occurs to the ‘Jews’.

These anti-Zionists always latch on to the one outlying conspiratorial Jewish voice. They are basically a mob looking for Jewish conspiracy theorists to promote. And they found them – in Brenner, Eisen, Giladi, Pappe, Blumenthal, Greenstein. Imagine someone doing the same in Ireland, actually looking for strange outliers, conspiracy theorists - to write their Irish history for them.

One final note on Deane. In the comment below he claims that he works hard to do ‘everything possible’ to make antisemites feel unwelcome given that antisemitism is ‘on the rise’.

How this squares with someone who shares the ranting Mossad conspiracies of radical Islamist fundamentalists, perversely blames Zionists for the Jewish exodus from Iraq, introduces his followers to Khazar theory and spends a lot of time pushing antisemitic Nazi – Zionist collaboration theories – even to the point of actually quoting Nazis - only the mind of Raymond Deane can answer.

589 https://www.facebook.com/raymond.deane.5/posts/207832522566917 original article has been deleted – see copy here https://hibalama.wordpress.com/2011/03/08/when-an-iraqi-jew-yearns-for-baghdad-the-story-of-lateef-douri/

590 The Iraqi exodus conspiracy is discussed elsewhere, but in brief - the Mossad were blamed for a couple of small-scale attacks on the Jewish community which somehow uprooted the entire Iraqi Jewish community. Not only is the accusation false and reliant on the ‘confession’ of tortured men, but it is ahistorical bunkum out of place with the timeline. The persecution and exodus of Jews from Iraq is well documented and was already underway. There are 1000s of testimonies available as to the actual course of events.
This is a post from Fatin Al Tamimi in which she tags Marie Barry.

Barry is another major face of Dublin activism, has been for many years and Al Tamimi has tagged Barry on multiple occasions.591

This Nazi-style post from Barry needs no further explanation:592

It was a post accompanied by an article detailing tragic loss of life in Gaza. It was shared 109 times.593

Only 1 person (kudos Jim Monaghan) out of the hundreds that viewed it – picked Barry up on the comment about the ‘subhuman Zionist race’.

Nor does this one need an explanation:594


592 https://www.facebook.com/marie.barry.3762/posts/10154312539578554

593 The blogsite no longer exists https://pht2012.wordpress.com/2014/07/21/a-devastating-loss-to-the-tapestry and the article is not relevant here.

594 https://www.facebook.com/marie.barry.3762/posts/10157889061003554
Nor this horrific and blatantly antisemitic share - from the site of ‘Sami the Bedouin’, a favourite with the IPSC crowd:595

![ antisemitic share](https://www.facebook.com/marie.barry.3762/posts/10157416437158554)

![ antisemitic share](https://samibedouin.wordpress.com/2009/09/07/the-zionists-the-body-organ-thieves/)

Given the above posts there can be little surprise Barry shares antisemitic 9/11 conspiracy theory:596

![ antisemitic share](https://www.mintpressnews.com/newly-released-fbi-docs-shed-light-on-apparent-mossad-foreknowledge-of-9-11-attacks/)

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In the next post, Fatin Al Tamimi shares an image of herself standing next to Abdullah Al Bayyari at Ha’penny Bridge. Tamimi tags Bayyari in the post.\(^\text{597}\)

Al Bayyari is Fatin Al Tamimi’s son.\(^\text{598}\)

In the next post we can see again the ‘acceptability’ of antisemitism. It is a post which references the ‘illuminati satanic’ state. Bayyari sees the antisemitism and references it – but shares the post anyway.

Unsurprisingly, the video has been removed from YouTube, so it is impossible to know precisely what this ‘illuminati satanic’ video was about.\(^\text{599}\)

This next image is of an Al Bayyari ‘like’ on a post that is even less unambiguous:

\(^{597}\)https://www.facebook.com/photo?fbid=1712186382182414&set=pcb.1712195685514817
\(^{598}\)https://www.facebook.com/tigeress.eye/posts/1680290575371995
\(^{599}\)https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yMmUoNfblDk
In this next post Fatin Al Tamimi tags **Asad Abu Sharkh** in a post about the IPSC ‘information’ stall in Grafton St.⁶⁰⁰

Asad Abu Sharkh is often a face of the IPSC on the street, handing out their leaflets and talking to those who are interested.⁶⁰¹

Most of Abu Sharkh’s posts are in Arabic, but there are still some English comments around. Such as this one - a message of ‘evil’ and classic antisemitism:

![Image of Asad Abu Sharkh](image)

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It is the Arabic posts that are most troublesome. He talks of ‘uprooting all the Zionist invaders’ and the need for pursuing the ‘armed struggle’. For whatever reason Abu Sharkh created a new FB page in 2017, but there is plenty of evidence of troublesome commentary around elsewhere. In 2012 he demanded that other Arab states should follow Iran’s example of arming the Palestinian terror groups.

The true, but hidden face of BDS.

He lionises terrorists, including those who masterminded the Munich Olympics.

The post ends with him reminding readers that the ‘enemy only understands the language of bullets’.

Then he walks out onto the Irish street and pretends that it is all about peaceful resistance and living together in equality.

This post on his new account is overtly violent, anti-western and anti-Christian. He says Jerusalem will be Arab and Islamic (which means no equality for Christians and Jews) and he calls for ‘death to America and Israel’.

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603 https://www.facebook.com/groups/publicpresseofficial/permalink/423800457687091

604 All from the list were senior ‘operatives’ in the PLO, but Yousef Al-Najjar and Abu Ayad (Salah Khalaf) were involved in the Munich Massacre. Abu Ayad claimed to have hand-picked the terrorists involved. https://www.irishtimes.com/news/massacre-in-munich-1.1004843

605 https://www.facebook.com/asad.abusharkh.12/posts/147230649146713

606 https://www.facebook.com/asad.abusharkh.12/posts/234433203759790 The Google translation has been placed as a guide, but it was not relied on for this research. The post was sent to an Israeli Arab who confirmed the main points.
All this would be troubling enough, but the IPSC sends him on tours to speak to Irish students on campus.\textsuperscript{607}

Here he is with some students from UCD.\textsuperscript{608}

Abu Sharkh has also co-written the introduction for a new book called ‘A Shared Struggle’, which is currently on sale.\textsuperscript{609}

The book is just being launched. It tries to draw absurd parallels between the Irish struggle and Palestinians.\textsuperscript{610} The panel for the book launch also includes those who have murdered Israelis.\textsuperscript{611}

Abu Sharkh openly calls for a religious war and the complete destruction of Israel. There is little doubt that he doesn’t say this on the street to those he tries to convince, but rather uses keywords about peace. This is the lie of BDS thoroughly exposed.

\textsuperscript{607} [https://www.ipsc.ie/event/dublin-the-case-for-boycotting-apartheid-a-discussion-tcd-bds-campaign-tcd-su]

\textsuperscript{608} [https://www.facebook.com/asad.abusharkh.12/posts/409545539581888]

\textsuperscript{609} [https://www.sinnfeinbookshop.com/a-shared-struggle-stories-of-palestinian-irish-republican-hunger-strikers/]

\textsuperscript{610} Regardless of where you sit politically, the Irish struggle was against Great Britain – the world’s largest and most powerful empire of the time. The only remnants of ‘empire’ in the Middle East is the Islamic one – of which the Palestinians form a part. Unless you push the antisemitic ‘global Zionist control’ trope – there is no ‘shared struggle’ between these conflicts. It is Israel facing an empire, not the Palestinians. All you need to do is look at a map of the region.

\textsuperscript{611} See panel [https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/a-shared-struggle-stories-of-palestinian-and-irish-hunger-strikers-registration-1786589527377] And bio for Hilal Jaradat https://www.arabnews.com/tags/hilal-jaradat
In this next image, Fatin Al Tamimi is tagging Roger Cole at the IPSC stall at the GPO in Dublin.\footnote{612} Al Tamimi tags Cole on numerous occasions.\footnote{613}

Roger Cole is a long-time anti-Israel activist. He is the founder and chairman of the ‘Peace and Neutrality Alliance.’\footnote{614}

In this comment, Cole is querying why the Mossad are not being blamed for the Chemical attack on Douma in Syria.\footnote{615}

He reasoned that because the Zionists had ‘mass murdered’ Palestinians, and they wanted to distract the media – they actually started using chemical weapons on Syrian targets. Not carried out by Assad – the brutal dictator and mass murderer who was fighting the Syrian rebels, but the Jewish state.

\footnote{612}https://www.facebook.com/photo?fbid=664427466958316&set=a.513095842091480
\footnote{613}See \url{https://www.facebook.com/photo?fbid=645209248880138&set=a.645209238880139} and \url{https://www.facebook.com/photo?fbid=838536616214066&set=a.838536489547412} as examples
\footnote{614}https://archive.irishdemocrat.co.uk/greaves-summer-school/alliance-for-peace/
\footnote{615}https://www.facebook.com/john.molyneux.752/posts/10156122043658847} see news \url{https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-middle-east-43697084} the OPCW report found Assad responsible
\url{https://www.theguardian.com/world/2020/apr/06/report-set-to-blame-syria-chemical-attacks-on-bashar-al-assad}
Cole also believes that Israel is killing Palestinians to ‘make more space’ for Zionist settlers. This post highlights the absurdity and ignorance of these anti-Israel arguments. Gaza – where most of the fighting has taken place - had all the Israeli settlers forcibly removed in 2005.616

In the last FIVE years, there have been 178 fatalities in the West bank.617

Most of these fatalities were of Palestinians engaged in terrorist activity.618 The genocidal blood libel, that Israel is mass-murdering Palestinians to create ‘room’ for ‘settlers’ - is an outrageous, ignorant and disgraceful lie.

This Fatin Al Tamimi post tags Reem B. EL Rayes in a photo of a Nakba commemoration at the GPO in 2019:

El Rayes is tagged multiple times by Al Tamimi, including what appears to be an intimate family Ramadan post.619

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617 https://statistics.btselem.org/en/all-fatalities/by-date-of-incident?section=overall&tab=overview&dateSensor=%221460685600000%2C1614556799000%22&nifgaSensor=%5B%2259ac7%22%5D&regionSensor=%5B%225f6a04e%22%5D&typeSensor=%5B%22since-2015%22%5D
618 https://statistics.btselem.org/en/all-fatalities/by-date-of-incident?section=overall&tab=overview&dateSensor=%221460685600000%2C1614556799000%22&nifgaSensor=%5B%2259ac7%22%5D&regionSensor=%5B%225f6a04e%22%5D&typeSensor=%5B%22since-2015%22%5D
619 https://www.facebook.com/tigeress.eye/posts/3099530113448027
Reem B. El Rayes seems to wish that Hitler had finished the Job.  

This is the translation:

‘I repeat and say damn you Hitler you should have finished on all the Jews and brought us comfort.’

In this next one she calls the Jews ‘traitorous’ – pointing out that they have been breaking ‘covenants’ since the time of the Prophets.

There were other vile posts, some endorsing violence, others attacking Jews – but it was decided to stick with these two to avoid deflections about translations. The post about Hitler ‘finishing the job’ and the reference to ‘traitors’ and the ‘Prophets’ has nothing to do with Zionism. It is explicitly hatred against Jews.

The next Fatin Al Tamimi image is of long-time activist and former IPSC Chair Martin Quigley.

Quigley is still ever present at IPSC events.

There are different ways to express antisemitism. Like almost every IPSC activist Quigley smears Israel with lies, belittles antisemitism and crosses the lines of the IHRA definition in a hundred different ways.

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620 [https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?story_fbid=534957093286108&id=100003154652752] the translate button hinted at this but was not clear – so I had it translated by a native Arabic speaker.

621 [https://www.facebook.com/photo?fbid=643726902409126&set=a.362753150506504]

622 [https://www.facebook.com/photo?fbid=520906227977108&set=a.520905314643866]

ways, but he avoids the darker conspiracy theories. What he does is spread endless, brutal, demonising lies about the Jewish state.

This is a Martin Quigley share from 2019:^624

It is a horrific image. Two young Palestinians and an Israeli pointing a gun — with, as we are told — an ‘obvious intention to kill.’ Total Nazification and an image to make any heart crack.

The source of the image is Younes Arar. His FB page has 86,800 followers. ^625 He is a Palestinian activist from Hebron and the co-founder of a group called ‘Front Line Defenders’. ^626 Arar is one of the heroes of anti-Israel groups in the west. His posts are shared as much if not more, by IPSC activists, than any other account. Arar probably cannot believe his luck. No matter what he puts in the photo — fools like Quigley swallow the demonising narrative and share them to their groups. The post above of the two young Palestinians was shared over 5000 times.

Except the post above is one big lie. The two Palestinians were armed with knives and tried to enter a Jewish settlement. They were stopped. What happened next can be seen in a video — and it turns Younes Arar — who must have known all about this — into a dangerous and deliberate antisemitic propagandist.

The two were soon surrounded — and we can hear the conversation. They are told to put down the weapons. The Israelis literally talked them down — telling them to get rid of their weapon so the

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^624 https://www.facebook.com/martin.quigley.37/posts/10219686596494817
^625 https://www.facebook.com/younes.arar
^626 https://www.frontlinedefenders.org/en/profile/younes-arar
situation can be diffused. The exact OPPOSITE of what Arar said in his post. The Israeli did not want to kill – and there is proof to that statement.\textsuperscript{627} The two threw away the weapons and were arrested.\textsuperscript{628}

All Younes Arar needs to do is to find an image, add some story that makes the Jews look like Nazis – and the story goes viral.

In March 2020 – Younes Arar literally took an image of a large puddle, caused by heavy rainfall, and then told everyone Israeli settlers were flooding Azmoud village and causing ‘catastrophic environmental damage’.\textsuperscript{629}

Quigley’s blind hatred never questions. This is an image of a little bit of rainwater that actually travels thousands of miles only because of antisemitism.

Israel had heavy rainfall that winter and many areas were hit. Natural drainage can be bad in some places and water can sit for a while. This is what Yaffo looked like that winter.\textsuperscript{630}

Maybe the villagers from Azmoud flooded Yaffo? Younes Arar does not care – he can feed people like Quigley with almost anything – even puddles. During the research hundreds of activists were seen sharing his posts.

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\textsuperscript{627} https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oH2rINCePvU
\textsuperscript{628} https://www.timesofisrael.com/knife-carrying-palestinians-arrested-outside-settlement/
\textsuperscript{629} https://www.facebook.com/martin.quigley.37/posts/10221527038264711 - the fable does not even make the weekly PCHR reports – which themselves are a mixture of truth and falsehood. https://www.pchrgaza.org/en/category/weekly-reports/page/6/
This is Martin Quigley sharing a post from the Chair of the IPSC Fatin Al Tamimi.631

Tamimi spread FAKE NEWS to her Irish followers, turning a terrorist attack into a blood libel. Quigley helped it along. At the time of writing, this was the last news story that Tamimi has shared. It is a Palestine Chronicle post which accuses Israeli soldiers of ‘executing’ Rawajbah ‘in cold blood’. Tamimi also adds that they deliberately left him to bleed to death, preventing medics from reaching him:

It seems Al Tamimi likes sharing these fairy tales as much as Quigley does. The actual event was very different. There is video footage of Rawajbah approaching and slowing down next to the soldiers and then firing on them.632

The story about the medics being prevented from helping, is one always added to further demonise Israel. In a situation such as a terror attack, this has nothing to do with Palestinian medics. The Israelis will want to ensure neither the terrorist nor the vehicle is booby trapped, and often need to wait for bomb experts to arrive before approaching the vehicle.

Quigley’s shares of this type of material are relentless. He swallows almost everything and spreads it around. Then he walks onto the street with his anger – and instead of puddles and terrorist attacks, he tells everyone foolish enough to listen about environmental disasters and executions.

This is racism. If Quigley was obsessing relentlessly about any other minority group, sharing hundreds of fabricated stories about Muslims or black people, everyone would see it. Do not be confused by semantics. If Quigley endlessly shared demonising fake news stories only about Arab states – people would definitely call him an anti-Muslim bigot. When it comes to Israel there is a blind spot.

That blind spot is antisemitism.

631 https://www.facebook.com/martin.quigley.37/posts/10223838632773129
Most of Fatin Al Tamimi’s own public posts are campaign posts or photos of events, rather than news. This means there are no public examples of her sharing antisemitic conspiracy posts herself – she just shares photos of herself standing alongside many of those who do.

There are plenty of other problematic activists in Dublin. In May 2018 Robby ‘Fenian’ Martin posted this image, having spent the weekend at an IPSC event in Dublin:

![Image of Robby Martin]

This is a post from Robby Martin.\(^{633}\)

![Image of Facebook post by Robby Martin]

And this.\(^{634}\)

![Image of Facebook post by Robby Martin]

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\(^{634}\) [https://www.facebook.com/RobbyMart1n/posts/1223093111128530](https://www.facebook.com/RobbyMart1n/posts/1223093111128530)

\(^{635}\) [https://www.facebook.com/groups/271398649608296/permalink/1627264360688378](https://www.facebook.com/groups/271398649608296/permalink/1627264360688378)
And this.\footnote{https://www.facebook.com/RobbyMart1n/posts/1110985985672577}

![Tony Murphy](image1)

This is another activist. **Tony Murphy**, standing ‘proudly’ outside the Israeli embassy in Dublin:

![Tony Murphy](image2)

Murphy does not just compare Israel to the Nazis – he thinks this ‘race’ of obnoxious people do things worse than anything the Nazi’s did to the Jews.

This comment was attached to a video of a soldier restraining a very young child (normally done when the parents are not visibly present). These images are then grabbed by anti-Israel propagandists, ripped out of context and become viral viewing. They are uncomfortable to see, but in Murphy’s eyes, a soldier restraining a young child is worse than the Holocaust.\footnote{https://www.facebook.com/tony.murphy.507464/posts/10156166022079022}

![Tony Murphy](image3)

Murphy has written several posts moaning about the Jewish ‘obsession’ with the Holocaust. This was one of the responses to a post that he ‘liked’.\footnote{https://www.facebook.com/groups/780384712000072/permalink/784672318237978}

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I have seen Jews blamed for almost everything, but this is the first time I have seen them blamed for the horrific story of Germanwings Flight 9525: 639

‘National Liberation’ was a UK white supremacist neo-Nazi website. 640 The archive of the article is in the footnotes. It is worth browsing if only for the attempt to analyse Lubitz’s facial features to prove he was a Jew. The post was shared 19 times.

This next example one is almost self-explanatory. 641

The post, which references a *Jewish* threat to world peace was liked by Gearoid O’Bearain. He added his own comment. Remember, Gearóid O’Bearáin is an *admin* for the IPSC South East group.

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639 https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-europe-32072220
Robert Boyd is another IPSC event regular:

This is one of his posts. Zionists ‘own’ and ‘control’ politicians in the US:

But the reason Boyd is included is more to expose the hypocrisy than the antisemitism. Boyd has no problem visiting Jordan and Lebanon:

Lebanon has held Palestinians in camps for 70 years. It refuses them citizenship. It denies them free movement, certain property rights and excludes them from specific professions.642 There is genuine apartheid in Lebanon. What Lebanon did to the Palestinians was deliberate and unforgivable.

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The Jordanians forcibly expelled or massacred *all* the Jews that were living in Jordanian lands.\(^643\) The land laws dispossessed all historical Jewish ownership and effectively prohibit sale to someone who is Jewish.\(^644\)

When the PLO had effectively ‘occupied’ parts of Jordan, the Jordanians killed over 3000 Palestinians and expelled the armed Palestinian forces and much of the leadership.\(^645\) Both Lebanon and Jordan oppress their citizens and ‘non citizens’ under their control.

But Boyd’s problem is only with Israel – the other nations he happily visits as a tourist.

**It must be understood** that the examples in these sections are not exhaustive. Dozens, if not hundreds, of other highly toxic accounts were found. Only those that were considered both important pillars of local activity *and* had images confirming their presence at events were included.

This means that many antsemites, who implied they attended anti-Israel events, were excluded.

Just a few examples from Dublin):

**Bernice Wade – Dublin.** Sharing white-supremacist neo-Nazi ideology:\(^646\)

![Bernice Wade](image)

**Pat Greene – Dublin.**\(^647\)

![Pat Greene](image)

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\(^642\) [https://www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/expulsion-of-jews-from-jordan](https://www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/expulsion-of-jews-from-jordan) and [https://www.theguardian.com/world/2014/may/02/massacre-marred-birth-israel-independence](https://www.theguardian.com/world/2014/may/02/massacre-marred-birth-israel-independence)


\(^644\) [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Black_September](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Black_September)


\(^647\) [https://www.facebook.com/pat.greene.908/posts/1489218744575079](https://www.facebook.com/pat.greene.908/posts/1489218744575079)
Michael O’Neill – Dublin: A share from the pro-Nazi website Rense.\textsuperscript{648}

Jacqueline Roberts – Dublin. Self-explanatory.\textsuperscript{649}

Derek Michael Rothwell – Dublin. A post about Jewish power and control from the neo-Nazi website Renegade Tribune.\textsuperscript{650}

\textsuperscript{648} https://rense.com/general43/jewserved.htm O’Neill’s timeline is full of conspiracy https://www.facebook.com/profile/1272973299/search?q=mossad

\textsuperscript{649} https://www.facebook.com/jacqueline.roberts.18/posts/10156397335982023

\textsuperscript{650} https://www.facebook.com/derek.m.rothwell/posts/10154608628641967 for article see http://www.renegadetribune.com/if-its-not-the-jews/?
There are some other smaller anti-Israel outfits scattered around, that have not been mentioned. It was not considered necessary to chase every activist group. Many of them are just the efforts of a single anti-Israel obsessive.

For example, the group Comhlámh Justice for Palestine was founded in by Katie Martin in August 2020. Martin appears to have been swallowed by the ‘Palestinian cause’ at DCU. It has only been around for eight months but already lost wind. Martin has only posted two new articles to the group in the last month.

Hunting down these one-man-bands was considered a futile exercise.

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651 https://www.facebook.com/noel.ddidublin/posts/2030955780506203
652 https://www.facebook.com/colm.mullen.31/posts/650494121773206
653 See https://www.facebook.com/groups/301222120974208/about
654 https://www.facebook.com/katie.martin.52056/posts/10218937945269285
OTHER FACES IN IRELAND

There are a few other notable public faces in Ireland who display a severe hostility towards Israel. Through distortion, lies and demonisation, they are helping to spread antisemitism into the mainstream. While not an exhaustive list, a few are mentioned here.

**Tommy Tiernan** is a stand-up comedian. His name appears on most Irish pages that deal with anti-Israel activism. Tiernan once described Jews as ‘F---ing Christ-killing b**tards,’ before continuing on in a hate-filled rant about Jews and the Holocaust. Ten years later he was criticised for telling Unionists to ‘F--- off to Israel’.

**Gary Daly** is a lawyer and has a thing about ‘trolls’ trotting out ‘lies’ about antisemitism:

Given the overwhelming evidence of antisemitism that exists in this report it is astounding that Gary Daly believes that he and the anti-Israel activists have anything to do with the ‘very real struggle’ against antisemitism at all.

To those who have read the report thoroughly until now, it will come as no surprise to know that he has been tagged by Fatin Al Tamimi in photos at an anti-Israel demonstration.

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Daly also chose to attack the ‘nefarious tactic’ of the pro-Zionist lobby when Livingstone crossed the line with his ‘Hitler supported Zionism’ comments:658

It is now a recorded fact that the UK Equalities and Human Rights Commission found Corbyn’s Labour party ‘guilty of unlawful acts of discrimination and harassment’ in the most shameful episode of the party’s history.659

Daly shares images from demonstrations and tags activists such as Honor Heffernan and Betty Purcell, who are included in this report for sharing antisemitic websites and/or conspiracy theories.660

He also dines with Nabil Hallak and calls him a ‘great comrade’: 661

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658 The op-ed was in the Irish Times, which gave voice to Ronit Lentin and David Landy (Academics for Israel). https://www.irishtimes.com/opinion/criticising-israel-is-not-the-same-as-being-anti-jewish-1.2631721 for rebuttal see https://fathomjournal.org/ken-livingstone-and-the-myth-of-zionist-collaboration-with-the-nazis/ 659 https://www.equalityhumanrights.com/en/our-work/news/investigation-antisemitism-labour-party-finds-unlawful-acts-discrimination-and 660 Heffernan – see this report p139 – for Betty Purcell keep reading – she will be covered next. 661 Hallak’s share is of a YT video that is no longer live – but it was of a few extremist Israeli settler youth who were abusive about Christianity. At no point was it an educational item on Israel TV and it certainly cannot be described as ‘the real face of Jews’. See other copy here https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DvnrbU4vaGY Hallak makes many problematic posts of a supremacist religious nature as well as antisemitic conspiracy posts -see examples https://www.facebook.com/nhallak1/posts/3461154609959 and https://www.facebook.com/nhallak1/posts/129565553833262
This is a Gary Daly photo / post in which he tags Elizabeth Coleman. They were both busy boycotting the Eurovision:

Daly interacts with Coleman in dozens of posts. Here they are together at another demonstration (not related to Israel) in 2018:

This next posts are Coleman stating that the Protocols of the Elders of Zion must be real and sharing an antisemitic post from the rabid anti-Jewish hate-site ‘masksofzion’, 662

Gary Daly is most certainly not responsible for the antisemitism of others. What he is responsible for are his own posts where he has ridiculed allegations of antisemitism – and smeared the Jews who make them - because Daly appears to be another one of those people who appears blind to it.

Yet it is the outstanding hypocrisy of Daly that also warrants attention. Daly absolutely ‘loves’ Morocco:

Morocco has occupied most of Western Sahara for decades. Sahrawi refugees who escaped, have been living in refugee camps in a province of Algeria for over 40 years.663 Morocco’s army dismantles camps, arrests activists and fires on protestors.664 In Morocco itself there is also ‘substantial interference with freedom of assembly and association; corruption; and the criminalization of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or intersex conduct.’665 Morocco is also not a democracy and has no freedom of the press.666 Blasphemy laws exist and are used.667

In addition, Beirut, where Daly has visited several times, is one of his favourite places in the world:

Lebanon is a place where an actual apartheid system exists and is used against Palestinians. In over 73 years, Lebanon has made no attempt to absorb refugees – refusing to give them citizenship and restricting their ability to work and move freely. They are also banned from owning property, forced to live in run-down camps and barred from formal education.668

Despite living in the country for over 70 years - Palestinians cannot buy property in the city that Daly considers one of his favourite places in the world.669 Lebanon is not considered a free country, with heavy restrictions on civil liberties and political rights.670 It is also possible to go to prison for blasphemy.671

Yet Daly obsesses about Israel and stands alongside those that seek to destroy it.

This is a blatant case of double standards. Only Daly knows why he obsesses about the only free nation in the region, whilst ‘loving’ its far more repressive neighbours.

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663 https://www.oxfam.org/es/node/10375
665 https://www.state.gov/reports/2020-country-reports-on-human-rights-practices/morocco/
670 https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Democracy_in_the_Middle_East_and_North_Africa
671 https://fot.humanists.international/countries/asia-western-asia/lebanon/
Betty Purcell is an ever-present face at anti-Israel demonstrations. Incredibly Purcell is a former Committee Member at the Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission:

Purcell shares rancid antisemitic blogs such as this one from Tony Greenstein.

Rather than fight anti-Jewish racism, Purcell dismisses the EHRC in the UK and even refers to the allegations of antisemitism in Labour as a ‘witch hunt’.

Purcell literally shares dozens of posts claiming that allegations of antisemitism are a smear campaign. Such as this one, where she implies that Israel is behind it all:

Just like almost all these activists, Purcell shares endless material from dubious sources, that claim to show Israel arresting ‘farmers’, ‘shepherds’ and so on, who were allegedly simply ‘farming’.

There was not a single occasion in which the Palestinian CHR carried a similar story that it could relate to.

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672 https://www.linkedin.com/in/betty-purcell-481a6268/?originalSubdomain=ie
More importantly than spreading demonising fake news though, Purcell goes to endless demonstrations and stands alongside some of those people who appear in this report – and then constantly argues that allegations of antisemitism are a smear campaign.

This is Purcell tagging and sharing an image of Mags O’Bien at a demo:

And this is an antisemitic post from O’Brien:

O’Brien was so keen to share it – she tagged 27 of her friends. The website – now defunct – appears to belong to Sami the Beduin.675 Along with the Mossad behind ISIS article are others on the website such as how Zionism’s *diabolical goal is Armageddon, how 150,000 Jews were in the Nazi military, and how Israel is the centre of the ‘world-wide white slave trade’.

There are other examples of antisemitic shares from O’Brien elsewhere in the report.676 These seem to be the standards of the Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission. Ridiculing accusations of antisemitism, sharing fake news about the Jewish state and hanging out with antisemites.

Keith O’Brien (no apparent relation) is an NUI Galway graduate and a full-blown Nazi.677 To hide his true identity he used the name Keith Woods online.678

676 See p134
677 https://twitter.com/antifa_drone/status/1345704713740808192?lang=en
678 https://twitter.com/soundmigration/status/1329343845646086145?lang=en
O’Brien had 29,000 subscribers on his YouTube channel. Having lost YT and Twitter, he currently has 8,000 followers on his Telegram Account. He also has a pay-for subscription channel.

O’Brien is a white supremacist, Jew hater of the classic kind. Like almost every antisemite, he hates Zionism and Israel:

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679 https://t.me/s/keith_woods and see old Twitter account https://twitter.com/keithwoodsyt/
680 https://www.subscribestar.com/keith-woods
Mike Murphy is a veteran Irish Broadcaster, best known for his career with the national Irish outlet RTÉ.681

In October 2018, Murphy outrageously compared Tel Aviv’s hosting of the Eurovision with the 1936 Olympics in Nazi Germany. A totally mistaken and inappropriate comparison and a clear breach of the IHRA definition of Antisemitism. The comments were aired on national TV. 682

Murphy was a leading voice in the boycott Eurovision campaign.683 Yet there was no large Irish campaign to boycott the Olympics in China or the World Cup in Qatar – two nations that actually do systematically abuse human rights.

Murphy had already come out in defence of the Irish Palestine Solidarity Campaign, but in 2017 Murphy made the mistake of going on a tour of the region that was organised by Elaine Daly, the sister of anti-Israel politician Clare Daly,684 685 These tours do not show people the truth, rather they are intensive propaganda tours that are specifically designed to only show the visitor carefully selected places – adding a narrative to what is being seen that the person ‘witnessing’ absorbs as non-contestable fact. Murphy began to push his ‘experience’, in articles laden with factual errors.686

Murphy also publicly refused to debate Former Justice Minister Alan Shatter on these issues.687 Like many, Murphy has walked down a road that leads to anti-Jewish racism. Yet he publicly calls the accusations of antisemitism ‘a smokescreen’ – all while he stands alongside some of those guilty of the hard-core antisemitism provided as evidence on these pages.688

The exercise could continue indefinitely. There are scores of people not listed here – antisemites, defenders of antisemites, supporters of Islamist terrorism, white supremacists, and other extremists.689 The examples given surely provide more than enough evidence to thoroughly prove the point.

681 https://www.rte.ie/archives/profiles/murphy-mike/
682 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TbacUwslIt8
685 https://westbanktrips.com/
686 https://www.irishtimes.com/opinion/mike-murphy-degradation-of-palestinians-shocking-to-witness-1.3230666 For example there is a description of a conversation that took place between the tour guide and Israeli soldiers. Murphy tells the readers the content of the conversation. But unless Murphy speaks Hebrew or Arabic – he is merely telling readers what he was told the conversation was about. In this way those taking the tour can be fed untold amounts of propaganda whilst actually believing they are witnesses.
689 See some examples here https://markhumphrys.com/irish.israel.twitter.html
NGOs

In Ireland, several NGOs play an important role in the dissemination of antisemitic material *and* the protection of antisemites. Most notably Sadaka, Trocaire and Christian Aid Ireland. Tragically, there are intimate connections to the Church.

SADAKA

Sadaka is the ‘Ireland Palestine Alliance’. It is the most blatantly anti-Israel operator amongst the NGOs. The key face of Sadaka is Marie Crawley, who was a previous Chair of the Irish Palestine Solidarity Campaign, the toxic group highlighted on so many of this report’s pages.

Alan Lonergan is also a long-standing member of the Sadaka board: Lonergan also shares 9/11 conspiracy from rabidly antisemitic websites.

This is Lonergan (2nd from right) with Members of the Council of the Friends of Bethlehem University in Ireland and the Editor of the Irish Catholic newspaper.

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691 Not all antisemitism connects to images of Rothschild or neo-Nazi support, nor is Republican extremism the only historical driver of Irish antisemitic activity. Far from it. To understand the attitude of NGOs such as Trócaire it is important to briefly outline the Christian theology behind it. Supersessionism (replacement ideology) was a pillar upon which much of historical Christian antisemitism was built. It is the belief that the New Covenant supersedes the Old. In its most orthodox form, by simply continuing to ‘exist’, the Jews have betrayed God. If you remove hard-core supersessionism from the Church, it becomes essentially a supporter of Zionism. This does not mean it does not also support the rights of Palestinians – nor that it cannot criticise Israel - but it places the Church in a moderate and peace-seeking role. Where hard-core supersessionism exists the rights of the Jews are negated. Worse still, Jews and their rights are viewed with contempt. In the eyes of a hard-core Supersessionist ‘Israel’ is blasphemy. See also https://www.catholic.com/qa/replacement-theology and https://iiij.org/news/replacement-theology/ Since the Holocaust, most mainstream Christian theologians have rejected replacement ideology. But on the ground, many Christian supersessionists still exist. It is tragic that elements within the Church never learnt the lessons of the past.
692 https://sadakaireland.wordpress.com/about/the-board-of-sadaka/
694 https://www.facebook.com/SadakaIreland/photos/t.100001862279091/164449316929680/?type=3
Lonergan also pushed Rothschild and other conspiracies from several other antisemitic websites.695

Whilst Sadaka claim to be a ‘secular’ organisation, Lonergan was ‘Church Liaison Officer’ and has suggested that they spend a lot of time promoting their ideology to the Church.696

In fact, Lonergan betrays Christians by also promoting that America is responsible for what has happened to Christians in the Middle East.697 Having an anti-western attitude on the subject of the persecution of Christians is more than irresponsible.698

Stephen Sizer was a patron of Sadaka.699 Sizer is also an antisemitic conspiracy theorist and a Supercessionist.700 His behaviour was called ‘disgraceful and unbecoming for a clergyman of the Church of England’ by the chairman of the Council of Christians and Jews.701

He was frequently sanctioned by the Church, banned from using social media, and often in the headlines - chiefly over antisemitism - before his eventual semi-forced retirement in 2017.702

This means that at least two of the main faces at Sadaka have promoted antisemitic conspiracy theory. A third, Crawley, headed an organisation that this research has shown, is riddled with antisemites.

A fourth Board member, Caitlin Ni Chonaill, is also from the toxic IPSC.703

Caitlin, like many in the anti-Israel camp, has totally swallowed the falsehood that ‘many’ Jews are anti-Zionist. It is a lie. It is true that amongst Zionist Jews in the Diaspora, a fair number take issue with Israel’s settlement policy, but Zionism contains a spectrum of thought and this is in no way the same thing as being anti-Zionist.

695 He shared posts from websites such as Global Research and the Free Thought Project. See https://mediabiasfactcheck.com/free-thought-project/ and https://mediabiasfactcheck.com/global-research/
697 https://twitter.com/AlLonergan/status/505393839306457088
698 https://www.opendoorsuk.org/persecution/
702 https://nickhoward76.medium.com/the-racism-within-42c9ba10369
703 https://www.independent.ie/opinion/letters/eu-getting-too-cosy-with-israel-26457946.html
Ni Chonaill’s account is mostly private as are her tweets, but there are still visible signs of problematic posts.\(^{704}\) Caitlin’s self-delusion has left her hiding behind a tiny minority of Jewish people, in order to attack the rest. Labour’s antisemitism becomes a myth:

![Image](https://twitter.com/chonaillc)

Channel 4 was disgraceful this evening. **They presented a ‘report’ on the mythical ‘anti-semitism in the Labour Party’, occasioned by the scurrilous claim in three Jewish newspapers that ‘a Jeremy Corbyn-led government would not be an existential threat to Jewish life in this country’.** First they

Given the evidence in this report, that type of comment is horrific. Even though semi-private, Ni Chonaill has scores of visible posts belittling, smearing, and ridiculing the Jews who have suffered antisemitism in the UK Labour party.\(^{705}\) Along with accusations that ‘Israel’ is behind it all:

![Image](https://facebook.com/profile/100006117374789/search/?q=jew)

The lack of self-awareness in this post almost trumps the antisemitism. As will be shown, Irish NGOs are publicly, actively and *proudly* funding groups who explicitly interfere in Israel’s democratic process.

Four other Board members, Justin Kilcullen, Eamonn Meehan, Hilary Minch (current) and Val Roche (ex) came from Trocaire, the overseas development agency of the Catholic Church.\(^{706}\)

Board member Stella Carroll spent time in the region as part of EAPPI, the Christian Ecumenical Accompaniment Programme, which is explicitly theological in origin.\(^{707}\) Along with Sizer’s presence, this indicates Sadaka appears to be something of a bridge between the Christian Trocaire and the toxic IPSC.

The ease with which so many of Trocaire’s people seem to switch over, also suggests that Trocaire’s moderate public face is little more than a mask that is hiding far more hostile sentiments.

Sadaka’s own rhetoric and activity include all the usual accusations and campaigns expected of a hard-core anti-Israel outfit.\(^{708}\) They push the full BDS platform.\(^{709}\) Smears about ‘Apartheid’, ‘Ethnic Cleansing’ and ‘Genocide’ regularly appear on their page.\(^{710}\) None of their shared posts have balance – and most link to little more than blatant propaganda websites.\(^{711}\)

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\(^{704}\) See Twitter account [https://twitter.com/chonaillc?lang=en](https://twitter.com/chonaillc?lang=en)

\(^{705}\) [https://www.facebook.com/profile/100006117374789/search/?q=jew](https://www.facebook.com/profile/100006117374789/search/?q=jew)


\(^{707}\) [https://www.ngo-monitor.org/ngos/ecumenical_accompaniment_programme_in_palestine_and_israel_eappi/](https://www.ngo-monitor.org/ngos/ecumenical_accompaniment_programme_in_palestine_and_israel_eappi/)

\(^{708}\) [https://www.ngo-monitor.org/ngos/sadaka-the-ireland-palestine-alliance/](https://www.ngo-monitor.org/ngos/sadaka-the-ireland-palestine-alliance/)

\(^{709}\) [https://sadaka.ie/What_You_Can_Do/Boycott.html](https://sadaka.ie/What_You_Can_Do/Boycott.html)

\(^{710}\) See genocide examples [https://www.facebook.com/page/160568710651074/search/?q=genocide](https://www.facebook.com/page/160568710651074/search/?q=genocide)

\(^{711}\) See example [https://www.facebook.com/Sadakaireland/posts/3665201473521096](https://www.facebook.com/Sadakaireland/posts/3665201473521096)
Given the toxic nature of so many of Sadaka’s hierarchy and the endless empty smears they push on their website it was astonishing to discover that Sadaka helped to create an education pack on the conflict – the first curriculum-approved teaching module on Israel/Palestine in the Republic of Ireland.712

Those who let this rabble of antisemites, conspiracy theorists, supersessionists, propagandists and other assorted fools, help to draw up material that would be taught to Irish schoolchildren – should urgently be held to account.

TROCAIRE

Trocaire is the official overseas development agency of the Catholic Church of Ireland.

Trocaire officially states it does not actively support BDS but given how many people move from Trocaire to help lead the toxic group Sadaka – it is reasonable to suggest there are different conversations taking place behind closed doors.713

Its actions are also not the same as its words because it funds NGOs like Al Haq. Al Haq has connections with terror groups and is explicitly on the front line of the BDS campaign.714 NGO Monitor, the NGO that analyses NGO activity in Israel, provides a long list of organisations that receive Trocaire funds, all working hard on a full BDS platform.715

This type of activity exposes the absurdity of the antisemites who claim ‘Zionists’ interfere in western elections. This type of funding explicitly strengthens anti-government forces in Israel as well as giving power to groups that actually want to see Israel completely removed from the map.

In contrast to the many religious leaders who welcomed the Irish government’s move to shelve the bill that would boycott Israeli goods, Trócaire’s CEO came out strongly opposing the move.716

Trocaire spent vast sums of money on a film, which was full of distortion and inaccuracy.717 This type of activity feeds the demonisation narrative and helps the spread of antisemitism.

Trocaire may have made the same mistake that Amnesty International did, by choosing to employ one-sided activists, already embedded deep in anti-Israel activism.718 By taking this route, they were continually dragged ever more deeply into the mire.

Consider the examples of Garry Walsh and Eoin Murray. Walsh was National Coordinator for the IPSC.719

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714 https://www.ngo-monitor.org/funder/trocaire/
715 Ibid.
716 https://www.irishcatholic.com/mixed-reaction-as-occupied-territories-bill-dropped/
717 https://www.thejc.com/comment/opinion/tr%C3%B3caire-film-falsehoods-don-t-help-anyone-1.448197
718 https://david-collier.com/amnesty-international-obsession/
719 https://www.linkedin.com/in/garry-walsh-63a2b145
Murray was also a National Coordinator for the IPSC.\textsuperscript{720} Both supported the full boycott of Israel.\textsuperscript{721}

If Trocaire really oppose full boycott it is beyond comprehension that it would employ seasoned campaigners who had been at the forefront of BDS campaigning in Ireland.

What this means is that whilst officially Trocaire state that it does not support BDS, Garry Walsh advertises events of Academics for Palestine – who most certainly do support BDS – inside the Facebook group for Trocaire campaigners:\textsuperscript{722}

![Garry Walsh](https://www.independent.ie/opinion/letters/shannon-reveals-duplicity-over-israel-26389103.html)

The group is full of Walsh sharing posts from all the usual propagandist and pro-BDS outfits, such as ICAHD, Al Jazeera and Mondoweiss. There is absolutely no sign of any attempt at balance in any of his posts.

Trocaire actively funds organisations that do promote the full BDS platform. The aim of BDS is certainly the removal of Israel from the map. If BDS is successful, Jews will become a minority group in a Muslim majority state.

This is a post of Walsh promoting ICAHD as a Trocaire ‘partner’:\textsuperscript{723}

![Garry Walsh](https://www.facebook.com/groups/16061313665/permalink/10153293234373666)

This is Jeff Halper, the founder of ICAHD, promoting BDS:\textsuperscript{724}

\textsuperscript{720} https://www.independent.ie/opinion/letters/shannon-reveals-duplicity-over-israel-26389103.html
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\textsuperscript{722} https://www.facebook.com/groups/16061313665/permalink/10153293234373666
\textsuperscript{723} https://twitter.com/GarryTweets/status/231136520994709504
\textsuperscript{724} https://icahd.org/2017/03/28/icaahds-jeff-halper-detained-for-carrying-bds-material/
There are even posts such as this inside the Trocaire campaigners group.\(^{725}\)

**Elena Hermosa** is an official Trocaire campaigner.\(^{726}\)

Even when Trocaire hold ‘discussions’, it simply brings two groups, who both hate Israel in for a chat - as it did with a recent event.\(^{727}\) Bringing NGOs Al Haq and B’tselem together. There is no debate in these rooms – and absolutely nobody to present an alternative view or defend the Israeli position.

Trocaire have just published another report on boycotting Israel. This is an obsession without end or reason.\(^{728}\)

**It is a Christian courtroom in which the Jewish state stands accused – and it does not allow the Jury to hear any defence at all.** This typifies Trocaire’s attitude towards Israel and is a throwback to the darker days of Christianity.

**OTHERS**

Many western NGOs have lost sight of their original purpose. For two decades, even the world’s largest human rights NGOs such as Human Rights Watch and Amnesty have delivered nothing but obsessive one-sided reporting – written by long standing anti-Israel activists that they employed.\(^{729}\) The most recent accusations of Israel apartheid from HRW are part of this coordinated campaign.\(^{730}\)

NGO Monitor’s website provides incredible detail on which Irish NGOs have been active in Israel, and what their activities have been. It makes depressing reading.

According to NGO Monitor, Irish Aid provides millions of euros through direct and indirect funding processes to politicised NGOs.\(^{731}\) Much of this money comes directly from the Irish Government. Some of the funds are being given directly to PFLP (terrorist group) affiliates. Almost all work to demonise and delegitimise Israel and most are front line fighters of the BDS campaign.

Irish Aid also gives funds to Trocaire and Christian Aid Ireland, which both fund politicised NGOs – hardening positions and perpetuating the conflict.

\(^{725}\) [https://www.facebook.com/groups/16061313665/permalink/10152414858283666](https://www.facebook.com/groups/16061313665/permalink/10152414858283666)


\(^{728}\) [https://dontbuyintooccupation.org/reports/dont-buy-into-occupation-report/](https://dontbuyintooccupation.org/reports/dont-buy-into-occupation-report/)

\(^{729}\) See results of deep investigation into Amnesty bias [https://david-collier.com/amnesty-international-obsession/](https://david-collier.com/amnesty-international-obsession/)


\(^{731}\) [https://www.ngo-monitor.org/funder/ireland/](https://www.ngo-monitor.org/funder/ireland/)
The Media

There would be little point in writing this report if the mainstream Irish media was doing its job. Much of the information inside these pages is already in the public domain, waiting for journalists to piece together and present the true picture to the Irish public.

Politicians, antisemitic extremists and NGOs are working together to create, or share, demonising conspiratorial lies about Zionists and Israel, or providing an umbrella of legitimacy for those that do.

There has been a clear and sharp rise in antisemitism over the last decade – and this has resulted in a darkening of clouds for Jews throughout much of the West.732 There is also no doubt of a strong correlation between anti-Zionism and modern antisemitism.733

And yet far from exposing the truth, some elements of mainstream Irish media have been giving credibility and voice to the extremists. Some seem more willing to publish articles that ridicule the accusations of antisemitism than to publish articles exposing the anti-Jewish sentiment.

Letters, book reviews, articles, interviews, and comment pieces, are all used as methods of legitimising core ‘Israel is a demon state’ or ‘left-wing antisemitism is a myth’ narratives. Every section of a newspaper can be weaponised.

It must be stated that Irish media are not the only ones with the problem. There are websites such as Honest Reporting or CAMERA that are dedicated solely to holding western media to account for the disinformation that they spread.734

But there are undoubtedly political circumstances which set Ireland apart. Mark Humphry’s website on these problems in Ireland should be required reading.735

It is beyond the scope of this research to cover every journalist in Ireland who fails to uphold media standards when talking about Israel – this can be achieved by looking at the archives of the media watchdogs.

What is important is how this bias filters through to the pages of the newspapers and from there into every home in Ireland.


735 https://markhumphrys.com/irish.left.media.html
BEING JEWISH IN IRELAND TODAY

It is always wrong to use 1930s Germany as a benchmark. Jews were persecuted in dozens of nations for thousands of years – and the antisemitism varied in type, scope, and severity. Suggesting Jews are free from persecution - or that antisemitism is not a problem, because it is not like 1930s Germany, is a deflection, not an argument. It is also true that those who *only* seek to fight antisemitism amongst right-wing fascists doing Nazi salutes, are fighting fascism rather than addressing antisemitism. Antisemitism is also present in hard-left and Islamist ideologies.

Relaying the history of Jews and antisemitism in Ireland, from the Limerick Boycott/Pogrom to pro-Nazi sympathies during World War Two – is far outside the scope of this research. This report is only concerned with the rise, presence, and spread of antisemitism in Ireland today.

Unlike those affected by anti-black racism, Jews can also be visible as people but invisible as Jews. Rising hostility can be offset by a Jewish person hiding their Jewish identity in public. Racist hostility that drives Jews underground may be invisible but is still antisemitism.

There can be little doubt that prominent or visible Irish Jews face antisemitic abuse. This Holocaust denying image is from a bathroom at Trinity College Dublin:

During TCD Student elections, antisemitic abuse on social media led to the TCD Students Union Electoral Commission issuing a condemnation. An online antisemitic account targeted Jewish students, posting images of them on Twitter.

Like many other places in Europe, some Jewish students choose to hide their identity completely, or their Jewish attachment to Israel, in order to ‘fit in’. All this is under-reported and done in silence.

736 https://www.ushmm.org/antisemitism/what-is-antisemitism/why-the-jews-history-of-antisemitism
738 https://www.myjewishlearning.com/article/history-of-jews-in-ireland/
742 Example here from Scotland, but Jewish communities across the continent have acknowledged that this affects them. https://www.heraldscotland.com/news/14096083.scottish-university-staff-accused-anti-jewish-discrimination/
‘Zionism’ is a key element in Jewish identity. Not every Jew is a Zionist — but 90%+ are. At these levels, Zionism is as much a part of Jewish thought as any belief is to any major faith.

You can find adherents to any religion that do not believe in every facet of their faith. Focusing only on the outliers as a means of attacking the majority is a deliberate and direct attack on the core.

Even if someone disagrees with Zionism, it does not give them right to be abusive, to the point where the Jew is chased away or forced to hide some or all of their identity in order to protect themselves and their family.

Alan Shatter was Fine Gael TD for Dublin South for over 30 years and formerly Minister for Justice, Equality and Minister for Defence. He is also Jewish, a vocal Zionist and was a founding member and chairperson of the Irish Parliament’s Ireland / Israel Parliamentary Friendship Committee.

In 2009 at a meeting of the Foreign Affairs Committee Sinn Féin TD Aengus Ó Snodaigh PUBLICLY compared Shatter to Joseph Goebbels, the Nazi Propaganda Minister. The comments were described as ‘sickening and calculated to offend’.

Shatter was also the victim of a hoax chemical attack in 2014 that was accompanied with swastikas and images of concentration camp survivors. For years Shatter has been a regular target for antisemitic hate both on and offline.

Shatter, who has been described as ‘one of the best Ministers for Justice in the history of Ireland’ was eventually hounded from office through a campaign of false claims and allegations.

In his book, ‘Frenzy and Betrayal. The Anatomy of a Political Assassination’, Shatter, who has been described as the Irish Dreyfus, suggests that antisemitism may have played a hidden role in his political downfall.

What happened to Shatter bears an eerie resemblance to the way that Israel is handled in Irish political and media circles. He was smeared with a tsunami of false allegations, wrongly condemned in an official report, and frequently labelled with conspiracy narratives.

746 https://www.irishtimes.com/life-and-style/people/alan-shatter-i-was-effectively-cancelled-completely-1.4551286
747 https://www.irishtimes.com/opinion/stephen-collins-the-virtual-silence-on-shatter-s-hounding-from-office-is-odd-1.3939449
Unsurprisingly Sinn Féin helped push the conspiracies along:749

High profile anti-Israel politicians, such as Mick Wallace and Clare Daly, were also at the forefront of the attacks against Alan Shatter:750

When the smoke cleared, independent judicial enquiries, all found in Shatter’s favour. The Supreme Court also decided that the State appointed Barrister who conducted a preliminary inquiry and wrongly condemned Shatter (in the Guerin Report) violated Shatter’s constitutional rights, denied him a fair (or any) hearing, and exceeded his authority.751

It was the report condemned by the Supreme Court in 2019 which acted as the catalyst to force Shatter’s resignation in 2014.

749 An Phoblacht is the Sinn Féin newspaper https://www.facebook.com/sinnfein/posts/10152367748623274
Shatter had been fully vindicated, and the criticism of the Guerin Report discredited in the 2016 O’Higgins Commission report.752

Alan Shatter was the last Irish Jew to hold political office in Ireland.

Is it really a coincidence that those most publicly identified with making false allegations against Alan Shatter also present amongst the Dail’s most strident Israel critics, and despite the findings of independent judicial inquiries and the Irish Supreme Court have never publicly acknowledged the falsity of allegations made nor publicly apologised?

Neither has the Irish Government on behalf of the Irish state with regard to the discredited conclusions of the preliminary Guerin inquiry commissioned by the State.

Hidden antisemitism aside, it does not take deep research to find the constant stream of antisemitic abuse Shatter received online. Almost every post he made became a target for some level of antisemitic abuse.

Alan Shatter provides the best example of a public Jewish figure in Ireland who was hounded for years – even after he had been hounded out of office.

752 https://www.thejournal.ie/alan-shatter-taoiseach-3267429-Mar2017/
Maybe this next post describes it all best:

The problem is that whilst antisemitism is staring everyone in the face people choose not to see it. For an example I will use an event from February 2014. It is a post from anti-Israel activist Elizabeth Coleman about the day that Clare Daly TD took her question for Alan Shatter to the Dail.

In February 2014, as a United Left TD, Daly tabled a question for Shatter provided to her by Elizabeth Coleman. From Coleman’s post we know Daly even took Coleman down for tea and scones. Coleman referenced this again in a post in 2021 where she mentions ‘glaring down’ at Alan Shatter. She remembers it as a ‘good day’.

As this report has already shown, Coleman is an anti-Israel activist and rabid antisemite:

I highly doubt that Daly was aware that the person she brought to ‘glare down’ at Alan Shatter believed that the Protocols of the Elders of Zion was real, but in some ways, this is the point.

You cannot pretend to fight or care about antisemitism if you have your eyes shut. Daly is busy feeding hard-core activists like Coleman and providing them with legitimacy and rather than attack Jewish
students over allegations of antisemitism, perhaps Daly would be better served if she sat down and listened to what the Jewish students actually have to say. Because as it stands – she clearly cannot identify a hard-core antisemite – even whilst having tea and scones with one.

Sinn Fein, Wallace and Daly, as both anti-Israel critics and promotors of false allegations against Shatter, were not unique. Others include Niall Collins of Fianna Fáil, a junior minister in the current government, who wrongly attacked Shatter in the Dail in 2014 and subsequent to Shatter’s political career ending emerged as a primary sponsor of anti-Israel legislation from BDS support groups. Collins was discussed earlier in the report, but as a quick reminder, in 2019 Collins needed to apologise for remarks he made about a ‘Jewish Lobby’.

Of course, all these connections may all be coincidental.

Alan Shatter is not alone. Nor do you even have to be Jewish, as defending the Jewish state is often enough to be treated as a ‘Jew’ would be. Irish actor Rory Cowan has had to block over 3000 accounts on Twitter to stem the tide of abuse that he receives. He also has been subjected to death threats. Cowan’s crime? He defends Israel’s right to exist.

Irish Jews like Jennie Harrison, Trustee of the Dublin Jewish Progressive Congregation, have experienced a number of anti-Semitic incidents over the years. She says that many in her community are feeling vulnerable and scared. Some of the graffiti at TCD specifically targeted Trinity Professor David Abrahamson, calling him a ‘f**king Jew.’

753 https://www.algemeiner.com/2020/05/20/irish-eu-lawmaker-slammed-for-explaining-antisemitism-to-jews-while-promoting-bds/
755 https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/ff-s-niall-collins-apologises-for-comments-on-jewish-lobby-in-us-d8c9bfzkb
758 https://www.irelandisrael.ie/blog/anti-semitism-in-ireland/
Whilst standing derelict, the Anglo-Irish bank in Dublin was also defaced with antisemitic graffiti.:\textsuperscript{759}

With the antisemitic mob out on the street waving Palestinian flags, and the media more ready to feed them than tell the Irish public the truth about the high levels of anti-Jewish racism in their ranks – being a vocal Zionist puts you in a firing line, undefended, against people who literally think you support the killing of babies.

Supporters of pro-Israel advocacy groups like the Ireland-Israel Alliance become a key target for abuse.\textsuperscript{760}

The best these advocacy groups can hope for, is to be permitted the occasional ‘letter’ in the media to respond to the rants of an antisemite, to whom the newspaper has already granted a platform. Giving two sides – antisemite and Jew – a space to fight it out amongst themselves. How very generous of them.

\textsuperscript{759} https://www.thejournal.ie/anglo-building-anti-semitic-graffiti-937575-Jun2013/?utm_source=shortlink&fbclid=IwAR14PAi1f3Mo4lV954iYJ7_DAgObBRam6aqZOpi6vwQD2XXC6_3G	TyY9M

\textsuperscript{760} https://www.irelandisrael.ie/
CONCLUSION

The report makes thoroughly depressing reading. Wading through the hate for years in order to collect the evidence was a soul-destroying exercise. Everywhere the research went there was someone dismissing allegations of antisemitism whilst invariably standing next to an antisemite. And that is if they were not actually sharing anti-Jewish material themselves.

What can be said with absolute certainty is that those who are dismissing claims of antisemitism within Ireland, especially in anti-Israel activism, are either blind to anti-Jewish hatred or not interested in combatting it.

This is not about criticism of Israel at all, nor Israeli policy. This report exposes horrific levels of antisemitism on the streets of Ireland.

Nor is this about the IHRA definition, as most of the examples of antisemitism in these pages would be classified as antisemitism under any definition. There is Holocaust denial, global Jewish conspiracy, Jews as some type of demon race, and even positive comments relating to Hitler and the notorious antisemitic forgery, the Protocols of the Elders of Zion.

The word ‘Zionists’ has been unconscionably distorted. Many of those featured knowingly use the word mendaciously and despicably. Their usage incontrovertibly crosses the line into antisemitism. ‘Zionists’ cannot stop news being published, they do not control the media, the US, or the banks – nor are they ‘barbaric’ or ‘evil’.

Al Qaeda, ISIS and other radical Islamist terror groups have committed atrocities on US and European soil. We know who carried out these attacks and those who seek to point the finger of blame at Israel and the Jews do so because they have a twisted antisemitic mindset. The Holocaust happened just as we know it did.

What makes it worse is that these examples do not come from people hiding in the shadows. Many of those captured in the report are the same people who stand behind the IPSC stalls, create the pro-Palestinian campaign groups, hand out leaflets in the street, and try to bystanders that Zionism is evil, and Israel is a demon state.

It seems accurate to suggest that antisemitism is driving their obsessive anti-Israel activity. This is what motivates them to go on a cold wet evening and stand in solidarity. Once this is understood, the reason Israel is chosen as the sole target for their human rights activism becomes all too clear.

Some of the posts used as examples are obviously dated, but this is an important part of the evidence. It provides further support for the argument that it is the antisemitism that gave rise to the Israel obsession, rather than the reverse. Over time, when aired in public, antisemites morph into anti-Israel activists, learning the new language of ‘anti-Zionist’ rather than ‘anti-Jew’. In turn they are taught to present their arguments in a more refined and less offensive manner.

It isn’t just blatant antisemitism. The level of fake news spread by these activists about the conflict is staggering. Mainstream sources are rarely cited - instead, there is an endless stream of neo-Nazi or conspiracy ‘fake-news’ websites, that take news, add a conspiracy - and then twist it all into a story about ‘demon Zionists’ for these activists to digest and share.

Many of the activists in the report pounce upon any fake-news story that paints Israelis as evil. Pictures from Syria are presented as Gaza, rain puddles are presented as chemical attacks. They even took a
simple farming exercise in Morocco and made it a story about evil Jews. As we have seen, any photo will do. If the narrative provided with the image is harsh enough, the image will go viral.

It is nothing short of tragic that Irish politicians eagerly stand alongside the hundreds of antisemites on the street posing as human rights activists. Worse still, they engage in much of the same behaviour. Whilst *most* of the crasser antisemitism is not present, the fake news, demonisation and calls for Israel’s destruction are all there. These politicians provide clear legitimacy to the antisemites.

Christian Supersessionism also plays its part, with Christian NGOs hiding behind the Church for legitimacy whilst being driven by much of the same toxic anti-Jewish racism as seen elsewhere. It is shameful that the churches in Ireland have not done more to protect members of the Jewish faith from those who wish to harm them.

The idea that Jews are capable of every evil is part of Christianity’s darker past. Churches across Ireland should be talking about peace in the Middle East, not driving towards the destruction of the world’s only Jewish state.

Being publicly identified as Jewish in Ireland is not easy, as the awful treatment of Alan Shatter shows. It is surely no coincidence that the strongest attacks on Alan Shatter came from those who are also the most vocal against Israel and ‘Zionism’.

Irish Jews are pressured to speak out against Israel, a key part of Jewish identity, in order to be accepted as a human being. Some Jews are scared to wear anything in public that reveals their Jewish identity, Jewish students keep quiet on campus, and those who dare to speak up can become a target for assault or abuse. This is the truth of Ireland today.

At the very least, Ireland should adopt the IHRA Definition of Antisemitism and ensure that the message is carried through to every political and educational institution. Ireland should also set standards upon the NGOs that are funded through the state, and make sure that Irish tax money is not being used to promote any form of racism.

The spread of antisemitism throughout the Irish mainstream is clearly worse than in almost any other western nation. It requires a massive educational drive to even begin to unravel some of the damage.

In the meantime, it is incumbent on politicians and the media to come clean about Ireland’s antisemitism - and its disguise as a ‘social justice’ argument. Demands should be made to pro-Palestinian solidarity groups to clean up their act and begin to deal with their most problematic activists.

The antisemites pushing anti-Jewish conspiracy tales and demonising Zionism are not helping anyone, not the Jews and not the Palestinians. It is absolutely possible to both support the Palestinians as well as the right of Israel to exist behind safe and secure borders. This is the message the Irish public should be hearing loud and clear.

Antisemitism is the world’s oldest hatred and must be given no refuge in any decent society. Many Irish Jews see Ireland as a hostile place and view the deteriorating environment with deep concern. Given the evidence presented in this report it is easy to see why.