



# Antisemitism – Definition & Key Features

## Foundation of Western Civilization

- Not really about Jews and Judaism
- Jews is the “other” or the “scapegoat” that is always there.

## Not racism - It's a Conspiracy Theory

- It's not about discrimination or privilege per se
- Jews are somehow more responsible for the current “boogie man”
- Jews are invisible but in control of everything

## Replacement Theory

- Jews replace the “real” people
- Real Americans
- Real victims
- Real indigenous people

## Double Bind

- Weak/pathetic and strong/merciless
- Rich and cheap
- Capitalist and Socialist



# Hanukkah Vs. Purim Antisemitism

Based on Dara Horn's Essay

Purim Antisemitism	Hanukkah Antisemitism
Leader calls for annihilation of the Jews	Unspoken deal that if Jews shed their particularism, they will be accepted
Haman in Purim story; Hitler in 20 <sup>th</sup> Century	Ideology dressed up in virtue
Physical threat	Spiritual threat
Manifest in far right, white nationalists	Manifests in far left and progressive groups – shows up as anti-Zionism
People who attack Jews, shoot up synagogues	Often propagated by Jews themselves. Jews internalize these ideas and feel shame about who they are





# Classic Antisemitic Dog Whistles

- Capitalist
- Socialist
- Globalist
- Elite
- The news media
- Internationalists
- Zionist
- New York
- Dual loyalties
- Poison the well