ANTISEMITISM IN SOCIAL MOVEMENTS: THE WEAPONIZATION OF INTERSECTIONALITY

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

Antisemitic ideology has never been constrained by political boundaries. It has existed in some form on both the political left and political right. Currently, there have been claims that it has infiltrated social justice movements that are predominately supported by those on the political left. Participants will examine how contemporary antisemitism manifests in current social movements.
COURSE OBJECTIVES

By the end of the course students will be able to:

- Identify how antisemitism manifests in current social movements
- Establish the primary beneficiaries
- Draft a plan that addresses contemporary antisemitism within social movements
FOUNDATIONAL QUESTIONS

• Why is antisemitism a core element of these movements?
• What happens to the original intended beneficiaries of the social movements?
EXAMPLES OF CURRENT SOCIAL MOVEMENTS

• Black Lives Matter (BLM)
• Dyke March
• Women’s March
• Police Reform - Deadly Exchange
• Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion initiatives (DEI)
• Ethnic Studies (K-12, and college/university)
COURSE SCHEDULE

• Introduction to contemporary antisemitism
  • Define antisemitism
  • Identify the evolution of antisemitism
  • Review syllabus and course requirements


• The politicization of social movements (SM)
  • Trends in social movements
  • Weaponization of intersectionality


COURSE SCHEDULE

• Relationship between social movements and antisemitism
  • Examine the history of social movements & antisemitism
    • Early 20th century Marxism/communism/suffrage
  • Compare/contrast historical vs current social movements
    • Current economic/racial/gender justice movements
    • Similarities/differences in manifestation of antisemitism within SM


• Themes of contemporary antisemitism
  • Identity/cultural erasure
  • False equivalences
  • Weaponization of “allyship”


COURSE SCHEDULE

- The hostile classroom
  - Antisemitism in academia
- Politicization of Jewish identity
  - Left vs right antisemitism
COURSE SCHEDULE

• Who’s financing SM and who’s benefitting
  • Examine the financial roots of current social movements
  • Financial research methods
  • Who’s behind the curtain/ Transparency
  • Fighting the hijackers

• Final presentations
FINAL PRESENTATIONS

Student will present their research findings to the class, addressing the following questions:

- Why is antisemitism a core element of your researched social movement?
- What happens to the original intended beneficiaries of the social movements?
READINGS


