

Confronting Antisemitism

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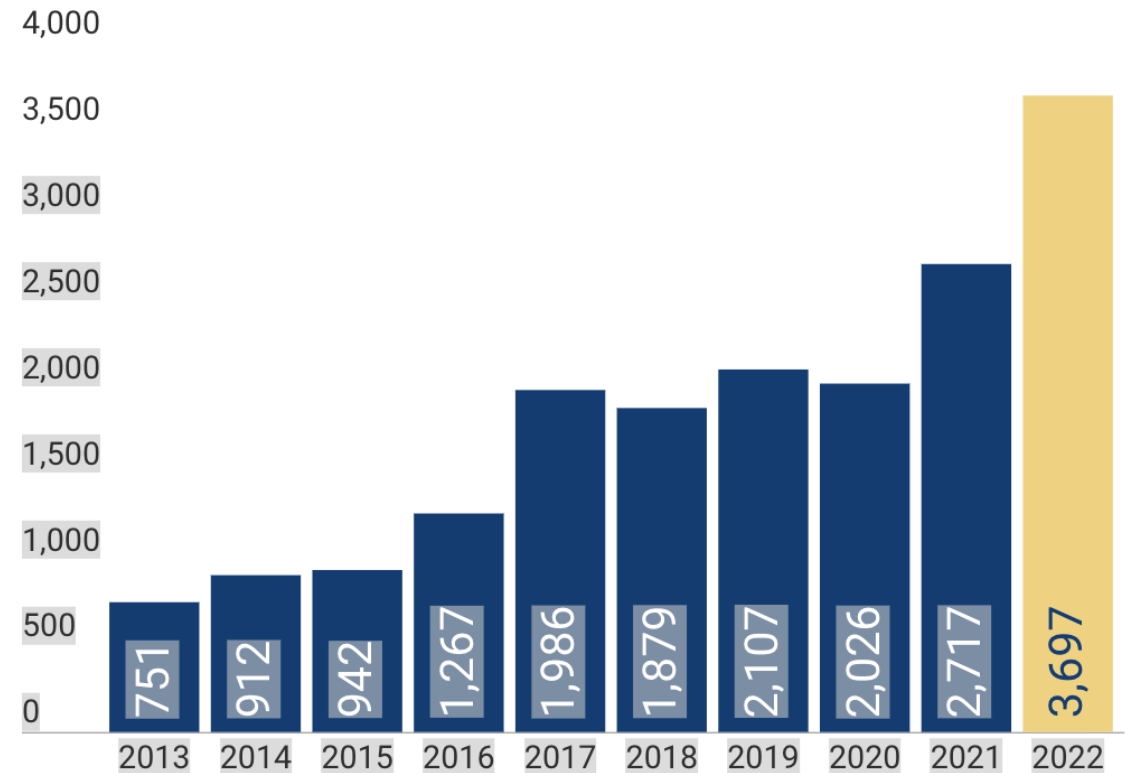
Current Data: Audit of Antisemitic Incidents 2022

Anti Defamation League

Major Audit Categories:

- Antisemitic vandalism increased 51%
- Antisemitic assaults increased 26%
 - majority w/o deadly weapon; one fatality
 - 53% targeted Orthodox Jews
- Source: Center on Extremism, *Antisemitism in the United States: Audit of Antisemitic Incidents 2022*. Published 3/23/2023 by the Anti Defamation League.

Antisemitic Incidents | U.S.
Ten Year Review | 2013–2022



Additional Analysis of Data

- 36% increase in incidents involving known white supremacist networks engaged in coordinated efforts to spread antisemitic propaganda
- 49% increase in incidents in K-12 schools
- 41% increase in incidents on college campuses
- 91 incidents reported of bomb threats towards Jewish institutions: highest number since 2017

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Highest number of antisemitic incidents reported by state in 2022

- These five states account for 54% of the total incidents in 2022:
 - New York: 580
 - California: 518
 - New Jersey: 408
 - Florida: 269
 - Texas: 211
- Source: Center on Extremism, *Antisemitism in the United States: [Audit of Antisemitic Incidents 2022](#)*. Published 3/23/2023 by the Anti Defamation League.

Why have there been increases in antisemitic violence in the United States?

According to ADL's 2023 report, Antisemitic Attitudes in America:

- 20% of Americans believe 6 or more antisemitic tropes
- A trope is a figurative use of a word or expression. Expressions such as “Wealthy Jews control the government” is an example. This is not a statement of fact; it is an anti-Semitic trope.
- The ADL concludes that antisemites have become “emboldened to act on their hatred in the current environment.” According to the FBI's 2021 hate crime data, Jews remain the single most targeted religious minority in America.
- Note the 36% increase in incidents involving known white supremacist networks engaged in coordinated efforts to spread antisemitic propaganda. (Audit of Antisemitic Incidents 2022)

Source: Center on Extremism, *Antisemitism in the United States: Antisemitic Attitudes in America*. Published 1/12/2023 by the Anti Defamation League.

White Supremacist Groups Active in NYS

- White supremacist organizations operating in NYS who profess antisemitism:
 - Patriot Front
 - New Jersey European Heritage Association
 - White Lives Matter
 - Oath Keepers
 - New York Watchmen
 - QAnon

Source: Anti-Defamation League. *Hate in the Empire State: Extremism and Antisemitism in New York, 2020-2021*. Published 5.31.2022.

New Jersey European Heritage Association

- July 2021 – Gina Aversano, a Staten Island-based member of NJEHA, was arrested for distributing propaganda, including placing swastika stickers that read "We Are Everywhere." She allegedly was responsible for creating much of the group's propaganda materials.
- January 2021 – A confederate flag was tied to the front doors of Manhattan's Museum of Jewish Heritage. The three perpetrators—two of whom have been identified distributing NJEHA propaganda in other instances—were two New York-based fascists and a neo-Nazi from Minnesota. In sharing this incident on social media, they captioned their post: "The time to fight against the ZOG is now!" **ZOG** is a white supremacist acronym for "Zionist Occupied Government," which reflects the common white supremacist belief that the U.S. government is controlled by Jews.
- June 2020 – Approximately five individuals associated with NJEHA held a flash demonstration on an overpass in Lake Ronkonkoma. The group held banners that read, "Open borders spread disease" and "white lives matter."

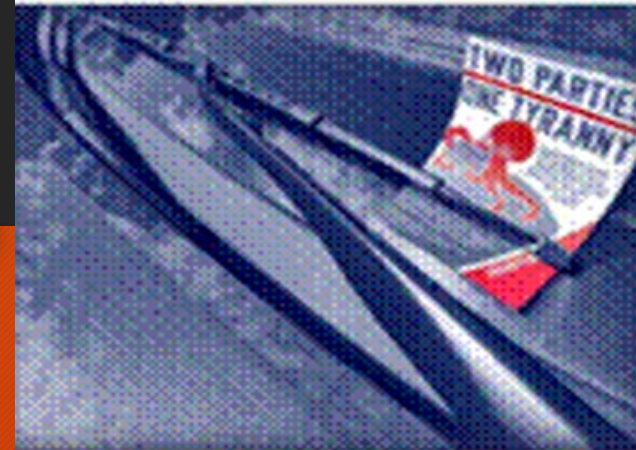


November 2020: NJEHA propaganda placed at the 9/11 Memorial Museum in Manhattan. Source: Telegram

Source: Anti-Defamation League. *Hate in the Empire State: Extremism and Antisemitism in New York, 2020-2021*. Published 5.31.2022.

Patriot Front

- Patriot Front is active online through social media channels including [Telegram](#), Gab, Twitter, TikTok and private messaging servers like RocketChat. Offline, they are a national leader in white supremacist propaganda. Their aggressive propaganda campaigns include stickering, placing flyers, graffitiing, and dropping inflammatory banners on overpasses and covering up billboards. In addition to promoting their group in cities across the country, Patriot Front specifically targets college campuses with their content. While in 2020 they focused mainly on propaganda efforts, 2021 saw an increase in their staging flash demonstrations across the country.



NEW YORK

October 2020: Patriot Front stickers found in New Rochelle, NY. Source: Telegram

New York Watchmen - based in WNY



ember 2020: New York Watchmen pose with Proud B
Source: Instagram

New York Watchmen - WNY group

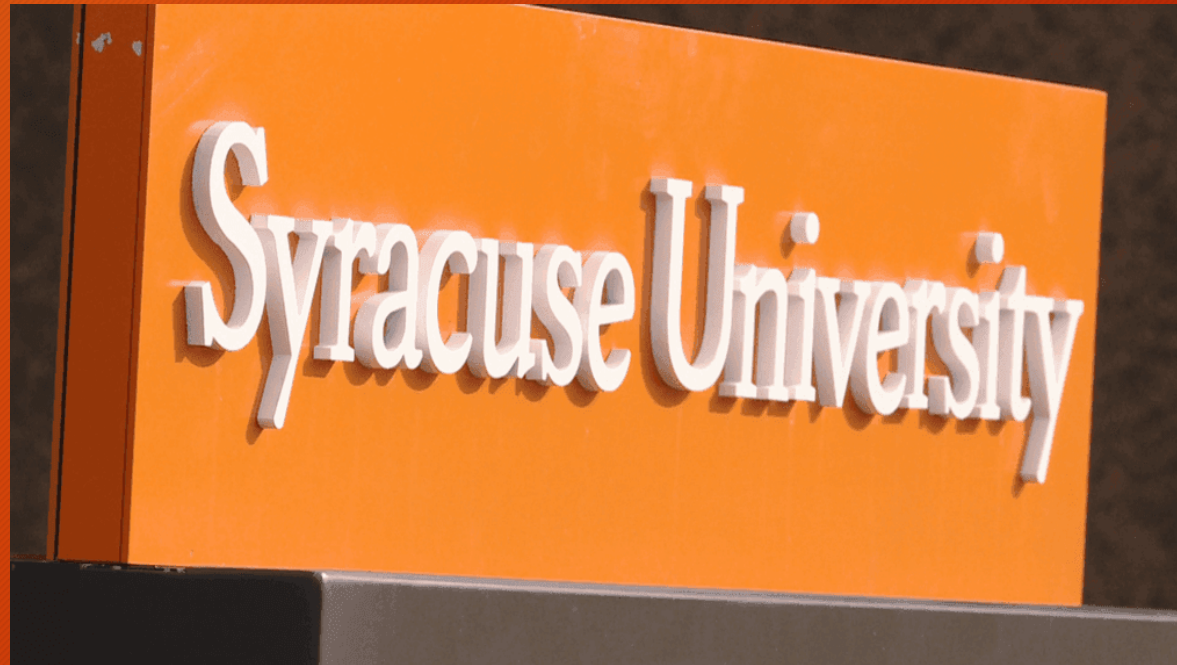
NY Watchmen have ties to local political figures as well as extremist organizations, including the Proud Boys and one member who formerly belonged to the white supremacist group, Aryan Renaissance Society. Members of the group were also present at the January 6 Capitol insurrection, with one former member arrested for his activity.

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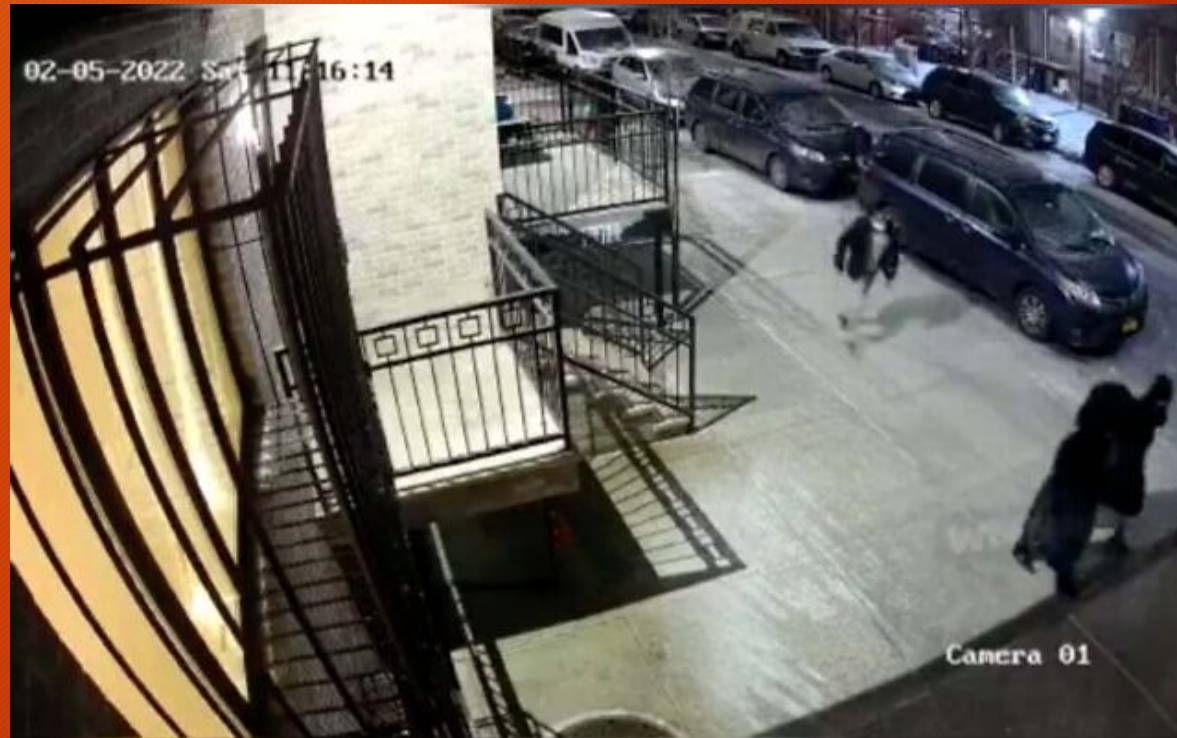
Syracuse, NY - 2021-22

Numerous incidents of antisemitic violence were reported and investigated on and around Syracuse University campus in 2019-2022



NYC -- February 4, 2022

Caption: An assailant ambushes a Jewish couple from behind in NYC in security footage captured on February 4, 2022.
(Screenshot)

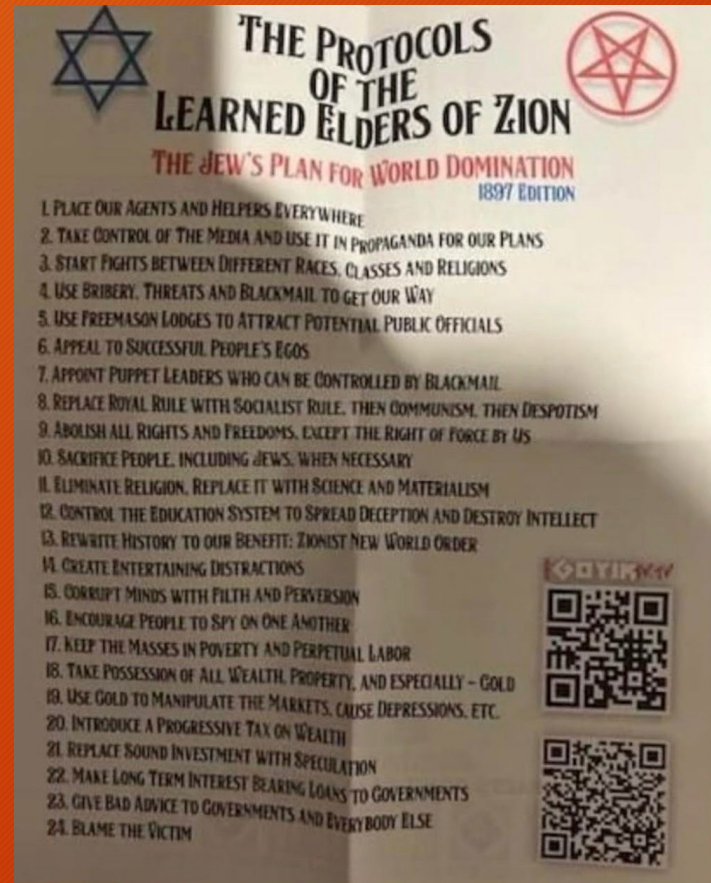




New York State: Buffalo, NY May 15, 2022





The shooter, Payton Gendron, 18, killed 10 people of color and wounded three others in a Tops Supermarket parking lot in Buffalo. He posted a manifesto online before the attack which expressed his intense hatred at Jews and support for Nazism. Gendron's manifesto described his support for the antisemitic and racist Great Replacement conspiracy theory, which says Jews are plotting to replace white Americans with non-whites.

Fliers targeting Jewish and transgender officials distributed around Rockville Centre and Oceanside communities. (7.22.2022)



 **THE PROTOCOLS
OF THE
LEARNED ELDERS OF ZION** 
THE JEW'S PLAN FOR WORLD DOMINATION
1897 EDITION

1. PLACE OUR AGENTS AND HELPERS EVERYWHERE
2. TAKE CONTROL OF THE MEDIA AND USE IT IN PROPAGANDA FOR OUR PLANS
3. START FIGHTS BETWEEN DIFFERENT RACES, CLASSES AND RELIGIONS
4. USE BRIBERY, THREATS AND BLACKMAIL TO GET OUR WAY
5. USE FREEMASON LODGES TO ATTRACT POTENTIAL PUBLIC OFFICIALS
6. APPEAL TO SUCCESSFUL PEOPLE'S EGOS
7. APPOINT PUPPET LEADERS WHO CAN BE CONTROLLED BY BLACKMAIL
8. REPLACE ROYAL RULE WITH SOCIALIST RULE, THEN COMMUNISM, THEN DESPOTISM
9. ABOLISH ALL RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS, EXCEPT THE RIGHT OF FORCE BY US
10. SACRIFICE PEOPLE, INCLUDING JEWS, WHEN NECESSARY
11. ELIMINATE RELIGION, REPLACE IT WITH SCIENCE AND MATERIALISM
12. CONTROL THE EDUCATION SYSTEM TO SPREAD DECEPTION AND DESTROY INTELLECT
13. REWRITE HISTORY TO OUR BENEFIT: ZIONIST NEW WORLD ORDER
14. CREATE ENTERTAINING DISTRACTIONS
15. CORRUPT MINDS WITH FILTH AND PERVERSION
16. ENCOURAGE PEOPLE TO SPY ON ONE ANOTHER
17. KEEP THE MASSES IN POVERTY AND PERPETUAL LABOR
18. TAKE POSSESSION OF ALL WEALTH, PROPERTY, AND ESPECIALLY - GOLD
19. USE GOLD TO MANIPULATE THE MARKETS, CAUSE DEPRESSIONS, ETC.
20. INTRODUCE A PROGRESSIVE TAX ON WEALTH
21. REPLACE SOUND INVESTMENT WITH SPECULATION
22. MAKE LONG TERM INTEREST BEARING LOANS TO GOVERNMENTS
23. GIVE BAD ADVICE TO GOVERNMENTS AND EVERYBODY ELSE
24. BLAME THE VICTIM

CBS News Report -- March 24, 2023

NYPD stats show Jews faced the most hate crimes compared to other populations, by about 70%.

Police are currently searching for a man they say has been responsible for at least six separate incidents involving antisemitic vandalism in Forest Hills and Rego Park, Queens. Some of the locations include the 112th Precinct, Junior High School 157, a residential building and a synagogue.

Responses to Antisemitic Incidents in NYS

1. Law and order responses: investigations by specialized task forces throughout the state, calls for stronger penalties, more police
2. Currently in committee: Senate Bill S126: Establishes an educational program related to the prevention of anti-Semitism, Islamophobia bias and discrimination based on religion race, sexual orientation or gender identity or expression. Sponsored by Democratic representatives
3. March 2023: NYS Senate Republican Leader Rob Ortt announcement creation of Anti-Semitism Working Group that will hold roundtables throughout NYS

Religious Observance Policy

Section 224-a of NYS Education Law

In compliance with Section 224-a of the Education Law, students unable, because of religious beliefs, to engage in learning activities – classes, examinations, study, or work requirements – on a particular day or days will not be penalized and will be provided with means to make up for any study opportunities that may have been missed because of absence for religious reasons. Since most study arrangements at Empire State College are individually made between student and faculty, students may schedule meetings and other academic activities so they do not conflict with their religious observances. In cases where group meetings are arranged (e.g., classes, seminars, special examinations such as College

Level Examination Program or New York College Proficiency Examination Program), students who wish to avail themselves of these opportunities, but are unable to participate at certain times because of religious beliefs, should consult with their mentors to make alternate arrangements. No adverse or prejudicial effects shall result to any student because of his or her religious beliefs.

Source: *Policies and Procedures, SUNY Empire Academic Catalog 2022-23 Edition.*

Microaggressions and Anti-semitism

“Microaggressions are brief, everyday exchanges that send denigrating messages to certain individuals because of their group membership (e.g., race, gender, culture, religion, social class, sexual orientation, etc.). These daily, common manifestations of aggression leave many people feeling vulnerable, targeted, angry, and afraid.” from the description for:

Torino, G. et al (2018) *Microaggression Theory: Influence and Implications*. Wiley Publishers: New York.

Examples of Antisemitic Microaggressions

1. Displaying a swastika - also considered a micro assault (Sue et al. 2006)
2. “You need to get yourself a Jewish lawyer.”
3. Questioning a person of color who identifies as Jewish: “You don’t look Jewish.”
4. Talking about Jews as “pushy,” “greedy,” “money hungry”
5. Instead of referring to negotiating a price, saying “Jew him down.”
6. Jews have space lasers.
7. Jews are secretly plotting to take over the world.
8. Ignoring or minimizing importance of religious practices and holy days.

What You Can Do

1. Educate yourself and learn how to identify and address antisemitism and microaggressions.

Start with the Resources listed on these websites:

[Anti-Defamation League](#)

[U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum](#)

2. Speak up. For ideas on how to confront antisemitism as well as racism check out this website:

[Facing History and Ourselves Upstander Program](#)

What You Can Do Continued

3. Stay up to date on these issues and get involved with organizations organizing against antisemitism and other forms of extremism:

[Anti-Defamation League](#)

There are lots of other organizations throughout NYS. Take a look at whose doing what in your community.

Note that there is an [Office of the Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Antisemitism in the U.S. State Department](#) which provides up to date information on its policies and activities.

READ!!!

Sue, D.W. and Spanierman, L. (2020) *Microaggressions in Everyday Life 2d ed.* Wiley and Sons.

Torino, G., Rivera, D. et al. (2018) *Microaggression Theory: Influence and Implications.* Wiley and Sons.

Useful article on recognizing and responding to microaggressions at work in the [Harvard Business Review](#).

Overview discussion of microaggressions and how to address them in [Medical News Today](#).

My Personal Favorite Campaign - JewBelong

Does your church need
armed guards? 'Cause our
synagogue does.

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jewbelong.com

