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The Federal Response to Antisemitism

ON AMERICAN COLLEGE CAMPUSES



Introduction

The U.S. Commission on Civil Rights has released [*The Federal Response to Antisemitism on American College and University Campuses*](#). Unanimously adopted, the bipartisan report examines Jewish students' experiences, responses from nine universities and federal enforcement following Oct. 7, 2023.

The report finds that campus antisemitism is a serious civil rights concern. It documents inconsistent university complaint practices, gaps in data collection and concerns about federal enforcement capacity and transparency. It also examines how universities can protect students from discrimination and harassment while respecting free expression, peaceful protest and academic freedom.

Read the report: <https://www.usccr.gov/reports/2026/federal-response-antisemitism-american-college-and-university-campuses>

Read the Commission's release:
<https://www.usccr.gov/news/2026/bipartisan-federal-report-calls-stronger-more-transparent-response-campus-antisemitism>

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The U.S. Commission on Civil Rights has released a unanimously adopted, bipartisan report on campus antisemitism. It examines Jewish students' experiences, responses from nine universities and federal enforcement since Oct. 7, 2023.

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Jewish students reported harassment, vandalism, threats and exclusion that affected their safety, sense of belonging and educational experiences. A new @USCCRgov report examines those experiences and how universities and federal agencies responded.

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The nine universities examined in a new @USCCRgov report had complaint procedures and resources for Jewish students, but varied in how they classified, investigated and resolved complaints. Inconsistent data also make the scope of unlawful campus antisemitism difficult to assess.

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Universities must address discrimination and harassment based on the basis of Jewish ancestry (Title VI) while protecting political speech, peaceful protest and academic freedom. A new @USCCRgov report examines this legal balance and the challenges universities face in applying it.

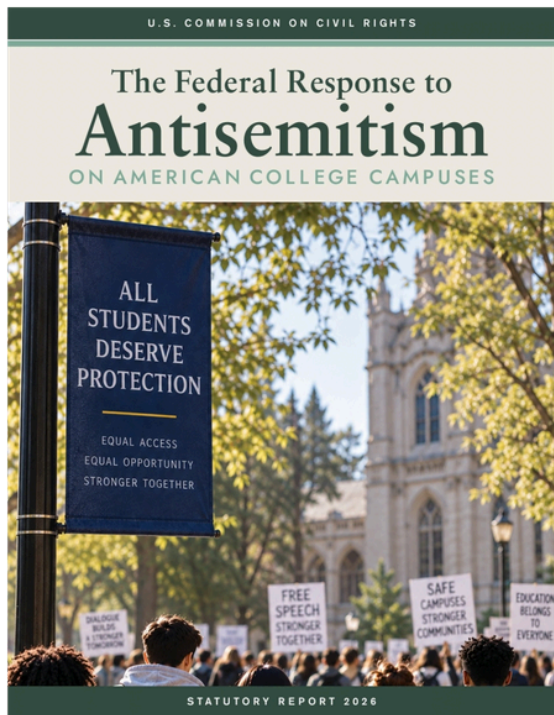
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We contributed to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights' investigation because students' experiences should inform responses to campus antisemitism. The new report examines university practices and federal enforcement, and identifies a need for better data, clearer guidance and greater transparency.

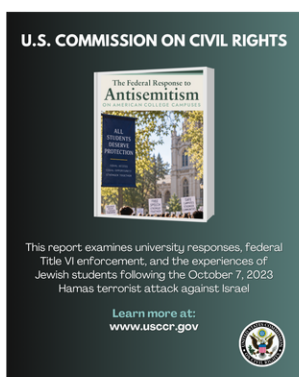
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Report cover and press release:



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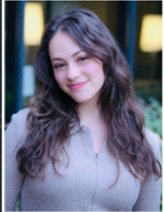


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"It felt like, rather than working with Jewish students and faculty to identify the specific changes needed to ensure our safety, the federal government was coming in from the outside to demand sweeping changes to Harvard's culture and governance while using threats that put students, research, and campus stability at risk."

- **Tova Kaplan, Harvard Senior**



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"Faculty across the university told me I belonged here. Harvard Business School professors even placed mezuzahs openly on their office doors in solidarity. However, I was left with a lingering fear and otherness that in many ways will remain with me the rest of my life. Administrators were kind, but I felt lost. I was not offered the option to move rooms. I could not file a formal administrative report because the perpetrator was not identified."

- **Sarah Silverman, Harvard Senior**



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"A few weeks after October 7, 2023, vandals drew swastikas and SS symbols on the ceilings of American University's freshman dorms. This marked the third year in a row that they have been covered in antisemitic symbols."

- **Ellie Sweet, Student, American University**



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"For the most part, the choice of what balance to strike between free speech and avoiding offense is one that a university is free to make based on its own mission and academic values and the government and outside groups do not get to dictate that based on their own political agendas."

- **Benjamin Eidelson, Professor of Law, Harvard University**



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[Bipartisan Federal Report Calls for Stronger, More Transparent Response to Campus Antisemitism](#)

[Antisemitism on America's College and University Campuses: Current Conditions and the Federal Response](#)

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