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# Definitions

**Antisemitism:** Hostility toward Jews as an ethnic or religious group, often accompanied by social, economic and political discrimination.

**Discrimination:** Action based on prejudice or biased beliefs that results in unfair treatment of individuals or groups; unjust conditions in areas such as employment, housing and education.

**Propaganda:** The deliberate spreading of ideas or information, true or untrue, with the purpose of manipulating public opinion to gain support for one's cause or to discourage support for another.

**Racism:** A set of beliefs based on perceived "racial" superiority and inferiority; a system of domination that is played out in everyday interactions, and the unequal distribution of privilege, resources and power.

**Stereotype:** A simplistic, firmly held belief, often negative, about individual characteristics generalized to all people within that group.

**Holocaust Denial:** Holocaust denial is the claim that the genocide of the Jews during World War II did not happen or did not happen to the extent historically recorded.

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