

## Why the IHRA doesn't combat anti-Semitism by Pete Gregson, Petitioner of [tinyurl.com/israelihra](https://tinyurl.com/israelihra), of 12/12/19

Anti-Semitism = hostility to or prejudice against Jews, according to the OED

Anti-Semitism as defined by the IHRA is something rather more sinister:

<https://www.holocaustremembrance.com/working-definition-antisemitism> - readers please note that point 7 means that includes saying "claiming that the existence of a State of Israel is a racist endeavour."

Let's consider the adoption of the IHRA as a measure of Zionist power. [According to Wikipedia](#), Zionists are generally Jews, but as will become clear, many Jews are not Zionists.

For instance, no country East or South of Gaza (bar Israel and Australia) has joined the IHRA. Amazingly, Russia has not, even though so many Jews died there in WW2 at the hands on the Nazis.

Consider:

Luxembourg has 900 Jews – 1 Jew to each 867 citizens. Joined IHRA

Russia has 500,000 Jews – 1 Jew to each 766 citizens. No IHRA

Neither suffer much from anti-Semitism (this guide [Antisemitism - Overview of data available in the European Union 2006–2016](#), published November 2017 is of interest)

In total, 65 countries where Jews live, with populations ranging from 30 Jews to 500,00 Jews, have not joined the IHRA.

Add up the total and we see that almost 1.4 million Jews live in countries that have not joined the IHRA. That's 7% of the world Jewish population. Do Jews in these countries fare worse than Jews in countries with the IHRA?

Apparently not.

Russia has the largest Jewish population, with 500,000 and no IHRA. Since the early 2000s, levels of antisemitism in Russia have been low, and steadily decreasing.

Britain has 350,00 Jews and the full IHRA. Many bodies have accepted the IHRA definition. Yet the number of "real" anti-Semitic incidents has doubled since 2012. According to this article of 16<sup>th</sup> October [in the Independent](#), "Religious [hate crime](#) has rocketed by 40 per cent in a year across England and Wales, as the number of offences recorded hits a record high. Statistics released by the Home Office showed more than half of religiously-motivated attacks in 2017-18 were directed at [Muslims](#) and the next most commonly targeted group was [Jewish](#) people."

So, does the IHRA confer protection on Jews? Apparently not. Possibly even, the opposite.

Which brings me back to the point. There is anti-Semitism in the UK because, I think, the Jews have so much leverage here<sup>1</sup>. And they clearly do – as the most outspoken ones, those in support of Israel – the Zionists - have shown – as they have exerted considerable leverage on the UK's political parties, the police, the schools and universities, the local authorities – to adopt the IHRA– and has it made Jews safer?

Not at all. But it does indicate the Jews in the UK (that's with 370,00 of them or 0.5% of the population), generally wield significant influence.

Let's compare the UK (IHRA) with Panama (no IHRA). The UK has 1 Jew for every 220 citizens. Panama has 1 Jew for every 361 citizens. Yet the Jews who support Israel are Zionists- and these Zionists wield far, far more influence in the UK than they do in Panama.

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<sup>1</sup> As Norman Finkelstein says in his blog [WHY THE BRITISH LABOUR PARTY SHOULD NOT ADOPT THE IHRA DEFINITION OR ANY OTHER DEFINITION OF ANTISEMITISM](#) "Even as the revised code of conduct explicitly outlaws antisemitism, representatives of British Jewry have issued an ultimatum to Labour: it must also incorporate the IHRA definition of antisemitism in all its parts—or else! It is, to begin with, unclear why Jews warrant special treatment. Indeed, of all the protected categories in the rule, British Jews are the richest, best organized, most strategically placed, and least subject to "hostility and prejudice." If Jewish communal organizations can so openly, brazenly, and relentlessly press this demand on Labour, it's because of the political muscle they can flex and the political immunity they enjoy. Further, the demand is on the unseemly side, as it implies that Jewish lives are somehow more worthy. It recalls the nauseating ethnic chauvinism at play in the stipulation that *The Holocaust* must be separated out from run-of-the-mill "other genocides.""

My understanding as to why the IHRA has been adopted so widely in the UK is because 70% of our UK Jews support Israel. These Zionists have far more influence in the UK because of the Holocaust ; they exploit our collective guilt at the death of six million Jews in WW2 in order to justify their racist colony, claiming the survival of all Jews depends upon it.<sup>2</sup>

Interestingly, Panama is the only country in the world except for Israel that has had two Jewish presidents in the twentieth century. They were related; the most recent resigned in 1988. There are 20,000 Jews there. Many have been there since the 1850s. Being distant from Germany, their experience of the Holocaust was far more muted. They therefore as a group wield less power in terms of utilising the Holocaust as leverage – for example – in seeking that the state and every political body in the country sign up to the IHRA. Because that has not happened. Panama is gloriously IHRA- free. And seems to be a better place for Jews to live in as a result. Now- why could it be, that it is IHRA-free?

Let's consider trade.

Israeli exports to Panama in 2014 stood at \$25 million and imports from Panama at \$3 million. Between UK and Israel, the annual bilateral trade exceeds US\$3 billion and over 300 known Israeli companies are operating in Britain.

So, the pattern here seems to be – that Panama has 0.6% of the level of trade that the UK has with Israel. A tiny, tiny fraction of what the UK has. There is no need for the IHRA.

On the other hand, the UK has enormously strong links with Israel. And thus it has joined the IHRA. History is revealing that the Israeli Government dreamt up the IHRA definition of anti-Semitism in order to prevent countries that may consider divesting, boycotts or sanctions from ever actually doing any one of those things.

And as made clear earlier, by the fact of so many of the UK's public bodies having adopted the IHRA definition of anti-Semitism – there is great deal of Zionist influence in the UK. In each case Zionist Jews will have mooted and pushed for it – and will have used the Holocaust as leverage to get their way.

The UK has massively greater interest in the Holocaust than Panama ever has. Our collective guilt in Europe over how the Jews suffered at the hands of our forefathers over the past 100 years demands that, and the Jews in the UK are empowered by that. Can my statement be construed as anti-Semitic? No, it cannot. It is a statement of probabilities- and the power the Holocaust confers not just upon Zionists, but upon Jews generally. It is only the Zionists who choose to exert that power in support of Israel.

The Israeli former minister of Education, Shulamit Aloni, said in a US interview that "[anti-Semitism is a trick. We always use it](#)" The interviewer said: "Often when there is dissent expressed in the United States against policies of the Israeli government, people here are called anti-Semitic.<sup>3</sup> What is your response to that as an Israeli Jew?". Shulamit Aloni replied: "Well, it's a trick, we always use it. When from Europe somebody is criticizing Israel, then we bring up the Holocaust...."

And when you're labelled an anti-Semite, you're suddenly rubbing shoulders with Adolf Hitler. Such is the power of words.

But whilst the IHRA serves the Israeli state and Zionists well, it may well do the opposite for Jews generally. So Jews everywhere pay, whether they like it or not, when the Zionists come to town. On the 27<sup>th</sup> Oct, a gunman murdered 11 innocent Jews at a Pittsburgh synagogue. The CNN report "[Hate crime charges filed in Pittsburgh synagogue shooting that left 11 dead](#)" notes that in 2017 anti-Semitic incidents in the US surged by nearly 60%...

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<sup>2</sup> <sup>2</sup>Note – all Jews have leverage here- on account of how the UK treated them in the run up to WW2 and how they suffered in the war. Our collective guilt is profound... But only Zionists use those levers

<sup>3</sup> The use of the term "anti-Semite" shows little likelihood of being worn out by over-use. The Jewish [Board of Deputies](#) is particularly fond of it. They claim to speak for all Jews in the UK, although it's now clear they don't. See the [Neturei Karta](#) and their [Jews for Jeremy](#) flyer

## IHRA Member Countries

### Member Countries:

Argentina 2002  
Austria 2001  
Belgium 2005  
Canada 2009  
Croatia 2005  
Czech Republic 2002  
Denmark 2004  
Estonia 2007  
Finland 2010  
France 1999  
Germany 1998  
Greece 2005  
Hungary 2002  
Ireland 2011  
Israel 1998  
Italy 1999  
Latvia 2004  
Lithuania 2002  
Luxembourg 2003  
Netherlands 1999  
Norway 2003  
Poland 1999  
Romania 2004  
Serbia 2011  
Slovakia 2005  
Slovenia 2011  
Spain 2008  
Sweden 1998  
Switzerland 2004  
United Kingdom 1998  
USA 1998

### Observer & Liaison Countries:

Albania	Observer
Australia	Liaison
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Observer
Bulgaria	Liaison
El Salvador	Observer
Macedonia	Observer
Moldova	Observer
Monaco	Observer
Portugal	Observer
Turkey	Observer
Uruguay	Observer

Country or Territory	Core Jewish Population	Population per Jewish Person	Enlarged Jewish Populatio
World	14,511,000 <sup>[1]</sup>	505	20,000,000
Israel <sup>[6]</sup>	6,589,000 <sup>[1]</sup>	1.33	6,956,000
United States	5,700,000 <sup>[25]</sup>	53	7,282,000
France	465,000	139	600,000
Canada	385,000	90	550,000
United Kingdom	269,568	220	370,000
Russia	186,000	766	500,000
Argentina	181,300 - 230,000 <sup>[26]</sup>	238	330,000
Germany	99,695	832	250,000
Australia	112,500	213	135,000
Brazil	95,000 <sup>[27]</sup>	2,133	150,000
South Africa	70,000	691	80,000 - 92,000 <sup>[28]</sup>
Ukraine	63,000	703	400,000
Hungary	47,900	207	150,000
Mexico	40,000 - 67,476 <sup>[29]</sup>	3,007	50,000 - 67,476
Spain	30,000	900	50,000 <sup>[30]</sup> <sup>[31]</sup> <sup>[32]</sup>
Belgium	30,000	348	40,000
Netherlands	29,900	563	45,000
Italy	28,000	2,171	45,000 <sup>[33]</sup> <sup>[34]</sup> <sup>[35]</sup>
Poland <sup>[6]</sup>	8,000 <sup>[39]</sup> <sup>[40]</sup>	4,750	12,000 - 100,000 <sup>[38]</sup>
Switzerland	19,000	424	25,000
Chile	18,500	939	25,000
Turkey	17,200	4,801	21,000
Sweden	15,000	648	20,000
Uruguay	12,000 <sup>[41]</sup> - 17,200	278	25,000
Belarus	11,500	835	25,000
Panama	10,000	361	11,000
Romania	9,400	2,312	20,000
Austria	9,000	914	20,000
Iran	8,756 <sup>[42]</sup>	9,186	12,000
Azerbaijan	9,100 <sup>[43]</sup>	1,113	16,000
Venezuela	8,000	3,608	12,000
New Zealand	6,867 <sup>[44]</sup>	655	10,000 <sup>[45]</sup>
Denmark	6,400	870	8,500
Morocco	6,000 <sup>[46]</sup>	13,745	6,500
Latvia	5,600	387	12,000
Hong Kong	5,000 <sup>[47]</sup>	1,422	5,000
India	5,000	247,269	7,000
Greece	4,500	2,398	6,000
Colombia	4,500	10,277	5,200
Czech Republic	3,900	2,725	15,000
Uzbekistan	3,800	7,613	8,000
Moldova	3,700	960	7,500
Kazakhstan	3,100	5,700	6,000
Lithuania	2,900	1,209	6,500
Georgia	2,800	1,763	6,000
Slovakia	2,600	2,093	4,500
Singapore	2,500 <sup>[48]</sup>	10,557	500
Costa Rica	2,500	1,902	3,000
China	2,500	542,277	3,000
Bulgaria	2,000	3,462	6,000
Estonia	2,000	629	3,400
Peru	1,900	16,867	3,000
Croatia	1,700	2,629	3,000
Ireland	2,000 <sup>[49]</sup>	3,020	2,400
Puerto Rico	1,500	2,431	2,600
Uganda	1,500 <sup>[50]</sup>	23,089	2,500
Japan	300 <sup>[51]</sup>	422,240	no data
Serbia	1,400	5,149	2,800
Finland	1,300	4,052	1,000
Norway	770 <sup>[52]</sup>	6,828	1,400 <sup>[53]</sup>
Paraguay	900	7,448	1,500
Guatemala	900	16,274	1,600
Tunisia	900	12,153	1,100
Ecuador	290	26,090	300
Luxembourg	600	867	900
Portugal	600	18,022	1,000
Gibraltar	600	48	800
Cuba	500	22,094	1,500
United States Virgin Islands	500	208	700
Bolivia	500	21,262	900
Bosnia and Herzegovina	500	7,742	1,000
Kyrgyzstan	500	11,208	1,000
Zimbabwe	400	34,430	600
Armenia	300 - 500 <sup>[54]</sup>	10,200	300 - 500
Bahamas	300	1,070	400
Vietnam	300 <sup>[55]</sup>	311,403	300
Kenya	300	150,033	700
Pakistan	200 <sup>[56]</sup> - 1500 <sup>[57]</sup>	980,870	1,500
Lebanon	200 <sup>[58]</sup> <sup>[59]</sup>	29,415	200
Jamaica	200	14,650	400
Netherlands Antilles	200	1,525	400
Suriname	200	2,865	400
Turkmenistan	200	25,860	400
Thailand	200	338,705	300
French Polynesia	120 <sup>[60]</sup>	1,533	120
Macedonia	260	20,910	360
South Korea	150	490,400	200
Philippines	100	1,076,680	200
Dominican Republic	260	103,497	200
El Salvador	100	61,255	200
Cyprus	100	11,724	200
Malta	100	4,126	1000
Slovenia	100	19,882	200
Taiwan	100	233,600	200
Ethiopia	100	966,334	1,000
Botswana	100	21,558	200
Democratic Republic of the Congo	100	774,337	200
Namibia	100	21,984	200
Nigeria	100	1,771,558	200
United Arab Emirates	100	91,570	500
Iceland	100	3,325	250
Yemen	40 <sup>[61]</sup> - 50	289,467	300
Martinique	90 <sup>[62]</sup>	4,289	90
Fiji	60 <sup>[63]</sup>	15,050	60
New Caledonia	50 <sup>[64]</sup>	5,340	50
Albania	40 - 50 <sup>[65]</sup>	75,500	40 - 50
Egypt	18 <sup>[66]</sup>	5,259,277	40 - 50
Bahrain	36 <sup>[67]</sup>	36,500	36
Liechtenstein	26 <sup>[68]</sup>	1,467	30