

During October and November of 2022, CyberWell identified five major antisemitic narratives and tropes spurring online antisemitism as a reaction to or in defense of Ye's (formerly, Kanye West) repeated and ongoing antisemitic statements.

Current major antisemitic narratives online:

- 1. Jews are greedy, wealthy, money-obsessed and control the economy/wealth
- 2. Jews control the media and/or Hollywood
- 3. Jews are in a conspiracy of slavery and/or purposeful exploitation of Black people
- 4. Synagogue of Satan -Specific terminology, rooted in a passage from the <u>New Testament</u>, but used by Black Hebrew Israelites, the Nation of Islam and other radical Christian groups and believers to promote the antisemitic narrative that Jews are imposters and/or worship a false God and/or Satan (religious demonization of Jews).
- 5. Jewish people are not Jewish people/Jews are false

Current text trends spreading antisemitic content:

#kanyeisright | #yeisright | #letyespeak | Kanye is right | Ye is Right | Let Ye speak | "business people" as a code for Jews | #Ashkenazi | #TheNoticing | #jewishmedia | #RedMedia

The increased amount of content perpetuating the aforementioned tropes can be easily monitored and identified by social media platforms, as much of the content is being created in 'defense' of Kanye or his statements. While we recognize that the term "Kanye is right", alone, may not violate the digital policies or community standards of the social media platforms, the phenomenon at hand is what is alarming — widespread defense of an antisemite and, in effect, normalization of antisemitism. Similarly, during the May 2021 Israeli Operation Guardian of the Walls, #hitlerwasright was Tweeted approximately 20,000 times over the course of a week. This phrase and variations thereof (i.e. hitler was good, we need hitler) was not limited to Twitter's platform alone and reverberated throughout mainstream social media platforms. Saying Ye, or Kyrie Irving, or Dave Chapelle, for that matter, are 'right about Jews' does not equate to justifying the architect of the largest genocide in human history. However, sharing antisemitic

conspiracies with a combined social media following of 50 million people as Ye did, or combined social media following of 22.5 million as Irving did - a total following of 77.5 million accounts - only to be defended, supported and reinforced by hundreds of thousands of instances of additional misinformation, hate and tropes meant to inspire fear - most undoubtedly normalizes Jew-hatred and enhances hostility that will lead to real violence. (See **this section** for more detail about increased incidents of hate crimes against Jews during October - November 2022, following Ye's antisemitic statements.)

The most prevalent types of antisemitism online right now:

The major narratives being pumped through social media platforms as a result of repeating or defending the stereotypes, ahistorical and inaccurate descriptions of antisemitism and anti-Jewish statements, that were made by Ye and promoted by Irving, are typically most consistent with the following criteria of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) working definition of antisemitism. The IHRA working definition is officially adopted by 38 countries alongside countless state and regional governments, and provides 11 criteria by which to identify Jew-hatred in a variety of forms. All data collected, vetted and reported by CyberWell is classified by one of the 11 criteria of the working definition, alongside the relevant policy of the respective source platform that is violated.

Second criterion, "Making mendacious, dehumanizing, demonizing, or stereotypical allegations about Jews as such or the power of Jews as collective — such as, especially but not exclusively, the myth about a world Jewish conspiracy or of Jews controlling the media, economy, government or other societal institutions."

Third criterion, "Accusing Jews as a people of being responsible for real or imagined wrongdoing committed by a single Jewish person or group, or even for acts committed by non-Jews." (Specifically, in context, holding all Jewish people accountable for the historical injustices of slavery in the United States and the socio-economic effects thereof on the status of African Americans today.)

Relevant community standards:

Twitter: <u>Hateful Conduct</u> | "We prohibit targeting individuals and groups with content intended to incite fear or spread fearful stereotypes about a protected category".

Twitter received a tailored alert on the state of antisemitism on their platform on Sunday, November 6th and have yet to respond. The antisemitic hashtag #TheNoticing first appeared on Twitter on

October 27, 2022, was mentioned on the platform over 80,000 times over the course of three weeks, and gained over 300,000 interactions with users.

YouTube: <u>Hate Speech Policy</u> | "Incite hatred against individuals or groups based on any of the attributes noted".

YouTube received a tailored alert on the state of antisemitism on their platform on Friday, November 11th and have yet to respond. The most present antisemitic narrative on YouTube is the usage of the term "Synagogue of Satan" as synonymous with Jewish people, to perpetuate the idea that Jews are impostors, disguising themselves as monotheists, but in reality are anti-Christ/anti-deist devil worshipers. This fringe belief is promoted by sects of Black Hebrew Israelites, the Nation of Islam and certain Christian Identarian groups. Claiming that Jews are not real or fake is rooted in this deeper accusation.

TikTok: <u>Hateful Behavior</u> | "We define hate speech or behavior as content that attacks, threatens, incites violence against, or otherwise dehumanizes an individual or a group on the basis of protected attributes".

TikTok received a tailored alert on the state of antisemitism on their platform on Friday, November 11th and have yet to respond.

Meta: Hate Speech, Tier I "Designated dehumanizing comparisons, generalizations, or behavioral statements (in written or visual form)."

Certain images of antisemitic flyers that were disseminated in various communities in the United States also appeared on Instagram. Meta was also alerted to unfolding trends by CyberWell and confirmed that the alert was sent to review by their Hate Speech Team.

Instagram



Caption: "#antijewish #theyhateus #wakeup #kanyeisright

"Free thinking BLACKS was always A threat to the plantation and slavery"

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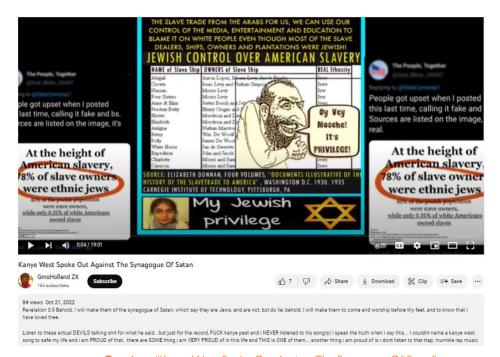
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YouTube



Caption: "@Kanye West (@Ye) tells the Synagogue of Satan they're Jew-Ish"

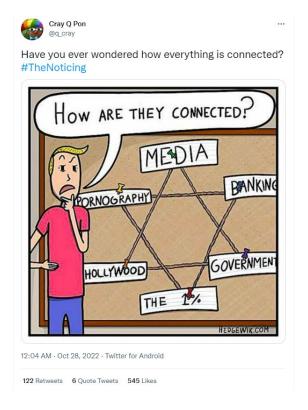
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Caption: "Kanye West Spoke Out Against The Synagogue Of Satan"

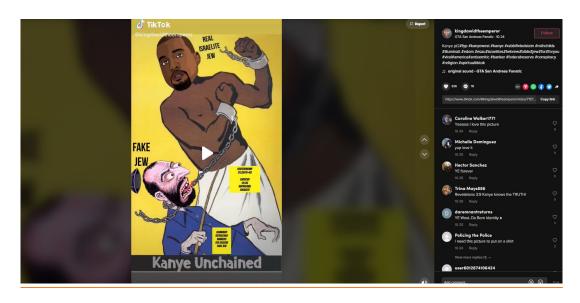
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Twitter



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TikTok



Caption: "Real Israelite Jew, Fake Jew, Kanye Unchained" [see the image"

Hashtags: #illuminati #kanyewest #jew #banker

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Hate Crimes against Jews & Antisemitic Incidents, October - November 2022
Rise in Antisemitism feared after banner saying Kanye is hung over Los
Angeles freeway

October 24th, 2022 | Source: <u>NBC</u> | A number of people raised their arms in a Nazi salute as they stood behind the banner, which was hung on a bridge over Interstate 405 on Saturday.



Two Jewish youths attacked in NYC in separate incidents

October 24th, 2022 | Source: NYPD Official Twitter | WANTED FOR AGGRAVATED HARASSMENT: On 10/24 at 1:05 PM, in front of 1301 E. 18 St in Brooklyn, the suspects approached a 15-year-old male dressed in traditional Jewish garb, made anti-Jewish statements & threw multiple eggs at him. Any info? DM

Kyrie Irving Boosts Antisemitic Movie Peddling "Jewish Slave Ships"

October 29th, 2022 | Source: Rolling Stone Magazine | The video is based on a venomously antisemitic book which asserts that "many famous high-ranking Jews" have "admitted" to "worship[ing] Satan or Lucifer."

Truck with message saying "Jews did 9/11 drives through Long Island"

October 29th, 2022 | Source: <u>Jerusalem Post</u> | A truck with the message "Jews did 9/11" emblazoned across it was seen driving through Long Island, New York on Tuesday this week. Please note, Long Island is a prominent home of the Jewish community of New York.



Antisemitic messages found outside UGA football game in Jacksonville

October 30th, 2022 | Source: WSBTV | Tweets and videos show antisemitic messages that were spotted in Jacksonville outside of TIAA Bank Field. The antisemitic message, "Kanye is right about the jews!!!" was displayed both on the stadium itself and on a building downtown.

Racist, Antisemitic Graffiti Spray Painted in Weston Neighborhood

October 30th, 2022 | Source: <u>NBC Miami</u> | Residents in a Weston neighborhood are seeking answers after racist and antisemitic graffiti was spray painted in the area **for the second time in** less than a month.

Arrest made in U-Albany antisemitic sticker case

October 31th, 2022 | Source: CNY | Just days after finding antisemitic postings on the U-Albany campus, University Police make an arrest. Police say on Tuesday evening disturbing stickers were posted throughout the U-Albany campus.

Attorney in Huston Blames his Demise on Jewish Power and Control

November 1th, 2022 | Source: <u>StopAntisemitism</u> | A disbarred attorney by the name of William Edwin Collard Jr. (Pasadena, Texas) is driving around the Houston area spreading false antisemitic conspiracy theories of Jewish power & control.



Detroit Jewish center evacuated after Pipe Bomb Threat

November 1th, 2022 | Source: FOX 2 Detroit | A bomb threat at the Jewish Community Center of Metropolitan Detroit's academy caused an evacuation and police sweep of the premises Tuesday afternoon. No devices were found after a police search.

'Disgraceful, Horrific': Antisemitic Messages on Stoneham Lawn Being Investigated

November 1st, 2022 | Source: <u>10 Boston Local</u> | A Jewish family in Stoneham, Massachusetts, found multiple swastikas made of paper left in front of their home Tuesday morning, which police are investigating as a possible hate crime.



Jewish centers in L.A. remain on alert after individual identified in threats to New Jersey synagogues

November 4th, 2022 | Source: Los Angeles Times | An individual was identified Friday in connection with a threat to synagogues in New Jersey, but the Jewish community in Los Angeles remains on alert after a recent spate of antisemitic incidents in and around the city.

An antisemitic message was found spray-painted on the side of a town home in Brookhaven.

November 2nd, 2022 | Source: FOX 5 | "Jews Kill Blacks" was spray painted on the side of a home next to a MARTA station.

New York City Ups Synagogue Security After N.J. Threat On Heels Of Kanye West, Kyrie Irving Antisemitic Rhetoric

November 4th, 2022 | Source: Forbes | New York City Mayor Eric Adams (D) said Friday the city will devote more police to protecting Jewish "houses of worship" over the weekend following a reported threat to synagogues in New Jersey, which came after a series of high-profile antisemitic remarks from rapper Kanye West and basketball star Kyrie Irving.



Police officers stand watch outside the United Synagogue of Hoboken, New Jersey, on Thursday.

Residents of St. Petersburg residences in Florida have reported hundreds of antisemitic flyers found in their yards

November 5th, 2022 | Source: Florida Politics | Charlie Crist, Pinellas legislators condemn antisemitic attacks in St. Petersburg. Residents have reported hundreds of anti-Semitic flyers found in their yards.

Cars vandalized with antisemitic slur outside a home in Stow, Massachusetts

November 7th, 2022 | Source: 7 News Boston | Stow Police have been reviewing evidence after receiving reports of a home and cars being damaged on North Shore Drive Saturday morning.

Responding officers found that tires on two cars there had been slashed, while an antisemitic slur was carved into one of them.

Rocks Thrown at Manhattan Jewish Day School

November 11th, 2022 | Source: The Algemeiner | A Jewish day school in the Upper East Side section New York City was vandalized on Wednesday night. "Ramaz's security cameras show a man throwing a rock at the building's bulletproof glass door," school officials from The Ramaz School said in a statement on Thursday.

Dave Chappelle and Normalizing Black Antisemitism

November 12th, 2022 | Source: DailyBeast | On a Saturday Night Live episode Chappelle went on to explain that over his 35-year career, he has come to learn that there are "two words in the English language that you should never say together in sequence: 'The' and 'Jews.'

Similar incidents, where hundreds of antisemitic flyers were distributed in different US neighborhoods, have happened over the last few months

November 13th, 2022 | Source: Reddit |

"This was on everybody's porch in my neighborhood today".



The Kent County Democratic Party says someone vandalized its headquarters with antisemitic graffiti

November 14th, 2022 | Source: FOX17 | The Kent County Democratic Party Chair Bill Saxton: "The antisemitic graffiti discovered this morning on our headquarters in Kent County is not only shocking and disappointing, but is a direct assault on what should be the core values of all citizens, regardless of political party preference".



Graffiti on Bethesda Trolley Trail Calls for 'No Mercy for Jews'

November 14th, 2022 | Source: <u>mymcmedia</u> | For the second time in about three months, antisemitic graffiti was posted along the Bethesda Trolley Trail, in the Wildwood neighborhood area.



'Kanye was rite': Jewish cemetery vandalized with swastikas in suburban Chicago

November 14th, 2022 | Source: FOX 32 Chicago | Hate strikes in the northern suburbs, as Jewish headstones were spray-painted with swastikas in a Waukegan cemetery. Police are now investigating.



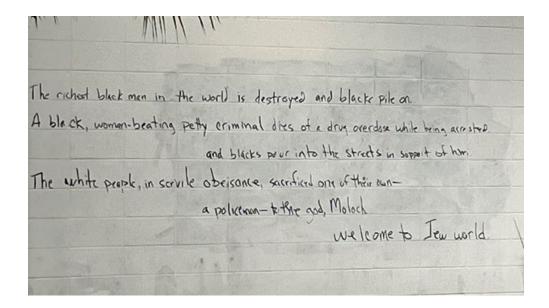
Libertarian Party embraces antisemitism

November 15th, 2022 | Source: <u>Boingboing | Twitter | "</u>Vocal antisemitism from unexpected quarters brings an immediately liberating effect to their own: here's its take on Sam Bankman-Fried, the disgraced crypto bro whose exchange spectacularly collapsed last week. The depiction incorporates the antisemitic "happy merchant" meme".



Antisemitic graffiti found in Miami

November 15th, 2022 | Source: StopAntisemitism | "Welcome to Jew world" was among the horrifying antisemitic graffiti found in Miami yesterday.



Waves of bomb threats hit Jewish schools across the US

November 19th, 2022 | Source: The Jerusalem Post | At Jewish day schools in Texas and Pennsylvania, bomb threats were made to these institutions, forcing them to evacuate for student safety.

2 men arrested, 1 with Nazi arm-band, accused of making threats to attack New York synagogue, NYPD says

November 19th, 2022 | Source: <u>CNN</u> | Two men have been arrested and charged in connection with online threats to attack a New York City synagogue, multiple law enforcement sources have told CNN.

Kyrie Irving's return to Nets met with support from Black Hebrew Israelites

November 21st, 2022 | Source: Washington Examiner | Kyrie Irving returned to the Barclays Center after serving more than a two-week suspension, with support outside coming from a group of over a 100 or so members of the antisemitic Black Hebrew Israelite group, United In Christ Israel, chanting "We are the real Jews" and "Time to wake up".