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REGIONAL DAY OF ACTION

Be Heard in Congress: Join ADL's Fight Against Extremism



Rep. Tom Malinowski
Congressman of New
Jersey's 7th District



Rep. Ritchie Torres
Congressman of New
York's 15th District



Carmiel Arbit
Director of Government
Relations, ADL

Thursday, February 25th

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM ET

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For more information or any questions, please reach out to Hannah Sattler at hsattler@adl.org.



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The panel discussion will be moderated by Rabbi Joseph Potasnik, Executive Vice President of the New York Board of Rabbis, and Scott Richman, ADL NY/NJ Regional Director.

Hear more about ADL's PROTECT plan, how you can be heard in Congress, and show courage by contacting your local policymakers.

BE HEARD IN CONGRESS: JOIN ADL'S FIGHT AGAINST EXTREMISM

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ADL NATIONAL UPDATES

PLATFORM	EXPLICIT HOLOCAUST DENIAL POLICY?	GENERAL HATE POLICY?	EFFECTIVE PRODUCT LEVEL EFFORTS TO ADDRESS HOLOCAUST DENIAL?	RESPONSE WITHIN 24 HOURS?	NOTIFICATION OF POLICY REASON FOR ENFORCEMENT?	ACTION TAKEN AGAINST HOLOCAUST DENIAL?	GRADE
Twitch	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	B
Twitter	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	C
YouTube	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	C
TikTok	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	C
Roblox	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	C
Facebook (including Instagram)	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	D
Discord	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	D
Reddit	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	D
Steam	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	D

Note: In creating this framework for evaluating the efforts of digital social platforms, we weighted enforcement more heavily than policy and explicit policies more heavily than general policies. Additionally, because no platform had affirmative results in every category, we did not award any platform an "A."

ONLINE HOLOCAUST DENIAL REPORT CARD

ADL recently evaluated 10 major digital social platforms on their efforts to effectively address Holocaust denial content on their platforms. The results of this investigation aim to encourage further research and investment by tech platforms in order to better address the spread of Holocaust denial.

One noteworthy finding is platforms with explicit Holocaust denial policies did not necessarily do better enforcing those policies against reported content. This raises questions about what makes for an effective platform policy—does expanding platform rules to include a longer list of specific phenomena result in a meaningful change for targeted communities? Our investigation cannot answer this broad question, but it urgently requires a more definitive answer.

To read ADL's full report, please [click here](#).



THE PROTECT PLAN TO FIGHT DOMESTIC TERRORISM

In response to the attack on the U.S. Capitol and in an effort to address the overall increase in domestic terrorism, while protecting civil liberties, ADL announced the PROTECT Plan. Together, these [seven actions](#) would significantly help prevent and counter domestic terrorism – more so than any one law – and can do so while protecting vulnerable communities against the risk of government overreach.

- **Press Release:** [ADL Finds Domestic Extremist Murders in 2020 Overwhelmingly Linked to Far-Right Extremists](#)
- **PROTECT Fact Sheet:** [Seven facts of the PROTECT Plan to help prevent domestic terrorism](#)
- **Social Media Toolkit:** [Raise awareness and share on social media to join ADL to #ProtectAgainstHate](#)

Domestic terrorism is a threat that impacts everyone. Join ADL by calling on policymakers to act now and end extremism. To learn more and access additional resources [click here](#).

To sign the petition and stand with ADL, please [click here](#).

ADL NY/NJ REGIONAL UPDATES



NEW JERSEY HOMELAND SECURITY AND STATE PREPAREDNESS - DOXING AND SWATTING BILL

ADL NY/NJ has been working with the NJ Attorney General's Office since the implementation of the Youth Bias Task Force. As part of the recommendations of the Task Force a bill was introduced in the Assembly Senate to address a number of issues.

- The bill would add three preexisting cyber-related offenses to New Jersey's ethnic intimidation statute (hate crime), including the crime of initiating a "false public alarm" also known as "swatting."
- A.4833 would ensure that "mixed motive" hate crimes are covered under New Jersey law. If, for example, a suspect vandalizes a synagogue because of a deep hatred towards Jews, but also because he is angered by the amount of traffic that the synagogue brings to his neighborhood, it is critical that this incident be treated as a hate crime.
- The bill would ensure that "associational" hate crimes — in other words, crimes in which a victim is attacked not because of the victim's own protected characteristics, but because of their association with a person or group who has or is perceived to have those characteristics — are covered under New Jersey law.
- We are pleased to see that A.4833 would expand the crime of cyber-harassment to include doxing—the posting of private or identifying information about an individual, group or organization with the intent that the information be used against the target for an unlawful purpose.

To listen to ADL NY/NJ's Regional Director, Scott Richman's recent testimony at the New Jersey State Legislature Assembly, please [click here](#).



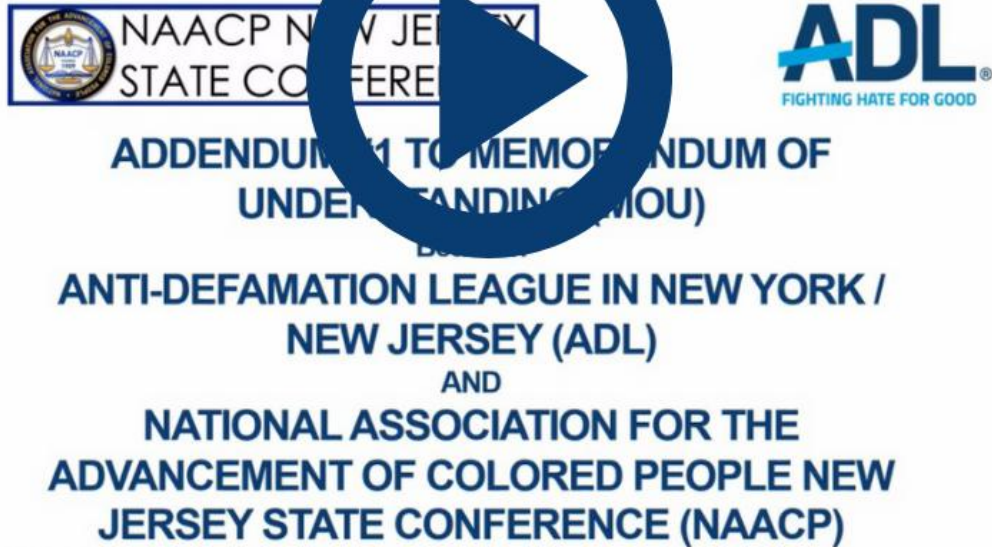
URGE THE NJ ASSEMBLY TO STAND UP AGAINST EXTREMISM

Working with our legislative partners, ADL is putting forth a resolution in the New Jersey Assembly condemning hate and extremism. The resolution simultaneously affirms New Jersey's commitment to a society that celebrates diversity, and the state's desire to cultivate an environment of inclusion for its people.

We urge you to sign the petition below and call upon your Assembly representatives to reaffirm their commitment to oppose hate and extremism.

With your support, we hope this resolution will pass and send a strong message that hate and extremism are not welcome in our state. Thank you for standing with ADL.

[SIGN THE PETITION](#)



ADL NY/NJ AND NJ NAACP VIRTUAL MOU SIGNING

On February 3rd, ADL NY/NJ and the New Jersey NAACP commenced the second phase of a multi-year partnership working to fight hate against the rising tide of hate crimes and discrimination facing marginalized communities in New Jersey. The partnership is rooted in shared values between ADL and the NJ NAACP: opposing hate and discrimination; promoting safe and inclusive communities; and protecting people's civil rights. The agreement was signed by Richard Smith, President of NJ NAACP, and Scott Richman, ADL's NY/NJ Regional Director.

As part of the partnership, ADL NY/NJ and the NJ NAACP will launch a series of town halls and listening sessions throughout New Jersey to raise awareness about the organizations' collaboration and the importance of identifying and reporting bias-related incidents. The campaign will also work to build bridges of acceptance and understanding among ADL and NAACP constituents, and respond with a united voice to racism, antisemitism, and all forms of hate in New Jersey.

To read the full press release, please [click here](#) and to watch the virtual

signing, please click the image above or the button below.

[CLICK HERE TO WATCH RECORDING](#)

2021 Virtual Students Together Opposing Prejudice (STOP) Conference

The Fight Marches On: The Civil Rights Movement of the Past, the Present and the Future

VIRTUAL 17TH ANNUAL STOP CONFERENCE

On January 22nd, ADL NY/NJ hosted its 17th annual Students Together Opposing Prejudice (STOP) Conference, in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. This year's conference was held virtually for the very first time and was extremely impactful.

We welcomed students and educators from over 25 [No Place For Hate](#) schools. Participants were energized and inspired through learning about the Civil Rights Movement of the past, present and future, and were able to gain firsthand knowledge of ways to take action in their communities from emerging, young activists in the New York region.

One participant reflected on the day by writing "*One thing I will take away from this conference is that **I have the means to be myself and pursue my dreams of equity for all, despite the obstacles in my way, and that there are many students who feel just as I do about the world around us***".

Congratulations to our participants and ADL NY/NJ Education team on a phenomenal conference!

EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES



BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Since 1976, every U.S. president has officially designated the month of February as Black History Month, which is an annual celebration of achievements by Black Americans and a time for recognizing the central role of African Americans in U.S. history. Black History Month grew out of “Negro History Week,” the brainchild of historian Carter G. Woodson and other prominent African Americans.

ADL has created the following guides, [K-12 curriculum and other resources](#) to bring the themes of Black History Month to your home or classroom during February and all year long. Black history is American history and should be celebrated throughout the year.

To access ADL Education's various lesson plans and curriculum resources, please [click here](#).

ADL NY/NJ SPEAKS OUT

- ["Lawmakers Call for QAnon Crackdown as More Women Follow Baseless Conspiracies" \(Insider NJ\).](#)
- ["Protecting our schools from cyberhate" \(Newsday\).](#)

- [Scott Richman, ADL NY/NJ Regional Director spoke at Mercer County Commission on taking a stand against extremism.](#)
 - [Scott Richman, ADL NY/NJ Regional Director, and Reverend Dr. Stephen Pogue joined NY Association of Towns panel discussion on speaking out against hate.](#)
 - [Scott Richman, ADL NY/NJ Regional Director, and Alexander Rosenberg, ADL NY/NJ Deputy Regional Director, held a clergy briefing on the state of antisemitism in New Jersey. They were joined by Deputy Director Andrew Campi of New Jersey's Homeland Security.](#)
 - ["Chelsea Foundation Join Forces with ADL to Launch 'Say No To Hate' Programme Across Schools in the UK"\(Chelsea FC\).](#)
 - ["Reclaiming History with ADL Regional Director Scott Richman - The Fight Against Hate Pt.1" \(WOOC 105.3 FM, Reclaiming History\).](#)
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