



DEFINITION OF THOUGHT CRIME:

an idea or opinion that
is illegal or considered socially unacceptable according to
the people in authority,

1. Are you aware of the ambiguous words contained in the definition of Antisemitism in Texas state law?

The current definition of Antisemitism originates from [the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance's \(IHRA\) "Working Definition of Antisemitism"](#). The title of this document is clearly noted as a "**NON-LEGALLY BINDING** working definition of antisemitism." In [TX Government Code Sec. 448.001\(2\)](#): "Antisemitism" means a **certain perception** of Jews that may be **expressed as hatred** toward Jews. The term includes *rhetorical and physical acts of antisemitism* directed toward Jewish or non-Jewish individuals or their property or toward Jewish community institutions and religious facilities.

Examples of antisemitism are included with [the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance's \(IHRA\) "Working Definition of Antisemitism" adopted on May 26, 2016](#). It should be noted that on March 25, 2025 in the Senate Education K-16 committee hearing on companion bill SB 326 by King, statements from **Senator King and Senator Bettencourt indicated that neither were aware that the state law included a list of 11 examples from the Working Definition of Antisemitism**. It should also be noted that the list is preceded with the words, "*included, but not limited to.*" The legislature took "**non-legally binding**" language that includes vague and ambiguous terms of "**certain perception**" and "**expressed as hatred**", which are now "**legally binding**" and subject to adjudication and penalties.

2. What are current Supreme Court Rulings regarding free speech?

These rulings clearly define the protection of free speech to include:

A. [Moody v. NetChoice, LLC](#) (2024) Author: [Elena Kagan](#)

a state may not interfere with private actors' speech to advance its own vision of ideological balance.

B. [National Rifle Association of America v. Vullo](#) (2024) Author: [Sonia Sotomayor](#)

Rulings go on to clarify protections that *prohibits government officials from wielding their power selectively to punish or suppress speech.*

3. Are laws enacted with reference to the IHRA definition of antisemitism **establish a protected class of citizen based upon race, religion, and nationality** which is a violation of the 14th Amendment?

"No State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; **nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws.**"

4. What examples are listed as classic Antisemitism with wording "*including, but not limited to.*"

#9. Using the symbols and images associated with classic antisemitism (e.g., **claims of Jews killing Jesus or blood libel**) to characterize Israel or Israelis. Luke 23:21 "But they cried, saying, Crucify him ..."

Who will determine which scriptures from God's Holy Bible meets the definition of Antisemitism and are subject to the law's associated penalties?

Dear Texas Legislator, please respond with your initials to the following two questions.

1. Is it your perception that TX Gov't Code 448.001 definition of antisemitism infringes on our 1st and 14th amendment rights? _____ Yes _____ No
2. Do you support the elimination of TX Gov't Code 448.001? _____ Yes _____ No

Name: _____ District: _____ Date: _____ Office #: _____



Supplemental Information

Sec. 448.001. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter:

(1) "Advisory commission" means the Texas Holocaust, Genocide, and Antisemitism Advisory Commission.

(2) "Antisemitism" means a **certain perception** of Jews that may be **expressed as hatred** toward Jews. The term includes rhetorical and physical acts of antisemitism directed toward Jewish or non-Jewish individuals or their property or toward Jewish community institutions and religious facilities. **Examples of antisemitism are included with the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance's "Working Definition of Antisemitism" adopted on May 26, 2016.**

(3) "Commission" means the Texas Historical Commission.

(4) "Genocide" means any of the following acts committed with intent to wholly or partly destroy a national, ethnic, racial, or religious group: (A) killing members of the group; (B) causing serious bodily or mental harm to members of the group; (C) deliberately inflicting on the group conditions of life calculated to wholly or partly cause the group's physical destruction; (D) imposing measures intended to prevent births within the group; or (E) forcibly transferring children of the group to another group.

(5) "Holocaust" means the killing of approximately six million Jews and millions of other persons during World War II by the National Socialist German Workers' Party (Nazis) and Nazi collaborators as part of a state-sponsored, systematic program of genocide and other acts of persecution, discrimination, violence, or other human rights violations committed by the Nazis and Nazi collaborators against those persons.

Added by Acts 2021, 87th Leg., R.S., Ch. 897 (H.B. 3257), Sec. 1, eff. September 1, 2021.

IHRA non-legally binding working definition of antisemitism: ... included but not limited to:

1. Calling for, aiding, or justifying the killing or harming of Jews in the name of a radical ideology or an extremist view of religion.
2. 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.
3. 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 nonJews.
4. Denying the fact, scope, mechanisms (e.g. gas chambers) or intentionality of the genocide of the Jewish people at the hands of National Socialist Germany and its supporters and accomplices during World War II (the Holocaust).
5. Accusing the Jews as a people, or Israel as a state, of inventing or exaggerating the Holocaust.
6. Accusing Jewish citizens of being more loyal to Israel, or to the alleged priorities of Jews worldwide, than to the interests of their own nations.
7. Denying the Jewish people their right to self-determination, e.g., by claiming that the existence of a State of Israel is a racist endeavor.
8. Applying double standards by requiring of it a behavior not expected or demanded of any other democratic nation.
9. **Using the symbols and images associated with classic antisemitism (e.g., **claims of Jews killing Jesus or blood libel**) to characterize Israel or Israelis.**
10. Drawing comparisons of contemporary Israeli policy to that of the Nazis.
11. Holding Jews collectively responsible for actions of the state of Israel.