

[« A Death Warrant for the Future](#)

[Obamathink on Afghanistan: Escalate to Exit »](#)

[Ads by Google](#)

[Clean Energy](#)

## Will Congress Criminalize Anti-Semitism and Israeli Criticism?

December 4th, 2009 6:15 AM [Print](#)

By **Stephen Lendman**



In the current climate, perhaps given:

- America's police state laws;
- no due process or judicial fairness for any state target;
- mass illegal surveillance;
- targeting dissent; and
- the power of the Israeli Lobby over Congress, the media, academia, the clergy, and most anyone confronting them.

During Israel's war on Gaza, only 5 of 535 congressional members dissented on pro-Israeli resolutions.

On January 8, 2009, the Senate unanimously passed S 10: "A resolution recognizing the right of Israel to defend itself against attacks from Gaza and reaffirming the United States' strong support for Israel in its battle with Hamas, and supporting the Israeli-Palestinian (no peace) peace process."

On January 9, the House, by a 390 - 5 vote, passed HR 34 "Recognizing Israel's right to defend itself against attacks from Gaza, reaffirming the United States' strong support for Israel, and supporting the Israeli-Palestinian (no peace) peace process." More on this below.

Then on October 28, Obama signed the expanded 2009 Hate Crimes Prevention Act, some call a stealth war on free expression and civil liberties. More on this as well.

Also consider events in Canada, initiated by a body called the Canadian Parliamentary Coalition to Combat Antisemitism (CPCCA), a voluntary association of 22 MPs investigating anti-semitism because, it says:

Its "extent and severity is widely regarded as at its worst level since the end of the Second World War," despite contrary evidence and much to show how Israel twists opposition to Zionism and its international law violations to be an attack on Jews.

On October 29, in fact, Reuters reported that:

"Anti-Semitic attitudes in the United States are at a historic low, with 12 percent of Americans prejudiced toward Jews, an Anti-Defamation League (ADL) survey found" based on polling done from September 26 - October 4 with a margin of error of plus or minus 2.8%.

ADL said the level of anti-Semitism matched 1998's as the lowest in the poll's 45-year history. Yet in his 2003 book, "Never Again? The Threat Of The New Anti-Semitism," national director, Abraham Foxman, said he's:

"convinced we currently face as great a threat to the safety of the Jewish people as the one we faced in the 1930s - if not a greater one," contradicted by Cato Institute research fellow Leon Hadar (writing in the January 2004 Chronicles) that public opinion polls "indicate anti-Semitism (both its racial and religious versions) has been in steep decline in most of Western Europe...."

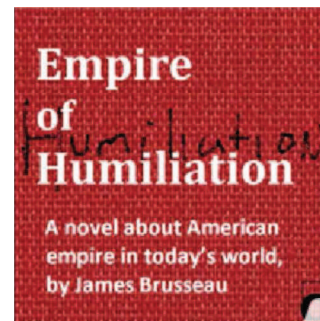
Yet various Canadian Jewish organizations, including Hillel, B'nai Brith, and the Canadian Jewish Congress cite rising anti-Semitic incidents. On March 31, 2009, for example, B'Nai Brith Canada claimed Canadian anti-Semitic incidents rose 8.9% in 2008 over 2007, with "more than (a) four-fold increase in incidents over the past decade."

The result gets bodies like CPCCA to exploit it, with disturbing implications of where this may lead, including calling opposition to Zionism and Israeli crimes anti-Semitism, and criminalizing them at a time the global BDS (Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions) movement is gaining traction in the wake of Operation Cast Lead and 42 years of military occupation.

CPCCA's web site (cpcca.ca) says:

"In February 2009, parliamentarians from around the world gathered in London for the inaugural conference of the Inter-Parliamentary Committee for Combatting Antisemitism." Over 125 legislators attended from nearly 40 countries, after which "The London Declaration for Combating Antisemitism call(ed) on all governments to face the problem...."

## Voices



Translate this page

Spanish

Microsoft® Translator

## Recent Articles

- [A Death Warrant for the Future](#)
- [Will Congress Criminalize Anti-Semitism and Israeli Criticism?](#)
- [Obamathink on Afghanistan: Escalate to Exit](#)
- [DOES ANYBODY BELIEVE THIS STUFF?](#)
- [Obama is Israel's puppet](#)
- [British pro-Israel Jewish newspaper launches attack on Middle East news website](#)
- [Obamathink on Afghanistan: Escalate to Exit](#)
- [Doubletalk on Afghanistan: War is Peace; Escalation is Withdrawal, The Peace Movement Is Stepping it Up](#)
- [ACCESSORY VS. PERPETRATOR](#)
- [The question of Terminology in the Zionist propaganda to colonize Palestine](#)
- [HASBARA AUTHOR VS IRAN'S BOMB](#)
- [ITALY. THE END OF AN EPOCH](#)

- [Recent Articles](#)
- [Archives](#)
- [Writers List](#)
- [Voices - old site](#)
- [Privacy Policy](#)

December 2009

---

©2009 by thepeoplesvoice.org •

FAIR USE NOTICE: This site contains copyrighted articles and information about environmental, political, human rights, economic, democratic, scientific, and social justice issues, etc. This news and information is displayed without profit for educational purposes, in accordance with, [Title 17 U.S.C. Section 107](#) of the US Copyright Law. Thepeoplesvoice.org is a non-advocacy internet web site, edited by non-affiliated U.S. citizens. [editor](#)