

PARK COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY

Resolution To Address Antisemitism in Wyoming

WHEREAS 55% of Jewish Americans report experiencing some form of antisemitism between 2024 and 2025.

WHEREAS 18% of Jewish Americans were physically threatened, were the victim of an assault, or experienced verbal harassment due to their Jewish identity in the past year, and 36% of Jewish Americans witnessed actual or were threatened with antisemitic violence in the past year.

WHEREAS safety concerns are widespread among Jewish Americans (one-third have discussed with others what they would do in a "worst case" scenario and 14% have developed a plan in the event that they need to leave the country due to rising antisemitism).

WHEREAS 69% of Jewish Americans report experiencing antisemitism online or on social media.

WHEREAS 48% of U.S. Jewish college students say that they have felt unsafe at a campus event because they are Jewish, and 16% of Jewish Americans who are employed have avoided wearing things that could identify them as Jewish; or have avoided expressing views on Israel on campus or work because of fears of antisemitism.

WHEREAS the Anti-Defamation League in 2024 documented 9,354 incidents of antisemitism across the country, the highest number in the 46 years it has tracked such data.

WHEREAS the increase in antisemitic activity in the U.S. has risen by 344% over the last five years and nearly 900% over the past decade.

WHEREAS, in August 2018 a swastika was found flying in a Laramie public park in place of the American flag.

WHEREAS in 2024, 31 anti-Semitic incidents were reported to the Anti Defamation League in Wyoming.

WHEREAS in May 2025 a bullet hole was found in a window of a synagogue in Cheyenne, in October 2025 antisemitic fliers were attached to pumps at a gas station in Jackson Wyoming, and two separate antisemitic incidents occurred on the Campus of the University of Wyoming.

WHEREAS the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution enshrines a right to free speech, even when that speech is hateful.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Park County Republican Party:

Calls upon the Wyoming Legislature to introduce and pass an anti-Boycott, Divestments and Sanctions (BDS) bill similar to the bill that failed in 2017 (HB0279). Anti BDS legislation would prohibit state agencies from:

- * Contracting with businesses that boycott Israel
- * Investing state funds and retirement funds in companies that boycott Israel

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Park County Republican Party:

Calls upon all publicly elected boards and publicly funded entities in the State of Wyoming to recognize that any individual in their employ who engages in antisemitic rhetoric or acts undermines the public trust, and that hate speech, inflammatory rhetoric and small acts of antisemitism open the door to other forms of hate and violence. Also:

- * Hate speech directed towards Jewish Americans is protected, but should never go unchallenged.
- * Antisemitism should always be named and condemned no matter where or when it appears.
- * Taking a position of "institutional neutrality" contributes to acceptance and potential escalation of antisemitic words and actions.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Park County Republican Party urges that copies of this resolution be distributed to all elected boards and publicly funded entities in Park County and the Wyoming Republican Party, to reaffirm our commitment to combating all forms of antisemitism.

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