



HOW ISRAEL'S DEFENDERS USE FALSE CHARGES OF ANTI-SEMITISM TO LIMIT THE DEBATE OVER ISRAEL ON CAMPUS

REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

The report *Stifling Dissent* describes a long-standing pattern of activities by Israel advocacy organizations to intervene in the debate over Israel on campuses, revealing how individual incidents are part of a larger strategy to silence legitimate political critique of Israel.

While Israel advocacy organizations claim to be concerned primarily with Jewish students' safety, the report documents numerous ways these efforts exclude from Jewish campus spaces the many Jewish students and faculty who question Israeli policies, further marginalizing dissenting Jewish voices and Palestinian, Arab and Muslim voices from public debate.

What are Jewish Voice for Peace's Recommendations?

- 1.** Strive to create an open campus climate that is inclusive of all student perspectives, including Palestinian, Muslim, Arab American, and progressive Jewish students.
- 2.** When incidents occur, take the time to talk in person to all involved parties.
- 3.** Opt for more, rather than less, speech.
- 4.** Remind students of the value of expressing critique, even when political opinions make some people feel uncomfortable.
- 5.** Avoid policies that conflate the state of Israel with Judaism or the Jewish people. Remember that Israel is a state, not a person.
- 6.** Remember that there is an incredibly diverse range of Jewish opinions on Israel, and that no one group can fairly claim to represent Jewish opinion.
- 7.** Avoid implying that the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions movement and also Students for Justice in Palestine are anti-Semitic.