

From Conspiracy to “Social Justice”: The Intellectual Origins and Institutional Power of Progressive Antizionism

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Key Takeaways

- Understand the emergence of ideological trends over the past six decades that facilitated the spread of antizionism.
- Antizionism is both distinct from and related to a suite of ideologies that have taken hold in the West.
- Ideological expressions (DEI etc.) in the American classroom, even if they don't initially invoke antizionism, will lead inexorably to antizionism.
- Fighting against antizionism also means fighting for Western enlightenment values and American exceptionalism.

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