



<u>Israeli students combating antisemitism (ISCA)</u> <u>Annual Review (October 2016 – October 2017)</u>

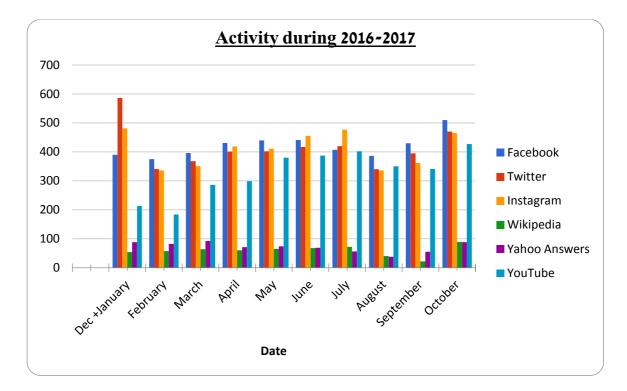
<u>Reports and Quantity (monitoring & removing content):</u>

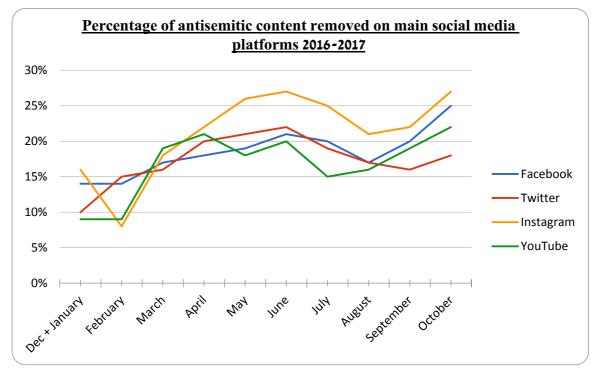
- <u>Facebook:</u> Monitoring and reporting 4,206 groups, photos, posts, profiles, pages and antisemitic events; mainly in English, Italian, Russian, Spanish, Portuguese, German and French. Estimated number of content removed is 19%.
- <u>Twitter:</u> Monitoring and reporting 4,120 users, amongst them being Neo-Nazis, Holocaust deniers and other antisemitic users; mainly in Arabic, English, Spanish, French and Portuguese. Estimated number of content removed is 17%.
- 3. <u>Instagram</u>: Monitoring and reporting 4,060 antisemitic images and accounts on the world's leading photography app. The activity is done mainly in English, Arabic, Spanish and French. Estimated number of content removed is 21%.
- 4. <u>YouTube:</u> Monitoring and reporting **3,187** antisemitic videos or videos that contain Holocaust denial content and blood libels. The activity was done mainly in English, Arabic, Spanish, Portuguese, French, German and Russian. Estimated number of content removed is **19%**.
- 5. <u>Yahoo Answers and Quora:</u> 798 questions answered, on topics such as the Holocaust, Holocaust denial, Jewish history, The Jewish people in Israel and the diaspora, different conspiracy theories, and the history of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. The answers were given mainly in the English, Spanish and Italian languages. In June, we first initiated a program to act on the website – Quora in Spanish, where the questions are more serious compared to other websites, and therefore we answered accordingly. In the last 4 months, our answers were viewed over 7,000 times. Our success rate for receiving the **Best Answer** title: 28 answers were given this title by the community of users, and 9 antisemitic questions were removed from the websites.





Comparison between the current year and the previous year:

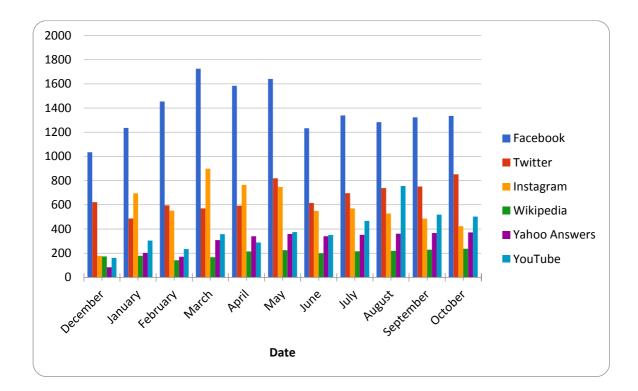




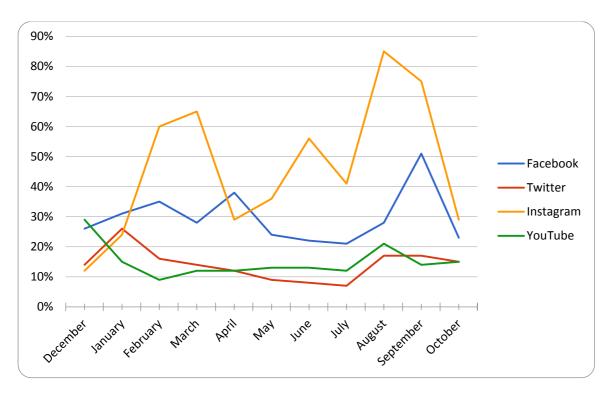




Comparison between the 2015 and 2016:



Percentage of antisemitic content removed on main social platforms, 2015-2016





Monitoring annual activity:



YouTube

The YouTube team has been operating for the past 3 years, and has reported that most of the antisemitic videos uploaded on the website are American made, with a goal to "expose" the Jewish control of the media in Washington, etc. Other videos contain anti-Zionist content, comparing Israel to Nazi Germany or comparing the situation in Gaza to the Holocaust. Additional videos have been monitored, showing support for terror on behalf of Hamas, and Islamic Jihad, inciting violence and encouraging terror attacks, and bomb making.

Examples of videos that have been removed (in all countries or part of them) or blocked:

Description	Month	Language	Status
A call to note was is happening in	April	German	Blocked for view
Europe and cleanse it			in Israel
A call to organize against the Jewish	February	English	The account
<u>dictatorship</u>			containing the
			video has been
			deleted
GTA Jews - Killing a Jew on the	August	German	Removed
street			
A video showing that the Jews in	August	Russian	Removed
Egypt built bio-robots that they use			
to control the world			
A song about making pizza out of	August	English	Removed
Jews			
There is an anime show called "The	August	German	Not removed
attack of the Titans". Without going			
into further detail, someone edited			
the opening song and called it			
"Attack of the Jews"- showing Nazis			
protecting humanity from the attack			
Jewish hunt – a description of a	August	English	Removed
father and son hunting Jews			
Kill yourself-A song by the racist	September	English	Removed
<u>"moonman", full of Nazi insignia</u>			
against Jews and Black people			
A band called "Achtung Juden"	October	German	Removed
(beware Jews) sings antisemitic			
<u>songs – this is one of their songs</u>			
Bad Jew- the video shows Mark	October	German	Removed
Zuckerberg and then an antisemitic			





caricature of a Jew with a big nose			
Burn all the Jews – a scene from "A	October	German	Removed
Toy Story" movie is edited to show			
Hitler banners instead of Buzz			
Lightyear			
A video saying that Jews are evil	October	English	Removed
white Zionists and claiming that			
Jews are controlling the world with			
Zionism.			
A video inciting to stab Jews	December	Arabic	Removed
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Facebook

The largest and most popular social media platform in the world has around 2 Billion users and is available in 70 different languages. This year, as every year, we were intensely dedicated to removing antisemitic content, with an emphasis on images, posts, personal profiles, pages and antisemitic events. This year, we also had some ups and downs with regards the percentage of content removed and Facebook has been more difficult with regards to removing content. The main pages that stand out are the Palestinian incitement pages in Arabic, which circulated caricatures and videos encouraging the murder of Jews and Israelis.

<u>Twitter</u>

Twitter is the 2nd most popular social network in the world, after Facebook, and is still a platform where antisemitism thrives without disturbance and with barely any removal of content. Twitter is a unique and fast social media platform, that is known as a source of receiving immediate news updates. It has the ability to affect decision makers, by quickly spreading content, and its number of users is constantly on the rise. Their policy is especially liberal, and content or users aren't removed so easily, including posts that are involved in incitement or racism. Following public criticism and pressure by Government bodies, Twitter is working to quickly block users identified with terror organizations, after it was exposed that ISIS terrorists use Twitter as a means to communicate, and as a platform to publish its crimes.

Instagram

The 4th biggest social media platform in the world, leading in image sharing. On this platform, the rate of content removal was high, like last year, and many posts and users were removed. **Examples of users that were removed:**

- <u>https://instagram.com/mahdiar_313/</u>
- <u>https://instagram.com/t.taghavi63/</u>





- <u>https://instagram.com/rasoulkhalili9010/</u>
- <u>https://instagram.com/mohebe_ahle_beyt/</u>
- <u>https://instagram.com/majmaj2015/</u>
- https://instagram.com/mohammadhoseyn7342/
- <u>https://instagram.com/smoloko123</u>
- <u>https://instagram.com/down_with_war/</u>
- <u>https://instagram.com/_fightingthezionists/</u>
- https://instagram.com/m.b.i.6969/

VKontakte

This social media platform is popular mainly amongst Russian speakers from Former Soviet Union countries, and especially in Russia, Ukraine and Belarus. As of 2017, 420 million users are registered on the website, and the number of users per day is around 80 million.

Yahoo Answers and Quora:

The website "Yahoo Answers" has continued to be a significant website, frequently visited by users all over the world. Today, the website is ranked 20th with regards to its user traffic, and is ranked 1st with regards to answering questions. The answers are given on a convenient platform, In English, German, French, Spanish, and Italian. There is no statistical information about the number of users exposed to our answers, but questions appear when people search for a similar combination of words in varying search engines; including google. Therefore, many people are exposed to answers on Yahoo Answers.

Example of an Excellent Answer:

<u>Question:</u> Does Israel want to conquer Argentinian/Chilean Patagonia in order to establish a Jewish Community?

<u>Our Answer:</u> Focused mainly on the explanation that this is a myth, and that the only country Jews are interested in is Israel. The answer was given the title **Best Answer**. This is an example of a questions that highlights the question writer's ignorance, that is probably based on myths that he heard or read. Therefore, providing a question like that with a founded and reasonable answer can change the writer's opinion.

Example of an antisemitic user that was removed:

The user was called "David plus ultra the anti-Semite". He asked many questions against the Jews, like "Will nationalism return to the world?", "Are the Jews conquering Argentina?".





ISCA in the News:

- Interview on channel 7 about antisemitism spreading all over the world, (3/1/2017).
- <u>First interview in the Brazilian news.</u> Radio interview on Bandeirantes Porto Alegre, following the opening of the Portuguese Facebook page that received a lot of attention in a short period of time. (3/9/2017)
- <u>Interview: Rami Daniel, head of monitoring team, on i24 News about Marie La Pen.</u> (25/4/2017).

<u>Prominent cooperation:</u>

- <u>The Knesset's Committee for Immigration, Absorption and Diasport Affairs</u>-Participants of the program participate in the committee on a regular basis. The head of the committee, MK Avraham Neguise presented the programme's activity and reports with regards to the extent of antisemitic incitement online. ISCA also participated in a panel about the BDS movement on campus in the US and Europe. **Other committees:**
 - British Parliaments actions in order to deal with growing antisemitism and hate crimes, with a delegation from British Parliament on 4/1/2017.
 - Presenting findings on the presence of Neo-Nazi activity online on 25/1/2017.
 - Presenting findings from ISCA in a parliamentary discussion on the rise of antisemitic incidents in the US, on 7/3/2017.
- **OSCE:** ISCA representatives took part in the international Youth Conference in Spain between the 25-26/5/2017.
- **<u>INACH</u>**: The previous program director participated in the annual meeting of the INACH organization (International Network against Cyber Hate).

Regards,

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