



Resolution Condemning and Combating Antisemitism

The Minnesota [DFL/GOP] condemns antisemitism in all of its forms, including the targeting of Jews as individuals, as a people, or denial of the right of the State of Israel to exist, and is committed to combating anti-Jewish bias in all of its manifestations.

Why support this Resolution?

- Since October 7, Minnesota Jews have experienced a tremendous surge of antisemitism in our schools, at work, and in our communities.
- Many Jews report feeling afraid, isolated, and even abandoned by former allies. Help combat this by asking our party to take a public position against antisemitism.

How much of a problem is antisemitism?

- According to the FBI, Jews make up just 2.4% of the national population, but are the victims of 63 percent of religiously motivated hate crimes.
- Only 3% of American Jews believe the status of Jews in the United States is more secure compared to one year ago, 86% of American Jews think that antisemitism has increased in the United States in the past five years, and 46% of American Jews have avoided at least one behavior in the past 12 months out of fear of antisemitism.

But do we need to include the piece about Israel?

- Yes. Like other marginalized communities, Jews have the right to collectively decide for themselves what constitutes antisemitism.
- 85% of American Jews and 84% of the general public view the statement, “Israel has no right to exist,” (which is essentially the definition of anti-Zionism) as antisemitic.
 - Like any other marginalized community, a lack of unanimity/universal agreement among Jews should not be confused with an absence of consensus.
- The language of this resolution is straightforward and focused on supporting a vulnerable population within Minnesota. It does not use inaccurate and politically charged terms. Our proposed resolution does not call for the party to take a foreign policy position beyond simply not tolerating antisemitism as it manifests in our state.
- Finally, for Democrats, the inclusion of Israel is 100% consistent with the DFL party platform, which calls for a two-state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and therefore inherently accepts Israel’s right to exist.





Example anti-Israel Resolution

The Minnesota DFL supports the human rights of Palestinians and calls for: an immediate ceasefire and cessation of hostilities in the Israel-Hamas war and related conflicts, release of all hostages by Hamas and release of all political prisoners indefinitely detailed without charges in Israeli military prisons, ending of U.S. military funding and furnishing of weapons of war to the State of Israel, and an end to Israel's illegal occupation of Palestine, system of apartheid, and campaign of genocide in Gaza.

Why oppose this or a similar anti-Israel resolution

- It is not within the scope of state parties to create or enact detailed foreign policy. It is beyond our state party's expertise to enact symbolic resolutions dealing with foreign conflicts.
- Since our state party does not have the ability to decide foreign policy, any one-sided "ceasefire" or equally inflammatory anti-Israel/antisemitic resolution will only divide Minnesotans and our party.

Don't you support a ceasefire? (If inflammatory language is included, i.e. "genocide," "apartheid,")

- There is terrible suffering in Gaza and thousands of civilians have been killed, wounded, and displaced. I support the human rights of Palestinians and pray for the fighting to end, with a Palestine free from Hamas, the Israeli hostages returning home.
- The responsibility for Gaza's suffering, however, rests squarely with Hamas, who broke the then-existing ceasefire agreement when it launched its brutal October 7 terror attack on Israelis. Israel has had no choice but to engage in a war that it did not ask for.
- Sadly, by using false and inflammatory rhetoric, this one-sided resolution will only serve to endanger the Jewish community at a time when anti-Jewish incidents are up 400%.
- Israel is a multiethnic country where minorities are part of its democratic system and are represented in the Knesset (Israeli parliament), Supreme Court, military (including senior officers), and are well represented in prestigious fields such as medicine.

What about a ceasefire resolution that doesn't include the charged language such as "apartheid" and "genocide"?

- It still calls for an end to U.S. military aid to Israel, which implies that Israel should not be able to defend itself. That idea is nearly equivalent to saying Israel should not exist since it faces terrorist proxies funded by the Islamic Republic of Iran on multiple borders.
 - If this is news to people, perhaps we shouldn't be weighing in on a war we understand so little about.
 - It also sends a clear message to most Jewish voters that they are not wanted in our party.

