

Fighting Online Antisemitism (FOA)

Fighting Online Antisemitism aims to monitor and remove online antisemitic content and hate speech. The organization was founded in Israel in February 2020.

FOA is the only organization in the world that monitors antisemitic content in 11 languages and six social media platforms (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube, TikTok and Vkontakte).

In a period of only four months, 80 activists have joined the organization, and have succeeded in reporting 650 antisemitic messages and articles out of which dozens have been removed. Our first report compiled hundreds of posts linking Jews and Israel to COVID-19. Our report found that Facebook had the highest percentage of coronavirus-related anti-Semitic content (35%) while Twitter topped the non-coronavirus, garden-variety? anti-Semitism content with 26%.

Our vision:

We believe that the larger the number of activists in Israel and around the world, the less antisemitism and hate content will be published, and the violent incidents against Jewish communities and other minorities around the world will be reduced.

We believe that the fight against Antisemitism is first and foremost a fight for human rights, for tolerance and acceptance. It is a right for a better future and a better world.

Our impacts:

- ❖ FOA constantly monitors content and removes antisemitic content before it reaches large amounts of users. This activity reduces the motivation and ability of antisemitic users to continue spreading antisemitism across the web by significantly reducing their exposure to various audiences all over the world, which they have gained during the years.
- ❖ Our daily monitoring and our teams experience enable us to report potential threats, both criminal and terrorist, to local authorities. This would make Jewish communities safer and could potentially stop antisemitic attacks such as the Pittsburg synagogue shooting.

Our future projects:

- ❖ Interacting with online platforms in order to help them adopt IHRA definition to their community standards and remove antisemitic content faster and more effectively.

- ❖ Promoting knowledge and tools for the young generation, to ensure daily constant fight against online Antisemitism. Our webinars would reach vast amounts of people worldwide in their language and they in return would use the knowledge to fight antisemitism and hate in their communities.