

ADL Debunk: Disinformation and the BLM Protests



The May 2020 murder of George Floyd by a Minneapolis police officer sparked nationwide protests against police brutality and systemic racism. As the demonstrations spread to communities across the country, so too did disinformation about the protests and protesters. In a time of national unrest and racial tension, these false claims intentionally sowed fear and division, while also undermining protesters' efforts to build coalitions and bring about lasting structural change.

Researchers in ADL's Center on Extremism documented a range of examples of disinformation related to the protests. These campaigns often included the [deliberate mischaracterization of groups](#) or movements, such as portraying activists who support Black Lives Matter as violent extremists or claiming that

[antifa](#) is a terrorist organization coordinated or manipulated by nebulous external forces. ADL's researchers found evidence of white supremacists creating or promoting some of these fabricated claims and rumors to further their own agendas. Certain pieces of disinformation which originally appeared years ago have reemerged in the context of the current protests. In some cases, unsubstantiated rumors migrated from digital platforms to physical-world responses.

It is important to note that the following list is not intended to be a comprehensive collection of all misinformation and disinformation circulating about the protests. Rather, it is a sampling of specifically extremist-related and hate-based disinformation campaigns around the ongoing Black Lives Matter demonstrations. It is also important to understand that the Black Lives Matter movement is a decentralized, grassroots movement that is not directed by a particular Black Lives Matter organization.

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Topics:

Disinformation: Propaganda advocating for violence against white people using hashtags associated with Black Lives Matter and antifa



Disinformation: #AllWhitesAreNazis and #AWAN



Disinformation: Antifa planning violent attacks on white suburbs



Disinformation: Claims about Black Lives Matter and antifa collaborating with Muslim groups to impose Sharia law

 **ACT for America Houston**
June 25 at 11:55 AM · 🌐

 **Cheri Berens**
June 25 at 4:18 AM · 🌐

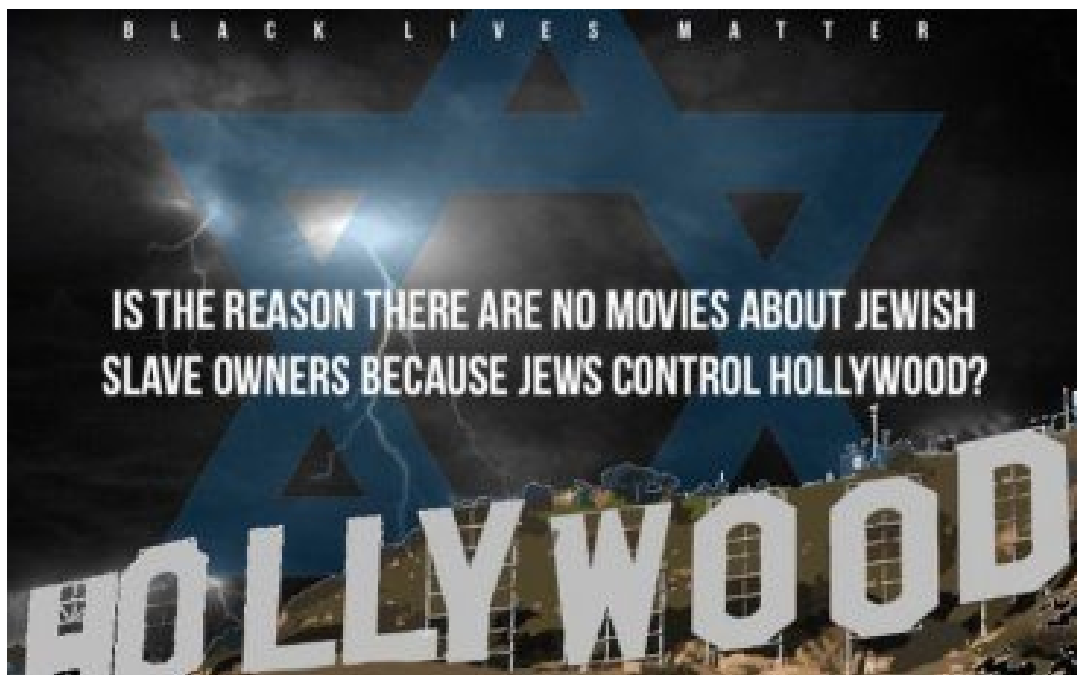
It is well known that Black Lives Matter is aligned with the Muslim Brotherhood. So I think with all that's going on, this article is worth re-reading. Mosques in inner cities are preaching to their congregation that they must create Muslim-Towns (similar to a Chinatown). Imams preach that Muslim enclaves are to then replace law enforcement with sharia.



CHERIBERENS.NET
Muslim Towns in US cities are being created in order to establish sharia No-Go zones
Detroit, Brooklyn, Chicago, Philadelphia, Dallas, Ft. Worth, Atlanta, Gainesville, Las...

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Disinformation: "Black Lives Matter Global" campaign



Disinformation: Antifa manual

Introduction

If you are reading this, it's because someone close to our movement trusted you with it. Please do not distribute to anyone who may attempt to harm or denigrate what we are doing.

This is an ANTI-FASCIST or ANTIFA manual. If you are reading this, you already know that we are a social justice movement against hatred, intolerance and bigotry.

This manual outlines where we've been, where we're at, and where we're headed within the next 100 years.

But first, to understand how we got here, we have to understand ...

White Privilege

Disinformation: Conspiracies connecting George Soros to protests and antifa



Disinformation: Suspicious piles of bricks



Bricks delivered to a neighborhood. Better keep an eye out.

I spy with my little eye...
 #BlackLivesMatter #WeAreAllMuslim #WhitePrivilege

Disinformation: Rumor about Black Lives Matter activists distributing an antisemitic flier

ENDING WHITE PRIVILEGE...

Privilege is the special rights and advantages that are available only to a person or group of people

If Jewish Americans make up 2% of the population¹...

Why do they get a special Privilege when it comes to top universities?

	Jewish Students	Total Students	Percentage of Jewish Students ²
Yale	1,500	5,477	27%
Cornell	3,000	14,315	21%
Harvard	1,675	6,894	25%
Columbia	3,000	11,100	27%
University of Chicago	800	5,714	14%

...INTERSECTS ENDING JEWISH PRIVILEGE

Challenging White Privilege and Jewish Privilege is not anti-semitic. It is not defamatory. It does not insult anyone. It is Social Justice.
 #BlackLivesMatter #WeAreAllMuslim #WhitePrivilege

Disinformation: Antifa's 4th of July flag burning event



Disinformation: Buses of protesters



Sioux Falls Chamber

@GreaterSFCC

We're being told that buses are en route from Fargo for today's march downtown. DT businesses - please bring in any furniture, signs, etc. that could possibly be thrown through windows. Let's keep our city safe and peacefull