



A Note from Sheila Hemphill

"Before the first hearing on antisemitic bills on March 25, 2025, I reached out to the authors of [these bills](#) to see if they or their staff recognized that there are [11 examples of antisemitism](#) that are codified in [state law](#). I specifically drew their attention to example #9 that refers to "**classic antisemitism (e.g., *claims of Jews killing Jesus* ")**, and they were all unaware.

I was rather shocked when after a hearing, one of the authors told me that '*It's a done deal*' and handed me a copy of Governor Abbott's March 27, 2024 [executive order, GA-44](#). I didn't get a chance to say, THAT'S NOT HOW IT WORKS IN TEXAS!

On April 4th, I saw an op-ed by Tommy Oliver from Current Revolt, criticizing Senator Phil King and Representative Giovanni Capriglione as traitors and claiming that Texas law is being outsourced to an international organization in Berlin, Germany, under Israeli control. On [Thursday, April 3rd](#), he wrote another piece, outlining every objection I submitted in every hearing on bills [SB 326](#), [HB 2391](#), [HB 295](#). I do not know Tommy Oliver and have not commented to anyone affiliated with Current Revolt.

At the [first hearing on SB 326](#), it became evident Senator Phil King, who authored [HB 3257](#) in 2021, was not aware of the inclusion of these 11 examples which are defined by international entities. The list of examples is prefaced with "***included but not limited to***," indicating potential changes, yet they are codified in Texas law. Senator Paul Bettencourt echoed this lack of awareness as he read [Texas Govt Code § 448.001\(2\)](#) into the record, still missing the language in bolded below (2) "**Antisemitism**" means a ***certain perception*** of Jews that may be ***expressed as hatred*** toward Jews. ... ***Examples of antisemitism are included with the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance's "Working Definition of Antisemitism" adopted on May 26, 2016.*** These 11 examples of antisemitism are defined, controlled, and found at [International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance](#) website with [PDF](#) to the definitions and examples.

I have serious concerns that the majority of our state legislators, potentially even the Governor's office, are unaware of the fact that our current state law is subject to change and is controlled by international forces who have the power to define examples of antisemitism to apply as punishments to Texans," said Sheila Hemphill.

"If you want to know who rules over you, just look for who you are not allowed to criticize." — Voltaire



an idea or opinion that
is illegal or considered socially unacceptable according to
the people in authority,

CONCERNS REGARDING TEXAS PROPOSED ANTISEMITISM AND HOLOCAUST BILLS

The following *colored texts* are responses conveyed to Sheila Hemphill by multiply attorneys and legislative policy staff from various Texas House and Senate offices from March 19 through April 8. Her inquiries were pertaining to: (a) The current state law Texas Govt Code § 448.001(2) codified in 2021, which defines: "Antisemitism" means a certain perception of Jews that may be expressed as hatred toward Jews..." (b) This section includes "Examples of antisemitism are included with the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance's "Working Definition of Antisemitism" adopted on May 26, 2016" and (c) how legislators' offices she contacted were unaware of the 11 antisemitic examples that are defined and controlled by foreign entities are codified in state law.

1. How does one **adjudicate perception of speech?** "*You can't*". How can this definition be legal?
2. Do we have a **right to express hatred?** "*Yes*", so long as it does not fall into Categories of Unprotected Speech:" a. Incitement - Brandenburg v. Ohio (1969), b. True Threats - Virginia v. Black (2003) c. Fighting Words - Fighting words, d. Obscenity - Miller v. California (1973) e. Defamation - The First Amendment protects false speech, with very limited exceptions: see list "*Contrary to popular misconception, there is no First Amendment exception for so-called hate speech. The First Amendment fully protects speech that is unpopular or that some may find downright offensive.*" Foundation for Individual Rights and Expression
3. What are current **Supreme Court Rulings** regarding free speech? A. Moody v. NetChoice, LLC "*a state may not interfere with private actors' speech to advance its own vision of ideological balance.*" B. National Rifle Association of America v. Vullo "*prohibits government officials from wielding their power selectively to punish or suppress speech.*"
4. Would these bills **establish a selected, protected class based upon race, religion and/or nationality and be a violation of the Equal Protection Act?** "*Yes*"
5. Do these bills **have the hallmark of a "Thought Crime?** "*Yes*"
6. Given the 11 examples from the "Working Definition of Antisemitism" are prefaced with, "included but not limited to:", where #9 states, "classic antisemitism (e.g., claims of Jews killing Jesus ", could any scripture from the Christian Bible be considered antisemitic? "*Yes*"

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