



Texas Right to Know: "Claims of Jews Killing Jesus" Punishable as Antisemitism Under Current Texas Law

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BRADY, Texas, April 11, 2025 /PRNewswire/ -- Members of the Texas [Senate Education K-16 Committee](#), chaired by [Brandon Creighton \(Conroe\)](#), and the [House State Affairs Committee](#), chaired by [Ken King \(Canadian\)](#), unanimously voted for antisemitism bills after being informed that citizens would be judged based upon vague definitions in [TX Government Code Sec. 448.001\(2\)](#) which states "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 \(IHRA\) 'Working Definition of Antisemitism'](#) adopted on May 26, 2016" (IHRA).

"These bills establish 'thought crimes' and create a protected class, violating equal protection under law designed to safeguard all citizens. They are discriminatory and must be repealed. Section 448.001 of the Texas Government Code should be expunged due to its vague definitions and its infringement on 1st Amendment rights. Today's restrictions impose administrative penalties on students; tomorrow, they could lead to civil or even criminal charges for alleged antisemitism that currently results in imprisonment in 13 EU countries," warns Sheila Hemphill, CEO of Texas Right to Know.

"The authors of the bills were unaware that the law includes the 'Working Definitions of Antisemitism,' which is a list of 11 examples that are defined and controlled by a foreign entity. Thirty-seven states have adopted this same extraordinarily vague IHRA definition and list of examples that directly violate 1st Amendment protected speech.

After speaking before the committee hearings, directly with many members, I personally contacted their offices who did not object to example 9 in the IHRA that would prosecute 'claims of Jews killing Jesus,' as antisemitism, despite the Jews intent to kill Jesus repeatedly referenced throughout the Bible. Disturbingly, they have no objections to vague and ambiguous terms like 'a certain perception' for adjudication or restricting protected, non-violent speech that expresses emotions.

Two companion bills, [SB 326 \(Phil King/Weatherford\)](#) and [HB 2391 \(Giovanni Capriglione/Southlake\)](#), would determine if a violation of a public school and university students' code of conduct was motivated by antisemitism. Two other bills, [SB 695 \(Judith Zaffirini/Laredo\)](#) and [HB 295 \(Matt Shaheen/Prosper\)](#), propose to add the word "antisemitism" to the definition of bullying. These proposed additions are unnecessary since bullying and violations of code of conduct are clearly defined and punishable regardless of motivations, race, religion, or nationality.

Questions Raised:

1. How is "a certain perception" to be judged?
2. Do these laws violate current Supreme Court rulings regarding free speech, such as:
 - [Moody v. NetChoice, LLC \(2024\)](#), which held that a state may not interfere with private actors' speech to advance its own vision of ideological balance?
 - [National Rifle Association of America v. Vullo \(2024\)](#), which prohibits government officials from selectively punishing or suppressing speech?
3. Do laws that reference the IHRA definition and examples establish a protected class of citizens based on race, religion, and nationality, violating the 14th Amendment?
4. "No State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; ... nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the [equal protection of the laws](#)."

There were more Jewish witnesses against these bills than there were Jewish witnesses testifying for the bills. If these bills were to establish a protected class for Christians, as a Christian, I would oppose them," concludes Hemphill.



Would reporting these examples be “perceived” and punishable under current Texas Gov’t Code 448.001 that includes the IHRA’S Working Definitions of Antisemitism by violating #2 “Making ... dehumanizing, demonizing, or stereotypical *allegations about Jews as such or the power of Jews as collective ... the myth about a world Jewish conspiracy or of Jews controlling the media, economy, government or other societal institutions”?*

1. Two members of Israel’s parliament, known as the Knesset, have introduced a bill that would outlaw telling people about Jesus in the Jewish state, and “jail everyone who does.” <https://premierchristian.news>
2. World Jewish Congress president Ron Lauder claims “severe laws” are necessary worldwide in order to quell rising antisemitism. “Laws must be passed, severe, tough, real laws that will put these hatemongers away in prison for a long time.” https://x.com/searchq=from%3ADMichaelTripi%20%20World%20jewish%20Congress%20president%20Ron%20Lauder%20claims%20%22severe%20laws%22%20are%20necessary%20worldwide&src=typed_query
3. **“A Call to Establish an International Divine Court - IDC.”** A Call to Establish an International Divine Court – IDC.



We invite you to meet with the Sanhedrin Court Rabbis in Jerusalem to discuss the establishment of an International Divine Court (IDC) for all nations. This court would be based on the seven universal commandments given to Noah and reaffirmed at Mount Sinai—a foundation for global peace and divine justice.

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Letter from the Nascent Sanhedrin to President Donald J. Trump

Jerusalem, Wednesday, February 12, 2025

Dear Honorable President Donald Trump,

1. One God – To recognize the cause of all causes (Genesis 1:1).
2. One First Man – To affirm the basic equal rights of humanity (Genesis 1:26).
3. One Basic Law – To establish universal principles of justice (Genesis 2:16).

Note: The Christian Trinity is NOT considered the worship of one God.

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Would these excerpts from the Jewish Talmudic Teachings be “perceived” and qualify under the Working Examples of Antisemitism, since the 11 examples are prefaced by “included but not limited to”?

Source: [Sefaria: a Living Library of Jewish Texts Online](#) and [Chabad.org](#)

1. **“JESUS ... PUNISHED WITH BOILING EXCREMENT”**: “Onkelos said to him: What is the punishment of that man, a euphemism for Jesus himself, in the next world? Jesus said to him: He is punished with boiling excrement. As the Master said: Anyone who mocks the words of the Sages will be sentenced to boiling excrement.” <https://www.sefaria.org/Gittin.57a.4?lang=bi>
2. **ADULT MAN ENGAGED IN INTERCOURSE WITH THREE YEAR OLD LITTLE GIRL AND YOUNG BOY INTERCOURSE WITH ADULT WOMAN**: “Rava said that this is what the mishna is saying: An adult man who engaged in intercourse with a minor girl less than three years old has done nothing, as intercourse with a girl less than three years old is tantamount to poking a finger into the eye. In the case of an eye, after a tear falls from it another tear forms to replace it. Similarly, the ruptured hymen of the girl younger than three is restored. And a young boy who engaged in intercourse with an adult woman renders her as one whose hymen was ruptured by wood. And with regard to the case of a woman whose hymen was ruptured by wood itself,” <https://www.sefaria.org/search?q=KETUBOT.11B&tab=text&tvar=1&tsort=relevance&svar=1&ssort=relevance>
3. **“GENTILES ARE NOT CALLED ”MAN?”**: “As it is taught in a baraita: Rabbi Shimon ben Yohai says that the graves of gentiles do not render one impure, as it is stated: “And you, My sheep, the sheep of My pasture, are man” (Ezekiel 34:31), which teaches that you, i.e., the Jewish people, are called “man,” but gentiles are not called “man.” <https://www.chabad.org/torah-texts/5456290/The-Talmud/Bava-Metzia/Chapter-9/114b>

Texas Gov’t Code 448.001 was a well-intended mistake, don’t expand that bad law with these bills:

[SB 326/HB 2391](#) - [SB 1909/HB 5112](#) - [SB 645/HB 295](#) - [HB 2102](#) - [SB 2726](#)