

Comment on “The Professor Anti-Semites Love”

There are a few issues raised in [Brad Greenberg's Jewish Journal](#) article that should be clarified and contextualized.

- “MacDonald has suggested restricting college enrollment and increasing taxes for Jews to mediate what he perceives as inequities with non-Jewish whites.” This is something the [SPLC has asserted](#) as well, but there is no basis for it. See my email exchange with Heidi Beirich of the SPLC:

<http://www.kevinmacdonald.net/Beirich.htm#discriminate>

- The article mentions the statement of the CSULB History Department on my work. Of all the statements made about me and my writing by various departments and programs at CSULB, the only statement with specific claims about the credibility of my scholarship was that of the [History Department](#). I have responded to this statement on my website and demanded a retraction of part of the statement:

[Reply #1 on Jewish involvement in influencing U.S. immigration policy](#)

[Reply #2 on Issues in European social history.](#)

- The article mentions “broad brushing” as a criticism of my work. I don’t know quite what this refers to, but one common criticism is that I make claims that are not true of all Jews or that I present Jews in a monolithic manner. However, I take pains to show that I am never talking about all Jews. See the [first section](#) of the *Preface to the First Paperback Edition of the Culture of Critique*.
- The quote from John Tooby’s article in *Slate*. I have replied to Tooby [here](#). As indicated there, much of our disagreement is in how to conceptualize evolutionary psychology.
- Re my comment that the racist ideology of National Socialism “may well have been caused or at least greatly facilitated by the presence of Judaism as a very salient and successful racially exclusive antithetical group strategy within German society.” This is the sort of comment that does not lend itself to being pulled out the context of Chapter 5 of *Separation and Its Discontents*. I suggest reading the chapter to appreciate the argument. For example, I review historical data showing that many Jews had adopted racist views of Judaism as a unique and superior race and showed that such ideas were common during this period.
- The quote from J.J. Goldberg: MacDonald “think[s] that Jews control everything.” This is of course an exaggeration of my beliefs. But Jews are an elite and they are clearly influential in the media and in government. I have tried my

best to present a fair and accurate account of the extent and nature of Jewish influence. In order to be credible, such a charges needs to be much more specific.

- “He also described his opinions on a Palestinian American TV news program in 2005 as ‘rational’ anti-Semitism and has joked that being branded a Jew hater was a ‘badge of honor,’ the knee-jerk reaction of a scared Jewish establishment.” If one is going to be called an anti-Semite, at least there should be a category for those who think it through and try to argue in a rational manner about the actions of the organized Jewish community and particular Jewish intellectual or political movements and how their interests may conflict with those of others. That’s all I meant. The context is that the term ‘anti-Semite’ is being used very commonly these days to the point that it has become either meaningless or simply means that you have a point of view that the organized Jewish community doesn’t like. The charge of anti-Semitism is often simply a way of intimidating people without having to rationally defend one’s actions. For example, Mearsheimer and Walt are routinely called anti-Semites despite presenting a very detailed and scholarly book on the Israel Lobby. They are professors of foreign affairs at the University of Chicago and Harvard, respectively. In their book they note that in 1974, Arnold Foster and Benjamin Epstein of the ADL argued that anti-Semitism was on the rise as exemplified by the growing unwillingness of other societies to support Israel’s actions. And they note that in the early 1980s, Nathan and Ruth Ann Perlmutter of APIAC argued that anti-Semitism was on its way back because of pressure on Israel to make peace with the Arabs. The point is that the charge has become meaningless. It’s just a way of intimidating people with legitimate criticisms of Israel or of the actions of the organized American Jewish community. That’s the context in which I said that.
- Support for me by people who hate Jews and express themselves in vile language. This in fact has created a great deal of difficulty for me personally at the university. However, people should realize that these comments should not be taken at face value as being from supporters of my work. It is now well known that leftist activists post messages expressed in the most vile language on websites like Stormfront and Vanguard News Network in an attempt to discredit the site and to lure people into making statements that are illegal in Canada. See, for example, this article which appeared in the *Toronto Star*, on the activities of [activists associated with the Canadian Human Rights Commission](#). In order to be credible, letters and postings need to be validated, and in any case there is no reason at all to suppose that such letters are representative of the people who support my work.