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AMCHA Initiative is a non-partisan, non-profit organization founded by two University of California faculty members that is dedicated to investigating, documenting, educating about, and combating antisemitism on U.S. campuses.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 2022

- **DOCUMENTING:** AMCHA's website continues to be the only publicly-accessible comprehensive database of antisemitic activity on over 400 campuses nationwide, and remains a critical resource for university stakeholders, journalists, scholars, allied groups and legislators. AMCHA's website garners thousands of page views a month, and its numerous [databases](#) are accessed worldwide. To date, over 5,400 antisemitic [incidents](#) have been documented, as well as hundreds of Jewish students' quotes, BDS activity and more.
- **INVESTIGATING:** In 2022, AMCHA published three groundbreaking [reports](#):
 - 1) [Faculty Academic Boycotters: Ground Zero for Campus Antisemitism](#) reveals that university faculty who have endorsed an academic boycott of Israel are fueling a surge in campus antisemitism.
 - 2) [Campus Antisemitism and the Assault on Jewish Identity](#) exposes the pervasive and relentless assault on Jewish identity occurring on many campuses and details what can be done about it.
 - 3) [Falling through the Cracks: How School Policies Deny Jewish Students Equal Protection from Antisemitism](#) investigates the behavioral policies of 100 schools most popular with Jewish students, demonstrates why Jewish students are not fairly and adequately protected, and offers a pioneering solution to the problem.
- **EDUCATING:** AMCHA has successfully brought the problem of campus antisemitism to national awareness with effective media campaigns. In 2022, [over 200](#) articles, radio and tv shows covering AMCHA's efforts have appeared in outlets including *Inside Higher Ed*, *Sacramento Bee*, *NY Daily News*, *National Review*, *News 12 The Bronx*, *Santa Monica Observer*, *Washington Free Beacon*, *Riverdale Press*, *Harvard Crimson*, *Jerusalem Post*, *Jewish Chronicle*, *Arutz Sheva*, *Times of Israel* and more. AMCHA's research was also cited in reports by the Virginia Commission to Combat Antisemitism, Texas Holocaust, Genocide, and Antisemitism Advisory Commission, ADL, Tel Aviv University's Kantor Center, Academic Engagement Network and in legal documents.
- **COMBATING:** AMCHA coordinates a coalition of more than 120 religious, civil rights, education and advocacy organizations and thousands of grassroots activists to engage in strategic and effective campaigns advocating for long-lasting solutions to campus antisemitism. Highlights from AMCHA's 2022 advocacy [campaigns](#) include:
 - **"Critical" Ethnic Studies** – AMCHA's efforts, including a petition from nearly 2,000 UC Stakeholders, contributed to the successful halting of a dangerous proposal that would have forced all California high schools – public, private and charter – to teach a controversial and antisemitic "critical" ethnic studies curriculum for students to be considered for admission to a University of California (UC) school.
 - **#NoAcademicBDS** – Following the Middle East Studies Association's (MESA) endorsement of an academic boycott of Israel, AMCHA launched a campaign that included joint organization letters to 12 universities with federally funded Middle East Studies programs, joining them to revoke their institutional MESA memberships, and a coalition letter signed by 87 organizations urging the U.S. Secretary of Education to ensure that no federal funds are granted to Middle East Studies programs whose faculty are engaged in implementing academic BDS. AMCHA additionally organized a coalition letter from 106 organizations to the New York City Council, urging them to address the CUNY Law Faculty's endorsement of academic BDS. AMCHA's director provided testimony at the Council's hearing on antisemitism and recommended the adoption of robust safeguards to prevent CUNY faculty from implementing an academic boycott of Israel.