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108TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# S. 2292

To require a report on acts of anti-Semitism around the world.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 7, 2004

Mr. VOINOVICH (for himself, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. SMITH, Mrs. CLINTON, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. DODD, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. CORZINE, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. SARBANES, and Mr. BAYH) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

APRIL 29, 2004

Reported by Mr. LUGAR, with amendments

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Global Anti-Semitism  
5 Review Act of 2004”.

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

2 Congress makes the following findings:

3 (1) Acts of anti-Semitism in countries through-  
4 out the world, including some of the world's strong-  
5 est democracies, have increased significantly in fre-  
6 quency and scope over the last several years.

7 (2) During the first 3 months of 2004, there  
8 were numerous instances of anti-Semitic violence  
9 around the world, including the following incidents:

10 (A) In Australia on January 5, 2004, poi-  
11 son was used to ignite, and burn anti-Semitic  
12 slogans into, the lawns of the Parliament House  
13 in the state of Tasmania.

14 (B) In St. Petersburg, Russia, on Feb-  
15 ruary 15, 2004, vandals desecrated approxi-  
16 mately 50 gravestones in a Jewish cemetery,  
17 painting the stones with swastikas and anti-Se-  
18 mitic graffiti.

19 (C) In Toronto, Canada, over the weekend  
20 of March 19 through March 21, 2004, vandals  
21 attacked a Jewish school, a Jewish cemetery,  
22 and area synagogues, painting swastikas and  
23 anti-Semitic slogans on the walls of a syna-  
24 gogue and on residential property in a nearby,  
25 predominantly Jewish, neighborhood.

1 (D) In Toulon, France, on March 23,  
 2 2004, a Jewish synagogue and community cen-  
 3 ter were set on fire.

4 (3) Anti-Semitism in old and new forms is also  
 5 increasingly emanating from the Arab and Muslim  
 6 world on a sustained basis, including through books  
 7 published by government-owned publishing houses in  
 8 Egypt and other Arab countries.

9 (4) In November 2002, state-run television in  
 10 Egypt broadcast the anti-Semitic series entitled  
 11 “Horseman Without a Horse,” which is based upon  
 12 the fictitious ~~conspiracy theory know as the Proto-~~  
 13 ~~cals of the Elders of Zion~~ “*Protocols of the Learned*  
 14 *Elders of Zion*”. The Protocols have been used  
 15 throughout the last century by despots such as Adolf  
 16 Hitler to justify violence against Jews.

17 (5) In November 2003, Arab television featured  
 18 an anti-Semitic series, entitled “Ash-Shatat” (or  
 19 “The Diaspora”), which depicts Jewish people  
 20 hatching a plot for Jewish control of the world.

21 (6) The sharp rise in anti-Semitic violence has  
 22 caused international organizations such as the Orga-  
 23 nization for Security and Cooperation in Europe  
 24 (OSCE) to elevate, and bring renewed focus to, the  
 25 issue, including the convening by the OSCE in June

1       2003 of a conference in Vienna dedicated solely to  
2       the issue of anti-Semitism.

3           (7) The OSCE will again convene a conference  
4       dedicated to addressing the problem of anti-Semi-  
5       tism on April 28–29, 2004, in Berlin, with the  
6       United States delegation to be led by former Mayor  
7       of New York City Ed Koch.

8           (8) The United States Government has strongly  
9       supported efforts to address anti-Semitism through  
10      bilateral relationships and interaction with inter-  
11      national organizations such as the OSCE, the Euro-  
12      pean Union, and the United Nations.

13          (9) Congress has consistently supported efforts  
14      to address the rise in anti-Semitic violence. During  
15      the 107th Congress, both the Senate and the House  
16      of Representatives passed resolutions expressing  
17      strong concern with the sharp escalation of anti-Se-  
18      mitic violence in Europe and calling on the Depart-  
19      ment of State to thoroughly document the phe-  
20      nomenon.

21   **SEC. 3. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

22      It is the sense of Congress that—

23          (1) the United States Government should con-  
24      tinue to strongly support efforts to combat anti-  
25      Semitism worldwide through bilateral relationships

1 and interaction with international organizations such  
2 as the OSCE; and

3 (2) the Department of State should thoroughly  
4 document acts of anti-Semitism that occur around  
5 the world.

6 **SEC. 4. REPORT REPORTS.**

7 ~~Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment~~  
8 ~~of this Act, and annually thereafter~~ (a) *ONE-TIME RE-*  
9 *PORT.*—*Not later than November 15, 2004,* the Secretary  
10 of State shall submit to the Committee on Foreign Rela-  
11 tions of the Senate and the Committee on International  
12 Relations of the House of Representatives a report on acts  
13 of anti-Semitism around the world, including a description  
14 of—

15 (1) acts of physical violence against, or harass-  
16 ment of, Jewish people, and acts of violence against,  
17 or vandalism of, Jewish community institutions,  
18 such as schools, synagogues, or cemeteries, that oc-  
19 curred in each country;

20 (2) the responses of the governments of those  
21 countries to such actions;

22 (3) the actions taken by such governments to  
23 enact and enforce laws relating to the protection of  
24 the right to religious freedom of Jewish people; and

1           (4) the efforts by such governments to promote  
2       anti-bias and tolerance education.

3       ***(b) INFORMATION REQUIRED IN ANNUAL DEPARTMENT***  
4 ***OF STATE REPORTS.—The Secretary of State shall include***  
5 ***the information required under subsection (a) in the annual***  
6 ***reports of the Department of State known as the Annual***  
7 ***Report on International Religious Freedom and the Annual***  
8 ***Human Rights Report.***



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