



***“Anti-Palestinian racism is a form of cultural racism that “silences, excludes, erases, stereotypes, defames or dehumanizes Palestinians or their narratives.”***

The Institute for the Understanding of Anti-Palestinian Racism (**IUAPR**) consists of researchers, physicians, psychologists, and legal, anti-racist and communication experts. *Our mission is to end racism against Palestinians and their allies including advocates for Palestinian rights and freedom through: Our world class research institute; Targeted education initiatives; Strategic advocacy efforts.* Upholding the values of equality, freedom, and justice that are integral to the American ethos.

**It is important to raise awareness of all forms of discrimination and specifically anti-Palestinian racism because it is under-recognized, pervasive, highly prevalent and has a significant health impact. All anti-racist efforts can co-exist.**

The [groundbreaking survey](#) reveals harmful effects of anti-Palestinian racism on both Palestinians and non-Palestinians:

1. 88% of more than 1200 survey respondents reported experiencing or witnessing anti-Palestinian racism.
2. Anti-Palestinian racism affects both Palestinians (27%) and non-Palestinians (73%). *Distinct from Islamophobia, 58% of the respondents were Christian, Jewish, Buddhist, Hindu, no religion or other religions.*
3. **75%** of respondents reported **feeling isolated and alone**. In addition, **55%** reported **feeling afraid**.
4. **>70% of all respondents (and >75% of students, faculty, teachers & education administrators) reported mental and physical health effects from anti-Palestinian racism.**
5. **74%** of >250 **students, faculty, teachers & education administrators reported experiencing anti-Palestinian racism**, >66% experienced it from faculty, teachers or administrators.

**A few key principles of [Anti-Palestinian Racism](#):**

1. It is distinct from anti-Muslim hate, Islamophobia and anti-Arab racism.
2. It impacts both Palestinians and non-Palestinians regardless of their race, religion or ethnic background.
3. **Naming** anti-Palestinian racism is a step towards addressing this distinct form of racism.

**Anti-Palestinian Racism takes various [forms](#), including:**

- **Erasure:** e.g. denying the Nakba; failing to acknowledge Palestinians as an Indigenous people to occupied and historic Palestine; excluding or pressuring others to exclude Palestinian perspectives, Palestinians and their allies; upholding a Palestine exception to freedom of speech.
- **Justification of violence against Palestinians:** e.g. rationalizing use of violence against Palestinians; dehumanization of Palestinians; erasing the human rights, equal dignity and worth of Palestinians; characterizing Palestinians as lacking basic human emotions such as not caring for their children.
- **Defamation:** e.g. smearing those who support Palestinian human rights; claiming Palestinian rights movements are motivated by hate or antisemitism; defaming Palestinians and their allies with slander such as being inherently anti-semitic, a terrorist threat/sympathizer or opposed to democratic values.

**The primary targets of Anti-Palestinian Racism:**

- Palestinians in Israel, the Occupied Palestinian Territory and diaspora;
- People perceived to be Palestinian or those who simply express support for Palestinian rights;
- Allies and advocates for Palestinian human rights.

***The Palestinian identity is always at the core of anti-Palestinian racism, even when it affects non-Palestinians.***

**Three of Many Effects of Conflating Anti-Palestinian Racism with Islamophobia:**

- It erases the religious diversity of Palestinians who may practice many faiths or none at all;
- It mischaracterizes Israel/Palestine as a religious conflict instead of one of settler-colonialism and apartheid;
- Resources are misdirected and thereby fail to address anti-Palestinian racism allowing it to persist.

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