

# **Anti-Semitism on Campus? Perceptions of Israel and Jews among American University Students**

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Prof. Kopstein presented his research, which was conducted with Dr. Rachel Shenav-Goldberg, and aimed at determining whether attitudes associated with antisemitism correlate with attitudes towards Israel.

The research was based on the survey of students at the University of California, Irvine, and showed that there is indeed a moderate overlap between anti-Israel and anti-Jewish attitudes. Evidence suggests that these attitudes are matters of pre and extra-campus socialization, and that life on campus is hardly a factor.

Looking to the future, Prof. Kopstein emphasized that this research was a pilot and will need to be expanded in the future to other campuses which include different demographics, panel data, and numbers.