

Jews didn't kill Jesus – US House of Representatives

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Lawmakers have broadened the definition of anti-Semitism in the latest legislation

Police face-off with pro-Palestinian students at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA). © AFP / Etienne Laurent

The US House of Representatives has passed a bill which its authors claim is aimed at combating anti-Semitism in American universities. If signed into law, it would mean suggesting that Jesus Christ was killed by Jews could be classed as anti-Semitism.

The Antisemitism Awareness Act contains a list of “*contemporary examples*” which have been shared online by social media users, including Republican Representative Marjorie Taylor Greene.

Approved by 320 votes to 91 on Wednesday, with 21 Republicans and 70 Democrats opposing, the bill would require the US Department of Education to adopt a broad definition of anti-Semitism used by the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA), which describes the phenomenon as “*certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred toward Jews.*”

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Taylor Greene was among the lawmakers who voted against the bill. “*Antisemitism is wrong,*” she wrote on X (formerly Twitter) on Wednesday, but added that she would not support legislation that “*could convict Christians of antisemitism for believing the Gospel that says Jesus was handed over to Herod to be crucified by the Jews.*”

Other anti-Semitic acts mentioned in the bill include “*accusing Jewish citizens of being more loyal to Israel... than to the interests of their own nations,*” making allegations “*about a world Jewish conspiracy and or of Jews controlling the media, economy, government,*” as well as “*drawing comparisons of contemporary Israeli policy to that of the Nazis.*”

Since mid-April, students have set up protest camps at more than 40 colleges across the US, demanding a stop to the violence in Gaza and an end to Washington's support of Israel.

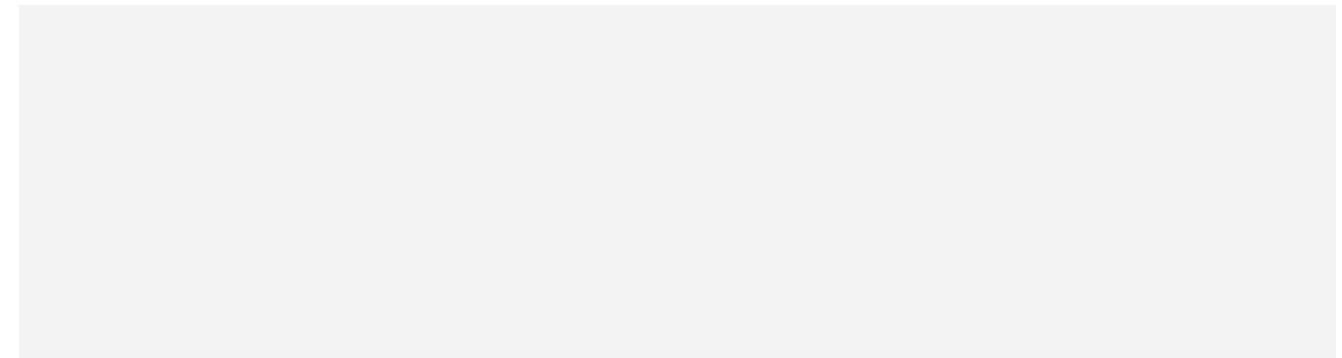
The demonstrations were initially peaceful, but clashes have erupted at Columbia University in New York, UCLA, and other colleges as police moved in to disperse the gatherings. Hundreds have been arrested amid the unrest.

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Israel is facing increasing international criticism over the rising death toll among Palestinians following its latest invasion of Gaza. According to the enclave's health ministry, more than 34,000 people have been killed in the ongoing airstrikes and ground offensive. The campaign was launched in response to the October 7 cross-border attack on Israel by Hamas, in which at least 1,200 people were killed and 250 taken hostage.

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