

President Speaks to the American Israel Public Affairs Committee on Anti-Semitism

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Remarks by President George W. Bush to the American Israel Public Affairs Committee
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Washington, D.C. On 05/18/04, President Bush gave a speech to the American Israel Public Affairs Committee during which he said the following: "Some of you attended a very important event in Berlin last month, the International Conference on Anti-Semitism. You understand that anti-Semitism is not a problem of the past; the hatred of Jews did not die in a Berlin bunker. In its cruder forms, it can be found in some Arab media, and this government will continue to call upon Arab governments to end libels and incitements. Such hatred can also take subtler forms. The demonization of Israel, the most extreme anti-Zionist rhetoric can be a flimsy cover for anti-Semitism, and contribute to an atmosphere of fear in which synagogues are desecrated, people are slandered, folks are threatened. I will continue to call upon our friends in Europe to renounce and fight any sign of anti-Semitism in their midst." Full text at <http://www.whitehouse.gov/news/releases/2004/05/20040518-1.html>