

Jews in UK want to leave because of hate crimes

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Many Jews in Britain want to leave the country because of an increase in anti-Semitism hate crimes. Anti-Semitism is hostility towards or discrimination against Jews. It is a hate crime. A recent

increase in anti-Semitism has made one third of Jewish people in Britain want to move overseas. New research shows that only 59 per cent of British Jews feel welcome in the UK, which is their home. More than 10,000 British Jews were interviewed in the large-scale study. Around 40 per cent of Britain's Jews said they felt afraid and hid their religion in public. The research is from the Campaign Against Anti-Semitism (CAA). It found there has been a 45 per cent surge in anti-Semitic crime since 2014.

The study revealed that more than three-quarters believed that Britain's largest left-wing political party, the Labour Party, has fuelled anti-Semitism. People said its negative opinions on Israel created bad feeling towards Jews. They also said its leader failed to crack down on anti-Semitism within the party. Another reason was the fact that very few anti-Semitic hate crimes go to court. Fewer than 24 such crimes go to court each year. The CAA warned that: "Without urgent change, British Jews may start to leave, as has happened elsewhere in Europe." The UK government said: "There can never be an excuse for hatred towards the Jewish community, and wherever we find it, we shall oppose and challenge it."

Sources: dailymail.co.uk / jpost.com / thesun.co.uk

Writing

There should be much more serious punishments for hate crimes. Discuss.

Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

country / increase / hostility / discrimination / welcome / interviewed / religion / political party / anti-Semitism / negative / opinions / reason / urgent / excuse

True / False

- a) Many British Jews no longer want to live in Britain. T / F
- b) Most Jews who were questioned still feel welcome in Britain. T / F
- c) About 40% of British Jews said they hid their religion in public. T / F
- d) Anti-Semitic crime has increase by 45% in the past three years. T / F
- e) Most Jews in Britain believe a left-wing party fuels anti-Semitism. T / F
- f) Britain's Labour Party is excellent at cracking down on anti-Semitism. T / F
- g) Thousands of anti-Semitic crimes go to court each year. T / F
- h) The UK government has not commented on anti-Semitism. T / F

Synonym Match

(The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

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| 1. increase | a. research |
| 2. hostility | b. abroad |
| 3. overseas | c. in other places |
| 4. study | d. showed |
| 5. found | e. rise |
| 6. revealed | f. beliefs |
| 7. opinions | g. stop |
| 8. crack down on | h. unfriendliness |
| 9. elsewhere | i. question |
| 10. challenge | j. discovered |

Discussion – Student A

- a) What do you think about what you read?
- b) What should happen to people who commit anti-Semitic crimes?
- c) Should children learn about the dangers of hate crimes?
- d) Why do so few anti-Semitic hate crimes go to court?
- e) What kinds of racism exists in your country?
- f) How can governments create more tolerant societies?
- g) How can we oppose and challenge anti-Semitism?
- h) What questions would you like to ask the researchers?

Phrase Match

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| 1. Many Jews in Britain want | a. opinions on Israel |
| 2. hostility towards or discrimination | b. in anti-Semitic crime |
| 3. interviewed in the large- | c. for hatred |
| 4. hid their religion | d. to leave the country |
| 5. there has been a 45 per cent surge | e. scale study |
| 6. Britain's largest left-wing | f. down on anti-Semitism |
| 7. its negative | g. political party |
| 8. its leader failed to crack | h. in public |
| 9. There can never be an excuse | i. and challenge it |
| 10. we shall oppose | j. against Jews |

Discussion – Student B

- Why does anti-Semitism exist?
- How much anti-Semitism exists in your country?
- What other forms of hate exist in your country?
- Have you ever been discriminated against?
- Are hate crimes increasing or decreasing today?
- How would it feel to feel unwelcome in your own country?
- How has the Internet increased hate crime?
- Would you ever hide your religion?

Spelling

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Answers – Synonym Match

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6. d	7. f	8. g	9. c	10. i

Role Play

Role A – Hate Mail

You think hate mail is most difficult hate crime to stop. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their hate crimes aren't as difficult to stop. Also, tell the others which is the easiest of these to stop (and why): social media attacks, offensive graffiti or verbal abuse.

Role B – Social Media Attacks

You think social media attacks are most difficult hate crimes to stop. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their hate crimes aren't as difficult to stop. Also, tell the others which is the easiest of these to stop (and why): hate mail, offensive graffiti or verbal abuse.

Role C – Offensive Graffiti

You think offensive graffiti is most difficult hate crime to stop. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their hate crimes aren't as difficult to stop. Also, tell the others which is the easiest of these to stop (and why): social media attacks, hate mail or verbal abuse.

Role D – Verbal Abuse

You think verbal abuse is most difficult hate crime to stop. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their hate crimes aren't as difficult to stop. Also, tell the others which is the easiest of these to stop (and why): social media attacks, offensive graffiti or hate mail.

Speaking – Hate Crimes

Rank these with your partner. Put the most difficult hate crimes to address at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

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| • insults | • verbal abuse |
| • hate mail | • offensive graffiti |
| • bullying | • physical assault |
| • harassment | • social media attacks |

Answers – True False

a	T	b	F	c	T	d	T	e	T	f	F	g	F	h	F
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Answers to Phrase Match and Spelling are in the text.