

# Conservatives Confront Rising Antisemitism Within GOP Ranks: 'An Existential Crisis'

Republican conservatives are facing a looming crisis: the evil of antisemitism has begun to infiltrate their ranks. Sen. Ted Cruz (R-TX) recently sounded the alarm, saying the problem has reached unprecedented levels.

"In the last six months, I've seen more antisemitism on the right than I have in my entire life," Cruz said. "This is a poison, and I believe we are facing an existential crisis in our party and in our country."

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The issue is no longer confined to controversial figures like podcaster Candace Owens, who has been criticized for promoting anti-Jewish conspiracy theories. This week, the spotlight has turned to Nick Fuentes, a far-right activist who has suggested that "perfidious Jews" should be executed.

Fuentes's social media videos reach millions—especially young men who identify with the "America First" movement. Recently, popular commentator Tucker Carlson gave Fuentes a major platform on his show but instead of challenging Fuentes over his record of Holocaust denial and praise for Soviet dictator Joseph Stalin, Carlson offered virtually no pushback.

Josh Hammer, author of *Israel and Civilization*, warns that Carlson's actions are dangerous, particularly in an era when public institutions are losing trust.

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"I think American people have lost the ability in many ways to distinguish right from wrong, fact from fiction," Hammer said. "And putting on my historian's cap, thinking back over the past few thousand years of Western civilization, there has historically been one people who are most disproportionately harmed when a society loses that ability: the Jewish people."

Hammer and other conservatives say they have watched with dismay as Carlson increasingly fixates on Jewish topics. "It is an actual deep, profound obsession—and a very unhealthy obsession at that," Hammer added.

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Carlson's guest lineup has included Holocaust deniers and critics who accuse Israel of committing genocide in Gaza. One guest even suggested that Israel's intelligence agency, Mossad, was involved with Jeffrey Epstein.

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