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# **Fighting Online Antisemitism**

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**FOA Activity January-March  
2022**

1. Numbers- total number of content reported, removal rate (per social media)
2. Numbers- Removal Rate after contacting the social media
3. January- International Holocaust Remembrance Day
4. February- Increase of Antisemitism in social media as a result of the Russo-Ukrainian war

## **JANUARY**

The International Holocaust Remembrance Day is on January 27th. Auschwitz concentration camp was liberated on January 27th, 1945. At the beginning of January, we instructed our monitoring team to focus on searching Holocaust-related antisemitic content on social media, which our volunteers have found and reported. A big part of it contains material that is hard to watch. In preparation for the International Holocaust Remembrance Day, FOA has published a [report](#) on Holocaust-related content, and Holocaust-related hate speech, on social media. This report, "Expression of Holocaust denial on social media" can be found on the FOA website.

## **February**

Following the Russian-Ukrainian conflict and the Russian threats of invading Ukraine, we have instructed our volunteers to focus on searching and monitoring antisemitic content related to it, especially on the Russian social network VK. In addition, we have tested with an automated monitoring tool several antisemitic posts on social media, also related to this conflict.

We found that during February there was an increase in the publishing of antisemitic content related to the war, with a drastic one at the end of the month when it finally broke. At the beginning of March, FOA published a [report](#) about the war in Ukraine.

## **March**

During March, and because of the rising tension toward the month of Ramadan, three severe terrorist attacks have occurred against Jews in several major cities in Israel, where 11 citizens have been murdered (Beersheba, Hadera, and Bnei Brak), in addition to stabbing, and attempted terrorist attacks. At the end of the month, the IDF began operation Shovel Galim (Wave Trail) in the Palestinian cities in the West Bank and Arab cities within the Green Line (pre-1967 Israeli border) to find and arrest active, and wanted, terrorists. FOA monitoring team has been instructed to monitor the content that incites and supports these attacks.

Additionally, a few Arab-speaking volunteers have been recruited to the monitoring team in February and March, and the number of reported Arab content has significantly risen.

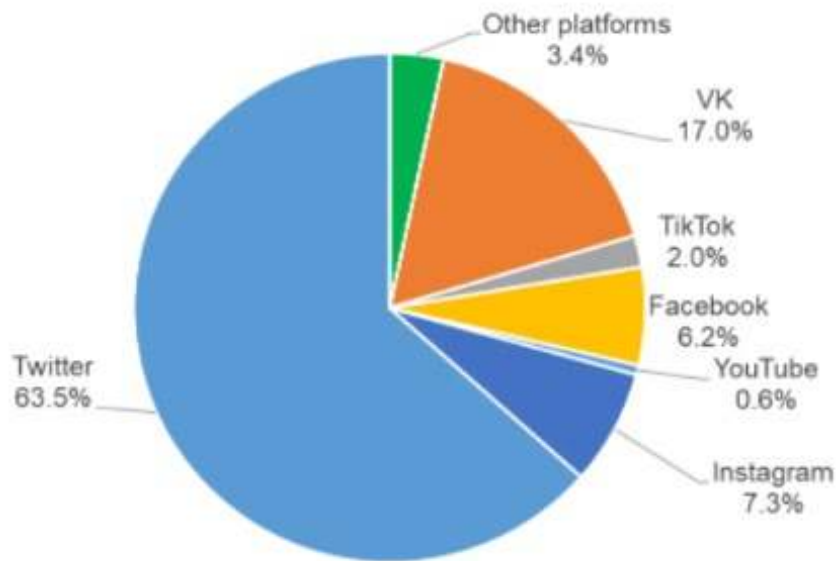
Percentage of reported Arab content by the new volunteers in January through March (data for each month from all reported content of said month):

January - 11%, February - 24%, March - 26%. The majority of it is incitement and support.

## **Online content monitoring and removal of data**

From January through March 2022, FOA volunteers have reported more than 2000 antisemitic and anti-Israel content. Of these, 160 were removed, constituting about 7.73% (as of April 7th, 2022).

**Antisemitic content reported**



**Rate of Content Removal**

