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## Monitoring and Removal of Antisemitic Content on Social Media Platform Vkontakte

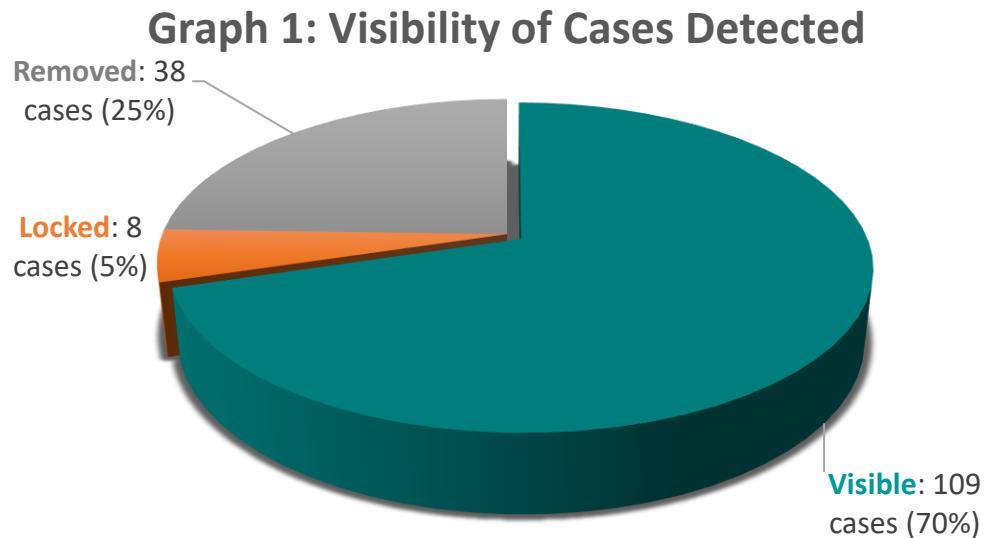
**Fighting Online Antisemitism** is an Israeli nonprofit which has taken on the challenge of removing antisemitic and hate content found online. FOA currently works in various languages across six social media platforms and has succeeded in reporting hundreds of examples of antisemitic conspiracy theories and misleading content, leading to the deletion of significant amounts of material. We collaborate with YouTube (Trusted Flagger program), Twitter and Facebook, and we are the only Israeli member of the global organization International Network Against Cyber Hate (INACH).

With the help of a limited team of Russian-speaking volunteers, we detected 150 cases of Antisemitism (as defined by IHRA) on the popular social network VKontakte (VK), used by half a billion Russian-speakers. The Antisemitic cases detected included 89 Antisemitic posts, 42 Antisemitic users posting Antisemitic content on a regular basis and 24 undefined\* cases (posts or users). Although almost all content was in Russian, posts in German, English and Hungarian were also detected.

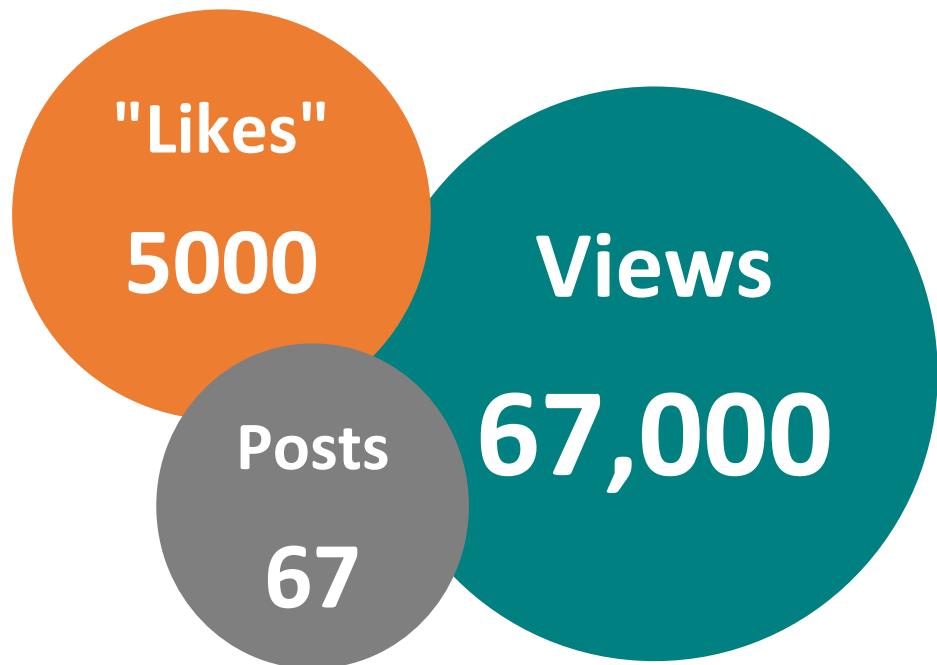
The majority of posts detected (53%) fell under the category of classic Antisemitism, while the remaining content fell under various categories including Holocaust denial, incitement to violence, blood libels and conspiracy theories targeting Jews. Specifically, we detected conspiracy theories linking Jews to the Covid pandemic.

As of today, 70% of cases monitored and reported remain visible (109 cases in total of which 67 are posts and 42 are users). 25% of cases were removed by the platform (38 cases in total). 5% of posts (8 posts) were locked for comments (see Graph 1). Antisemitic content monitored received a total of 67,608 views and 5,620 likes, where each post was viewed 1,408 times on average and on average received 104 likes (see Infographic 1).

\*Cases remained undefined if they were removed from the platform before our volunteers were able to define the cases as users or content.



**Infographic 1:**



## Examples of content not removed from the platform:

Example 1: Neo-Nazis praise SS soldiers as war heroes.



THE SS FILES  
24 Dec at 12:10 am

✗ Karl-Heinrich Brenner ✗ 01.05.1895 – 14.02.1954  
Served with SS Gebirgs-Division 'Nord' ✗ 27.12.1944 awarded Knight's Cross.  
NSDAP # 3.460.685 (1933) SS # 307.786 (1938) National Champion and Olympic Gold  
Medalist 10,000m race, also won several Ski Championships. Highly decorated HERO in  
both World Wars and Hitler Youth Leader, also remained a National Socialist after the  
war.

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Example 2: Demonization of Jews during ancient times: according to this post Christian children were manipulated by Jews throughout history.



Мелитопольское освободительное движение !!!

Сотни жидовских учёных трудились над выработкой нового Закона для жидов планеты. Именно здесь был создан Вавилонский Талмуд, священная книга жидов, которая была объявлена более важной, чем Библия. Ибо в Талмуде была изложена Главная Цель жидовского народа, стратегия и тактика его в новых исторических условиях. Главным врагом, врагом № 1 гаоны объявили христиан. Гаоны через агентов распространяли Талмуд по всем жидовским общинам планеты. Они старались навязать всем общинам свою волю. За неподчинение – отлучение и даже смерть. Теперь фактически именно гаоны назначали экзиларха, а царь Персии лишь послушно утверждал его.

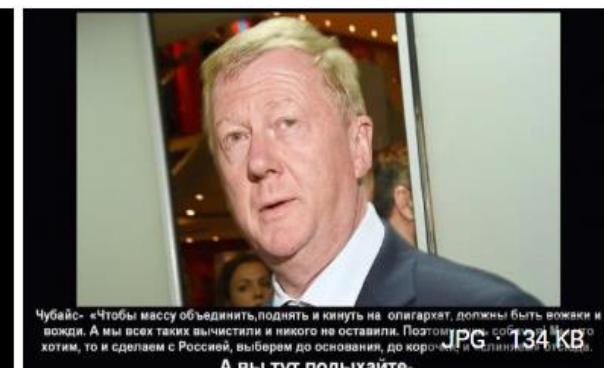
Жиды в Персидской империи, как видим, занимали весьма привилегированное положение. Это был привилегированный народ. Местное население, недовольное засильем жидов, их наглостью и беспределом, жидов ненавидело, но сделать ничего не могло. Христианские рабы, христианские дети находились в полной власти жидов.



16 Jun at 7:03 pm

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Example 3: Jews are planning on taking over Russia and the world and to instigate anarchy that will cause worldwide bloodshed.



Мразь  
Это он над вами курил  
В любой другой бы целился в вас  
пожизненный срок - за убийство страны.



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