

Why do Jews in Norway nonetheless regard antisemitism as a serious and escalating problem in society?

Attitudes and actions are not the same thing. The decrease shown in CHM's survey applies to the extent of antisemitic attitudes in the Norwegian population. We did not survey acts of antisemitism, the capacity of radical groups to act, or the threat level to which Jews in Norway are exposed. The perception of antisemitism as a serious and escalating problem may be explained by issues such as terrorism, antisemitism on the internet or experiences of everyday discrimination.

The most alarming finding, however, is the justification of violence and harassment against Jews based on Israel's treatment of the Palestinians. Several factors suggest that opinions on the Middle East conflict also play a decisive role in Norway. The fact that the Jewish minority perceives antisemitism as a growing problem in Norwegian society may also be due to Israel-derived antisemitism.