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1 Jews do not control the world

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4 offensive, if not antisemitic'

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5 TEXT BODY:

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6 THE IRAN WAR is just as much Trump's war if not more  
7 than Netanyahu's.

8 This week, Joe Kent, sympathizer of Nazis and white  
9 supremacists and head of the National Counterterrorism Center  
10 under President Donald Trump, resigned from the administration

11 in protest of the Iran war, saying “it is clear that we started this  
12 war due to pressure from Israel and its powerful American lobby.”

13 In his [resignation letter](#) to Trump, Kent also wrote, “Early  
14 in this administration, high-ranking Israeli officials and influential  
15 members of the American media deployed a misinformation  
16 campaign that wholly undermined your America First platform  
17 and sowed pro-war sentiments to encourage a war with Iran” and  
18 blamed “a war manufactured by Israel” for killing his first wife,  
19 U.S. Navy Chief Petty Officer Shannon Kent, who died in an ISIS  
20 bombing in Syria in 2019 while serving under the Joint Special  
21 Operations Command.

22 Trump denies that Netanyahu manipulated him into  
23 starting this war. As reported in The Guardian, Trump told  
24 reporters, “No. I might have forced their hand.”

25 We should take Trump at his word on this.

26 At *The Atlantic*, Yair Rosenberg [wrote](#): “Setting aside its  
27 potentially anti-Semitic undertones, [Joe Kent’s] argument fails on  
28 the facts. In reality, Trump telegraphed his bellicose intentions  
29 toward Iran for decades, and once in office, he escalated conflict  
30 with the country at every opportunity.”

31 Rosenberg cites a number of examples dating back to  
32 1980, during the Iran hostage crisis, where in a TV interview,  
33 Trump said that “we should have gone in there with troops,” and  
34 said that doing so would make America “an oil-rich nation.”

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36 KENT’S RESIGNATION LETTER accurately points out that Iran  
37 is Trump’s war. Unfortunately, it is replete with antisemitism.

38 “Reading Kent’s resignation letter, I was reminded of that  
39 infamous *Onion* [article](#) that makes the rounds every once in a  
40 while — “Worst Person You Know Is Right About Something,”  
41 said Emily Horne, who was a member of the National Security  
42 Council under President Joe Biden after a long career at the State  
43 Department, in an [interview](#) with *The New Republic* podcast host  
44 Greg Sargent. “The letter has some incredibly ugly antisemitic

45 tropes. It evokes some really nasty rhetoric that I frankly recoiled  
46 at while reading it.”

47 I believe Netanyahu and the Israeli right are responsible  
48 for the war on and genocide in Gaza. Israel as a whole is not.

49 Israel, like the U.S., is not a political monolith. Many in  
50 Israel support peace and justice in Gaza, Iran, and the entire  
51 region and oppose the wars there.

52 “We must not accept war as the only answer or the  
53 default option,” Alon-Lee Green, national codirector of Standing  
54 Together, [wrote](#) recently. “Especially when it comes from  
55 politicians who have shown time and time again that they do not  
56 care about their own people and basic human rights.

57 “This situation is not normal, and all of us across the  
58 region deserve better. We must resist this reality and fight for a  
59 future of life, for all of us.”

60 Painting all Israelis and Jews with the Israeli right’s hate  
61 brush is akin to saying all of us are MAGA supporters — highly  
62 offensive, if not antisemitic.

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64 MEANWHILE, from the manosphere, the new media trend  
65 of misogynist and far-right extreme podcasters and social media  
66 influencers, we get this.

67 “Superficially, these men are selling their audiences  
68 bizarre and extremist ideas — women shouldn’t vote; covering  
69 one eye in a photograph is a reference to a satanic plot — against  
70 the backdrop of the babes and Lamborghinis they ‘possess,’”

71 [writes](#) Jessica Grose of *The New York Times* about a new  
72 documentary, *Inside the Manosphere*, on Netflix.

73 “There’s a whole section of the documentary where it  
74 seems like every conversation [English filmmaker and host Louis]  
75 Theroux has devolves into an antisemitic conspiracy theory  
76 involving the Rothschilds, citing ‘the Jews’ who control the one-  
77 world government and/or the media and/or Theroux himself.  
78 These specific conspiracy theories have been appearing [in](#)

79 [pamphlets](#) — the old-timey version of viral videos — since the  
80 19th century.”

81           And don’t forget the claims that Israel killed Charlie Kirk,  
82 who promoted antisemitic views, or the Charlottesville marchers  
83 with torches chanting “Jews will not replace us,” amplifying the  
84 “great replacement” theory.

85           Antisemitic conspiracy theories and hatred of Jews are  
86 insidious, centuries old, and alive and well. Please read and think  
87 critically.

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88           **JEAN ANNE KIEWEL** is an attorney in Brattleboro.

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