

Legislative History:

January 10, 1996: Request received from Immediate-Past-President Brad Backer that the Council develop a position regarding hate messages on the internet.

February 21, 1996: Officers referred request to the Anti-Semitism and Constitutional Law Task Force.

March 25, 1996: Position statement recommended by the Task Force on Anti-Semitism and Constitutional Law.

May 8, 1996: Amended and recommended by the Executive Committee.

May 15, 1996: Amended and adopted by the Board of Directors.

**POSITION REGARDING HATE MESSAGES ON THE INTERNET**

The Milwaukee Jewish Council for Community Relations:

a. opposes government censorship of the contents of communications on the internet, including, but not limited to, hate messages.

b. strongly opposes the use of the internet for hate messages.

c. urges the industry of on-line service providers to condemn hate messages.

d. urges on-line service providers to be responsive to complaints from users of 'news groups' and 'bulletin boards' about inappropriate patterns of messages from hate groups.

e. urges on-line service providers to voluntarily adopt a code of regulations in an effort to end inappropriate interjections from hate groups seeking to disrupt discussion forums, news-groups and similar 'chat' networks, including the termination of access to individuals or groups disrupting those forums.

f. urges groups which share the Council's concern over the spreading of hate messages on the Internet to join the Council in continuing to monitor the content of such messages on the Internet, and the actions taken by on-line service providers to prevent the spreading of hate messages on the Internet.

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