

Tracking Foreign State Influence, Strategic Public Affairs Steering, and Digital Discourse Manipulation: The Pro-Israel Public-Private Operational Ecosystem in the United States

Decentralized Operational Ecosystem: Entity Mapping and Tactics

The landscape of foreign influence in the United States has undergone a structural transformation, shifting from centralized state-led diplomacy to a highly decentralized, public-private operational ecosystem. This modern paradigm relies on "venture philanthropy" and "strategic force-multiplication"—doctrines designed to establish maximum policy alignment with the State of Israel while bypassing traditional transparency mechanisms like the Foreign Agents Registration Act (FARA). Rather than acting as isolated charitable entities, the organizations in this network operate as a coordinated pipeline. These entities utilize distinct, specialized tactical portfolios to shape domestic public policy, monitor and suppress campus activism, and steer online media narratives.

The Vine and Fig Tree Network

The Vine & Fig Tree network represents an insulated funding and strategic incubation node designed to direct capital toward strategic communications, anti-extremism research, and technology initiatives. Operating through two primary legal entities registered in New York, the Vine & Fig Tree Fund Inc. and the Vine & Fig Tree Institute I Inc., the network is led by Chairman and President Michael Davis, Treasurer Ari Gontownik, and Secretary Weston Edwards. Both entities share a single physical office on West 25th Street in New York City and maintain an extremely low public profile; the Fund does not participate in public donation platforms, and the Institute operates strictly on an invitation-only, relationship-based funding model that rejects unsolicited proposals.

During the 2024 and 2025 fiscal periods, the Institute served as a primary capital buffer, collecting over \$3 million in contributions and routing \$850,000 as a single-recipient grant to the Fund. This dual-entity setup allows the network to bypass standard nonprofit evaluation metrics while selectively distributing high-impact capital. For example, the Fund has provided critical financial backing to peer organizations, including \$250,000 to the Combat Hate Foundation, \$100,000 to the Merona Leadership Foundation, and \$741,700 to the Adir Challenge Foundation. By acting as a quiet, domestic financial anchor, the Vine & Fig Tree network coordinates resources for organizations tasked with directly manipulating online discourse and lobbying federal authorities.

The Combat Hate Foundation and the Combat Antisemitism Movement

The Combat Hate Foundation, established in 2019 in Moundridge, Kansas, is the corporate parent of the Combat Antisemitism Movement (CAM). Despite its registration in a small Midwestern town under the name of Donna Stucky—the Chief Financial Officer of Berexco LLC, an oil and gas firm owned by Republican megadonor Adam Beren—the organization has scaled into a global advocacy powerhouse with an operating budget exceeding \$11.9 million. Mikhail Galperin serves as the Executive Director of the foundation, while Sacha Roytman Dratwa, a veteran of the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) New Media Operations team, serves as the CEO of CAM.

CAM operates as a sprawling coalition comprising approximately 700 partner organizations, bridging mainstream Jewish organizations and more controversial partners like the Clarion Project. It employs aggressive, multifaceted public affairs tactics. In December 2024, the foundation funded the annual Mayors Summit Against Antisemitism in Beverly Hills, California, covering all travel, lodging, and dining expenses for local mayors to secure municipal pledges and commitments. At the state and federal levels, CAM sponsors the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC) and employs professional firms such as Winning Strategies Washington to lobby lawmakers on education policy and foreign affairs.

Furthermore, CAM has faced intense criticism for its domestic targeting campaigns. In June 2023, the group released a highly controversial video targeting "woke antisemitism," which argued that Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) frameworks directly foster antisemitism by classifying Jews as "oppressors". The video caused a rift within the Jewish philanthropic community, prompting the Jewish Federations of North America to threaten a withdrawal from the coalition, though CAM's underlying objective—to dismantle progressive and anti-Zionist campus organizing by targeting DEI programs—remained aligned with subsequent U.S. federal policy shifts.

The Israel on Campus Coalition

Initially founded in 2002 under the auspices of Hillel International and the Lynn Schusterman Family Philanthropies, the Israel on Campus Coalition (ICC) has transformed from a student support group into a sophisticated, highly aggressive political intelligence operation on U.S. campuses. Guided by Executive Director Mitchell Baime, the ICC operates with a budget of approximately \$9 million and is explicitly modeled on military "counterinsurgency" doctrines. The group relies on "offensive information operations," utilizing professional opposition researchers and digital consultants to neutralize pro-Palestinian student activists, progressive Jewish groups (such as Open Hillel), and visiting academics.

The tactics employed by the ICC represent some of the most controversial forms of domestic political manipulation. Investigative reporting and leaked footage from the censored documentary *The Lobby USA* revealed that the ICC coordinates directly with Israel's Ministry of Strategic Affairs, maintaining the ministry on its "operations and intelligence brief" and passing surveillance data collected by student informants back to Israeli state officials.

The ICC's operational playbook includes:

- **Digital Astroturfing:** In 2016, the ICC secretly funded anonymous Facebook pages designed to look like organic local student groups to smear Palestinian-American poet Remi Kanazi during a university tour. Facebook eventually removed these pages for

violating its misrepresentation policies.

- **Blacklisting Support:** The ICC officially endorsed and utilized Canary Mission, a shadowy online database that blacklists student activists and faculty members to damage their future employment prospects and deter public dissent.
- **Financial Incentivization:** In November 2023, the ICC leveraged its microgrant program to distribute up to \$250 per person to reimburse thousands of college students for traveling to the March for Israel rally in Washington, D.C., effectively artificializing the scale of public assembly.

CyberWell

Formed in 2022 by Tal-Or Cohen Montemayor—a U.S.-born Israeli lawyer and former member of the IDF who previously provided intelligence analysis to Israel's Ministry of Strategic Affairs—CyberWell acts as a technological enforcer of online discourse. The group utilizes artificial intelligence, big data analytics, and machine learning lexicons to scan major social media platforms (Meta, TikTok, X, and YouTube) for content violating the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) definition of antisemitism.

CyberWell maintains the first-ever open database of flagged antisemitic social media posts, leveraging this data to exert pressure on tech conglomerates to modify their Trust and Safety guidelines. In May 2026, CyberWell formalized a partnership with the American Jewish Committee (AJC) to deliver targeted compliance reports directly to Meta and X executives, effectively acting as an external moderator that pushes for the suppression of anti-Zionist speech, which it classifies as a form of "covert conspiracy control". Critics argue that by embedding its algorithmic tools into the trust and safety mechanisms of private American social media companies, CyberWell exercises a form of privatized censorship over U.S. citizens' political discourse on behalf of strategic narratives aligned with the Israeli government.

The Adir Challenge Foundation

The Adir Challenge Foundation is a rapid-response technology incubator established in Hoboken, New Jersey, following the October 7, 2023, attacks. Formed by Morielle Lotan and Dr. Shay Hershkovitz—a former Israeli intelligence officer and senior research fellow at the Intelligence Methodology Research Center—the foundation is designed to transplant the operational mindset of Israeli high-tech startups into the U.S. cultural arena.

Operating with seed funding of \$250,000 from the UJA-Federation of New York and subsequent capital from the Vine & Fig Tree Fund, the foundation hosts global competitions to design software to counter online hate. Through programs like the GameChangers Fellowship, Israeli and American student teams develop automated reporting platforms and artificial intelligence moderation tools. Its flagship project, *Reportify*, is a generative AI application designed to streamline and automate the submission of Title VI civil rights complaints on U.S. college campuses, effectively turning legal grievance filing into a gamified, high-frequency tool to pressure university administrations.

The Role of Specialized Affiliates

The broader ecosystem relies on secondary specialized entities to execute niche tasks, ensuring that core operations remain insulated from direct public attention:

- **The Clarion Project:** Operating with an annual budget of approximately \$2.6 million, the

Clarion Project specializes in producing media campaigns challenging domestic progressive movements. Despite being labeled an anti-Muslim hate group by critics, it has received significant backing from Adam Beren and serves as a key coalition partner for CAM.

- **The Network Contagion Research Institute (NCRI):** Acting as an academic proxy, the NCRI receives funding from the Combat Hate Foundation (\$75,000 in 2022) to produce research linking online antisemitic tropes to physical threats. This research is subsequently cited by CAM to lobby federal agencies for greater censorship on digital platforms.
- **Passages America Israel:** Focused on securing long-term ideological support among young conservatives, Passages received \$2.55 million in 2024 from DonorsTrust. Founded by former Netanyahu advisor Robert Nicholson, the group runs "Christian Birthright" trips to align future U.S. political leaders with Israeli defense paradigms.

Entity Name	Annual Budget / Revenue	Key Leadership	Core Tactical Methods	Sovereign U.S. Alignment Concerns
Vine & Fig Tree Fund	~\$3.0M (Institute Inflow)	Michael Davis, Ari Gontownik, Weston Edwards	Invitation-only capital routing; peer grant distribution	High opacity; insulates strategic influence from public tracking
Combat Hate Foundation / CAM	\$11.9M (Expenses)	Adam Beren (Founder), Donna Stucky, Sacha Roytman	Mayoral Summit hosting; direct state lobbying (ALEC); anti-DEI video campaigns	Exerts private influence on local mayors; seeks to defund public universities
Israel on Campus Coalition (ICC)	~\$9.0M	Mitchell Baime (Executive Director)	"Counterinsurgency" monitoring; fake Facebook student proxies; Canary Mission coordination	Directly coordinates with Israel's Ministry of Strategic Affairs; surveils U.S. students
CyberWell	Unlisted (Indep. Tech Partner)	Tal-Or Cohen Montemayor (Founder)	Algorithmic scanning; direct Meta/X policy steering; IHRA definition compliance	Embeds foreign strategic definitions of speech into private U.S. platforms
Adir Challenge Foundation	~\$326K (Revenue)	Morielle Lotan (CEO), Dr. Shay Hershkovitz	Tech hackathons; GameChangers Fellowship; <i>Reportify</i> AI development	Uses Israeli intelligence alumni to develop U.S. domestic reporting software

Multi-Layered Financial Architecture and Capital Flows

The survival and efficacy of this operational ecosystem rely on a highly complex, layered

financial architecture. This multi-tier funding pipeline is strategically designed to obscure the identity of ultimate beneficial owners (UBOs) and high-net-worth individual donors while maintaining the tax-exempt status of entities engaging in foreign-aligned advocacy.

The DonorsTrust Dark Money Conduit

DonorsTrust, widely recognized as the preferred donor-advised fund (DAF) of the Koch political network, operates as a massive legal clearinghouse for conservative and right-wing causes, distributing over \$195.3 million in 2024 alone. By utilizing a donor-advised fund, high-net-worth individuals can make tax-deductible contributions to DonorsTrust and subsequently direct grants to specific organizations without their names appearing on the recipient's public IRS Form 990 filings.

In 2024, DonorsTrust emerged as a pivotal source of funding for pro-Israel youth influence and advocacy groups, routing millions to organizations focused on political education and campus alignment. The largest single recipient in this vertical was Passages America Israel (doing business as Passages Israel), which received \$2.55 million. Founded by Robert Nicholson, a former U.S. Marine, alongside a former adviser to Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, Passages operates a "Christian Birthright" program designed to recruit and train young conservative Christian leaders to advocate for Israeli defense policy within the United States. Additional 2024 DonorsTrust allocations included \$310,000 to the Merona Leadership Foundation, \$263,180 to the Friends of the Israel Defense Forces, \$250,000 to the National Jewish Advocacy Center, \$200,000 to the TalkIsrael Foundation, and \$100,180 to the Israel on Campus Coalition.

The Beren Family Oil Fortune

The financial survival of the Combat Hate Foundation is almost entirely dependent on the generational wealth of the Kansas-based Beren oil family. Adam Beren's family office, primarily through the Beren Sea Foundation, has injected massive, continuous capital into the Combat Hate Foundation since its inception. Between 2020 and 2024, the Beren Sea Foundation contributed a cumulative total of more than \$13 million in general operating support. This is supplemented by other Beren family entities, such as the Israel Henry Beren Charitable Foundation, which provided \$500,000 in 2024 specifically earmarked for the Combat Antisemitism Movement. This concentration of funding allows CAM to execute highly coordinated campaigns without needing to build a broad, grassroots donor base.

The Milstein Venture Philanthropy Network

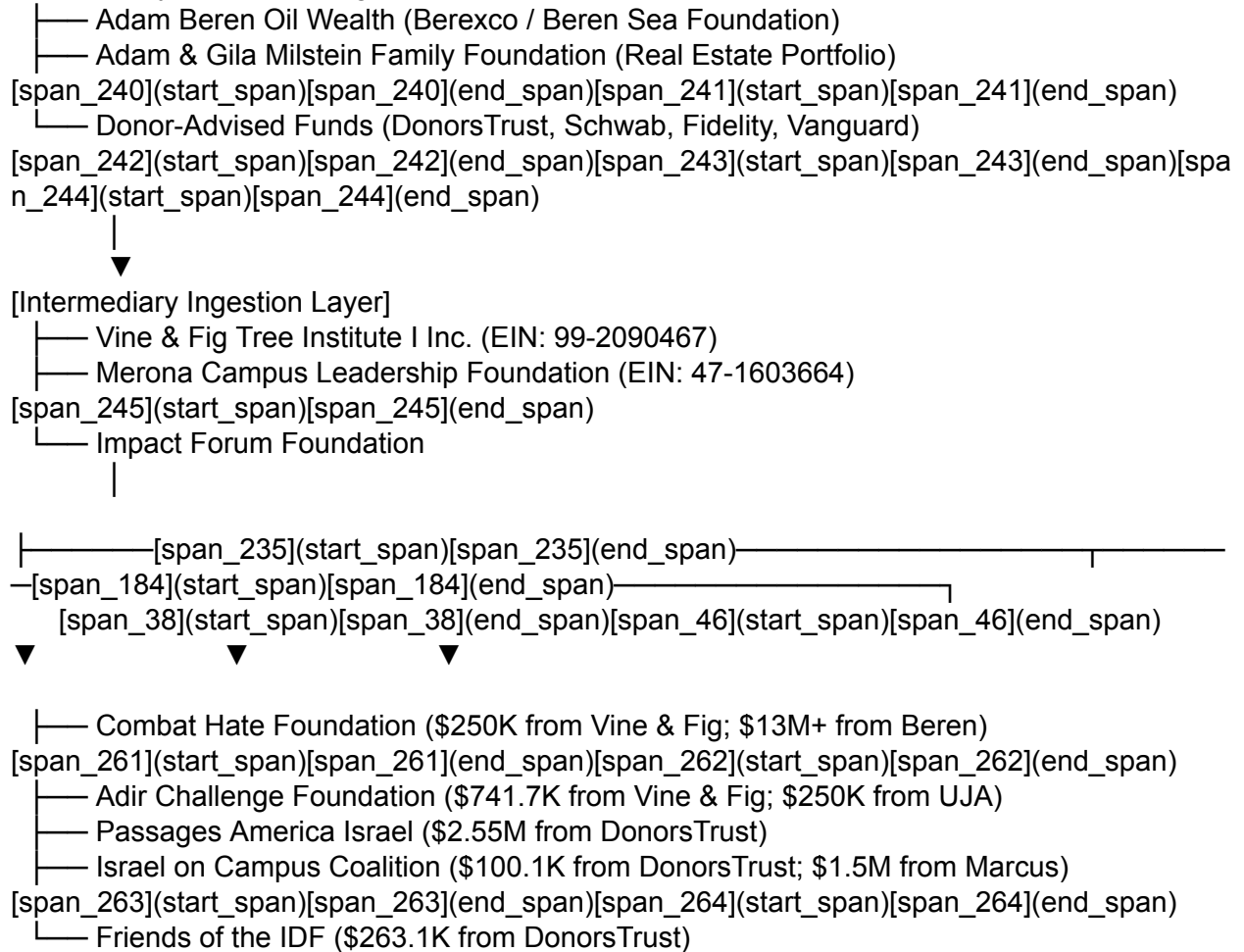
Adam Milstein, an Israeli-American real estate investor and co-founder of the Israeli-American Council (IAC), has pioneered a funding philosophy he refers to as "Philanthropic Synergy" and "Strategic Force-Multiplication". Recognizing that many pro-Israel nonprofits compete for funding and replicate efforts, Milstein established the Impact Forum Foundation in Los Angeles in 2017. This forum serves as a quarterly vetting and fundraising assembly for approximately 175 wealthy philanthropists.

The Impact Forum acts as a venture capital fund for the pro-Israel ecosystem. It identifies, vets, and coordinates funding for small-to-medium-sized organizations—such as CyberWell, the Israel on Campus Coalition, and StandWithUs—that "punch above their weight". At a single dinner event in Miami Beach in March 2026, the Impact Forum raised over \$1.1 million to

distribute among these vetted groups, ensuring that independent organizations align their messaging and operations to achieve maximum strategic impact on U.S. policy and digital discourse.

Forensic Capital Flow Tracking

To map the routing of these capital flows, the following model details the progression of funds from primary sources through intermediaries to the final execution nodes:



Forensic Financial Transaction Directory

The following directory captures verified financial transactions within the network, identifying the year, specific donor, recipient, amount, and the program area supported:

Year	Donor / Source Entity	Recipient Entity	Transfer Amount	Disclosed Program Area / Purpose
2024	Beren Sea Foundation	Combat Hate Foundation	\$2,775,000	General Operating Support
2024	DonorsTrust Inc.	Passages America Israel	\$2,550,000	Youth Leadership Screening & Holy

Year	Donor / Source Entity	Recipient Entity	Transfer Amount	Disclosed Program Area / Purpose
				Land Trips
2025	Vine & Fig Tree Institute	Vine & Fig Tree Fund Inc.	\$850,000	Inter-Entity Capital Transfer
2024	Vine & Fig Tree Fund	Adir Challenge Foundation	\$741,700	Education Technology Initiative
2024	Fidelity Investments	Merona Leadership Foundation	\$683,270	Exempt Purpose Support
2024	Israel Henry Beren Foundation	Combat Hate Foundation	\$500,000	Combat Antisemitism Movement Funding
2024	Ric & Suzanne Kayne Foundation	Combat Hate Foundation	\$500,000	Annual Discretionary Giving
2024	Jewish Comm. Foundation LA	Merona Leadership Foundation	\$370,000	General Operating Support
2024	DonorsTrust Inc.	Merona Leadership Foundation	\$310,000	Right-Wing Youth Influence Expansion
2024	Vanguard Charitable	Combat Hate Foundation	\$305,000	Exempt Purpose Grant
	2024	DonorsTrust Inc.	Friends of the IDF	\$263,180
2024	DonorsTrust Inc.	National Jewish Advocacy	\$250,000	Right-Wing Legal Advocacy Support
2024	Vine & Fig Tree Fund	Combat Hate Foundation	\$250,000	General Program Support
2024	Merona Leadership Foundation	Central Fund of Israel	\$223,521	Israel-Based General Support
2024	DonorsTrust Inc.	TalkIsrael Foundation	\$200,000	Right-Wing Media & Youth Outreach
2024	Merona Leadership Foundation	Soldiers Save Lives Corp	\$150,000	Military Support Initiative Funding
2024	Merona Leadership Foundation	Impact Forum Foundation	\$120,844	General Operating Support
2024	DonorsTrust Inc.	Israel on Campus Coalition	\$100,180	Campus Youth Influence Campaigns
2024	Combat Hate	Informing America	\$50,000	Hiring Reporters

Year	Donor / Source Entity	Recipient Entity	Transfer Amount	Disclosed Program Area / Purpose
	Foundation	Foundation		Covering Israel
2024	Combat Hate Foundation	ALEC	\$50,000	Annual Meeting Sponsorship

Structural Access, Personnel Transfers, and Administrative Policy Steering

The strategic efficacy of these public affairs networks is heavily reliant on their ability to translate private capital and digital narratives into tangible federal policies. This is achieved through direct points of access to the current Trump administration, targeted personnel transfers, and systematic changes in the executive branch's civil rights enforcement priorities.

Key Personnel Transfers and Access Points

The integration between private pro-Israel networks and federal policymakers is facilitated by several high-level personnel transfers:

- **Arie Lipnick:** Serving as the Chair of CAM's U.S. Advisory Board, Lipnick is a veteran political strategist who serves as a senior advisor to Representative Elise Stefanik. Stefanik, a high-profile ally of President Trump and former nominee for U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, has been a leading congressional voice targeting university presidents over campus antisemitism. Lipnick directly manages her policy portfolio, Jewish outreach, and fundraising, ensuring CAM's legislative priorities are communicated directly to congressional leadership.
- **Elan S. Carr:** Carr, a member of CAM's advisory board, previously served under the first Trump administration as the U.S. Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Anti-Semitism, advising Secretary of State Mike Pompeo and establishing federal frameworks that continue to guide contemporary advocacy.
- **Adam E. Beren:** In 2019, Trump appointed Beren, the primary donor behind CAM, to the United States Holocaust Memorial Council, cementing his family's direct access to federal advisory bodies.
- **Aaron Keyak:** Demonstrating the bipartisan reach of these networks, Keyak, who served as the Deputy Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Antisemitism under the United States Department of State from 2021 to 2025, transitioned directly into CAM's leadership as a Special Representative on International Affairs.
- ****Noam Lee:** The former Executive Director of the Democratic Governors Association has also joined CAM's U.S. Advisory Board, providing the network with deep strategic planning insights across state-level political campaigns.

Direct Policy Integration under the Trump Administration

The strategic objectives of CAM and the Milstein network have aligned directly with executive actions taken by the Trump administration. On January 29, 2025, President Trump signed an Executive Order on Combating Antisemitism on College Campuses. This order instructed the U.S. Attorney General to deploy civil rights enforcement authorities, directed the Secretary of Education to compile and analyze all Title VI complaints, and ordered cabinet officers to

recommend courses of action for dealing with non-American student protestors.

This federal order represents a direct legislative victory for the ecosystem:

- The focus on high-frequency Title VI complaints directly leverages the automated reporting software engineered by the Adir Challenge Foundation's *Reportify* project.
- The executive administration's subsequent moves to defund universities that fail to "proactively fight antisemitism" align with lobbying efforts conducted by the Milstein Family Foundation and CAM to enforce the IHRA definition under federal civil rights law, effectively classifying anti-Zionist speech as unlawful discrimination.
- The Trump administration's January 21, 2025, Executive Order, "Ending Illegal Discrimination and Restoring Merit Based Opportunity," which targeted and dismantled federal and private sector DEI programs, mirrored the messaging of CAM's "woke antisemitism" campaign. By framing DEI as structurally hostile to Jewish interests, these organizations successfully steered conservative policy toward a broader domestic legislative goal.

Historical Access Comparison

The methodology of strategic public affairs steering has evolved across successive presidential administrations, shifting from a centralized, bipartisan model of consensus-seeking to an aggressive, right-of-center, highly targeted paradigm.

During the Bush and Obama administrations, pro-Israel advocacy was dominated by legacy institutions like AIPAC and the Jewish Federations, which relied on formal diplomatic lobbying, bipartisan congressional consensus, and broad-based donor networks. However, during the first Trump administration, right-of-center megadonors like Sheldon Adelson, Ronald Lauder, and Adam Milstein bypassed legacy structures to secure unprecedented policy wins, including the relocation of the U.S. Embassy to Jerusalem and the recognition of Israeli sovereignty over the Golan Heights.

Under the Biden administration, legacy groups temporarily re-established formal access, contributing to the May 2023 White House National Strategy to Counter Anti-Semitism.

However, the rise of decentralized student and progressive protests following October 7, 2023, prompted right-of-center networks to abandon bipartisan consensus.

Through organizations like the Impact Forum, these networks deployed "venture philanthropy" to fund aggressive digital, legal, and surveillance organizations. Returning to the second Trump administration, this ecosystem has successfully bypassed traditional diplomatic channels, embedding its personnel directly into the offices of key congressional allies and using executive orders to wield federal civil rights laws as tools of domestic discourse control.

Geopolitical Strategy and Core Motive: "America First" vs. "America Only"

The underlying geopolitical motivation driving these funding bodies and organizations is the total alignment of U.S. domestic policy, digital speech guidelines, and academic freedom with the defense and national security requirements of the State of Israel.

This is most clearly demonstrated in the campaign against the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) movement. As Adam Milstein has detailed, research-focused organizations within the Impact Forum ecosystem worked alongside legal, media, and boots-on-the-ground networks to frame BDS not as a constitutional protest movement, but as a non-military front for

foreign terrorist organizations. The actionable intelligence produced by these private research bodies was delivered directly to U.S. State Attorneys General, who subsequently enforced state-level anti-BDS legislation, successfully leading to the revocation of visas for BDS leaders and the filing of civil lawsuits against U.S.-based advocacy groups.

However, the high degree of coordination between these domestic U.S. organizations and the Israeli government has created significant legal vulnerabilities under U.S. foreign agent laws. Leaked documents originating from a hack of the Israeli Justice Ministry reveal that officials within the Ministry of Strategic Affairs (MSA) were acutely aware that their funding of U.S.-focused advocacy campaigns violated FARA. The ministry's concerns spiked around 2018, driven by high-profile U.S. Justice Department enforcement actions against Trump administration officials for unregistered foreign lobbying.

To circumvent FARA, Israeli ministry officials obtained legal analyses and proposed the creation of an independent, U.S.-based non-profit organization. This front company was designed to ingest millions of dollars in direct funding from the Israeli state and distribute it to U.S. advocacy groups, training programs, and anti-BDS legislative campaigns. By routing foreign state capital through a domestic 501(c)(3) intermediary, the ministry sought to conceal the foreign origin of the funds, allowing domestic groups like the Israel on Campus Coalition to coordinate with Israeli ministries, maintain state-affiliated operations briefs, and run aggressive domestic campaigns while evading the federal registration and disclosure requirements of FARA.

The Isolationist Ideological Rift

A critical geopolitical friction has emerged within the American right, pitting the "America First" strategic framework against a rising "America Only" isolationist faction—a division that directly threatens the long-term survival of the pro-Israel advocacy network.

As articulated by venture philanthropist Adam Milstein, the traditional "America First" doctrine represents a strategic, interest-driven global leadership model where international alliances are treated as force-multiplying assets rather than economic burdens. In contrast, the emerging "America Only" movement—championed by isolationist media figures like Tucker Carlson and isolationist factions within the Trump administration—advocates for complete geopolitical disengagement, the abandonment of foreign alliances, and a retreat from the global stage. Milstein has publicly warned that this isolationist retreat creates a dangerous power vacuum. Historically, the post-WWI American retreat allowed authoritarian regimes to rise, ultimately forcing a more costly U.S. intervention. In the contemporary arena, an "America Only" withdrawal directly benefits revisionist global adversaries:

- **The Islamic Republic of Iran:** A U.S. retreat from the Middle East removes the primary deterrent against the Iranian nuclear program and its regional proxies, leaving Israel to face existential security threats in isolation.
- **The People's Republic of China:** Strategic disengagement allows China to expand its hegemony over the Indo-Pacific, threatening critical maritime trade routes and technological partnerships vital to both U.S. and Israeli security.

This ideological divide has triggered active bureaucratic warfare. In April 2025, six senior National Security Council staffers—all staunch advocates for strategic internationalism and the preservation of global alliances—were dismissed under pressure from "America Only" isolationists. Furthermore, right-of-center media figures have routinely targeted internationalist leaders, labeling them as "neoconservatives" in an attempt to purge them from conservative policy networks.

Consequently, the pro-Israel public affairs ecosystem has pivoted its domestic campaigns to

counter this isolationist drift. By building alliances with conservative factions that view global strength as a prerequisite for domestic prosperity, these organizations work to ensure that the U.S. executive branch remains committed to a forward-deployed foreign policy. Their strategic messaging emphasizes that neutralizing foreign state adversaries like Iran is not a distraction from securing the U.S. homeland, but a vital component of defending Western civilization and securing sovereign American interests.

Appendix: Forensic Source Filings and Media Trails

This appendix provides a compiled repository of primary corporate registrations, IRS tax filings, and investigative journalism trails documenting the entities, personnel, and transactions analyzed in this report.

Corporate Registrations and Regulatory Profiles

The following registry tracks the specific corporate identifiers, regulatory classifications, and physical addresses of the key operational and funding entities:

- **Vine & Fig Tree Fund Inc.**
 - **Tax Status:** 501(c)(3) Private Foundation
 - **Employer Identification Number (EIN):** 99-2100887
 - **Registered Corporate Address:** 207 W 25th St, Fl 9, New York, NY 10001-7159
 - **Filing History:** Lacks the required sequence of standard Form 990 filings to be rated on major charity databases, reflecting a highly insulated operational structure.
- **Vine & Fig Tree Institute I Inc.**
 - **Tax Status:** 501(c)(3) Grantmaking Organization (Regional Funder)
 - **Employer Identification Number (EIN):** 99-2090467
 - **Registered Corporate Address:** 207 W 25th St, Floor 9, New York, NY 10001
 - **Operational Model:** Coordinates invitation-only funding; does not accept unsolicited public proposals.
- **Combat Hate Foundation**
 - **Tax Status:** 501(c)(3) Social Advocacy Corporation
 - **Employer Identification Number (EIN):** 84-2208774
 - **Registered Corporate Address:** PO Box 957, Moundridge, KS 67107 (Registered to Donna Stucky, CFO of Berexco LLC)
 - **Lobbying Conduits:** Form 990 filings list historic lobbying expenditures, including \$35,000 paid to Winning Strategies Washington.
- **Merona Leadership Foundation**
 - **Tax Status:** 501(c)(3) International Exchange & Public Benefit Foundation
 - **Employer Identification Number (EIN):** 47-1603664
 - **Registered Corporate Address:** 15910 Ventura Blvd, Ste 700, Encino, CA 91436-2860
 - **Associated Programs:** Formally operates and funds the Los Angeles-based Impact Forum in partnership with Adam Milstein.
- **The Adir Challenge Foundation**
 - **Tax Status:** 501(c)(3) Technology & Education Foundation
 - **Employer Identification Number (EIN):** 99-0583740
 - **Registered Corporate Address:** Hoboken, NJ 07030

- **Funding Disclosures:** Evaluated as receiving less than 50% of its operational revenue from any single donor, relying instead on diversified allocations from the Vine & Fig Tree Fund and the UJA-Federation of New York.
- **Clarion Project Inc.**
 - **Tax Status:** 501(c)(3) Media Production Corporation
 - **Employer Identification Number (EIN):** 20-5845679
 - ****Primary Address:** Listed in BMF databases under tax-exempt status, reporting a 2024 operating budget of \$2.6 million.

Media and Leak Audit Trail

The alignment of these domestic organizations with foreign state interests is verified through several independent investigative and media trails:

- **The Israeli Justice Ministry Document Hack (2024):** Internal legal memos and emails originating from the Israeli Ministry of Justice reveal that officials from the Ministry of Strategic Affairs sought specialized legal counsel to navigate the mounting enforcement of FARA in the United States. The documents detail proposals to establish domestic, independent U.S. non-profits as front companies to route state funding to local advocacy groups, specifically to evade federal registry requirements and prevent public disclosure of foreign state coordination.
- **Al Jazeera's Undercover Documentary "The Lobby USA":** Censored investigative footage documented extensive conversations with executives of the Israel on Campus Coalition (ICC). The footage contains admissions that the ICC directly coordinates its campus tracking campaigns with Israel's Ministry of Strategic Affairs, integrates the ministry into its "operations and intelligence brief," and passes surveillance data on U.S. students and academic faculty back to Israeli government officials.
- **ProPublica & The Forward Joint Investigations (2018):** Investigative reporting exposed that the ICC utilized professional, top-tier Washington opposition researchers and spent hundreds of thousands of dollars on anonymous digital campaigns. The investigation revealed that the ICC routinely set up fake local student groups and funded deceptive Facebook advertisements to smear visiting Palestinian-American poets and progressive student organizers while actively concealing its corporate involvement.

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