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V4 Antisemitic tropes and conspiracy

V5 Hostility

Downloads

Primary data sources

The institutions' own YouTube, Facebook and Instagram channels: the original broadcasts, each linked at the moment the statement was made

USAspending.gov: federal award transactions and subawards, compiled in the Middle East Forum's federal funding database

Open Michigan Transparency and Spending: State of Michigan checkbook data, as reproduced in a Department of Technology, Management and Budget response to a Michigan Freedom of Information Act request

City of Dearborn checks issued, 2022 to 2026: produced under the Michigan Freedom of Information Act

City council minutes and resolutions: Detroit, East Lansing and Sterling Heights

Press reports in The Arab American News, The News-Herald, The Oakland Press and other outlets

The institutions' own websites and social media posts

Internet Archive Wayback Machine: archived copies of cited pages