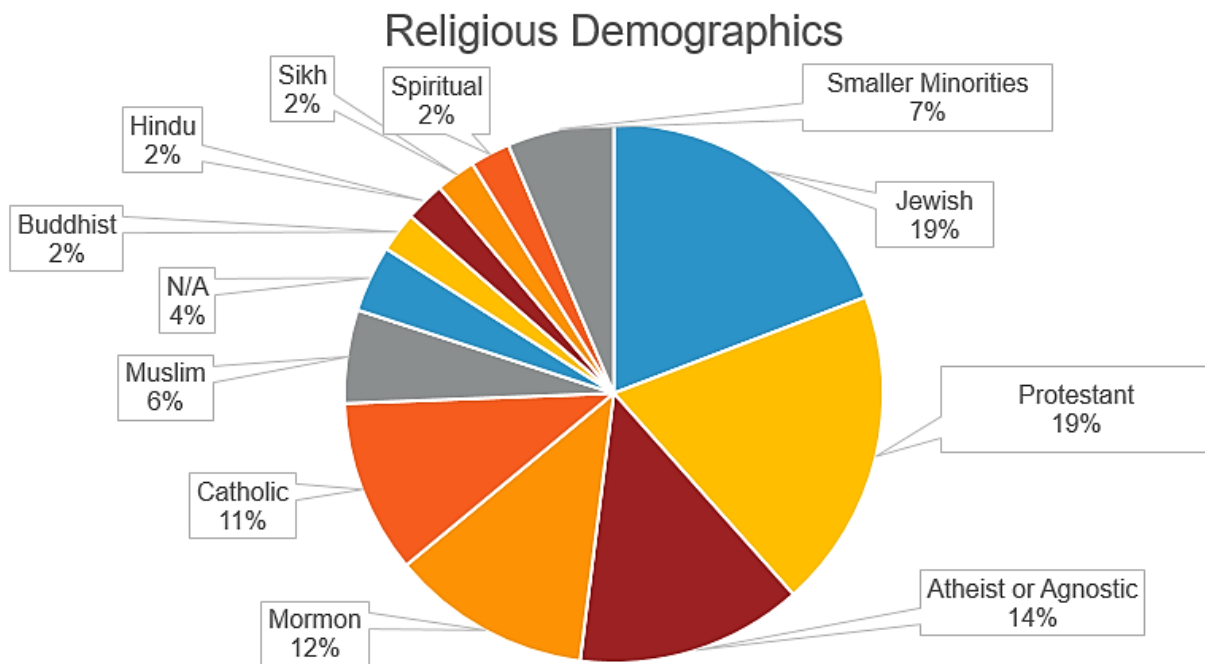


# We Asked, You Answered

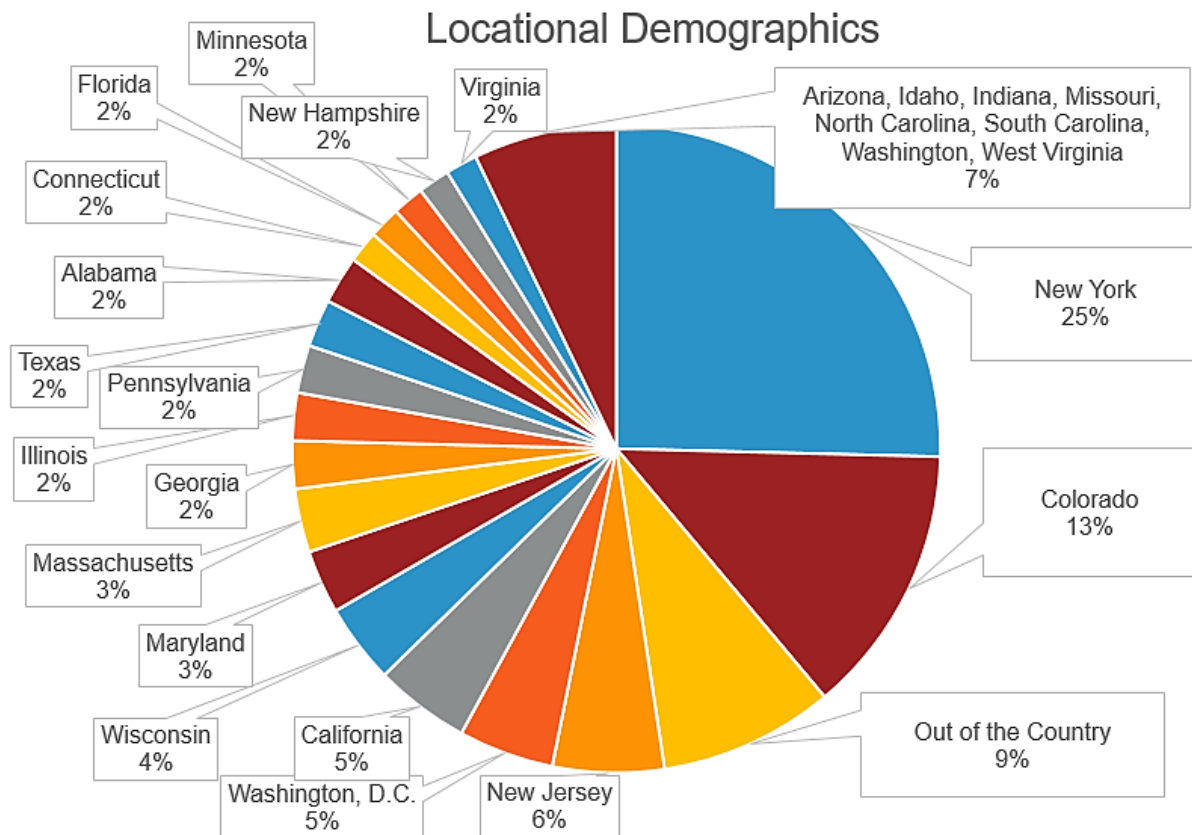
As part of our *Combating Extremism* campaign, we recently asked our readers about anti-Semitism. You had a lot to say!

- Let's start with *you*. Equal percentages of Jews and Protestants responded – **19%** each. The remaining **62%** of you came from a wide range of religious and non-religious beliefs:



Some of the smaller minorities: Greek or Russian Orthodox, Interfaith/Interspiritual, Atheistic Humanist Jewish, Anabaptist (Mennonite), Quaker, Unitarian Universalist, Messianic Judaism, and Pagan.

2. We asked, where you live? And we found out that you come from all over! While the majority live across the U.S. (91%), some respondents were from overseas too ...



3. Most respondents report interacting with Jewish people often – **78%**. Most of the rest of you have met a Jew but, sometimes, only once or just a few times.
4. **Most** of you get the bulk of your information about Jews and Jewish culture from friends and family. But 28% of you are getting it primarily from other sources — the internet (14%), religious leaders (6%), newspapers and magazines (5%), and social media (3%). (And almost none of you are getting your information from TV or radios!)
5. We asked, how you think Jews are treated in the US...and you had a variety of perspectives.

**48%** describe treatment as good.

**31%** describe it as not so good.

**6%** describe it as poor.

**2%** describe it as excellent.

6. But when we asked how you think Jews are treated around the world, the **majority** of you agreed that it's a global problem:

**54%** describe treatment as not so good.

**26%** describe it as poor.

**8%** describe it as good.

**0%** describe it as excellent.

7. When asked about verbal and physical violence against Jews in your own community, you differed again: **a quarter** of you said it occurs "somewhat" or "very" often. **About a quarter** believed it occurs not that often, and **another quarter** said almost never.

8. But even when you weren't concerned about anti-Semitic violence in your own community, almost all of you are "very" or "fairly" concerned about violence currently targeting Jews, Jewish symbols and institutions.

9. **We also wanted to know** how much energy you put into/are able to put into learning about anti-Semitism. And, happily, many of you do put effort into learning about anti-Semitism...

**9%** invest a tremendous amount of effort to learn about it.

**20%** report putting in quite a bit of effort, while your most frequent response was that you invest some effort, at **46%**.

In contrast, **15%** put in a little bit of effort, and **10%** report making almost no effort at all.

10. We were also curious if anti-Semitism comes up in your conversations. Most of you said "once in a while" (**29%**) or "sometimes" (**31%**), but nearly **25%** talk about it frequently while **14%** say "almost never."

11. And we wanted to know how you feel about those conversations. Are you comfortable? Prepared?

**23%** are extremely comfortable talking about anti-Semitism, **but only 14%** are extremely well-prepared to do so.

**37%** of you are quite comfortable talking about it, and **22%** are quite well-prepared as well.

**23%** are somewhat comfortable, and **28%** are fairly well-prepared.

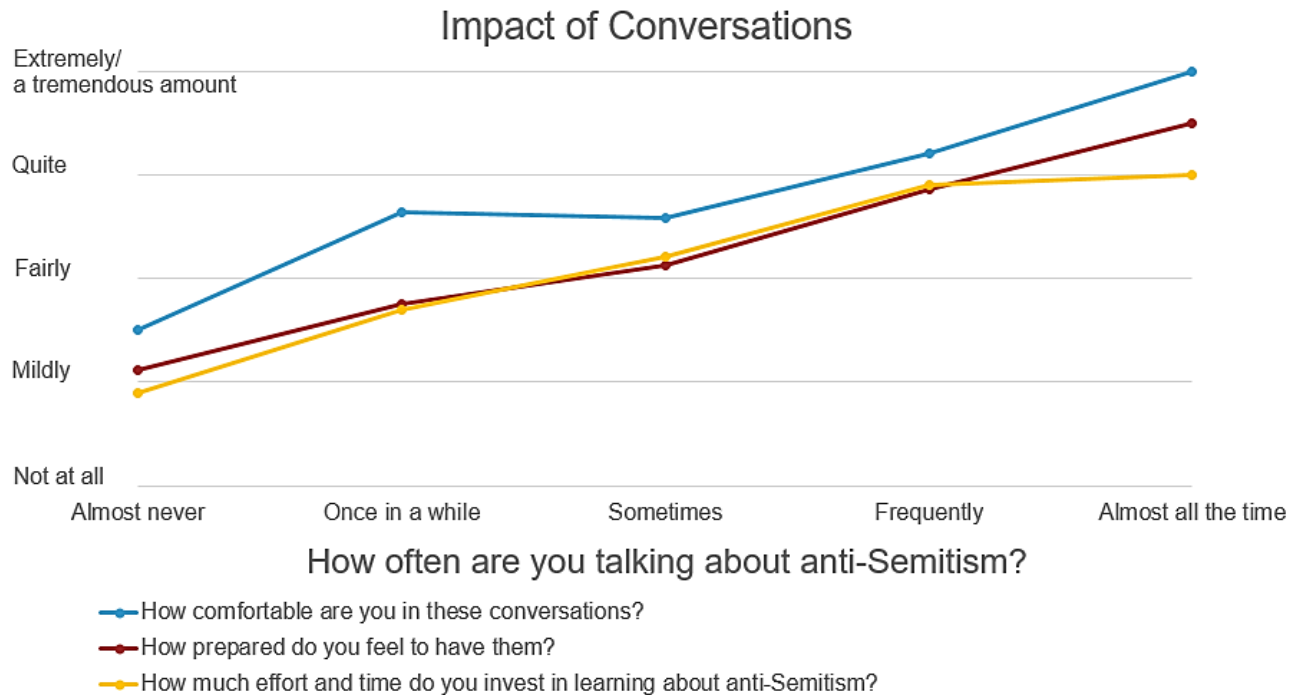
**10%** are mildly comfortable, **but 27%** are mildly well-prepared.

**7%** are not comfortable at all, and **10%** are not well-prepared at all.

*What does this mean? Overall, respondents are **more comfortable talking** about anti-Semitism than they are **knowledgeable** of it.*

12. **How often** do these conversations actually happen? Well, you're rather **divided** – while **14%** *almost never* talk about anti-Semitism, and the rest of you are pretty **evenly split**: some **frequently** have conversations (**23%**), some just **sometimes** (**31%**), and the rest of you...only **once in a while** (**29%**).

13. **Lastly**, we **noticed** that there are correlations between how much you're talking about anti-Semitism and how comfortable/learned/informed you are about it. Take a look.



So, if you're interested in having more conversations to explore the violence and hatred that is swirling around Jews at home and abroad, you may want to take a look at some of Tanenbaum's resources for combating anti-Semitism. And be on the lookout—more are coming!