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Title: **“Referring to ethical values in contemporary discourse of educated Antisemites: empirical data from a corpus study (2010-2017)”**

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Antisemitism is hostility towards Jews as Jews. Where it manifests itself explicitly in discriminatory hate speech it is easily detected and condemned. When, however, it is articulated by intellectuals, often academics claiming to be beyond the doubt of being antisemitic themselves, civil society often finds it hard to perceive the antisemitic semantics lurking beyond the sophisticated utterances. Even more so, since educated Antisemites claim to act according to high ethical values, referring to moral categories of the western World denying their own antisemitic attitude. Using philosophical argumentation patterns and the strategy of self-legitimization, they call upon values such as humanity and reason, striving for world peace. “For the sake of all mankind” they demand the alteration of Jews, Judaism, and connected to this, the alteration of the Jewish state of Israel. This kind of camouflaged antisemitism is readily accepted in discourse, and as such, is much more dangerous than vulgar hate speech.