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Freedom of speech is an increasingly rare commodity it seems.

Israel's Public Security Minister Gilad Erdan has just announced he wants to set up an international consortium to monitor "hate speech."

Hate speech, like so-called free-speech zones and other forms of censorship, is part of a 21st century evolution of linguistic sophistry. The concept is only supportable because of a larger confusion about what law is and what crimes are....

Libertarian publisher [Anthony Wile](#) is concerned about how "hate" is being redefined and criminalized. It's a process he's regularly tracked.

"Some of the West's largest and most powerful countries are at the forefront of these 'hate' precedents," he said. "In the United States, for instance, the Department of Homeland Security is moving past what's historically been considered crime to now criminalize even constitutionalism."

Correct. Homeland Security's fusion center in Utah recently issued a report listing "visual indicators" to help police understand whether they are potentially dealing with domestic terrorists.

According to *Reason* magazine, which posted an [article](#) on the subject, these indicators may include logos or images associated with "specific political groups, such as the Oath Keepers and Three Percenters." Also listed was the "more generic patriotic symbol, the Gadsden flag—a famous Revolutionary War banner featuring a coiled rattlesnake and the slogan Don't Tread on Me."

In another [article](#) published at Alt-Market.com, libertarian commentator Brandon Smith expanded on Homeland Security's plans:

While scanning the pages of mainstream propaganda machines like Reuters, I came across this little gem of an article, which outlines plans by the U.S. Justice Department to apply existing enemy combatant laws used against ISIS terrorists and their supporters to "domestic extremists," specifically mentioning the Bundy takeover of the federal refuge in Burns, Oregon as an example.

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As mentioned at the beginning of this article, Israel's Public Security Minister Gilad Erdan has unveiled plans to create an "international coalition" that would monitor the Internet's worldwide social media platforms.

According to the *Times of Israel*, Erdan is "aiming to build an international coalition to force the world's leading social media giants to prevent their platforms from being abused to peddle incitement to terrorism. ... The move ... aims at requiring Facebook, Twitter, Youtube, and other social networks to take greater responsibility for such content."...

Erdan's spokesperson said, "The legislation would have common features, such as defining what constitutes incitement and what the responsibilities of social networks regarding it are.

Social media giants "make millions but claim they are not responsible for content, and that they only provide a platform," he told the *Times*. "That is not going to wash. We are planning to put a stop to this irresponsibility, and we are going to do it as part of an international coalition that has had enough of this behavior as well."

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