

Rt Hon Jeremy Corbyn MP
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Dear Mr Corbyn

We write to express grave concern about the foreword you wrote for Spokesman Books' 2011 republication of John Hobson's book *Imperialism*.

According to media reports, you endorsed it as a "great tome", even though the book has an obvious antisemitic message. It says:

"United by the strongest bonds of organisation, always in closest and quickest touch with one as other, situated in the very heart of the business capital of every state, controlled, so far as Europe is concerned, by men of a single and peculiar race, who have behind them many centuries of financial experience, they are in a unique position to control the policy of nations."

This is pure and unequivocal racism and there can be no apology for it.

In just over a year, we have learned that you opposed the removal of a mural by Mear One that contained obvious antisemitic tropes; that you described a group of British Jews as having "no sense of irony" despite "having lived in this country for a very long time"; that you were present - but apparently not involved - in a wreath-laying ceremony for terrorists who murdered Israeli Jews; and that you unsuccessfully attempted to dilute the international definition of antisemitism that was adopted by the Labour Party.

This is in addition to a long record of sharing platforms with, describing as 'friends' and offering support to individuals and groups who have made unambiguously racist comments and, in some cases, endorsed terrorism against Jews.

The British public is entitled to know how you account for these actions and we expect a full explanation.

Yours sincerely



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President