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Several prominent theories of fascism in the 20th century distinguish antisemitism by three common features of fascist speech: projection, stereotypy and idiosyncrasy. A review of President Trump's speeches reveal the presence of these three features, despite the affirmations by the Trump Administration that they are opposed to antisemitism, that Donald Trump is a friend of the Jews, and that the Trump administration is active in leveling the charge of antisemitism against its opponents in civil society and higher education. This talk seeks to explain how antisemitism could be advanced by a regime that prominently claims to represent the opposite.

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