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## **The United States' *Anti-Semitism Awareness Act* : An Analysis of Complexity and Political Controversy**

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**Abstract:** The legislative practice of the U.S. *Anti-Semitism Awareness Act* reflects the institutionalized demand of contemporary society to combat anti-Semitism, while simultaneously exposing the deep-seated tensions between legal intervention and social governance. The legislative framework and core provisions of the Act essentially constitute a structural response to the phenomenon of anti-Semitism in real-world society, with its content reflecting the complex landscape of ethnic relations in American society. The introduction and application of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance's definition of anti-Semitism within the Act highlights the political controversies and operational dilemmas inherent in conceptual definitions. The potential tension between freedom of speech and the standards for identifying anti-Semitism that the Act may provoke, along with its potential impact within the pluralistic society of the United States, constitutes a significant public policy issue. The political game in the legislative process reveals the Act's implicit attributes as a tool of partisan politics, reflecting the multiple forces at play among interest groups, voter blocs, and ideologies within the American political arena. This legislative practice not only pertains to the efficacy of anti-Semitism governance but also profoundly reins out the value choices and institutional dilemmas faced by contemporary American society in balancing ethnic politics, freedom of speech, and legal intervention.

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