SOROS IS GUILTY AS CHARGED

George Soros has been one of the most prominent philanthropists serving the radical left-wing agenda for decades. Everyone knows it, yet there is a coordinated effort of late to bail him out, saying his critics are "anti-Semites," looking for a "boogeyman." His allies are particularly miffed about reports that Soros is funding criminal-friendly district attorneys across the nation.

Here's a recent sampling of efforts to brand Soros' critics as anti-Semitic. In the last several weeks, the following news stories were written with that objective in mind.

- "Soros...has been a frequent boogeyman for Republicans. In recent years, they have often used the phrase 'Sorosbacked' to attack Democratic candidates. Some have said this line of attack is an antisemitic dog whistle...." Josh Israel, americanindependent, March 22
- "This is how anti-semitism takes root and spreads."
 Teacher's union chief Randi Weingarten (quoted in above story)
- "Democrats and outside experts have often described the attacks on Soros, who is Jewish, and the groups that received donations from the billionaire, as antisemitic." cnbc, March 22.
- "Scapegoating Soros, who is Hungarian and Jewish, also perpetuates deep-rooted false ideas about Jewish people and immigrants to underscore the conspiracy theory that he is a shadowy villain orchestrating world events." AP International, March 22.
- "Mr. Soros...has been for years a boogeyman on the right, confronting attacks that portray him as a 'globalist' mastermind and that often veer into antisemitic tropes." New York Times, March 24.
- "It's a screaming antisemitic dog whistle." Rabbi Doug Alpert, Kansas City Star, March 31.

- "[Trump] is using anti-Jewish stereotypes and historical hatred to raise money." USA Today Online, April 1.
- "Moreover, the repeated mention of Soros plays into antisemitic conspiracy theories...." Washington Post, April 1.
- "[Rashad] Robinson also called the Soros attacks antisemitic...." Mediaite, April 1.
- "There is a centuries old antisemitic trope Erin about the sinister Jewish puppet master...and attacks on Soros are often either explicitly antisemitic attacks or dog whistle attacks, involving that trope." Daniel Dale, CNN reporter (quoted in above story).
- "The increasing mainstream flirtation with antisemitic stereotypes and rhetoric has made the subject of attacks on Soros harder and harder to deny." vox.com, April 3.
- "This has nothing to do with Soros…it has everything to do with a very old, antisemitic view that even though Jews are small in number, they really control everything." Brandeis professor Jonathan Sarna. Washington Post, April 3.
- "He's Jewish, which brings with it all sorts of connotations if one wants to play on anti-Semitism." Emily Tamkin, NPR, April 6.
- "Billionaire philanthropist George Soros has long been a bogeyman for the far right....The attacks, observers say, also smack of anti-Semitism." Anuj Chopra, AFP, April 9

Not one of these persons who made the charge that Soros' critics are driven by anti-Semitism quoted even one person to make their case!

As a critic of Soros, Bill Donohue has no problem being specific about his position, and it wouldn't matter a hoot to him if Soros' name was George O'Malley.

The following is taken from Donohue's new book, War on Virtue: How the Ruling Class is Killing the American Dream (it was released April 18 and is available on Amazon and Sophia

Institute Press).

"Many corrupt district attorneys—those who refuse to prosecute dangerous criminals—got their job with the help of Soros. He gave Alvin Bragg \$1 million when he was running for DA in Manhattan in 2021; he gave George Gascón nearly \$3 million when he ran for DA of Los Angeles in 2020. In 2022, it was reported that he gave \$440 million to elect seventy-five 'social justice' prosecutors. The one thing he didn't deliver was justice, especially for crime victims.

"Between 2016 and 2022, Soros gave more than \$29 million to a personal network of political action committees specifically established to back radical DA candidates. By mid-2022, one in five Americans, or seventy million people, were living in a jurisdiction overseen by a Soros-backed prosecutor. Soros DAs were running New York, Chicago, Saint Louis, New Orleans, Philadelphia, and Los Angeles as well as many smaller cities and towns. Soros also received help from his prized client, Black Lives Matter, to lead the charge to defund the police and abolish prisons."

No doubt there are anti-Semites who have attacked Soros, but it is scurrilous to tar all his critics as bigots. Soros is guilty as charged.

One final note. Soros knows a personal thing or two about anti-Semitism. As a young man he became a Nazi collaborator. In a "60 Minutes" interview, he admitted that he helped confiscate property from Jews. He told Steve Kroft that he never regretted doing so. When asked if this was difficult, Soros said, "Not, not at all. Not at all." Stunned, Kroft said, "No feeling of guilt?" "No" came the reply.