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## **Sport and the Anatomy of Anti-Semitism**

This paper presents a critical view of anti-Semitism and its impact on sport. Anti-Semitism can be regarded as one of the cardinal factors in altering Jewish and world history. Anthony Julius once noted that the emergence of racial-political anti-Semitism is “the price to pay for admission into the club of Modernism.” My research examines the relationship of racial and political anti-Semitism and modern sport from various historical, literary, social, cultural, and psychological perspectives. It provides a comparative analysis, from 1870 to 1996, of such themes as Jewish attitudes toward the body and sport, anti-Semitism and the stereotypical Jewish image of ‘defective masculinity’, and ‘emancipation’-all in the context of the emergence of the Jewish

middle class and anti-Semitic backlash, Austrian anti-Semitism and the Deutsche Turnerschaft, Nazi Germany and the Holocaust, the hypocrisy of the Olympic Games. and Canadian and American sport.