Abbas Ghassemi, a professor at UC Merced, deleted his Twitter account after an inquiry by JWeekly on December 18th, 2020.\(^1\) Since, UC Merced has opened an investigation into Professor Ghassemi.\(^2\) Below is a compilation of Ghassemi’s problematic statements and connections both from his deleted Twitter and other web sources.

**Support for Iran & Hezbollah**

In June 2020, Ghassemi participated in a webinar titled "Imam Khomeini and His Stance for Justice", where he appeared with a background featuring Ayatollahs Khomeini and Khamenei.

(Imam Khomeini and His Stance for Justice - Panel Discussion, [Youtube](https://www.youtube.com), published 06/06/20, accessed 12/20)

In March 2015, Ghassemi was one of 25 Iranian-American signers of a call to support Ebrahim Raisi as candidate for the Iranian presidential election.\(^3\) Raisi was Iran's chief justice, a member of the

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1. JWeekly, [UC Merced professor deletes antisemitism-laden Twitter account](https://www.jweekly.com), published 12/21/20
2. JWeekly, [UC Merced opens inquiry into professor's antisemitic tweets](https://www.jweekly.com), published 12/29/20
Iranian "Assembly of Experts" and helped carry out the extrajudicial killings of thousands of political prisoners after the Iran-Iraq war, an act which gave him the nickname "Ayatollah Genocide."

Some of Ghassemi’s deleted tweets:

- “We won't leave our weapon, for you oh Nasrallah [commenting on a video of Hezbollah secretary general, Hassan Nasrallah]” (Aug 13, 2020)

- “#we trust nasrallah
  Hezbollah is the protector of our goals. The aggressor countries of the world should know that Iran has always supported Lebanon and Hezbollah
  Death to Israel https://t.co/Yfa26bc3BM” (May 3, 2020)

- "Supreme Leader of the Revolution: We should focus more on neutralizing the #sanction than on removing it" [Retweeting the official Iranian news agency Tasneem] (Dec 16, 2020)

- “RT @ Heshmaty72: Drop by drop of the blood of the shahids will be the abode of hundreds of other fighters. Our eyes are fixed on the mouth of the Leader, and our hope on his insight   #We are the nation of martyrdom” (Nov 27, 2020)

- “We are children of Khomeini we are children of rage” (Jul 13, 2020)

- I congratulate Rouhani and all the capable statesmen. Petro-monkeys! Cursed tree!

- In support of the so-called "Islamic revolution":

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4 The New Yorker, The Twilight of the Iranian Revolution, published 05/25/20, accessed 12/20
• Mourning the death of Qassem Soleimani and Mohsen Fakhrizadeh:

![Mourning the death of Qassem Soleimani and Mohsen Fakhrizadeh](image)

**Anti-American & Anti-Israel Statements**

• On the US elections: "the yellow dog is the brother of the jackal" (i.e. – they're all the same evil)

![Anti-American & Anti-Israel Statements](image)
• America is evil at its roots

![Professor Ghassemi @ProfessorGhass1 · Aug 7](https://t.co/yjDoxu5cix)

... Republican, Democrat, smiling or not makes no difference. They are all evil!!! America is corrupt and evil at its roots!!! Shame on those who think the next administration in US, whoever it maybe, will be different than the current Thugs in Washington DC.

• Western agencies of destruction:

![Professor Ghassemi @ProfessorGhass1 · Sep 26](https://t.co/mzi8bFMPZ6)

... or both and getting paid by the agencies of destruction in the west CIA,, MI5, or IsraHell Mosad and Saudi petro $$ and twitter.com/Rezakh737/stat...

• “Simply put, Zionism is a movement to recreate a Jewish presence in Israel. The name comes from the word “Zion,” which is a Hebrew term that refers to Jerusalem. Current IsraHell!! [https://t.co/yjDoxu5cix](https://t.co/yjDoxu5cix)” (May 22, 2020)

• “Hey Pimp-eo, and Tom Cotton(Rotten)!!! Human rights and freedom of thought exemplified by your followers!!!!!! [https://t.co/mzi8bFMPZ6](https://t.co/mzi8bFMPZ6)” (Dec 6, 2020)

• “Hey Pimp-eo. you are a criminal thug. Nothing you say will change that, not $$$ from petro-monkeys, support from Zionists and IsraHell. On the contrast to the victims of your criminal deeds, NO one will remember you. Your are nothing and soon will join the trashcan of history!!! [https://t.co/cxCkGtImpE](https://t.co/cxCkGtImpE)” (Dec 5, 2020)
Anti-Semitic Statements

• “The little Zionist puppies were many times on the same page with the criminal Americans, but now with the election of Biden, they will go out of their holes to kiss the feet of their masters” (Dec 4 2020)

• “Aaleee ostad. Also, the Zionists and IsraHell interest have embedded themselves in every component of the American system, media, banking, policy, commerce, ... pointing out the atrocities committed by the criminals in IsraHell instantly branded as anti Semitic!!! [link](https://t.co/KBNYcIsFrR)” (Dec 4, 2020)

• “another fine example of misdirection, by the Zionist controlled and IsraHell operated media!!! [link](https://t.co/1JjPCOqclE)” (Dec 4, 2020)

• “As you know ostad, the answer is the Zionist controlled system of governance in the so-called western democracies that support and fan the atrocities of the Petro-monkeys آل سقوط and IsraHell. [link](https://t.co/t77aFeLXTc)” (Dec 4, 2020)

• “America is a colony/settlement of the Zionists” (Nov 19, 2020)

• "RT @ mojahed1348: Remarkable for those who believe that the "influence" [of Jews] is a conspiracy! This person is a Jew who admits... that he was the head of the textile traders union in Tehran for 14 years. He speaks proudly of the influence of his Jewish compatriots in vital and important areas of the country... [link](https://t.co/Wryueo5kjH)" (Sep 16, 2020)

• “Israhell has always been an evil entity!!!! MBS and the الشجرة الملومنة is the toilet paper for the America and her Zionist agenda!!!! [link](https://t.co/hPRfLhjW3d)” (Jul 13, 2020)

• “Another criminal act by Zionist Evils in America and their masters in IsraHEL!! [link](https://t.co/z4ebkPeuEH)” (Dec 1, 2020)

• “Right on. These petro-monkeys lack the intellectual capacity to be rotten on their own. They are told and trained to do, say, and act as their masters wish - Like their forefathers are tools of Zionist. [link](https://t.co/PHcQX5jZOV)” (Nov 13, 2020)

• “@cursedsalad The problem is Zionism NOT Judaism. Whether Christian Zionists, Muslim Zionists, or Jewish Zionists, Zionists are the problem to the world. [link](https://t.co/vduTvDTZJ2)” (Jun 15, 2020)

• “..another piece of trash has figured out that claiming to be a Jew in the west gets them media attention!!! [link](https://t.co/K3ZrmannUH)” (Sept 27, 2020)
• “RT @ananuteri : @SecPompeo Even many Jews hate Zionism. Who is more racist than the Zionist in the world?! https://t.co/iBRLKx5Sop” (May 22, 2020)

• “American Zionists and their masters in IsraHell are the criminal thugs and terrorist, period. https://t.co/zVnVSBVLvg” (Nov 27, 2020)

• “This duality from criminal American thugs and their masters in IsraHell! Vile history of abuse and bullying wrapped under "Beacon of light and freedom" B.S. https://t.co/hjBTmtSnPT” (Nov 28, 2020)