

Scenario 1

A group of parents are going to a 'Freedom for Palestine' demonstration. The poster advertising the demonstration states "Victory to the resistance". Kerry wears a keffiyeh [Palestinian scarf]. All the friends are chanting "Free Palestine". During the demonstration, a man walks by wearing a kippah [Jewish skullcap]. Jennifer turns and shouts "Free Palestine" at him. The chanting changes to "From the river to the sea, Palestine will be free". Rosie joins in. When they bring their children to school on Monday, the group of friends print out 100 posters with the Palestinian flag and the slogan 'Free Palestine'. They stick them to the front of the school.

Could any of this be problematic?

Scenario 2

You are outside the school and overhear a group of parents discussing politics:

- Beth: “All politicians are corrupt – they’re just in it for the money.”
- Sam: “Yeah, but it’s not them – it’s who they work for. They can’t do anything without being told what to do by the media and the banks.”
- Nicola: “And who do the media and banks work for? Who tells them what to do? The same people who start all the wars, just like Britain used to do – slave trade, colonies, all of that stuff.”
- Beth: “I’m not sure you can say that, Nicola.”
- Nicola: “Yeah you can – you’ve got a load of white people killing a load of black people, so you can say what you want. And anyway, everyone knows that the Jews are the smartest people. They’re all properly driven – that’s why they’re so successful.”

Are any of the parents saying something potentially problematic?