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In a statement submitted to the platform committees of both the Democratic National Committee and the Republican National Committee, the Anti-Defamation League [reiterated](#) [4] its position on creationism and intelligent design:

- Creationism, creation science and "intelligent design" theory are all religious theories of creation offered to explain the origins of the universe and are based on varying interpretations of the Bible.
- ADL has consistently opposed these troubling initiatives -- including so-called "Academic Freedom Acts," which support the teaching and consideration of intelligent design as an alternative to evolution.
- Advocating the right of students to learn science independently of religious doctrine honors the purpose and the promise of the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

The platform statement describes ADL's positions on the issues and outlines recommendations on policy direction that the organization hopes the parties will adopt, according to a July 21, 2008, [press release](#) [5].

The Anti-Defamation League was founded in 1913 "to stop the defamation of the Jewish people and to secure justice and fair treatment to all." Its recent activities in opposing attacks on evolution education include denouncing two recent creationist films that purport to link evolutionary science with the Holocaust.

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