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On Numbers and Feelings: Antisemitism in Germany Today

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Antisemitism seems to be on the rise in Germany and elsewhere. However, the scope of this rise, its reason, its agents and last but not least its meaning, as well as the political consequences to be drawn from it, are fiercely debated. I will discuss the various ways of assessing antisemitism in Germany today: survey and polls, historical and sociological qualitative research, statistics by police and civil society organizations, as well as the media covering of important events. I will pay special attention to the pitfalls of each approach and to the problems of the media discourse. Finally, I will discuss the results of this overview against the backdrop of rising populism, racism and other forms of resentment in Germany, Europe and worldwide.

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