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FSU Student Body Senate,

It has come to my attention that recently uncovered statements by the new FSU Student Senate President appear to show him making Anti-Semitic comments online. These comments are revolting and separate statements made about Israel are absurd. As private citizens in the United States, we are blessed with free speech, however, it is imperative that leaders at any level are held to a higher standard.

FSU's motto is Vires, Artes, Mores which translates to Strength, Skill, and Character. A strong sense of character demands awareness of what you say along with wisdom in what you believe and how you see others. It also recognizes the possibility of change and self-improvement. However, it is our past that defines this character. Simply staying silent on past issues of character does not represent absolution or a change of ways. Action does.

Anti-Semitism is inexcusable anywhere but especially in the hands of leadership at one of Florida's top Universities where one is expected to set an example to budding minds. Allowing comments such as these to go ignored without palatable empathy and concrete action would be hypocritical of the values we hold from our very best. If such tangible evidence of progress is not found or provided, I would hope that the Senate, through its impeachment trial, takes appropriate action so that Florida State University Students feel suitably represented.

Mike Caruso
State Representative

