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## October 12: Today's letters: Freedom of speech for all, even Pastor Terry Jones

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Canadians should not be surprised by Florida pastor Terry Jones' plan to use Queen's Park as a venue to spew his hateful ideology. The door to co-opting the provincial legislature as a platform for hate was opened this summer when Ontario's Speaker of the House and Sergeant at Arms permitted the virulently anti-Israel, pro Iran al-Quds day rally to take place. Hate groups who hope to introduce racist ideologies at odds with Canadian values now see the steps of our provincial government as a prime venue from which to export their intolerant and bigoted dogma.

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