

Open Letter to Caroline Lucas MP – You Signed a Letter from 100 right-wing Parliamentarians calling for ‘action’ against David Miller. Why having contributed to his dismissal and this attack on freedom of speech do you remain silent?

You signed a letter alongside racists like Bob Blackman MP and Baroness Cox – Do you not see a connection between Israel’s attack on Palestinian human rights, Zionism and the Jewish nature of the Israeli state?

Dear Caroline,

On 19 October Israel’s Defence Minister, Benny Gantz, [issued](#) a military order declaring six Palestinian civil society organisations in the West Bank to be “terrorist organizations.” Last Friday the Israeli army [shot and killed](#) a 13 year old Palestinian. By August Israel had [killed](#) 12 children in the West Bank as well as 67 children in Gaza. Not one of these children was Jewish. This would suggest to most people that Israel is not a ‘normal’ Western democracy.

In January of this year B’Tselem, Israel’s main human rights group, [issued](#) a report ‘*A regime of Jewish supremacy from the Jordan River to the Mediterranean Sea: This is apartheid*’.

In April Human Rights Watch [issued](#) another report ‘*A Threshold Crossed - Israeli Authorities and the Crimes of Apartheid and Persecution*.’ Both these organisations concluded from their extensive work in Palestine that Israel’s disregard for Palestinian rights was

because of its treatment of Palestinians as the [*Untermenschen*](#) of Palestine, members of an inferior race. Not quite human.

You however wrote in [THE CASE OF DAVID MILLER](#) that a distinction can be made between ‘*the existence of a state of Israel [as] inherently racist, and criticising the racist policies of its governments.*’ This is disingenuous. Israel is not a western state that just happens to have racist policies, it is a state that has racism as part of its DNA. Your failure to recognise this is what has led you to join in the witchhunting of David Miller, the Professor at Bristol University who has recently been dismissed.

Ha’aretz, Israel’s liberal Zionist daily in its Editorial **The Basic Law on Apartheid** [described](#) the Jewish Nation State Law as ‘a legal norm that legalizes Jewish supremacy and Arab inferiority in Israel.’ When Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who introduced the legislation [stated](#), that

“Israel is not a state of all its citizens. According to the basic nationality law we passed, Israel is the nation state of the Jewish people – and only it.’

I cannot think of any reason why we should not believe him. The real question is why you pretend that there is a distinction to be made between the Israeli state and the racist laws that it produces? I realise that the idea that Israel is a racist state contradicts the narrative of the British Establishment, but the evidence is clear.

In every sphere of life Israel discriminates against its own Palestinian citizens and in the Occupied Territories it maintains a military-police

state that accords no rights whatsoever to the Palestinians. It is the ideology of Zionism, the belief that there is a single world-wide Jewish people who are entitled, on the basis of biblical myths, to the Land of Israel and the whole of Palestine, which justifies this state of affairs.

When David Miller called for an End to Zionism and attacked the Union of Jewish Students for its role in attacking critics of Zionism and Palestinian supporters on campus, himself included, the heavens fell in and he was accused of ‘anti-Semitism’.

A letter of 4 March to Bristol University’s Vice-Chancellor was sent on behalf of over 100 MPs and Peers which accused David Miller of ‘*inciting hatred against Jewish students on your campus.*’ No evidence was produced to substantiate this malicious accusation. The letter concluded by alleging that ‘*Professor Miller has brought your university into disrepute. You must now act before any further damage is done.*’ You were one of those who signed this letter. Despite [claims to the contrary](#) you must have known that the call to action by Bristol University could only mean one thing, the dismissal of David Miller, which has now occurred.

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You have also signed alongside people like Bob Blackman, who opposes making caste discrimination or the ultra Islamaphobe Baroness Cox of the Henry Jackson Society/Gatestone Institute or Eric Pickles who, alongside the BNP, defended Bradford headmaster Ray Honeyford

‘We know hate speech when we see it’

Outlawing of 6 human rights organisations

Terror on the West Bank

Beating up of car driver

Killing of children recently

The reason for this is Zionism

Miller called for an end to Zionism

[THE CASE OF DAVID MILLER](#)

Thursday, March 4, 2021

Firstly, there is far more online coverage of what Miller is reported to have said and discussing whether it is or isn't Antisemitic, than there are actual quotes that can be reliably attributed to him.

Miller's decision to single out Jewish student organisations and label them as complicit in a campaign "to silence critics of Zionism or the State of Israel on British campuses."

After speaking out about Palestine, I have myself been accused of Antisemitism, and i know others experience and fear the same.

I have listened and learned over the years about the power of words – to be clear about differentiating, for example, between an argument that the existence of a state of Israel is inherently racist, and criticising the racist policies of its governments

It does *not* call for Miller to be sacked, as many of those criticising me on twitter have claimed.

6 Oct

Dear Caroline,

As I feared when I wrote to you in March, the intention behind the letter you signed was to secure the dismissal of Professor David Miller from Bristol University. Unfortunately this has come to pass.

[Statement on Professor David Miller](#)

Professor Miller did not meet the standards of behaviour we expect from our staff

The investigation included an independent report from a leading Queen's Counsel who considered the important issue of academic freedom of expression and found that Professor Miller's comments did not constitute unlawful speech.